

Gen. Taylor's army, and was present at the battle of Buena Vista. He was, at one time, severely wounded, and nearly killed by a party of Mexican guerillas. After the war, he settled first at Port Washington, and then in Milwaukee, and afterwards in Greenfield. When the Civil War broke out, he again entered the service as a surgeon, connected with various military organizations, and hospitals, and was with Sherman's march to the sea until the battle of Goldsboro, when he was honorably discharged.

Dr. Smith for many years devoted himself to literary pursuits. He wrote an interesting volume, *Chile Con Carne*, or *The Camp and the Field*, illustrative of scenes and events of the Mexican War. During the Civil War, he wrote a series of letters to the *Milwaukee Sentinel* and the *Evening Wisconsin*, detailing graphic scenes and incidents of which he was a witness; and subsequently was long a regular contributor to the *New York Ledger*, furnishing over two hundred sketches, and was on the editorial staff of the *Milwaukee Monthly Magazine*. He wielded a ready and graceful pen, and was a most genial and interesting man.

Hon. Thomas B. Stoddard, died at La Crosse, where he had long resided, February 24th, at the age of seventy-five years. He came west in 1850, and settled in La Crosse the following year, and from the first took a deep interest in everything pertaining to its welfare. He was chosen the first mayor of the young city, and was the first president of the Southern Minnesota Railroad, of which he was the chief projector, and continued a director till his death. He represented La Crosse County in the assembly in 1862, and was the Democratic candidate in that district for Congress in the fall of that year.

Sidney Foote, of Madison, died at Jacksonville, Florida, whither he had gone for his health, March 8th, in his forty-sixth year. He was a native of Smyrna, N. Y., and in 1852 became a student of the Wisconsin University, graduating in 1856; studied and engaged in the practice of law at Madison; was register of bankruptcy for nine years, and district attorney in 1873-74.

Col. Samuel Ryan died at Menasha, April 12th, at the venerable age of nearly eighty-seven years. He was born in Tipperary County, Ireland, May 12th, 1789; he was early impressed into