

## IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Luella Keifer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. William Keifer, was born August 22, 1926 and passed away January 21, 1928, at the age of one year, four months, and twenty-nine days. She leaves to mourn her father and mother, two little sisters, Wilma and Dorothy, two grandfathers and two grandmothers: Rev. and Mrs. R. Goldsworth and Mr. and Mrs. J. Keifer; five aunts and uncles and a host of other relatives and friends. Baby Ruth had a lovable disposition and was such a patient little sufferer during her sickness. During her short stay with us she won her way into each one of our hearts. The funeral services were held from the Cumberland Church, January 22, conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. C. Peterson. Sermon by Rev. C. W. Lucas. Interment was made in the Cumberland Cemetery.

Henry Blough, son of Jacob and Magdalena Blough, was born in Bowne, Kent Co., Mich., Aug. 4, 1873 and departed this life Dec. 24, 1927, aged 54 years, 4 months, and 20 days. His early years were spent on the farm near Bowne. He married Iva M. Moulton Oct. 22 1896. The first five years of their married life was spent in Freeport, after that six years in Lowell. In 1907 they moved to Lansing where he lived at the time of his death. He leaves a devoted wife, two sisters, and four brothers, Peter of Iona, Mrs. Anna Miller of Mio, Levi of Vestaburg, Mrs. Amanda Seese of Alto, Andrew of Goshen, Ind., and Josiah of Clarkesville, besides many friends, who mourn his departure. He had a kind, loving disposition. He was a great favorite among the younger people, especially his nieces and nephews and will be greatly missed by his fellow workmen with whom he worked for so many years. The funeral service was held at the F. C. Fabberer Home in Freeport, conducted by the Rev. E. M. Wheeler.

Vera C. Horst Wakely of Norfolk, but formerly of Madison, Neb., passed away Friday morning in a Norfolk hospital, pneumonia causing her death. The remains were brought to Madison. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. L. V. Hassell, pastor, officiating. Vera C. Horst Wakely was born in Butler County, Aug. 14, 1894. She graduated from the Madison High School in 1911. She spent her girlhood and young womanhood here where she is well known and loved by all who knew her. On Sept. 22, 1918, she was married to William Wakely at Madison. She is survived by her husband and six small children, three boys and three girls, whose ages are from 1 to 8; also Mr. and Mrs. Albert Horst, her parents, of this city; two brothers, Cecil of Cleveland, and Arthur of Dayton, O.; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Witcomb of Porta Prince, Haiti, and Mrs. Freida Wobig, Newman Grove. Mrs. Wakely united with the Methodist Church when a small girl and was a consistent member up to the time of her death, with the exception of two years residence in the Willow Grove Community when she united with the United Brethren Church at that place under confession of faith, that she might have the privileges and the opportunity for church work. She was a fine Christian character both in outside and

home life, ever ready to take part in her Master's service. In her home she was a kind and efficient wife and mother. Her friends were numbered by her acquaintances as the large concourse of sorrowing friends and the beautiful floral tributes indicated.

Trois Joanna Burkmer (nee Kelley), was born in Hillsdale County, Michigan, Aug. 20, 1897 and departed this life at her home east of Hillsdale Feb. 1, 1928, aged thirty years, six months, and twelve days. On June 15, 1918 she was united in marriage with Herbert M. Burkmer. Four children came to brighten their home, one of whom died in infancy. When fifteen years of age she was converted and baptized at the Foust Church. She never forgot the Savior who died on the cross for all and the day before her death expressed to those about her that all was well with her soul, and referring to a beautiful vision of heaven, she sang hymns with her mother and others before passing. As a wife and mother she was always faithful in her love and devotion. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, three children: Clifford, Thelma, and Richard; father and mother, three brothers: Thomas and Ralph of Hillsdale, and Ted of Osseo; three sisters: Lula, May and Nina of Hillsdale. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon Feb. 5, at the Baptist Church in Osseo, with Rev. A. E. Moor of Hillsdale officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

William Elias Dell died on January 31, in his 78th year. He was born in Welland County, and when a child moved with his parents, the late Robt. and Mrs. Dell, to Middlesex County and settled down on a farm near Strathroy, where he received his education. As a young man Mr. Dell spent some years in Northern Michigan and Cleveland, and later farmed in Manitoba. He married Martha Jane, eldest daughter of the late William McIntee of Saugeen. To this union were born a daughter and son. The past thirty-five years he spent in Port Elgin, having been employed as night fireman in the Bowman and Zinkin Tannery here for seven years. Later he was employed with the Steven-Hepner Co., until overcome with an attack of influenza, eight years ago, from which he suffered a relapse and remained an invalid. He was an adherent of the United Brethren Church. He is survived by his wife, daughter, Gertrude, and son, Eldon C., of Kitchener. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon last. Rev. D. F. Storms, assisted by Rev. Mr. Gooding, conducted the service. Among the many beautiful floral tributes, was a pillow from the United Brethren Church, and a pillow from the employes of Stevens-Hepner Co., and a spray from the W. C. T. U. Those present from a distance were his son, Eldon, of Kitchener, and nephew, Herbert E. Dell, of Sarnia.

Mary L. Tyler, daughter of Lorenzo and Mary Wenchell, and the youngest of a family of seven children, was born in Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1876. She passed away at her home in Bowne, Nov. 23, 1927, aged 81 years, 9 months, and 10 days. At the age of 19 she came to Michigan with her parents and moved to Jonia, where she lived until she was united in marriage to Adon S. Tyler of Bowne, Feb. 7, 1871. They began their wedded life on the farm that has been her home for 56 years. Five children were given to this union, two of them, a son and daughter dying in infancy. The husband and

father passed away May 16, 1888. She gave her heart to God in her early teens, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. On April 9, 1893 she united with the United Brethren Church at Freeport, and always attended services there, or in the churches near her home as long as health permitted her to do so. She has been an invalid for many years and passed through much sickness and suffering, and though frail in body, she was strong in those attributes that made her a noble true Christian woman. She dearly loved her Bible, and was a strong believer in the power of prayer. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Cordelia Myers and Mary T., who has been her faithful and loving nurse and companion for many years, and her son Willis Tyler, two grandsons, and one sister, Mrs. Phebe Grieves of Jonia. The funeral service was held from her home Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27, sermon by Rev. Baldwin of the Church of the Brethren. Burial was made in Bowne Center Cemetery.

Rev. Willis Jacob Byers was born August 21, 1866 at Newburg, Pa. He went for his crowning October 14 1927, from Kansas City, Kansas. He became a Christian and a member of church in his 16th year. When 18, he entered the Illinois State Normal to prepare himself for the teaching profession. After several years of successful work in the school room he yielded to the "call to the ministry," and entered the Rock River Conference of the United Brethren Church, in which he gave nine years of faithful and efficient labor, serving some of the important charges of the conference. In 1902 Rev. Byers joined the Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in which he rendered twenty-five years of successful service; twelve years of them in the pastorate, and thirteen Field Secretary of Bethany Methodist Hospital. As pastor, he gave splendid service at Goffs, Wathena, Robinson, and Severence. As Field Secretary he was courteous, zealous, and efficient. He made many friends for Bethany and a worthy record in procuring funds for the building and equipment of the institution. On August 21, 1889, he married Miss Nettie Hoobler, at Albany, Ill., who with one son and three daughters survive him. Ill health forced Brother Byers to take the retired relation last March. The Kansas City, Kansas, funeral services were held Saturday, October 15 in Gibson and Son's Funeral Parlors. Dr. Frank Neff of Washington Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church had charge of the services. Harry A. Gordon preached. Brother Byers was genial and sunshiny, an interesting visitor. He could easily make and hold friends. That he was an efficient minister is manifested by the high favor in which he was held by the people he served. They loved to talk of his work. He was skillful in leading souls to Christ. He also knew the art of persuading men to consecrate their money to the work of the kingdom. The Illinois services were held in his old home town of Albany at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. E. M. Edwards officiating. Several people from Brother Byer's first charge of thirty-four years ago attended the services. The body was laid to rest in White Church Cemetery. Rev. Willis Byers, as he was known among our people as a member of Rock River Conference, had a host of friends on all the fields of labor he served. To know him was to love him. He was an able preacher of the Word. Obituary Submitted by Rev. E. E. Plumley.