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NOTABLE DEATHS

BENNETT MITCHELL was born in Monroe County, Indiana, February 18, 1832, and died at Sioux City, Iowa, August 12, 1922. His parents were Joseph and Eliza Frances (Henderson) Mitchell. He attended common school and was two years at Asbury College, now De Pauw University. He removed to Iowa in 1852, was licensed to preach in 1854 and was admitted to the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal church in 1855, serving as a junior preacher at Albia. His first charge was at Brighton at an annual salary of \$300. He served charges in succession at Floris, Afton, and Bedford. In 1862 he became presiding elder of the Council Bluffs District. In 1865 he was made presiding elder of the Chariton District. In 1869 he became presiding elder of the Sioux City District when it embraced a large part of the northwest fourth of Iowa and the whole of what is now North Dakota and South Dakota. The denomination then had but three church buildings in all that vast region, a frame church at Sioux City, one at Fort Dodge, and one at Homer, and none in the Dakotas. Railroads had only commenced to enter the region. Wagon roads were only trails and bridges were few. In 1873 he became presiding elder of the Algona District, and followed in 1877 as pastor at Algona and later at Emmetsburg, Spirit Lake, Correctionville, Alta, West Side, Wall Lake, Schaller, Kingsley, and Early. In 1902 he was made secretary of the conference claimants' permanent fund. In 1907 he asked for and received the retired relation. His ministry covered fifty-two years, thirty as pastor, seventeen as presiding elder, and five as secretary. He helped found Simpson College in 1867 and was a trustee until 1872, was a trustee of Cornell College from 1880 to 1889, and was a trustee of Morningside College from its organization in 1894. He was a delegate to General Conference in 1868, 1872, 1876, 1884, and 1888. In 1876 he lacked but two votes of being elected bishop. In 1893 he was the candidate of the Prohibition party for governor and received 10,349 votes. On May 13, 1920, during the General Conference of the Methodist church which was then in session in Des Moines, the Northwest Iowa Conference presented to the state of Iowa an oil portrait of Dr. Mitchell. The presentation ceremonies occurred in the presence of a distinguished company, among whom were Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell, and were held in the Historical, Memorial and Art Building, where the portrait now hangs.

HORACE BOIES was born at Aurora, Erie County, New York, December 7, 1827, and died at Long Beach, California, April 4, 1923. Burial was at Waterloo, Iowa. His parents were Eber and Hattie (Henshaw) Boies. Schools were few and he attended but little when a boy. When sixteen years old he went by boat to Racine, Wisconsin, and obtained

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