

means of which people can be safely landed from a wreck near the shore. This invention proved a great success, though at the start no aid could be obtained from the government. In his first trial of this device, at his own expense, he saved 200 lives from a wreck, losing but a single man who would not obey his orders. The dies were engraved by a French artist at a cost of \$3,000. It has a medallion portrait of the inventor on its face, while on the reverse it shows a wreck in the midst of a storm, with the life-car plying with its precious freight between the ship and the shore. This medal possesses much local interest for it was devised by Charles Terrell, a former resident of the capital of our State, and a graduate of the U. S. Naval School at Annapolis. Some of his relatives reside in Des Moines at this time. The medal is certainly a very beautiful one, one of the finest in every respect ever issued by the government, and one of the largest. The original was struck in gold, and was four inches in diameter and a little more than one-fourth of an inch thick. It is one of the most conspicuous in this interesting and valuable collection.

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#### A SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

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On Sunday the 8th of November, 1903, the Rev. Dr. William Salter, of Burlington, celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination as a clergyman of the Congregational Church. He preached a sermon on that occasion "replete with helpful thoughts and beautiful sentiments." This discourse was not only pleasant to hear, like everything that flows from the good man's lips, but it is most interesting and instructive reading in plain print. In addition to the analysis and summary of the life, work and doctrines of St. Paul, he presents a brief account of his own preparation for coming to Iowa, and how he entered upon his labors in the city of Burlington. It is now fifty-eight years since he began

his pastorate in that city, and the end is not yet. He is still laboring as of old with tongue and pen. Scarcely another man has contributed as much original work to elucidating the history of the Territory and State. His publications have followed each other at frequent intervals since 1863. His works are all marked by great thoroughness of research, with a lucidity and beauty of style which have kept them alive in the minds of scholars and the public from the date of their first appearance until the present time. His "Life of James W. Grimes" is unquestionably the most important book of Iowa biography that has yet appeared. Our pages bear abundant and frequent testimony that he is still writing history and biography with all the enthusiasm that has characterized any period of his life. And in the administration of his social and pastoral duties he has always borne a most distinguished part. No man in Iowa has ever possessed a wider circle of attached friends. In Burlington he is the best beloved man in the whole cityful. And although he is now in his 83d year he is still laboring assiduously for his congregation and for the people of the State.

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#### HON. A. R. FULTON AND HIS WORK.

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Twenty years ago Judge Fulton was one of the well-known citizens and journalists of Des Moines. He was an old-time Iowa editor, having been one of the founders of *The Fairfield Ledger* in 1851, in the publication of which he was afterwards associated with the late W. W. Junkin. He was an able, versatile editor, and a pronounced partisan—an old-time anti-slavery whig and later a republican. His paper was well-known and influential and his labors were widely appreciated. He died at his home in Des Moines, Sept. 29, 1891. Among his many useful labors was the preparation of a book entitled "The Red Men of Iowa," which Messrs. Mills & Co., stereotyped and published in

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