

## Henry Clay Dean

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important man in his day and generation, devoted to high ideals. This record of his life cannot but be regarded as important and useful.

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### HENRY CLAY DEAN.

This vigorous character was an important factor in the regime of Dodge and Jones during their final struggle to dominate Iowa politics. He was an associate of the leaders of Iowa Methodism throughout the old camp-meeting and circuit-rider days. His pulpit powers were unexcelled. He was perhaps the most effectual advocate in the west of a phase of political thought during the Civil War which drew from the tongues and pens of loyal men a bitterness never equaled in Iowa controversy, unless by Dean's own tongue. His memory for words, names, faces and events was rare. His acquaintance with the classics is said to have equaled that of our ripest scholars. In his intellectual life were antitheses which, at his death were characterized as like the life of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, by J. S. Clarkson, in a two and a half column review headed, "A man of contradictions." Sam M. Clark said of him: "Some of his addresses were prodigies of eloquence and fierce philippic \* \* \* but in spite of all this habit of his to break out in fierce invective like Doctor Johnson, Mr. Dean like the great Cham of English literature was one of the kindest and most tender hearted of men." His disdain for the social amenities, his peculiar and effective methods at the bar, and his idiosyncrasies are most deeply impressed in the memories of the older Iowa citizens. There is comparatively little recorded information concerning Mr. Dean. A sketch by Mr. J. R. Rippey, a friend of Mr. Dean in his later years, appears in this issue of *The Annals*. Other articles upon Mr. Dean will be published later.

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