

and gratitude to God, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped me.'

"Though as yet far from strong, and my voice very feeble, I have recovered so far that I am filled with good hope for the future; though I have no reason to expect a full recovery of health and strength, may be the Lord's will to restore me so far as to enable me to do something, at least in a quiet way, towards the advancement of his great and glorious cause on earth.

"Humanly speaking, my intended journey to the interior during the present season of the year, may be in favour of my health. At all events, if spared, I shall learn much, in many ways, which may prove of some service hereafter.

"A very kind letter from Mr. Ross of Pirrie was waiting my arrival here. And on my way eastward, I shall have the opportunity of seeing several mission stations of other Christian bodies that lie along the route."

Dr. Duff's Epitaph.

In his farewell address before leaving India, Dr. Duff said he should work for India as long as the breath was in his body, and then he adds:

"And when at last this frail mortal body is consigned to the silent tomb,—while I myself think that the only befitting epitaph for my tombstone would be, 'Here lies Alexander Duff, by nature and practice a sinful guilty creature, but saved by grace, through faith in the blood and righteousness of his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ'—were it by others thought desirable that any addition should be made to this sentence, I would reckon it my highest earthly honour, should I be deemed worthy of appropriating the grandly generous words, already suggested by the exuberant kindness of one of my oldest native friends, in some such form as follows:—'By profession, a missionary; by his life and labours, the true and constant friend of India.' Pardon my weakness; nature is overcome; the gush of feeling is beyond control; amid tears of sadness I must now bid you all a solemn farewell."

Canada East.

GRANDE LIGNE MISSION.—The Annual Report of the "Evangelical Society of La Grande Ligne," for 1863, is just published. The Ladies' Associations in the United States have not relaxed their efforts. The receipts from this country were \$3,051, 68. The total receipts of the Society were \$10,702 57, and the expenses \$10,741 88. Had it not been for the heavy discount in our currency, the Society would have met all its expenses, and paid off the deficit of the preceding year. The donations in Eastern

Canada were \$5,275 19, while the Western section only gave \$1,395 94. Twenty male and female labourers have been employed during the past year. From seventy to seventy-five pupils were under course of instruction at Longueuil and Grande Ligne. Following the accounts of the educational institutions, are reports, containing interesting details, from the mission stations at Quebec, St. Pie, St. Marie, St. Remi, Ely, and Henriville. Only two colporteurs were employed last year, but over thirty persons have embraced the Gospel, and twenty-four families left the Roman Catholic Church.—The Rev. John Edwards continues as travelling agent. Last year he visited Britain. A kindly feeling exists between the agents of this mission and those connected with the Church of England mission at Sabrevois.—During the Week of Prayer, these brethren held united prayer-meetings each evening, alternating between Sabrevois and Grande Ligne. At the latter place, too, there is a good feeling on the part of Roman Catholics. Last Spring, after some outbuildings belonging to the mission had been burned down, no fewer than sixty Roman Catholic Canadians voluntarily offered their assistance.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at Little Harbour, on the 4th ult., for the ordination of the Rev. John A. F. Sutherland, to the pastoral charge of the congregation there. The Edict having been returned duly served, and no objections appearing, the Presbytery proceeded to the solemn business of the day. The Rev. George Patterson preached from Deut. xxxiii. 8-11, after which the Rev. James Bayne, the Moderator of Presbytery, narrated the steps, put to Mr. Sutherland the questions of the formula and offered the ordination prayer. The charge to the young pastor was delivered by the Rev. John Stewart, under whose ministry Mr Sutherland was brought up, and the Rev. George Walker addressed the people the most of whom in this section of the church have till recently been under his pastoral charge. At the conclusion of the services, the congregation welcomed their pastor in the usual manner, and the managers being in attendance intimated that they were prepared to pay the first quarter's stipend. The day was fine and a large congregation was in attendance, who seemed deeply interested in the services of the day. This is the first time that this