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## SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES: JUNE 30--JULY 8, 1874.

The Synod which met in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on Tuesday evening, June 20th, will be remembered as one of the most harmonious and delightful in the annals of Presbyterianism in this country. Prayer and praise—revival and union—missions at home and abroad—education—Protestant liberty—these were the joy, the watchwords, the strength and hope of our assembled Elders. The attendance was large, larger than ever before. We missed some venerated and beloved fathers from their accustomed seats; but they were kept away by dispensations of Providence. Three indeed were absent never to be seen among us till we meet in the Church above,—men who never failed to be at the post of duty when they could: the Rev. John L. Murdoch, and Rev. Dr. Roy, and Rev. James Frazer. Since the last meeting, in 1873, these fathers were called to their eternal rest.

### Opening Services.

Rev. Isaac Murray, Moderator for last year, was unable to be present. The duty of opening the Synod devolved in his absence upon his predecessor in office, Rev. G. Patterson. Mr. Patterson happily secured the services of the Free Church delegates, for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Wilson conducted the devotional exercises, and Rev. Mr. Burns preached the opening sermon. The Synod was then constituted by Mr. Patterson. The Roll having been

made up and called, the Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator. Presbyteries had nominated Revs. E. Ross, Professor McKnight and P. G. McGregor. Mr. Ross caused his name to be withdrawn. Mr. McGregor was then duly elected. Subsequently Rev. A. Falconer was appointed clerk, and Rev. N. McKay Clerk of Bills.

### Business.

It appeared from the Report of Committee of business that over 40 subjects were on the docket! The Synod agreed to meet as follows:—from 10 o'clock, A. M. each day till 1 o'clock, P. M., from 3 to 6 P. M., and from 7½ to 9½ P. M., half an hour at the commencement of each evening Sederant, to be spent in devotional exercises.

Time had to be economized to the utmost. Speeches were at a heavy "discount" from the beginning. All seemed intent on work.

### Corresponding Members.

The Rev. Messrs. Burns and Wilson, the Scottish delegates, the Rev. Messrs. Mc Tavish and Topp of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. J. Morton, Missionary from Trinidad, were invited to sit as corresponding members and take their places beside the Moderator. Mr. Morton placed on the table of Synod copies of the Urdu and Hindustani versions of the New Testament, and other books used in worship in connection with the Trinidad Mission.

### Accounts.

The Rev. Mr. Walker read the Report of the Auditing Committee to the effect