

## Emigration Westward

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the hardest." Thus was he, as tune-swept violin string that feels the master-melody—and snaps.

As Thomas Huston Macbride, sometime president of our Iowa State University, fittingly writes: "A successful human life is like a temple; it rises silently before us, unobserved of men; we perceive in part its trend and beauty; but its capstone is never laid; its culmination eludes our vision; upon perfected tower and roof the sunlight never falls. A successful human life is like a wedge of gold; its value deepens with its widening planes, but no law of art or builder determines its completion. Nay, a successful human life is life, and like all the story of the planet, of the world, is but a silent, perennial, beautiful unfolding."

Calvin W. Keyes passed to the better world on June 16, 1920. His departure terminated one of those truest lives which Doctor Holmes characterized as like a rose-cut diamond, with many facets answering to the many-sided aspects of the world about it; its influence elevating, its memory sweet. His name outlasts him. We say the sun has set when it but shines in other longitudes.

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A friend of ours who has recently taken up his residence at Fairfield, Iowa, writes us that the emigration westward, by way of that place, exceeds a dozen wagons per day. He represents them as of the first class. \* \* \* \* He also writes that Fairfield abounds with sweet potatoes and stone coal. He says this potato grows to a large size and is cultivated almost as generally there as the Irish potato is here. \* \* \* \* The coal he regards as much cheaper than wood, being afforded for from 8 to 10 cents per bushel. It is used almost exclusively at Fairfield and is considered cheaper at ten cents per bushel than hickory wood at one dollar and twenty-five cents per cord.—*Weekly Miner's Express*, Dubuque, Iowa, October 13, 1847. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical Department of Iowa.)

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