

Prince Edward Island Presbyteries; Rev. Messrs. Crawford and Baxter and K. Henderson, Elder, to examine the Cape Breton Presbytery Records; Rev. J. McLean and A. Stewart and Mr. Londells, Elder, to examine the Records of the Presbyteries in Nova Scotia Proper. Rev. Messrs. Duff and G. Patterson and F. W. George, Elder, were appointed to examine the Minutes of the different Boards of the Church.

Rev. A. McKnight moved that ordained missionaries, whether engaged at home or abroad, be regarded as ordinary members of our Church Courts. Rev. E. Ross moved that pastors of congregations, representative elders, and professors being ordained ministers, and they only, be recognized as constituent members of the higher Church Courts. Rev. George Patterson moved the following resolution, which, after discussion, was unanimously agreed to:

"That for the present Session of Synod those ordained ministers who are actively employed in the service of the Church, whether in the Home or Foreign Mission field, be added to the Roll of Synod; but that the general question as to admission to seats in the Church Courts of ministers not having pastoral charges be remitted to Presbyteries for consideration, to be finally determined at next meeting of Synod."

[In the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia it was customary to invite ordained missionaries to sit in Court as corresponding members. No minister had a vote unless he stood connected with a congregation (except the Theological Professor). In the Free Synod the practice was to allow ordained missionaries actively engaged in the service of the Church to sit as constituent members of Court, with power to vote. The former practice is that which obtains in the Scottish Churches: the latter, we believe, prevails in the American Churches. It will be for the Church to make up her mind during the present year as to what course she shall follow.]

EVENING SESSION.

This Session was taken up with devotional exercises and accounts of the state of religion in various parts of the Church. The Rev. John Munro, being called upon, gave a brief account of the state of religion in the western portion of the Pictou Presbytery. Amidst much that was discouraging there were a few drops that seemed to be token of a refreshing shower. He referred to the wonderful work of revival he had witnessed last autumn in Scotland and England and expressed an ardent desire that our eyes might behold a similar work in this country.

The Rev. Mr. Downie gave an interesting account of the peculiar circumstances and prospects of the Antigonish congregation. As an indication of their vigor he stated that they had raised for all purposes during the year the sum of £549 18s. 4d. The Synod then engaged in prayer with particular reference to the case of Romanists.

Rev. W. MURRAY was called upon to speak with reference to the western part of the Presbytery of Halifax. There were indications of improvement and advancement in some cases. There were regular additions to the roll of Church members, and they were cheered now and again with what they were privileged to regard as true conversions. Financially this was with them the day of small things owing to the extreme depression of trade.

Rev. Mr. McLEAN gave an account of the eastern portions of the Presbytery, including his own charge with those of Messrs. Sedgewick and Cameron. There was a marked increase in the number of families observing family worship. In Mr. Cameron's congregation there was a most gratifying movement indicative of deep concern for spiritual things. A praiseworthy spirit of liberality towards the schemes of the Church characterized his own congregation.

Rev. JOHN CAMERON referred to the subject of revivals and distinguished between the genuine and the false. In some cases men attempt to take the work out of God's hand and "get up" a revival, "Conversions" of a certain stamp are thus brought about and trumpeted in the press as "a wonderful work of grace." In his own congregation he had frequently to preach three times a Sabbath and to hold weekly meetings besides. The results were encouraging.

There was a general wish to hear the Rev. ROBERT SEDGEWICK. He accordingly addressed the Synod in a most happy and heart-stirring speech, giving an account