

ducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Clifton or Old Barns. These were all the changes that had happened since last meeting of Synod. The roll having been made up, the Rev. William Duff moved that Rev. Dr. SMITH be Moderator. The Rev. J. Watson seconded the motion, which was carried after a short discussion. The retiring Moderator expressed his thanks to the Synod in brief and appropriate terms for the uniform courtesy and consideration extended to him. Dr. Smith was then welcomed to the chair, and the Synod adjourned with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following is a full list of ministers and elders attending the Synod.

MINISTERS.—*Presbytery of Pictou.*—Messrs. McGillivray, Watson, J. Roy, McCurdy, Stewart, John Campbell, Walker, Bayne, Alex. Campbell, A. Sutherland, D. B. Blair, J. Munro, G. Patterson, Thomson, Roddick, McKay, McKinnon, Downie, Thomas Sedgewick, Alexander Ross.

Presbytery of Halifax.—Messrs. Murdoch, King, Sedgewick, McGregor, Christie, Duff, John Cameron, Clark, Forlong, John McLeod, J. McLean, W. Murray, A. Stuart, Steele, McKnight, A. W. McKay, H. McMillan.

Island of Cape Breton.—Dr. McLeod, M. Stewart, James Ross, K. McKenzie, D. Sutherland, A. McDonald.

P. E. Island.—Messrs. R. S. Patterson, R. Laird, Allan, C. Sutherland, I. Murray, W. Ross, D. Morrison, H. Crawford, A. Munro, D. McNeill.

Presbytery of Truro.—Dr. Smith, Baxter, Professor Ross, McCulloch, Byers, E. Ross, Darragh, Wyllie, J. M. G. McKay, Jacob McLellan, Professor Lyall, A. Cameron. Rev. P. Constantides, Foreign Missionary.

ELDERS.—H. McDonald, St. Mary's, I. McGregor, New Glasgow, Adam McKean, Pictou, Wm. Irving, Barney's River, Jolin Brown, Green Hill, John McKenzie, West River, David Clarke, West River, James Lauder, River John, James Sweet, Windsor, J. Putnam, Noel, W. Reynolds, Musquodoboit, Alex. James, Halifax, F. W. George, Halifax, James A. Scott, Nine Mile River, J. S. Newcomb, Cornwallis, Archibald Smith, Newport, Wm. Landells, Simbenacadie, C. Taylor, Lawrence town, P. McNab, Dartmouth, J. Bearisio, Princetown, Sergeant Henderson, Charlottetown, D. Laird, Charlottetown, Hon. S. Creelman, Stewiacke, J. Crow, Onslow, W. C. Smith, Truro, J. Little, Londonderry, David Fulton, J. Graham, Isaiah Smith, Wm. Kennedy, Matthew McCurdy, Clifton, J. Burgess, Cornwallis.

All these members of Synod were not present on the first day, but ministers and elders continued arriving till Thursday evening.

Dr. Smith, the newly elected Moderator, addressed the Synod briefly, thanking the brethren for the honor conferred upon him and asking their kind indulgence. He referred to the signs of the times—the happy unions that are taking place—the delightful aspect of this United Church and the prospect of usefulness and prosperity now before it. God is doing great things in our day, troubling the nations and breaking up every system founded on false principles. Prince Messiah is rising up in divine majesty to avenge his quarrel with the guilty nations and to sweep out of the way effete and injurious systems antagonistic to his own glorious cause. At such a time it is of the utmost importance that this Church should be alive to her responsibilities.

Rev. Mr. Watson then proposed that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Professor King for his very excellent sermon as well as for the manner in which he presided over the Synod. He also proposed that the sermon be printed on account of its intrinsic merits, its massive and sound theology, and as exhibiting the system of doctrine held by the United Church. It would also have a historic interest as the first sermon preached before the united Synod.

The motion being seconded by Rev. Mr. Roy, was cordially agreed to, and the Moderator thanked Mr. King accordingly and obtained his consent to have the sermon published.

The following committees were appointed:—Rev. Messrs. Blair and A. Sutherland and Hon. S. Creelman to arrange Statistical Returns; Rev. Messrs. W. Murray and McKinnon and Mr. Irvine, Elder, to examine the Records of the