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After a long illness following a stroke of paralysis, Rev. Wm. McMillan of Bridgeville, Pic. Co., passed to his rest, Feb. 18th. Born in Pictou Co., he was educated in Scotland for the ministry in connection with the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia. Returning to his native Province he was settled, first at Easttown and afterwards at Saltsprings, and more recently for a number of years at Bridgeville. He will be greatly missed by an attached congregation, and a wide circle of friends.

Ancient fable tells us of two serpents that attacked the infant Hercules as he lay in his cradle, but he strangled them both. There are two serpents that are seeking to have their own way with our infant Dominion, viz: the Whis'ey Ring and the Jesuits, and the trouble is she does not seem to have the moral strength to throw them off, but meekly yields to both. O for governments with moral courage to do the right! O for a people with moral courage to support them in that right!

"How long, O Lord, how long?" shall this liquor traffic hold on its way, spreading poverty, disease, crime, misery, death, and men and women careless about it, politicians favoring it, governments encouraging it, and legislators evading the issue or voting in its favor. The recent farce in Parliament of voting down a mo-

tion for prohibiting legislation and passing a resolution in favor of "prohibition when the country is ripe for it," is a pitiable thing. Satan never objects to a man resolving to leave his service at some future time. He is well pleased with such, for it will probably make him better contented to remain quietly in that service now. And the whiskey ring will gladly see such resolutions multiplied, for they serve to divert attention from the present and allow them to carry on their work. And they will see to it that so far as that work can have any effect, the country is kept as far as possible from being ripe for Prohibition.

We gave in last issue the reports of our missionaries and teachers in Trinidad for 1888. There afterwards came to hand a report of the Sabbath School at San Fernando by the Secretary Mr. T. Geddes Grant showing an average attendance of 131 for the last quarter of the year, and contributions during the year \$54.51, a pretty good showing for a mission Sabbath School. One difficulty is to get books for their library and the report asks that if any teachers or friends have any volumes to spare they will be glad to have them. The way to send them would be in one of the boxes of mission goods going to Trinidad.

We have also received the report of the penny savings bank connected with that mission which is a great success and will be very helpful in forming habits of industry and thrift.

Missionary letters have been received from the New Hebrides of date up to the middle of November last. All the mission families are well. The "Dayspring" arrived in Australia from the Islands at the end of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson came in her for a furlough of a few months in the Colonies.