EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

David Burke Hillis was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, July 24, 1825; he died at Keokuk, Iowa, September 9, 1900. He was educated at South Hanover College, Indiana, and graduated from a St. Louis medical college as a doctor of medicine in 1847. In 1860 he settled in Keokuk which was afterwards his home. In August, 1861, he was appointed aide-de-camp to Governor Kirkwood. In 1862 he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the 17th Iowa Infantry. Col. John W. Rankin resigned soon after and Dr. Hillis was appointed to the place. His regiment participated with great credit in the battles of Iuka, Corinth and Champion Hills. After the war he returned to Keokuk where he engaged in the practice of medicine, in which he achieved high distinction.

Chandler Childs, a journalist, naturalist and geologist, who settled in Dubuque in 1853, died at Mercy Hospital, in that city, September 6, 1900. We have no particulars of his early years. He was well educated and a man of considerable ability, a collector of books, documents and newspapers, relating to the general and scientific history of his city and county and of that portion of the State generally. He had written much for the local press and was for many years widely known as a scientist. We believe he was at one time connected with the geological survey of Iowa. In his later years he became very poor, during which time he owed much to the kindly offices of U. S. Senator William B. Allison.

Raymond M. Kellogg was born near Rutland, Vermont, July 15, 1825; he died July 30, 1900, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Moninger, near Galvin, Marshall county, Iowa. Mr. Kellogg was one of the early settlers of Grinnell, having located there in the summer of 1855. He became a leading citizen of that place. He was an expert builder; for a time served as U. S. collector of internal revenue; he was for several terms a member of the city council and for many years a director of the First National Bank. He took an active interest in politics and was a delegate to the first Iowa Republican State Convention in 1856.

Samuel J. Gilpin was born at New London, Ohio, June 11, 1837; he died at Winterset, Iowa, July 28, 1900. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Company E, Third Indiana Cavalry. He was with the Army of the Potomac in many engagements and served until the close of the war. He then resumed his interrupted studies and graduated from South Hanover College, Indiana. In 1868 he removed to Winterset and began the practice of the law. He was for years a leading citizen of that county, taking a prominent part in public affairs. He was well known in political circles throughout the State.

Lorenzo D. Lewelling was born in Salem, Iowa, December 21, 1846; he died at Arkansas City, Kansas, September 2, 1900. Mr. Lewelling resided in this State until 1887, when he settled in Wichita, Kansas. With his wife he had charge of the Iowa State Reform School for Girls for fifteen years. He was the first Populist governor of his adopted State, having been elected for the term of 1893-5. His administration was a stormy one, the history of which would fill a large volume.

Carl Rohl-Smith, the distinguished Danish sculptor, died in Copenhagen, September 23, 1900. He resided some years in Chicago, during which time he developed Mrs. Harriet Ketchum's sketch for the Iowa Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, and also executed the art work, statues,