

law. Gen. Grant appointed him surveyor general of Dakota, and four years later superintendent of schools. He served in the legislature of South Dakota, where he was instrumental in adopting the Indiana school system for that state. For twenty years he was president of the South Dakota Normal School at Madison. Four years ago he resigned and retired from active work. There is a good biography of him in the Rockville *Republican* of Nov. 17, 1915.

THAD BUTLER.

THAD BUTLER, "dean of Wabash Valley Editors," died at his home in Huntington, Dec. 7, 1915. He was born at Lagrange, Indiana, Nov. 19, 1846. His mother was a teacher and gave her son a good education. He spent his life from boyhood in newspaper offices. He set the first line of type for the Kendallville *Standard* in 1863. Later he worked on, edited or owned papers at Wabash, Lafayette, Fort Wayne, Cleveland, Andrews, and Huntington. An excellent biography of Mr. Butler, prepared by himself some years ago, is given in the Huntington *Press*, December 8, 1915.

DANIEL McDONALD

DANIEL McDONALD, who was the oldest living past grand master of Indiana Masons, for thirty years editor of the *Plymouth Democrat* and an author of note on Masonic subjects, died January 10 in Chicago, where for the past two years he had been living with his son Louis. He was 83 years old. Mr. McDonald was the thirtieth Grand Master of the Indiana Grand Lodge of Masons, serving at the head of the body in 1875-76. He was twice in the State Legislature, once in 1869 and again in 1905. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1876 and in 1884, and was the Democratic candidate for Congress in his district in 1880. He sold his interest in the *Plymouth Democrat* in 1902 and retired from active business. Mr. McDonald wrote a history of Freemasonry in Indiana. He also was one of the editors of a compendium of Masonic history in the United States. He was born near Connersville, Ind., May 6, 1833.