

grows tired of it and leaves it, and comes back again a dead weight upon his father's hands, till tried out with his perpetual changes, the good man is compelled to throw him upon his own resources, when he generally comes to ruin.

There is a very lamentable instance of the disappointment of parental hopes, occasioned by an unsettled and roving disposition, recorded in the memoir of that distinguished theologian, the late Andrew Fuller. His eldest boy was a youth answering to this character. His father obtained for him a good situation in London. He at one time thought of the work of ministry, and was then, of course, a moral and apparently religious young man. His father, however, soon recorded this remark in his diary—"Alas, alas, I have seen that in the conduct of my poor boy which has almost broken my heart, whose instability is continually appearing. 'He must leave London and what to do with him I know not.'" Another situation was procured in his native town, but his restless disposition soon discovered itself, and he enlisted into the army. In a little time, being understood to be an apprentice, he was discharged. Another situation was found for him, but in vain; for he enlisted a second time, then into the marines. His father, in compliance with his wishes, procured his liberation; and in about a month he left his new place and his friends. Perceiving there was no hope of his settling business, his sorrowing parent procured him a situation in a merchant ship; but being on shore one Lord's day, before he joined the ship, he was

laid hold of by the pressgang and was carried to sea. It was soon reported that the poor boy had been guilty of some misdemeanour; had been tried, and sentenced to receive three hundred lashes; that he received them, and immediately expired. Under this trial Mr F. thus wrote to a friend: "Oh, this is heart's trouble! In former cases my heart found vent in tears; but now I can seldom weep. A kind of morbid heart-sickness preys upon me from day to day. Every object round me reminds me of him! Ah, he was wicked, and mine eye was not over him to prevent it,—he was detected, tried, and condemned, and I knew it not; he cried under his agonies—but I heard him not; he expired without an eye to pity of a hand to help him. 'Oh, Absalom, my son, my son! would I had died for thee, my son!'"

The report, however, was incorrect; yet some time afterwards he deserted, and suffered so severe a punishment as to be totally unfitted for service, by the effect it had upon his health. He was again discharged. He in some measure recovered his health, and a situation was about to be provided for him; but he again absconded, and entered a second time into the marines, went to sea, and his friends never saw him. He died off Lisbon after a lingering illness; and there is some reason to hope, confessing and lamenting the error of his ways.

"This error," remarks Mr Fuller's biographer, "contains many things painful to surviving friends, which they would gladly have buried in oblivion, and which I would not have inserted had they absolutely forbidden me.—*Juv. Mag., U.P.C.*

Notices.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of N. S., will meet at Truro on Tuesday, June 22nd, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

MONIES RECEIVED BY TREASURER. From April 20 to May 20.

1852. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

April 30.—From Mr. Bayne for half year schooling Miss Geddie,	£11 10 0
6.—From collection Pr. St. Congregation, Pictou,	17 5 5
14.—Missionary Society Rev. Wm. Barries Congregation, Erramosa, Canada,	1 0 0

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

May 14.—From William Matheson, Esq., West River,	8 0 0
do. do. to assist weak Congregations to pay preachers and to be at the disposal of the Presbytery of Pictou,	2 0 0

The Committee of Bills and Overtures will meet at Pictou on Monday the 14th of June, at 11, a. m., and all *Papers* intended to be laid before Synod should be forwarded previously as no *Papers* shall be received after that date unless special reasons can be assigned, satisfactory to the Committee.