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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—PS. 137: 5.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of our church met in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on Tuesday evening, June 24th. The retiring Moderator, Rev. James Murray, preached the usual sermon from Mark xvi. : 15, which will be found on page 170. Thereafter the Synod was constituted, and Rev. Donald McRae was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year. The roll was called, and the several Committees were appointed, after which the Synod adjourned.

On Wednesday morning, the Rev. John Campbell gave in the report of the *Monthly Record*. The circulation is increasing, and financially the condition is satisfactory. The report was received and adopted.

In the afternoon, the report of the Home Mission Board was given in by the Rev. George M. Grant. The revenue of the church for Home Mission purposes amounted to \$2,193.24, exclusive of the usual grant from the Colonial Committee, amounting this year to £210 stg. The report shows forty charges in the church, and at present eight vacancies. A long and animated discussion followed on the subject of ministerial supply, which was concluded in the evening. Mr. Grant addressed the Synod at some length upon the subject.

Thereafter, the report of the Union

Committee was read by the Rev. Donald McRae. The discussion of the report was postponed till Thursday.

The report of the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was given in by J. J. Bremner, Esq. In addition to the sum already acknowledged in the *Monthly Record*, one thousand dollars have been subscribed by St. Andrew's Church, St. John; a large sum by St. Andrew's Church, Pictou; and in sums by other congregations; so that the prospects of the fund are, on the whole, highly encouraging. Before the Synod, the full sum required was subscribed.

Delegates from the Church of Scotland in Canada were welcomed on Thursday morning, and requested to sit and deliberate as members of the Court.

The Court was occupied in considering the report of the Foreign Mission Committee. Two missionaries are supported in the South Sea Islands, and the funds of the Committee are in such a good condition that a third missionary could be sent, were a minister found ready to go.

The Young Men's Bursary Fund report was given in on Friday by Rev. Wm. McMillan. The object of this scheme is to provide assistance to young men studying for the ministry. It was felt that young men were not coming