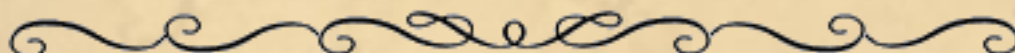


# RELIGIOUS TELESCOPE



## *Biographical*



April 21, 1858



*Mary Merkel* died at the residence of her son, in Mechanicsburg, Pa., on the '6th instant, aged 76 years and 6 months.

Mother Merkel was a woman of a remarkably kind and amiable disposition; and, having been a professor of religion for many years, she enjoyed a serene and cheerful old age. Indeed, we thought her peculiar in this respect. We never saw her out of humor—never pensive and sad. She died suddenly, and without a struggle, yielding up her soul to God, knowing in whom she trusted, and that he was "able to keep that which she had committed to him."

J. DICKSON.

Shiremanstown, April 8, '58.

*John Nichols*, died at his residence in Newville, De Kalb co., Ia., March 5th, 1858; aged 66 years, 2 months, and 21 days. Father Nichols emigrated to this country with his family, consisting of his beloved wife and ten children, in the fall of 1851. Father Nichols lived long in the world, and endur-

beloved wife and ten children, in the fall of 1851. Father Nichols lived long in the world, and endured much affliction without the comforting influence of religion. About five years ago he became deeply impressed upon the necessity of a change of heart; he sought earnestly the Savior he had so long slighted, and found him in the pardon of all his sins. Soon after he united with the United Brethren in Christ, and lived to see his wife and four of his daughters happily converted and united with him in church fellowship. May their example be such as will lead the remainder of the family to seek Christ in the pardon of all their sins. The occasion was improved from Job xiv: 14.

A. N. BLOOD.

Sister *Lydia*, consort of J. P. Pringle, died at her residence in Johnstown, Cambria co., Pa., March 8th, '58; aged 42 years, 8 months, and 8 days. The subject of this notice embraced religion when quite young; united with the U. B. church, in which she lived a consistent and upright member until removed by death, to the church triumphant. Her disease was Typhoid fever, from which she suffered severely, yet with great patience and resignation, to the will of her heavenly Father. Sister Pringle was beloved by all who knew her, for her unswerving attachment to the cause of the Lord Jesus. As a church, we feel deeply the loss we have sustained in the departure of sister Pringle; but we rejoice to know, that our loss is her eternal gain. When the decisive hour came, it found her ready and waiting to depart and be with Jesus. Being present, I asked her, just as the spirit was leaving the body, if all was well. She answered in the affirmative; and without a doubt or fear, peacefully fell asleep. May the Lord bless the bereaved friends, and enable them to prove faithful that they may meet her in heaven. Funeral discourse by the writer, from Ps. cxvi: 15.

T. L. KEESEY.

Jonathan Becker died at his residence near Me...

*Jonathan Recher* died at his residence near Mechanicstown, Md., April 2, 1858, aged 60 years, 5 months and 22 days. Bro. Recher we are told, lived a consistent member of the United Brethren church, for several years. After a severe illness of twenty hours, his spirit took its flight, and we trust he now "sleeps in Jesus." His loss is greatly mourned by the bereaved family, yet, they sorrow not as those who have no hope, for some of them are among those who "believe that Jesus died and rose again," and that God will bring with Him, the Spirit of their Father, when he comes to "gather his saints together." He was buried on Sabbath morning, in the United Brethren church yard, in the presence of a very large and deeply affected assembly of people. Funeral services attempted by the writer.

S. EVERS.

Mechanicstown, Md., April 5, '58.

*Rev. Daniel Laumaster* departed this life January the 19th, 1858, aged 36 years and 7 days.

Brother L embraced religion when quite young, and joined the church of the United Brethren in Christ. He was soon elected class-leader, and his faithfulness in this capacity proved him to be worthy of the office. He received license to exhort, and held this relation to the church for some years, and then received license to preach. In January, 1857, he joined the Alleghany Conference, and was appointed to the Stone Valley Circuit; and when he returned to conference in 1858, his report showed that he had not been idle. During conference, he gave his obligations for fifty dollars to the missionary society, ten of which he paid. He was re-appointed to the Stone Valley Circuit; but, wishing to see his friends, he went home from conference. He arrived there on Tuesday, felt unwell, and on Thursday following he took his bed, and on the next Tuesday his spirit took its flight for higher climes. Disease was small-pox. The funeral services were attended to by Rev. Circle, a minister of the Evangelical Church. Brother L.

neral services were attended to by Rev. Circle, a minister of the Evangelical Church. Brother L. was a single man, and owned property near his father's residence, in Indiana county, Pa., where he died. As a man, he was respected by all who knew him; as a Christian, his light still shines—though dead, he yet speaketh; as a minister, he was a faithful itinerant. His talents were ordinary; but he was studious, and promised fair to become a useful man in the church. But his labors were soon ended, and, as he was often heard singing, "He fell like a soldier, he died at his post." His last moments were spent in exhorting his friends and relatives to meet him in heaven. The day on which he died he had set apart as the day to leave home for his circuit. It is true, he left. Weeping friends, with burdened hearts, watched anxiously until they saw the vital spark extinguished, and Daniel was no longer with them. Instead of crossing the Alleghany mountains to Stone Valley, he was carried aloft by angels thro' the starry regions; and, doubtless, before the sun had set behind the western hills, he sat down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of God.

A. CROWELL.

Phillipsburg, Pa.

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*Sister Isabella*, wife of Daniel H. Clymer, and daughter of James and Mary Grays, died at her residence, in Duck Creek township, Madison Co., Indiana, March the 11th, 1858, in the 29th year of her age.

She was a member of the United Brethren Church about seven years. She lived a consistent Christian life, and died in the triumphs of the faith. When on her death-bed she frequently shouted "glory," knowing that her sufferings would soon be over, and that she would join the church triumphant. Her friends weep not as those without hope. Her works do follow her. The funeral was attended to by the writer.

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*Emma Elizabeth*, wife of Thomas E. Beery, and elder sister of the Rev. W. B. Witt, one of our missionaries in Africa, died at Upper Sandusky, O., April 9, 1858, aged 22 years, lacking 14 days.

Emma embraced religion and joined the United Brethren church in her 17th year, while attending school at the Otterbein University. When about 19 years old and while at the University, she renewed her religious covenant and was baptized.

Oct. 23d, 1855, she was united in matrimony with Mr. Beery, in which relation they lived *sweetly* in each others affections, and happily together in the love and service of their Lord, until her death.

On the 8th day of last January, after having spent two happy weeks on a visit, among her early friends, in Dublin, Ind., as she was leaving the residence of her father, (Rev. C. W. Witt,) where she was raised, she entered into a solemn covenant with her God, that she would be a more holy Christian and that the year 1858 should be by her more fully consecrated to the Lord, than any previous year of her religious life. When she arrived at home, she informed her husband of her new renewed covenant and asked him to join her in the vow; to this he assented, and they practically lived it out.

During her last illness, owing to a watery effusion upon the brain, she inclined to talk but very little. At times however she talked intelligently, and at one time while conversing with her mother about death she said she felt no alarm nor anxiety about dying. She felt sorry only for the affliction it would cause her dear husband; but if it was the Lord's will that she should die she was resigned and willing; and not only willing, but she felt that she was *ready* to go home.

The very last and closing expression of her countenance was a heavenly smile, which remained upon her face, to some extent, the next day, after her body had been conveyed many miles to her

her body had been conveyed many miles to her father's home in Dublin, Ind.; where, after the usual religious services, it was buried in the United Brethren burying ground of that place.

Emma's friends feel assured that she has gone to glory, where she has doubtless met her grand parents, two little brothers and a little sister, also her own little infant babe which had gone some two weeks before her. They also feel to renew their covenant to so live in life that they may be, as was Emma, not only willing, but *ready* to die.

A. BUTLER.

Dublin, Ind.

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*Elmira*, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Lebo, died in Powell's Valley, Dauphin co., Pa., March 18, 1858, aged 18 years, 11 months, and 20 days. The subject of this notice was an amiable and beloved sister, but in the midst of life she was leveled by the shaft of death. She was a member of the United Brethren church. She died in peace and leaves father and mother, brothers and sisters to mourn her loss, but their loss is her gain. Funeral services by the writer.

Also, *Theodore*, infant son of John and \_\_\_\_\_ Sweigord, died in Matamoros, Dauphin co., Pa., March 23, of Scarlet fever, aged 7 months and 5 days.

Also, *Hannah Eliza McLaughlin*, died in Powell's Valley, Dauphin co., Pa., March 25, 1858, of Scarlet fever, aged 13 years, 2 months, 7 days. Funeral sermon by the writer.

Also, *Barbara Elizabeth Hawk*, died in Jefferson township, Dauphin co., Pa., March 28, 1858, of Scarlet fever, aged 9 years, 6 months and 6 days. The funeral services were attended to by the writer.

SIMON ZIMMERMAN.

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*George*, son of George and Sarah J. Allison, died October the 5th, 1857, aged 3 years, 1 month and 10 days.

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Also, *Mary E.*, daughter of George and Mary Hines, died March the 22d, 1858, aged 3 years, 10 months, and 19 days.

Also, *Catharine Fredline* died March the 27th, aged 26 years.

She was not a professor, but for some time before her death, was deeply concerned about her salvation; and a few hours before her death, professed to find the Lord, in the pardon of her sins, and died in peace. May the Lord bless her companion, and help him to prepare to meet her in heaven. Funerals by the writer.

MICHAEL JOHNSON.

Decatur, Adams Co., Ind., April 5, '58.

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*Susan Nancy*, daughter of Jacob and — Houk, died on the 1st of March, 1858, aged 3 years, 10 months and 11 days.

Dear parents, labor to gain that high summit in glory that your young daughter has already gained. Funeral discourse preached by the writer.

ROBERT ROSS.

Palestine, Ohio.

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*Frederick L. Good*, died April 5th, 1858; aged 18 years, 5 months, and 7 days; and was buried on the subsequent day, in the cemetery at Miltonville, Butler co., O. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

JOHN KEMP, jr.

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*Eliza Emma*, infant daughter of Rev. Joseph and Mary Ann Waldorf, died April the 5th, 1858, aged 7 months and 25 days.

Rest, gentle infant, in the tomb,  
Till thy Redeemer come  
And raise thee from thy silent gloom,  
And take his loved one home.

WM. NEVILL.

THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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Industry, Pa., April 7, '58.

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