

His heart was full of anxiety for his people, and his family, but especially for the ark of God.

V. 12.—Shiloh was chosen as the capital by Joshua

V. 17—See how the good old man receives and sustains blow after blow, till the climax of disaster is reached in the loss of the ark. The shock was too severe for him; he fell down and broke his neck and died. "His death under a divine rebuke for his sins, has been a salutary warning to others even to the present day; yet even in his dying moments he showed his supreme regard for the honour of God and the interests of religion above all personal and relative considerations: and notwithstanding all his faults he died in a lively exercise of love to God and his ordinances."

1. Eli's sin was neglect to train his sons in the way of the Lord. This neglect brought shame and disaster, on himself and his children, and on the nation.

2. See what evils flow from the bad conduct of children—evils on themselves and on others. You may make yourself and others very happy or very miserable.

3. Good men, like Eli, may die in an awful man as a warning to others; but this is totally different from dying in impenitence.

4. From Eli's sin and punishment let parents learn to watch and check the beginnings of vice in their children. From his affecting regard for the ark let us learn to prize the ordinances of religion.

5. The fate of Hophni and Phinehas is a warning to all to beware of sin and vice. Even the children of good men may go to everlasting ruin.

## Presbytery Minutes.

### Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery met at Spring Hill on the evening of 8th March. The first business before the meeting was the induction of the Rev. C. Naismith. The Moderator reported that he had duly served the edict, which was attested and laid on the table. No one having appeared to object to the life or doctrine of Mr. Naismith, the Moderator, by appointment, conducted Divine Service (a large congregation having assembled), and preached a very appropriate discourse from Luke 8:18: "Take heed how ye hear." Thereafter he narrated the steps taken with a view to the call and settlement of a minister to the charge of this congregation, and put to the minister elect the usual questions of the prescribed formula, which were satisfactorily answered. He then, in the name and by the authority of the Great King and Head of the Church, solemnly inducted the Rev. Charles Naismith into the pastoral charge of the congregation at Spring Hill.

After earnest prayer for the Divine blessing to rest on minister and people, the right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator and members of Presbytery to Mr. Naismith. The Rev. John Campbell then addressed the minister, and the Rev. G. M. Grant the people, on their respective duties in the new relationships established between them. The impressive services were then brought to a close by praise, prayer and the benediction.

Thereafter Mr. Naismith signed the prescribed formula, and the Congregation cordially welcomed him as their Pastor.

A very satisfactory conference was then held with the Congregation, and the Trustees signed a bond for a stipend of \$800 per annum, the Presbytery having agreed to grant a supplement of \$200 for the first year to enable them to pay that sum.

The Rev. Mr. Sutherland of Pugwash being present, was invited to sit and deliberate.

The Clerk reported that the call from St. Andrew's Church, St. John's, Nfld., to Mr. Patterson, and the other papers asked for by the Presbytery, had not arrived.

Orders on the Treasurer for the usual quarterly supplements were granted, and the Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. Matthew's Session Room, Halifax, at 3 o'clock, P. M., on the first Wednesday of May, being the 5th.

JOHN McMILLAN, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Pictou.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, {  
Pictou, Feb. 24, 1875. }

Which day the Presbytery of Pictou met and was constituted. Rev. Chas. Dunn, Moderator, *pro tem*, with whom were present, Rev. Messrs. Herdman, McMillan, Fraser and McCunn, and Messrs. Chas. Fraser, McInnis and J. McLean, elders. Minutes of last quarterly meeting, as also of meetings of 12th Jan. and 5th Feb., were read and sustained.

The Clerk was instructed to grant certificate to Mr. Angus Docherty, Catechist, to enable him to draw on the Presbytery Treasurer to the amount of \$20. The Clerk was further instructed to grant certificate to the "Standard office," to draw on Presbytery Treasurer to the amount of their Bill, for printing copies of Petition.

Members present reported that they had fulfilled their several appointments.

Appointments were made for the current quarter as follows:

Gairloch,	Sab. 7th March,	Mr. Dunn,
"	" 4th April,	" McColl,
"	" 2nd May,	" McCunn,
"	" 23rd May,	" Murray,