

of natural sciences in the Indianapolis High School. He furnished many contributions on his favorite science to the scientific institutions and periodicals of the country. He was one of the most prominent of the young naturalists of the West.

## 1877

An aged Menomonee Indian, named Joe, died Jan. 11th, reputed to have been from one hundred and fifteen to one hundred and twenty years old—doubtless his age was largely exaggerated.

Jefferson Murdock, a rising young lawyer of Oshkosh, who had been in Col. G. Bouck's law office since he was seventeen, perished in the burning of the Revere House in that city, Jan. 17th, at the age of twenty-nine years.

Hon. Joseph Spaulding died near Janesville, Aug. 12th, nearly sixty-five years of age. Born in Bradford Co., Penn., Aug. 23d, 1812, he removed to Wisconsin in 1836, and after a brief sojourn in Racine County, settled in Rock County, in the spring of 1837, three miles north of Janesville. In 1853, and 1863, he represented his district in the assembly. In all the relations of life, he was one of the best of men, always striving to do as he would like to be done by.

## 1878

Rev. William Goodell died at Janesville, Feb. 15th. He was born in Chenango County, N. Y., in 1792. At different periods, he was engaged as an editor at Providence, New York City, and Utica, and devoted much of his life and energies to the cause of temperance, abolition of slavery, and woman's suffrage. Among other pleasing incidents of his life, it is related, that he in company with Rev. Dr. George B. Cheever and Dr. Brown, of New York, held an interview with President Lincoln the night before the emancipation proclamation was signed—the last interview the president accorded to any prior to issuing that memorable document; and is supposed to have had great influence in bringing his mind to that important decision. Mr. Goodell, long a Congregational clergyman, was actively engaged in the anti-slavery and temperance movements of his day.

Rev. Thomas T. Ruger died at Janesville, April 21st, in his seventy-seventh year. He was born at Northumberland, Saratoga Co., N. Y., Feb. 25th, 1802; was principal of Wilbraham Academy, Mass., in 1830; was president of the Wesleyan Seminary, at Lima, N. Y., for four years. He was ordained an Episcopal clergyman at Sherburne, N. Y.; and, in 1844, removed to Janesville, being the first Episcopal pastor in that place. His four sons, Gen. Thos. H. Ruger, Col. Edward Ruger, Capt. Wm. Ruger, and Surgeon H. H. Ruger, served in the army during the late Civil War.

William M. Tallman died at Janesville May 13th, in the seventieth year of his age. He was born in Lee, Onieda Co., N. Y., June 13th, 1808. Graduating at Yale College in 1830, he took a two-year course in the Yale Law School, and was admitted to the bar in New Haven. He engaged in the practice of his profession in New York City. In 1848, he purchased at pub-