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Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1856. He studied in Xenia Theological Seminary, Xenia, Ohio, for three years, served a pastorate at Greenville, Pennsylvania, three years, one at Tipton, Indiana, twelve years, and in 1879 removed to Mount Ayr where he was pastor of the United Presbyterian church for six years. In 1885 he formed a partnership with Robert Williams in publishing the *Ringgold Republican*, afterward consolidating it with the *Ringgold Record*. In 1907 the *Record* and *News* were consolidated with Mr. Tedford as editor in partnership with the present owner, Sam Spurrier. Mr. Tedford later sold his interest in the paper to his partner, but remained as editorial writer until age and illness caused him to relinquish his work. For nearly half a century, a few years as preacher, then as editor, he exerted a positive influence for good in that community.

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WILLIAM MYRON BROOKS was born at Laporte, Ohio, March 5, 1835, and died in Los Angeles, California, November 22, 1924. His parents were Samuel and Sophia (Johnson) Brooks. He was graduated from Oberlin College with the degree of A. B. in 1857, and of A. M. in 1861, and in 1893 his Alma Mater gave him the degree of D. D. He removed to Tabor, Iowa, in 1857 and became principal of Tabor Literary Institute, and held that position until 1866. He was also county superintendent of schools of Fremont County from 1860 to 1865. In 1866 when the institute was changed to Tabor College, Mr. Brooks became its first president, serving until 1896. In 1875 he was elected representative and served in the Sixteenth General Assembly, and in 1876 he was chosen as a presidential elector on the Hayes ticket. He was president of the Iowa State Teachers' Association in 1886, was twice moderator of the Iowa Congregational Association, and was president of the Tabor and Northern Railroad from 1891 to 1898, when the road belonged to the college. Soon after relinquishing the presidency of Tabor College he removed to Los Angeles. He was the author of "The Story of Tabor College," "Glimpses of Four Score Years," and other publications.

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JOHN F. KEMPKER was born at West Point, Iowa, in April, 1847, and died at Davenport, Iowa, June 21, 1924. His parents were immigrants from Germany. He attended Catholic school at West Point and, as a boy who knew German and English, taught catechism to children of the neighborhood. He finished his course in theology in Milwaukee and was ordained to the priesthood in 1872. He was located at Council Bluffs and worked from there organizing churches and ministering to those communities who spoke German. After a few years he was made private secretary to Archbishop Hennessy of Dubuque. He later served charges at Fort Madison, Burlington, Iowa City, Victor and many other places. He had a true missionary spirit, was a cultured scholar, linguist, and historian. At his death he bequeathed most of his estate to Mercy Hospital, Davenport.

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