

—usually poor lithographs, at very high figures. Unless the publisher or his canvassing agent was paid or profited in some way the names of but comparatively few citizens of the county were even mentioned. For the most part the men employed to “work up” a county possessed little education or fitness for literary employment. It was jocosely remarked of some of them that they had the biographical sketches stereotyped, so that they could easily take out the name of “Jones” and insert that of “Smith” or “Brown.” These books were seldom if ever indexed, and while it seems necessary to have them in all our State Historical Collections, it is by careful search only that one can find the data he may require, if indeed it happens to be there. As histories they are very crude and ill-digested affairs. But we are happily passing out of the period in which such enterprises naturally flourish, and better things may be looked for in this direction. Indeed, we now have a few county histories of decided merit. Earnest, painstaking workers have also arisen in several of our counties, who are gathering up the facts of local history and printing them in attractive, readable shape, either in the newspapers or in book form. Among these we take pleasure in mentioning Harvey Ingham of Kossuth county, R. E. Flickinger of Pocahontas, R. A. Smith of Dickinson, J. W. Ellis of Jackson, and Will Porter of Polk, who are collecting everything that can be learned of the early history of their localities. These are encouraging indications, and there are abundant reasons to believe that the county histories of the future will be a great advance upon the most that have gone before.

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#### THE DEATH OF DR. FREDERICK LLOYD.

This sad event occurred at Iowa City, April 2, 1899. He was born in London, England, May 24, 1826. During his childhood his father, who had served many years in the Brit-

ish army, rising from ensign of the 32d regiment of foot to lieutenant of the 91st royal regiment of foot, removed to America, settling at Dummer, in Canada. After completing his general education he entered the medical college at Louisville, Kentucky, from which Frederick graduated in 1854, removing at once to Iowa City. In the autumn of 1861 he became assistant surgeon of the 11th Iowa infantry. In June, 1862, he was promoted to surgeon of our 16th infantry with which he served until September 1, 1863, when he was honorably discharged. He returned to his practice at Iowa City where he remained until 1878. He was then employed as a contract surgeon in the U. S. army, serving with troops stationed in Montana, New Mexico and Arizona, until 1883, when he returned to Iowa City. Since that time he has edited *THE IOWA HISTORICAL RECORD*. He had previously for a time edited the 1st Series of *THE ANNALS OF IOWA*. Of his labors on *THE RECORD*, Dr. J. L. Pickard writes as follows: "In this kind of editorial work Dr. Lloyd took special delight, and for it he was admirably qualified. He took pains to secure material valuable in character. He had a wide acquaintance with men interested in historical research and secured their hearty co-operation. The pages of *THE RECORD* for more than fifteen years of its existence bear ample testimony to his industry and his conscientious discharge of duty."

Dr. Lloyd was a careful and conscientious writer and a most honorable and estimable gentleman, whom it was always a pleasure to meet. His best monument will be found in the pages of these two Iowa historical magazines, though his innate modesty prevented him from taking the credit he so eminently deserved. But his memory will not fade out while Iowa history shall have earnest students. We are indebted for some of the facts in this notice to advance sheets of a biographical sketch of Dr. Lloyd, from the pen of Dr. J. L. Pickard, of Iowa City, which will appear in *THE HISTORICAL RECORD* for July, 1899.

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