

1845, he was again appointed Governor of the Territory, and continued to be its Governor until the 29th of May, 1848, when, upon the admission of Wisconsin into the Union, he was succeeded by Hon. Nelson Dewey, who had been elected under our State Constitution. Upon the organization of the State government in June, 1848, he was elected as one of its first Senators to represent Wisconsin in Congress, and was, on the 20th day of January, 1851, re-elected to the United States Senate for the term of six years. At the expiration of this term, in 1857, he retired from public life, and afterwards, and until the time of his death, he resided part of the time at Mineral Point, in this State, and part of the time at Burlington, Iowa, where his son Hon. Augustus C. Dodge, resides.

It rarely falls to the lot of any man to enjoy popular favor so long, or in a greater degree, or to serve in official station with greater credit to himself or more advantage to his constituency, than did General Dodge. His public services commenced with the early settlement of the West, and in its border savage wars, and continued without interruption until his retirement from public life, embracing a period of nearly fifty years. His life and personal history are, to a great extent, the history of the settlement and development of our State, of which he may well be considered, to a great extent, the founder and father. It never had a more faithful and devoted public servant, and none of its citizens ever took a more lively interest than he in its advancement and prosperity.

All his official and personal relations were characterized by a personal integrity of the highest order, which was not merely a rule to which he submitted, but a principle of his life. He was a man of remarkable personal dignity and firmness of character, and fidelity of purpose, and he possessed a singular capacity to judge of the usefulness and integrity of others. To these elements of character his eminent success in life was in a great degree attributable. Without the adventitious aids of wealth or influential personal friends, he rose steadily, but surely, to the position of a representative man of the West, and an influential and honored statesman in the councils of the