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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

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MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

As our readers are aware, the Presbyterian Church in Canada includes five Synods, and one of these—the Synod of the Maritime Provinces—met in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, on Tuesday, the 5th October, at 7½ o'clock, p. m. Rev. Robert Sedgwick, Moderator, preached a suitable discourse from Rom. 13: 10. The sermon was hopeful, heart-stirring and eloquent. After the devotional exercises the Synod was constituted, and the Roll called. Rev. R. Sedgwick was then unanimously re-elected Moderator of Synod. The Synod's sittings continued, with the necessary intermission, till 10 o'clock on Friday night.

The Synod met every morning at 10 o'clock, and continued in session till 1 o'clock. It resumed at 3 and continued till 6; resumed at 7½ and continued till 10, and in one instance till midnight.

It was the first gathering for business since the Union, and we are glad to add that in no instance, in word or deed, did the old lines appear. This is what we expected, and we would have been astonished had it been otherwise. The only regret felt is that brethren had been so long apart.

The people of St. John, as usual, extended every possible courtesy to members of Synod. Other bodies as well as Presbyterians were ready with every kindness and attention.

Rev. J. Kean's testimonials, sent up with commendation by the Presbytery of Halifax, were examined by a Committee, favourably reported upon, and ordered to

be sent up for final action to the General Assembly. Mr. Taylor, Catechist, recently connected with the Church of England, was recommended by the Presbytery of St. John. The Synod authorized the Presbytery to continue his services as Catechist, to watch over his studies, and report to the General Assembly.

A communication from Rev. A. Ross, Harbor Grace, was read, giving reasons why the "Presbytery of Newfoundland" could not meet as appointed by Synod. The chief reason was the absence from Newfoundland of two of the ministers and several elders. A quorum could not be secured. The Synod appointed Rev. A. Ross first Moderator, and the Presbytery is to meet at his call, as early as convenient.

THE THEOLOGICAL HALL.

We cannot in the *Record* attempt even an outline of the exceedingly able discussion about our Hall. We can simply record conclusions. The proposal to unite our Hall with some other institution in the Dominion, was made by Judge Stevens, and seconded by Dr. MacIise; but it was met by an opposition so strong in logic and in numbers that at last both mover and seconder asked leave to withdraw the motion. They had in fact made the proposal more in order to test the sense of the House than with the expectation or desire of carrying it. The following motion, proposed by Dr. McCulloch, and seconded by Rev. N. McKay, passed unanimously, by a standing vote:

"That this Synod deeply impressed with the good service rendered by the Hall in