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THE SYNOD.

The last number of the *Record* was filled with *Synod Minutes*, which we trust have been perused with conscientious care by the office-bearers, members and adherents of the Church. The Synod was a large and delightful one, and its influence for good will long be felt, especially in Prince Edward Island. Such meetings have two aspects; one towards the past,—reviewing, correcting, judging; one towards the future,—directing, desiring, hoping. Now the SYNOD looks anxiously forward to the result of several movements inaugurated. The Dalhousie College scheme is one of these. We are yet unable to announce definite arrangements; but there are good grounds of hope that all will go on well.

The formation of a Widows' Fund is an object of the highest importance, which must shortly receive prominent attention. It is at present in good hands.

The FOREIGN MISSION, always of absorbing interest, attracts this year the attention of our own and other churches. At the meeting of Synod we had but two candidates whose services for the Foreign field had been accepted. We have now another candidate who, we trust, will be ready to proceed in the "Day-Spring" with Messrs Morrison, and Gordon. More labourers for the New Hebrides are still required. When we send forth three we only fill the gaps made by death. We believe our people would cheerfully support three more.

There is one subject to which the Synod desired to direct the attention of the Church

in a special manner,—this is *the regular and systematic support of all our Schemes by all our people*. It is well-known that while some give liberally the great majority give very sparingly, and too large a minority give nothing at all. The point at which the Church now aims is to have all her members and adherents do what they can, be it much or little, for Christ's cause on earth.

Let us be thankful for the internal peace and prosperity enjoyed by the Church.—Our Ministers are on the whole better paid and congregations in a more satisfactory condition than ever before. Yet with all our attainments we see before us an ever-widening circle of work, so that all our energies are required to sustain Christ's cause among ourselves and extend it elsewhere.

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HOME WORK.

Every man, woman and child connected with the Church should help her foreign work; this we not only admit, but we desire to impress it strongly as a duty on the minds of our readers. But if the foreign work has strong claims we venture to assert that the claims of our HOME MISSIONS are still stronger! We have space to lay only a few plain facts before the Church.

1. The funds of the Home Mission are at present almost, if not altogether, exhausted. The treasury is empty, or nearly so.

2. We have several Missionaries who