

## Mary Augusta Safford

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MARY AUGUSTA SAFFORD was born in Quincy, Illinois, December 23, 1851, and died in Orlando, Florida, October 25, 1927. Her parents were Stephen F. and Louisa (Hunt) Safford. She obtained her education partly from private tutors and in public school, supplemented by work in the State University of Iowa which she entered in 1869. She taught school a few years, then entered the Meadville Theological School, Meadville, Pennsylvania, and in 1878 organized a Unitarian Society at Hamilton, Illinois; and preached there two years. In June, 1880, she was ordained a Unitarian minister by the Iowa Conference and from 1880 to 1885 served as pastor of a newly organized Unitarian society at Humboldt, preaching the first two years each alternate Sunday at Algona. From 1885 to 1899 she was pastor of the First Unitarian Church at Sioux City, and from 1899 to 1910 served in the same way the First Unitarian Church of Des Moines. For eleven years she was president of the Iowa Association of Unitarian Churches, was president of the Iowa Equal Suffrage Association from 1911 to 1913, and of the Florida Equal Suffrage Association from 1913 to 1916. Soon after closing her service as pastor of the Des Moines church she removed to Orlando, Florida. She was a public speaker of rare qualifications and exercised a large influence in her fields of activity.

FRED BENJAMIN GILBERT was born in Spirit Lake, Iowa, December 18, 1865, and died in the same city August 8, 1927. He followed the vocation of fisherman and hunter through his early life, and learned to shoot on the prairies and along the streams and lakes near his home, winning a local reputation as a marksman. In 1895 he was induced to go to Baltimore, Maryland, to shoot in the world's pigeon championship, and there he astonished the veteran marksmen by shooting thirty live pigeons straight, and by winning the world's championship. After that honors came thick. He was chosen one of the American team in 1901 to visit England and Scotland, and there he won the British presentation cup. In 1901 he also won the professional championship of America. In 1920 he set a straight run record of 591 clay targets in a series of tournaments in Iowa, a world's record. In his thirty years of professional shooting he used more than 1,000,000 shells, and at some time won practically every challenge trophy in the world. Throughout his career he was known for his geniality, manliness, and sportsmanlike conduct.

EDMUND B. STILES was born at Brighton, Ohio, April 21, 1866, and died in Manchester, Iowa, September 7, 1927. His parents, Rev. Edmund R. and Angie Stiles, removed to Manchester where Mr. Stiles was pastor of the Congregational church from 1869 to 1887. The son attended school and grew to manhood there, was graduated from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, in 1886, taught school two years in California, took post-graduate work in Oberlin and resumed teaching. He was principal of

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