

and that their passage across the Atlantic had cost the same amount. These two sums together would amount to the whole of Mr Geddie's salary for a year. It is therefore manifestly impossible for Mr Geddie to pay. But there is not now in the funds of the church sufficient to meet the salaries of the four missionaries for the year. The Synod, however, resolved, and apply to each congregation to make a special collection to meet the increased expenses to which they have thus been subjected.

MEETINGS ON THURSDAY.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, met on the following morning, Thursday, October 4th, a day which will hereafter be a day of mark, in the religious annals of the Province. Any remaining business was disposed of, and the Synod engaged in prayer, led by the Rev. George Walker, acknowledging the divine goodness in the past history of the Church, and soliciting the divine blessing, on the important step it was now about to take.—The following is the last minute:—

“The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia considering that a basis of union with the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia has been prepared, deliberately considered and cordially sanctioned by both Synods; and having been remitted for the consideration of Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions, has met with their cordial and unanimous approval; and considering that by the good hand of their God upon them they have completed all other preparatory arrangements, *do now*, with fervent gratitude to God for past goodness to the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and for having led them and their brethren of the Free Church of Nova Scotia thus far, and in humble dependance on His Gracious blessing in the solemn and interesting step they are about to take, and with earnest prayer that He would pour down the rich influences of His Spirit on the United Church, and would enable her ministers, elders and people to improve the privileges they enjoy, and discharge the obligations devolving on them, *resolve* and hereby record their *Resolution* forthwith to repair as a constitutional Synod to the tents prepared for the purpose, in order that they may there, as arranged, unite with their brethren of the Free Church of Nova

Scotia, and form one Synod to be known as “The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America,” and that they may henceforth work together in the fear of God and in the comforts of the Holy Ghost—striving for the faith of the Gospel, for the purity of Divine ordinances, and for the enlargement of the Church of Christ: And this Synod declare that they shall be considered the Synod of the same Presbyterian Church when, united with the Free Church of Nova Scotia, it shall be known under the designation of the “Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America,” and shall be entitled to, and vested in all the authority, rights, and benefits to which it is now, or may become entitled: And this Synod further declare that each of the congregations under its inspection, whether they shall adopt a name to be hereafter fixed or shall retain, as they shall be permitted to do if they shall deem proper the name by which they have hitherto been designated, shall not be held though remaining in consequence of this Union under the inspection of the Synod of the united Church, as in any respect changing their ecclesiastical connection, or affecting any of their civil rights.”

The Free Church Synod met the same morning, and after settling the remaining business, adopted a minute in similar terms.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNION.

For some time before the meeting there excited great interest not only in the County of Pictou but far, beyond, for two or three days before visitors were arriving from different quarters. We noticed strangers present from Cornwallis, from various parts of the County of Cumberland, from Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island, as well as from the nearer Counties of Sydney and Colchester. The hotels were crowded, but private hospitality was liberally exercised. All the ministers and elders who were members of synod, the licentiates and students and also the ministers of other Presbyterian bodies were provided with comfortable accommodation, besides the large number of private friends whom the people of Pictou were called on to entertain.

The Committee of accommodation