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much time on the Hayden government explorations in the far west. Then he devoted the remainder of his life to coal investigations in Kansas and New Mexico. His last years were spent in semi-retirement in San Diego, California. St. John was of singular charm of character, pure motive, and stainless life. His writings all display painstaking effort, and completeness which is seldom attained. To the end of his life his patriotism for Iowa knew no bounds.—C. K.

JOHN MCCARTHY was born in Ireland in 1836 and died in Sioux City, Iowa, October 10, 1926. He immigrated to the United States in 1853. He early sought an education and was graduated from Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, New York, where he taught, and also at Troy, New York. He came to Vinton, Iowa, in 1872, where he was principal of the city schools for three years. Blairstown Academy, which had been established in 1868 by the Evangelical church but had not been successful on account of lack of funds, was purchased by Mr. McCarthy and conducted for some years with success. At that time a number of such institutions were operated in that part of Iowa, as Irving Institute, Tilford Academy, Epworth Seminary and Le Grand Academy. It was while conducting this institution that Mr. McCarthy did his greatest work for education in Iowa. He was constantly employed during the summer months as a teacher in the county normals in various parts of the state. Later he was principal of schools at Norway, and at Van Horn. When W. S. Lewis became president of Morningside College at Sioux City, he appointed Mr. McCarthy custodian of that institution. He was closely connected with this college to within a few years of his death, having done more or less private instructing. Mr. McCarthy took an active part in the affairs of every place where he resided. He favored the lyceum which at that time was transplanted from New England into nearly all Iowa towns. He fostered the idea of library associations and reading circles, and was keenly interested in the temperance agitation in Iowa in the early eighties, and in the deliberations of the Methodist Episcopal church of which he was a member. He left a deep impression upon the young men and women who came under his tutelage, and many in high positions today give their old teacher credit for what he did for them in their formative years.—B. L. W.

ANDREW GORDON WILSON was born at Scotch Grove, Iowa, April 5, 1861, and died at Hebron, Nebraska, April 30, 1922. His father, Rev. James L. Wilson, was long pastor of the Presbyterian church at Scotch Grove, and was one of the pioneer ministers of Iowa. Young Andrew attended district school, then Lenox Academy where he remained from 1875 to 1880 and Wooster College, in Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in 1884 with the degree of A. B., taking his Master's degree from the same institution. Immediately upon gradua-

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