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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES,

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MEETING OF SYNOG.

The Synod will meet (D.V.) in Poplar Grove church, on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and will be opened by a sermon by the Rev. Dr. McCulloch, the Moderator.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of ministers and elders. We have no doubt that arrangements for free return tickets will be made in due time with the railway and steamboat agents, as in former years, and that the usual hospitality will be exercised by our people, and other christian friends in the city.

The annual convention of so many ministers and elders from every part of the Lower Provinces for devotional and business purposes, ought to be an occasion of great interest; and that it may be so, we would suggest that special prayer should be offered at our prayer meetings and in our families, during this month, for the gracious presence of our Great Head in whose name we meet, proved by an abundant outpouring of his Spirit on the assembled brethren.

The presence of the Great Master among his servants may be discerned, when a high tone of devotional feeling pervades the meetings, when brotherly love and courtesy in debate characterize the proceedings, and when weighty and perplexing questions are wisely and harmoniously settled.

We have often heard disappointment expressed at the comparative absence of the religious element at our Synodical meetings, and at the superabundance of debate. There may be just ground of complaint in many

instances; but then it must be remembered that the members of Synod come together for deliberation, rather than to make speeches on missions. We assemble for free and full discussion, not to accept of decisions prepared by authority. The business must be transacted, and the action taken will affect the whole body during the whole year, so that the interests of religion itself, and the efficient working out of our free system of church government, demand the fullest freedom of speech. We would rejoice if all acerbity should be banished from our Synodical debates; but we still prefer life with some irregularities, to the immobility and stiffness of death.

Of late years the evenings have all been devoted in some measure to religious exercises. The first half hour of each business sederunt in the evening, has been thus very profitably spent, while an evening has been devoted to missions, and another to the state of religion throughout the body in the provinces. We trust the Committee of Bills and Overtures, to whom the Synod has entrusted the order of business, will so arrange the Synodical programme, as to have the subjects of general interest brought forward in the evening, and that our city congregations will shew their interest in the Redeemer's cause, and in the great work of the church, by coming out in force.

SYNOGICAL NOTICES.

1. Clerks of Presbyteries are directed by Synod to forward to the Synod Clerk, revised rolls of Presbyteries with notices of