

will probably be passed upon and sanctioned by the next Synod, which will convene in 1878. Initiatory steps were taken by the Synod with a view to securing uniform commentaries on all the books of the New Testament.

The Committee appointed by the last Synod to correspond with other Presbyterian bodies in China, with reference to uniting these bodies in one Presbyterian Church, reported that, while all agree as to the desirableness of securing such a result as soon as possible, it is the general opinion that the time for bringing about such a union has not yet arrived. The committee recommended the formation of a Presbyterian confederation similar to the one inaugurated in India, as the most feasible step towards securing an organic union in the future. This recommendation was adopted.

In connection with the meetings of the Synod, evening conferences were held by the foreign members and other missionaries present, which was full of interest and profit. These conferences resulted in the appointment of a committee to propose and secure, if practicable, a conference of all the missionaries in China.

It was the general opinion that both the Synod and the conferences more than realized the expectations of those who came to attend them.

A few statistics will show the present state of this Synod, and the influence which it may be expected to exert in the future:

Number of foreign missionaries belonging the Synod....	24
Native pastors.....	14
Licentiates.....	6
Candidates for licensure.....	17
Number of native churches.....	23
Whole number of church members.	1,092
Number received during the last year..	223

LATE SYNODICAL MEETINGS.

The Synods held at New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, from the 21st till the 24th ult., will, we hope, mark a momentous era in the history of Presbyterianism in the Sea-Provinces of our Dominion. Hopefully, yet anxiously, we looked forward to the meetings to be held on those days: and now that they are past we rejoice with trembling. In both Synods the chief matter, looming high above all the rest, was Union. In our own Synod there was complete unanimity. It was most impressive to hear from the Clerk's Table the roll of Presbyteries, Sessions and Congrega-

tions that gave their unreserved assent and consent to the Basis and the Resolutions. There was not throughout the whole bounds of the Synod one Congregation or Session or Minister opposing or objecting to the Basis. No wonder the Synod burst into songs of praise and prayers of thanksgiving. It is the doing of the Lord. Who would have the courage ten or even five years ago to anticipate such a consummation!

In the Sister Synod there was a time of doubt and trial. True, the proposed Union was sanctioned by the Constitutional majority, and more. Three fourths of the Presbyteries and Congregations had approved of it. Yet there was formidable local opposition. New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Halifax, were of one mind—unanimous, enthusiastic, for Union. But Pictou Presbytery, or rather a large majority of the Congregations had assumed an attitude of opposition. Earnestly and prayerfully the subject was discussed, and when at last the vote was reached, twenty-six voted for Union, and only seven against it. Of the seven, four were ministers and three elders. It is hoped and believed that these brethren will be able to see their way clear to join their brethren and thus prevent the painful spectacle of separation.

This Synod took an important practical step in the direction of co-operation in selecting Rev. Allan Pollok to be a Professor in the Theological Hall, Halifax.

The minor matters that occupied some time in our own Synod are not worthy to be mentioned alongside of the main subject. The Synod is over now, and we trust that as a token of gratitude to the great Head of the Church, all His servants, all His people, will manifest increased activity and devotion in His service.

REV. L. G. MACNEILL recently received a call from the congregation of Moncton. After much deliberation he declined the call,—under the conviction that his post of duty is still at Maitland. In his decision the Presbytery of Halifax concurred, while they deeply sympathize with the people of Moncton.