

## NOTES AND COMMENT

The town of Camanche celebrated its centennial anniversary on August 14 and 15, 1936.

Mrs. Erwin Schenk has written a pageant entitled "Iowa in the Making" for presentation at the Sylvan Theater in Greenwood Park, Des Moines.

The Iowa Library Association met at Des Moines on November 3, 4, 5, 1936, holding a joint meeting with the Iowa State Teachers Association on November 5th.

The old Colonel George Davenport house on Rock Island has been repaired and improved by the coöperation of Colonel A. G. Gillespie, Commandant at the Arsenal, and the Old Settlers' Association of Rock Island County (Illinois). The Arsenal furnished the labor and the Association the materials.

The old settlers of Dickinson County held their annual reunion at Gull Point State Park on August 21, 1936. Dr. A. W. Adson, whose boyhood home was near Terril, gave the principal address. C. W. Price was named chairman of the Old Settlers' Association for the ensuing year, Dick Sperbeck, vice chairman, and H. A. Welty of Spirit Lake, secretary.

Trinity parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Davenport has recently celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of its founding. In honor of the event, a tablet honoring the Right Reverend Theodore N. Morrison placed on the north wall of the cathedral, was dedicated on October 11, 1936. The tablet was donated by Mrs. Helen H. Watzek.

The Black Hawk County Early Settlers' Association held its annual reunion at Hanna's Grove on August 29, 1936. An address in honor of the pioneers was delivered by the Reverend Albert Lyle Drake. E. L. Corton was elected president for the following year;

Dr. E. E. Peck, vice president; and Mrs. Elizabeth Sage, secretary-treasurer.

A permanent old settlers' association has been formed at Storm Lake under the name Old Timers. Will Cunningham was elected president, Grace Russell vice president, and Andrew Browne secretary-treasurer. The "Old Settlers' Day" for 1936 was celebrated on September 2nd and 3rd. F. F. Faville, a former Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, gave a reminiscient talk and Professor J. R. Fitzsimmons of the State Planning Board, talked of the possibility of improving the lake.

Nathan E. Kendall, a former Governor and Congressman from Iowa, died at his home in Des Moines, on November 4, 1936. Mr. Kendall, a native Iowan, was born near Greenville in Lucas County on March 17, 1868. As a young man he entered a law office in Albia and was admitted to the bar in 1887. He later served as city attorney of Albia for one term and as county attorney of Monroe County for two terms. He was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives from 1899 to 1909, and was speaker of the House in the Thirty-second General Assembly. During the 61st and 62nd sessions of Congress (1909-1913), he represented the Sixth Iowa Congressional District including Davis, Jasper, Keokuk, Mahaska, Monroe, Poweshiek, and Wapello counties. He was Governor of Iowa from 1921 to 1925. During his entire public career Governor Kendall was widely and favorably known as a public speaker. He spent much time in travel during the later years of his life.

Charles M. Dutcher, a member of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa for twenty-four years, died at Des Moines on November 17, 1936. Born at Humboldt, Kansas, on April 29, 1869, Mr. Dutcher came to Iowa City with his family in 1879 and made that place his home until his death. In 1894 he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the State University of Iowa and began the practice of law. He served one term as county attorney of Johnson County and one term as State Senator. He also had many interests outside his profession. In addition to his service on the Board of Curators of the Historical So-

ciety, he was for many years one of the trustees of the Iowa City Methodist Episcopal Church, served for six years as a member of the Iowa City school board, and was a member of the Rotary Club, a Mason, and a Shriner. For several years he was a lecturer in the University of Iowa on medical jurisprudence.

George W. Clarke, a former Governor of Iowa, died at his home in Adel, on November 28, 1936. He was born in Shelby County, Indiana, on October 24, 1852, and four years later came with his parents to Iowa, where he resided on a farm near Drakesville. He was educated at Oskaloosa College and the State University of Iowa, receiving the degrees of A. B. in 1877, and L. L. B. in 1878. Upon his admission to the bar he entered upon the practice of law at Adel. He became a member of the Iowa House of Representatives in 1900, serving for four terms. He was Speaker of the House from 1904 to 1907. Later he served two terms as Lieutenant Governor, and in 1913 became Governor of the State — serving in that office for four years. During the school year 1917-1918 Mr. Clarke served as Dean of the College of Law at Drake University. Subsequently he practiced law in Des Moines until his retirement in 1921. During his term of office as Governor, Mr. Clarke sponsored an elaborate capitol extension program. The stately appearance of the present State Capitol grounds is due in a large measure to his efforts.

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