

**A' Apele for Are to the Sextant.**

By A. GASTER.

This is not the first time that the following verse has appeared in print. The moral which it points, however, is not without application in our day and it deserves reproduction. It is copied from an old number of the Illustrated Weekly.

O Sextant of the meeting-house which sweeps  
 And dlistes, or is supposed to! and makes fiers  
 And lites the gas, and sumtimes leaves a screw loose,  
 In which case it smells awful—wust than lampoil;  
 And wrings the Bel and toles it, and sweeps paths  
 And for these sarvices gits \$100 per annum:  
 Wich them that thinks dear let em try it;  
 Gittin up before starlite in all wethers, and  
 Kindlin fiers when the wether is as cold  
 As zero, and like us not green wood for kindlins,  
 (I wouldn't be herd to do it for no some);  
 But O Sextant there are one kernaodity  
 Wuth more than gold wich dont cost nothin;  
 Wuth more than anything except the Sole of Map!  
 I mean power Are, Sextant I mean power Are!  
 O it is plenty out o'doors, so plenty it dont no  
 What on airth to dew with itself, but lize about  
 Scatterin aiths and blowin off men's hats;  
 In short its just as free as Are out dories;  
 But O Sextant! in our church its scarce as piety,  
 Scarce as bankbills when ajunts beg for mishuns,  
 Wich sum say is purty often, tant nothin to me,  
 What I give aint nothin to nobody; but O Sextant!  
 You shet 500 men, women and children  
 Speshily the latter, up in a tite place,  
 Sum has had breaths, none of em aint too sweet,  
 Sum is fevry, sum is scrofuls, sum has bad teeth  
 And sum haint none, and some aint over clean;  
 But evry one of em brethes in and out and out and in  
 Say 50 times a minuet, or 1 million and a half breths  
 an hour;  
 Now how long will a church full of are last at that rate?  
 I ask you; say 15 minnets, and then wats to be did?  
 Why then they must brethe it all over agin,  
 And then agin and so on, til each has took it down  
 At least tentimes and let it up agin, and wats more  
 The same individible dont hev the privilego  
 Of brethin his own are and no ones else,  
 Each one must take wotever comes to him,  
 O Sextant! dont you no our lungs is bellusses  
 To blow the fier of life and keep it from  
 Goin out; And how can bellusses blo without wind?  
 And aint wind are? I put it to your consens,  
 Are is the same to us as milk to babies,  
 Or water is to fish, or pendulums to clox,  
 Or roots and airts unto an Injun Doctor,  
 Or little pills unto an omeopath,  
 Or Boze to gurls. Are is for us to brethe.  
 What signifies who preeches if I cant brethe?  
 Whats Pol? Whats Pollus to sinners who are ded?  
 Ded for want of breth? why Sextant when we dye  
 Its only coze we cant brethe no more—thats all.  
 And now O Sextant! let me beg of you  
 To let a leetle are into our church;  
 (Power are is setting proper for the pews),  
 And dew it week days and on Sundays tew—  
 It aint much trouble—only make a hoal  
 And then the are will come in of itself,  
 (It loves to come in where it can git warm),  
 And o how it will rouse the people up  
 And sperrit up the preecher, and stop gurgs  
 And yorns and fijjits as effectual  
 As wind on the dry Boans the Profit tels of.

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**Married.**

DAMERY-SPRAGG.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Z. S. Spragg, Jan. 5th, 1899, by Pastor S. D. Ervine, Thomas Damery, of the Post Office Department, St. John, to Miss Abbie J. Spragg, of Springfield, Kings Co., N. B.

MCLEAN-FARRIS.—By Pastor J. A. Gordon, on Jan. 18th, Percy McLean, of Robertson's Point, Grand Lake, and Clotilda Farris, of Waterborough, Queens Co., N. B.

ROSS-COOPER.—By Pastor J. A. Gordon, on Jan. 18th, Waller C. Ross, of Fairville, and E. Blanch Cooper, of St. John.

ALLEN-McGLASHING.—On Dec. 13th, at Port Elgin, by Rev. J. W. Gardner, Dorey Magee Allen and Ida McGlashing, both of Cape Tormentine, Westmorland Co., N. B.

MILTON-FILLMORE.—On Dec. 26th, at Moncton, by Rev. A. A. Rutledge, William Milton and Annie M. Fillmore, both of Albert Co., N. B.

WILSON-PERRY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Johnston, Queen. Co., N. B., Dec. 24th, by Pastor E. K. Ganong, Adam Wilson and Aramantha Perry, all of Johnston.

PERRY-KNOX.—On the 5th inst., by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, at Chipman, Queens Co., N. B., Wilmot Perry, of Cambridge, and Gussie Knox, of Chipman.

HELMS-JONES.—On the 5th inst., by Pastor J. A. Gordon, Councillor William Helms, of Kars, and Mrs. Mary Jones, of St. John.

KILLAM-FAWCETT.—At the home of the bride, on Jan. 11th, by Rev. H. G. Estabrooks, Isaac N. Killam and Annie Laura, eldest daughter of William Fawcett, of Fawcett Hill, Westmorland Co., N. B.

**Died.**

WASSON.—Mrs. Wasson, wife of Deacon J. Holley Wasson, deacon of German Street Baptist church, passed away very suddenly on the 4th December, 1898. She leaves to sadly mourn, a husband and three little children. She was called up higher in the prime of life, being only 34 years of age. She was a worthy member of the German Street church and a true helpmeet to her useful husband, and will be much missed at home and in the church. May comforting grace be given to the bereaved in their affliction.

SMITH.—Delia, eldest daughter of John L. Smith, of Pellett River, aged 18 years, fell asleep in Jesus on Dec. 30th, a victim of that fell disease, consumption. She professed religion and was baptized a year previous by Rev. Ezekiel Hopper. She passed peacefully from the weakness of the flesh to the rest of the Spirit. Rev. F. D. Davidson attended her funeral, and preached an impressive sermon to an attentive audience.

CLUFF.—On Dec. 27th, at the home of her nephew, Mr. E. Justason, Sister Leah Cluff passed calmly from the infirmities of a weak constitution to the home on high, where the inhabitants never say they are sick. She was for many years a valued member of the Pennfield Baptist church, having been baptized years ago by Elder Hopkins. She has left a large number of relatives and friends who will miss her many words and acts of kindness.

RICHARDS.—Fluetta, the beloved wife of William Richards of Temperance Vale, and eldest daughter of Deacon Hoytt Scribner, entered the rest that remains for the people of God on the 8th November last, aged 36 years. She obtained a good hope at the age of 12 years, and was baptized by Rev. J. H. Hughes at Havelock, where her parents then lived. Death had no terrors for her. She was in Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, and with the vision of faith saw the home on high, and peacefully closed her eyes to all that is mortal, to enter the house not made with hands. She has left to mourn, a father, a husband and a daughter, besides a number of warm-hearted friends.

SPRAGG.—At Springfield, Kings Co., N. B., Dec. 22nd, 1898, Zebulon S. Spragg, aged 67 years, leaving a widow and five children to mourn their loss. Deceased was a member of the Second Springfield Baptist church. During his short but severe illness he gave great evidence of the reality of his faith and trust in the Lord, and of his certainty of eternal life beyond. His end was peace.

McGINLEY.—At North Forks, Chipman, N. B., on the 13th inst., of consumption, Alice Maud, wife of William McGinley, and youngest daughter of John Best, Esq., aged 23 years.

BROWN.—From the home of her daughter, Mrs. Spurgeon Smith, Hillsdale, Kings Co., N. B., Dec. 8th, to her heavenly home, whither she had been journeying over 60 years, Sister Rosina Brown, in her 83rd year. Our departed sister had lived with her husband, Isaac Brown, for 66 years. Unto them were born fifteen children, ten survive them. Nearly a year ago the husband passed to the glory land.

MILES.—At Maugerville, Sunbury Co., Dec. 23rd, John T. Miles, in the 65th year of his age. Our brother suffered much, but bore it patiently, looking to Jesus; and so passed away, leaving a widow, four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral service was on Christmas day, at which a very large concourse of people met to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased, and sympathize with the sorrowing.

THORNE.—At his residence at Thorne's Brook, on Friday, Jan. 6th, after nearly two years of intense suffering, Caleb Thorne. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Frederick T. Snell, on Sunday the 8th, when, notwithstanding the cold, a large company of friends and neighbors attended. God has visited this household of late. Only a few months back a daughter was taken. A few weeks since and the only son confessed the Lord in baptism. The widow is in poor health. Pray, friends, that the dear Lord may comfort and sustain her.

BRAGDON.—On Dec. 28th, Clara, eldest daughter of Jeremiah Bragdon, Esq., of Grafton, died of consumption, at the age of 21 years. Our sister had been a member of the Woodstock church for several years, and adorned her profession with a consistent life and a ready testimony. Her faith and hope gave her a cheerful confidence in the hour of dissolution. The sorrow of the loved ones who surrounded her dying bed she mildly rebuked, in the belief that she was only going to a healthier, happier place at the loving bidding of her Saviour. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord!" May the consolations of Christ be the support of the sorely grieved parents and their remaining children.—*Messenger and Visitor.*

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