doubts that it was the settlement of a Presbythe tide that was rolling towards the Baptist the fearless exposure of error-together with the spread of good books among the peopleefforts of our Anabaptist neighbours."

church was organized. It would almost seem is he? Why only a Coward, too. I think then that Mr. Steele's labours and books are only we may as well allow them to arrange their swelling the tide which is 'rolling towards the meeeting-they wont hurt each other I fancy. Baptists,' than otherwise. And I almost besaid, "that when people begin to study and this place." investigate the subject of religion, they are ignorance as long as he can.

es, nor all law either.

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adopted and maintain.

But farther he says, "Hence the outery against Mr. Steele, and hence the vindictiveness of those who see that their hopes of gain of Baptists, and judge of the tree by its fruits." into the Second and Third churches of Yarare blasted." I was not aware of their being Here his calculation is at fault. The fact is, so mouth, and trust that our brethren of the other any outcry against Mr. Steele, before I saw much of his time has been passed in laying out churches will do likewise. The fruit of said this article. The writer has forgotten himself, crooked work, and making crooked calculations, concerts is excellent. With us they are fully I fancy. Or has thought, perhaps, from the that he is totally incapacitated, even in a small attended; and while we feel that united prayer fact, that his own minister has occupied the matter like this, for making a correct one. The to God for a dying world is heard, we know that last two or three Sabbaths in a vain and futile Baptists, including Freewill Baptists, compose the addresses thrill the hearts of those who love attempt to annihilate the Baptists, that there about one quarter part of the inhabitants of this the souls of their fellow men. It is the way to was a great outcry from some quarter. This is village, as he may ascertain any day, by getting convert our churches into the missionary spirit, what he has reference to, I presume, for I have heard of none other. And as for the "vindictiveness which this writer speaks of, I believe that it is nowhere to be found but in his own heart. He is welcome to it.

"A Presbyterian" next in course deals with "One of the leading Baptists," and makes him to say that the "Presbyterians are divided," and calls this a 4' pure fabrication."

Now he must either be a very dull scholar, or else have a rare faculty for misconstruing plain simple English. "One of the leading Baptists" never made any such statement: and had this Presbyterian common honesty, he never would have dared thus to construe it. He quotes from Mr. Steele's Report, " That disaffection between himself and his people has existed, appears from his own statement." This is a fair and just inference, as "A Presbyterian" may soon learn by referring to the Record. No one but himself would have ever thought of thus understanding, or rather misunderstanding this " Leading Baptist." It is only in perfect keeping, however, with the rest of the statements,-All " False, base, and groundless."

I am pleased to know that the Presbyterians are so united, and so warmly attached to their pastor. Although a member of no church, I am ever gratified to see religious bodies living in peace and harmony, and fulfilling the injunctions of Holy Writ.

But here again comes in one of those mean and dastardly insinuations. I will give it in the writer's own words,-" But it ill becomes the Baptists to speak of disaffection. Where shall we look for more disaffection, than among the Baptists themselves. I might quote in stances, but I forbear."

Great forbearance, indeed, does he manifest to thus make such mean assertions, that carry upon their face not even a shadow of truthful ness. Let him bring forward his instances. They will doubtless be found to be as nearly related to the truth as are the statements made in the rest of his precious introduction.

terian minister among us, that has turned back himself "A well-wisher to practical Religion." "These anonymous writers in the Messenger urgent solicitation of Baptists in Tusket Vil. body. The faithful statement of truth, and intend to allow any one to escape his notice nor They will wait for a more honorable adversary moved his family to that place, and has entered his ire. He calls him a Coward for writing with whom to measure weapons, one, at least, upon his pastoral labours. He and his com-"anonymously, what he dared not say over who possesses candour enough to deal manfully panion have been called to part with a lovely have done much to counterwork the proselyting his own signature." Well! well! what strange and truthfully with the subject in hand, and child. "May the Great Head of the Church inconsistencies we do sometimes stumble upon ! not in insimuations, which stab like the midnight sanctify to them this dispensation of his Provi-It really appears to me, Mr. Editor, that this How his bosom must have swelled with valour, assassin, and statements and charges, which dence. While there, I received the following Presbyterian must have divested himself entire- when he permed this crushing epithet! How only tend to stir up strife-which he himself lines, written by a promising young sister of ly of truthfulness, as an article for which he boldly he flings down the gauntlet! And now does not believe, nor offers one particle of proof his church. had no farther use. 'The tide has been turned for the meeting. What are to be the weapons? in favor of their authenticity. back from rolling towards the Baptist body.' Swords or Pistols? But let us first have a look When next we hear from "A Presbyterian" This seems to be the object of Mr. Steel's la- at the combatants, and see if they are at all I sincerely hope it will be with some little regard bors here, from the writer's own language, as matched. I will admit, just to please "A Pres- for the truth. Until this be the case I shall, above. But how does it compare, for truth- byterian," that "A well-wisher to Practical probably, remain silent. fulness, with the fact, that, during the past Religion" is a coward. "A Presbyterian" year, a larger number have been added to the has also written anonymously, what "he dared Baptist Church, than during any year since the not say over his own signature." What then

But farther he says, "This is in perfect lieve it is true, as an old Presbyterian once keeping with the doings of the Baptists in

He seems pretty well posted, in the doings of never satisfied until they get right down into the Baptists. Perhaps he has obtained his inthe water." If this be true, the safest method formation from a source like that from which would be for him to keep his congregation in his pastor gets his. Had he searched as eagerly for truth and candour, no doubt he would be a But this writer thinks he is at liberty to say better man than his own letter makes him ap just anything he pleases. Since his pet minis- pear. Next he refers to the "Hopeful converter has gone so far as to unchristianize the sions that have been made in the Baptist whole Baptist body, and place them low down | Church," and adds, " It is not for me to judge." upon the platform of Infidelity, as he did a few | This, Sir, is the nearest to the truth that he has Sabbaths since; but fortunately for the Bap- yet come. It is not for him to judge, for I fear tists, it is not all gospel that Mr. Steele preach- his judgment would not be righteous. He may be a very good judge of craft, and the materials Now I want "A Presbyterian" to tell us of which they are composed, but in this matter ren and churches, whom we may never have the who these proselyting Baptists in Bridgewater I fear he would be found sadly wanting in soulare. We want to be acquainted with them. felt, vital experimental knowledge. He says, He does pretty well to thus deal out his slander farther, "It is an easy thing to make profeswholesale. Let us see how much he will make sions, and to be put under the water." This be the state of that Church and people concernof it when called upon for proof of his un- is a point, Sir, which it would have been Nor are they Anabaptists; for they never silence. In this again his judgment fails him: baptize again any who have received Christian or else he argues from the fact that it is an easy Baptism. They do not recognize as Baptism | thing to sprinkle a little water upon the face of the sprinkling, authorised by the Romish an unconscious babe, who is wholly incapable Church, and which all her offspring have of showing any wish for, or resistance to the and women (Acts i. 14.) appears to be greatly

> village of Bridgewater, composed as it is chiefly strengthen them. We have introduced them some capable person to take the census for him. and make them liberal. So much then for the truth of this last state-

> more so, as he has written himself a coward. refreshments or not, with an excursion or withby those who have not dared to put their names | children and youth who took an interest in com-When these anonymous writers unmask them- evenings in hearing them recite and in special false, base, and groundless."

This is indeed bold language. Mr. Steele ought more justly to blush with shame, if such a thing were possible, for having made it necessary for any one to take up this matter in defence of a defamed and injured body of peosource from whence all this trouble has arisen. | the school and all its friends. And as a Christian man, and minister, he is doubly guilty: for from such we look for betwere moving along peaceably and amicably, vicinity than usual. until he made this unchristian, unjustifiable, and uncalled-for attack upon the Baptists; and upon the following persons, viz. . Sep. 12th, James him rests the odium of having stirred up strife Moses' son, aged 5 years; Sep. 14th, Joshua Something must have greatly moved his bowels Father Harris Harding, 32 years ago, and have of indignation. And now that his ire has found been very consistent and useful members of the the Baptists, I do not think they need be much thence to the grave by a large number of relaless to the ground.

Now he comes upon the writer who signs It will be a long day, I presume, before It may be well to state, that by the very It seems that this "Presbyterian" did not unmask themselves" to "A Presbyterian." lage mainly, Rev. A. Martell has recently re-

Yours truly,

A WELL-WISHER TO PRACTICAL RELIGION. Bridgewater, August 30th, 1858.

#### For the Christian Messenger.

#### Yarmouth.

DEAR BROTHER,

While the columns of the Messenger are enriched with the cream of its exchanges and foreign correspondence, I presume you are always ready to insert communications respecting local interests connected with the prosperity of Zion at home. Indeed, it appears to me that the organ of a denomination receives a heartier welcome among its numerous families when it teems with local tidings of interest.

Probably there is not a pastor in the Province who could not furnish an article per quarter, if not monthly, for the Christian Messenger, that would still further enhance its value, by causing every part of the country. Information of the us to feel better acquainted with beloved brethpleasure of greeting in the flesh. While accounts of revivals (if truthful) are hailed with much joy and thankfulness, sad, indeed, must ing whom the pastor cannot pen anything of much better for him to have passed over in interest. As brevity is necessary, I will ask the attention of your Christian readers to two or three subjects.

#### 1. THE MONTHLY MISSIONARY CONCERT.

This most desirable gathering of praying men neglected: hence the little interest felt in mis-Now he says, "Let any stranger come to the sions, and the paucity of funds to multiply and

## 2. SUNDAY SCHOOL EXHIBITIONS.

One or two exhibitions, properly conducted, This "Presbyterian" concludes his wonderful in the course of the year interest all classes of epistle with a bravado truly astonishing-the the community. They can be connected with No doubt he considers it withering and over- out it, as the patrons and friends may judge whelming in the extreme. "Mr. Steele can well proper. We issued some seventy or eighty afford to smile at the insinuations thrown out pieces, including several dialogues, to those to what they have written in the Messenger. mitting them to memory. We spent several selves, and appear in their true colors, I shall instruction. Those unaccustomed to this method be prepared to prove their insinuations to be of improving and interesting the rising generation would be surprised at the success attending such efforts. Our exhibitions came off with crowded houses, good order, respectable collections, and, so far as I can learn, entire satisfaction. - If this should meet the eye of any pastor or superintendent, whose Sabbath School is ple. His false, base, and groundless statements thinly attended or barren of interest, get up a in the Record, in refence to the Baptists, is the good S. S. Exhibition. It would infuse life into

## 3. SICKNESS AND DEATH.

There has been, for the last month, much ter things. The different denominations here more of sickness and death in this town and

I have been called to bury, among others, he is "annoyed" that these Baptists, toward Redding, aged 72 years; Sep. 22nd, Rev. A. whom he manifests such bitter hatred, have the Martell's son, aged 11 months; and on the privilege of worshipping God at all as they deem | 23rd inst. Mrs. Deborah Rodgers, aged 81 years, alarmed: for these thunderbolts of indignation, tives and friends. Sermons being required at labours of the ministry.

E. N. H.

TO MR. AND MRS. MARTELL,

O weep not for thy little one, 'Tis a bright angel now, All robed in pure and spotless white With glory round its brow.

Its little body writhes no more In agonizing pain, You'll never hear, so pitiful, That suffering moan again.

O dry your tears, nor think it hard That you are thus bereft, For could that babe so happy be In this cold world it left?

Then rather bless the Father's love That did so soon remove, And placed the fragile flow'r where 'Twould bloom 'mid smiles of love.

Sweet tired one, to Jesus go, He'll keep thee till the day When he will call the mourning ones To come from earth away.

Sept. 20th.

[In reply to our brother's remark in the above, we would reply that we are glad at all times to receive intelligence of passing events from correspondents and friends generally in furtherance of the Gospel of Christ and accounts of the progress of Zion come to us and our readers with peculiar interest .- ED. C. M.

# Missionary Intelligence.

[From the Baptist Irish Chronicle.] RATHMINES, DUBLIN.

The Secretary of the Society spent the month of August in visiting several of the stations in Ireland. He supplied two Lord's days at Rathmines. The congregations are very encouraging, the hall being nearly filled in the morning, and still more so in the evening. Every prospect is presented of a still larger congregation being gathered when a suitable chapel has been erected. This cause promises to be, by the divine blessing, one of the most successful efforts the Society has ever made.

## CORK.

The following communication from Mr. Mc-Clelland relates an incident marked by great interest. The serious and earnest inquiry after truth, and the fidelity with which conviction has been carried into practice, are well deserving of

thankful acknowledgement. "On last Lord's day I had an unusually interesting service, as it was one of the happiest days I have had since my coming here, I am sure you will be pleased to hear something of the occasion. Some time ago I was visited by a man named Splaine, who wished to converse with me on the subject of baptism. After repeated visits, and when I became thoroughly convinced of his desire to follow the example of Jesus Christ in that ordinance, I proposed him for membership at our last church meeting, when it was resolved that he should be baptized and received. The next day I wrote him to that effect, appointed a day for his baptism. On Saturday last he arrivhere with his son, both having travelled thirtyfive Irish miles to obey the Master's command. I was pleased, delighted, to see the son who had come all that distance to witness his father's baptism; and still more delighted to see the old man so intent on following the Saviour. Forcibly reminded of Jesus Christ himself coming from Nazareth of Galilee to be baptized of John in Jordan, next day I preached from Mark i. 9. The congregation was good, the people were attentive-apparently much interested-and all present seemed deeply to feel the great solemnity of the occasion; and although baptisms are so infrequent in this part of the country that one might expect some of the people to evince a good deal of curiosity, yet such was the solemn feeling produced, such the decorum observed, that I must indeed say I have never witnessed anything to surpass it, either in this country or in England. Amongst those present on the occasion I saw Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methoin a hitherto peaceful community. No doubt Hersey's son, aged 6 years; Sep. 16th, Benjamin dists, and Romanists; and since Sabbath I bave been much pleased to hear such expressions as these from our own members :- " We never had such an occasion b fore.' 'The Lord was with us,' &c. Strangers, I was told, made such feright, or that the laws of the land allow them a Sister R., with her husband, Benjamin Rodgers, marks as these :- He was right in all that he name and place among its highly favored people. (now 82 years old, and sick) were baptized by said. 'He had the Scriptures on his side.' 'I shall go and hear him again,' &c. But whoever might say that I was 'right,' the son of our brother felt it, and at once resolved to act upon vent, I sincerely hope it may pass off without Church of Christ. She died much lamented, his convictions; for, before leaving the place, he doing him an injury. And as for my friends, and was followed to the house of God, and came into the vestry and requested me to propose him at the next church meeting, as he had resolved to follow the example of his father, and the commandment of his own and his father's hurled so vindictively at their heads, fall harm- all funerals in this locality, adds much to the God. And new do you not think I had something to feel pleased about? Here was a man

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