

MRS. MARY ANN B. McHENRY.

HER BIRTH.

She was born at Nictaux, Annapolis County, N. S., April 27th, 1829; the second child and only daughter of Rev. I. E. and Isabella Bill. Her father had been ordained to the pastorate of the Nictaux church on the 20th of March preceding, and was at the time of her birth engaged in a most extensive revival of religion, which was filling the whole land with happy converts, and inspiring all christian hearts with prayer and praise. The infant daughter of the youthful pastor, under these circumstances, naturally became an object of intense interest to the people, and the good old fathers and mothers in Israel, as well as the more youthful disciples, sent up many fervent prayers, that she might early share in the rich blessings of redeeming love. The earnest intercessions of the sainted Bishop, then the senior deacon of the church, presented with such glowing affection, for the pastor's new-born daughter, are still fresh on memory's page. In her very birth, therefore, she was encompassed with the atmosphere of hallowed supplication; and the importunate entreaties, presented before the altar of sacrifice in her behalf at that tender age, were in due time answered.

HER EDUCATION

commenced in the nursery, under the guidance of a christian mother; and the first lullabys that fell upon her infantile ear, were adapted to awaken the religious element. All the associations were of kindred mould, and special care was taken that no counteracting influences, which the vigilance of doting parents could prevent, should be allowed to thwart the endeavour to train their precious treasure in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

At the early age of four years, Mary Ann took her first lessons in a primary school, taught at Nictaux by Mr. Henry Hall; but young as she was, she had been prepared, under the training of her mother, to class with those who were years older; her extreme dif-