

frequently prevailed on him to repair to Washington in their behalf—he was emphatically *the Indians' friend*. His death was hastened by over-taxing his strength in making such a visit for his Winnebago friends, from which he had been but a few days returned.

Hon. James B. Cross died in Milwaukee, February 3d, in his fifty-seventh year. He was born in Phelps, Ontario County, N. Y., December 17th, 1819; received an academic education, studied law, and removed to Milwaukee in May, 1841. He was elected, in 1846, a justice of the peace; in the spring of 1848, judge of probate; and in the fall of that year, and again the succeeding year, he was chosen a member of the legislature. In the spring of 1850, he was elected city attorney; and in 1854, he was a third time returned to the legislature. In 1855, and the two following years, he was chosen mayor of Milwaukee; and in the fall of 1857, he lacked only 118 votes of being elected governor of the State. He was for five years president of the Juneau Bank, and served awhile as clerk of the probate court. He presented a fine personal appearance, and possessed many of the elements of popularity. "In his death," says the *State Journal*, "Milwaukee loses one of its early pioneers, and one who possessed the ability, grace and eloquence to adorn any position in life."

George Fulton, an old resident of the Sugar River Valley, and native of the county of Derry, Ireland, died in Madison, February 6th, aged sixty-eight years. He was known as a writer and poet of some note.

Dr. S. Compton Smith died at his residence in Greenfield, near Milwaukee, Feb. 22d, in the sixty-second year of his age. He was born in Bristol, R. I., Nov. 15th, 1814; but early removed, with his widowed mother, to Ellisburgh, Jefferson County, N. Y., studying at Belleville Academy, where he laid the foundation for the broad culture which afterwards distinguished him. He early began the study of medicine, graduating at the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, enjoying the instruction of the famous Dr. Valentine Mott. He went to the island of Cuba, where he practiced three years, and subsequently in Ohio and in the South. During the Mexican War, he served as a surgeon in