

ship more, a large amount of the expenditure, even of true Christian people, would be diverted to better channels.

It is of great importance that the young should be trained to give liberally. They should be taught to look upon giving as a blessed privilege and a joy, instead of a disagreeable duty; so that the next generation may rise to higher heights of liberality than any yet attained. In order to this, however, our precepts must be constantly reduced to practice, or we cannot hope to influence them. If our children see us always giving as little as we can, and a mere trifle compared with what we spend on ourselves; if they see us give with a grudge and a grumble, without apparent pleasure; if they are not strained and encouraged to give of their own, and to take an interest in what they give to, we cannot expect that they will look upon giving as a source of pleasure, or that they will believe the words of our Lord when he said that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Presbytery of Miramichi.

The Presbytery of Miramichi met for regular business at Campbellton, on Tuesday the 17th inst. There were present: Messrs. Nicholson, Russell, Lindsay, George, Herdman, Quinn, McCarter, ministers, and Messrs. Geo. Haddow and John Mair, elders. The Rev. J. L. George, of Sherbrooke, N. S., was invited to sit as corresponding member, also Mr. John McMillan, elder of the congregation of Carlton.

Elder's commissions from Campbellton, Dalhousie, New Carlisle, and Blackville were given in and sustained.

The Rev. J. C. Herdman was elected Moderator for the year.

Messrs. Lindsay, Nicholson, and Herdman made interesting statements in report of their services as delegates to the last General Assembly.

The report of the committee appointed to visit St. John's Church, was given in by Messrs. Russell and Nicholson.

At the request of the minister and elder of New Carlisle a deputation consisting of Messrs. Russell and Lindsay was appointed to visit that congregation.

The session records of several congregations were given in and examined.

Mr. Herdman brought under the notice of the Presbytery a proposal for the better working of the mission fields by means of an ordained missionary, similar to the scheme in operation in the Presbytery of St. John. A committee was ap-

pointed consisting of Messrs. Herdman, Aitken and Russell, ministers, and Haddow and Brander, elders, to consider this suggestion and report.

Mr. Herdman stated that from several congregations the sum of \$50 had been received on behalf of the mission to lumbermen. He was instructed to correspond with the remaining congregations who have not yet contributed.

The report of the Presbytery fund was given and audited. Mr. Quinn was appointed treasurer for the year in succession to Mr. Herdman. Messrs. Herdman and Russell were appointed to prescribe exercises for the student catechists.

The Rev. R. H. Warden of Montreal, who was present in the afternoon, delivered a highly interesting address on the work of the French Evangelization Board.

During the hour prior to the forenoon sitting, the Theological Institute of the Presbytery met, and held an interesting discussion on the doctrine of the Atonement, led by Mr. Nicholson. The same topic is to be resumed at the next meeting.

The next meeting is to be at Newcastle on the last Tuesday of September at 11 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery of Piclou.

VISITATION AT BLUE MOUNTAIN.

The Presbytery of Piclou met at Blue Mountain, on the 16th ult., for Presbyterial visitation of the congregation.

There were present, besides Dr. Murray, Moderator *pro tem*, Messrs. D. B. Blair, E. A. McCurdy and A. McL. Sinclair, ministers, and Peter Ross and D. C. Fraser, elders. There was a very large meeting of the congregation.

The visitation showed that the congregation is in a prosperous condition, pastor, elders and people being engaged in the Master's work. Sabbath school and prayer meetings are well attended and efficiently conducted, financial obligations to the pastor more than met, and a total of \$158 contributed to the schemes of the Church.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"The Presbytery rejoices to find that the pastor faithfully discharges the duties devolving upon him, that the elders are active and zealous in watching over the interests of the congregation, in conducting Sabbath schools and prayer meetings, that the congregation is prompt in sup-