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Preble.

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We learn that Dr. Simmons Terwilliger, of Belvidere, Ill., the son of Green Terwilliger, who is well known here by our older citizens, died Oct. 27, 1883, after a sickness of eight days. He was 64 years of age. His father and his uncle, Gilbert and Abram Terwilliger, lived on the farm in Bennett Hollow that is now owned by the latter, who is now a man of about 81 years of age, who enjoys unusual good health, and is capable of transacting any business that may come before him. He is the only one that is left of the family. He also attends church every Sabbath, and is remarkably smart for a man of that age.

Dr. Terwilliger was born on the farm of Abram Terwilliger June 17, 1820. He lived at his father's, working on the farm summers and teaching school winters till 1844, when he began the study of medicine with Dr. Burdick, the father of Dr. Dan. After two years of office study, he left home for Buffalo to attend medical college. After spending a year there, he went on west to Chicago, where he completed his course, graduating from Rush Medical College. He then entered upon the practice of his profession at Algonquin, Ill., for which by his keen perception and good judgment he seemed unusually well qualified; but poor health, together with a shrinking from the great responsibility of the physician, soon led him to abandon professional and enter mercantile life.

On making this change in his work, he came back to Preble and was married. After a short stay here, he went to Belvidere, where he was engaged in the drug, hardware and furniture business till 1860, when he made a trip to Pike's Peak, more for his health than for the profits of the mines. A short time after his return he engaged in the furniture business, but failing health again compelled him to retire from active work. After a rest and the prospect of returning health, he decided to engage in a work that would take him more into the open air, and he therefore built the North Side cheese factory, the first one that was built in Boone county, which he managed successfully for a few years. After this he bought out W.W. Fuller's drug store, but sold out in 1875 to A.O. Williams & Co., and retired from mercantile life.

In all his business career he was a careful, cautious and successful man. Not what others thought or said or did, but what his own conscience said was right, was the guide in all the transactions of his life. He was ever mindful of that rule, "Do unto others as you would others should do unto you." In early life he accepted the religious faith his father and mother held, and united with the M.E. Church; but after thinking more for himself he was

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convinced that the Universalist Church was more in accord with his religious ideas, and he united with that Church. In that he has since lived a consistent, Christian life. Only three days before his death, with his family gathered around his bedside, he committed them to the care of Him in whom he trusted, and gradually growing weaker, finally, at seven o'clock Saturday evening, peacefully went to sleep.

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