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MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church will meet, God willing, in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on Tuesday, 27th June, at 7 o'clock in the evening. Rev. D. B. Blair, Moderator, will preach the opening sermon.

It is desirable that the meeting should be large; and we trust that ministers and elders will use every effort to be present. The supreme court of our church meets only once a year. The peace, well-being, and prosperity of the whole church will depend more or less, on the deliberations and decisions of the Synod. Questions of importance have always to be dealt with, and all the representatives of the church should be in attendance to discuss them and decide upon the best course to be pursued with regard to them.

Especially desirable is it that ruling Elders should attend and take an active part in the proceedings of the court. They have, as members of Synod, the same rights and privileges as ministers, and they should avail themselves of those rights. Sessions should take care to select as their representatives men who have the will and the ability to attend the meetings of Synod; and those who are chosen should make it a matter of conscience to fulfil their trust.

Among the questions that must come before the Synod we may name two or three:—

1. The extension of our Foreign Mission operations by undertaking a mission to the Jews.

2. The election of a Professor to supply the chair left vacant by the death of the lamented Professor McCulloch.

3. Union with the Presbyterian Synod of New Brunswick.

4. Final arrangements relative to the Fund for Widows and Orphans.

We might enlarge our list, but it is not necessary. There is always a great deal of routine business to occupy the attention of the Synod. The presence of our pioneer Missionary will add to the interest of our Missionary discussions and meetings.

We trust that congregations will not forget the collections that should be made prior to meeting of Synod. The SYNOD FUND, and all the other funds, will, we trust, be attended to. The statistical returns should also be filled up, and forwarded without delay to the Presbytery clerks.

Finally, we trust that every member of the church will pray earnestly for God's presence and blessing upon the approaching Synod. Without the guidance and support of the Head of the Church our wisdom is folly; our strength is weakness; our light is darkness; our order is confusion.

THE CHILDREN.

CHRIST took children in his arms and blessed them, and called them heirs of heaven. Children are the hope of the church and of the world. If they are properly trained, "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," their influence for good may tell on countless generations. If they are allowed to grow "wild," their influence for evil