

be moved with the family. He reached home the following February, to find that his faithful wife had made all necessary preparations. During this journey home, he encountered some serious difficulties in fording streams, and among wolves, but was providentially preserved from the violence of either. In June, 1836, he put the material for the house into the boat, with two families beside his own; descended French Creek and the Alleghany River to Pittsburg. There he tied to a steamboat, and was towed to St. Louis. Then he tied to another steamer, and was towed to Prairie du Chien, nineteen hundred and fifty miles by water from Meadville. He reached his destination July 16, 1836. Owing to the pressing wants of the district, the house was not erected until the next spring. He was the first Methodist preacher who ever set foot on the soil north of the Wisconsin River. In 1839 he was compelled to resign his ministerial labors because of ill health. Being now without income, he accepted several offices of low grade, and, being desirous to attend to matters in court, he was admitted to the bar on the ground of his former law-reading, and practised for ten years. In 1840 he was elected to the Territorial legislature. In 1842 he was appointed Indian agent at La Pointe in Lake Superior. In 1846 his wife, two daughters, and son-in-law died. In 1850 he was a candidate for the circuit judgeship, but was defeated by those who guarded the rum-traffic. He returned to the ministry, and was appointed at Mineral Point. In 1853 he was made presiding elder of Prairie du Chien district, which included an extensive territory. Under his administration, it was made to flourish, and bear precious fruit, and, at the close of his term of service, was divided into two districts. In 1856 he, with many others, invested largely in railroad stock, being deceived by false representations, and lost all they had. In 1862 he was made chaplain in the army; went as far as Kentucky, where he was taken ill, and was compelled to resign his position. In 1867, having partially recovered, he was made effective in the ministry, and was made presiding elder of a district, but was subsequently twice re-appointed to other districts. At the close of his four-years' service, he was compelled to retire on account of ill health.

During his ministry, he has been sixteen years a presiding elder, and a

delegate to the General Conference four times; has written much for both religious and secular journals; assisted in building about thirty churches; has been instrumental in saving many souls; has preached thousands of sermons; and now, in his eighty-third year, can look back over sixty years of honest endeavors to serve God "with a perfect heart and a willing mind," having no regrets, except that he has not done more good, and lived more holy; and is now waiting the call of his divine Master to a better and happier clime.

*Mrs. Emma Brunson.*—She was born in Fairfield, near Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 21, 1791. Her maiden name was Burr. She was a distant relative of Aaron Burr. She was married to Alfred Brunson in August, 1811, and emigrated with her husband to Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1818. Her husband becoming a Methodist minister in 1813, she was made subject to frequent removals, and shared with him the toils and the privations of his life. During her married life, she resided in Painesville, Youngstown, and Hubbard, in Ohio, Detroit in Michigan, Alleghany City and Meadville, Penn., and Prairie du Chien, Wis. In 1836 she removed to the last-named place. She died in that village, in 1846, at the age of fifty-five. She was the mother of eight children, all of whom attained their majority. Mrs. Brunson was an intelligent, motherly woman, one who sympathized deeply with the afflicted. She often invited to her house young men who were sick, and away from their own home, and nursed them with a mother's care. By her affectionate kindness and attention, she obtained the cognomen of "Mother Brunson." She was universally respected and beloved by all who were acquainted with her. Four of her children are still living. Judge Ira B. Brunson is the only one residing in this State. One of her daughters, the wife of the late Thomas P. Burnet, died the same day that her husband died, and three weeks after her mother's death.

*ORLANDO W. WIGHT, A.M., M.D.*—He was born in Centerville, Alleghany County, N.Y., Feb. 19, 1824. His father was a native of New England, and a descendant of Thomas Wight, who emigrated from the Isle of Wight in 1637, and settled at Dedham, Mass. His mother was a Van Buren, and was related to the ex-president. When a