

THE EARLY CEMETERIES.

From 1825 to 1830 inclusive, there were 65 deaths among the first settlers. There were no established cemeteries during that period. The dead were buried upon their premises, and accounts for so many farms having small grave yards. Only in a few instances are any markers to indicate the spot where the dead repose. The two oldest grave yards, are the one at what is known as MtNebo, in Jackson Township, where the remains of Mr. Ollinger, a Revolutionary Soldier rest; and the Robinson Grave Yard, situate on the south bluff of Bearcreek. The MtNebo cemetery has been well kept, but the Robinson cemetery has been sadly neglected. The first regular established cemetery was the Delphi cemetery, situated east of the east line of the corporation. This cemetery was abandoned, and the City Council purchased ground east of the city, situate on the south side of the Delphi and Camden road, where the remains of the dead in the old grave yard were reinterred. This <sup>old Cemetery, a</sup> sacred spot, is now known as "School Grounds," <sup>and</sup> is laid off in drive ways, and flowers are grown and the place used as a public park.

Another private burrial place is found on the farm formerly owned by Benjamin D. Angel, east of Delphi, situate on the Delphi and Flora road, about a mile distant. In this burrial place repose the remains of a Revolutionary Soldier, and <sup>there are</sup> markers to any of the graves. A few cedar trees, as silent sentinels stand about the place, where many of the first settlers were buried, and it will not be long until there will be none to point out the place to the living. There are many private burrial spots in the county, and nearly all are neglected spots. The splendid cemeteries conducted by the Fraternities and Church organizations, are to be perpetually cared for, and are places of retreat for relatives and friends planting and strewing flowers in remembrance of their dead loved ones. In the multiplicity of rushing affairs, it might be well not to forget the ancestors who blazed the way to this day of enlightenment, and place a mark <sup>of their</sup> <sup>in</sup> remembrance <sup>of their resting places.</sup>