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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—Ps. 137: 5.

RESIGNATION OF REV. J. GOODWILL.

With feelings of regret,—though not of despondency,—we have to announce the resignation of Rev. J. Goodwill as the Missionary of our Church to the South Seas. For some time past, the conviction has been forcing itself upon our mind, that, while enduring the continuous domestic trials that have been undergone by him since his location on Santo, it was impossible that he could devote himself to the difficulties of his work with any great degree of hopefulness. And as the health of Mrs. Goodwill seems to suffer severely by her continuance in the islands, we are the more inclined to sympathize with Mr. Goodwill's decision to vacate the station, and hope that, in the providence of God, some one may be raised up to take possession of the field, and enter upon the work, ere the spirit of relapse takes hold upon those who are now crying for one to come over and help them. The sting of regret is in a measure removed by the fact that our own devoted people in P. E. Island are anxiously waiting for a shepherd who will go out and in among them, and lead them by the green pastures of Gospel ordinances; and should Mr. Goodwill see it to be his duty to return to his native land, he will be received with a hearty christian greeting by the Church at large, and especially by the

noble, patient and warm-hearted people who have as faithfully maintained their allegiance, and assisted our Church's operations in the "Garden of the Gulf."

EVANGELISTIC LABORS.

The religious world has of late been stirred to a remarkable degree by the preaching of men known by the title of "evangelists." No doubt can be entertained of the thoroughness of their work in arousing men from a condition of apathetic sleep in sin, or slothfulness in religion. Witness, for instance, the very recent awakening in Britain that followed the labors of Messrs. Moody and Sankey. In Halifax, two or three weeks ago, Rev. Mr. Earle commenced the holding of religious meetings, similar to what he has held in other parts of the Province and the United States; he addressed large audiences in nearly all the Churches, and the gradually increasing interest manifested finally led to the securing of better accommodation. Services were accordingly held in the Skating Rink, and we are safe in saying that a larger assembly never gathered in one place in Halifax to hear the preaching of the Gospel—the building being too small to accommodate all who came. Several thousand persons attended each of the services there, and visible signs of good being done were