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The Foreign Mission Committee, Eastern Division, invites correspondence from ministers and licentiates of our Church with a view to obtaining an additional laborer for the New Hebrides, if the way be clear to send Him.

They wish a lady teacher for the district of Couva, Trinidad, and ask applications for that position.

Mr. and Mrs. Anmand have spent the summer, since the meeting of Assembly, at Hamilton, in June, in visiting congregations in the West. They attended the International Missionary Conference at the Thousand Islands early in August on their way East, and spent the latter part of the month in visiting the congregations in the Presbytery of Miramichi. They have not spared themselves during their furlough in seeking to stir up a deeper interest in the New Hebrides.

Rev. Wm. L. Macrae and Mrs. Macrae expect to leave for Trinidad toward the end of September. He has been visiting and holding missionary meetings chiefly in Cape Breton, and P. E. Island, as also in his native county of Pictou. In several cases congregations had to be passed by owing to the shortness of the time at his disposal. This was a matter of regret but could not be avoided. He has everywhere met with a warm welcome.

The following fact is worthy of note now that the Foreign Mission Work of the

Eastern and Western Sections has been united. In Dr. Patterson's "Missionary Life among the Cannibals," a book which should be in every home throughout our church, we read that in the very beginning of our missionary enterprise, about the date of Dr. Geddie's departure for the South Seas, a contribution was received for the work from the congregation of Rev. John Jennings, Toronto; our first essay at mission work, forty years ago, having in it a forerunner of the unity in that department which has now been fully consummated.

The Jesuits, unlike Noah's dove in innocence, are like it in the difficulty of finding a resting place. From country after country they have been expelled, their restless, intriguing spirit making their presence intolerable. The Government of Peru "has declared the resolution of December 16, 1884, which gave the Jesuits public property for use as schools, to be null and void, and it has further declared that, there being no documents showing that the Jesuits have acquired the right to be recognized as a religious order, the government declines to recognize them as such." Would that there were a similar spirit of independence in some of the governments of our own country.

A few days ago, says the *Presbyterian*, of Philadelphia, we met with the following testimony to the value of the eldership: "A large factor in the success of the Presbyterian Church in London is the eldership. In the sessions may be found many men of apostolic spirit, who not only take deep interest in the welfare of the congregations with which they are identified, but they are ever ready to assist in the formation of new churches, and by service, influence and consecrated wealth help to lay the foundations broad and deep