

supporting one of the Chairs in that Hall shall not long be needed, and shall not a day longer than it is needed be any burden on the Committee's funds. The Colonial Committee have to thank Professor Pollok for the interesting details supplied to them, from time to time, of his summer journeyings; and they have the pleasure of adding, in the Appendix, at No. III., 5, Dr. Pollok's report of the work of last winter in his Chair of Church History and Pastoral Theology.

In a recent letter from the Rev. R. McCunn, of River John, Pictou, the following sentences give the assurance of grateful appreciation by the Presbytery of the General Assembly's aid:—"Being clerk of the Presbytery, it may be well for me to state that our church in Pictou County is on the whole in a satisfactory state. With the seasonable aid annually received from your generous Committee, we are kept free from those financial difficulties that embarrass to a greater or less degree more than half the churches of all denominations in Nova Scotia.

The addition of two labourers was made to the ministry of the Maritime Provinces during the past year. The Rev. W. R. Cruickshanks was sent to aid the work of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the Rev. J. C. Herdman B. D., was sent by the Committee to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou. After rendering what service he could among the vacant congregations there, Mr. Herdman was invited to undertake the temporary supply of Chatham, New Brunswick; and has since accepted a call from the people in Campbelton, a village on the Restigouche river, N. B., where he has been settled as their minister.

Yellow fever is spreading with alarming rapidity and seems to baffle medical skill; doctors, nurses, clergymen and undertakers alike fall victims to its ravages.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Don't wait until to-morrow. Remember in all things that, if you do not begin, you will never come to an end. The first weed pulled up in the garden, the first seed in the ground, the first shilling put in the savings bank, and the first mile travelled on a journey, are all important things; they make a beginning, and thereby a hope, a promise, a pledge, an assurance that you are in earnest in what you have undertaken. How many a poor, idle, hesitating outcast is now creeping and crawling on his way through the world who might have held up his head and prospered if, instead of putting off his resolutions of industry and amendment, he had only made a beginning.

It needs no guilt to break a husband's heart. The absence of content, the mutterings of spleen, the untidy dress and cheerless home, the forbidden scowl and deserted hearth—these, and other nameless neglects, without a crime among them, have harrowed to the quick the heart's core of many a man, and planted there, beyond the reach of cure, the germ of dark despair. Oh, may woman, before that sight arrives, dwell on the recollections of her youth, and cherishing the dear idea of that tuneful time, awaken and keep alive the promise she so kindly gave. And though she may be the injured, not the injuring one—the forgotten, and not the forgetting wife—a happy allusion to the hour of peaceful love—a kindly welcome to a comfortable home—a smile of love to banish hostile words—a kiss of peace to pardon all the past, and the hardest heart that ever locked itself within the breast of selfish man will soften to her charms, and bid her live, as she had hoped, her years of matchless bliss, loved, loving and content—the source of comfort and the spring of joy.

Endeavor always to talk your best before your children. They hunger perpetually for new ideas. They will learn with pleasure from the lips of parents what they will deem it drudgery to study in books; and even if they have the misfortune to be deprived of many educational advantages they will grow up intelligent if they enjoy in childhood the