

your successes and prayed for you in all your labors. In your sorrows and losses I have sorrowed and sympathized with you, and I still expect in spirit to bear burdens with you in the Lord's cause.

Touching personal experiences the past year has been one of unusual care, anxiety and expense. My own health is still on the decline, and though strength is slowly waning it is slowly going. I know the end is coming nearer. In my family I have a sad case. My little boy's injury to his knee, according to present appearances, leads us to the conclusion that he is permanently crippled for life. He has already undergone a severe surgical operation, and must again be treated in a similar manner to secure from any standpoint the least permanent benefit. Even then the result for good is doubtful. Though it all the Lord has been very good to us. All our actual needs have been met. He has, through one medium or another, sent to us temporal aid to meet every demand. Praise His dear name! The Lord is good; his mercy endureth forever.

I have just learned, as I send this, of the departure of dear old brother Augustus Freeman, another of our provincial veterans, waymarks connecting links, between the past and present generations.

This brother was able to work in both ministerial and secular labor until about four months since, when his son forbade him doing anything that would in the least tax either mind or body. His son, the doctor, took him to his own comfortable home at Long Beach, California, where on Saturday, Aug. 29th, he passed on to his eternal reward.

I now note by provincial papers the death of Bro. Manzer of St. Marys. Brethren our family circle is swelling on the other side of the river. We shall not be lonesome over there. Be of good cheer. Advance! Our leader goes before.

And now in closing I would avail myself of the privilege of thanking each and all of you for great personal kindness in contributing to the amounts which have been sent to me by the hands of my esteemed brethren. This has been a great help to us, and again I would say thanks, and may God continue to bestow upon you His richest benediction! The Lord bless you all, is the prayer of your brother in Christ.

Very sincerely yours,

S. D. ERVINE.

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Religious News.

Since coming to this field in St. Marys, N. B. July our efforts have been greatly blessed by God. For the past two weeks we have been holding special services here with the result that eleven or twelve have given their hearts to Christ. On Sunday the 13th five young men were baptized by Bro. R. M. Bynon. I shall be engaged holding special meetings in Buctonche in the near future, and intend leaving to resume studies at Acadia in October. I feel safe in saying that the goodwill and prayers of the people will follow me, and bespeak for my successor on this field the sympathy of a kind-hearted and appreciative people.

F. A. BOWER.

Sept. 14.

After a vacation of two CAMPBELLTON, N. B. months, the greater part of which was spent at Clifton Springs, N. Y., where my health was much improved, I am back at work again and the prospects for the next year's work are very encouraging. On the first Sabbath after my return I administered the ordinance of baptism to one candidate and expect to baptize several Sabbaths in succession at the Mission stations of this church where my brother has been laboring during the summer. During my absence at Clifton the Campbellton pulpit was supplied by Revs. Isaiah Wallace, Barry Smith, and I. F. Keirstead, Lic. They were all very much appreciated, but the visit of the Rev. Isaiah Wallace who is the father of the Baptist Church in Campbellton was especially pleasing to the church and his old friends who love him the more because he wears with such dignity and Christian grace the white

crown of 77 years. The blessing of this as well as of many other churches is upon him for what he is and what he has done.

J. W. KIERSTAD.

Upper Blackville church enjoyed another good day N. S. when seven young people obeyed Jesus in Baptism, making 27 added to the Blackville church by baptism and one by experience since the work began. All praise to God.

C. P. WILSON.

Bro. Hayward and I have ST. FRANCIS, N. B. just visited St. Francis. We held a few special meetings, some interest was shown. The Roman Catholic atmosphere prevails serving the God of the Hebrews in the morning and Satan in the afternoon. A preacher in order to do any good in a community like this, must be able to preach in French, and above all the doctrine for regeneration in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ELIAS AUGER.

On Sunday Sept. 13th the COLLINA. Collina Baptist Church was re-dedicated to the worship

of God. The church building has been removed from its old site to the village. Here it has been thoroughly repaired at the cost of \$700. This means a great deal of self-denial on the part of these faithful men and women of God. Rev. Dr. Keirstead of Wolfville kindly came over and preached the opening sermon. It was fitting that this duty should fall to his lot. Collina is the home of his childhood. Here he gave his heart and life to Christ. Besides it was in this building where his sainted father preached the gospel of the Son of God and expounded the Scriptures. The sermon was all that could be desired—delivered to an attentive audience which completely filled the house while a large number stood outside and heard the word from open windows. It would be useless to attempt to give an outline of the discourse. Back of the words uttered was the noble personality of the doctor fired by the truth which burned in his heart; deeply wrought upon by the sacred memories of the past, and the circumstances of the hour. It never was the privilege of the writer to hear a more forceful and eloquent discourse. The doctor chose his text from Acts 3:13 and the two thoughts around which the sermon was built, viz.—God is more to us because of His dealings with the fathers; and the fathers are more to us because of God's dealings with them—glowed with beauty and power, bringing God near to us and calling forth our deepest love and sincerest loyalty to Him. In the afternoon the pastor preached Rev. O. N. Mott and H. H. Ferguson, Free Baptist ministers being present spoke helpful and encouraging words. At the evening service Dr. Keirstead preached again. At the close a social service was held. This was indeed a red-letter day for the people of Collina. The hospitality of the people was unbounded. The brethren from Sussex gave up their morning service and came out bringing a offering with them. Brethren from Bellisle, Long Creek, the Millstream, the Lake and from other places came to show their good will and assist in lifting the debt caused by the extensive repairs upon the house. The collections at the morning service amounted to \$125 and at the afternoon service \$34. The people at Collina have now a beautiful and comfortable church in which to worship God and deserve great praise for the sacrifice they have made in this matter. PASTOR.

Married.

DASIN-BARTON.—At the Baptist Church Union Co., Car. Co., Sept. 9th by Rev. C. N. Barton assisted by Rev. F. N. Atkins and Rev. E. Lefroy Dakin, B. A., of Annapolis Royal, N. S. to Iva W. Barton of Union Corner, Carleton Co., N. B.

YOUNG-CALBERT.—At the Baptist parsonage, Campbellton, Sept. 8th, Mr. Edward Young and M. S. Ellen Calbert were united in marriage by Rev. J. W. Keirstead, B. A.

STEVES-COOLING.—At the residence of M. Geo. Lutz, Campbellton, Sept. 9th, Mr. Harry Steves of Flat Lands, son of Deacon Jacob Steves, was united in marriage to Miss Helena Cooling of Dawsonville, by Rev. J. W. Keirstead, B. A.

BULL-FRAME.—At the Union Church of North Newburgh, N. B., Sept. 15, by Rev. J. B. Frame, Albert B. Bull of Northampton to Bessie L. second daughter of George Frame of the same place.

BREWER-BRAUN.—At Staples Settlement, on the 9th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. J. J. Barnes, Mr. Sandy B. Brewer, of Zealand, York Co., to Miss Phoebe Braun.

SECOND-PATTERSON.—At Long Crook, Queens Co., on September 9th, by Rev. H. B. Ferguson, Mr. Walter C. Second to Miss Louise F. S. Patterson, daughter of Mr. William Patterson.

LYON-KEITH.—At Sussex, Sept. 15th, by Rev. W. Camp, Mr. Percy B. Lyon, of St. John, to Miss Bird L. Keith of Sussex, Kings Co., N. F.

MORRIS-MARTIN.—At the Bowser House, Chatham, N. B., Sept. 12th, by Rev. C. P. Wilson, Herbert Morhouse of Upper Blackville, to Barbara Martin of Chatham.

HOVEY-WHALEN.—At the Bowser House, Chatham, N. B., Sept. 15th, by Rev. C. P. Wilson, Henry Hovey, of Ladlow, to Elmer Whalen of Hovey.

McKENZIE-TRITES.—Married at Lutes Mountain, on the 16th inst., by the Rev. John Williams, Mr. Early McKenzie of Moncton, to Miss Ella May Trites of Lutes Mountain, Westmorland County.

SNOW-SNOW.—At the Baptist church, Half Island Cove, Guysboro Co., on Sept. 11, by W. E. Carpenter, Solomon Snow to Mary Snow, of Half Island Cove, N. S.

JOHNSTON-BOYER.—At the home of the bride's parents, Florenceville, N. B., Sept. 9, by Rev. W. H. Smith, James Johnston of Woodstock to Alberta Estella Boyer.

RIVERS-BROWN.—At the residence of the bride's in Uter, Mrs. John Brown, Arcoot creek Junction, Vic. Co., on the 9th inst., by R. W. Deming, Lewis R. Rivers and Lizzie Brown, both of Arcoot Junction, N. B.

Died.

TOPHAM.—At Perth, Sept. 10th, Elizabeth Topham aged 81 years.

HARTT.—At Four Falls, Sept. 19th, Mrs. Olive Hartt, aged 85 years, widow of the late James Hartt.

COX.—At Four Falls, Sept. 13th, Mrs. Thos. Cox, aged 32 years. She leaves a husband and three children.

UPHAM.—After a brief illness of typhoid fever, Sept. 10, at the age of 21 years, Mrs. Athalia Gertrude Upham, wife of James C. Upham and daughter of Charles Titus of Upham departed this life. She was a bride of four months and her early demise is a sad blow to her young husband and bereaved parents. Being of an amiable disposition she was beloved by a large circle of friends. Her funeral services were conducted at her father's residence on Friday evening by Rev. C. W. Townsend of St. Martinus, and on Saturday morning in Fernhill cemetery, St. John. The floral tributes were costly and numerous. Much sympathy is expressed for the friends especially her father, who is very ill at present. Our sister was a valued member of the Baptist church.

THORNE.—Very early on Tuesday, Aug. 25th, in the bright morning of life, Sybil Maude, youngest daughter of brother Fred and sister Emma Thorne passed out into the sweet brightness of life eternal, aged 13 years, 11 months and 18 days. In our special meetings last fall at Bardsdale, dear Sybil was hopefully converted to God, and expressed an earnest desire to follow Jesus. She was not strong and in early winter she began to fail in health, and notwithstanding all that loving hearts and hands could do she gradually sank till the end came. But during all the days and weeks of severe suffering she was not heard to complain, but patiently waited for the messenger. About two weeks before her death, knowing that she could not stay much longer, she talked beautifully to the whole household. May the good Lord comfort and sustain those left to mourn, and prepare to meet the loved one in heaven.

COWELL.—A sad drowning accident in Alberta has removed our young brother E. B. Cowell, eldest son of G. W. Cowell, Esq. of Exmouth St., in this city. The young man had left his home at Red Deer City with two companions going down the river on a raft. They were carrying shingles and some lumber with which to erect their dwellings on homestead lots, and on the way ran upon a bar, breaking the raft. Messrs. Ferguson and Content, his companions escaped to the shore, but young Cowell failed to reach the land. Our esteemed brother had but recently returned from South Africa, and had been in the west only a little over two months. The accident occurred Aug. 27th. Deceased leaves father, mother, four brothers and two sisters. The late Dea. N. B. Cottle was his grandfather. He was in his 19th year, and a member of Tabernacle church.