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THE MEETING OF SYNOD.

THE Minutes of Synod are to be published next month, but a short account of the proceedings may be given now. Unusually interesting these have been this year. It was the most numerously attended Synod we have ever had, 52 members being present, of whom 23 were elders. The whole Presbytery of Restigouche, lay and clerical, was conspicuous by its absence—not a very encouraging return for the visit of the Synod to the North Shore last year.

The Rev. A. W. Herdman, as Moderator, preached the opening sermon, which was a specially good one, and listened to by a large and appreciative audience. Thereafter, Rev. A. Pollok was elected Moderator, and the Court proceeded to business, having three sederunts every day—all of them, too, very punctually attended.

June 30.—Answers of Presbyteries to an Overture of last year on the State of Religion were read. Only two reported, Halifax and Pictou. The state of matters in the town of Pictou is most encouraging to every Christian minister. Old lukewarmness has given place to zeal, and the fruits of the Spirit are manifest in very many. Mr. Herdman reported a large accession of communicants, and also the reviving of not a few old believers. P. E. I. Presbytery gave in its answers at a subsequent meeting.

Next came reports of committees. First, that of the *Record*, presented in a very complete form by the Convener. The circulation is 1,531; all bills are paid; and there is a balance on hand of \$146. Most of this was at once disposed of by voting an addition of \$40 to the Secretary's salary, and a grant of \$60 to Mr. S. H. Holmes for loss sustained by him in the removal of the periodical to Halifax without sufficient warning. It was remitted to the committee to make several improvements for next year that were suggested. Rev. Mr. Campbell, on accepting the Convener'ship, declared that he did so only on condition that he was better supported by all our ministers and the literary men of the laity, as he couldn't make news or write the whole *Record* himself. A general determination was expressed to make an effort to raise next year's circulation to 2,000, and also to make the *Record* interesting to every Churchman.

Next came up the Report of the Home Mission Board. It presented several