

numerous campaigns against the savage foes of the young territories of the "Great North-west."

The author feels that he needs no apology for this brief recital of the public career of the father, Gen. and Hon. Henry Dodge, deceased, of Wisconsin, and of his justly eminent Son; who have made their own names, and the name of our family, heroic in our national history, and throughout the vast area of the mighty West and North-west.

The Hon. AUGUSTUS C. DODGE then made the following address:

After expressing his thanks for his cordial reception, he gave, in most graphic detail, the hero-like struggle of his family with the privations of the frontier wilderness, and with the relentless savage.

[We much regret that want of space and communication, preclude now anything more than the indication of his varied topics.]

He was a descendant of Israel Dodge, of Canterbury, Connecticut, his grandfather, who had in the Revolutionary war been wounded by a British bayonet. At the Peace his grandfather married Nancy Hunter, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania; emigrated to the wilds that afterwards became the State of Kentucky, and built the first stone house in what is now "Bairdstown" in that State.

Here, this gallant Pioneer was found in 1781, in constant life struggle either with the Indians, or among the Spanish Settlements of the Upper Louisiana Territory; as the whole, almost unknown Country, South of the Ohio and East of the Mississippi Rivers, to the Alleghanies (the last French Possession on this Continent), was then called.

Here his father, the late Hon. Henry Dodge, of Wisconsin, was born, and while a very young child, was captured by Indians, but returned to his grandfather unharmed.