

copies presently circulated of the Minutes of Assembly.

It was also agreed to recommend that the fullest publicity should be given to the statistics of the Church and that if possible they should be published in the *Record*.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Tatamagouche, on the first Wednesday of August next, at eleven, A. M.

THOS. SEDGWICK, Clerk.

#### PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at the Vale Colliery on the 26th inst.

A call from the congregation of Sharon Church, Stellarton, signed by 162 communicants and 38 adherents, and addressed to the Rev. T. A. Nelson, recently of the congregation of Dunbar, in the Presbytery of Brockville, was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Nelson. Mr. Cumming, who had moderated in the call, reported unanimity, and the Commissioners stated that the congregation offer a stipend of \$1000 and a manse.

Mr. James McKay, of Riverton, was appointed a Commissioner to the General Assembly vice Mr. D. McDonald, resigned.

The evening sederunt was chiefly occupied with the induction of Mr. McLeod. There was a large congregation present. Mr. Munro preached an appropriate sermon from the text, II Cor. V : 14, 15 :—"The love of Christ constraineth us," &c. The Moderator, after putting the questions of the Formula, led in prayer and inducted Mr. McLeod. Mr. Blair in suitable terms addressed the newly inducted Pastor, and Mr. Cumming the people; after which the congregation had an opportunity of welcoming Mr. McLeod in the usual way. The Treasurer paid the first quarter's salary in advance and Mr. McLeod was introduced to the Session by the interim Moderator.

E. A. MACCURDY,  
*Presbytery Clerk.*

Evil will repeat itself. A father afflicted over a dissolute son said, "The bitterest pang of all is, that he is doing the very things I did at his age." This is not an arbitrary law inflicated upon humanity, but the necessary result of cause and effect; to change it would require an annihilation of the universe. Righteousness and wickedness alike have genealogies and produce results according to the nature of their several causes.

#### TRAIN UP A CHILD.

Timothy was what James Mill would have esteemed extremely unfortunate, having been biassed in favour of revealed religion in childhood. Mill brought up his son, John Stuart, as he thought, in absolute freedom from bias; in point of fact, with an intense prejudice against all Christian belief. Bias cannot be escaped. How much to be preferred that received from Lois and Eunice! A friend said to Coleridge that in his opinion children ought to be allowed to grow up as they would, entirely without prejudice in favour of religion. The philosopher took him out into a neglected garden, full of weeds, and pointed to it as a garden, full of weeds, and pointed to it as a garden allowed to grow up as it would, not pre-occupied by flowers and fruits. Absence of bias in the direction of God and holiness means so much the more likelihood of complete enslavement to unbelief and error and sin.

#### HOW TO BE MISERABLE.

In the first place, if you want to be miserable be selfish. Think all the time of yourself, and of your own things. Don't care about anybody else. Have no feelings for any one but yourself. Never think of enjoying the satisfaction of seeing others happy; but the rather, if you see a smiling face, be jealous lest another should enjoy what you have not. Envy every one who is better off in any respect than yourself; think unkindly towards them, and speak lightly of them. Be constantly afraid lest some one should encroach upon your rights; be watchful against it, and if any one comes near your things, snap at him like a mad dog. Contend earnestly for everything that is your own, though it may not be worth a pin; for your "rights" are just as much concerned as if it were a pound of gold. Never yield a point. Be very sensitive, and take everything that is said to you in playfulness in the most serious manner. Be jealous of your friends, lest they should not think enough of you; and if at any time they should seem to neglect you, put the worst construction upon their conduct you can. Thus will you keep yourself unhappy.—*Christian Commonwealth.*

Satan always rocks the cradle when we sleep at our devotions. If we would prevail with God, we must wrestle; and we would wrestle happily with God, we must wrestle first with our own dulness.—*Bishop Hall.*