

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

FIRST DIET.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, *St. John, N.B., June 28th, 1871.*

At which place and time the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland met, and, after an appropriate discourse by the Rev. Allan Pollok, the retiring moderator, from the text: Mark iv. 26, 27, was constituted with prayer by the said Rev. Allan Pollok.

The Synod Roll

was then produced and read by the Rev. Mr. Duncan, in the absence of the Clerk, and contained the names of thirty-two ministers and missionaries, and thirty-two elders; of these, there sat down, as members of the Court, twenty-two ministers and twelve elders.

Since last meeting of Synod, the following changes have taken place:

In the Presbytery of St. John, the Rev. Dr. Donald died on Feb. 20th, 1871, and the Rev. Robert J. Cameron has been appointed in his place.

In the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, the Rev. Mr. McWilliam, having accepted a presentation to the parish of Ythean Wells, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, demitted his charge of Georgetown and Cardigan on 24th May 1871.

In the Presbytery of Pictou, the Rev. W. M. Philip demitted the charge of Stellarton and Westville in October, 1870, and accepted of a presentation to the parish of Skene, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. The Rev. Charles Dunn was inducted into the charge of Stellarton and Westville, April 26, 1871. The Rev. D. McRae was inducted to the charge of West and East Branches East River, Nov. 15, 1870. The Rev. J. W. Fraser was inducted to the charge of Roger's Hill and Cape John, Dec. 29th, 1870.

In the Presbytery of Halifax, the Rev. D. McRae demitted his charge at Newfoundland and accepted a call to East River, Pictou. His place at Newfoundland has been filled by Rev. Daniel McDougal.

The minutes of last secedunt, as published, were then declared sustained; after which the Synod proceeded to

The Election of a Moderator.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried, that the Rev. A. McLEAN, of Belfast P. E. Island, be appointed Moderator for the ensuing year, and being present, he took the chair accordingly.

Resignation of Synod Clerk.

A letter was read from the Rev. Mr. McWilliam, tendering the resignation of his office as Clerk of the Synod. The resignation was accepted; whereupon it was moved, seconded and agreed to, that a committee be appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the regret felt by the Synod in view of the departure from their bounds of their late clerk. The Rev. Allan Pollok and the Rev. R. J. Cameron were appointed such committee.

On motion of Rev. G. M. Grant, it was resolved that Mr W. G. Pender be requested to act as clerk *pro. tem.*, and that a committee, composed of the moderators of Presbyteries, be appointed to consider the matter of selecting a clerk, and report.