

lodge of the extent of family religion in their congregations.

That special attention be given to the need of endeavors to bring a larger proportion of our young people into full communion.

That presbyteries and sessions as far as practicable have special services.

The report was adopted.

The Sabbath School report was read by Rev. Wm. Donald. One hundred and fifty five Sabbath schools had answered their inquiries.

Increased interest in Sabbath School work was noted. The recommendations of the committee were concerning Sunday school literature and Sunday school superintendence by sessions.

The report was moved and adopted.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Opened with praise, Scripture reading and prayer.

Resolved that "In view of the approach ing 400th birthday of Martin Luther, the synod recommends ministers to bring before their people, as far as convenient, the great principles of the reformation, especially the doctrines of 'justification by faith' and 'the supreme authority of the word of God.'"

A remit of assembly concerning the dividing of the Presbytery of St. John was next taken up, when it was resolved, "That it is inexpedient at present, in view of mission work and other considerations, to proceed with a division of the Presbytery of St. John."

The Halifax Presbytery applied for leave to take on trial for license on completion of their studies, Messrs. George Fisher, W. H. Spencer, Thomas Stewart, G. S. Allan, and John Ferry. The application was received and the request granted.

Application was made on the part of the Presbyteries of Truro and Wallace that they should be granted leave to rearrange their boundaries as they shall mutually agree, it was agreed that this application be granted.

Rev. J. Layton (Elmsdale) introduced an overture for transmission to the General Assembly concerning the supply of ordinances in vacant congregations, which was signed by 35 ministers. It was as follows:

"Whereas, It is the duty of the Presbyteries to give supply of ordinances in congregations;

"Whereas, the delay for neglect of con-

gregations to call often protracts a vacancy to the serious detriment of religion;

"And Whereas, A movement in a call must originate with the people;

"It is humbly overtured by the Synod of the Maritime provinces that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada take the whole matter into its serious consideration, and devise some measure empowering the Presbytery to take such steps as may be deemed advisable and practicable in order to facilitate or effect a settlement in cases where the people fail to call within a reasonable time."

After Mr. Layton had been heard in support of the overture further consideration was postponed until a future sederunt.

#### SIXTH SEDERUNT.

The Synod was constituted at 3 p. m. by reading of scriptures and prayer.

The first business was the place and time of meeting for next year.

Resolved that it be in Knox church Pictou on the second Tuesday of October at 7 ½ p. m.

The committee on supplements reported that having given mature consideration to the recommendations of the general assembly respecting the better support of the christian ministry and the increase of the salaries of all pastors to \$800 and a manse, and ultimately to \$750 and a manse, they agree to report to the synod the subjoined resolutions:

1st. That the committee being desirous of carrying out the recommendation of the general assembly to raise the salary of every minister of the body to \$800, ask the synod to appeal to our people to enable them to carry out their desire.

2. That they recommend presbyteries to give the whole question of ministerial support consideration at an early day, and to take steps to elevate the standard of ministerial support where needed in their respective bonds. The report was received and adopted.

Rev. A. McL. Sinclair reported on the part of the committee on synod fund, that the fund had been liberally supported, that all bills were paid and a balance left on hand of \$167.

#### SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

The synod resumed at 7.30 p. m. by praise reading of scripture and prayer.

The subject for the evening was foreign missions. The church was well filled. Dr. McGregor, in giving the financial