

congregations to make annual contributions thereto.

On motion of Dr. Burna the following resolutions were passed :

The present being the bi-centenary of the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, an outrage upon civil and religious liberty, which inflicted untold suffering and loss upon an honored branch of the Presbyterian church, it is hereby recommended that our ministers call attention to the event in its historical relation, by lecture or otherwise, as opportunity may offer.

Inasmuch as the General Presbyterian Council at its last meeting in Belfast earnestly recommended the churches represented in the council to make an effort on behalf of the struggling churches of Bohemia, and the general assembly at its last meeting endorsed this recommendation, this synod commend this worthy object to all within our borders interested in the Land of Huss and Jerome.

Dr. McKnight submitted a report from the committee of the College Board appointed to prepare a resolution with reference to Dr. Ross on his retirement. It was agreed to.

A resolution was moved by Rev. J. Hogg and passed, expressing sympathy with Dr. McGregor, agent of the Church, in his illness, which has caused his absence for the first time in many years from the meeting of Synod.

A vote of thanks to the pastor and trustees of St. Andrew's Church, to the different railway and steamboat lines for reduced fares, to the citizens of St. John, Carleton and Portland for their kindly hospitality and to the press for full reports of the Synods Work, was passed.

The work done, the moderator briefly addressed the Synod. He said the business of the synod had been completed and it is now about to close. It is always sad when the hour for closing arrives. It makes us think of a separation. We will separate and do not know that we shall all meet again. Probably we will not. It can be seen that with some of us it is getting towards even and the day of work is far spent. Even the youngest and strongest of us do not know that we shall ever again have the pleasure of sitting in the synod. These considerations and others impress themselves upon me and must do likewise with all members of the court. It matters not whether we remain here for a longer or shorter period. Let us go forth resolved to be better men, better ministers and better elders, and to devote ourselves more heartily and more thoroughly to

the work of our King.

The 122nd Psalm was sung and the Rev. Dr. Pollock led in prayer.

The moderator then adjourned the synod to meet in October next at Truro.

SERMON.

BY REV. JAMES MCLEAN.

PREACHED AT OPENING OF THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES, IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ST. JOHN, OCT. 6TH, 1885.

"Have Faith in God" Mark 11: 22.

Our Lord on the morning after His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, being hungry, cursed the leafy, but barren fig tree. He looked to it for fruit, but He found nothing but leaves. The curse took immediate effect. The tree died. The sap ceased to flow. The leaves withered.

On the following day the disciples saw that the tree was dead. Struck with the suddenness with which the curse took hold on the tree, and the rapidity with which death withered its every part, they drew our Lord's attention to it. Jesus answering saith, "Have faith in God." or "Have the faith of God."

Jesus Himself had this faith. He believed that God had power to control, or suspend the laws of nature, and that He would exercise that power in conjunction with His faith. Therefore He would hush the wind into silence, and quiet the raging waves, He would curse the figtree, and by His word send death more speedily from its roots to its leafy branches, than could be done by the destroying worm, or by the poisonous simoon.

Such faith Jesus enjoined the disciples to exercise. If they believed in God as He did they would perform mighty works as He did "verily verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father."

The disciples were expected to perform great works. They were to revolutionize the world, by indocetrinating society with God's gospel. Various forms of heathenism and false philosophy, must be overcome through their instrumentality. Christian churches must be planted not only in Jerusalem, and in Samaria, but also in Damascus, in Corinth, in Ephesus, and even in Rome. The seed of truth, tho' it might seem to be foolishness to the Greek, and become a stumbling block to the Jew, must be