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THOMAS HUSTON MACBRIDE was born in Rogersville, Tennessee, July 31, 1848, and died in Seattle, Washington, March 27, 1934. His parents were Rev. James Bovard Macbride and Sarah Huston Macbride. He received his degree of A. B. from Monmouth College in 1869, and A. M. in 1873. He began his teaching career at Lenox College, Hopkinton, where he was professor of mathematics and modern languages from 1870 to 1878. He went to the State University of Iowa and was assistant professor of natural sciences in 1878, continuing in that position until 1884, followed that as professor of botany from 1884 to 1914, then was president from 1914 to 1916, and president emeritus from 1916. He was awarded the degree of Ph. D. by Lenox College in 1875, and LL.D. by Monmouth College in 1914, by Coe College in 1915, and by the University of Iowa in 1928. He was a member of the American Forestry Association, National Conservation Association, Paleontological Society, Iowa Academy of Science, Botany Society of America, Iowa Park and Forestry Association, American Society for the Advancement of Science, and many other scientific organizations. Among his many writings were chapters in the *Iowa Geological Survey*, *Popular Science Monthly*, *Science* and other magazines. He was also the author of *Botany* (a text book), 1895; *Slime Moulds*, 1890; *On the Campus*, 1916; *In Cabins and Sod Houses*, 1928. He founded the Lakeside Laboratory on West Okoboji Lake which is used each summer by students of the University in part of their work in botany and zoology. Dr. Macbride was a man of extensive knowledge in many lines, mathematics, languages and geology, but achieved his greatest distinction as a botanist. He was a national authority on fungi and slime moulds. The esthetic side of his nature largely dominated. He dearly loved the beautiful in nature, literature and art. He was one of the earliest conservationists of Iowa. His personal qualities endeared him to a host of friends.

WILLARD G. FLETCHER was born in New York state February 9, 1855, and died in Williamsburg, Iowa, October 25, 1932. His parents were George and Ellen McAlpine Fletcher. The family removed to Iowa City, Iowa, in 1857 and to Williamsburg in 1858. Willard worked on a farm, attended public school, attended the State University of Iowa one year and taught school two years at Onawa, Monona County. In 1876 he entered the drug business in Williamsburg. In the early 1880's he spent some time at Glenwood and at Shenandoah, but in 1884 returned to Williamsburg and re-entered the drug business in which he continued for over forty years, attaining business success. He was one of the organizers of the town of Williamsburg in 1885, and was a member of the first town council. He was a member of the local school board for over thirty years, was a member of the Iowa County Board of Supervisors for a few years, during which the present Court House was built, was elected representative in 1910, running as a Democrat, and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers Savings Bank of Williamsburg, was on its board of directors for years, and was its president the last five years of his life.

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