

"I am still glad to hear from my brethren in New Brunswick. Many of them are growing feeble and the ranks of the older ministers are growing thinner. It seems too bad that we can't always be healthful and vigorous, but I know it is right as it is. One instrument wears out, or becomes broken, and is laid aside, or put out of sight, and another takes its place, and so the work goes on. Truly the Lord watches the house and keeps the city in safety.

My brethren in New Brunswick often express to me the wish that we might be associated together in the Master's work again. Well, if wishes could accomplish anything I would soon be in the homeland, and at work there as in the years past, but I don't seem any nearer that than when I first broke down. Yesterday I had a doctor examine me, and the examination shows that my lungs have not improved much, neither has the disease advanced in the lungs; my throat is more tender, and I feel more soreness in the right lung than formerly, but I can take in about as much breath as ever.

The cough continues with expectation-stomach is weak, with severe headaches accompanying; some days I can't do anything in the way of work, others I can stand considerable going about. On the whole I think, and the doctor's statement confirms my al that if my stomach trouble could only be overcome the lung affection could also be largely overcome even yet. But as it is I fear it is going to be a long and tedious pull, with nature weakened by long disease; which is to triumph I cannot tell, but very likely disease and decline; it seems to be so in the history of all the past generations.

Mrs. Ervine is real well, and our little boy Austin is in apparently perfect health. The boy had the misfortune to get his leg hurt, prior to coming from New Brunswick, and is still giving us trouble and great anxiety. I fear he is doomed to be a cripple, and it is to me almost heart-breaking, but God is our helper. You ask how funds may be sent to me. Well you may send by P. O. order, payable at Rio Jacinto, or bank draft on New York, or by American Express order payable in California. Either of these ways is equally safe and convenient.

My brethren at home have been very kind. I have long since proved to my satisfaction the goodness of God, and the faithfulness and brotherly sympathy of my old associates in Christian labor in New Brunswick. May God bless them all. Mrs. E. joins in sending kindest regards.

I am as ever,
Your brother in Christ, and fellow worker in the truth,

S. D. ERVINE.

THE ERVINE FUND.

The following is a complete statement of this fund received from September last:

Amount previously acknowledged	\$70 00
Rev. A. Cohoon,	2 00
S. McCully Black, D. D.,	2 00
I. B. Colwell,	1 00
R. M. Bynon,	1 00
C. Currie,	1 00
Peter McIntyre,	2 00
A Friend at Norton,	5 00
Mrs. Wm. Whitin,	1 00
M. S. Hall,	1 00
Collections,	4 00
Total,	\$93 00

W. E. MCINTYRE, Sec'y.

Notice.

The ninth annual meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Convention will be held with the Upper Newcastle church, beginning on Friday, September 12th, at 10 a. m. The Baptist Annuity Association also holds its annual session on Saturday 13th, at 3 a. m.

Delegates coming to Convention will take Steamer May Queen from St. John, on Wednesday or Saturday, and those coming from up river points will connect by Star Line on the same days at Lower Jemseg.

W. E. MCINTYRE, Sec'y.

The next annual meeting of the Baptist Annuity Association located in New Brunswick

will be held with the New Brunswick Baptist Convention at Upper Newcastle, Queen's county, New Brunswick, on Saturday, the 13th day of September next at three o'clock p. m.

HAVELOCK COV, Rec. Sec'y.

In Memoriam.

At the Narrows Baptist church on Tuesday evening, August 20th, the Rev. A. B. MacDonald conducted a memorial service for Elizabeth Lily, eldest daughter of the Rev. C. W. and Mrs. Townsend, who died about the end of May last from Diphtheria. It was not practicable to hold such a service earlier. On Tuesday 19th the church was quite full. Mr and Mrs. Townsend, with all their children, were present. The scholars of the Narrows' Sunday school attended in a body. The Rev. Mr. Bonnel (Free Baptist) offered prayer. The entire service was impressive and appropriate. Mr MacDonald preached with all his accustomed force and felicity from Romans 8:28, and at the close addressed the bereaved family in words full of tenderness.

Mr. Townsend and family returned home via St. John on Friday, feeling much comforted by the kindness shown them.

Married.

ROSS COPP - At Waterside, N. B., Aug. 13, by Pastor F. N. Atkinson, John S. Ross and Susan M. Copp, both of St. Martin, N. B.

MACLEAN ROBEY - At the Baptist church, St. Martin, N. B., on Aug. 25, by the Rev. C. W. Townsend, Frederick William MacLean of St. John to Lily Edou, only daughter of W. H. Bourke, Esq., J. P., of St. Martins.

NEWCOMBE AYER - At the residence of the bride's parents, Hopewell Cape, Albert Co., N. B., Aug. 15th, by Rev. F. D. Davidson, Frank B. Newcombe and Mabel C., old st daughter of Charles Ayer.

COLE OSBORNE - At Dorchester, N. B., on July 31st by J. V. Byron H. Thomas, G. or E. Cole of Dorchester, to Lily M. Osborne of Fredericton, N. B.

STILES McPHEE - At the home of the bride's parents, Johnson's Mills, on Aug. 13th, by Rev. Byron H. Thomas, Frederic L. Stiles of Dorchester Cape, to Ethel V. McPhee of Johnson's Mills.

CORNIER LEVESQUE - At the parsonage, Andover, N. B., Aug. 25th, by Rev. R. W. Demings, Frank Cornier and Mathia Levesque, both of Carletonford, Victoria county, N. B.

COLE BRUNS - At the residence of Charles Cole, Howena, Vic. county, Aug. 21, by Rev. R. W. Demings, William Cole of Howena and Ruth A. Brown of Arthurville, N. B.

DOW JOHNSON - At the residence of the bride's mother, Dow Settlement York county, N. B., Aug. 28th, by Rev. C. N. Barton, Elmer D. Dow of Canterbury to Julia B. Johnson.

SCHREINER-CHAMBER - At the Baptist parsonage, Dorchester, N. B., on Aug. 25th, by Rev. Byron H. Thomas, Hubert Ansley Schreiner of Memramouc, N. B., and Bessie Gertrude Chambers of Dorchester.

AMOS MITCHELL - At the residence of David Homes, Esq., Doaktown, N. B., Aug. 27th, by Pastor M. P. King, assisted by Rev. Harold Clark, Alexander Amos of Ludlow to Theodosia Mitchell of Boston, Mass.

Died.

CLAYSON. - George Clayson, aged 10 months and 10 days, son of Isaac and Minnie Prescott, died at Albert, Albert Co., N. B., Aug. 12th, after a severe illness. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, assisted by the Rev. M. E. Fletcher, Rev. J. K. King, (Meth.) and L. Evangelist H. A. McLean. The interment took place at "Bay View Cemetery." Harvey. Much sympathy is manifested on account of this being their only boy, they having lost on about two years ago. "He carries the lumps in his bosom."

WADE - On July 21st, after a few days' suffering, at her home in Niagara, Wisconsin, U. S., Mary Johnson, beloved wife of Letchmere Wade, aged 33 years, leaving a husband, two small children, besides many relatives and friends to mourn their great loss. Our

sister was a native of Centreville, Carleton Co., N. B. Five years ago she went out from her home and a host of friends a bride. On July 26th, her remains were brought to the old home of her childhood and on the 27th laid to rest to wait the resurrection of the just. Our sister was an honored and active member of the Centreville Baptist church. In word and deed and in manner she was a living epistle of the Christianity she possessed. May God keep and give comfort to those left on this shore.

CALHOUN. - Minnie, eldest daughter of John and Isa M. Calhoun, died this life August 9th, at Albert, N. B. Last winter she took a gripe and it broke down her constitution and consumption completed the deadly work. She was 18 years of age, the eldest of a family of four children and the joy of her parents hearts. In a series of meetings held in Albert last winter she made a profession, but was not baptized on account of her sickness. Her father arrived about a couple of hours after she had gone, having traveled night and day to see her before her death. The funeral was largely attended and was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. J. K. King, (Meth.) and Evangelist McLean, sang "Our Fatherland" the last piece she had played. Much sympathy is felt for the family in their great sorrow.

HAWKS - At Chipman, on 21st inst., of indigestion, Virginia Lillian, second daughter of Walter Hawks, aged seven months.

EBBETT. - Mrs. Mary Ann Ebbett, relict of the late Joseph Ebbett, an aged and highly respected resident of Lower Gasquet, died at her home on Tuesday evening last in the 74th year of her age. Mrs. Ebbett was a sister of S. L. Peters, Esq. of Queenstown, and of Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, Peters, of Fredericton. Her funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, interment being in Upper Hampstead F. B. cemetery. The Rev. Joseph McLeod of Fredericton officiated at the house and at the church.

GANONG. - In the death of James Harvey Ganong, which occurred on Aug. 11, the St. Stephen Baptist church loses a valuable member, and the town a highly respected citizen. Mr. Ganong born 76 years ago at Springfield, Kings Co., was brought up by Deacon Thomas Ganong. After 30 years spent upon the farm he followed the sea for 5 years, and then entered the employ of S. H. White & Co., of Sussex. Twenty-three years ago he came to St. Stephen and entered the employ of Ganong Bros., Confectioners. For 20 years he has been at the head of the retail department, filling his position with tact and devotion which won for him the highest esteem of his employers and the friendship of all classes in the community. In all business relations and transactions Mr. Ganong was a man of strictest probity; no one knew him but to believe in him. In early manhood he was converted and joined the Baptist church at Springfield under the ministry of the late Rev. James Austin Smith. Upon his removal to Sussex he took his letter and joined the church there. A large circle of relatives and friends feel themselves sorely bereaved by this death, but our loss is his gain. His end was peace. The funeral services on the 12th inst., were conducted by Pastor W. C. Goucher, assisted by Rev. F. Roberts, rector of Trinity. Beautiful floral tributes expressed the esteem of friends and a large concourse followed the remains to their last resting place. Sussex Lodge, F. and A. M. attended in a body and conducted services at the grave.

BARTON - At Cox Point, Queens Co., N. B., Aug. 23rd, Priscilla, beloved wife of Fred Barton, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lovett, aged 29 years. Our sister passed quietly away after five months of sickness, with her trust in him who has gone to prepare a place for her. Besides a husband and parents she leaves two small children, who have our sincere sympathy. Our prayer is that God will bless and comfort them in their hour of trial.

PERKINS - At her home, Centreville, Carleton county, N. B., Aug. 18th, Eliza Melvina Perkins, aged 53 years, beloved wife of Elisha Perkins, passed away

From My Point of View.

It is time that ministers realized the bad taste of trying to be funny at the expense of denominations, of jesting at sacred things and of using the Scripture for purposes of punning or joking in public. If a speaker forgets the dignity of his calling and indulges in this cheap and worthless humor, then it is time that audiences—certainly those composed of ministers—should put their seal of disapproval upon the bad taste by sitting in perfect silence. Nothing would stop the habit so quickly.