

he entered the Eleventh Wisconsin Infantry, and was promoted from the ranks to second and first lieutenant, and served to the end of the war. He was physically a powerful man. He used to relate, that on one occasion, he was stabbed severely in the shoulder, and only saved his breast by hugging closely to him the dead body of a rebel he had killed in the fight. Maj. J. S. Miller, reporting the part taken by the Eleventh Regiment in a battle near Mobile, in the spring of 1865, said:

"To particularize, when officers and men displayed unusual gallantry, may seem invidious, yet I cannot neglect to mention First Lieutenant Angus R. McDonald, commanding Company E, for his gallant and heroic conduct. On mounting the parapet of the enemy's works, he was attacked by six men; he knocked two of them down with his sabre, and in return received a shot through his thigh, and two bayonet wounds in the breast."

After the war, he filled a position in the capitol at Madison, and subsequently was internal revenue store-keeper at Milwaukee till his health failed him. He was a man of many genial qualities.

Hon. Wm. Starr died at Ripon, April 18th, in his fifty-ninth year. Born in Middletown, Conn., March 3d, 1821, he came to Wisconsin in 1843; followed teaching for three years, and then engaged in merchandizing, farming, and lumbering. He served prominently in the legislature in 1863 and 1864, and from 1865 until his death was a member of the normal school board, and its president from 1868. Ripon College owes much to his aid and good service.

Rev. Charles D. Helmer, D. D., a native of the Mohawk valley, died at Lockport, N. Y., April 28th, in his fifty-second year. He graduated at Union Theological Seminary in 1852; and had for several years, from 1859, been the able pastor of Plymouth Church, Milwaukee, and subsequently removed to Chicago. His health failing him, he returned to his former home at Lockport. He was a learned, eloquent and pious divine. His fine poem—"Pæan to Oriskany"—which he prepared for the occasion, was read at the Oriskany Centennial celebration, Aug. 6th, 1877, commemorating one of the sanguinary battles of the Revolution.

Abraham Rice Gale, a native of New York, died at Gales' Landing, Oconto Co., April 30th, aged sixty-nine years. He was among the early pioneers of Milwaukee, and afterwards resided in Waukesha and Oshkosh.

Albert Wood, formerly residing near Madison, and at one time publisher of the *Wisconsin Farmer*, died at Gardiner, Colorado, May 1st, aged forty-nine years.

Wm. W. Vaughn, a prominent Welsh citizen of Racine, died in that city, May 22d, at the age of sixty-five years. He settled in Racine in 1842; was at one time mayor of that city, and a presidential elector in 1860 on the Lincoln ticket. He sympathized with every movement tending to advance the interests of his adopted city.

Hon. Thomas W. Hill died at Geneva Lake, May 26th, in his sixty-sixth year. He settled in Walworth County in 1838; elected to the legislature in