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J. H. WARREN, one of the pioneer editors of Kossuth County, died in September last at the home of his son in Algona. He became editor of the *Upper Des Moines* in 1866, remaining with the paper until 1875. He afterwards established the *West Bend Tribune* in Palo Alto County. Some years later he removed to South Dakota and founded the *Spearfish Mail*, which he was editing up to the time of his death. He was a writer of vigorous English, and seemed to enjoy the hard work, unconventional freedom, and moderate pecuniary rewards of frontier life. He was 75 years of age at the time of his death.

JOEL P. DAVIS, who died in this city Dec. 20, was an old-time abolitionist. He was also during his long and useful life an uncompromising advocate of temperance and woman's suffrage. In these reforms he was an earnest worker from boyhood, never flinching from considerations of policy, and never intimidated by opposition. He was born in Ohio in 1822, coming here in 1860. He was one of the founders of the Unitarian church in Des Moines, of which he was a highly esteemed member.

B. F. G.

#### POSTSCRIPT.

An unavoidable delay in issuing this number of THE ANNALS enables us to make brief reference to Ex-Chief Justice George G. Wright, who died in this city on the 11th day of this month (Jan. 1896) in his 76th year. He had from the first interested himself very greatly in the success of the Historical Department and this magazine. Among other things he was instrumental in procuring a fine oil portrait of his friend, Hon. Edwin Manning. This he had presented, accompanying the gift with the letter printed on pages 321-22. On Monday afternoon, the 6th inst., just before he left his office for the last time, the writer called upon him with the proof-sheet of this letter, upon which he made slight corrections. He did not again leave his home. His protracted ill health ended his life five days later. At our suggestion he had written his recollections of many leading men in early Iowa, one of which is in our hands for publication. The others will doubtless be given to the press in due time. We hope to publish in an early number of THE ANNALS a just tribute to his useful, honored and beautiful life, from the pen of one who knew him long and well.

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