

NOTES AND COMMENT

The Johnson County Old Settlers' Association held its annual meeting at Iowa City on September 8, 1937. Levi O. Leonard, president of the association, delivered an address.

David W. Kimberly of Davenport died at his home on November 11, 1937. Senator Kimberly had served for twenty-three years in the General Assembly of Iowa, having been elected Representative from Scott County in 1914 and Senator in 1918. This record of seven elections and no defeats gave him the distinction of having the longest period of legislative service in Iowa. He was born at Deadwood, S. D., on August 6, 1878, and moved to West Liberty, Iowa, with his parents in 1884. Later he established his residence at Davenport. Kimberly Road, completed in 1935, was named in his honor.

Horace M. Towner, a life member of the State Historical Society of Iowa, died at his home at Corning on November 23, 1937. He was born at Belvidere, Illinois, on October 23, 1855, and came to Corning in 1880, where he began the practice of law. In 1895 he was elected district judge. From 1910 until 1923 Mr. Towner was Representative in Congress, but resigned in 1923 to become Governor of Porto Rico. He resigned this office in 1929 and returned to Corning where he resumed his law practice. Mr. Towner, it is said, drafted the Iowa traveling library law and his name was used in the popular designation of the Shepard-Towner law for the protection of maternity and infancy.

Charles J. Fulton, a life member of the State Historical Society and one of the Curators of the Society from 1918 to 1922, died at his home at Fairfield on December 6, 1937. Mr. Fulton was born in Jefferson County, Iowa, on January 27, 1860, and was educated in the rural schools and at Parsons College from which he graduated in 1883. Mr. Fulton was interested in business and was asso-

ciated with the publication of the *Fairfield Ledger*. He served several terms as mayor of Fairfield and was elected State Representative in 1908, serving two terms. In 1921 he was elected State Senator and served eight years in the Senate. Senator Fulton also served on the local school board, was a trustee of Parsons College, and for nearly forty years was secretary of the public library board.

CONTRIBUTORS

ALEXANDER MOFFIT, Associate Librarian of The Library of the University of Texas. Born at Primghar, Iowa. Attended Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Received the B. S. degree from the State University of Iowa in 1926, the B. S. in L. S. from the University of Illinois in 1931, and the M. S. in L. S. from the same institution in 1935. Member of the staff of the University of Illinois Library, 1931-1936, and of the Library of the University of Texas since 1936.

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