

## MEETING OF SYNOD.

The seventh Annual Meeting of Synod took place, according to appointment, in Gould St. Church, Toronto, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. D. Inglis, moderator for the past year, on the evening of Tuesday 4th June. The text was 1st Corinthians II: 13, the subject being INSPIRATION. The sermon was on an important subject and was an able discourse. At a subsequent sermon the Synod very unanimously and cordially tendered thanks to Mr. Inglis for his sermon and for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties as moderator.

After the opening services, the Synod roll was called. A large number answered to their names, and for the greater part of the time the attendance was very large the number of members being—ministers 205, and elders 97, in all 302, the largest meeting we have had since the union. After the roll had been called, the reports of Presbyteries were read, from which it appeared that one minister had died during the year, the Rev. J. Baikie, five had demitted their charges, two of them having since been settled in other charges, eight had been translated, fifteen had been ordained as pastors, and in addition twelve ministers had been inducted into pastoral charges, four ministers had been received into the church, and eleven students licensed to preach the gospel. It is pleasing to note that the Synod roll is increased this year by 21, the addition being larger than it has been for a number of years.

The election of moderator was the next business. The choice of the Synod fell upon the Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot of London, who took the chair and addressed the Synod in appropriate terms. Some committees having been appointed, the first sederunt of the Synod was closed.

The first part of the morning sederunt of Wednesday 5th was spent in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the moderator, Mr. Scott of London, Mr. Laing, Mr. McTavish, and Mr. King. Thereafter applications were taken up for leave to license certain students, and to receive certain ministers from other churches. Leave was granted to license students, viz:—J. R. Riley, W. Groulx, J. Aull, J. Becket, M. Fraser, J. McNab, R. M. Croll, P. Musgrove, A. C. McDonald, D. Davidson, W. Grant, J. W. Bell, M. A., W. Burns, A. C. Gillies and N. McDiarmid. Leave was subsequently given to Presbyteries to receive the following ministers and probationers into the church, viz:—Rev. Mr. Burson, formerly of the Wesleyan Church, Rev. J. McLean, formerly of the Congregational Church, Rev. J. Douglas, Rev. J. Fritchard, Rev. J. Carswell, Rev. A. Dawson, B. A., Rev. G. Milligan, B. A., Rev. W. Meikle.

## DEPUTIES FROM FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Rev. Principal Fairbairn and the Rev. Mr. Wells, deputies from the Free Church of Scotland to the Presbyterian Churches in the United States were present at the opening of the Synod, and it was agreed that they should address the Synod at the evening sederunt of Wednesday, which was appointed to be held in Knox's Church. On Wednesday evening accordingly the Synod met in Knox's church which was filled with a very large congregation. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Fairbairn and Mr. Wells. Dr. Fairbairn referred to the object of the Free Church in sending deputies to the American Presbyterian Churches, and gave much interesting information with reference to the progress of the Free Church. He spoke warmly in favour of union among the Presbyterian Churches. Mr. Wells gave a very interesting and able address referring particularly to the Home missions of the Church in Glasgow and other large cities. On motion of Dr. Burns seconded by Mr. Smellie the Synod returned their hearty thanks to the deputies for their presence and their addresses,