

twenty-two women. For many years will Dr. Annand continue to influence these islands through the graduates who have gone forth from his instruction.

With the removal of these missionaries the Presbyterian Church in Canada has closed an important chapter in her history. It has been a long recognized policy on the part of the Board of Foreign Missions that we should gradually retire from the New Hebrides, that no new laborers should proceed from Canada, and that on the removal of our staff arrangements should be made for the transference of the mission to the Churches of Australasia. We may rest assured that the conduct of affairs may safely be entrusted to the devotion and wisdom of these churches, which by their geographical position, commercial interests, and familiarity with the religious situation, are best able to provide for the needs of these islands, which have now for the most part passed into the stage of Christian civilization. There are problems in the New Hebrides, especially arising out of the condominium by England and France, which await solution; but only those who are directly conversant with the political situation can best help to solve such difficulties.

While we must needs recognize the wisdom of this retirement from so distant a sphere of labor, yet there will remain many for whom this remarkable episode in missionary activity will remain so entrenched in the innermost citadel of the memory, that no other mission can ever have for them the