

expenses of special committees, of delegates to other Presbyterian Bodies, printing of all Synodical documents, and payment of Synod's Clerks, are all drawn from this fund. No travelling expenses can be claimed by the representatives of congregations neglecting this duty.

5. Clerks of Presbyteries and Secretaries of Boards are expected to bring up their Records for examination, engrossed up to the time of Synod meeting, the former signed by Moderator and Clerk, and the latter by Chairman and Secretary, or by the latter only, where such is the practice of the Board.

6. Presbyteries are directed before applying for the Semi-Annual Supplement in July, to require evidence of the Congregation's payments being made. Supplemented Congregations are expected in common with all others, to collect for the different schemes of the Church.

#### TREASURER'S NOTICE.

1. In order that the accounts may be audited, and on the Synod's table, they must be closed on the 20th May, instead of the 31st.

2. The Treasurer will receive money in Halifax for any and all the schemes of the Church up to Friday, June 4th; and requests, as far as possible, that collections be forwarded to Halifax, instead of being carried to Montreal. Remittances can be sent from nearly all congregations by Post Office Order or registered letters—by the former method with absolute safety, and by the latter with such security that out of hundreds of sums so sent, not one has yet been lost. It is hoped at least that collections will be turned into notes, if paid in Montreal.

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CEYLON.—A Wesleyan Missionary at Point de Galle, Ceylon, reports that there never was a time in the history of the mission when the Buddhist priests and people were so active as they are now, employing even lay preachers to support their cause, and enforcing the observance of the Poya (Sabbath) with all the rigour of the Christian Sabbath.

## THANKSGIVING,

FOR PROGRESS IN AND PROSPECT OF UNION.

The Moderators of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and of the Synod of the Lower Provinces, having had their attention called to the propriety of a grateful acknowledgment by our people generally of the goodness of God, in guiding thus far in our union negotiations, and in securing the needful legislation, and also in giving us the prospect of a speedy and harmonious consummation of our yearnings for Union in the month of June, have agreed to request the ministers and sessions of the negotiating bodies in the Maritime Provinces to afford their people an opportunity for simultaneous thanksgiving to God and prayer for the special outpouring of His Spirit upon our Churches, and to name that purpose a suitable time.

Owing to the lateness of the season, and the pressure of spring work, it would be wise to ask our people to assemble for this purpose on a working day, and we therefore recommend that such thanksgiving and prayer should be presented on the Lord's Day; and in the expectation that the negotiating churches in Ontario and Quebec will unite with us, we name the last Sabbath of May, prior to which our request can reach the Moderators of the Bodies, and intimation should they appear be given within their bounds.

Without wishing to limit such thanksgiving and prayer to any day or week, we do hereby respectfully and affectionately request our brethren throughout the Maritime Provinces, to invite their congregations on the day named, the last Sabbath of May, to join in thanksgiving to God for His guiding hand upon us thus far, and in earnest prayer for a Baptism of the Holy Spirit, that we may be truly of one mind and of one heart to exalt our common Lord.

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