

board for ten years, for ten years superintendent of the poor, and two terms in the State senate, from 1856 to 1859. He was also, at one time, one of the board of trustees of the State Insane Asylum, near Madison; and president of two banks, and for nearly twenty years a director of the Madison Insurance Company.

Hon. Wyman Spooner died in Lyons, Walworth County, November 18th, in his eighty-third year. Born in Hardwick, Massachusetts, July 2d, 1795, he early took up his residence in Vermont, where, for about a dozen years, he published a newspaper; meanwhile studying law, commenced its practice in 1833. Shortly after he removed to Canton, Ohio, and, in 1842, to Wisconsin, stopping a short time in Racine and then locating at Elkhorn. In 1846, he was elected judge of probate; in 1853, he was appointed judge of the circuit court to fill a vacancy. In 1850, 1851, 1857, and in 1861, he was a member of the assembly—in 1867, he was speaker of that body. In 1862-63, he was a member of the senate, and elected its president; and, in the fall of 1863, he was chosen lieutenant-governor of the State, and re-elected in 1865 and 1867.

Hon. William Murray died at the Insane Asylum, near Madison, November 24th, at the age of fifty-five years. He long resided at Clinton, Rock County, and was a prominent member of the legislature of 1853.

Hon. Benjamin Nute, one of the earliest settlers of Jefferson County, died at Watertown, December 1st, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He was born in New Hampshire in 1800, living several years in Boston, and then in Utica; and removed to Milford, Jefferson County, in 1837, being the first settler there. He represented his district in the assembly in 1849.

Benjamin E. Hale died in Brooklyn, New York, December 4th, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was, in early life, a Congregational minister, and formerly resided in Beloit, where for several years he edited a paper, and was a prominent temperance advocate.

Hon. Stephen Taylor, who died at Philadelphia, December 8th, in his seventy-third year, was born at Mifflinsburg, Pa., April 3, 1805, descending from early Quaker settlers of that State. As an