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amusements. But you are aware that times unrestrained by the absence of into improprieties. A little sacrifice on skating may prevent harm and do good. For children to eschew the quite modern the Skating Rink, as little, perhaps you will certainly do a good service. We think, while we profess to have in our or their highest good, if we did not prohibit we believe to be out of harmony, bodily health and religious life. Please suggest that just in proportion to the matter that is furnished to your sons and be disposed to cultivate all the elements require the careful exercise of all before them the papers and books most bring a sufficiency of these you mainly lity of their failure, if there should be heir opportunities for reading

to give your young men and daughters tion, you may be assured that the imy rare. Having the will you will find ng for the accomplishment of your deon Education printed in the Minutes and rare facilities our cherished and is College, affords all young people for tion.

you more spiritual blessings in the coming year, we close this letter already too st lovingly "to God and the Word of st our Lord.

J. S. BARWICK, Ch'm.

Who are admitted on trial?" was taken arles Riggle, Albert M. Molesworth, Bundy, John F. Newcombe, Walter B. Benj. M. Danford, George Praisewater, Bishop coming duly recommended from erences were admitted on trial.

s were adopted: Resolved, That the eturn their thanks to the Chicago & St. Louis & Pacific R. R., for the many e we have received from their hands.

I. S. WARE,

W. F. CLAYTON,

ence of Bishop W. L. Harris among us it to this Conference, has been an ocand satisfaction; and that the earnest e he has discharged his high official npartiality with which he has presided

over our deliberations has won our admiration and has our unqualified endorsement.

RESOLVED, That whenever in the Providence of God he may be sent to us again we will hail it as an occasion of gratification and great pleasure, meanwhile he has our earnest prayers for his safety, health and prosperity

N. SHUMATE,

T. J. FERRIL,

W. J. MARTINDALE,

J. J. BENTLEY,

The action of the Conference appropriating the collections for education to Lewis College was reconsidered, and \$45.00 of this fund was ordered appropriated to the wife of L. N. Taylor, deceased.

The Committee on Memoirs made the following report which was adopted:

MEMOIRS.

REV. L. T. MCNEILY

Levi T. McNeily was born Dec. 17th, 1818, in the State of Virginia. He made a profession of religion in the year 1839 and in 1840 was married to Miss Amy G. Sperry. From the time he experienced the saving power of Christ he became an earnest worker in the church of his choice. As he grew old in the work some of his friends would say, "Brother McNeily you had better locate, and take a rest." His usual reply was, "I will never locate until I locate in Heaven." He often expressed himself as willing to be poor in this world and rich in the world to come rather than to be rich in this world and poor through eternity. His labors as a minister of Christ in the Missouri Conference embrace a period of over nineteen years. He traveled the Middleton Circuit during the years 1866 and 1867. Took a location in 1868 but was made effective in 1869 and sent to the Sturgeon charge. In 1870 he went to the Moberly and Huntsville work. His next appointment was at Shelbyville where he remained two years. Clarence was his next field of labor where he held up the cross for three years. From Clarence the Conference of 1876 sent him to Linneus where for three years he served acceptably the church at that place. For three years more we find him at Unionville; thence with the tramp of a steady soldier, he marches at the Master's command to Milan preaching there three years. At the Conference held at Macon City, Mo., March 19-23, 1885. Bishop Fowler assigned him to the Chillicothe Circuit to which place he went to still battle for the Lord of hosts, but he was nearer the time of his location than he thought. After making but one round on his Circuit, not feeling well he returned to his home at Linneus, where after a few days severe illness, on the 29th day of April, 1885, God gave him a transfer to a "better country" and now he is at rest in his Mansion in his Father's House. A devoted man is

gone from among us, one whose ties of friendship were strong, one whose rest was in action, whose labor was rest

Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

REV. LEWIS H. BOWDLE.

Lewis Henry Bowdle was born in Ohio in the year 1850. Both his father and grandfather were ministers of the gospel. When he was growing up to manhood he had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. His poverty was not an obstacle in his race to the goal. Working on the farm he saved means enough to take one year's course of study in college at Delaware, Ohio. After this he worked his way through Holbrook's Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio. Then coming to Missouri, like some of our noble boys of the present, he, as janitor and afterwards as Librarian paid his way through two years instruction in our own Lewis College. In the summer of 1881 he was appointed by the Presiding Elder of the Hannibal District to supply the Bevier charge, where he was instrumental in bringing about a glorious revival of religion. At the session of the Missouri Conference of 1882, he was admitted on trial and sent to the New Florence circuit. In 1883 he was sent to the Rothville charge, having this year quite a revival at the Mendon appointment. In 1884 he was admitted into full connection and sent to the Laddonia charge where he continued until the close of the summer of 1884, when he was compelled to leave his work. Tubercular Consumption had seized him and the strong will had to yield to its demands. Taking his faithful wife and babe he went to Bates county, Mo., where after suffering till the 23rd day of May, 1885, he crossed over to the "other shore" to await the coming of the loved ones left behind.

Brother Bowdle was a man of decided traits. When he formed a purpose all his energies were bent to its accomplishment. With a seeming cold exterior he had a warm heart; as a Christian devoted; as a student thorough. His sermons were full of thought, pointed and plain. He leaves a sorrowing wife who is an humble sweet-tempered christian lady worthy our prayers and sympathy. May his devoted life and triumphant death be a comfort to her 'till they both shall meet at Jesus feet."

S. W. JONES, Sec.

S. N. WARNER, Ch'm.

REV. L. N. TAYLOR.

Lewis N Taylor died at Evanston, Ill., Sept. 22d, 1885. As a preacher of the Gospel of Christ in the Missouri Conference he served the church with acceptability and success, two years on the Montgomery work and two years at Fulton. Feeling the need of a more thorough preparation for the Gospel Ministry, he went to Evanston, Ill., to pursue a course of Theological study in the Garrett

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