

failing health, craved the liberty of demitting the pastoral charge of Murray Harbor congregation. The demission was laid on the table. A committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs McLean, Munro, and McNeill were appointed to visit the Murray Harbor congregation—to meet them on the north side on the 20th inst.,—to confer with them on the general and special interests of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Frame was appointed to Tryon for Sabbath the 25th inst., and the Rev. D. W. Cameron for the first Sabbath of April.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Free Church, Charlottetown, on the 2d Wednesday of May.

### The Presbytery of Pictou

Met at New Glasgow on the 6th March. The Rev. Alex. Ross reported that he had met with the people at the Albion Mines, and organized the congregation there. His conduct was approved.

The Rev. Alex. Sutherland laid upon the table of Presbytery his demission of the charge of the congregation of Earltown, with a view to a division of the same. The Presbytery agreed to meet at Earltown on the 1st Tuesday of May and at Rogers Hill on the day following. Intimation of these arrangements was appointed to be given to the various sections, and they were required to use means to ascertain what amount of support for the gospel ministry, they can give in the event of said demission.

The Presbytery met in the evening for the Presbyterial visitation of Knox's Church, N. G. The usual questions were put to the office-bearers, and the answers on the whole were satisfactory. The Presbytery were especially pleased to find that notwithstanding the separation of a number of adherents at the Albion Mines, besides the disjunction of others previously, the congregation had not only fulfilled their engagements to their pastor in the past, but were prepared to pay as much in the future as they had hitherto done. It had been seriously feared that by the disjunction of the adherents at the Albion Mines, the congregation would be so weakened as not to be able to support their minister.—They had, however, met the emergency in a manner that received the commendations of the Presbytery. By an extra effort they had raised their subscription list to a sum exceeding what it was last year.

Sessions were enjoined to forward their statistical returns to the clerk of Presbytery previous to the next meeting of Presbytery.

## Fireside Reading.

### A little at a time.

Dr. Johnson used to say, "He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do any." Grand occasions of life seldom come, are soon gone, and when present, it is only one among thousands who is adequate to the great actions they demand.—But there are opportunities at our doors every day, in which the small sweet charities of life may occupy us fully. What account can we give of these as they pass by and on to eternity, to lay their record before the great throne? He who flatters himself with air-castles, constructed out of magnificent schemes he would accomplish, were he endowed with great wealth or exalted to high stations, will soon find them dissolving into thin air, whenever he calls his heart to an honest account for the right use of that which God has already entrusted to his care. "He that is unfaithful in that which is least, is also unfaithful in much."

Human life is made up of a succession of little things, or such as are commonly, though mistakenly, so considered. They mould our character and give complexion to our eternity; can they be insignificant? How slow are we in learning to do "whatsoever our hand findeth," and to leave the results, great or small, at the disposal of Him who has declared—"whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, very I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward."

Then, Christian disciple, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand." "Blessed are they that sow beside all waters." Look around in your neighborhood, in your church, and you can be at no loss for important work to do. Be content to attend to duties as they arise; take them as they are sent by providence. Every moment brings in its responsibilities, and man's wisdom in this world of sin, of sorrow, and of death, consists in cheerfully using present comforts, and diligently attending to present duties. Let the crumbs, the fragments of time, be gathered up, that nothing be lost. Forget not that, all the world over, great things are made up of a vast multitude of those which are little. *Eternity is composed of moments of time, never ceasing.* Nothing will more certainly find the slothful at last, or bring them to a dreadful reckoning, than *wasted time.*

"Wake, thou that sleepest in enchanted  
bowers,  
Lest these lost years should haunt thee in  
the night,