

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

FIRST DIET.

*At and within St. James' Church,
Charlottetown, P. E. I., the 26th day of June, 1872.*

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, after an appropriate discourse preached by the Rev. Alexander MacLean, Belfast, P. E. I., the retiring Moderator, from 1 Corinthians 9th ch. and 16th v.: "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel," and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Alexander MacLean.

The Synod Roll

was then produced and read by the Rev. Mr. Duncan, in the absence of the Clerk, and contained the names of 32 ministers, 27 elders and 3 missionaries.

In the absence of many of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick members of the Synod, it was agreed to postpone the calling of the roll until tomorrow's sederunt, and also the notice of the changes which have taken place since the meeting of Synod last year.

The Election of the Moderator

for the ensuing year was then taken up, when the retiring Moderator stated that the Rev. James Murray of Dalhousie, New Brunswick, had been selected by the ex-Moderators as the member of Synod on whom the honours and duties of the office devolve. The nomination was received and agreed to by the Synod, and the Rev. James Murray took the chair accordingly.

Synod Clerk.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Duncan, it was agreed that until the appointment of a Clerk of Synod, the Rev. Mr. Caie be requested to act as Clerk.

Reception of American Delegates.

The Rev. G. M. Grant of Halifax introduced the Delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The following motion was unanimously agreed to:—

"The Synod having heard the addresses of the Delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, conveying the cordial greetings of that great Church, records its indebtedness to the Assembly for having again thought of this Synod, and to those Fathers and Brethren, for bringing its Christian greetings; thanks them for the cheering intelligence brought concerning the great work done by the Church throughout the length and breadth of the neighboring Republic; rejoices with them in the success with which God has blessed them as a Church, especially since the year of re-union; and trusts that the relations which have been inaugurated so happily between us and our friends in the States, may become more intimate every year."

The Moderator then called on the Rev. Mr. Herdman to engage in prayer.