

NOTABLE DEATHS.

MOSES M. HAM was born in the town of Shopleigh, York county, Maine, March 23, 1833; he died at Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 25, 1902. Mr. Ham came of revolutionary stock. His ancestors bore an honorable part in the colonial and revolutionary wars and the war of 1812. He was educated at the Collegiate Seminary at Carysville, and at Oneida College, Schenectady, N. Y. He graduated at the last named institution in 1855. Migrating westward he first settled in Jonesville, Mich., where he became principal of the public schools which place he held for two years, at the expiration of which time he began his career in journalism. He secured a position on *The Detroit Free Press*, of which Wilbur F. Story (afterwards of *The Chicago Times*) was the editor. He entered the military service in the war for the Union, and was for a short time adjutant of a Michigan regiment, though he saw no active service. He remained with *The Free Press* until 1863, when he removed to Dubuque and secured an interest in *The Herald* of that city. He was first associated with Stillson Hutchins and Patrick Robb. Two years later Mr. Robb died and Mr. Hutchins removed to Washington, D. C. Mr. D. D. W. Carver, who had been associated with A. B. F. Hildreth in *The Charles City Intelligencer*, then became a joint partner with him in the proprietorship of *The Herald*. Mr. Ham from this time was the editor of *The Herald* "for thirty-five years without a break." It became under his editorial management, one of the foremost democratic papers in the State. It was able and enterprising in all its departments, but especially in its commercial reports. Mr. Ham occupied a high position in the councils of his party, not alone in Iowa, but in the nation, serving as delegate in its national conventions and as a member of its national committees. He enjoyed the confidence of Samuel J. Tilden and President Cleveland. He was tendered the appointment of assistant postmaster general by the latter, which he declined for business reasons. He accepted the position of postmaster of Dubuque, which he held eight years. He served a term as state senator, and as trustee or regent of the State University several years, and long as a member of the local board of education. He was a tireless worker, who gave all his energies to whatever task his hands or head found to do, a vigorous, able and versatile editor. No man in his city enjoyed in a higher degree the personal respect and confidence of those who knew him well. Several years ago he became a victim of that fell disease known as locomotor ataxia, which resulted in paralysis of his lower limbs. He was unable to move about except in an invalid's chair. But until a short time before the end came his mind was bright and clear and he continued to write for the public press. Two of his articles relating to the early history of Dubuque were prepared for and appeared in this magazine. He and Mr. Carver presented to the Historical Department of Iowa a file of *The Herald* for more than forty years, a gift which will always be esteemed as of great value by the students of Iowa history.

MARTIN TUTTLE was born in Monroe county, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1824; he died in Des Moines, Nov. 9, 1902. He was the son of James and Esther Crow Tuttle; his father born in Kennebunk Port, Maine; his mother of Pennsylvania German-Quaker stock. He was a younger brother of General James Madison Tuttle, the hero of Fort Donelson. Their earliest ancestor in America, John Tuttle, arrived in Boston in the ship Planter, 1635. Martin Tuttle married Miss Mary George, of Fayetteville, Ind., March 7, 1849, and soon removed to Farmington, Iowa. Their children are Alice, Mrs. W. W. Baldwin, of Burlington; Georgia, Mrs. John H. Drabelle, of St. Louis; Charles, deceased 1901; Sarah, Mrs. Francis F. Connor, of Bur-

lington; James, of San Francisco; Mary, Mrs. George B. Salter, of Burlington; John, of Chicago. The mother died in February, 1870, and in August, 1872, Mr. Tuttle married Mrs. Harriet Moulton Battelle, mother of Mr. Will Battelle. Mr. Tuttle was a merchant in Farmington until 1860, when he removed to Des Moines, and established himself in business with his father on Court Avenue in the Sherman block. A Democrat of the old school, he was elected mayor in 1874. Of a well balanced mind, a poised judgment, and a friendly nature, his industry, enterprise, and fair dealing won him general confidence and a warm place in the hearts of his fellow citizens as a man of solid worth, reliable in all circumstances. He was president of the Central State Bank of Des Moines, and a director of the Peoples Savings Bank. As an American citizen, justice and equal laws were his political ideals of human society and the State, and upon these foundations he did his part with other pioneers of like character in building up Iowa and the Capital City to the prosperity and fame they have reached.

ORLANDO G. TREMAINE was born at Oconomowoc, Wis., Nov. 21, 1854; he died in the hospital at Wauwatose, Wis., whither he had been taken for treatment, Nov. 12, 1902. He was the second son of the late Hon. Ira H. Tremaine, of Hamilton county, Iowa. He came to this State with his parents in 1867, the family settling upon a farm six miles south of Webster City. He was educated at the Iowa State University, and at Hahnemann (Homœopathic) Medical College in Chicago. After his graduation he located at Ida Grove, Iowa, for the practice of his profession, where he achieved a brilliant success. He was always a growing man, attracting wide attention not only by his successful practice but by his writings and original investigations and experiments. He became eminent in his profession. In the autumn of 1893 he was elected to a professorship in Hahnemann Medical College, which he filled acceptably for four years, when he resigned and returned to the practice of his profession at Webster City. He succeeded admirably as a practitioner until about the year 1898, when he contracted a serious illness from the effects of which he never fully recovered. He resumed his college work in January, 1900, but was compelled to return to his Iowa home the following spring much reduced in health. After that he gradually declined until the end came. From his boyhood days he had been an active and useful member of the Presbyterian Church. Skilled in his profession, useful in his church, and highly esteemed wherever he was known, his premature death was a sad loss to the community in which he had grown to manhood.

LEWIS W. ROSS was born in Hanover township, Butler county, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1827; he died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, Nov. 22, 1902. Mr. Ross entered Farmers College in his native state in May, 1848, remaining until 1850, when he changed to Miami University, where he graduated in 1852. He settled in Cass county, Iowa, in 1856, removing to Council Bluffs in 1861, which became his permanent home. He was elected State Senator in 1863, from the district composed of the counties of Fremont, Mills, Cass and Pottawattamie, serving four years. As a legislator he ranked with the first. He was elected a trustee of the State University in 1864, and re-elected in 1868. In 1874 he was chosen to the board of regents of that institution for the term of six years. In 1880 he was made a resident professor in the law school, and the following year was promoted to the office of chancellor of the law department. He was largely instrumental in organizing and establishing the law, medical and homœopathic medical departments. He was author of "An Outline of Common Law and Code Pleading," and "An Outline of the Law of Real Property." He ranked high as an equity and real estate lawyer. Chancellor Ross was an honored member

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