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Rev. James C. Brainard.

James C. Brainard was born January 21st, 1830, in Broome county, New York, and died at Beloit, Kansas, April 12th, 1906, at the age of 76 years. In about the year 1856 he was married and moved to Wisconsin and was received on trial in the West Wisconsin Conference in the same year and was appointed to Richland Center. Afterwards he labored two years at Bellville, two years at Cadis, two years at Dane, two years at Spring Green, then he took a supernumerary relation for two years, was again given effective relation and served Avoca two years. Transferred to Wyoming Conference (New York and Pennsylvania) he served Barton and Nichols two years each and was transferred to the Illinois Conference and stationed at Charlston one year and at Gibson City one year. In 1885 he was transferred to the Kansas Conference and was stationed at Whiting. His wife's health was much impaired and she died soon after he arrived at his appointment. In 1886 he married Elizabeth A. Likely. At the Conference in 1886 he was appointed to Clifton Circuit. Here he was very popular with the people, but his health was failing and at the end of two years he asked for a supernumerary relation, which was granted. He moved to Mitchell county, lived on a farm, but served surrounding circuits and preached to the people as opportunity offered. He finally moved into Beloit. Here he made many friends and was beloved by all who knew him. He was a good faithful minister of Jesus Christ, preaching a full and free salvation, and the doctrines that he preached had entered into his own life and made it all sunshine in the brightness of the Lord. He was a brother beloved especially by the preachers who were fortunate enough to be intimately acquainted with him.

The editor of the Beloit local paper said of him, "If there is such a thing as a living pure spotless life on this earth, Mr. Brainard came as near or nearer to that standard of living than any person we have ever known."

He was the father of ten children. Seven had died. He leaves a wife and three sons. They mourn for him—but here again their loss is gain—the funeral services were held in the Beloit Methodist Episcopal Church. Addresses were made by Rev. J. A. Bull, Rev. McMillen and Presiding Elder F. D. Baker of the Northwest Kansas Conference. He was buried in the cemetery near Beloit.

Bessie Ellen Corkill-nee Thornton.

Was born near Green, in Clay county, Kansas, November 29, 1877. When she was six years old he parents moved to the village of Green, where she grew to womanhood and her education was obtained in the schools of the town.

She was converted at an early age and united with the Methodist Epis-