

On the European and North American Railway East and West of St. John, the Return Tickets will be issued on the 27th and 28th of June. On the Nova Scotia and Windsor and Annapolis Railways on the 26th, and during the week.

The important step will in all likelihood be taken at this Synod, of giving special ordination to another missionary for the South Seas. Mr. Robertson will be sent to the assistance of Mr. Goodwill early in autumn.

During the ecclesiastical year now closing, there have been several removals by death in the ranks of the ministry of the Church, and among the number the Rev. Dr. Donald, the late minister of the Church in which the Synod meets. He occupied the extraordinary position while in life of being both convener and committee of a most important branch of the Church's work. We refer to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Scheme. In every well regulated Church this matter is carefully and vigorously developed—ours, we regret to say, is the only Church we know in which there is neither provision made for infirm ministers, nor for their orphans, when they are removed by death. During the year several articles have appeared in our pages on the subject, and we therefore hope that a "Committee on Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund" will be appointed, and that next year we may see some fruits.

We hope, further, that the Synod will turn the attention of the Church to the present condition of Cape Breton. So far as the Church of Scotland is concerned, the country is destitute. We have large congregations, and thousands of people truly and loyally attached to the Church, and no minister in her orders to break to her children the bread of life.

These subjects, and others which must

come up in the course of the sitting of the Court, will render it one of the most important Synods in the history of the Church. And not only will it thus be important, but it will be specially interesting, as our brethren of the Synod of the sister Presbyterian Church meet at the same time and in the same city. We hope that interchange of friendly sentiments and civilities between the two Courts will add pleasure to the proceedings in both.

A Delegation from the Church of Scotland in Canada is expected, and also a delegation from the most numerous General Assembly of Presbyterians in the world—from the General Assembly of the American Church, as will be seen from a letter in another column. We feel certain that the reception accorded to the man who has accomplished so much in so short a time for Presbyterianism as Mr. Dunn has, will be cordial indeed.

As this month ends the ecclesiastical year, it is hoped that all Synodic collections have been taken in all our congregations, whether vacant or not; and we wish to bring to the notice of those concerned that the full amounts taken should be forwarded to the proper Treasurers. This is a very important matter, and should be attended to at once.

And we would also draw the attention of the Church to the fact that there is still room to increase the circulation of the *Record*. We do not hesitate to make the first claim upon the ministers and elders of the Church, as the *Record* is the organ and the only organ of the Church. Though our circulation has increased somewhat during the year, yet it has not been so large as we expected.

It is hoped that the Clerks of Presbytery will forward, as soon as possible, a list of names of members who intend being present, so that the local commit-