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PHILADELPHIA, PENNA., December, 1873.

COMRADES: So few changes have occurred during the past year, that it seems scarcely necessary to make a report, were it not advisable to keep a record of re-union proceedings at Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo., on July 4th, last.

Owing to most of the members of the old 62nd, being engaged in agricultural pursuits, and the harvest occurring unusually late, the attendance was small, but all who were there considered themselves amply repaid for the expense and trouble of the journey.

GENERAL BARRETT, was at or near Arkansas City, Kansas, upon surveying business.

MAJ. LOMBAR, was prevented from attending, by the sudden and serious illness of his wife.

COL. WEAVER, by Press of a variety of business.

MAJ. MILLER, we were informed, had just taken unto himself a wife and "therefore he could not come."

MAJ. LOOBY, was physically unable to travel, though better than he was a year ago, and

CAPT. STEWART, had been obliged to go to Boston, to be doctored for an Asthmatic affection.

Nothing whatever has been heard from Adamson or Robinson.

No report, of the whereabouts of Winslow, Franzman or Kantrener, since last year.

Address and occupation of all our comrades still the same: except Major Parsons, who is now engaged in Banking at Edina, Mo., and Capt Foster, farming and preaching at Osborn City, Osborn County, Kansas.

WEAVER, paid us a visit in November, he flourisheth.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE RE-UNION.

"At a meeting of the surviving Officers and Soldiers of the 62nd Regiment, U. S. C. I., held at Lincoln Institute, in Jefferson City, Mo., July 4th, 1873, after a full and free discussion in regard to the management, by the Board of Trustees of Lincoln Institute, of the trust confided to them in the year 1866:—it was.

Resolved, That we fully appreciate their patriotism and philanthropic services in conducting the business of the Institute through numerous and trying difficulties to ultimate success.

Resolved, That we approve the general management of the affairs of the Institute, especially in the matter of erecting so superior a building, for the purpose, with so little expenditure of money; in paying special attention to the selection of such persons as scholars, from the too great number of applicants, of those who would most likely become teachers of the Colored Race, and in keeping the School free of Sectarian control.

Resolved, That our thanks and the thanks of the whole community, are due to those noble Teachers, who, through storms of abuse and neglect, and for very small compensation (sometimes for no pay) have given their services to this School, and have constantly maintained the highest standard of morality therein.

Resolved, That to Captain R. B. Foster, to whom was first confided, the duty of organizing Lincoln Institute, and who for years served faithfully in our behalf, is due the highest meed of praise, and we regret that unavoidable circumstances compelled his separation from immediate connection therewith.

Resolved That we give credit to the State of Missouri, for what it has done for the Education of the colored people; but we deem that one forward step ought to be now taken, viz; That in a district in which no separate colored school is provided, for whatever reason, the public school be open to all without distinction of Color".

SIGNED, { DAVID BRANSON,
HENRY R. PARSONS, } Committee.
JOHN JEFFREYS,

The following Associated Press dispatch, was sent from Jefferson City, to the Newspapers throughout the Country on July 5th.

LINCOLN INSTITUTE AT JEFFERSON CITY.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 5.—The first re-union of the 62nd Regiment, colored infantry, with whom was originated the idea of Lincoln Institute, and who furnished the first five thousand dollars with which to found it, was held here yesterday. The regiment being very widely scattered, the members were from all parts of the country.

Resolutions were adopted declaring the Institute a success, and expressing approval of the general management by board of Trustees, especially in regard to economy, selection of pupils with view to training teachers for the colored race, and keeping the school free from sectarian control, also returning thanks to the teachers for services as such, and for keeping up a high standard of morality among the scholars; also calling on the State of Missouri to allow admission of colored children into public schools where from any cause no separate school is provided.

Immediately after the re-union, myself and wife made the overland trip to Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California: enjoyed ourselves hugely and met many old friends. Business affairs here reasonably prosperous and health of self and family good, ditto that of our mutual friend Baillie.

Ever Yours, DAVID BRANSON.