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REV. WILLIAM McCANDLISH.

Rev. WM. McCANDLISH died at Omaha, Nebraska, August 5th, 1884. He was born in Scotland; came to America when he was seven years old. He was educated for the ministry at Washington college, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, and was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian denomination in 1837, and has been actively engaged in that service and in the bible cause from that date to the very hour of his death, having but returned from carrying a bible to a neighbor at 9:40 in the morning. He complained of coldness in the feet, lay down on his bed and passed away as quietly as a tired child would drop to sleep. He leaves a wife and three children, residents of Nebraska, in which state Mr. McCandlish had made his home almost continuously since 1858.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF REV. WILLIAM McCANDLISH.

Rev. William McCandlish was born September 12th, 1810, in Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland; he came with his parents to Newville, Pennsylvania, in 1817. At the age of 15 he commenced teaching school. He afterwards went to Canonsburgh, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1834; then went to Allegheny Theological Seminary, and in 1837 he was ordained a minister in the Presbyterian church. He preached a few months in New York, then accepted a call to the church in Wooster, Ohio. He was married to Miss Maria Howells, in Allegheny City, September 10th, 1838. In 1849 he removed to the church in Lewiston, Illinois; in 1854, to a church in Quincy, Illinois.

In 1858 he went to Fontenelle, Nebraska, with his wife, four sons, and one daughter. The two oldest sons entered the army in 1862; the second son, Theodore, died in the army November 26th, 1862.

Mr. McCandlish acted as missionary in different places in Nebraska and Iowa. In 1868 he removed with his family to Omaha, and accepted the position of agent for the American Bible Society for the states of Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, and sometimes for Dakota and Utah. Mr. McCandlish died at his home in Omaha, August 4, 1884.