

Our Dead.

Nancy J. Thomas was born in Green county, New York, March 28, 1828, and died at her home in Cedar Creek township, Allen county, Indiana, February 6, 1912, aged 83 years, 10 months, 8 days. When but a small child she came to Ft. Wayne with her parents Riley and Polly Griswald. She was united in marriage to Rev. Michael Thomas in 1849. To them were born eleven children, five of whom have preceded their mother home. Those remaining are M. C. and F. J. Thomas of Oklahoma, E. E. Foster of Wolf Lake, Indiana, E. V. Ashley and E. M. Paff of Allen county, and C. R. Thomas of Orland, Indiana. She also leaves four step children, D. W. Thomas of Elkhart, Indiana, W. S. Thomas of Wolf Lake, Indiana, J. G. Thomas of California and L. I. Henderson of Hudson, Michigan, and one sister Ashley and Joseph Griswald and A. E. Moring, all of Allen county, Indiana. She was converted and joined the Methodist church when sixteen years of age, afterward she with her husband joined the United Brethren church. She was a good neighbor, a loving and kind mother, a devoted Christian and a faithful member of the church which she loved until death. Funeral services February 8, 1912 at the M. E. church, Cedarville, Indiana, conducted by the writer. Burial in the Leo cemetery. H. V. CLARK.

Mrs. Fred C. Bowers, a former resident of Charlotte, died at her home in Lansing, Michigan, February 6, 1912, after a long illness from tuberculosis. Mrs. Bowers was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Briton of Charlotte, and up to a year ago resided here. A husband and two children by a former marriage, Clara and Ralph Butler survive. Funeral was held in Charlotte, Wednesday afternoon, February 8, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Draper. The deceased was 36 years of age. Rev. S. G. Hall officiating.

Louvinia Powers, whose early life was spent in Indiana, but later coming to Michigan, died at Kalamazoo, Michigan, January 31, 1912. She was a member of the United Brethren in Charlotte, and a devoted Christian, attending church whenever possible. The funeral was held at the home of her son Wm. McDougle, on North Main Street, in Charlotte, February 6, 1912. Her age being 86 years. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. S. G. HALL.

John Peter Hansen, was born in Denmark, in 1841 and died in Monclova, Ohio, February 6, 1912, aged 70 years, 11 months and 6 days. He was a member of the German Lutheran church and said he was ready to go to meet his wife who had preceded him about five months. He leaves two sons, one brother and other relatives to mourn their loss. Funeral in Monclova United Brethren church by the pastor. G. F. HALL.

Mrs. Mary C. Sell was born near Littlestown, Adams county, Pennsylvania, July 28, 1830. Mrs. Sell was the daughter of Philip and Catharine S. Bishop. She was married to Solomon Sell of Littlestown in the year 1756. To this union were born three daughters, Lillie May, who is now Mrs. Samuel Grove; Mary Jane, who died in her youth in the year 1865 and Grace Carrie, who is now Mrs. J. C. Coulson. The husband and father died in the year 1863. Mrs. Sell was a sister of the noted Rev. James and Rev. I. Philip, Simon and Levi Bishop now deceased. She was

a resident of Littlestown all her life until the year 1905, when she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Gaove of York, Pa., and lived with her until last April 1911, when she came to Shippensburg to make her home with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Grace C. Coulson, where she remained until her death, which occurred Sunday night, January 14, 1912. She was converted in the days of her youth and connected herself with the United Brethren church remaining a member up until the time of her death. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the United Brethren church at Littlestown, Pa. Interment in the cemetery near by. B. F. BLUBAUGH.

Sheldon Lowell, son of Virgil and Blanche Barnett, was born October 1, 1911, died February 5, 1912, thus his stay with us was only 4 months and 4 days, but he endeared himself to us greatly and we will miss him. These jewels in our home are very bright here but they will be brighter in the home above. He leaves father, mother, three sisters and one brother and many other relatives to mourn his early departure. Funeral held at the home in Spencerville, Ohio. The Lord comfort the bereaved. J. M. SHERER.

Angeline Isabelle, daughter of William and Ada Levander, was born in Filmore county, Nebraska, March 16, 1911, died in Sutton, Nebraska, February 3, 1912, age ten months and eighteen days. Funeral services were conducted in the M. E. church of Sutton by Wm. Trace assisted by Brother Calvert, Methodist minister.

Francis L. Britton was born in Richland township, DeKalb county, Indiana, April 2, 1852, and departed this life at his home near Corunna, in Richland township DeKalb county, Indiana, February 8, 1912, at the age of 59 years, 10 months and 6 days. He was converted and united with the United Brethren church at Corunna under the labors of Rev. J. Tedrow in the year 1884, and remained a faithful and devout Christian until called from labor to his reward. He leaves to mourn their loss, a companion, children and a large circle of friends, but their loss is his eternal gain, for he died in great peace, having settled the old account long ago, was ready when the Lord called him to come. Services were conducted by the writer from the Corunna United Brethren church. J. F. METZLER.

Abigail Scott (nee Bavin) was born at Rome, Lenawee county, Michigan, March 7, 1849, and died at her home five miles east of Hamilton, Indiana, February 5, 1912, aged 62 years, 10 months and 28 days. She was the mother of five children, two having died. She is survived by her husband and three children. She was united in marriage to Charles Bavin, June 29, 1884. Her life has been one of suffering and especially near the close, which was watched for, for some time. She was a model of neatness and devotion in the home. Funeral held by the writer at the Bethel church and body laid in the cemetery nearby, there to await the resurrection when the dead shall come forth and our lives be in evidence. S. L. CUNNINGHAM.

Mrs. Catharine Hoage, wife of the late Rev. Lewis Hoage, departed this life October 24, 1910. She was a staunch adherent to the faith of the United Brethren church of which she was a faithful member for many years. Just before she breathed her last she looked up with a smile and said, it is well with my soul. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

M. MCQUAY.

Livia Shants (nee Bowman) was born September 21, 1831, and died at her home in Waterloo township near Bloomingdale on February 9, 1912, aged 80 years, 4 months and 19 days. She was married to Samuel S. Bowman, May 11, 1850. Seven children were born to them of whom three with nine grandchildren survive. She was converted about forty-six years ago in a meeting held by Rev. Mr. Downy at Montrose and joined the United Brethren church. Sister Bowman was a faithful Christian. At her home ministers found a welcome. She was of a kind and pleasant disposition and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. The funeral was conducted by the writer. The text used was, "Ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel." Isa. 27: 12. A. F. STOLTZ.

George Alfred, son of Louis and Ethel Schmidt of Midland county, Michigan, was born January 11, and died January 21, 1912. Evidently God is speaking to these parents. Their house with all its contents burned on New Year's day and in three weeks God took the little one home. They have the sympathy of the community and the prayers of the Christian neighbors. Funeral services by

E. C. CLAPP.

The Society of the Redeemed.

The church of Jesus Christ stands alone among the numberless relations and organizations in the world. Many organizations are for high and worthy purposes; some are essential to the existence of human society. They grow out of vital relations and the necessities of our nature. But above all the church rises in dignity, influence, destiny and blessings. "The mountain of the Lord's house is established in the tops of the mountains." It is the society of the redeemed. It is founded on a peculiar relation to God. It is the city of the Lord. It is his dwelling place. The members are temples of the Holy Spirit. By such language do the Holy Scriptures speak of the church in its relation to God. Whatever may be said of other societies, of no one can it be said that it is the house of the Lord.

Its members are bound to each other by their peculiar relation to the Lord Jesus. He is the one name above every name, and they are his redeemed. They are the chosen people, the ones whom God has called out from the world at large and brought into a relation that exalts them above all others. They are the saved, the ones whom God has redeemed by the death of his son, and are thus nearer to himself than all others. They are the subjects of his special love. They are under his watchful care. They are the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty and therefore heirs to the highest and best things in the power of God to give and in their power to receive. To them is the possibility of being filled with all the "fulness of God."

The Redeemed are associated in a fellowship that is eternal. They dwell in the house of the Lord forever. They go no more out. They are born to eternal life. Eternal life is much more than eternal existence; it is eternal growth and development. The evil and all that tends to decay is eliminated, and life in its perfection is unfolded age after age eternally. There is no assignable limit to the growth of the soul in the future life, and with one voice all shall sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who redeemed us by his own blood."

It is often in sorrow that our lives are taught their sweetest songs.