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NOTABLE DEATHS.

JESSE C. ALLEN died at his home in Des Moines, May 7, 1893, aged fifty. He was a gallant soldier of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, in the Army of the Potomac, and served four years. He was in the thickest of the fight in the great battles of Fair Oaks, Savage Station, South Mountain and Antietam, and many other engagements of less note. He served with detachments on the staffs of Gen. Sumner and Gen. Keyes. He was on Gen. Buford's front line at the opening of the great battle of Gettysburg. On the last day of that terrible conflict he saw his commander, Farnsworth, fall while leading a desperate charge against Longstreet's right near Round Top, which helped to defeat the last superhuman attempt of Lee's army to pierce the center of the Union lines on Cemetery Ridge. Mr. Allen remained with that famous regiment to the close of the war, sharing in all its heroic achievements and dangers.

LIEUT. CHARLES WICKWARE, who recently died at Webster City, was a heroic soldier of the Army of the Potomac. He entered as a private in the 6th Vermont Infantry, near the beginning of the war. He was shot through the body at the battle of Savage Station, and lay all night on the battle field, falling into the hands of the enemy. He was taken to Libby prison, but soon after exchanged, and under skillful treatment at the hospital in Philadelphia, finally recovered so far as to be able to rejoin his regiment in the field. In the terrible battles in the Wilderness he lost an arm. He was promoted to Lieutenant in a colored regiment and served gallantly to the close of the war. He settled at Webster City in 1868, and held many important offices in the city, county and district, serving with the utmost fidelity. He was an active and honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic from the time of its organization to the day of his death.

HON. NICHOLAS BAYLIES died in Des Moines on the 15th of May, at the age of eighty-four years. He was a native of Ver-

mont and in his younger days traveled extensively, visiting Brazil and other southern countries. In 1836 he settled at St. Helena, Louisiana, where he remained many years, holding several important public offices, the duties of which he discharged with ability and fidelity. He came to Iowa in 1858, and settled on a farm near Des Moines. In 1863 he was elected a member of the House of the Tenth General Assembly and was one of the influential members of that body. He was always a man of influence in the communities where he lived, enjoying the confidence and esteem of all who knew him.

CAPT. W. W. NIXON, a prominent citizen of Boone county, died at his home in Boone on the 21st of May. He was a gallant officer of the Union Army in the War of the Rebellion, serving in the 33d Ohio Infantry. After the close of the war he removed to Boone county, Iowa, which has since been his home. He was Mayor of Boone two terms, and in 1873 was appointed by President Grant, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Sixth District, which embraced about one-fourth of the counties in the State. He was an able and faithful officer, and an excellent and highly esteemed citizen.

MRS. WM. SALTER, wife of Rev. Dr. William Salter, of Burlington, was instantly killed by the falling of a tree upon the carriage in which she was riding with her husband and some friends, on June 12. *The Burlington Hawkeye* says of her: "She was an active, cheerful and courageous worker in the church and its related societies, during the almost half century of her husband's long ministry. By nature intellectual, she could not do otherwise than keep pace with her scholarly husband in all his theological studies and writings, and his literary ventures into the field of history and biography, which he has cultivated with such great success. Her richest legacy is the memory she leaves of a faithful, loving wife, affectionate mother and true woman."

JUDGE J. M. BECK, late of the Supreme Court of Iowa, died suddenly at his home in Fort Madison on the 30th of

May. He was born, at Clermont, Ohio, April 2, 1823, and removed to Iowa in 1847. In 1867 he was elected Judge of the Supreme Court of Iowa, and repeatedly re-elected, serving twenty-four years. He was one of the ablest and most popular Judges the State has ever had. His decisions extended through forty-seven volumes of the Iowa Reports. Besides being an able lawyer and eminent Judge, he was a scholar of wide research and extensive reading, and there are few subjects upon which he could not converse with profit and pleasure to his listener. He was an especial friend of library development in our State. We hope to be able to present his portrait, with a sketch of his life and public services, at some future time.

GENERAL JOHN M. CORSE, who recently died in Boston, was one of the most gallant and notable of all the heroic Iowa soldiers. His old home was Burlington, where he had lived from the time he was six years old until after the close of the war. He entered the service at the beginning of the rebellion, and was appointed Major of the Sixth Iowa Infantry. During "Sherman's March to the Sea," Gen. Corse, with a small force, held the pass at Allatoona, which was of vital importance to the Union army. He was assailed by the rebel army in overwhelming numbers. Sherman signaled to him across the mountains to hold the pass at all hazards. He signaled back, "I will hold it till — freezes over!" And he held it. It was one of the most heroic achievements of the war. Moody's celebrated hymn, "Hold the Fort for I am Coming," was suggested to its author by this episode. We shall endeavor to procure a biography and portrait of this gallant Iowa General for publication in *THE ANNALS* at an early day.

On a farm about four miles north of Manchester, in Delaware county, lives Christian Coonrad, who is 113 years old. He heard Washington make a speech, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and is still a well preserved old man. One day's talk with him will teach a history class more about early United States history than they will learn from books in a week.—*Spencer Herald*.

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