

## Our Dead.

**Rev. George C. Warvel** was born near Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio, Nov. 21, 1825, and died at his home near Hamilton, Ohio, March 10, 1903, aged 77 years, 5 months, and 17 days. He was married to Margaret Ann Oliver, May 16, 1849. One daughter, Mrs. Johns, of Miltonville, Ohio, was the fruit of this union. His companion died November 15, 1851, and he was again married, to Mrs. Eliza Ann Wheat. To this union were born five children. Two of whom, a son and daughter, are still living. He was converted when but a boy and joined the church of the United Brethren in Christ, thus giving his entire life to the service of his Master. Soon after his conversion, he felt the Lord calling him to preach the gospel. He gave himself to the work of the ministry and on the 15 of September 1853 was ordained to the office of an elder by Bishop J. J. Glosbrenner. From that time he was an active itinerant and for many years a faithful herald of the cross. His ministry was blessed with many gracious revivals and through his efforts many souls were won to Christ. His genial nature and good, christian spirit made him a soul-winner. His courage was undaunted. He was a man who was not afraid to stand up full length for the right, even though he stood alone. At the time of the division in 1889, he stood firm for the long cherished principles of the church. He and one or two others were the only ministers of Miami conference who staid with the church. Since the division, he was a member of the Anglaize conference, and did some work as an itinerant in that conference. The brethren of Zanesville circuit will remember him as their pastor. He was a plain, practical, powerful preacher. He was not in the "business of the ministry" so much as the "business of the ministry" was in him. He loved to preach and the people loved to hear him. At an annual conference, a few years ago, Brother Warvel was called upon to preach one evening. His subject was "The Gospel Plow." After preaching for some time with great power, he turned to Rev. D. F. Thomas who was sitting in the pulpit and exclaimed, "Brother Thomas, maybe I'm plowing too deep." "Let 'er down!" said Brother Thomas. "Amen!" said many others. During the war of the rebellion, he enlisted in Co. E. 167 Q. V. I. and was commissioned captain of his company which he recruited. He was also chaplain of his regiment. He held prayer meetings, and preached to the boys every Sabbath. In all these relations he was faithful in the performance of duty. He was loyal both to his country and his Lord. As the infirmities of age came on, he gave up the active work of the ministry, but did not lose his interest in the work of the Master. Near the close of his life, he said, "Nothing would please me more in this world than to be able to preach the gospel as in former years." His last sermon was preached at Mt. Olivet, on Germantown circuit, September 3, 1900. He preached the gospel over half a century. His last wife died Oct. 11, 1899, since which time he lived at home with his son and daughter who tenderly cared for him during his afflictions which were lingering and at times severe. He made all arrangements for his funeral and said he was ready and anxiously waiting to go home to heaven. He died in great peace. Thus another faithful man of God has fallen. How triumphant his death! How glorious the victory! God grant that his mantle may fall upon some one else. He leaves one son, two daughters, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn. May they all meet in heaven. The funeral service was conducted from his home by the writer, assisted by Rev. G. W. Hamilton of the Liberal church, after which he was laid to rest in the Hamilton cemetery.

W. H. KINDEL.

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**Elizabeth E. Goudy**, daughter of Rev. O. and Mary Jennings, was born in Ashland county, Ohio, April 22, 1844, and died in Newcastle, Ind., March 7, 1903. Her father and mother came to Newcastle in 1867. In 1869 she was married to Wm. C. Goudy. Two children were born to them who, with their father, survive. She died very suddenly, only complained of not feeling well, no one thought the end so near. Heart failure is believed to be the cause of her death. She was a faithful companion and sister, a kind and indulgent mother, sacrificing for the comfort and welfare of her children. The funeral was preached at the residence in Newcastle, March 10. Burial at South Mound.

JOHN JACKSON

**William Utz** was born near Pymont, in Preble county, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1857, and died at his home in Montgomery county, Ohio, March 20, 1903, aged 46 years, 1 month, and 23 days. He was converted while yet a boy and joined the U. B. church at Pymont, Ohio, and was faithful in the discharge of his Christian duty for a time, but, like many others, he strayed away from the fold. From that time he lived a strictly moral life and was honest in all his dealings with his fellow man. But near the close of his life, he realized the need of his Savior and sought and found him precious to his soul. We took him into the church one Sabbath and the next Sabbath preached his funeral. He had his children who are not saved promise to meet him in heaven. He leaves a wife, four children, five brothers, three sisters, and many other friends and relatives to mourn. God bless his companion, and may the children all get ready to meet father in heaven. Funeral by the writer, assisted by Rev. Pruner of the Liberal church.

W. H. KINDEL.

**Abraham Zehring**, son of Barnard and Elizabeth Zehring, was born near Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio, and died at Brookville, Ohio, March 4, 1903, aged about 70 years. During his entire life, which was one of affliction from infancy, he was religiously inclined and seemed to take great pleasure in singing the songs of Zion. He often talked about heaven and was prepared to go. Among his last words were, "I want to go where Jesus is." He leaves two brothers, two sisters and many other relatives and friends to mourn. God bless and comfort the bereaved ones and may all meet in heaven. The funeral was preached by the writer, after which the remains were taken to Germantown, Ohio, for interment.

W. H. KINDEL.

**Costa Alice**, infant child of Isaac and Jennie Gearhart of near Johnsville, Ohio, was born November 8, 1901, died February 18, 1903, aged 1 year, 3 months, and 10 days. 'Tis sad to part with our loved ones, but we shall meet them by and by if we are good. Funeral by the writer.

W. H. KINDEL.

**Ezra Horton** was born at Cambridge, Mich. August 29, 1849, and died at his home in Blissfield township, Michigan, March 2, 1903, aged 53 years, 6 months, and three days. He was married to Sarah J. Bell September 10, 1876. To them were born five children. He leaves a wife and four sons to mourn their great loss. He was a very kind and devoted husband and father. About ten years ago he experienced salvation, but yielding to temptation he fell from grace. He however gave evidence of

having renewed his covenant in the early part of his sickness which was of long duration. The funeral services were conducted by the writer and the body interred in the cemetery at Rome, Lenawee county, Michigan.

E. C. MASON.

**Minnie E. Werner** (nee) **Livingston**, was born at Elliot, Ford county, Illinois, February 17, 1879, and died in Nemaha county, Kansas, January 31, 1903, aged 23 years, 11 months, and 14 days. She leaves a husband, two children, a mother and five brothers to mourn their loss. She was loved by all who knew her. We believe her to be at rest with her Christ as she often prayed and was glad to have us read the Bible and pray with her. May the Lord bless the bereaved ones and may they be ready to go when the Master calls them. The funeral was preached by the writer.

T. P. STEWART.

**Lucile Sabina Hill**, daughter of Lon and Cora Hill, was born near Clifton, Washington county, Kansas, December 9, 1901, and died March 17, 1903, aged 1 year, 3 months and 8 days. The good Shepherd has taken another lamb to his bosom and borne it to the heavenly fold. May the loving parents follow the dear one to the heaven above is our prayer.

J. C. HOPE.

**Rebecca (Blackford) Holcomb** was born in Ohio, October 5, 1825, and died in Robison, Brown county, Kansas, March 12, 1903, at the age of 77 years, 5 months and 7 days. She was married to Zephaniah Holcomb, February 24, 1845. To this union nine children were born, seven of whom are now living. They came to Kansas in 1862 and have lived in Brown county, nearly ever since. She united with the Baptist church when 18 years of age and in 1855 she united with the U. B. church and remained a member of this church until she joined the church triumphant where her husband preceded her three years ago. Their home was always open for religious services. They were ever ready to assist in any reform work. When war was waged against the liquor criminals of Robison they assisted with their prayers, voice, vote, and cash although over 70 years of age. She requested the privilege of furnishing the oil used in the church during the last protracted meeting, thus to the very last she sought to render assistance to the cause of her Master in a substantial manner. She was laid to rest by the side of her companion in the Robison cemetery. May God bless the children and friends.

J. C. HOPE.

### In Memoriam.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Quarterly conference of Branch circuit, North Ohio conference:

**RESOLVED**, That in the death of Brother George McEnderfer the church has lost a valued, steadfast member, one always ready with financial aid for all her needs, and with quiet firmness in upholding her principles, and one whose house will long be remembered as the preachers' home.

**RESOLVED**, That while we greatly deplore our loss, we do humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

**RESOLVED**, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved widow and family in their loss of husband and father, hoping that we shall all so live that we may meet in the sweet by and by.

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the family and that one be sent to the CONSERVATOR for publication.

VALERIA CRUE,  
SABINA BRUNSON, } Com.  
WM. PEEPERS.