MANY of our readers in Halifax and in other places have very pleasant remembrances of Mr. George Robins, the former Superintendent of the North Baptist Sabbath School, and will be glad to hear of him. In a letter just come to hand from him at Great Yarmouth Norfolk, England. He says:—

"I am thankful to say the Lord's work is progressing in the little Church to which I am now attached. We have a loving and lovable Pastor (Rev. S. Vincent) a very united church and a working one. The waters are occasionally stirred with two or more willing converts. The last who was so immersed said she wished it, as she felt it was, "the *nearest* way to follow Christ"—a very apt idea I thought.

"I wish you could drop into our Bible Classes. One of our Deacons has a class of over fifty young men. Some of them make it a point to go out into the market, &c., on Sunday afternoons and bring in the 'loafers.' His wife has another class of about thirty young women. Another is just formed for 'factory girls.' A fourth is more adapted for domestic servants.

"Notwithstanding the happy times here I often look back to the pleasant seasons at Halifax, and the Christian fellowship there, and have a desire to come and see you all again. This may never be, but if we see each other no more in the flesh I trust we may meet near the throne bye-and-bye."

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In addition to the letter from Rev. H. Morrow, at Tavoy, we have a brief note from Miss Payne, at Bassein, in the same country, which we doubt not will be read with pleasure by her many friends at Sydney and Yarmouth, as well as those in Halifax:—

My many dear friends in Nova Scotia, to whom I cannot write individually. Let me assure you through the columns of the *Messenger* that I have not forgotten, and never shall forget, the dear home faces, viewed from these distant shores, they lose none of their charms, and it often rests me to think about them. I am penning these lines sitting out on the veranda for coolness, you will probably peruse them by a warm fireside. As I look up from my writing I see natives passing and re-passing, shielded by their large paper umbrellas (tees) from the fierce rays of a tropical sun. When *you* glance aside from reading, it may be to look in wonder at the driving storm without, to shiver at the opening of a door, or to gaze at the merry occupants of a sleigh. We learn to prize winter in Burmah. A snow scene in a picture is delightfully suggestive of coolness, only the coolness ends there. The dry and rainy seasons mark the divisions in our year, and our Christmas brings no frost and snow, no "waits" or holly. The old-time charm of the day is broken, and we only remember it for what it *has been*."

"Dec. 25th.—The former part of this has been written some weeks, now, it must have a hurried ending, I have many unfinished letters in my writing case. It is so difficult to find an uninterrupted hour, you can have but little idea of the constant demands on our time, and the hours seem to slip away faster in Burmah than anywhere else.

I am now in Bassein, with my hands full of work and study, and quite recovered from the fever which caused me to leave Henthada. I have just taken a Burman girl from the jungle to "bring up." She is almost "grown up" already. My heart often aches over the children, bright-eyed little things growing up in ignorance, superstition and dirt, and in many cases far from thinking we do them a favor by teaching them. They think they do *us* a favor by coming to school. There are all sorts of difficulties to contend with, but owing to the faithfulness of Him who gave the "Great Commission" plenty of encouragement also, and we work on, believing the promise, "In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

Sending to each and all my friends in the three Provinces a warm Christmas greeting, not forgetting the children, whose loving words of remembrance are not lightly esteemed by their missionary friend.

EMILY H. PAYNE.

In a private note, Miss Payne promises to "write something interesting some day." She says, "Every one tells me I acclimated very soon, and I think I shall stand the climate very well." "I was so glad to read the account of the Wolfville Anniversary."

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IRELAND has never proved very congenial soil for Baptists, unless indeed, as some affirm that St. Patrick was originally a Baptist minister which is not unlikely to have been the case. Since Rome has been the controlling power there and the so-called Protestant State Church formerly exerted so baleful an influence, Protestants of all denominations have found it difficult to maintain a continued course of operations without more or less of opposition and disturbance. A letter from R. K. Eccles, M. D., of Dublin, to the London *Baptist*, Feb. 1st, says:—

"The year 1878 has opened gloomily for Ireland. The harvest has been wretched, especially in the north. In many places the potatoes are not yet raised.

Our mission staff mourns the death of Thomas Berry. His thoroughly Celtic character and intimate acquaintance with the Irish language made him an excellent evangelist. His funeral was very respectable and thoroughly representative of the various Protestant sections. Brother Macrory has left the sterile mountains of Down for the alluvial valley of the Bann, and is now pastor of the Coleraine Church. His reception has been most cordial. Brother Cocks has brought a large experience, acquired in England and Canada, to the Lord's work at Ballymena. Mrs. Cocks, too, shows herself a zealous and efficient co-worker. Regent-street Church, Belfast, rejoices in the vigorous ministration of the Rev. Robert Holmes, a healthy and hopeful scion of the Pastor's College. We further hear of a *third* cause springing up in our noble northern capital. Like Paul, let us rejoice that "Christ is preached." With the New Year also our Irish denominational magazine has made a fresh start. It is now a neat little *brochure*.

Fenianism has been once again making a noise here. Unfortunately the period selected for its greatest uproar has been the Lord's Day. Two Sundays ago we had a monster torchlight procession to hail the return of the political "martyrs."

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A telegram received just as we were going to press, gives us the sad intelligence that Deacon Samuel Brown, of Yarmouth died on Monday night. He will be much missed in Yarmouth and elsewhere.

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The March-April number of the *International Review* (A. S Barnes & Co., publisher, New York and Chicago) opens with the Confederate Reminiscenses of Alexander H. Stevens. The second article by Hon. David A. Wells presents a valuable review of the Elements of National Wealth. Will. T. Richard, F. R. S., F. A. S. L, long a resident of Mexico, treats the Mexican Question under the title of the "Mexico of the Mexicans," commenting an the policy of the United States. The Method of Electing the President, is ably discussed by Judge Thomas M. Cooley of Michigan and Hon. Abram S. Hewitt of New York. Other articles are by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Osgood on Modern Love; Gen. de Peyster (of New York) on New York and its History; Prof. A. P. Peabody, D.D., LL. D., of Harvard College, on The Relation of Morality to Religion. Silver in Art is appropriately described by E. C. Taylor of New York.

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The Punishment of Sin Eternal, is a small pamphlet of 38 pages containing three sermons by Justin D. Fulton, D. D., entitled "The Surrender to Infidelity, a reply to H. W. Beecher:" "The False Light, a Reply to Canon Farrar," and "The Breathings of the Pit, a Reply to Robert G. Ingersoll." The New York *Sun* says:

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Single copy, 10 cents; 50 copies, $3.50; 100 copies, $6.00. These low prices include postage. Published by the Religious Newspaper Agency, 21 Barclay Street, New York.

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IS THERE A HELL? an enquiry and an answer by Rev. John A. Cass, A. M., pp. 131. Published by D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.

This is a very brief but very satisfactory explanation of "Sheol" "Hades" and "Gehenna" shewing that the latter term leaves no possible escape from the conclusion that the Scripture teaches an eternity of punishment for the wicked.

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THE SCHOLASTIC NEWS a monthly journal of interesting information on educational and other subjects.

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## Notices.

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Mission Band, Canning — Miss M. L. Witter..... 12 00

M. R. SELDEN, *Sec'y.*

*Halifax, March 12th*, 1878.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CENTRAL BOARD WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES.—Officers for 1878:—

Mrs. A. C. Chipman, President.
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Miss Ada Hopper, Secretary.
Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., Charlottetown, Treasurer.

*Bedeque, P. E. I., Feb.* 29, 1878.

### Acknowledgments,

SUNNYSIDE.—Allow me to acknowledge through the *Christian Messenger*, the kindness of members of my congregation at Scott's Bay, who met at the Hall owned by Geo. L. Jess Esq., on the evening of Monday, Feb. 25th. After spending some time in discoursing sweet music, vocal and instrumental; interspersed with addresses from Abram C. Ells, Esq, the writer, and others, they manifested their interest in and appreciation of their Pastor's services by leaving behind them substantial proofs of their regard in the shape of cash and useful and convenient articles for the refreshing of the outer and inner man, for which they will accept his most sincere thanks. May God reward and bless them, with abundant spiritual and temporal favor.

STEPHEN MARCH.

*Canning March 5th* 1878.

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A goodly number of our brethren and sisters of the church and congregation at Indian Harbor surprised us quite agreeably on the evening of the 13th ult., when they entered our house with their boxes and baskets and took possession, which we were most happy to have them do. Our sisters went to work at once, making themselves useful as they generally do, and the result was we very soon had a most excellent tea prepared for the company, which we all very much enjoyed. In addition to that enjoyment, our good brother, Capt. Jas. McConnell, presented us with a purse containing some cash, together with a variety of very acceptable articles for family use, amounting to $22, accompanied with a very fitting and touching address. We felt that language could poorly convey a suitable reply for such manifestations of thoughtful kindness toward us. May the Lord bless them spiritually and temporally. It is good for brethren to dwell together in unity. The resolve was repeatedly expressed on that evening God, permitting, it that should not be the last gathering of the kind.

Since that evening there have been some additions to the sum above named by some of our brethren, which increased the amount in all to $37. May our Heavenly Father reward them all.

H. EAGLES.

*St. Mary's, Feb. 18th*, 1878.

### Letters Received.

Jacob L. Beals, $3. E. Curry, $4. G. P. Sabean, $4. J. D. Halfyard, Esq., $9.83. H. E. Payson, Esq, $10. G. W. Freeman, $20. Rev. W. H. Richan, $2. W. D. Archibald, 1 sub. Mrs. A. McDougall, $2. I. McNayr, $5. Rev. I. Wallace, $2, yes, all correct. M. E. Marshall, $4.50 (the W. should have been M). Rev. Dr. Tupper, $2. Jos. D. Masters, $8. J. Greenough, $2.


WHAT THEY SAY OF IT! A FEW FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE.—There are but few preparations of medicines which have withstood the impartial judgment of the people for any great length of time. One of these is Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. Read the following and be convinced:—Thos. Robinson, Farnham Centre, P. Q., writes, "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for the last ten years, and have tried many remedies without any relief, until I tried Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, and since then have had no attack of it. I would recommend it to all." J. H. Earl, Hotel Keeper, West Shefford, P. Q., writes "I have been troubled with liver complaint for several years, and have tried different medicines with little or no benefit, until I tried Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, which gave me immediate relief, and I would say that I have used it since with the best effect. No one should be without it. I have tried it on my horses in cases af cuts, wounds, etc., and think it is equally as good for horse as for man."—A. Maybee, Merchant, Warkworth, writes, "I have sold some hundreds of bottles of Eclectric Oil, and it is pronounced by the public, 'one of the best medicines they have ever used;' it has done wonders in healing and relieving pain, sore throats, etc., and is worthy of the greatest confidence."—John Rusan, Township Percy, writes, "I was persuaded to try Thomas' Eclectric Oil for a lame knee which troubled me for three or four years, and I never found anything like it for curing lameness. It is a great public benefit."

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| 14 | Horton Landing | " .. | 8 50 | 12 08 | 5 48 |
| 15 | Grand Pre | " .. | 8 55 | 12 12 | 5 53 |
| 18 | Wolfville | " .. | 9 07 | 12 28 | 6 10 |
| 20 | Port Williams | " .. | 9 14 | 12 38 | 6 20 |
| 25 | Kentville —Arrive.... | | 9 30 | 1 00 | 6 40 |
| | Do | Leave.. | 9 45 | 1 20 | |
| 34 | Waterville | " .. | 10 15 | 1 52 | |
| 37 | Berwick | " .. | 10 26 | 2 05 | |
| 42 | Aylesford | " .. | 10 46 | 2 37 | |
| 49 | Kingston | " .. | 11 00 | 3 04 | |
| 53 | Wilmot | " .. | 11 23 | 3 20 | |
| 56 | Middleton | " .. | 11 33 | 3 35 | |
| 62 | Lawrencetown | " .. | 11 49 | 3 58 | |
| 65 | Paradise | " .. | 11 59 | 4 10 | |
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| 84 | Annapolis | " .. | 1 00 | 5 30 | |
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| 31 | Wilmot | " .. | ..... | 8 58 | 3 42 |
| 35 | Kingston | " .. | ..... | 9 14 | 3 53 |
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