

Peter O'Dowd

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PETER O'DOWD was born at Crosser-Lough, County Covan, Ireland, in May, 1846; he died at Independence, Iowa, April 26, 1912. He was educated at All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland, and ordained there, June 24, 1869. He immediately emigrated to Dubuque, Iowa, and for a time was stationed at St. Raphael's Cathedral. He was later assigned by Archbishop Hennessey to various missions in the counties of Hardin, Grundy, Hamilton and Black Hawk, embracing some twenty missions and stations in his work. He was given charge of St. John's Parish at Independence in 1881 and there continued his successful and efficient service the remainder of his life. A visual evidence of his remarkable zeal is the stately new church of St. John's reared at a cost of some \$30,000.

MARSHALL HOMER BRINTON was born in Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1856; he died at Ellsworth, Hamilton county, Iowa, June 6, 1912. He graduated from Jefferson College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1879. He removed to Hamilton county in 1884 and soon entered very extensively into the business of stock raising and banking. He became the president of the American Life Insurance Company of Des Moines. He was elected in 1893 as a representative of the sixty-third Iowa district in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, and was re-elected and served the second term. He was chairman of the committee on Banks and Banking during his first session and of the committee on Fourth Division during his second. He served during both his first and second sessions on the committees on Ways and Means and Roads and Highways. He was a very strong and positive factor in educational and religious movements, his influence being felt far beyond the immediate region of his home.

GEORGE M. GILCHRIST was born in Franklin, Johnson county, Indiana, April 15, 1839; he died at Vinton, Iowa, May 29, 1912. After a common school attendance he entered Hanover College, where he was pursuing his studies as a junior when he responded to the call for volunteers and joined the Third Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, Co. E, in June, 1861. He served valiantly until honorably discharged in February, 1865. He rose from a private to be Captain of his company. The parents of Judge Gilchrist had removed to Benton county, Iowa, in 1856, and on receiving his discharge he returned to Iowa and began the study of law with the late Judge John Shane as his tutor, and after assiduous application was admitted to the bar in 1877. He was soon after made county judge and at the abolition of the office became county auditor and discharged the duties of this office until January, 1870. He served as city

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