

in full or at all, unless we have the presence of the Spirit of the Lord. Let His gracious reviving, and guiding presence be persistently sought in prayer. "If Thy Presence go not with us carry us not up hencec."

THE SYNOD—PREPARATORY WORK.

Unless the work of Synod is properly prepared, confusion and delay will occur and greatly retard progress, comfort and success. The various parties referred to are requested to note the following matters of arrangement and of order.

1. Presbyteries are directed at least one month before the Synod meets to nominate one to be Moderator, and to send his name to the Synod Clerk, and the names so forwarded shall form a list from which the Moderator will be chosen.

2. Clerks of Presbyteries are obliged to forward to the Synod Clerk revised Rolls of their respective Presbyteries, with notices of all changes during the past year, affecting the Roll, including deaths, demissions, ordinations, inductions; also the licensing of students, and the forming of new congregations, with the dates of such events, at least *ten days* previous to the meeting of Synod.

3. Papers involving new business should be forwarded to Rev. Dr. Bayne, Convener of the Business Committee, or to Rev. A. Falconer, its Secretary, if possible 14 days before the day of meeting. Papers forwarded early will take precedence. Where papers are in preparation, notice should be given.

4. All Sessions are expected to make a collection for the Synod Fund. The travelling expenses of all members to Synod, expenses of special committees, of delegates to other Presbyterian Bodies, printing of all Synodical documents, and payment of Synod's Clerks, are all drawn from this fund. No travelling expenses can be claimed by the representatives of congregations neglecting this duty.

5. Clerks of Presbyteries and Secretaries of Boards are expected to bring up their Records for examination, engrossed up to

the time of Synod meeting, the former signed by Moderator and Clerk, and the latter by Chairman and Secretary, or by the latter only, where such is the practice of the Board.

6. Presbyteries are directed before applying for the Semi-Annual Supplement in July, to require evidence of the Congregation's payments being made. Supplemented Congregations are expected in common with all others, to collect for the different schemes of the Church.

7. The Boards of Missions and of Superintendence of Theological Hall, and the Committees on Acadia Missions, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, and Sabbath Observance, are required to have their reports prepared in time to be printed and placed in the hands of members of Synod on the 17th instant, and all other reports are expected to be ready when called for, after the first sederunt.

PRAYER AND SOCIAL INTERCOURSE AT SYNOD.

We are persuaded that for some years too much time has been set apart for prayer and too little for social intercourse. There has been a prayer-meeting every morning, prayer at the commencement of each *sederunt* and a prayer-meeting in the evening. This must occupy daily about two hours of the time of those who attend the whole. But what we deplore is that few attend the one-half of these devotional exercises. In Pictou, New Glasgow and Charlottetown the morning prayer-meeting was practicable. In Truro many found it scarcely possible to be present, and in Halifax the difficulty will be greatly increased. The barriers in the way are, distance, interference with meals and family worship, and the *exhaustion* of the more zealous, by a *constant rush* from six in the morn till 11 at night.

In the evening, half an hour of every *sederunt* is devoted to prayer and generally the first half hour. It was expected that nearly all ministers of Synod would attend, and many of the people of the place would accompany them. In point of fact, one