

## Silas Clark McFarland

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business and increasing responsibilities proved at length too great for even his limitless nervous energy and unconquerable determination. His death is a distinct loss to the State and his place in the van of the struggle for civic righteousness will not be easily filled. To his immediate circle of friends he was not simply Thomas D. Healy, lawyer, politician or statesman, but he was "Tom," the most lovable and loyal of companions. The flash of his righteous indignation over a mean or unworthy act was no quicker or warmer than his tear of sympathy with a friend in sorrow. Quick at repartee, the shaft of his wit was never tipped with poison. Generous to a fault, no draft upon his friendship ever went to protest. In his family relations as son, brother, husband and father he was singularly fortunate and in each his love and loyalty knew neither limit or reserve. Short as was his life it has shed honor upon his beloved native State, and the memory of his excellent personal qualities will long remain an inspiration to those who knew him best.

S. M. W.

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NANNIE CANTWELL WALLACE was the second daughter of Col. James Cantwell, of Kenton, Ohio. She was educated in the schools of Mansfield and the college at Delaware, Ohio. Her father was the organizer of the Fourth Ohio regiment, of which he was lieutenant-colonel, from which he resigned and organized the Eighty-second Ohio, of which he was colonel. He fell in the second battle of Bull Run in August, 1862. She was married to Henry Wallace at Kenton, Ohio, in September, 1863, and entered upon the duties of a pastor's wife at Rock Island, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa. From 1871 to 1879 she discharged like duties at Morning Sun, Iowa, and from 1877 to 1889 at Winterset, Iowa. In 1889 her husband's work in agricultural journalism required their removal to Des Moines, where they have since resided. She became a valuable aid in her husband's agricultural publications and activities; for many years editing the department of Hearts and Homes in *Wallace's Farmer*. She was a charter member of the Des Moines Women's Club; one of the founders of the Des Moines Women's Press Club; a member of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Home for the Aged from the beginning; a member of the Women's Relief Corps of Crocker Post, G. A. R.; and the organizer of the Daughters of Ceres, a club for the education of country women of which chapters were organized in nearly every section of the State. She was a delegate from Iowa to the National Federation of Women's Clubs in Boston, in 1908; was for a number of years a member of the Scudery Club, and of the Iowa Humane Society. At the time of her death she was about sixty-nine years of age. She was a friend of Charles Aldrich and an aid in his work of founding the Historical Department of Iowa.

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SILAS CLARK McFARLAND, a well known Iowa editor and publisher, died in Germany, October 24, 1908. If the deceased had lived until June 3d, of this year, he would have been fifty years of age. He was a son of Colonel Samuel C. McFarland, who commanded the 19th Iowa Infantry in the civil war, and who was killed leading his regiment at the battle of Prairie Grove. The deceased's mother was a sister to the late Judge John S. Woolson. Mr. McFarland had been in the consular service since 1899, serving at Nottingham,

England; Reichenberg, Austria; St. Gall, Switzerland, and being a supervisor of consulates with headquarters at Berlin at the time of his death. While he did not establish the Marshalltown *Times-Republican*, his sixteen years' work on that paper, from 1883 to 1899, made it one of the important publications of the State. As a writer he was incisive and direct; as a publisher wide awake and enterprising. He believed that the business of a newspaper was to publish the news. In attempting his ideals in that respect, he was willing to spend both time and money. Among his fellow editors his standing was high. His death in his prime is especially mourned. He was a tall, erect, strong, manly man, as his father was before him. He had the power to both originate and carry out ideas. He had the confidence of the readers of his paper. He never struck below the belt. In all his contests he fought fair. In politics he was a power. In his editorial work he was anxious to build up his home city and the State. He loved to pick out the strong men and to help them. His help was unselfish. In regard to himself, or any of his achievements, he was modest to the limit. L. Y.

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RICHARD C. BARRETT was born at Waverly, Iowa, October 1, 1858; he died at Des Moines, Iowa, March 3, 1909. He was educated in the public schools and at Decorah Institute and began teaching at an early age. When but 19 he assumed the principalship of the Riceville schools. Six years later he was elected county superintendent of Mitchell county, serving ten years in that office. In 1895 Cornell College conferred upon him the degree of A. M., and in 1904 Drake University that of LL. D. In 1897 he was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, succeeding Henry Sabin, serving three terms. He was then elected to the Chair of Civics of Iowa State College at Ames. As a member of the faculty and as chairman of the Committee on Entrance Requirements and Secondary School Relations, Professor Barrett rendered very important service to the State. His wide acquaintance with public schools and public school teachers of Iowa, his intelligent sympathy with all educational interests and his personal qualities adapted him to a difficult task. He succeeded in an extraordinary degree. For at least a generation to come the State College and public schools of Iowa will bless his memory for his wise counsels and his inspiring influence. A. B. S.

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WILLIAM H. QUICK was born in Hamburg, Sussex county, N. J., July 1, 1832; he died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Foster Ingalls, in Des Moines, January 5, 1909. In 1852 he became a brakeman on the New York & Erie Railroad. In 1853 he became a baggageman on what is now the C. R. I. & P. Railway, and in 1855 was made conductor on the same road. He was appointed a messenger for Parker's Express Company between Iowa City and Dubuque in 1856. In 1857 he became agent for the United States Express Company at Iowa City, the Parker Company being absorbed by the United States about that time. Mr. Quick was in charge of the Company's offices at Marengo, Brooklyn, and Grinnell, and in 1863 became Superintendent in Iowa and Nebraska, his territory subsequently embracing the entire Rock Island system. Mr. Quick retained his official connection with the Company up to the time of his death.

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