



they took refuge in a cave, where a spider conveniently wove his web over the entrance and the soldiers, noting this, judged the place to be empty and passed on. Never after would Mrs. Schurman allow one of her family to kill a spider.

It is related of one of the Scottish settlers, shipwrecked on the Island coast, that he landed with nothing save a Bible and a copy of "Horace" in his pocket.~ Certain it is that amid their early struggles the pioneers cared much also for the things of the mind, and the log schoolhouse early arose in every scattered settlement. Where they came in parties they usually brought a schoolmaster with them.

The pioneer ministers also, besides caring for the spiritual needs of their people, did much towards stimulating their mental growth by means of good reading. The writer of this article owns a set of Gibbon's "History of Rome" procured almost a century ago for his people by the Rev. Robert Patterson, minister of Bedeque for fifty-six years. On the fly-leaf of each volume is written in his own hand, "Bedeque Female Library." When one considers the mental pabulum of the average woman of to-day one wonders if we have advanced very much since the days of our grandmothers.

The legislature of P. E. Island is one of the oldest in North or South America, dating from 1773. Its first measure was an Act regulating the fishing of sea-cows—those strange monsters which were prized for their oil and their tough hides from which harness was made. There