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WILLIAM THOMAS SMITH was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, July 21, 1841, and died in Los Angeles, California, December 19, 1912. His parents were Thomas Peter and Sarah Jane Smith. He was admitted on trial as a minister in the Des Moines Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1865. The following fifteen years he served pastorates at Mount Olivet Circuit, Denison, Harlan, Hawleyville, Milford, Mount Ayr, Central Church at Council Bluffs, Boonesboro, Corning, and Atlantic. He was presiding elder in the Atlantic District in 1880 and 1881, pastor at Indianola in 1882 and 1883, presiding elder in the Council Bluffs District from 1884 to 1889, in the Corning District in 1890 and 1891, and in the Creston District in 1892 to 1895. In 1896 he was elected by the General Conference as general secretary of the Missionary Society. In 1900 he returned to his conference and for the next six years was superintendent of the Boone District, after which he retired from active work. He was a delegate to General Conference in 1888, 1896, 1900, and 1904. He was largely self educated, never having spent any time in college or seminary, but was a successful leader, excelling in tact, management, careful attention to details, and devotion to his work.

GUILFORD HERMAN SUMNER was born in Marengo, Illinois, November 11, 1857, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, May 5, 1923. Burial was at Manchester. He taught school for several years in Delaware County, Iowa, including the Manchester schools. He took up the study of medicine with Dr. Reynolds of Manchester, entered the Medical Department of the State University of Iowa, and was graduated therefrom in 1896. He then located in Waterloo and engaged in the practice of medicine with Dr. C. S. Chase as partner. From 1901 to 1909 he was city health officer of Waterloo and won an outstanding reputation combatting scourges of typhoid, small pox, etc. Governor Carroll appointed him secretary of the State Board of Health January 1, 1910. He was reappointed by Governors Clarke and Harding, and served until December 31, 1921. He was prominent in local, state and national medical associations.

AGNES EICHELBERGER was born at Lewistown, Illinois, May 28, 1864, and died at Los Angeles, California, February 28, 1923. Burial was at Lewistown, Illinois. She attended public school at Lewistown, was graduated from the Medical Department of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and was an interne at the Woman's Hospital, now known as the Mary Thompson Hospital, Chicago. She removed to Sioux City, Iowa, in 1889 and commenced the practice of medicine. In 1898 she established in Sioux City the Women's and Babies' Hospital which was merged into the Florence Crittenden Home in 1900. In 1914 she founded the Maternity Hospital of Sioux City. She attained prominence as a physician and as a social worker.

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