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1821

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Consumption

14 d.

7

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8 d.

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16 d.

2 d.

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weeks.

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10 d.

Chills.

7

17 days

7

28 d.

Shepherdstown Va.
Charles Edward Chaplin
Whooping Cough & Measles
Age 7 yrs. 10 mo. 26 d.

dropsy.
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DEATHS AND FUNERALS (1849-1887)

Died

Year	Date	Name	Location	Age	Sex	Illness	Duration
1849	Dec 13	Petersville Fred Co Md					
		Mrs. Magdalena Ennife					
		of Cancer & dropsy.					
		Aged 44 y. 7 m. 15 d.		1			
1850	Jan 29	Pleasant Valley Wash Co Md					
		Mr. Hanson Cushing					
		Stomach Cramp Colic.					
		Aged 21 y 7 m. 26 d.		2			
	Mar 20	Pain's Hill Fred Co. Md.					
		Mr. George Rhode					
		Dropsy					
		Aged 67 y 7 m 4 d.		3			
	" 25	Harper's Ferry Jefferson Co Va					
		Mrs Elizabeth Steyer					
		Typhoid Fever (Cholera)					
		Aged 107 years 10 m 27 d.		4			
		Harper's Ferry W. Va. Co. Va.					
		John W. Mallowood					
		Colera Epidemic					
		Aged		5			
		Knoxville Fred Co. Md.					
		Margilla W. Newmeyer					
		Summer Complaint					
		Aged 13 8 m. 14 d.		6			
1851.							
	June 21	Bolivar W. Va. House of the son Mr. Wines.					
		Susannah Wines					
		Old age.					
		Aged 78 y 4 m 14 d.		7			
	July 5	Berlin Ind. Co Md.					
		Elizabeth Koon					
		Consumption					
		Aged 32 y 3 m. 1 day		8			
	Sept 7	Loudoun Co. Va. (Between Falls)					
		Sarah Keller					
		Dropsy.					
		Aged 59 y. 7 m. 1 d.		9			
1850							
	Oct 7	Berlin Fred. Co Md.					
		John Lyman					
		Consumption					
		Aged 66 y. 9 m. 14 d.		10			
	Aug 17	Bolivar Jefferson Co. Va.					
		William Alexander Keller					
		Typhoid Fever.					
		Aged 77 y. 8 m. 8 d.		11			
	Feb 18	Knoxville Fred Co. Md.					
		Baeger.					
		Bilious Dyspepsia.					
		Aged.					
	" 20	Knoxville Fred Co. Md.					
		Sarah Ann Woods.					
		Pastor's Fever.					
		Aged 41 y. 6 m. 16 d.		12			
	Mar. 10.	Union P. Harper's Ferry Jefferson Co Va					
		Miss Virginia Chapman					
		Whooping Cough.					
		Aged 7 weeks.		13			
	May 4	Petersville Fred Co Md.					
		Israel Steam					
		Brain Fever					
		Aged about 62 years.		14			
	June 9	Jefferson Co. Va. near Green's Church.					
		Catharine Melissa Leitch					
		Dropsy in the Head.					
		Aged 1 yr. 4 months 17 days.		15			
	Dec. 6	Near Shepherdstown Va.					
		Ann Elizabeth Skull					
		Typhoid Fever.					
		Aged 17 ys. 6 mo. 28 ds.		16			
	Jan 4	Shepherdstown Va.					
		Charles Edward Chaplin					
		Whooping Cough & Measles					
		Aged 7 yrs. 10 mo. 26 ds.		17			

1853.

Deaths.

- Feb. 6. Was buried Harper Ferry Grave yard. Jefferson Co. Va. 2 1/2 o'clock.
George Fred. Barchant. being killed by a fall from House.
Aged. 24 years, 9 Months, & 10 days.
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- " 9. Was buried Harper's Ferry Grave yard Jefferson Co. Va. 12 O'Clock.
Harrison of Wroverton.
Aged.
21.
- March 20 Was buried Pleasant Valley Ma near Woodstock 4 O'Clock. P.M.
Ann Norris of Pleasant Valley.
Aged
22.
- April 24 Was buried in Shepherdstown Va. Suth. Grave yard. 3 o'clock. P.M.
Elizabeth Keplinger of typhoid Pneumonia.
Aged.
23.
- " 26. Was buried in Shepherdstown Va. Suth. Grave yard. 11 o'clock A.M.
David Keplinger of typhoid Pneumonia
Aged.
24
- May 2 Was buried in Shepherdstown Va. Suth. Grave yard 12 o'clock M.
Surren Fulk.
Aged 65 year.
25
- " 27 Was buried in Harper's Ferry Va Public G.V. 3 o'clock. P.M.
Charity Russell.
Aged.
Her twin daughters I buried soon afterwards
28
- Dec 26 Was buried in Shepherdstown Suth G.V. at 12 o'clock.
Mrs Cook of Paralysis,
Aged 56 yrs. 8 mo. 30 days.
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- 1854
- Feb. 23 Died at the residence Jefferson Co. Va & buried in Suth G.V. Shepherdstown
Mrs. Annie Lusk wife of Adam Lusk Sen.
Aged about 39. years.
30
- March 26 I buried Mr. — Winkbamer, in Gov. Ref. Graveyard. Died in G.R. Ch.
He died of Consumption. Aged about 30. left a widow & children. Methodist
by persuasion. and in the hope of immortality.
31
- March 29 I buried James M. Laughlin, in Grave yard on the hill. His funeral preached.
He had both legs cut off by the cars of the Bridge and shortly afterwards, drunk
at the time, die cursing & swearing. aged about 33, left a widow & two
children, was often warned.

1854

Record of DEATHS & Remarks.

- April 11 I performed the last rites at the burial of, Mr. Valentius (Dad) Jefferson Co. Va.
A very old man, about 83 years. Blind. A very wicked man. Roags & murther.
Buried on his farm near his house. His relatives to mourn.
33
- June 19 Buried this afternoon (Monday) Mr. John Byers, of Shepherdstown. Aged
His remains were deposited in the Suth G.V. Poor man he was too fond of
strong drink. He died without a struggle. He was once a member of Suth
Ch but was excommunicated. Disease old age. Endeavour to improve the time.
34
- " 22 This day we buried Miss Mary Lane Cuthen. aged 24 years, 5 mo. & 20 days.
She died of Consumption. Buried near the house on the farm of her father. Large
crowd at her funeral. Was a member of the Prot. Epis. Church. She was
willing to die. & did not fear death. I endeavored to warn the young.
35
- " 29 Again called upon to perform the last sad duties of respect to a fellow mortal
Mrs. Mary Siv. Aged 65 years. She lived near Middleburg
Md & came to Virginia to spend the remaining days with her daughter
Mrs. Jacob Engel. She passed from earth calmly, Member of Gov. Ref. Ch.
36
- July 17 Ministry did James Jackson infant son of Wm. & Mary E. Wendick. in the
U.S. Grave yard, of Summer Complaint. aged 7 months & 16 days.
Slay scull hole until the Resurrection morn.
37
- August 14 Buried in Shepherdstown Gov. Ref. Grave yard. 10 o'clock A.M. Mr. David Chapman
an aged man. No Church member. Fond of stimulating drinks. Sick for
some time. Gave to mourn his loss. I endeavored faithfully to comfort the
occasion. The Lord bears his truth.
38
- " 23 Another occasion, called to bury a young man full of life & beyond hope
His sickness was typhoid fever. Buried in Harper's Ferry G.V. leaves a
wife & child. Poor young man, twice a Methodist. John Bateman
39
- Nov. 19 I was informed that this Sabbath morning I was requested to preach a
General Sermon, Miss — Cook, of Dep. Co Va. buried in S. at 11 o'clock A.M.
One after another is thus passing away. I heard not the disease, nor
any other particular concerning her.
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- 1855
- Dec. 5 Buried. John Brandtner. Grave yard Shepherdstown, Mon of
family, few days sick, few unprepared.
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- " 22 Buried Jond Griffth Pneumonia aged 2 years 1 month 26 days. buried
in Shepherdstown. Cold blasting day. Sermon preached in house.

Deaths.

February 25 This night died at the residence of his sister Mrs. Redwiler in Jefferson Co. Va. Mr. Abraham Crim, aged about 70 years, for many years a Maniac. whose wife & children are said to be crazy. He was blind for 5 years. Sometimes appeared vicious. Buried in Shepherdstown Luth. Grave yard, on the Tuesday following.

April 35 This day Mr. John Sproun of Wmington departed this life in the bright hopes of a glorious immortality. He was born in England, & moved to this country a few years before his death. He left a widow & 3 children. He was a Baptist by persuasion, but inclined towards the Ch. & in his work & deportment truly Christian. Buried on the Epis. Gr. St. Peter'sville m.

At her residence in Bolivar, near Harpers Ferry, Va., May 23, 1855, Mrs. ELIZA TURK, in the 29th year of her age.

"So fades a summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So greatly shuts the eye of day,
So dies a wave along the shore."

In announcing the death of Mrs. Turk to those who knew her no eulogy is requisite. She died in the triumph of the Christian's faith. In November 1852, she united herself to the Evangelical Lutheran Church by the solemn ties of confirmation, and continued faithful to her vows, a consistent member of the Church, until her death. Her Christian life was marked by no sudden and fatal change—not the rushing torrent now leaping rocks, and then slowly scattering its splashing waters over the earth; but the deep, steady river, bearing on its bosom the richest treasures.—She, indeed, felt her weakness, and lamented her unweariness; but trusted implicitly upon the atonement of her Saviour, and daily prayed for grace and strength.

Her home was around the domestic hearth, and in the family circle. Here her piety, and substantial virtue, shone in all their lustre, so that they who knew her most, loved her best. Her last illness was brief, and in some circumstances, solemn and deeply afflictive, (leaving behind a husband and eight children, the youngest but thirteen days old.) but her end was peace. When asked by her Pastor if she was ready for the Master's summons, she answered—"Yes, ready and willing," and then wished for strength to give utterance to her joy. A few hours after she fell—"Asleep in Jesus," and finished her course, won the victory and passed into glory. In life, she was kind, tender, devoted; in death, calm, peaceful, resigned. Thus passed our sister from earth.

"As she was the morning star,
Which goes not down behind the darkened west,
Nor sinks obscured among the tempests of the sky,
But melts away into the light of Heaven."

July 1 Preached the funeral Sermon of Dr. Needy in Shepherdstown Va. He was buried the Sabbath previous. Died of Cholera. Member of no Church.

" 27 This day we buried in Shepherdstown C. H. at 5 o'clock P. M. Geo. Coffeyberger. A member of the Luth. Ch. Martinsburg. Left hopes of entering the rest prepared. A very distressed family. He was a young brother only 23 years of age. He was a subject of a wound 2 years at Killmeyer.

August 21 No day I was called to bury another sister in F. Mrs. Barbara Bonorus. She had been a member of the Lutheran Ch. in S. from early life, & kept the world in the triumph of faith, the last time I conversed with her, she was willing to go, & we bid adieu that of we met no more in this world we would meet in Heaven. May the Lord grant that it may be so. She leaves a husband & 7 small children, but their loss is surely her gain. How delighted to the Pastor when he can hold up the departed as trophies of divine Grace. She was buried in Luth. C. S. S. mourned by many friends. aged about years. Died of Consumption, she went very rapidly. Requested in part

Deaths.

Oct 14 I heard at Harpers Ferry Church that I was selected to attend to the services pertaining to the funeral of John Russell. who died Sunday evening previous. My large funeral. O. S. & Sons of S. turned out in full equipage. His widow & 3 children seemed much distressed. Young men of about 30. No Church members. Often heard me preach. Buried in the Old C. S. S.

Dec. 3 This night I preached the funeral of Saml. Wise, aged 13 years 10 mo. & 25 days. He died 3 or 3 week ago of Typhoid fever. Parents much distressed. I talked to them plainly. They say he was the flower of the flock. Others say he was a wicked boy.

" 5 Reached the funeral of one of my members at S. Jacob Besard, who died suddenly at his residence near Scrabble 4 or 5 miles from S. of Typhoid fever. aged about 50 years. Left a large & distressed family. I did not see him during his sickness. I know nothing of his last days. I hope he had made his peace.

" 25 This day (Christmas) I buried Mr. John F. Steider, Conductor on the Rail Road, dead in Baltimore, & brought on Cars to Harpers Ferry, died of Typhoid fever, Buried in Neidwager's family Grave yard, one mile from the Ferry in Loudoun Co Va. I met them in the Ferry. No sermon preached. It rained all the time. Few mourners present. How soon man is forgotten.

Deaths.

1856
Mar 28 Buried Mr. Bowers of Shepherdstown Brother in Law to W. M. Shutz. Died of pneumonia, contracted in clearing the canal & working in water, one of his coliclers dies before him. Others are sick. Buried by the Old Catholics. in G. C. Chap. Luth. House about 45 years of age left widow & one child. I was with him when he died. died Colony. No member of Church.

April 27 This day Sabbath I buried the infant child of Mr. A. Stear. Large company. Buried in the Old Harpers Ferry Graved. "Go to thy rest my Child!"

May 24 Buried this day in the Harpers Ferry G. C. child of his Mother, at 1 o'clock P. M. Ballman Thomasson Son of Tho's N. & Mary A. Westcott aged 3 yrs. 3 mo. 14 ds. Died of Scarlet Fever. & lived in Society Hook Md. Parents much distressed. The Lord bless their affliction.

" 24 Preached a funeral Sermon for Henry Krebs wife & 2 children. Died sometime last winter. Know not where they were buried. The sermon preached in Wmington.

June 30 Buried this day in the H. & Germ yard. Mrs. Susan Lowrey, a very aged woman. No member. Seba as died & died as she lived.

Aug 23 Buried Mrs. Cregarstown Amanda B. Bush. aged 99 y. & mo. & 2 ds. Buried Sabbath morning, in Cregarstown Md. Large audience. I was not prepared being on a visit there. First among the rich or poor is equally served, & deserving. Saw in case of this child it is hard to part in full hope of immortality.

Deaths

July 31 Buried a small child of Dr. John Lee Peromus. Aged about 5 years. Buried in white Lib. Shop. Many present.

Aug. 5. Buried a child Clarence Joshua of Wm. Peck of Bolivar. in the Old Grave yard. Disease dysentery. Baptized the day before its death. aged 2 years.

Oct. 31. This day I performed the funeral services of a sweet little girl of about 4 yrs. of age. daughter of L. B. & Soanna Skelton. She burnt herself by attempting to light a candle by the fire. Her clothes caught & in all probability she inhaled the flame. She lived but one day. Little Bette must die. Many sympathizing friends at the funeral. How careful we should be with fire. Buried in Leth. G. V. at S. P. M.

Nov. 19. I buried this day Mrs. Mitchell of South Bolivar. She was intoxicated & fell on the canal & was drowned. her funeral discourse is to be preached in the Ch. next Sabbath. I show all three hard cases to bury. Why is it? She was buried in the Old Grave Yard.

Dec. 13 This day (Sabbath) I buried Mrs. Storms, who died Friday morning previous. Buried in the Old Grave yard. Sex of her corruption. Long while sick. There seemed to be a cloud over her mind while sick which was dispersed before she died. Poor woman she had a hard time of it in this world. She seemed to be supported by her husband & friends. She is now at rest. She has left a family of small children. She united with our church about one year ago. It was the last time she was in church. I visited her often while sick. May we all be prepared to meet our God when death comes.

18. Called to Martinsburg to preach the funeral sermon of Catherine Loung. Died in the West & brought to me in Metallic Coffin & buried in the Old Leth. G. V. She left one daughter & husband left her for years. Still living. A good sister.

Jan 19 I buried Ellen Lewis Wentzel a little child of Alex & Lorenz Wentzel. in the Leth. Cemetery.

Feb 1. Melrose Edwin Potterfield was buried at Edmenger Church town Co. aged 7 mos. & 3 days.

March 3 I buried in the Old G. V. William Merrick. Died of Consumption aged about 35. Poor fellow he had a rough time of it in this world owing to domestic difficulties. Left a wife (if she is with the home) & three children.

" 10 I buried this day Mrs. Mary Peck. aged about 60. I had confirmed her the last year. She appeared willing to depart. Buried in a family Grave yard.

" 15 I buried in the Old Grave Yard to day Mr. Slippy, a good man Quite old. Come to rest!

" 19 Mahlon Miller was this day buried. in St Pauls Church G. V. preached to a crowded house. aged about 40. A Bachelor. Embosced ^{with} on his death bed. I took before he distinctly received an impression to prepare for death. & he immediately communed. Lately for a long time. May he rest in peace.

Deaths.

April 8. I buried a small child of a Mr. Mathus of Shenandoah City Va. Recent to death. Very few mourners indeed. Ah how sad his sin made this world. Suffering of little children!

May 13 I buried Mrs. C. Best. an old member of the Leth. Ch. aged about 70 years. She had been faithful to her Ch. duties. Some no doubt to her eternal rest. Many mourners. I spoke very plainly to them & the living.

June 18 I buried an Old woman who lived in Waverton said to be a "bad woman". Could scarcely get enough to bury her. But one mourner, a daughter. Oh. how sad such funerals.

" 25 I buried Mrs. Harrison as her name truly was Alexander I buried her husband about eight years ago. His corpse with the last was buried in Knoxville. The boys quarrel before their mother was in the ground. I gave offence by not reading from the pulpit a piece written by some one.

July 1 I buried quite an infant of Locust Staley near Union.

30 I buried the wife of Mr. Kim. near the Suburban Church in this place. The children seem distressed. The husband was sick & could not attend. The Methodist preacher was absent as I would not have had the duty to perform.

Deaths.

July 1 I buried a Man in Bankettsville who was only about six weeks in this Country German - Regerman. died with Coup de soleil. found dead in the road aged 38. 11. 28. German. Come to this Country to die.

" 10 Friday night previous I was telegraphed to attend the funeral of Mrs. Dr. Anspach. Who died in Baltimore & was buried in the Phoenix town, in the G. R. Green yard. There were 8 ministers in the church when I preached her funeral. This is the 2nd minister's wife I buried. I could sympathize with the Dr. having gone through the same kind of affliction. There were many present. The corpse was brought from B. to Mrs. Line's. Buried in a Metallic Coffin. She appeared natural.

Nov 17 I buried a small child of Mrs. Jackson Wobles in the Old Grave Yard. This is the third child they have lost. Name Annis Louisa Annetz.

Dec 2 I buried a young child of Dr. Sowsman's in Leth. Cemetery. few present. Child sick from its birth. Repleased it in May when they thought it was dying. Spoke a few words at the house. Cold raw day.

Jan 17 I buried this day a little boy of Mr. Cushing in the valley above Waverton. buried near the house. Not the first time I was called to bury the dead there. It was a remarkable large child. Many present.

1859

Deaths.

Mar 7. I buried Mrs. Burns. the wife of a school teacher here in Bolivar. She left a large family of small children. Buried in the public grave yard. Large funeral.

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" 17 This day we followed to the grave Vidler Mary Lomon wife of Adrien Lomon. aged 42 years. She was a consistent Ch. A lovely woman, devoted mother, & kind friend. She has gone to her heavenly rest. Buried in S. V. Burial. May we all follow her to eternal life.

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" 20 I buried a little boy of Richard Hesse in S. about 3 years old. I baptize it a few hours before its death. Sick only a few days. Buried in the S. V. Burial. Sat. afternoon.

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April 27 I buried a small child of Joshua Cavalieri's. His poor mother of measles. Buried in S. V.

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May 26 I buried in the Lutheran Grave yard Shepherdstown Va. Robert Mammadelle. Dies of Maria Peter. A young man. Engaged to be married on the following week. But for Whiskey might have been an ornament. Large gathering. Buried in houses of war.

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" 29 This day was buried a child of Mr. Ayer. in the Old Green yard.

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July 21 This day I buried in the Lutheran Grave yard. Miss Jane Ogden. Dies of Belous typhoid. A member of Church.

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" " Some day buried a little child in Kingsville. Grand child of Mr. Goshing. about 8 mo. old.

Deaths.

Aug 7. Another member of Shepherdstown Cong. was buried to day in the Old Church. Mrs. Kennedy an old Lady. Sick for a long time. She was willing to die, & we doubt gone home to Heaven. Left two daughters to mourn her loss. A large crowd at the funeral.

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" 15 I buried in the New Cemetery a little girl Soller. Baxter. Catholic Father, Sunday school scholar. gone home to glory. Typhoid fever. Preached in the Church. Many of

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" 16 I buried the infant child & only one of Christian Frederick. a member of our church.

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" 18 I buried the infant child of James Cox a member of the M. E. Church. Buried in the Old G. B. Many sympathizing friends

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Sep 6. I buried this day a child of Mrs & Mrs. Chilton. by name Emma Lane. Buried in Kingsville aged. 1 year. 3 mo. 26 days.

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Oct. 23 Sabbath. To day I buried a dear sister. Maria Smith the Lumanacher. aged 19. & 9 mo. Dies of Typhoid fever. Sick 6 or 8 weeks. Her dying words were "No doubt creep for me. I am going home to Heaven". "Lizzie say to meet me in Heaven" I have different from those who have no hope. May all my Catholics die thus. & go home to Heaven. Then when we all meet they will show us entry over death & hell. & cast our crowns at the feet of Jesus & give him all the praise.

1859

Deaths.

I buried a very young child of Mr & Mrs. Ayer. only a few weeks old. Buried in Kingsville.

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" 8 I buried this day on the G. B. of Luth. Ch. Shepherdstown Miss Eliza Miller who was approaching 4 years. For some time she had been quite sickish

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Nov 3. This day at 2 o'clock I presided the funeral of Miss Harriet B. Shattuck. a young lady of about 17 years. of age. Dies of Typhoid fever. Apparent to be a hearty hale girl. The only scholar who dies while I was teaching school. The school attended her funeral. Remarks at House. Family much afflicted. May we all be ready for the summons.

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" 28 I buried to day a little son of Josiah Koury. about 12 years of age. Many sympathizing friends present. Buried in Old Green G. B.

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Nov 1 I buried this day a little babe of Alexander Wenzel. in the Lutheran Grave yard.

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Dec 15 This day I buried in the Lutheran Grave yard at Shepherdstown Mr. Jacob Shultz aged 76 years. His second to be very painful during his last hours he hope God was merciful to him & receive in the 4th hour. There is a man who refused to leave the Christian home through a long life, & now when he knew he must die call upon the Lord. How much better to be prepared for this end. I preached to one of the largest crowds I ever did. & yet it seems as if no good was accomplished.

1860

Deaths.

Mar 31 This is the last day of my charge when I find 128 funerals. Some it is true I did not preach especially children, but the majority of cases I preached a sermon.

It is very doubtful whether any thing is to be gained from funeral sermons. The mourners seem broken up in spirit. That so often those I know it was only when their feelings were excited. Afterwards it was joy often.

I believe in a few cases. I have done much good in preaching funeral sermons. Especially when it was acknowledge by all that the dead died in the Lord.

There are in the foregoing list some sad cases. & some joyful ones. Some here recorded I expect to meet in Heaven.

There are sad & joyous pages in the book of my ministerial account. May it remind me always of my later end. which is coming on fast. I know not when.