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**THE APPROACHING MEETING OF SYNOD.**

The Presbyterian Synod of the Lower Provinces will meet (D.V.) in the city of St. John, New Brunswick, on the fourth Wednesday of next month, at 11 o'clock, A.M.; and should no unforeseen difficulties arise that meeting will speedily be followed by union with the Presbyterian Synod of New Brunswick. In the very nature of the case it must be a busy meeting, and everything which can be done beforehand to facilitate business and to cause all things to move harmoniously and pleasantly, should be done. The following hints are therefore respectfully submitted to the consideration of clerks of Presbyteries, ministers, elders, and the people generally:—

1. Clerks of Presbyteries are directed by Synod to have the Returns of the congregations in their respective Presbyteries, up to the end of the calendar year, forwarded to the Rev. Mr. Cumming, Secretary of the Committee on Statistics, on or before May 1st. If this has been neglected by any until receipt of this notice, the return should be mailed, forthwith, or the appointed limit will then have been passed.

2. The clerks of Presbyteries are enjoined by Synod to furnish the Synod clerk with a revised roll of Presbytery; together with reports of ordinations, inductions, licences, deaths and demissions, with the dates of these changes, at least ten days previous to the meeting of Synod. Address of clerk—Halifax.

3. All papers involving new business, whether from individuals or Sessions, or

Presbyteries, should be in the hands of Rev. Dr. Bayne, Clerk of Bills and Overtures, one fortnight before the meeting of Synod; and documents forwarded in due time will take precedence of others which may be sent in at a later date.

4. The Synod has determined that no travelling expenses of members will be paid, unless a collection has been taken up from the congregation which the applicant represents.

5. Supplemented congregations are required, as a condition of receiving aid, to make collections for the different schemes of the church, and to fill up the blanks in the statistical schedule.

P. G. MCGREGOR,  
*Gyusboro', 1866. Synod Clerk.*

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**THE UNION WITH NEW BRUNSWICK.**

Another short month, and then our ministers and elders will be actively preparing for the Synod, at St. John. A most important Synod it promises to be. It will mark an era in our church history second in importance only to the memorable Synod of October, 1860. Out fitness as a church to do the work to which Christ has called us will then be put to proof. We shall be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary: God forbid that we should be found wanting!

The union of 1860 has been owned and blessed of heaven. It is stamped with abundant tokens of the Divine approval. No true Presbyterian will now venture to assert that it should not have taken place