

court has been given to a consideration of the State of Religion in the bounds of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL HOUSTON, *Convener*.

The Synod renewed the following recommendations:—

1. That the Committee are authorized to issue questions to be answered by Sessions to their respective Presbyteries as the material for reports by the Presbyteries.
2. That Presbyteries be recommended in concert with Sessions to arrange for special evangelistic services in congregations, in connection with Presbyterial visitations or at other times.
3. That addresses on practical subjects be given in connection with the Report next year, should the Committee think proper.

Synod Fund.

The Report on Travelling Expenses of members of Synod was submitted and accepted, shewing that the contributions met all expenditure for the year, but left the chief part of the debt of previous years unremoved.

Next Meeting of Synod.

In concert with the Church of Scotland Synod it was resolved to hold the next meeting in Halifax, on the the last Tuesday of June. The place of meeting will be Poplar Grove Church.

Thanks.

Votes of thanks were passed very cordially: 1st, to J. K. Blair, Esq., and others who were associated with him, in making and carrying out arrangements for receiving and entertaining the members of Synod. 2nd, to the Truro, for the great kindness and hospitality with which we have all been welcomed and treated during this meeting of Synod. 3rd, to the Session and Trustees of this Church, for the use of this building, for light and all facilities for transacting business. 4th, to the manager of the Government Railways, and to the manager of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, and also to the Agents of Steamers, for privileges of travel granted to members of Synod.

The moderator addressed the Synod, part of 122nd Psalm was sung, prayer was offered by Rev. J. K. Smith, and the Synod

adjourned to meet in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on the last Tuesday of June, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., closing with the Apostolic Benediction.

THE LATE SYNOD.

The meeting of Synod at Truro was largely attended especially by ministers. The discussions, which are inevitable in such assemblies, were conducted in a very becoming and brotherly spirit. One subject, the Marriage question, occupied two days with the exception of one session. This necessitated short speeches and great condensation in dealing with other very important subjects. It is especially to be regretted that the "Report on the State of Religion" was crowded into the very last sederunt. Arrangements had been made for addresses on several subjects, but these were precluded by lack of time.

The matters determined on by the Synod and requiring prompt action by the church may be briefly summed up as follows:

1. The Educational Funds fell short last year about \$800. This balance is to be made up and sufficient sent in if possible to raise the salaries of the Professors to a respectable amount, say \$1500. The congregations which made no collection last year will please bear in mind that a double share of responsibility falls on them for the present year. The keynote has already been struck. Fort Massey opens the list by sending in a half year's contribution of \$160. St. Mary's sends \$77.77. Who comes next?

2. The Supplementary Fund must be kept constantly in view. Our weak congregations—weak in numbers or very weak in the grace of giving, must be aided, that they may live and flourish and be able to aid others.

3. Union has been approved of by the Synod with remarkable unanimity. The path has been made plain. Duty calls. The Great King and Head of the Church is pointing out the way. It is now for Presbyteries and Sessions to deal with the question according to their light and their sense of responsibility. The question, we need