EDITORIAL

President McKinley in 1897 and served consecutively for fifteen years. In 1926 he was elected representative and served in the Forty-second General Assembly, both the regular and the extra session. He was a man of ability and of influence in his part of the state.

HARRIETT ALMA RIGBY was born near Wooster, Ohio, May 17, 1844, and died in Mount Vernon, Iowa, October 5, 1935. Her parents were Justin and Harriett Rice Miles. The family removed to Jackson County, Iowa, in 1855 to a location which later became a part of the town of Miles, named in honor of the family. She attended the Lyons Female Seminary, Lyons, Iowa. She took an active part in community service during the Civil War. She was a member of a mixed quartet which gave concerts of patriotic songs. She frequently rode horseback from Miles to Sabula, a distance of fourteen miles, to meet boats carrying mail up the Mississippi River and delivered it to the people in her territory, bringing messages to home folks from their boys on the battlefields. She helped care for many wounded soldiers at her father's home. In the school year of 1868-69 she was a music student in Cornell College, Mount Vernon. In June, 1869, she married Martin F. Rigby, of Stanwood, Cedar County. Two years later they removed to a farm near Stanwood. They were the parents of two children. In 1889 they removed to Mount Vernon. Mr. Rigby died in 1918. Mrs. Rigby joined the Christian church in early womanhood and later transferred to the Methodist Episcopal church. She was a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps of Mount Vernon, was a member of different women's clubs, took an active interest in community affairs, and aided a number of students to obtain education. Dying at past ninety-one years, she was one of the last survivors of the patriotic young women whose work in Civil War days lightened the burdens and soothed the sorrows of the Union soldiers and their families.

WILLIAM JAMES MCCLAIN was born in Rock Island County, Illinois, January 21, 1866, and died in Brooklyn, Iowa, October 21, 1935. His parents were John and Sarah McClain. The family removed to Scott Township, Poweshiek County, Iowa, in 1867. He went to school in his home district when a boy and later attended academy in Grinnell for three terms. He lived a short time in Colorado, but returning to Poweshiek County engaged in farming and stock raising in Lincoln Township until 1929, when he retired from the farm and resided in Brooklyn. In 1930 he was elected representative and served in the Forty-fourth General Assembly. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, and a progressive and useful citizen.

ARTHUR D. BAILIE was born at Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, July 1, 1857, and died in Storm Lake, Iowa, September 17, 1935. His parents were Andrew and Sarah (Winterringer) Bailie. He obtained his education in country public school and at Normal, Illinois. He taught district country schools and began reading law. For three years Copyright of Annals of Iowa is the property of State of Iowa, by & through the State Historical Society of Iowa and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.