

but he realized also its responsibility. He felt that to be one of the spiritual overseers of a congregation of immortal souls, was no light matter. This he manifested by his regularity at the meetings of Kirk-Session, and, so far as his abilities carried him, he was ready and willing to undertake and discharge the active duties of his ecclesiastical station; and with all, he was full of the modesty of the real gentleman. His opinions were never obtruded upon his brethren, but they were always fully and fearlessly stated when solicited; and on this account were always all the more valuable. His life was full of usefulness—his end was peace."

The congregation of St. Andrew's must feel deeply the removal of such a man from the Eldership; and, judging from the unsolicited expressions of goodwill which have been made towards the widow and orphans of the deceased, we feel assured that their sympathies have not been the passing emotions of an hour.

East River, Pictou.—We understand that the congregations of East and West Branch, in the Presbytery of Pictou, have sent a written request to the Rev. Mr. Sinclair to return from Scotland to Nova Scotia and become their pastor. This is a step in the right direction. We fully hope that Mr. Sinclair will see it his duty to concede to their request. But whether he will or not, we commend their earnest, hopeful spirit. If he decline, then just let them try another, and we feel assured that *they* will not get many refusals. How much more commendable their conduct than that of many of the other congregations now so long vacant, without having made the slightest effort to secure the services of a clergyman. Of course their great difficulty, in common with all the other Pictou vacancies, will be to procure Gaelic; but would our fellow-Highlanders allow us to suggest their consideration of the question as to whether even English would not be preferable to nothing at all?

Gairloch.—On the 13th ult., a committee of the congregation of Gairloch waited on their pastor, Rev. Neil Brodie, and presented him with a set of silver mounted harness, saddle and bridle, whip and cane, and a small purse of money. The money was accompanied with a complimentary address, to which the Rev. gentleman made a very appropriate reply.

The Bazaar in Musquodoboit will be held (D. V.) on the 14th July next. The following persons in Halifax have kindly consented to act for the congregation, viz.:—Mr. Pender, Employment Office, 113 Barrington St.; Miss Wisswell, No. 1 Fawson Street.

Fredericton, N. B.—The Rev. Peter Melville, M. A., B. D., has arrived in Fredericton, N. B., and has entered on his duties as assistant to the Rev. Dr. Brooke. We must congratulate the congregation among whom Mr. Melville is to labour, on securing the services of one so eminently qualified for ministerial work. During his attendance at the University of Glasgow, where he passed through the whole curriculum of Arts and Divinity, he won the highest distinction in several of his classes, and was, in many respects, one of the most distinguished students of his day. For some time before leaving Scotland, he laboured with great success as missionary in Rothesay. The Rev. John G. Scoular, one of the ministers of the Church in Scotland in Rothesay, bears testimony to the great and good work which he, in the providence of God, had been enabled to accomplish among the poor and destitute of that town. He says:—"I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the good character and superior abilities of the Rev. Peter Melville. He has been engaged as Parochial missionary here during the last five months. His character has been uniformly amiable and exemplary. His missionary labours have been most diligent, unwearied, and successful. His pulpit services have been appreciated and blessed. Under his auspices, the missionary meetings and the Sabbath