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Rev. Isaac Eby, New Germantown, Perry County, Pa., son of **John** and **Elizabeth (Myers) Eby**, was born near Doylesburg, in Path Valley, Franklin County, Pa., October 16, 1827. When he was two years old his parents removed to Letterkenny Township, Franklin County, and seven years later to Dickinson Township, Cumberland County, Pa. **Isaac Eby's** education was begun in an old log school house in Letterkenny Township. Some of the masters were very severe. Among them was an Irishman, **Mr. Patterson**, who used to sleep in the school house when the storms were too severe to permit him to return home. On one such occasion, he lay too close to the stove and his clothing took fire and burned to the knees. In the morning the merry children enjoyed a hearty laugh at the master's plight, and he soothed his wounded feelings by thrashing the culprits soundly. In 1843, the family removed to the farm on which **Mr. Eby** now resides, in Toboyne Township, Perry County, and **Isaac** attended the school at Fair View school house, under **Hugh Campbell**, who was afterwards sheriff of Perry County. During his vacations he worked on the home farm, spending his evenings and leisure moments poring over such books as their small library contained. In these studies the Bible was not forgotten. In the spring of 1850, he began farming for himself, living in the tenant's house on his father's farm. Two years later, he removed to the mansion, and in 1866 bought the farm. He has 113 acres under cultivation, and 280 acres of mountain land.

In 1868, he was elected to preach in the Dunkard Church in which he had held the office of deacon for several years. For many years he preached regularly, but is now heard only occasionally. He has not voted for thirty years. When studying the doctrines of the Dunkard Church, he decided that he could not conscientiously take part in politics; he has, however, served his township as school director for twenty-eight years.

Isaac Eby was married, December 20, 1849, to **Sarah Shambough**, of Toboyne Township. Their children are: **Josiah**, a minister of the Dunkard Church, stationed in Toboyne Township, married **Agnes G. Berrier**; **Henry**, at home; **John**, died in youth; and **Maud**, died aged twenty. **Mrs. Eby** died January 30, 1897; she was an active member of the Brethren Church, charitable, kind-hearted, and noted for her hospitality; no one, rich or poor, ever left her house hungry. A loving mother and a devoted wife, she is deeply mourned by her family.

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