

Notes.

Rev. Judson Kempton, formerly pastor at Carleton, N. B., and more recently at Mt. Carroll, Illinois, has found it necessary to guard his young people against incipient infidelity, which seems too prevalent in the western sections. He has published a pamphlet entitled, "Why I am not an Atheist, Agnostic, or Unitarian," setting forth the reasons for the things that are most surely believed among us.

Rev. W. J. Bleakney has been of late visiting some of his family at Malden, Mass., and writes that he is enjoying a rest, anticipating a return soon to the provinces. We should be glad to see him in some of our vacant fields in New Brunswick. Truly here in many parts the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

Here is a statement that many people need to ponder: Many men are too small to bend. Very many think it an indication of bigness to be unbending, when it may be that it only shows them to have a big head. A truly great man will always confess to being wrong, and will yield his own will for the sake of higher interests and claims. It is only the little man that refuses to bend his will, even though to be stubborn will imperil the best interests of a church or community. We commend this remark which we have quoted to the consideration of those who are so unfortunate as to be parties in church difficulties.

Every man's heart is deceitful; it must be guarded against.

Jesus was regular in observing all require religious observances. We must imitate Him.

Married.

BERRY LUTES—At Dawson Settlement, Feb. 6, by Pastor A. A. Rutledge, Miss H. Berry to Florence N. Lutes, both of Albion county.

MILTON O'BOYLE—At Riversdale, Albert county, N. B., Feb. 26th, by Rev. F. D. Davidson, Whitman Mill and Margaret O'Boyle, both of Hopewell Hill, Albert county, N. B.

HALL-SALEY—At the home of the bride, Havelock, Feb. 6th, by L. A. Coony, W. Hall of St. Croix and Susie Saley of Havelock.

BEARDSLEY POOLE—At St. Croix, by L. A. Coony, Feb. 27, Silas Beardsley to Minnie Poole.

MCCLAINE-QUIGLEY—At the residence of the officiating clergyman, Woodstock, on the 11th, by Rev. Thos. Todd, Claud C. McClaine of Brownville Junction and Lottie C. Quigley of Baneroff, both of the State of Maine, U. S. A.

RITCHIE-GRANT—At the residence of the officiating clergyman, Woodstock, on Feb. 27th, by the Rev. Thos. Todd, Todd Ritchie and Betta Grant, both of the parish of Canterbury, county of York.

Died.

Close upon the message which announced the death of Ellen Victoria there came also to the Baptists of New Brunswick the news of the departure of Elder Paul W. Keirstead, who passed away after prolonged suffering, January 29th, 1901. For many years Bro. Keirstead has been a familiar figure at our denominational gatherings, and was widely known throughout the province, in which all his life has been spent. He was born at Collin, Kings County, Dec. 6th, 1828, and reared on a farm, obtaining, however, a good English education at the schools of the time. On entering manhood he followed trading for some years, acquiring himself with credit wherever engaged in his chosen calling. His conversion occurred in 1869, when he united with the Methodist church near his early home. Soon his gifts attracted attention, and in due course he entered the ministry, being ordained at Hammond Vale, Kings Co., June 22, 1870. He held pastorates at Upland, Hampton, Chatham, Elgin, Forchester and Hillsborough, leaving in every place undoubted proofs of the sacred mission to which his Master had called him. As a preacher Bro. Keirstead was eminently sound and earnest, excelling in the presentation of doctrinal truth, while he delighted as well in proclaiming the abounding grace of God displayed in behalf of sinful men. He was in addition a warm advocate of the temperance cause, and with unflinching loyalty maintained his principles amid the most difficult circumstances. During his later years, even with impaired health, he continued to preach as long as it was possible, only desisting when compelled by increasing in-

firmity of body to lay aside all thought of further service. His last days were spent at Dawson Settlement, Albert County, amid the scenes of his closing ministry, and here he called to rest. A widow, also for many years an invalid, one son and three daughters exist; his immediate family consists. His father, Wm. Keirstead Sr., of Collin, now over 90 years of age, is a brother of the late Elder Elias Keirstead, and with a large circle of near kindred, remains to mourn the brother's departure. Revs. E. M. Keirstead and D. B. E. K. Gamon and J. John Gamon, also in the Baptist ministry, are cousins of the deceased.

The burial took place at the Island Cemetery, Hillsborough, January 26th. Rev. C. W. Toussaud delivered the eulogical address on the occasion and appropriate services were held, participated in by Revs. A. A. Rutledge and B. H. Thomas. In a communication concerning our deceased thus writes:

"Great sorrow was manifested for our dear sister, Mrs. Keirstead, who has long been bedridden and who is afflicted with a form of helplessness. In her weakness God's strength has been made perfect, and such grace has been vouchsafed to her that she bore her heavy burden with beautiful fortitude. The day was wild and wintry, the snow lay deep around his grave, as, with inexpressible sorrow at the thought of farewell and yet inextinguishable joy at the prospect of reunion, I committed his body to the ground, in sure and certain hope of resurrection to everlasting life."

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ALLEN—Near Fenby, N. B., on the 20th inst., of typhoid fever, J. H., second son of George Allen sr., aged 39 years, leaving a father, mother, and one brother in mourning.

STEEVES—At Hillsborough, N. B., on February 14th, Richard E. Steeves, aged 70. The death of the highly-esteemed and much-loved brother is a great loss in many ways. It is a loss to his family, to the community, to the 1st Hillsborough church and to the Baptist denomination at large. Mr. Steeves had for many years been one of the leading citizens of Hillsborough, and, irrespective of creed or party, all feel his removal to be a deprivation in our public life. The great and general regard in which he was held was manifested by the large attendance at his funeral, when the Town Hall was filled to overflowing. For more than half a century he filled the responsible office of Postmaster and so discharged its functions as to command the good will of all those who had dealings with him. In the home and social circle he was much respected and beloved. With a mind of comprehensive grasp, a wide knowledge of men and affairs, and possessed of a tenacious memory, his company was at once entertaining and edifying. Best of all he was a true Christian, and a good and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was baptized in the year 1843, being therefore for nearly 58 years a member of the church, and, as he was appointed its clerk soon after he became connected with it, he held that important office for almost the same long space of time. In that position and in other ways he served the people of God with marked ability and unflinching devotion. His interest in our work here and elsewhere was most deep and steadfast. He ever gave cheerfully towards the maintenance of the denominational enterprises at home and abroad. His ideas concerning Christian work were sound. He believed in spiritual power and apostolic methods, and he grieved over any departure from the good old ways. To his Christ crucified was ever a joyful sound. When able to take part in our conference meetings he could speak thoughtfully and gracious words which tended to edification. When debarred from the public use of his voice he found much solace in reading his Bible. He loved to meditate on the things of grace and would speak with unction on the deep things of God. In counsel he was judicious, in labor he was ind fatigable in spirit he was fervent, in business he was obliging, in manner he was courteous. He had a strong personality and a well-balanced character. Take him for all in all, we shall not soon look upon his like again. His wife and three children pre-deceased him, and he is survived by two sons and one grandson.

HUTCHINS—At Canby had Bay, Queens Co., on 21st inst. John Hutchins, aged 71 years, leaving a wife and five children, surviving him. Bro. Hutchins had been for many years a member of the Grand Lake church.

CHAPMAN—In Canning, Queens Co., on 18th inst., of cancer of the stomach, Charles Chapman, aged 69 years. For some months, Rev. Chapman, has suffered greatly from an incurable malady but death came at length to his release. He was a worthy member of Lower Newcastle church. A widow and eight children are left in mourning.

ALLEN—In Shipman, N. B., on 20th inst., of typhoid fever, John, second son of George Allen, aged 39 years. The departed had gone a few months since to Cape Breton, and while there contracted the fatal fever. He was barely able to reach home, where after prolonged suffering he was called to rest.

DUFFY—At Hillsborough, N. B., on Feb. 12th, Jane C. daughter of the late Patrick Duffy, aged 70. Our dear sister was baptized at Lynn, Mass., and united with the church at Hillsborough by letter in 1879. She was a true child of God and adorned the doctrine of Jesus Christ her Saviour. For some time past she had been greatly afflicted, but she bore her sufferings with exemplary patience. The last time the writer saw her alive, after praying with her she herself prayed with much fervor and unction. The Lord has now generously delivered her from all her afflictions. She leaves an aged mother and a brother and sister to mourn her departure.

DORSON—Mrs. Thomas Dorson, formerly of Riversdale, Albert Co., died at W.burn, Mass., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Bennett, on Saturday, Feb. 2. The remains were brought by train and the interment took place at the Bay View Cemetery, Harvey, where the service was conducted by Rev. F. L. Davidson. The deceased leaves two sisters, Mrs. Thomas McClain and Mrs. Thomas Pearson, one brother, John Turner of California, one daughter, Mrs. James Bennett of W. burn, Mass., three sons, Joseph W. of Portland, Me., and Thomas H. and Eliza R. of Amherst, N. S., with numerous relatives.

ROGERS—Eleanor, widow of the late John Rogers died at the residence of her son-in-law, at Hopewell Hill, Albert Co., N. B., Feb. 2nd, aged 89 years and six months. She had for many years been a consistent member of the Hopewell Baptist church and was loved and respected by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. For a several months she had been confined to her bed and simply fell asleep in Jesus. She leaves two daughters, one here and one in British Columbia. Her funeral was largely attended and was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. M. King, (Methodist.)

BRAY—At Vancouver, B. C., on the 6th inst. Mrs. Thomas E. Bray, aged 62 years. Mrs. Bray was the daughter of the late Theodore Carlisle of Hillsborough, whose two of her brothers, George and James, now reside in Vancouver. About eleven years ago Mr. and Mrs. Bray and son went to Vancouver to make their home in that thriving city. It was here that death came and called her to rest. In 1888 the writer of this notice baptized Mrs. Bray into the fellowship of the 1st Hillsborough Baptist church. Since that time she has lived a Christian life. Her father, mother and sister preceded her a little. Now their happy spirits are together in the "Land that is fairer than day." A husband, a son, three brothers and a sister with a large number of relatives mourn her loss. "It is sad as I see a dead who die in the Lord."

STEEVES—At Hillsborough, N. B., on Feb. 7th, Jane, widow of the late Stephen Steeves. Had our sister lived until next month she would have completed her 90th year. Thus she was one of the oldest residents of Albert county. In her case the promise was abundantly fulfilled: "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age," and we believe the concluding part of that passage may be truly applied to her: "like as a sickle of corn cometh in in his season." She was ripe and ready for the heavy-only garner. She was baptized in 1800 by the Rev. W. Camp. Though advanced in life when she united with the church, her sympathies had long been with the people of God. Her house had often been the home of preachers of the gospel. Among others who frequently enjoyed her hospitality was the Rev. Joseph Crandall. Doubtless she has been welcomed to heaven by many who knew and loved her here. Mrs. Steeves leaves behind one son, (Dinock, with whom she resides), three daughters, 20 grandchildren, and 14 great grand-children.

WHITE—It gives us pain to record the death of Deacon W. H. White who fell asleep in Jesus, Feb. 19th, 1901, from the effects of a paralytic stroke, received on the 28th of Jan. last. The decedent was in his 81st year. Mr. White engaged in mercantile pursuits early in life. For a number of years he conducted business in Belleisle. From hence he went to St. John where he became one of the members of the firm of White Bros. In 1875 he came to Sussex and for about three years was actively engaged in business after which he retired devoting his time to the management of his estates and financial interests at different places. Deacon White was married three times. His first wife was Sarah Myers; his second, Eliza Hatfield; his third, Emily Mott, sister of Dr. and Abigail Mott of St. John. He leaves a wife, one son, Dr. White of Sussex, four daughters, five grandchildren and one sister to mourn his loss. In 1866 M. White was baptized into the fellowship of the Sussex Baptist church by the Rev. E. J. Grant. Since then he has lived a consistent Christian life. For a number of years he has served the church as deacon, endeavoring himself to the hearts of all his brethren. In the death of Deacon White the community loses a good citizen. He was foremost in every good cause. He was proud of his town and worked for its highest welfare. The flow falls heavily upon our church. Our dear brother was a staunch and true Baptist. He was generous in his gifts and faithful in all his duties. In the prayer and conference meeting he was always present when not prevented by sickness. His words of counsel and comfort were highly appreciated by our people. He relied with all his faith on the atoning merits of Christ. To him Christ was the Alpha and the Omega of all his future hopes. With the confidence of a child who runs to the arms of a loving parent, so he passed to the arms of a loving Father. Death had no terror for him. He often talked about death and sang about heaven. Death to him meant "going home." He was a good husband, a kind father and a loving friend. His remains were laid in the tomb on the 22nd inst. A service was held at the house and also at the church. In the sacred place where he found Christ precious to his soul and where he has for years to listen to the gospel of Jesus' love, how fitting that his body should rest awhile, and that his relatives and friends with bowed heads could express their sorrow. His pastor preached a sermon from John 14:1-3. While our sorrow was great we were not without comfort. As we looked into the casket and saw the familiar face lighted up with the glory of heaven, we thought of the angels' words at the empty tomb of our Lord: "He is risen; he is not here." The remains were laid away in the grave; but the Spirit had gone to be with Jesus "in the land that is fairer than day."