

Obituary.

Miss Mary Margaret Snowbarger was born in Schuyler Co. Mo. Oct. 1 1853 and died June 21 1912 at the age of 58 years, 8 months and 20 days.

On Nov. 2 1877 she was united in marriage to August Bergman. To this union were born eight children: Mrs. Caroline Snowbarger, Langdon, Kan.; Minnie, who died at the age of six years. Mrs. Louise Figge; Mrs. Bertha Yates; Louis, Benjamin, Henrietta and Clarence.

She united with the Lutheran church at the age of 14 years and her membership has been with this class, now the St. John's church, since she became a Christian. Her home, for many years, has been at some distance from her own church and near the Methodist church at Pleasant View. Here her christian labors have been bestowed. When the Methodist class was all but extinct she unselfishly toiled alone, waiting the time when God would turn the revival fires into that community. For years she superintended the sabbath school and was many times its only teacher. Though for several years in frail health she was loyal to the church and her sabbath school and never failed to be there when health permitted, oftentimes when really unable to attend she was there to do her work without complaining.

With a longing faith in God she watched over the young of the community trying to direct them in the stright and narrow way until they should be saved and consecrated to the Master. When, last winter, the long pray

ed for revival came, she said, "I feel that God has given me an answer to my prayers and I praise Him for these souls. Her departure was a going to sleep with the peace of an earthly saint to awake with the joy and praises of Heaven. Loved, honored, trusted by all who knew her, her going brought to the community a deep sorrow and her memory shall long remain a blessing.

Her immediate family with her three brothers, Jacob, John and Samuel Snowbarger, and her sister, Mrs. Dan Miller, have the sympathy and consolation of all in this sadness.

The funeral services were conducted by C. C. Crickette, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, at the St. John's Lutheran church, Sunday June 23, and the body laid to rest in the Germania cemetery to await the time "when the body and soul are united and clothed no more to die."

