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Congress (a pronounced "Jackson man") did not become known to the masses of the people until he read his inaugural address, in which he sharply criticized President Jackson. Thenceforth he was a Whig. He was the Whig candidate for Governor in 1842, but was defeated by Thomas Ford. Joseph Duncan's early education was meager (he was the only one of five brothers who did not graduate from a college), but he was endowed with splendid natural abilities. He was always a friend of education. He had the rare distinction, while a member of the legislature, to introduce the first bill providing for a system of free schools. In later years, having become wealthy, he was a liberal patron of Illinois College. His last days were spent at his home in Jacksonville, where he died Jan. 15, 1844. An interesting

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