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THE SYNOD

Of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces will meet, D. V., in Truro Presbyterian Church (Dr. MacCulloch's), on the last Tuesday of June, 24th inst., at half past seven o'clock, P.M. The opening sermon, D. V., will be preached by the Rev. George Patterson, the Moderator, and a larger number of members, from increased facilities of travel, &c., and probably will be present at the commencement than on any former occasion.

There was a meeting of Synod held in Truro on the 3rd July, 1817, and another on the 8th October of the same year, and how great the change in the mode of travel, in the labour of attending, and in the time occupied in accomplishing the journey! To those meetings members came with much toil on foot and on horse back; to the approaching gathering nearly all will be carried by the great Steam Power which was practically unknown in 1817.

The number of members was then small. At the first meeting there were present of ministers, McGregor, Graham, Brown, Ross, McCulloch, Mitchell, Robson, Crowe, Blackwood, and Douglass, ten of the pioneers of religion and civilization in our land; and of Ruling Elders, Robert Gammell, from Stewiacke; John McLean, of West River, Pictou; Alexander Millar, of Truro; James Patterson, of Pictou, and Caleb Putnam, from Douglass. At the second meeting Messrs. Waddell and Cassel, ministers, were also present; and James Campbell, of Londonderry; Matthew Archibald, from Truro; Donald

Fraser, from East River, Pictou; and John Douglass, from West River; a small, but an earnest, faithful and determined band of Christian worthies and workers in the Lord's Vineyard. At our approaching meeting we may expect an attendance of from 100 to 110 ministers, and from 50 to 60 elders, at least 150 all told.

At the first Truro Synod there were 19 ministers on the Roll. Now there are 124 besides a band of Missionaries, Professors, and Probationers, whose names do not at present appear on the Synod roll.

At the first Nova Scotia Synod, there was a single sederunt, at the second there were three, and at those three a great deal of business was done. At our last Synodical meeting there were twenty-two sederunts, and many of them long and exhaustive, devoted to business, with bare time for meals, and no opportunity for rest or social intercourse.

Some of the facts thus briefly presented in contrast, are suggestive and invite comment, but our present object is by calling attention to our annual meeting as just at hand, to make a note of various arrangements requiring attention from different persons, in order that the business of Synod may be properly prepared.

1. Presbyteries are directed at least one month before the Synod meets to nominate one to be Moderator, and to send his name to the Synod Clerk, and the names so forwarded shall form a list from which the Moderator will be chosen.

2. Clerks of Presbyteries are obligated to forward to the Synod Clerk revised