

means it afforded to strangers an opportunity of studying and realizing the geological and mineralogical character of the country. He prepared and published an early map of the Lead Region of Wisconsin; and, in 1842, an interesting illustrated paper in *Silliman's Journal of Science* on the curious animal shaped mounds of Wisconsin. It was the unabated interest he ever felt and evinced in the general development of the country and its wonderful antiquities, that elicited for him the honorable *soubriquet* of *Old Curiosity*.

Mr. Taylor recently served a term as City Controller of Philadelphia—an office of much responsibility; and he now lives in retirement in that city.

VII. Col. Daniel M. Parkinson was born in Carter County, East Tennessee, on the 1st of August, 1790. His parents were natives of Shenandoah County, in the Valley of Virginia; his father, Peter Parkinson, having served under Col. Daniel Morgan, in the Revolutionary war, and on one occasion was wounded; and about the close of that contest, removed to East Tennessee, where he took an active part in all public matters pertaining to that exciting era in Tennessee history. He served under Col. John Tipton, as a captain, in 1788, in a sort of civil strife then raging among the East Tennesseans, growing out of a conflict of jurisdiction in consequence of the short-lived republic of Franklin, organized under the leadership of Col. John Sevier; and though it was mainly a war of words, yet some blood was shed before its termination. Capt. Peter Parkinson died in Carter County, in March, 1792, when the subject of this sketch was only a year and a half old.

In 1810, young Parkinson, when twenty years of age, removed to White County, in the central portion of that State, and while there, held the offices, first of Lieutenant, and then Captain in the militia. In May, 1817, he removed to the Territory of Illinois, and settled first in Madison County, twenty-five miles east of St. Louis; and two years afterwards, he settled in what subsequently became Sangamon County. During his