

# The Station News

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GEORGE W. CHURCHILL

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Mr. Churchill died in the Geneva General Hospital early this morning, following a brief illness.

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Regretfully we note the passing of one of the "Old-Guard" of the Station Staff, for Mr. Churchill with his forty-five years of active service and the past three years of close contact with Station activities spanned almost the entire life of the institution. The breaking of such associations always occasions a heart ache, and doubly so with one of Mr. Churchill's kindly and genial ways. In our own sorrow, we extend sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Churchill.

Mr. Churchill began work at the Station as "Farmer" on April 1, 1884, and retired December 31, 1929, a record of service to the Station which we believe is equalled by only one other, that of Mr. Newton. A letter written with a quill pen by Dr. E. L. Sturtevant, first Director, notifying him of his appointment, was one of Mr. Churchill's prized possessions. Later on, in a report to the Board of Control, Dr. Sturtevant went on record with the following statement: "Mr. G. W. Churchill was engaged as a farmer last winter and has performed his duties faithfully and intelligently, relieving the Director of all cares as to the detail work of his department"; a fact to which the next four Directors were to testify with equal force.

During his forty-five years at the Station, Mr. Churchill saw the Station farm more than double in size, the building equipment greatly expanded, the labor force considerably increased, the technical staff grow from half a dozen to some fifty-odd, all with additional demands on the time and patience of the "Farmer", later to be dignified with the title of "Agriculturist".

The record of Mr. Churchill's official connections with the Station and the faithful performance of his duties will form a permanent part of the Station annals. The memory of his fine qualities and pleasing personality will be cherished in the hearts of his friends.

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