

## NOTABLE DEATHS.

RT. REV. THOMAS MATTHIAS LENIHAN was born at Dubuque, Iowa, May 12, 1845; he died at Marshalltown, Iowa, Dec. 16, 1901. He was educated for the priesthood at the Catholic schools at Bardstown, Ky., Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Milwaukee, Wis. After he was ordained he became pastor of St. Benedict's church at Decorah, Iowa, where he remained from 1868 to 1870. He went thence to Ft. Dodge, where he took charge of Corpus Christi church, and remained until he was appointed Bishop of Cheyenne. Immediately upon receiving his promotion he crossed the Atlantic and visited Rome. Some time later he spent more than a year in European travel, mainly on account of his health. On his return he went to his new field of labor, which did not prove a fortunate one. He had been suffering several years with some form of heart disease, which was further aggravated by the high altitude of Cheyenne. His rapid decline was attributed to this change. Bishop Lenihan was one of the ablest and most widely known missionary priests of the Middle West. Aside from his great learning he was a man of large executive ability and much force of character. Fortunate in the possession of engaging manners, he was quite as popular and influential with Protestants as with his own people. This was shown by his success in the erection of his splendid church in Ft. Dodge. He was able to induce people who were not Catholics to make liberal contributions toward the erection of the edifice, which, at that time, was one of the finest Catholic churches in Iowa. When he went to Ft. Dodge his parish extended far beyond the limits of Webster county, necessitating visits to many points throughout the northwestern quarter of the State. But gradually, as the country was settled, the territory was divided and subdivided, creating other parishes, until only Ft. Dodge and some portions of the adjacent farming country remained in his church. But he had done his work so well that very soon after he had left for Cheyenne, Archbishop Hennessy deemed it advisable to erect three parishes—much to the regret of the people—from the congregation of Corpus Christi. Bishop Lenihan's circle of friends was a wide one, including not only his large acquaintance in and outside of his church, in Iowa and Wyoming, but such eminent dignitaries as Cardinals Gibbons, Satolli and Martinelli, and Archbishops Ireland and Ryan. His brother, Rev. M. C. Lenihan, at whose home the Bishop died, is pastor of the Catholic church at Marshalltown, and his cousin, Rev. B. C. Lenehan, of the Church of the Sacred Heart at Boone. The family is well known throughout the State. The death of "Father Tom," as he was familiarly called a generation ago, was the occasion of profound and widespread regret.

WILLIAM FITCH CONRAD was born in Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1826; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 20, 1901. His paternal grandfather was a soldier in the revolution, rising to the grade of major. Judge Conrad was educated at the Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y., and at the Wesleyan University at Middleton, Conn. He engaged awhile in teaching, meantime studying law. He came to Iowa and settled in Burlington in 1855. In August of that year he enlisted in the 25th Iowa Infantry, and was at once appointed sergeant-major. He rose to the rank of captain, his commission bearing the signature of Abraham Lincoln. He was captured by the Confederates at Raymond, Miss., May 24, 1863, and spent a year and a half in prison, including some time in the Libby at Richmond. He escaped at Columbia, S. C., and after walking 500 miles, evading bloodhounds and armed men, reached the Union lines at Knoxville, Tenn. Obtaining a leave of absence of 30 days, he came home to Iowa. But before his leave of absence expired he was ordered to Fort Snelling, Minn., where he remained

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