

after travelling expenses are defrayed, are to form a fund for missions to the lumbermen. (Will any reader delight the heart of the convenor of the committee on lumbermen's missions by sending a subscription to Rev. Wm. McCarter of Redbank, Miramichi?) Enquiries as to the amounts contributed for the Schemes of the Church were made and the returns were for the most part satisfactory.

Presbytery at the unprecedentedly early hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon adjourned, to meet in Douglastown first Tuesday of February.

THE SOCIAL GATHERING.

In the evening the members of Presbytery met once more, not as an Institute, not as a Presbytery even, but as ministers of the Gospel, to hold a public meeting and deliver addresses. This was the first occasion on which this plan has been attempted, the object is, to bring important matters before the attention of the public and seek to interest them in the things of our religion. It was suggested to members of the Presbytery that when ministers came together from such distances and with such opportunities of giving information on Scriptural topics, it was a pity they should separate without holding a meeting for the purpose of explaining, impressing and exhorting. At this, the first meeting of the kind, it had been arranged that the addresses should be mostly on subjects vitally connected with Presbyterianism. The first address was by Rev. Mr. Mackenzie of Richibuto on 'Church Courts,' of which, especially of the Kirk Session and the Presbytery, a lucid and popular account was given. Rev. J. Quinn of Tabusintac followed with an address on Infant Baptism, in which the organic unity of the family and the Scripture references to the inclusion of children in covenant relationship, were all enforced. Then came Rev. J. McCarter with an instructive address on the Shorter Catechism, in which a place was vindicated for household training and many touching things on the head of household life were said. The closing address was by Rev. J. C. Herdman of Campbellton, on the 'Reading of the Bible,' in which the books of Scripture were divided into classes according to their contents, and it was insisted that the true way of doing homage to the Bible is by obeying it. At the close of the addresses, a few remarks were made by Mr. A. N. Archibald, the energetic Sec'y of the B. A. Tract Society. The success of the whole meeting was

due to the fact that each speaker was limited strictly to 15 minutes.

So ended for that day the duties of the members of the Presbytery of Miramichi.

Presbytery of Pictou.

This Presbytery met in United Church, New Glasgow, on the 1st November.

An application was received from Sherbrooke for moderation in a call. Rev. James Thompson was appointed to preach in the church at Sherbrooke and moderate on the 14th inst., at 3 p. m.

The Presbytery agreed to hold a special meeting for Presbyterial visitation and for business connected with the call from Sherbrooke at Green Hill, on Tuesday, 29th inst., at 11 a. m. Rev. A. W. McLeod of West River was appointed to preach.

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