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It is needless to say that at that early day, Mr. Palmer's opportunities for acquiring an education were very scanty. In fact, with the exception of parental instruction and attendance at a night-school during his apprenticeship in Lexington, he was entirely self-educated. Yet there were few better read in the literature of the past generation than the subject of our notice. Besides the various English Historians, Essayists, and Poets, he was familiar with the writings of the most distinguished French authors, which he readily read in the original. He was thoroughly versed in the history of his own country from its beginning to the time when the infirmities of age made him dependent upon others for information concerning the current events of the day. Mr. Palmer inclined to the doctrines of the Baptist church, which denomination he joined in his twentieth year. He left it in consequence of his strong anti-slavery convictions, which brought him in antagonism with the great majority of his fellow members, but a few years ago he united with it and died in its communion. In politics Mr. Palmer was a Democrat or Republican of the old Jeffersonian school. His first presidential vote was cast for Jefferson in 1804. He voted twice each, for Madison and Monroe three times for Jackson and once for Van Buren. Becoming convinced that the Democratic party was being used for the purpose of strengthening, and increasing the area of slavery, he, in 1840 and 1844, voted for James G. Birney, the candidate for the Liberty party. In 1848 he again voted for Van Buren, who with Charles F. Adams, was the candidate of the Free Soil party. In 1852,

in which year we became acquainted with him, he was one of the few voters in Jerseyville, who cast their ballots for Hale and Julian. Since then he has voted successively for Fremont in 1856, for Lincoln in 1860 and 1864, and finally for Grant in 1868. Confined as he had been for nearly a year to his house, almost to his bed, he last November, walked to the polls to vote the Republican ticket. being met on the way by his son, W. S. Palmer, who was going for him with a carriage

In summing up the character of Mr. Palmer, we would say that he was intelligent, conscientious, firm in carrying out his views of duty, and bold in giving utterance to his convictions of right. He has lived to see the strong and despotic institutions of slavery, against which in its stronghold, he first lifted his voice, become a thing of the past and his son, raised by the party of freedom to the highest civil position in the greatest of the states which the statesmanship of his great political leader, Thomas Jefferson, had devoted to Freedom. With Simeon, he could peacefully depart, for he had seen the salvation of the Lord.

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