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would be holding revival meetings, exhorting sinners, and leading the penitent to Christ for salvation. Then he would be facing the storms and enduring the hardships of circuit life that he might take a glorious gospel to dying men. At these times his face would glow as the setting of a cloudless sun, and his eye kindle with delight as he recounted the victories of the cross of Christ. Thus he spent the closing years of his earthly life, while a devoted daughter ministered to every need of an honored and beloved father. Those who had known him for many years were not surprised that he went down into the valley trusting in the Savior, whose love and compassion he had preached for so many years. We were not astonished at his hallelujahs, nor his ascriptions of praise to God. This, to him, was a life-long habit. He left a glorious testimony to his friends of the power of divine grace to support a soul in the hour of death. "My Father, my father," he said, "I will say my father as long as I can." "Pardon through grace, glory to God" were the words which fell from his lips as his pastor was watching at his bedside one day. To his daughter he said, "I am going Home." Thus died the old soldier of the Cross, whose name we remember with gratitude at this time. He was faithful unto death, and has received his crown of eternal life. George F. Reynolds, A. R. Grant and the writer spoke briefly at the funeral services. Twelve of his brethren in the Conference followed his casket to the grave, where we laid him away until the resurrection morn.

B. F. SANFORD.

REV. J. G. WHITFORD.

James Grey Whitford, son of Green and Hannah Whitford, was born at Crown Point, Essex county, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1810, and died in triumph at Volga, Ia., Sept. 25, 1900. Fatherless at sixteen years of age and his mother in destitute circumstances, he was taken by Mr. Thomas Jewett, in Waybridge, Vt., with whom he lived until twenty years of age. His opportunities for education were meager; attending school only in winter.

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The Rev. Whitford was converted at the age of eighteen under the ministry of the Rev. John C. Green. Licensed to exhort by James Z. Nichol, March 3, 1830, and to preach by Tobias Spicer, on July 13, 1833, at which time he was recommended to the Troy annual conference, his health failing in a few months he removed west and in 1837 joined the Illinois Conference and was appointed to the Crown King Mission among the Chippewa Indians under the Rev. Alfred Bronson. The next year he was left without appointment, health having been impaired by exposure, and discouragement. On Sept. 15, 1839, he was ordained as a local deacon by Bishop Morris and again received on trial in Rock River conference. In 1841 he was received into full membership and ordained elder by Bishop Morris. In 1842 he was appointed to Burlington, Ia., remaining two years. At the division of the Rock River Conference, he fell into the Iowa Conference, but was transferred back in 1844 to Rock River; his subsequent appointments were Plattville, Dodgeville, Hamilton Grove, Mineral Point and South Grove Circuit, each one year. In 1851 Brother Whitford was superannuated, which relation he has since held, although at times acting as a supply.

His pastor at Volga, Ia., where Brother Whitford has resided for years, says of him, "Father Whitford was a dear, good man, beloved by every one." He died in triumph being within less than two months of 90 years old.

Surely the words of Eliphaz, the Te-manite, were fulfilled in him, "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age as a shock of corn cometh in his season."

STEPHEN SMITH.

MRS. W. M. TREVER.

Miss Elizabeth White was born in Metheringham, England, April 12, 1835, and died at the home of her son, J. H. Trever in Antigo Oct. 28, 1899. Had she lived until the following April, she would have been sixty-five years of age.

She was married to Rev. W. M. Trever in 1858, to whom she was a faithful wife and help-meet in the ministry. In

DIRECTORY OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.—Continued.

Entered Ministry.	MEMBERS.	APPOINTMENTS.	Years.	POST OFFICE.
1888	Sheard, S. A.	Brandon		
1884	Sherwin, F. B.	Milton and Lima	3	Brandon
1895	Short, G. R.	Winneconne and Clemansville	4	Milton
	Smith, O. W.	Angelica	3	Winneconne
1856	Smith, Stephen	Zion	1	Angelica
	Sproves, T. W.	Tomahawk	5	Oshkosh
1894	Soule, W. W.	Oneida Indian Mission	1	Tomahawk
	Sowles, L. L.	Supply, Wautoma	6	Oneida
	Stair, P. F.	Wittenberg	1	Wautoma
1890	Starkweather, C. M.	Milton Jc. and Koshkonong	1	Wittenberg
1892	Stephens, A. W.	Merrill	1	Milton Junction
1880	Stevens, W. W.	Janesville District	1	Merrill
1891	Stone, H. D.	Suply, Stockbridge	1	Janesville
1893	Stretton, J. T.	West Bend	1	Stockbridge
1857	Suffron, J. T.	Superannuate	2	West Bend
1883	Symons, E. J.	Edgerton	19	Randolph
			3	Edgerton
1863	Terry, M. S.	Prof. in Garrett Biblical Inst.	13	Evanston, Ill.
1888	Tippet, J. H.	Stevens Point	3	Stevens Point
	Trenery, M. J.	Park Place	1	Milwaukee
1870	Trenery, J. V.	Sheboygan Falls	3	Sheboygan Falls
1899	Trever, A. A.	At School	1	
1883	Trever, G. H.	Washington Ave., Milwaukee	5	190 27th St.
	Tuttle, C. A.	Byron and Leroy	1	South Byron
1889	Turner, C. Wesley	New London	2	New London
	Upson, E. D.	Supply, Jacksonport	1	Jacksonport
1858	Van Voris, Jackson	Superannuate	2	Americus, Kas.
1878	Varty, John	Superannuate	15	Chicago, Ill.
1886	Vater, Geo.	Delavan and Darien	1	Delavan
1860	Walker, Thomas	Supernumerary	3	Rhinclander
	Warner, W. W.	Lake Mills and Milford	2	Lake Mills
	Weed, C. E.	Waterford and Caldwell	1	Waterford
1876	White, B. T.	Waterloo and York	3	Waterloo
1879	White, G. W.	Sheboygan	2	Sheboygan
	Whitford, J. G.	Superannuate	51	Volga City, Ia.
1836	Whitney, J. W.	Superannuate	16	Ripon
1889	Williams, T. D.	Marinette	1	Marinette
1884	Wills, John	Union Grove	3	Union Grove
1875	Wilson, W. W.	North Prairie and Eagle	1	North Prairie
1871	Woolverton, I. M.	Supernumerary	2	Osage, Ia.
	Woods, J. D.	Sun Prairie and Bristol	1	Sun Prairie
1858	Woodhead, J. T.	Superannuate	9	Omro
1885	Woodside, W. W.	First Church	2	Janesville
1892	Woodward, Dan	Randolph and Courtland	3	Randolph
1875	Woodward, J. M.	Orfordville and Plymouth	1	Orfordville
	Zoerb, F. C.	Eureka	2	Eureka

NAMES AT
 Ames, Mrs. W.
 Beecher, Mrs. H.
 Foot, Mrs. J. L.
 Frink, Mrs. H.
 Hill, Mrs. M. Z.
 Penna and
 Indianapolis
 Hubbs, Mrs. G.
 Lang, Mrs. Emi
 McFarlane, Mrs.
 Mead, Mrs. A. I.
 Rockford,
 Orcutt, Mrs. H.
 Parsons, Mrs. F.