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sad, dream to her who now weeps in widowhood, "quietly wrapped the drapery of his couch around him." Another itinerant pilgrim has joined his brethren, and his blessings rest upon the lonely widow.

J. E. BRANT.

#### WHARTON.

of the heart, at the parsonage in Brooklyn, New York, years. He was born in Clermont county, Pennsylvania, of Isaiah and Margaret Wharton, who gave him the Methodist ministry. While engaged in the ministry he was married to Susan McKinzie, April 6, 1825, and served as an exhorter, in which office, during his ministry, he presented 228 times. He then served as a local preacher, under the influence of Rev. John F. Wright, he was received into the Methodist connection, and was received by the Indiana Conference. From that time till his death he served as a local preacher, never turning aside for other work, and never leaving his charge, from sickness or other cause, to meet his duties. He was invariably present at his annual and quarterly conferences, in charge of Putnamville and Belleville, each two years; John Street, New Albany, each two; Belleville, a second time, one; Corydon, two; Gosport, one; Worthington, one; Blackford Street, Indianapolis, three; and meetings at Mooresville and Mitchell and New Albany, were attended with great revival power, and were loved and respected.

—a loyal Methodist for nearly fifty years. His singular display of emotion, was thoroughly understood, and he often testified, after the service, to grasp the prize. In his religious life he was ardent and loyal. He was especially diligent in holding services, though unable to preach. He died in Brooklyn and at White Lick, where one of his last services was held. After he was afterward asked, as he was growing old, "no Sunday should be recalled, he said "no;" assembling, the devoted pastor was going to the great assembly above.

teous, and in appearance neat and prepossessing. He was summoned often to attend the funerals of those who had the honor of the Conference in his integrity of the church adjudicators, when these met in Indianapolis, at the grave in Crown Hill

Cemetery: "There lies the body of one of the best men I ever knew." If, in the thirty years of distinguished ministry, there was a whisper against his good name, it can not now be recollected.

Conscious until within a few moments before death, he gave directions with reference to the household treasures and the circuit benevolent collections, and after requesting his wife to sing a favorite hymn of their youth, and joining with the children in singing, "There is a fountain filled with blood," he asked the time, and said: "I go to-day; be ye also ready."

JOHN POUCHER.

#### HENRY S. TALBOTT.

Rev. Henry Stanton Talbott, third on the roll of the Indiana Conference, died in Orleans, Indiana, September 8, 1881. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1801, the eighth of eighteen children of James Talbott, who was a local preacher, and for seventy years a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A younger son, John, also was licensed to preach, and is now a member of the Indiana Conference. Henry studied medicine under Dr. Stanton, father of Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, President Lincoln's Secretary of War, and simultaneously was taught the watchmaker's art. The two-fold knowledge thus acquired was often put to good advantage in after life. While yet a youth he came to Indiana, and was married to his present bereaved companion, June 7, 1826, in Spencer county, and they became the parents of ten children, all of whom have joined the Church; and one, Henry J., is a member of the Indiana Conference, and stationed at Meridian Street, Indianapolis. Dr. Talbott was converted under the labors of a minister by the name of Fisher, and in 1830, with E. R. Ames and others, was received on trial by the Illinois Conference at Vincennes, Indiana, and was admitted into full connection at the first session of the Indiana Conference, at New Albany, in 1832, and was ordained deacon by Bishop Roberts, who, two years thereafter, at Connersville, ordained him an elder. He was appointed as junior preacher on Salem Circuit, afterwards in charge of Bedford, then Paoli two years, Supernumerary one year, Lafayette two years, Presiding Elder of Bloomington and Vincennes districts, each two years, Evansville district one year, Vincennes district again four years, pastor at Spencer, Lexington, Hanover, New Washington, Belleville and Gosport Circuits each one year, Presiding Elder of Cannelton district four years, in charge of Centerville, in Spencer county, two years, Financial Agent of Rockport Collegiate Institute two years, in charge of Jonesville, Williamsburgh and Spencer, each one year, agent of Preachers' Aid Society one year, superannuated one year, in charge of Bowling Green two years, Patricksburgh, Freedom, Orleans and Orangeville, each one year, superannuated nine years. During all this time he never failed to be present at the sessions of his Conference, and had fixed his clothes and polished his boots on the day before preparatory to attendance on the session during which he died. At the last session in New Albany, in response to a formal invitation, he delivered a semi-centennial discourse, which attracted a large congregation who were greatly stirred on the occasion.

His funeral was conducted at the family residence, by John Walls, Presiding Elder of the district, and L. F. Cain, his pastor, assisted by representatives from the

Conference, John Laverty, Lealdes Forbes and William Meginnis. He was a delegate to the General Conference at Pittsburgh in 1848, and to that at Indianapolis in 1856. Though extremely modest, he was pushed to the front rank among his brethren. He was an able preacher and sound theologian, clear in his statements and firm in his convictions. Bishop Ames said of him: "He is one of the purest men I ever knew, and a preacher whose hearers are always edified." Loyal to the church and possessed of superior business qualifications, in the eighth year of his ministry he was called to the Presiding Elder's office, which he filled efficiently for fifteen years. As a presiding elder, he governed well; as a pastor, he obeyed readily; as a man, he was conscientious and a hater of all shams. Though small in stature he surmounted all obstacles, and being capable of great endurance he often walked long distances in the accomplishment of his purposes from which he would not be swerved. Like all others, he was sorely tried when superannuation became necessary, but he was still devoted to the church and faithful to the Saviour whom he had so long preached. His last illness dated from June, 1880, when he began to suffer from liver trouble of which he could not be relieved, and, when taken with the last chill, he became unconscious; so that, though he had previously expressed himself as ready and willing for the change, he was unable to bequeath any dying words, but he could not have left any better testimony than that which he did leave—a long and eventful life well and consistently spent in the service of the Master.

JOHN POUCHER,  
JOHN WALLS,  
I. N. THOMPSON.

#### MARY L. HEAVENRIDGE.

Mary L. Heavenridge was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, July 31, 1851. She died in Mitchell, Indiana, May 14, 1881. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and was converted in 1864. She was married December 6, 1871, to Rev. M. S. Heavenridge, now of the Indiana Conference.

With him she traveled Bruceville, Freedom, Carlisle, Prairieton, and Paoli Circuits. One year ago her husband was appointed to Mitchell Station. Thither she went with him to die. Here she closed her labors, and the Saviour came and took her.

She was a woman of rare native ability. She was faithful and industrious in the culture of her powers. She combined these with a warm heart and unswerving loyalty to the church. They eminently fitted her for the position she occupied as the wife of a minister of the gospel of the Lord Jesus.

In all the stations in life she was called upon to fill, she manifested that womanly dignity, and faithfulness in the performance of her duties, that commanded the respect and love of all with whom she came in contact. She never wearied in her labors of love, either for the poor and afflicted, or the church. In her, every soul that was striving for a purer and a higher life, was sure to find sympathy and ready help. She was in love with life, because it was in harmony with her living self. Her life was in harmony with all in nature that was pure and good, because she herself was pure and good.

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J. F. Palmer.  
 J. L. Pitner.

B. F. Rawlins.  
 J. H. Reed.

A. W. Shively.  
 W. C. Smith.  
 John Spears.  
 R. B. Spencer.  
 G. W. Stafford.  
 D. Swartz.

H. J. Talbott.  
 I. N. Thompson.  
 S. W. Troyer.

B. T. Vancleave.

John Walls.  
 E. P. F. Wells.  
 J. S. Woods.

a membership in this Society. Non-

DECEASED MEMBERS.

NAME.	BORN.		Entered Travel- ing Connection.	DIED.		Age. Years in the Ministry.
	Where.	When.		Where.	When.	
John Strange.....	Virginia.....	Nov. 15, 1879...	1811	Indianapolis.....	Dec. 2, 1832....	43 21
Anth. F. Thompson.....	Kentucky.....	Sept. 2, 1806....	1829	Terre Haute.....	May 19, 1833....	27 4
George Locke.....	Mason Co., Ky....	June 8, 1797....	1818	New Albany.....	July 15, 1834....	37 16
Neh. B. Griffith.....	Whitehall, N.Y....	1798.....	1822	St. Joseph Co....	Aug. 22, 1834....	36 12
James Armstrong.....	Ireland.....	1787.....	1821	Laporte Co.....	Sept. 12, 1834....	47 13
Smith L. Robinson.....	Kentucky.....	1806.....	1825	Indianapolis.....	October, 1836....	30 11
John Ray.....	Virginia.....	1768.....	1790	.....	May, 1837.....	69 47
Benj. N. Barnes.....	Southampton Co., Va	Nov. 15, 1808...	1830	Crawfordsville.....	Sept. 6, 1837....	29 7
Sanford S. Williams.....	Hamilton Co., O....	.....	1834	Hamilton Co., O....	May, 1841.....	7
George W. Baker.....	Tennessee.....	May 19, 1808....	1829	Canaan.....	.....	3
John A. Decker.....	.....	.....	1829	Bruceville.....	Oct. 25, 1843....	35 14
John H. Clippenger.....	Vermont.....	1792.....	1835	Princeton.....	August, 1844....	2
Ebenezer Patrick.....	Allegany Co., Pa..	Dec. 14, 1819....	1839	Princeton.....	Aug. 16, 1844....	5
Peter R. Guthrie.....	Virginia.....	Sept. 6, 1818....	1840	Salem.....	Nov. 30, 1844....	25
Daniel S. Elder.....	Morris Co., N. J....	May 22, 1796....	1840	Elizabeth.....	Feb. 28, 1845....	26
Elam Genung.....	New York.....	1806.....	1838	Fredericksburgh..	.....	49
Allen Sears.....	Green Co., O.....	1815.....	1839	Spencer.....	Dec. 4, 1846....	40
Wesley Dorsey.....	Frederick Co., Va..	Jan. 15, 1789....	1817	Indianapolis.....	Aug. 5, 1847....	32
Allen Wiley.....	.....	.....	1846	Vevay.....	July 22, 1848....	60 31
William Coldren.....	Deighton, Eng....	Sept. 20, 1820....	1845	Elizabeth.....	.....	2
James E. Tiffany.....	Pateley Bridge, Eng.	July 24, 1816....	1841	North Madison....	July 18, 1849....	29 4
Walter Prescott.....	Cabell Co., Va....	Oct. 25, 1804....	1835	Madison.....	July 30, 1849....	33 8
Benj. T. Griffith.....	Preble Co., O.....	Jan. 12, 1821....	1847	Manchester.....	Aug. 30, 1849....	45 14
Jacob R. Odell.....	Salem, N. Y.....	.....	1837	Morgantown.....	Sept. 15, 1849....	28 2
Isaac Crawford.....	Philadelphia, Pa..	April 20, 1820....	1846	N. Philadelphia...	Nov. 14, 1849....	12
John L. Eayres.....	Monroe Co., N. Y....	March 15, 1814....	1840	Hillsboro, O.....	Dec. 18, 1849....	30 3
Francis F. Shelden.....	Mercer Co., Pa....	Nov. 2, 1805....	1837	Fairfield.....	Jan. 16, 1850....	36 9
Emmons Rutledge.....	Mt. Sterling, Ky..	1821.....	1845	Prairieton.....	Feb. 8, 1850....	44 12
Wm. C. Hensley.....	Bourbon Co., Ky..	1812.....	1835	Decatur Co.....	1850.....	29 5
Hozier J. Durbin.....	Dearborn Co., Ind..	Dec. 2, 1818....	1844	Princeton.....	Aug. 15, 1851....	39 16
Court. C. Holliday.....	.....	.....	1856	.....	Dec. 1, 1853....	35 9
Thomas M. Thrall.....	Kentucky.....	1824.....	1848	Spencer Co.....	Oct. 28, 1857....	33 9
Julius C. King.....	Ohio.....	Oct. 27, 1833....	1856	Greenc Co.....	March 23, 1859....	25 2
Robert Hannum.....	Sullivan Co., Ind..	Oct. 4, 1825....	1849	Sullivan Co.....	May 9, 1860....	35 11
Josiah Y. McKee.....	Tennessee.....	Aug. 20, 1816....	1852	Clear Spring.....	April 6, 1861....	45 9
Wm. K. Richards.....	Dubois Co., Ind..	Sept. 29, 1820....	1858	Gibson Co.....	Aug. 6, 1861....	41 3
John Mickler.....	Oldham Co., Ky....	Jan. 1, 1820....	1853	Yancketown.....	Oct. 15, 1861....	41 8
James B. Admire.....	Kentucky.....	.....	1849	Gospport.....	Dec. 10, 1862....	13
Wm. S. Carter.....	Spencer, Ind.....	Sept. 12, 1829....	1859	Linton.....	May 7, 1863....	34 4
John F. Allison.....	Virginia.....	May 12, 1791....	1812	Washington Co....	May 20, 1866....	72 51
Wm. Shanks.....	Clermont Co., O....	Feb. 14, 1819....	1851	Martinsville.....	Dec. 3, 1863....	45 12
Stephen B. Sutton.....	Frederick Co., Md..	Jan. 30, 1820....	1836	New Lebanon.....	Jan. 9, 1864....	64 28
Ezra L. Kemp.....	Putnamville, Ind..	June 18, 1838....	1860	Worthington.....	Sept. 13, 1864....	26 4
Leander L. Welker.....	Sandwich, N. H....	Sept. 16, 1827....	1855	Evansville.....	March 2, 1865....	37 10
Albion Fellows.....	Poscy Co., Ind....	May 24, 1837....	1859	Martin Co.....	May 3, 1865....	28 6
Jas. E. McKeynolds.....	Dubois Co., Ind..	1844.....	1867	Jonesville.....	April 25, 1868....	24 7 1/2
Samuel Reed.....	Union Co., O.....	Nov. 18, 1816....	1839	Newburgh.....	Feb. 6, 1869....	52 29
Benj. F. Newland.....	Lawrence Co., Ind..	Jan. 28, 1823....	1859	Bedford.....	Oct. 22, 1869....	47 10
Constant B. Jones.....	Vermont.....	April 6, 1798....	1835	Wabash.....	May 8, 1870....	72 35
Benjamin F. Torr.....	Butler Co., O.....	July 24, 1838....	1860	New Albany.....	Nov. 4, 1870....	32 10
Thomas A. Whitted.....	North Carolina....	Jan. 3, 1810....	1853	Quincy.....	April 1, 1871....	61 18
Steph. I. Ravenscroft.....	Staffordshire, Eng.	March 6, 1803....	1829	Petersburgh.....	Oct. 20, 1871....	69 32
Wm. T. Erwin.....	Gettysburg, Pa....	Dec. 22, 1843....	1865	New Harmony.....	Nov. 20, 1874....	51 9
John H. Clippinger.....	Trumbull Co., O....	Feb. 22, 1831....	1838	McCatchanville..	May 23, 1875....	44 20
Cyrus Nutt.....	Ohio.....	June 3, 1817....	1857	Bloomington.....	Aug. 23, 1875....	61 37
Nich. M. Patterson.....	Indiana.....	1849.....	1875	Warrick Co.....	April 17, 1876....	59 19
Samuel Bostick.....	Cataragus Co., N.Y.	Dec. 25, 1809....	1831	Daviess Co.....	Oct. 25, 1876....	27 1
Hiram Gillmore.....	Virginia.....	Dec. 23, 1805....	1845	Tolono, Ill.....	Aug. 20, 1877....	68 46
Hartwell T. Burge.....	Baltimore, Md....	Oct. 18, 1792....	1844	Patoka.....	Aug. 20, 1877....	72 32
John Schrader.....	New York.....	June 7, 1813....	1837	Poscyville.....	April 15, 1879....	86 65
Silas Rawson.....	Sullivan Co., Ind..	Sept. 15, 1831....	1838	Emporia, Kansas..	April 18, 1880....	67 43
John H. Lester.....	Marion Co., Iowa..	Oct. 26, 1849....	1880	Graysville.....	May 27, 1880....	49 22
Alex. M. Kelsey.....	England.....	.....	1869	New Albany.....	Oct. 7, 1880....	31 2
David Morden.....	Spencer Co., Ind..	June, 1857.....	1875	Dover Hill.....	September, 1880..	11
John W. Kincaid.....	Clermont Co., O....	March 6, 1820....	1851	Springfield.....	Oct. 29, 1880....	23 5
Joseph Wharton.....	Westmore'd Co., Pa	Nov. 18, 1801....	1830	Brooklyn.....	May 29, 1881....	61 30
Henry S. Talbott.....	Clark Co., Ind.....	April 4, 1819....	1849	Orleans.....	Sept. 8, 1881....	80 51
Francis M. Hedden.....	.....	.....	.....	Linton.....	July 31, 1882....	63 33
Wm. H. Cornelius.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

NOTE.—Benjamin C. Stephenson and Wm. Moore, members of the Illinois Conference, and appointed to Charges within the geographical limits of Indiana, died during the year 1831-32, and their deaths were reported to the Indiana Conference.

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