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ARTEUS ELLSWORTH KEPFORD was born near Independence, Iowa, June 18, 1867, and died in Gladbrook August 16, 1930. Burial was in the Wilson Cemetery east of Independence. His parents were Joseph C. and Anna M. Kepford. He attended college at Findlay, Ohio, where he prepared himself for the ministry, after which he served churches as pastor at Fort Scott, Kansas, and Glidden, and Ida Grove, Iowa. He was reading clerk of the Iowa House of Representatives in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies, 1904 and 1906. In 1907 the Thirty-second General Assembly authorized the employment of a lecturer on tuberculosis under direction of the Board of Control. Dr. Kepford was employed and for the following fourteen years he was engaged most of the time in that work, delivering many hundreds of addresses all over Iowa on the prevention and cure of that disease. In 1920 when the State Juvenile Home was established at Toledo he became its first superintendent and served until September, 1928. In June, 1929, he became pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Gladbrook, where he was serving at the time of his death. He did distinguished work in social welfare, not only as a lecturer on tuberculosis and preventive diseases, but in boy scout organizations and Red Cross work, being state director for Iowa for the American Red Cross from 1917 to 1919.

WILLIAM F. SCHIRMER was born in Bellevue, Iowa, June 16, 1873, and died in that town August 26, 1930. His parents were Frank and Bertha Schirmer. He was graduated from the Bellevue High School in 1889. In 1890 he entered the printing office of the *Bellevue Leader* in the humblest position, learned the business thoroughly, became managing editor of the paper in 1895, owner and editor in 1907, and was actively engaged in conducting the business at the time of his death. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, was superintendent of its Sunday school for thirty-two years, was a member of the school board, was a member of the Masonic lodge, and was active in the chamber of commerce and in all civic affairs. He was a Republican in politics and in 1920 was elected representative, was re-elected in 1922, and served in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth general assemblies.

WILLIAM M. CHRISTIE was born in Perth, Scotland, March 10, 1850, and died July 14, 1930, at his home in Chicago, Illinois. From early life he was trained as a miller. His ancestors for three hundred years had owned and operated grist mills. As a young man he was sent to Rangoon, Burma, to operate certain rice mills for a Scotch company, and remained there for a few years, but had to return on account of climatic conditions of that country.

On his return to Scotland he decided to emigrate to America, leaving his native land in December, 1878, coming directly to Iowa. He was first employed by Douglas & Stuart of Cedar Rapids in their oatmeal mills, later removing to Dubuque and then to Sioux City, Iowa, where

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