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PROCEEDINGS OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presby terian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America met in St. David's Church, St. John, New Brunswick, on Wednesday evening the 28th June at 7t o'clock, and continued its sittings till 10 o'clock p.m. Wednesday the 5th July. This was the second meeting of the anited Synod held in New Brunswick. The previous meeting was signalized by the happy and cordial union of the New Brunswick Synod with the larger body: on the present occasion there was no union to be actually celebrated, but there were important consultations and negotiations pointing towards union at least between the Church of Scotland Synod and our own.

Opening Sermon.

Rev Robert Sedgwick, Moderator, preached the opening Sermon from John 17:3:
"And this is life eternal, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." As this Sermon is to be published in the Record at the Synod's request we need not give any outline of it. and indeed an outline would not do it justice. The Moderator constituted the Synod by prayer. The Clerk then stated that the following

Changes

had occurred during the year, many of which had affected the Roll: there were removed by death Rev Dr. Smith of Stewiscke and Rev. James McNair, Missionary on the island of Eromanga. Their charges had been demitted by Rev. John L. Mur-

doch, and Rev. S. Bernard. The translations were as follows : Rev. J.D.McGillivray from the Congregation of Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield to the Congregation of Newport and Rev. E. McCurdy, from the Congregation of Musquodoboit Harbour, to the Congregation of James' Church, New Glasgow. The following inductions had taken place;-Rev Robert Wilson to the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of St. John's, Chatham; Rev. Alex. R. Garvie, to the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Windsor and St. Croix; Rev. William Stuart, to the Pastoral charge of the Fredericton Church, and Mr Samuel McCully, Probationer, to the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Prince William. Samuel Gunn, Probationer, was ordained to the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of West River and Brookfield, P. E. I., Nov. 16th, 1870 Mr. Charles Fraser, Probationer, to the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of West Point Campbelton and the Brav, May 25th, 1871.

Rev. Jacob MacLellan was deposed on the 3rd May, 1871 from the office of Holy Ministry, and from the Pastoral charge of the first Congregation of Maitland and Noel.

Messrs. John Allan and Alex. Grant, Licentiates, were received as Probationers from the Free Church of Scotland. Messrs. Edwin Smith, W. J. McKenzie, K. McKay, and A. F. Carr, had been licensed to preach the Gospel.

Three new Congregations and been formed during the year; Coldstream, in the Presbytery of Truro; Westville, in the