

saint, He is manifest. Nay, amidst the deep gloom and night of sorrow which His penitent and forlorn children often bear in solitude, He is present, exciting hope in despair, and faith in darkness. The God of holiness saves us and sanctifies us by the very virtue of His nature, and makes us holy by abiding in the constitution of our being through time and through eternity.—*From the Indian Mirror.*

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## Presbytery Minutes.

### Presbytery of Halifax.

*St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, }  
13th Sept., 3 p. m., 1871. }*

Which place and time the Presbytery met and was constituted. Sederunt—Reverends George M. Grant, moderator, John MacMillan, John Campbell, and W. T. Wilkins, ministers; and Murdoch Lindsay, elder. The minutes of last regular meeting of June 14th, and of *pro re nata* meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, August 11th, were read, approved, and ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Murdoch Lindsay presented his commission as representative elder from the Kirk Session of St. Matthew's, and Rev. Mr. Wilkins, a commission as representative elder, for Mr. William McLeod, from the Kirk Session of St. Paul's, Truro, for the ensuing year.

Rev. Charles M. Grant, recently returned from India, being present, it was moved by Mr. MacMillan, seconded by Mr. Wilkins, with mingled feelings of pain and pleasure on the occasion of his return to this country, that he be invited to sit and deliberate.

Rev. George M. Grant having resigned his office as Moderator, it was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Wilkins, that Mr. MacMillan be appointed Moderator for the current year. Mr. MacMillan, owing to his residing so far distant from the seat of Presbytery, strongly declined being put in nomination for this office. It was moved in amendment by Mr. MacMillan, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that Mr. Campbell be appointed Moderator for the ensuing

year. The amendment was accepted, and Mr. Campbell accordingly took the chair.

In pursuance of an injunction at a former meeting, the Sessional records were called for. As it had not occurred to the Clerk that notices, other than the published minute of said injunction, were required, it was agreed, on motion, to defer the production of Sessional records for the past and present years, to the meeting of Presbytery preceding the next meeting of Synod.

At this stage of proceedings, Rev. Hugh MacMillan being present, was invited to sit and deliberate. Mr. MacMillan having, by request, reported verbally from the stations of Richmond and North-West Arm, it was moved by Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. George M. Grant, that the Presbytery regret to learn that a considerable amount of arrearages are due for services at Richmond and N. W. Arm; and that the members of Presbytery residing in Halifax be a committee to see to these matters, and also use means and diligence for obtaining, if possible, the services of a resident minister for those stations.

Rev. John MacMillan reported that he had dispensed the Lord's Supper at Richmond, as appointed, on Sabbath the 10th inst.; and that some twenty-eight members partook of the communion.—The general attendance was all that could be expected; but at the N. W. Arm, where he preached the same evening, the attendance was small.

The Clerk reported that, in terms of his instructions, he had written to George Maclean, Esq., late Treasurer and Secretary of the Presbytery Home Mission, conveying to him the thanks of the Presbytery, with an extract minute thereof, for his very valuable services while in office.

Mr. James Fraser Campbell's application for license was taken up. After some conversation touching certain difficulties as to parts of the Confession of Faith set forth in his letter of application laid on the table at last meeting, Mr. Campbell being heard in explanation of his views, the following deliverance was given.—The Presbytery, finding that Mr. Campbell gave a hearty assent to the scheme of truth, or sum of doctrine, contained in the Confession, and considering