

that important department in its formative period. Mr. Foster, working all his life under physical handicaps, showed wonderful courage and perseverance. Courteous and industrious, capable and resourceful, his greatest equipment was his integrity and character. He was an honor to his community as a business man and an example of high and devoted purpose as a servant of the state.

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HERMAN KNAPP was born in Poultney, Rutland County, Vermont, December 28, 1863, and died in Ames, Iowa, March 22, 1935. Interment was in the State College burying grounds. He was brought by his parents, Seaman A. and Maria E. (Hotchkiss) Knapp, in their removal to Vinton, Iowa, in 1867. He received his preparatory education at Tilford Academy, Vinton, and entered Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Ames as a freshman in 1880 and received the degree of B. S. A. in 1883. The same year he became deputy treasurer of the college. In 1884 he was secretary to the president, in 1885 was assistant professor of agriculture, and in 1886 was placed in charge of the department of agriculture of the college. In 1887 he became treasurer and registrar. He was acting president of the college during absences of President Raymond A. Pearson between 1920 and 1926, and from the time of Dr. Pearson's resignation in 1926 until the appointment of Raymond M. Hughes in 1927. He was then made vice president. He was captain of the college cadet corps as early as 1883. During the Spanish-American War he had charge of all cadet corps recitations and drills in the absence of General James Rush Lincoln. Professor Knapp was in military service in the Iowa National Guard as well as with the cadet corps at the college. In 1905 he became captain of Company C, Fifty-fifth Regiment, the company having quarters in the Armory at the college. In 1909 he was promoted to major and appointed adjutant general of the First Brigade, and was honorably discharged December 31, 1913. He was a member of the Ames School Board from 1903 to 1906, and was also a member of the Ames Library Board. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and served as president of the State Society in 1903. In 1928 he was awarded the honorary degree of L.L. D. by the State University of Iowa. His unbroken and efficient service of a full half century as instructor and administrator of his alma mater caused his friends to give a dinner in his honor in the hall of the Memorial Union November 19, 1933, which was attended by about 300, most of whom were alumni of the college.

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JOHN W. REYNOLDS was born in Sunderland, Durham County, England, August 6, 1857, and died in Albia, Iowa, May 6, 1935. Burial was in Oak View Cemetery, Albia. His parents were John and Mary Ellen Reynolds. He began working in coal mines when nine years old and was engaged in coal mining all his life. His education was got in night schools in England and in this country, and in private study. He emigrated to the United States in 1879, locating first in Plymouth, Penn-

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