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Rev. E. M. Keirstead, M. A.

Rev. Elias Miles Keirstead, M. A. the subject of this month's sketch is a native of Collina, Kings County, New Brunswick. His father is Rev. Elias Keirstead, one of the oldest ministers of the Baptist denomination in the Maritime Provinces, living at the present time.

Professor Keirstead received his early education in the Common and Superior schools of his native county and at the New Brunswick Normal School, at which institution he obtained a First Class License at the early age of nineteen. Engaging in the work of teaching he had charge of the Superior school of his own parish, and marked success distinguished this first period of teaching. At the close of the year he received from the Education office a testimonial of his work, stating the success with which he had been "engaged in teaching the Superior school in his native parish."

Entering the University of New Brunswick Prof. Keirstead pursued an uninterrupted and brilliant course of study, graduating in 1873 at the head of his class. He took honours in every year of his course and bore off several prizes. The subjects to which he gave special attention were Mathematics, English Language and Literature and French Language and Literature.

Proceeding to Newton Theological Seminary, he took a full course with extra studies receiving his diploma from that institution in 1876.

In 1877 Professor Keirstead was ordained pastor of the Baptist Church at Milton, Yarmouth Co., N. S., which position he held for one year, when in response to the call of the church he went to Windsor, N. S. where he remained till appointed to the chair of Moral Philosophy and Logic at this University in 1882. At the present time he has charge of the department of English Language and Literature as well. In 1883 he received from Acadia the degree of M. A.

Prof. Keirstead has held and still holds several important positions in educational circles and in the Baptist Denomination. He was examiner for degrees at the University of