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REV. ALVIN G. WHITE died at Lincoln, Nebraska,, 1884. He was born at Northfield, Massachusetts, June 18, 1833. He early in life moved to New Hampshire, and was called at that time into the ministry. He was licensed as a local preacher in 1853, while in the Wesleyan University. On account of failing health he was not able to finish the college course. He moved to Illinois in 1855, and taught school for two years. In 1857 he joined the Rock River conference, and during the year was married in 1843 to Miss Ella Thompson. In 1858 he transferred to Nebraska, and served as a supply for one year on the Brownville charge. He entered the Nebraska conference in the spring of 1860, and was returned to Brownville. He then served the church at Pawnee City for one year. His next field was Fort Calhoun, where he labored for two years. Then for three years he was chaplain in the United States army. He was then made presiding elder, and in this field he did the most important work of his life, and had his greatest usefulness. He served a full term on the Omaha district, when that district covered an area of 20,000 square miles. In this field his able ministrations, his untiring labors, his wise counsels, his care for the preachers and their families, and his urbane deportment greatly endeared him to all the people in that portion of the state.

He then served the full term as presiding elder on the Kearney district. When he began that work there was not a church nor a parsonage in that district, which comprised a territory larger than the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. He was then appointed to Lincoln district. At the end of two years he was appointed to the South Bend charge, where he labored one year. Then his work for the next two years was on the Roca and Bennett charge. The last year of his ministerial life was spent at Wahoo.