The following brethren, being Elders, agreeably to the terms of the union, were entitled to a seat in Conference, but were not present:—R. Bloomfield, B. P. Brown, T. Cole, J. Haney, J. Marshall, W. Martin, D. Nickerson, H. Plum, J. Reed, J. Sheldon, J. Williams, A. Smith, R. Geary, H. N. Kimball, J. Gear, C. Cope.

QUESTION 2. Have the characters of the ministers been ex-

amined?

Ans. They have, with impartiality.

Ques. 3. Who have been ordained Elders?

Ans. Thomas T. Howard; E. Van Norman\* and William Ramage.\*

Ques. 4. Who remain on trial?

Ans. James Laidley, (he has travelled three years,) W. Ramage, J. Simpson, E. Van Norman, and Frederick Powers, (these have travelled two years,) Francis Hunt, Thomas Goldsmith, Daniel S. Star, Paul West, Daniel Blake, John Howlet, S. Piper, (these have travelled one year.)

Ques. 5. What preachers are now received on trial.

Ans. Frederick Haynes, Francis Weaver, Owen Campbell, Selim Pettit, James Jolliffe.

Ques. 6. Who has been expelled?

Ans. James Craig.

QUES. 7. Who has died during the year?

Ans. Gore Atkin Bell. Our highly esteemed and deeply lamented brother Gore Atkin Bell, came to his end, on the third day of last July, aged twenty-seven years, one month and eighteen days. He was a young man of sound religious experience, deep piety, and as a minister, possessed talents of a very promising character. His death was occasioned by a mysterious Providence, which we cannot fathom. Having preached twice on the Lord's day, and on his return home ward in the evening, he was struck with lightning and instantly expired. Clad in the armour of righteousness, and wielding the sword of the Spirit, with his face to the enemy, he fell in the field of conflict. And although a numerous circle of relatives were left to mourn the unexpected event; yet we have reason to believe that his Master dismissed him from his labors, and received him to rest.

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