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Newton Cloud was President of the Constitutional Convention of the State of Illinois in 1848. He was a member of the Legislature of his state some two or three terms. He was a consistent Christian, an upright, honorable gentleman in all the relations of life. He was the friend and associate of Lincoln, Douglas, Hardin and Duncan. He exerted a quiet, restraining influence upon the impetuous ardor of politicians. He was true to his God, his family, his church and his country. He was remarkable for his modesty and courtesy, and yet in all the varied responsible positions to which he was called he gave evidence of marked and commanding ability.

REV. JAMES W. HUTCHINSON.

REV. JAMES W. HUTCHINSON was born in Prince Edward's Island, Oct. 6th, 1796, converted at Arnold, Nottinghamshire, England, in 1823, and received on trial in the Illinois Conference in 1846. After traveling one year he retired from the Conference, and was received again in 1854, and continued in the effective work of the Ministry until 1865, and was afterward Superannuated up to the time of his death. He was a good man and true, and an efficient preacher.

REV. GRANVILLE BOND.

From Jan. 14, 1805, to May 31, 1877, embrace the extreme boundaries of the life and labors of the Rev. Granville Bond. Within this comparative brief limit of seventy-two years were crowded the wonderful events of an active and useful life. Human dates and metes are inadequate rules of measurement for a life so active and abundant in labors, but must be extended by the added possibilities of the multiplication of other influences and instrumentalities set in motion by him.

Bro. Bond was born in Nelson Co., Ky., in 1805, where he grew to manhood, and married in 1826, and in 1827 moved to this State to aid in laying the foundations of society and developing the resources of a new country. Here he manfully and heroically shared the hardships and privations of a frontier life. Here he met and conquered difficulties and discouragements that required the courage of a hero and nerves of steel, and made them highways to success and victory. He became a citizen of Brown county, or rather Schuyler county, in 1830.

He was a man very active and industrious in his habits, and was never known to waste precious time in idleness. And even when he was scarcely able to get about he did not hesitate to take hold of various business interests and engage in the most severe manual labor against the wishes of his family and friends, because it was impossible for him to be idle; activity was his normal condition, therefore, a necessity. He did not labor in vain; the Lord blessed his labors, and he accumulated a competence of the goods of this world.

The most important event of his life, and one that he often referred to with pleasure, was his conversion to Christ, which occurred in 1828, nearly fifty years ago. This was the beginning of a new life, the open-