

Frederick Mott

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ARTHUR GEORGE SMITH was born at Wayne, Henry County, Iowa, November 27, 1868, and died at Iowa City, November 5, 1916. He was educated in common school, spent some time at Howe's Academy, Mount Pleasant, and was graduated from the State University of Iowa with the degree of A. B. in 1891. The same year he accompanied Professor C. C. Nutting on a trip into northern Canada for specimens. In 1894, after graduate work at Cornell University, he received the degree of A. M., and in later years did post-graduate work at the University of Gottingen, Germany, and the University of Cambridge, England. He became instructor of mathematics at the State University of Iowa in 1894, in 1904 was made professor of mechanics and physics, in 1909 head of the department of mechanics, and in 1911 professor and head of the department of mathematics and astronomy. He was chairman of the Iowa board in control of athletics for many years and one of the chief factors in the building up of University athletics. He was the author of numerous magazine articles on mathematics and physical science subjects. He was a member of the National Geographic Society, St. Louis Academy of Science, and of Greek letter societies.

JOHN ANDREW MCKLVEEN was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, November 28, 1835, and died at Chariton, Iowa, July 16, 1916. He attended common school and Sewickley Academy. He taught school several years in Pennsylvania and Ohio, then attended medical lectures at Cincinnati. In 1861 he commenced the practice of medicine at Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania, continuing there two years. He attended lectures at Bennet Medical College, Chicago, and received his degree from that institution in 1872. In 1865 he removed to Chariton, Iowa, where he engaged in practice. He was surgeon for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company for twenty-four years, was president of the board of examining surgeons for pensions, was president of the State Eclectic Medical Society three terms, and was appointed by Governor Shaw a member of the State Board of Health, serving thereon for seven years. In 1901 he was sent as a delegate from the State Board of Health to London, England, to attend the British Tuberculosis Congress. In 1906 he was elected state senator and served in the Thirty-second and Thirty-third general assemblies.

FREDERICK MOTT was born in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1828, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, July 2, 1916. Interment was at Winterset. He removed from his native state to Winterset in 1857 and engaged in the practice of law, having been admitted to the bar before coming. On September 15, 1862, he was commissioned quartermaster of the Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry, and

was promoted to captain and assistant adjutant-general of the Third Brigade, Fourth Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, on February 3, 1865, and served in that position until the end of the war. He was judge of the circuit court from 1869 to 1872, and was county attorney of Madison County from 1891 to 1894. For a time he was professor of pleading and practice in the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, and afterward was president of Des Moines College. He was interested in banking in Winterset for many years. The last ten years of his life he spent in retirement, making his home most of the time with his children in Des Moines. He was a life-long and influential lay member of the Baptist church.

BENJAMIN P. BIRDSALL was born at Weyauwega, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, October 26, 1858, and died at his home at Clarion, Iowa, May 16, 1916. He came to Hardin County, Iowa, with his parents in 1871. He was educated in the public school at Alden, and at the State University of Iowa. He was admitted to the bar at Hampton, in 1878. He practiced law at Alden until 1884 when he removed to Clarion and formed a partnership with C. M. Nagle. The firm secured an extensive practice. In 1893 he was elected one of the judges of his judicial district, and served from January 1, 1894, until October 1, 1900, when, because of poor health, he resigned. He then resumed law practice in Clarion, associating himself with his son, M. F. Birdsall. When Colonel D. B. Henderson declined the nomination for Congress in the Third District in 1902, Judge Birdsall was nominated, and ran against ex-Governor Boies, the Democratic nominee, and was elected by over 5,000 majority. He was re-elected to the two subsequent congresses, thus serving from 1903 to 1909, when he declined to again be a candidate. He then devoted himself to the practice of law with his son until his death.

EDMUND H. WARING was born in Herefordshire, England, October 17, 1826, and died at Oskaloosa, Iowa, October 5, 1916. He attended private schools in England, and after coming to America in 1842 received another year's schooling. He learned the cabinet making trade, but early felt the call to the ministry, was licensed as an exhorter by the Methodist Episcopal church in 1848, authorized as local preacher in 1849, ordained as deacon in 1852 and as elder in 1855, serving circuits in Pennsylvania and Maryland. In 1857 he was transferred to the Iowa Conference and filled appointments in Kosuth, Des Moines, Oskaloosa, Burlington, Keokuk, Ottumwa, Mount Pleasant, Fairfield and Knoxville. He was secretary of the Iowa Conference for seventeen years and a delegate to the General Conference in 1868 and 1872. Being a sufferer from bronchitis, he was forced to give up active pastoral duties in 1876. He became court

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