

within sight, and cannot fail to stimulate, unless the pulse of life is nearly, if not altogether, still and gone. The mission in view is that of the Presbyterian Church of this province. When that mission was first spoken of, many indeed and formidable were the difficulties. The congregations were few and means, in the case of the most, were not over abundant. Some congregations were vacant. There was no seminary, there was no source of certain supply. So insurmountable appeared the obstacles that the wisest shook their heads and disapproved of the movement, but a few, considered rash individuals, would not listen to the sensible reasoning of the wise and prudent, who showed clearly that as a Church they were not in a position to meet such responsibilities. They were quite certain they were right and that those who were determined to identify the Church with the great enterprise, were unwise and very rash. What do the facts to-day tell us? They were rash, were they not? Let the Pacific Islands reply! Let the thousands delivered from the degrading bondage of sin reply! Will the good men who then were certain the undertaking was rash now repeat that confident assertion? No, they are thankful for the proof that their views had no solid foundation, and they realize what they did not anticipate, that their feeble efforts were not only a blessing to the thousands perishing on the distant islands, but as certainly the source of blessing and success to themselves as a church, and they without even a dissenting thought will assert that there is no approach to rashness in choosing the path which Christ commands, however difficult and rough. No sooner was the Church pledged to the mission than prosperity entered her gates and enriched her sanctuaries. Her ministers were more liberally sustained, the vacant pulpits supplied with pastors, and a seminary established to secure a native ministry. The day which witnessed the devoted Geddie sail from Halifax marked a new era in the record of the Church in Nova Scotia and P. E.