

favour of a still more comprehensive union?

We have not made as much progress in ten years as we should. This we must confess with sorrow and penitence. Yet a great deal has been accomplished, and the foundation has been laid, broad and deep, for more rapid progress in the future. We have had a most happy and cordial union of incorporation between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and the other Maritime Provinces. Our Home Missionary and Supplementary organizations promise well for the future. Life and order in a greater or less degree characterize our church throughout all its bounds. Most thankfully do we record the fact that there was not a solitary case of discipline or of appeal before our Supreme Court.

The proceedings of the late Synod were remarkable for the unanimity with which conclusions were adopted, and the heartiness with which the minority in every instance accepted the decisions of the Synod. There were no irritating controversies, no personal encounters, no speeches that transgressed the rules of Christian courtesy.

The opening sermon, a truly Puritan discourse, was delivered by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. JOHN TURNBULL. A large audience had assembled to hear the sermon, and none could fail to be impressed with such sound exposition of Scripture and such earnest and pathetic exhortation.

The roll showed some melancholy blanks. Not to speak of Rev. JOHN SPROTT, Rev. ANGUS MCGILLIVRAY, and Rev. JAMES WADDELL, whose names were not on the roll, there were the venerable minister of the First Maitland congregation, Rev. THOMAS S. CROWE, Rev. DONALD MORRISON, Rev. WILLIAM SINCLAIR, and Rev. ALLAN FRASER, gone to swell the numbers of the great multitude that rest from all their toil in the presence of the Saviour.

The roll having been made up, the Rev. ROBERT SEDGEWICK was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. It is but right to record here that our venerable Father, now for the first time Moderator of the United Synod, discharged the onerous duties of

the chair in a most efficient and singularly happy manner. A better Moderator could not have been placed over us. Much of the good spirit that pervaded all the meetings was in a large degree due, under God, to the Moderatorship of the Rev. ROBERT SEDGEWICK. His prayers and reading of the Scriptures were peculiarly solemn and impressive; while his business tact was all that could be expected or desired.

Business Done.

There was a great deal of business before the Synod, and there was no time lost in useless speeches. The morning meetings for business commenced at 10 o'clock and continued till 1 o'clock. Then, after an interval of two hours, the Synod met at 3 o'clock and adjourned at 6. The evening meetings commenced at 7½ and rarely ended before 10 o'clock. Financial affairs were very carefully attended to. A few hours were devoted to the discussion of the constitutional question,—Who are scripturally members of our Church courts? The future of our College—the Fund for Widows and Orphans of Ministers—the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers—Colportage—Psalmody—Sabbath Schools—Statistics—Home Missions—Foreign Missions—the Supplementing of weak congregations,—these and kindred subjects occupied the attention of the Synod. One of the most delightful evenings of all was spent in considering the state of religion throughout the bounds of the church.

Let us now enter into more particular details. The first subject disposed of was the

Report of the Auditing Committee, which was submitted and explained very clearly by Rev. G. Walker. The following are the principal facts:—

Received for the year ending June 1, 1870—For Foreign Missions, \$3,780; Expended, \$5,457. Received for *Dayspring*, \$1,841; Expended, \$1,555:

Home Missions: received, \$2,684; expended, \$2,112.

Synod Fund: received, \$739; expended, \$704.

Supplementary Fund: received, \$2,362; expended, \$3,291:

Education: received, \$3,605; expended, \$3,734.