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MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church will meet, God willing, in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 27th June, at 7 o'clock in the evening. It will be opened with a Sermon by Rev. D. B. Blair, the Moderator.

The success and comfort of the meeting of Synod will be greatly promoted if Committees and other parties concerned, direct their attention to the subject in due time and make all necessary preparation. We therefore take the liberty of thus early calling attention to a few arrangements, the observance of which is of great importance :—

1. New business must come through the Committee on Bills and Overtures, and all documents should be forwarded to Rev. JAMES BAYNE, Pictou, a fortnight before the meeting of Synod.

2. Presbyteries and Sessions are expected to report their views on the subject of a Mission to the Jews.

3. It is necessary that all our congregations should contribute liberally to the Synod Fund. There are always Synodical expenses which must be met. The fund is at present in debt. For years it has been insufficient. Now we trust that no minister, no Session, will fail in sending or bringing a collection. It is probable that no allowance for travelling expenses will be made to ministers whose congregations make no collection. Let not the Educational and other Funds of the Church be forgotten in view of the Synod. It will be seen from the last *Record* that £375 are required for our Educational Institutions alone.

4. The Clerks of Presbyteries are the parties directed by Synod to furnish all the sessions within the limits of their respective Presbyteries with blanks for the Statistical Returns. If any Clerk is without a sufficient supply of the blank schedules these will be furnished to him on application to the Synod Clerk. The Returns should be filled up, and placed in the hands of the Presbytery Clerk before the meeting of Synod.

5. The Clerks of Presbyteries are required to forward to the Synod Clerk, before the meeting of Synod a Record of the Presbyterial changes which may have occurred during the year, with the dates of such changes, together with a copy of the revised roll of Presbytery.

6. Members should if possible be present at the first sederunt, and make such arrangements before leaving home as will allow them to remain till all business is transacted.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

NO. II.

The reason why the church of Christ has failed to fulfil her glorious mission, in any degree commensurate with her great privileges and rich endowments—the reason why she has come short of that fruitfulness which might be reasonably expected from the cost and care bestowed upon her by the Great Husbandman, may be stated in one word or illustrated in many particulars. If we were asked to give the briefest and most comprehensive account of the cause of her shortcoming and unfruitfulness, we would feel