

Moderator, I am not unthankful to the brethren who have proposed that I should occupy the seat you are about to vacate. I would not underrate the great honor involved in an election to the Moderatorship of this Synod, and I am particularly gratified at the nomination, as I see in it an evidence of the deep and deepening interest taken in the cause which I represent; yet, feeling the importance of having in the chair one skilled in the business of the church, and the probability that I may leave for Trinidad before the close of the Synod, I beg to decline the proposed honor.

The vote was then taken on the other three nominations when Mr. Millan was chosen, and after a few fitting words of thanks resumed his seats.

THE COLLEGE.

On Friday morning after a half hour spent in devotional exercises, College business, being submitted by Dr. Burns, Chairman of College Board, was taken up and occupied the remainder of the forenoon sessions. Two steps were taken which are worthy of special note:

1. The Synod decided not to appoint a successor to Dr. Lyall in Dalhousie College. For more than a quarter of a century our Church has supported this chair but now it is felt that while as citizens we should give our heartfelt support to Dalhousie, as a Provincial, non sectarian, university, yet as a church our efforts should be more centred upon our own College.

2. The Synod instructed the College Board to take steps looking towards the appointment of another Professor in our Presbyterian Theological College. It may be a year or two before this much desired step is accomplished but in the meantime we look forward to it and prepare for it, expecting from this development of our Church life yet greater things for our Church in these Maritime Provinces.

AUGMENTATION OR SUPPLEMENT

Was brought before the Synod by Rev. E. Smith, Convener. This is one of the important departments of the work of Church. By this Fund weak and scattered congregations

are enabled to support a minister, the strong helping the weak, and many a place has gospel ordinances regularly dispensed that could not otherwise do so. This subject occupied the whole of Friday afternoon and Saturday forenoon. The success of the scheme in encouraging the organization of new congregations has been so great that the demands this year will be slightly larger than last year \$9000 in all, instead of \$8000 as last year. This addition of one eighth more than last year can easily be raised. Deep interest was manifested in the discussion of the best ways and means of leading congregations to become self-supporting, and the best methods of managing the Fund. More of the ministers and elders took part than in any subject before the Synod, and no doubt that as in the past this scheme will receive the hearty support of our people.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Friday evening was "Foreign Mission night." This is a subject that has for well on to half a century occupied a large place in the thought and love and work of our church, and the review of the progress both in the New Hebrides and Trinidad was most cheering.

The meeting of the Synod a year ago in Pictou had one of the Senior missionaries from Trinidad, Rev. Dr. Morton, to speak to it of the cheering progress of the mission there. There was also a pleasant surprise when the Foreign Mission Committee announced that they had obtained what they had been so long looking for, and introduced to the Synod, Rev. Mr. Coffin.

The experience of the Synod this year at Moncton was almost exactly similar. The other senior missionary from Trinidad, Rev. K. J. Grant was present, and told what God hath wrought there, while the Foreign Mission Committee was able to announce another pleasant surprise in the statement that another missionary, Rev. A. W. Thompson, had been appointed to Trinidad and introduced him to the Synod.

Mr. Grant's address we give in another page. Mr. Thompson's words were eloquent in their modest brevity. He said:—"While