

christian knowledge of which they are capable. Still of the class we know of no better books than the Board's.

**COMFORT FOR AFFLICTED YOUTH**, in letters from a father to his children. (18 mo. pp. 36.)

This volume is very different from the ordinary books of children. It is generally assumed that children are cheerful and without care. But every intelligent observer of life knows that they have their sorrows in abundance, and though these are regarded as light by older persons, they are heavy enough to them. Besides the great afflictions of life sometimes fall with peculiar severity on children, as in the loss of either parent. To minister consolation to the young is then a blessed work, and this work which in a series of familiar letters, points out the great gospel sources of consolation, will, we hope, be rendered effectual by the great Comforter for that end.

**LITTLE ANNIE'S FIRST BIBLE LESSONS.**

By Nellie Greeham, author of "The Telescope." (18 mo. pp. 175.)

A good little book for the family or Sabbath school.

**PICTURES OF HINDOO LIFE**, or India without the gospel or India with the gospel. (18 mo. pp. 144.)

This little work is exactly what its name indicates. It contains a very vivid account of the condition of the Hindoos in their Heathen state, and of Missionary operations among them. It describes their system of castes, their manners and customs, their gods, their sacred writings, their temples and idols, their festivals, and their worship, and superstitions, and then the success of missionary operations among them especially among the young. The information is not only interesting but fitted to foster the missionary spirit in the youth of the church.

**PRACTICAL REFLECTIONS ON BAPTISM.**

By Rev. Ed. Williams, D. D. Extracted from his larger work on Baptism. Charlotte Town. Printed at the "Protestant" Office, Queen Square. 12 mo. pp. 60.

The subject of Baptism has been the occasion of much controversy, perhaps we might say of endless logomachies. But in the strife which has arisen, it is to be feared that the practical uses of the ordinance have been often overlooked. Certainly the num-

ber of works of this nature on the subject is very small, compared with the number, which have been published on the various controverted points connected with it. One of our brethren in P. E. Island, under the conviction that the ordinance of Baptism was not improved in our church as it should be, and that some good practical work on the subject was needed and likely to be useful, has on his own responsibility published a large edition of the work named above. We commend highly the enterprise of our brother. He has placed the church under a debt of gratitude to him, and it will be to their loss and discredit if they do not sustain him. The work which he has republished is altogether an admirable one. It is published in a cheap pamphlet form, and we should like to see a copy in every family of our church. Sessions would do well to order them in quantities for general distribution. They may be obtained at the bookstore of James Patterson, Pictou.

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## Our Foreign Missions.

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### LETTERS FROM REV. J. COPELAND.

In the absence of letters from our own Missionaries we are happy to lay before our readers the following very interesting communications from the Rev. J. COPELAND, the faithful fellow worker with Messrs. GEDDIE and ENGLIS. We copy from the *R. P. Magazine*. Writing under date of June 1., he says:—

Mrs. Johnston's new school has been in full operation since December. It promises to be a great boon to the rising generation—a portion of the community sadly neglected both by parents and teachers. Since the beginning of December I have been able to attend to the work of the institution with but little interruption. I am happy to say that the attendance has greatly improved as regards numbers and regularity. We meet for two and a half hours on four days of each week. The time is occupied in writing on paper and slates, figuring, reading, &c. A few have been making progress in all these departments. We dismiss an hour before sunset.

The only thing printed has been our Almanac for this year, and a few pages of our