

power of the individual cannot be easily recognized, and consequently cannot be properly valued. The army of a great country is divided into many regiments—each marches under its own particular colors—each has its own particular associations and traditions, and each is specially zealous for the unsullied honor of its flag. The commander appeals to them, not only for their queen and country, but awakens their enthusiasm by an immediate appeal to the great men who once did battle under that very flag that now waves over them—by reminding them of the many victories they had won, and the glorious deeds they achieved in history. And does not a new energy inspire each soldier, as he thinks of that glorious past, of the brave hearts whose enthusiasm rallied around it in the hour of danger, and who triumphed in the hour of death, on account of its safety and honor. And, brethren, may not the same fact be observed and turned to account, in the glorious army of Prince Emmanuel—the Church of Christ, pressing onwards, conquering and to conquer? May we not, as we look back upon the past history of our Zion, arise to greater zeal, and greater devotedness when we think of her by-gone days, and her former saints? Still, let us not forget that we form but a part of a great brotherhood, a portion of a noble army—that we fight for a common cause and a common king, and while we maintain our own distinct characteristics, as a Church, most fervently do we utter the prayer “Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel.” Amen.

## THE SYNOD.

### FIRST DIET.

June 24, 1863.

THE SYNOD of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to appointment, in St. James' Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Wednesday the 24th ult.,—the Rev. Simon McGregor, East River, Pictou, Moderator. In accordance with the usual practice, the Synod was opened with divine service. Mr. McGregor chose for his text Numbers x. 35, 36—“And it came to pass, when the Ark set forward, that Moses said: Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered, and let them that hate thee flee before thee. And when it rested, he said: Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel.”

The meeting having been constituted with prayer, the Clerk called the Roll, which contained the names of 21 ministers and missionaries, and 15 representative elders. Present: Rev. Simon McGregor, Moderator; Messrs. Herdman, Pollok, McKay, Christie, McMillan, McCurdy, Sinclair, Grant, G. W. Stewart,

Duncan, McLean—ministers; Hon. John Holmes, Hon. Col. Gray, D. A. Fraser, John McKay, James Thomson, Isaac Thomson, Allan McDougall, Esquires; Messrs. John McKenzie, John Grant, and Alex. Stewart—elders; and Messrs. McCunn and W. Stewart—missionaries.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. William McMillan of Earltown and West Branch River John, be chosen Moderator, who took the chair accordingly. It was further moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the retiring Moderator for his courteous conduct while in the chair, and for the excellent and very appropriate sermon preached this forenoon, and that he be requested to publish the same in the *Monthly Record*, which was done accordingly.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that all ordained Missionaries present, or that may be present, be requested to sit and deliberate.

The minutes of last sederunt of last session of synod were then read and sustained as correct.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Presbytery Records,—Messrs. Christie (Convener), Grant, and McLean,

On Overtures,—Messrs. Pollok (Convener), Herdman, John McKay, and James Thompson, Esquires.

On Bills, &c.,—Messrs. Duncan (Convener), McGregor, John McKenzie, and John Grant.

On Synod Fund,—Messrs. Sinclair, (Convener,) McLean, Hon. Col. Gray, and D. A. Fraser, Esq.

The injunction of last meeting of Synod anent travelling expenses of members of Synod, with instructions to the Clerk was renewed.

Moved, by Mr. A. McKay, seconded, by Mr. Grant, and agreed to, that after the Committees on the several Schemes have examined the returns from the several congregations within the bounds of the Synod, the Conveners of the different committees form a committee to report to the Synod as to how their congregations have raised the collections as instructed by the Synod.

Anent Statistical Returns, it was moved, by Mr. G. M. Stewart, seconded, by Mr. Pollok, and agreed to, that the Synod, satisfied with the manner in which the Statistical Committee has discharged the duties entrusted to it, hereby reappoint the Committee with the additions of Mr. McCunn, Isaac Thomson, and John McKay, Esqrs., instructing the committee to meet during the present session of Synod, to consult upon any changes that may be required in the present mode of taking the statistics of the Church, and to report at a future diet. Mr. Herdman to be Convener of said Committee.

The Presbytery of P. E. I., was enjoined to make arrangements for the supply of pulpits on Sabbath first, as also for a Missionary