

Pastor M. McGregor, missionary of the Baptist Convention East, who in Dec., 1873, began to conduct services in the building of the almost defunct Free-Will Baptist church in Coaticook. Elder Chandler retired from active pastoral duties just prior to this union and confined the Christian work of his remaining years to occasional preaching, and to S. S. work in Coaticook, continuing the latter until a few months previous to his decease.

It was a custom with the Coaticook church in later years to have Elder Chandler preach on the anniversary of his birthday, and many testify that his last sermons, doubtless because of his ripened experience, were his best.

He was permitted to attend the Sunday morning prayer service shortly before his death and, being asked to speak, he arose with feebleness but spoke with a power hitherto unknown by his brethren.

Early in the spring of 1895 he began to fail rapidly. To friends wishing him "many returns" on his last birthday he replied, "O don't wish me that, wish me home." On May 17th, 1895, aged 83, he departed to be at home with the Lord and to take on the vigor of eternal youth, leaving to follow him later, a devoted wife, three sons and three daughters.

His last words to his family were, "I have no greater joy than to hear that you walk in the truth,"—"I commend you to the word of His grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified." The funeral services were conducted by pastor A. C. Baker, of Sawyerville, son-in-law of the late Elder Gillics, the pioneer brother pastor with Elder Chandler.

Elder Chandler was twice married, in Sept., 1847, to Miss Maria E. Jenkins, one daughter being born to them; in Oct., 1850, to Miss Mary Ann Lorimer, five sons and two daughters being born to them.

His family still feel the force of his life and character for he was a man of prayer, a quiet, earnest, self-sacrificing, God-fearing man. Pastors of the Coaticook church remember him not as an obstructionist nor critic, but as a generous-hearted, fatherly counsellor.