

NOTABLE DEATHS

WALTER SCOTT ATHEARN was born at Marengo, Iowa, July 25, 1872, and died in St. Louis, Missouri, November 13, 1934, when in that city on business. Burial was in Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston, Massachusetts. His parents were Elisha S. and Susan E. Athearn. He was educated in public schools and early began teaching in country schools. His advanced education was secured at Drake University, Des Moines, at the State University of Iowa, and at the University of Chicago. He was principal of public schools at Delta, Iowa, 1894-99; assistant professor of pedagogy at Drake University, 1900-04; editor of *Midland Schools*, Des Moines, 1902-07; dean of Highland Park Normal College, 1906-09; professor of religious education at Drake University, 1909-16; professor of religious education at Boston University, 1916-29; dean of School of Religious Education and Social Service, 1918-29; president of Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1931-33; and president of Oklahoma City University from June, 1934, until his death. In 1919 he was director of the American religious educational division survey department of the Interchurch World Movement. He delivered many lectures and addresses on religious education and was the author of *The Church School*, 1914; *Religious Education and American Democracy*, 1917; *An Introduction to the Study of the Mind*, 1921, as well as many other books, brochures and leaflets on similar subjects. While at Drake University he established there one of the earliest religious education libraries in this part of the country. He was a pioneer in religious education in this country and became one of its most outstanding figures.

LEMERTON E. CRIST was born on a farm in Clarke County, Iowa, July 7, 1872, and died in Osceola May 1, 1934. He attended country public school, taught school, studied law in the office of William B. Tallman of Osceola, was admitted to the bar in 1894 and began practice in Osceola. From 1898 until 1908 he was a partner of Mr. Tallman. For four years he was city attorney of Osceola, and for four years was mayor. In 1910 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly. In 1912 he was elected senator from the Clarke-Warren district, and served in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth general assemblies. He was a Republican in politics, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was regarded as an able lawyer and a faithful and efficient public officer.

PAULINE GIVEN SWALM was born at Dahlonga, Wapello County, Iowa, in 1850, and died in Washington, D. C., November 13, 1934. She was buried in Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines. Her parents, John H. and Cynthia A. Given, removed their family to Des Moines in 1851. Pauline was educated in the public schools of Des Moines and in Iowa College, Grinnell (now Grinnell College), from which she was graduated

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