

## James C. Sanders

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the lecture platform a year, received her Master's degree from the State University of Iowa in 1882, taught a year in East High School, Des Moines, reported the Iowa General Assembly in 1884 for a string of Iowa newspapers, took up a homestead in the same year in Faulk County, South Dakota, and there met Preston B. Durley, to whom she was married two years later. From 1884 to 1888 she was a member of the State Board of Educational Examiners. In 1886 she entered actively on newspaper work in Des Moines which extended over a period of twenty-five years. She did noteworthy work on the *Des Moines Saturday Mail*, and when her husband and her brother, John J. Hamilton, were principal owners of the *Des Moines Daily News* she conducted the department, "Around the Evening Lamp," writing over the pen name, "Judith Jorgenson." Later she was editor of the *Homemaker Magazine*, and still later was associate editor of the *National Daily Review* of Chicago. She wrote two novels, "My Soldier Lady" and "The Stand-patter." To her, perhaps, more than to any other person belongs the credit of founding the Home for the Aged in Des Moines. She was president of the Des Moines Women's Club in 1891-2 and was president of the City Federation of Women's Clubs in 1899-1900. She was president of the Women's Press Club in 1898-9 which was enlarged into the Iowa Press and Authors' Club, and her home was the meeting place of the club for years. In 1911 she removed to Los Angeles after which time she was active in club, literary, and patriotic work. In the initial stages of Charles Aldrich's founding of the Historical Department of Iowa, Mrs. Durley rendered loyal and indispensable service.

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JAMES C. SANDERS was born on a farm near Vinton, Iowa, January 23, 1865, and died at a hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, July 12, 1922. Burial was at Avoca, Iowa. He was graduated from Vinton High School in 1881. He attended school at Coe College and at the State University of Iowa, and taught at different places, including Traer in 1893 and 1894. In 1895 he was graduated from the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, and later from Leander Clark College at Toledo. He taught at Rockford and other places and had been teaching for four years at West Union when on April 1, 1908, he went to Fort Madison as warden of the State Penitentiary, remaining as such until he resigned September 1, 1918. Then for over a year he taught in East Des Moines High School and from 1919 until his death he was superintendent of schools at Avoca. He achieved distinction in the state and to some extent in the United States as a liberal and progressive in prison management, by the changes he introduced in the institution over which he presided, and by the lectures he delivered from Chautauqua platforms and elsewhere. He was a natural entertainer, bighearted, generous, kind, sympathetic, and strong, with a desire to be helpful to those needing help. He also won success as an educator.

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