

THOMAS J. STONE was born in Royalton, N. Y., August 13, 1825; he died in Sioux City, Iowa, April 19, 1904. He worked on his father's farm until he was fifteen years of age, attending the district school three or four months each year. He was for a time at Oberlin College where he intended to take a full course, but his health failed, and he came further west, spending some time in surveying in Wisconsin and Iowa, but located finally at Sioux City in 1856, where he engaged in the real estate business. At that time the paying of taxes for eastern land owners was a large part of the business of the real estate offices. He was associated in business with the late Judge A. W. Hubbard, who was chosen to Congress in 1859. Mr. Stone engaged in banking and large real estate enterprises. He was associated and in deep sympathy with John H. Charles, George D. Perkins, C. R. Marks, G. W. Wakefield, and other leading men in securing the erection of the Floyd Monument, the development of the public library, the establishment of the Samaritan Hospital, and the Academy of Science and Letters. The Sioux City dailies during the week of his death paid elaborate and appreciative tributes to his memory.

MARSHALL T. GASS was born near Romeo, Mich., March 12, 1844; he died at Davenport, Iowa, May 6, 1904. After a boyhood spent on his father's farm, he attended the public schools of Romeo, and the State University of Michigan, from which he graduated in the seventies. He became principal of the Fenton, Mich., High School, and was also elected Superintendent of the schools of that city. He was chosen superintendent of the public schools of Flint, Mich., where he served some years. In 1895 he accepted the principalship of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Davenport, Iowa. The excellent work which he performed in this capacity gave him an enviable reputation throughout the State. He was instrumental in securing the recent handsome appropriation by the legislature for the benefit of that institution. He worked upon the theory that the homeless children of the soldiers must have the best grounds and buildings, in which work he was progressing very satisfactorily up to the time of his death. He also had secured a new Chapel which is said to be one of the prettiest in the State. His death was a distinct loss to the State of Iowa.

GEORGE CHILDS was born in Bath, N. H., December 15, 1832; he died in Nevada, Iowa, March 9, 1904. He settled in Nevada in 1854. He was elected sheriff of Story county in 1857, and reelected in 1859. He held this position until he resigned to go into the army. He helped raise Co. K, of the 32d Iowa Infantry and was elected Second Lieutenant. During the time he was in the army he served nearly two years in garrison duty at New Madrid, Columbus, Island No. 10 and Ft. Pillow. He participated in the battles of Pleasant Hill, Nashville, Mobile, Tupelo, Spanish Fort and Ft. Blakely. He returned to Nevada in the autumn of 1865. *The Representative* pays a fine tribute to the excellent qualities of this pioneer settler and soldier. Says Mr. W. O. Payne—"Real ability, kindness and integrity, were notable in all his life, and for them he is and will be affectionately remembered."

WILLIAM HENRY SHEPARDSON was born in Leydon, Mass., December 2, 1823; he died in Lyons township, Mills county, Iowa, March 30, 1904. He came with his father's family from their New England home to Huron county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He came to Iowa in 1846, first settling in Dallas county, but in 1847 removed to Mills county, near Malvern, where he afterwards resided. He was a self-educated man, especially in mathematics, geology and music. In 1861 he enlisted as a musician in Co. F, 15th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, where he served for three years. He took part in the campaigns about Vicksburg, and

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