

# THE HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

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## MEETING OF SYNOD.

THE Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces will meet on Wednesday, the 26th of this month, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in Chalmers Church, Halifax. This we trust will be the largest gathering of Presbyterian ministers ever held in this city. Ministers and elders will come from every corner of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island; two or more may come from New Brunswick, and we may hope for one or two from Newfoundland. Presbyterians in this city will give the members of Synod a most cordial welcome; and we have no doubt that arrangements will be made for accommodating every minister and elder that can come forward. It is very desirable that the attendance should be large. The Church has need of all the wisdom and energy of all her members. Feeble hands require to be strengthened, fainting hearts to be cheered, by mutual counsel, encouragement and aid. You can help your brother and your brother can help you; do not then deprive yourself or others of the benefits to be derived from a large assemblage of brethren engaged in the same great work, animated by the same holy motives, bound by the same laws and paying allegiance to the same glorious King. Many of our ministers are young and comparatively inexperienced, while a few are veterans, having their minds richly stored with the results of long years of experience and observation. Some are naturally over-sanguine and impulsive; others are cautious to the verge of timorousness. Some devote their thoughts more particularly to one subject of interest—others to another. One has his mind set on Education, another on Home Missions, a third on Foreign Missions, and so on. It is when all are assembled together to devise, to deliberate and to act, in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, that the highest results in each department of Christian effort are attained.

We trust that the Eldership will be fully represented. It is of vital importance to the Church that the "laity" should take a lively and intelligent interest in all her schemes and movements.

Many subjects of deep moment will come before the approaching Synod; and it is earnestly to be desired that there should be not only a large attendance of ministers and elders, but that those who remain at home should be constant in prayer for those who are rulers and overseers in Christ's house, that they may be endowed with wisdom from on high enabling them to realize their solemn responsibilities and to act in such a manner as will secure the purity, the peace and the prosperity of the Church.

Let us remind congregations that the salaries of their ministers should be punctually paid up to the first of this month, or to the end of the financial year whatever that date may be. Your ministers require more than all you