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Charles Aldrich

Born October 2, 1828, Elling-

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Died March 8, 1908,

Boone, Iowa

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## EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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### DEATH OF MR. ALDRICH.

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In the death of Mr. Aldrich, *The Annals* suffers irreparable loss. He founded the third series, and placed upon it his best efforts, as an experienced journalist. He selected topics and writers to treat them, with great skill and, through his own efforts and those of his assistants trained by him, made of the pages of *The Annals* such a repository of Iowa historical matter as even he, at the beginning, scarcely hoped for. He never ceased his efforts to induce men, who were factors in eventful periods of Iowa history, to record their views of such events. When he closed his desk, for the last time, there were within it manuscripts from the pens of valued contributors. There were unfulfilled pledges of many others, to furnish articles he very much desired. There were some editorials from his own pen, and much material undeveloped or in outline. Volume eight is but half finished and it will be the purpose of the writer, who has been appointed Acting Curator, during the pleasure of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Department, to continue the form of the journal identically with that preceding the death of Mr. Aldrich, and make use of such material as he, in life, provided or approved. If any deviation shall be made it will be in the eighth number (January, 1909), closing the volume; this should include all messages, communications, press notices, addresses and programs incident to Mr. Aldrich's death. EDGAR R. HARLAN.

### IOWA AND THE EXPERT.

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In these days we are told that the test of success both in business and in government is the employment of scientifically trained or practically skilled men whose achievements have been duly attested. Science and expert ability, however, are

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