

this Synod be requested finally to arrange their business as soon as possible; and in any matter which may be of such secular kind as may be contemplated in the charter, they report to the next annual meeting of this Synod convened in its secular capacity.

The committee appointed in relation to Presbytery Records reported that they have examined the different Presbytery Records, and having found them substantially correct recommended that they be attested.

Synod adjourned with the benediction.

NINTH SESSION.

*St. David's Church, St. John,
2nd July, 1866, 3 1-2 o'clock, P. M.*

Next Meeting.

Synod met and was constituted. Minutes were read and approved.

The Synod appointed its next annual meeting to take place in St. David's church, on the third Wednesday of June, 1867, at 7 1-2 p. m.

Synod adjourned to meet in Calvin church at 6 1-4 p. m.

Closed with benediction.

TENTH SESSION.

Calvin Church, Eodem die, 6 1-4 P. M.

Synod met and was constituted by Rev. L. Jack, as moderator.

Minutes were read and approved.

Last Minute.

The arrangements for union with the other church being reported as complete, on motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Synod:—

“THE SYNOD of the church known as the Presbyterian Church of New BRUNSWICK, considering that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, have intimated their readiness to unite with us upon the basis adopted by that body in October, 1860, and that the union is now happily on the eve of its realization, as the result of communications held with the said church through a committee of this church appointed for this purpose, and considering that the necessary arrangements of a preliminary kind have been completed; do now, with fervent gratitude to God for his goodness to them as a church, and with humble dependance on his gracious blessing in the solemn and interesting step they are about to take, and with earnest prayer that he would pour down the rich influences of the Spirit on the United Church, and would enable her ministers, elders and people to improve the privileges they enjoy and discharge the duties devolving upon them,—RESOLVE and hereby record their resolution forthwith, to repair as a constituted Synod to St. David's church, in this city, in order that they may there as arranged, unite with the brethren of the Synod of the Lower Provinces of British North America, AND FORM ONE SYNOD, to be known by the title of ‘The Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America,’ and that they may henceforth walk together in the fear of God and the comforts of the Holy Ghost, striving for the faith of the gospel, for the purity of Divine Ordinances, and for the enlargement of the Church of Christ. And this Synod declares that the United Church shall, for all ecclesiastical purposes, be considered as identical with the Synod of the church known as the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, and shall be entitled to and vested in all the authority, rights and benefits to which it is now or may become entitled; it being, however, understood and provided that this Synod as now constituted shall in the meantime retain, and continue responsible for whatever civil rights, powers, privileges, liabilities, dues and obligations which may now belong to it as a *body politic and corporate*; and that its members shall be at liberty to meet, deliberate, and act as heretofore in reference to the exercise of said civil rights and privileges, or the discharge of said civil obligations and circumstances may require.”

JAMES BENNET,

Calvin Church, St. John, July 2, 1866.

Synod Clerk