

### The Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland

This Synod met in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, on the 28th June.

Rev. R. Burnet, retiring Moderator, preached from Matt. V. : 3-12.

There is not now a vacant congregation within the bounds. The settlements are :

#### PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

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| 1. Pictou,                   | Rev. R. Burnet.        |
| 2. Saltsprings,              | Rev. J. Fitzpatrick.   |
| 3. Roger's Hill & Cape John, | Rev. J. Fraser.        |
| 4. Earltown,                 | Rev. Duncan Mackenzie. |
| 5. River John,               | Rev. R. McCunn.        |

#### PRESBYTERY OF EGERTON.

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| 1. New Glasgow,            | Rev. Geo. Murray.    |
| 2. Stellarton & Westville, | Rev. C. Dunn.        |
| 3. E. B., E. River,        | Rev. W. McMillan.    |
| 4. W. B., E. River,        | *Rev. P. Melville.   |
| 5. Barney's River,         | Rev. A. J. McKichen. |
| 6. McLellan's Mt.          | Rev. W. Stewart.     |
| 7. Gairloch,               | Rev. Neil Brodie.    |

Rev. W. Stewart, of McLellan's Mt., was chosen Moderator

Rev. P. Melville was duly received as administer of this Church.

The report of the Record Committee given in by Rev. J. Fraser, Convener, was adopted.

Rev. R. McCunn, Convener, submitted the report of the Home Mission Committee with correspondence from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland to the effect that that Committee had voted to this Synod half the amount given last year, or £62 2s., and that owing to the state of their finances this must be regarded as the last contribution which can be made by the Colonial Committee to the Supplementing Fund of this Church.

The report of the Foreign Mission Committee which was given by Rev. W. McMillan, Convener, was adopted, and the Convener instructed to forward the contributions of this Church to the F. M. Committee of the Established Church of Scotland.

The following were appointed a committee to co-operate with the Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in the Maritime Provinces with a view to the establishment of a Ladies' Seminary.—Rev. Messrs. Burnet, Dunn, McMillan and Murray. Mr. Burnet Convener.

\*Since inducted

### Miscellaneous.

#### Britain.

The present British and Foreign Bible Society premises are built on the spot in Earl-street, London, where three hundred years ago a body of fanatics burned every copy of the Bible that could be found, and then congratulated themselves that the book was destroyed. The book is now printed there in one hundred and seventy-eight different languages.

The original Secession Synod of Scotland has 3,350 members. The number of ministers is not given.

The progress of the Jewish race in Scotland is shown by the census returns to be of the most marked character.

Will not a day come in the not very dim or distant future when young Englishmen will read in their histories with incredulity that so late as A. D. 1881 the British House of Commons, though engaged in the consideration of one of the most important Bills ever brought before it, decided by a vote of 246 to 110 to lose a day's sitting in order that some of its members might attend a horse race?—*Toronto Globe.*

At the annual Tea Meeting in connection with Mr. Spurgeon's Pastors College, it was reported that there are 355 former pupils preaching the Word in Great Britain, and considerable numbers in America and Australia. A list of subscriptions, amounting to £2166 including £100 from the Lord Mayor, was announced. Mr. Spurgeon strongly advocated open communion, and stated that it gave him great pleasure to break bread with members of other churches.

The proposition to open the London city library and museum on Sabbaths, has been refused by the Common Council, by a vote of 97 to 25.

The Moderator of the Synod of the Scottish U. P. Church congratulated the Synod on the fact, "That we have full confidence in the Principal and Professors of our Theological College, in their ability and willingness to 'to hold the fort' against all assailants." When we remember that the Principal is Dr. Cairns, all who had the privilege of listening to him during his visit to these provinces last summer will cordially endorse the above statement.