

Rollin C. Hubbard

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pastor of the church, Rev. A. Trevis, asked and obtained a long leave of absence to visit Europe, and Father Cosgrove remained in charge of the church. Several years later he succeeded to the full pastorate, which he held for the next twenty-five years. Bishop McMullen, who was Bishop of Davenport prior to the elevation of Father Cosgrove, died after two or three years' service in that capacity. The priests of the diocese then almost unanimously petitioned Leo XIII. to appoint Father Cosgrove in his stead. This petition was granted and Father Cosgrove became the bishop of that diocese, in which position he remained until his death, as given above. In the course of an appreciative biographical sketch of Bishop Cosgrove, which extends to several columns, *The Davenport Democrat* gives the following as among his other labors: He entered upon the pastorate of St. Marguerite's church, November, 1861, enlarging the edifice and rededicating it on the 9th of December, 1866. He completed the school building for St. Marguerite's parish in 1871. He was an important factor in the organization of the Roman Catholic Mutual Protective Association in Dubuque in 1879. He celebrated his silver jubilee August 28, 1882, and took the necessary steps to found St. Ambrose College in September, 1882. He was appointed Vicar-General of the Diocese of Davenport in July, 1881, and became the Administrator of the Diocese on the death of Bishop McMullen, July 4, 1883. He was appointed Bishop of the Diocese and consecrated Sept. 14, 1884. He laid the cornerstone of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, April 27, 1890, which he dedicated on the 15th of November, 1891. He established St. Vincent's Orphanage, April 9, 1895. The present Bishop, Rt. Rev. James Davis, was appointed his coadjutor and consecrated Nov. 13, 1904. Bishop Cosgrove was one of the most useful men of his church who has resided within this State during the past fifty years. He erected many churches, founded many schools, and in all legitimate ways promoted the interests of the Catholic church. Not only was he beloved by his own people, but he was exceedingly popular with the Protestants as well.

ROLLIN C. HUBBARD was born in Ogden, Mich., June 26, 1842; he died in Des Moines, March 16, 1907. When the war broke out he was attending college in Adrian, Mich. He at once enlisted and served throughout the war, first in Co. D, 2d Michigan Infantry, later in Co. A, 116th New York. He was promoted to Sergeant, and discharged to accept a commission as Captain in the 18th Infantry (colored). He was in many engagements and suffered thrilling experiences in both Libby and Andersonville prisons. After the war he lived for a time in Buffalo, N. Y., then removed to Council Bluffs, where he was connected with *The Nonpareil*. In 1892 he removed to Des Moines to take the position of postmaster at the State House, which position he held at the time of his death. Mr. Hubbard was in all respects a Christian gentleman. He won and retained to the last day of his life the thorough respect of all who knew him. Upon the occasion of his funeral the Legislature adjourned in order that members might attend. This was a tribute never before paid to any one of his grade of employment about the State House. It was a tribute as rare as it was spontaneous and generous. He had met to the utmost of his ability every requirement as a citizen, soldier and public official, and in a manner so genial and kindly that every person who knew him became his friend.

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