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Read the letter from Mrs. Annand in this issue. It gives a very interesting and graphic description of the place, people and work, at the new mission station.

There are two bright pages in the history of the Presbytery of P. E. Island that should not be forgotten.

The first foreign missionary from our Church, from any Colonial Church, was one of its ministers. Dr. Geddie, though a native of Pictou, was settled in P. E. Island, there he wrought up a missionary spirit, and travelled the Island organizing Societies.

The other page with which most of our readers are less familiar is, that not only was it in a sense a pioneer Presbytery in Mission work, but in Temperance. In 1855, thirty-three years ago, the following resolution which stands to-day on its minutes, was moved by Rev. Dr. Keir and seconded by Rev. Isaac Murray, and unanimously adopted;

"That whereas intemperance is a great evil, which can never be removed or effectually resisted while the traffic in in-

toxicating drinks is continued, it being necessary to remove the cause in order to remove the effect, therefore resolved that the members of this Presbytery, as lovers of their country and of their race, and as office bearers of the Church, cannot but feel a lively interest in the progress of temperance reform, especially in recent legislation in several of the States of the American Union, entirely prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating beverages. And as such laws in our opinion can interfere with the rights of no man, since no man can have rights inconsistent with the public good, or at war with the welfare of the community; we therefore shall exert our influence, and do earnestly recommend to the congregations under our inspection, and to all others, to persevere in vigorous and well directed efforts until a law shall be enacted in this Island prohibiting a traffic which is a cause of much of the wretchedness, misery, pauperism, crime and ruin to the souls and bodies of men, with which this country has been so long afflicted."

The Presbytery has thus an honorable record to maintain in two of the grandest works that the Christian world is carrying on at the present day.

The old men have gone but others have taken up their work. That aim so far as Temperance is concerned, has been virtually attained. They have the Canada Temperance Act and some of the members of Presbytery had no small share in bringing it about. May their record in future days, both in missions and temperance, grow ever brighter.

The result of Protestant girls attending convent schools is seen in the following from a French (Quebec) paper.

"On Saturday last at the Ursuline Convent a young Englishwoman, twenty years of age, embraced the Catholic religion, after having abjured Protestantism. The ceremony was most imposing.