

there are strong Roman Catholic inter-  
ests. In Egypt and Syria there is much  
physical distress, and Christian doctors  
are needed.

The religious situation of Greek and  
Catholic Europe is largely political, but  
there is a drift towards disestablishment,  
and missionaries are greatly needed.

In Turkey all publications of the mis-  
sion press except the Bible are restrict-  
ed. There are some native Christian  
churches, but they are poor and depend-  
ent; yet they have been encouraged by  
missionaries and some progress has been  
made, the evangelizing interest being  
largely American. There are Christian  
colleges in several of the cities. The  
American Board has done some work  
among the Bulgarians.

A ministerial decree has prohibited  
missionary work in Russia, yet there is  
great need of it, for images are found not  
only in every temple, but in nine-tenths  
of the homes, and these are supposed to  
be possessed of extraordinary miraculous  
power. But there is a large unorganized  
mass of evangelical Protestantism wait-  
ing for leaders. A few missionaries are  
doing what they can. Although the  
Greek church is opposed to other bodies,  
it promotes the circulation of the Bible.

In Austria there are four Baptist mis-  
sionaries who are only tolerated in the  
work they perform, and are hardly pro-  
tected by the authorities from the insults  
and assaults of mobs.

There are several evangelical missions  
in Bohemia, and a little band of British  
and American missionaries in Greece.

In Italy foundation work is being suc-  
cessfully prosecuted by English and  
American Baptists, Methodists, Presby-  
terians and others. The Methodist  
Episcopal church of the United States,  
on Christmas day, 1875, dedicated a new  
church near the old Roman Forum.  
There are ten supporting churches in  
many of the towns.

Evangelistic work is carried on with  
great difficulty in Spain. There is a  
Spanish Evangelical Synod at Madrid,  
and connected with it a few Baptist,  
Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches.

The American Board and Baptist Mis-  
sion Union are much encouraged with their  
few Spanish stations.

Catholicism is hardly recognized in  
France, but infidelity is strong. Baptist  
churches are established throughout the  
land, and churches of other denomina-  
tions have been formed in Paris in con-  
nection with the McAll Mission. There  
are 41 Protestant orphan asylums in  
France.

In Switzerland there are more Protest-  
ants than Catholics, and there is perfect  
liberty of creed and of conscience.

The other countries of Europe are  
Protestant, all having missionary socie-  
ties and supporting a number of mis-  
sionaries.

There are Moravian and Danish mis-  
sions to the Esquimaux in Greenland,  
Labrador and along the continent to  
Behring's Straits.

In Canada the Wesleyans have mis-  
sions among the fishing villages of New-  
foundland and among various Indian  
tribes; the Methodists among the Chinese  
of Manitoba; the Church Mission Society  
among the Indian population from  
Quebec to the Pacific and north towards  
the Arctic ocean; other societies among  
the French Canadians, especially in Que-  
bec, and the Grande Ligne Mission.

We will notice for a moment the un-  
occupied fields.

In Alaska there have been two or  
three Presbyterian missionaries, but  
there seems to be none there now.

Siberia is not an utterly desolate re-  
gion. There are vast extents of coun-  
try which have a considerable population  
and which are largely cultivated for  
barley and oats, and contain thriving  
villages and cities. The most interest-  
ing part of the population consists of  
Siberian exiles, often of whole families or  
their descendants. There is no mission-  
ary in Siberia.

Other unoccupied fields are Central  
Africa, Congo Free State, where the  
people are treacherous, cunning and  
murderous; the Soudan, the peculiar  
home of the negro race; Arabia, Belu-  
chistan, territories in the North-east of  
India, Independent Burmah, Annam,  
large fields in China, Mongolia, Man-  
churia and Tibet, which has a cold  
climate and is closed to Europeans, per-  
haps on account of its extensive gold  
mines.

When we consider these facts, do we  
not see a glimmer of hope shining over  
the mission field? The workers are few  
and the harvest thus far is light, but  
through God's grace how much these  
few have done! The heathen may  
never all be won to the Master's ser-  
vice—the increase is in God's hand—but  
to us is the responsibility of pointing out  
to these people the way of life.

KATIE R. HALL.

Acknowledgment.

I wish to thank the members of the  
Rawdon church and congregation, for a  
beautiful fur coat and cap, and Mrs. C.  
wishes to express her thanks for a nice  
fur box. May God bless the donors.

L. A. COOKY.

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have some misgivings as to his points  
till they were fully tested? Not so with  
Ayer's Sarsaparilla; you may be sure of  
it at the start. It never disappoints  
those who give it a fair and persistent  
trial.

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an citizens. In

and Babylon

From "Rhoda."

"Rev. W. J. STEWART.—Dear Sir: The  
year which is about closing has been  
filled with loving kindness and tender  
mercies and crowned with blessing to me  
and mine, and before it closes I wish to  
offer to the Oiver a thank offering. Will  
you kindly take charge of it and pass it  
along through the Foreign Mission  
Board, adding a prayer that the dear  
Master will accept and use it for His  
own glory. I send one hundred dollars,  
if convenient and agreeable to your  
Board, I would like to have it ap-  
propriated in some way for Mr. Shaw, our  
youngest missionary, with whom I am  
personally acquainted, and in whom I  
feel a deep interest.

"With kind regards,  
"Believe me, yours in service,  
"RHODA."

This is not the first time we have heard  
from Rhoda. Last year she forwarded an  
equal amount to be used for Bro. Hig-  
gins' salary, and the precious odor of the  
gift stimulated a number of sisters to  
follow the example. May we not hope  
that this gift now offered by this devoted  
sister because of God's goodness to her,  
will awaken in the hearts of many other  
sisters a like response? W. J. S.

### Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

SOUTH RAWDON.—Baptized a young wo-  
man, on Sabbath, Dec. 7th.

L. A. COONEY.

UPPER BLACKVILLE.—Two were receiv-  
ed for baptism last evening.

D. W. GRANDALL.

ELGIN, A. C.—We have got settled  
comfortably in our new field, and com-  
menced work. The churches are in a  
somewhat lukewarm state, but we are  
informed that the congregations are  
much larger at Elgin Corner than they  
have been for some time. One hopeful  
feature is the attendance and attention  
of a large number of young people. We  
hope that when we have visited the peo-  
ple in their homes, as we are now trying  
to do, our congregations will be much  
larger, and a deeper interest in the cause  
of Christ and salvation of souls. Pray  
for us, brethren, that God's blessing may  
rest upon us. S. W. E.

SALISBURY, N. B.—Thanks for your kind  
reference to me during my illness. I had  
indeed a severe attack, but God is good,  
and my health, I am thankful to say, is  
now much improved, and there are indi-  
cations of complete recovery soon. But  
this field is altogether too extensive for  
one of my strength, and I fear greatly  
that I shall not be able to do the work  
required long. When a church remains  
pastorless for a few years it is almost  
certain to run down, and then it requires  
much labor and special blessing to bring  
it up and re-erect its ranks. The peo-  
ple were very kind during my illness  
and cheered me much by their evident  
desire for my recovery and continuance  
among them. Since my recovery they  
have presented me with a very fine fur  
overcoat. That He who has said "it is  
more blessed to give than to receive,"  
may abundantly reward them in my ear-  
nest prayer. J. J. ARMSTRONG.

Dec. 10. J. J. ARMSTRONG.

SECOND ST. MARTIN'S.—This church has  
been for sometime with a regular pastor.  
For the past two years they have had  
the Rev. J. J. Armstrong, who has been  
the students from the Seminary. When  
returning to school last September, I  
agreed to preach to them every alternate  
Sabbath until Christmas. While en-  
deavouring to present the truth to them,  
the Lord has been with us, and the  
Gospel has proved to them mostly by  
the students from the Seminary. When  
God will salvation to those who have  
believed on Christ. Four have recently  
been baptized into the fellowship of the  
church, and we are praying that more  
may soon follow. This church, though  
small, and seldom heard from through  
the Messenger and Visitor, is composed  
of those who are loyal to the truth, and  
in many respects, some of our larger  
churches would do well to make it their  
pattern. I know of no church where  
the command of Christ to love one  
another is more perfectly obeyed.

G. C. CHASE.

CANAD—REV. S. B. KEMPTON writes:  
I baptized four young persons at Canad  
quite recently. All our services indicate  
some measure of spiritual healthfulness,  
though we do not see as much progress  
as we earnestly desire to see. Last Sab-  
bath, Nov. 30, I baptized five persons on  
the North Mountain. For more than two  
years one of our young men, W. H.  
Farnham, has conducted a Sabbath-  
school there, and has endeavored to se-  
cure for them other religious services.  
His efforts have resulted in the building  
of a neat and commodious hall in the  
community, in which there is preaching  
or social service in addition to the Sab-  
bath-school every Sabbath, and also a  
weekly prayer-meeting. Bro. D. Free-  
man preached there once a month, so  
long as he remained at work on the  
Mountain. There is there now a good  
degree of religious interest. The tokens  
are that quite a number of others will  
soon be numbered among the followers  
of Christ. I visit them and preach for  
them as often as I can do so. It is one  
of the little branches of this extensive  
field of labor.

BLACK ROCK, Cornwallis, N. S.—During  
my pastorate of the Second Cornwallis  
Baptist church, Black Rock was one of  
my preaching stations. Here my labors  
were greatly blessed of God, and here I  
was most generously treated by the peo-  
ple. Prominent among the givers to  
support the gospel ministry was one de-  
parted brother, the venerable C. V. Raw-  
ding, whose memory I lovingly cherish.  
A few evenings ago, the dear people of  
"The Rock" having learned that their  
former pastor was ill, sent a delegation  
in the person of Mr. Joseph H. Rawding  
with a donation of \$23, as an expression  
of their goodwill and sympathy. The  
contributors toward this unexpected  
but kindly offering, have my heartfelt  
gratitude. Pleasant reminiscences were  
thereby revived. Black Rock is now a  
station of the Cambridge Baptist church  
under the pastoral care of Rev. J. H.  
Jenner, whose ministry I am pleased to  
learn is highly appreciated. My health,  
I am thankful to say, is returning and  
I am beginning to undertake a little work  
for the Master. ISA WALLACE.

Wolfville, Dec. 9.

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HOLLIS DAM, Charlotte Co., N. B.—On  
Sabbath, Nov. 9, we assembled at the  
water's edge to witness the baptism of  
the eldest daughter of a large family,  
whose father and mother, our pastor, F.  
S. Todd, baptized a short time ago;  
thus it is our homes are gladdened by  
the fathers, mothers and children, living  
in the enjoyment of the blessing of  
hope. Notwithstanding the size of our  
pastor's field, and the amount of labor  
he has to perform, he has ventured still  
a little further into the neglected  
places, and we are glad to say he was  
amply rewarded for the time and labor  
spent. But we feel by times his anxiety  
for the salvation of souls leads him  
farther out than his physical strength  
will warrant. On Nov. 21, we accom-  
panied our pastor to Pleasant Ridge, and  
there held some glorious meetings, the  
result of which was the baptism of a Chris-  
tian in baptism seven happy believers, all  
heads of families. Truly our little  
church rejoices to see its numbers thus  
increasing. I would not omit one in-  
stance which perhaps is not common in  
these days. As we were assembled at  
the water's edge, ready to baptize, a  
brother came up to our pastor and said,  
"What hinder me to be baptized?" He  
was answered by our pastor in the words  
of Philip. His reply was as the reply of  
the eunuch. Accordingly he was baptized  
and went on his way rejoicing. Worldly  
plans may change, but we rejoice to  
know our blessed Redeemer's plan of  
salvation changes not. Since our last  
report, there has been added to our  
church eight by baptism and two on  
experience. E. F. McLASKY, Clerk.

Rev. Geo. Taylor writes:—Friends will  
please note the change in my address.  
Instead of St. Margaret's Bay, it will be  
Avon, Skagit Co., Washington. I cannot  
say yet how long before I return to  
Nova Scotia. This western country has  
made very rapid progress during my five  
years absence, at least in material things,  
but I fear that little advance has been  
made by the cause of Christ. Seattle is  
growing large, wealthy, and very worldly.  
I had the pleasure of making the ac-  
quaintance of Rev. Mr. Burchell, pastor of  
the 1st Baptist church of Seattle, who ap-  
pears to be a very earnest preacher. I  
hope to get the Messenger and Visitor  
as long as we remain here, as the cause  
of Christ is dear to me, and I hope to  
be a pastor laboring with the 2nd  
St. Margaret's Bay church, where, to-  
gether with Mrs. T., we spent a very  
pleasant summer, receiving many tokens  
of kindness from the people, and leaving  
them with regret.

Convention Funds Received.

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Guysboro.....12 00  
Kempt, Queens.....11 84  
Chas. Newcombe, Weymouth, for  
F. M. M.....2 00  
First Cornwallis, Canada.....15 00  
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H. and F. M.....6 00  
Lower Economy, col. at Min. Con. 4 42  
River Hebert.....12 00  
Second St. Margaret's Bay.....12 55  
Spring Hill.....5 00  
First Hillsburg, Bear River.....25 00  
West Yarmouth, Chegoquin.....20 00  
Hampton Village church.....3 64  
Sabbath school.....4 72  
G. E. DAY.

Upper Sheffield, Dec. 5.

### Deaths.

SMITH.—At Cumberland Bay, on the 15th  
ult., John P. Smith, in the 42nd  
year of his age. His end was peace. He  
leaves a sorrowing widow, two daughters,  
and one son to mourn their sad loss. As  
a parent he was kind and indulgent, as  
a neighbor he was beloved and respected  
by all who knew him.

GRAHAM.—At Antigonish, Dec. 1, Mary,  
widow of the late Captain David Graham  
in her 83rd year. An unassuming follower  
of Christ, she was for many years a faith-  
ful supporter of his cause. At eventide  
it was light, and now she rests for ever  
with the Lord.

PARSONS.—At Halifax, Dec. 8, Eleanor  
Cutten, wife of J. F. Parsons, Esq., Mrs.  
Parsons was the fourth daughter of the  
late Deacon Elisha B. Cutten, of Am-  
herst. At 15 years of age she was con-  
verted and joined the Amherst church,  
then under the pastoral care of the late  
Rev. E. Budd to Millie. She remained a  
consistent member of the church till she  
joined the North Baptist church of Hal-  
ifax in 1868. The deceased sister was  
educated in the academy at Amherst  
and at Mrs. Ratford's school for young  
ladies. In 1860 she graduated at the  
Normal school in Truro, where Dr. For-  
rester was the principal, and taught a  
short time a private school in Amherst,  
and then English in Mrs. Ratford's  
boarding school. She afterwards resided  
several years in Ontario and Massachu-  
setts, and returning in the spring of 1868  
was married to J. F. Parsons, Esq., then  
principal of the Brunswick St. school.  
Mrs. Parsons was one of the original  
members of the W. M. A. Society of the  
North Baptist church, and at her death  
was its president. She was also presi-  
dent of the Central Society of Nova Scotia,  
until the organization of the W. B. M. U.,  
of which she was vice-president. She was  
a member of the executive of the  
Women's Christian Association, and for  
the past ten years the Treasurer of the  
Women's Home. She was a member of  
the Executive Committee of the W. C. T. U.  
Union, of Halifax, and for fifteen years  
a member of Northern Star Division of  
the S. O. T., and for ten years a member  
of the Grand Division of N. S. It will  
thus be seen that our late sister led no  
idle life. She was a good church mem-  
ber and a valuable helper in many a  
"good word and work." The pas-

tor's wife found her a true friend and wise  
counselor, and greatly seconded her in  
efforts made to extend the Kingdom of  
God. What she was in the house-  
hold is but known to those who com-  
prise it. The loss—a great one to both  
husband and children, two sons and two  
daughters—is keenly felt by them all;  
but they are sustained by the grace  
of a gracious Heavenly Father. All  
that kind earthly friends could do to  
mitigate the sorrow of the stricken  
family has been done. But there is only  
one place where balm for such sorrow  
and comfort for such grief can be found.  
The funeral services at the house were  
conducted by the pastor, assisted by  
Revs. Dr. Saunders and S. R. Ackman  
(Methodist), and at the grave, by the  
first two mentioned and Rev. Allan Simp-  
son (Presbyterian). The remains were  
followed to their resting place by a large  
circle of friends and acquaintances of all  
denominations. Our sister "rests from her  
labors and her works do follow her."  
She is gone from the cares and toils of  
earth, but not from the mind and heart  
of those she has left; for "the memory  
of the just is blessed."

### A Startling Contradiction.

There is an old adage that says  
"a prophet is not without honor save  
in his own country," and the saying  
is generally accepted as containing much  
truth. Indeed it is expanded into the  
generally accepted belief that true merit,  
whether it be that of an individual, or  
that of some mediocrity preparation is  
much more likely to meet with popular  
approval at a distance than at home.  
Nasal Balm, acknowledged as being the  
greatest remedy for cold in the head and  
catarrh, ever offered the people of Cana-  
da, affords a striking instance of the fact  
that popular opinion, for once, at least,  
is wrong. From the outset its popularity  
in the home of its manufacture has been  
unbounded and constantly increasing.  
In evidence of this we offer testimonials  
from two Brookville gentlemen who are  
known throughout the Dominion.

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ville, and for the past two years President  
of the Ontario Creamery Association, says:  
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wonderful remedy. I may say that I  
was afflicted with a distressing case of  
catarrh, accompanied by a number of its  
disagreeable symptoms. I had tried  
other remedies, but without avail, and  
well-nigh despaired of a cure, when I was  
induced to give Nasal Balm a trial. Its  
effects were wonderful, and the results  
arising from its use surprising. Briefly  
stated, it stops the drooping into the  
throat, sweetens the breath, relieves the  
headaches that follow catarrh, and in  
fact makes one feel altogether like a new  
man. No one who is suffering from  
catarrh in any of its stages should lose a  
moment in giving this remedy a trial."

James Smart, Esq., Brookville, Sheriff  
of the United Counties of Leeds and  
Grenville, says: "It would be impos-  
sible to speak too extravagantly of the won-  
derful curative properties of Nasal Balm.  
I suffered for upwards of a month from a  
severe cold in the head, which, despite  
the use of other remedies, was becoming  
worse and developing into catarrh. I  
procured a bottle of Nasal Balm and was  
relieved from the first application and  
thoroughly cured within twenty-four  
hours. I cheerfully add my testimony to  
the value of Nasal Balm."

These are but two illustrations out of  
the hundreds of testimonials the prop-  
rietors of Nasal Balm have had from all  
parts of the Dominion, but they ought to  
convince the most skeptical. If your  
dealer does not keep Nasal Balm, it will  
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