

and only interrupted him now and then to ask pertinent questions. He stayed three days, and each day was spent in converse about the things of Christ.

THE MARITIME SYNOD.

Tuesday, the 25th of September dawned bright and fair, and seemed all the brighter from the fact that such days had been recently so few. From all quarters the ministers and elders gathered to their annual meeting of Synod, held this year in Charlottetown. The trip across the Strait was delightful. The most sensitive were free from sea sickness. Neptune seemed to be absent on other business, and the passengers were left in peace.

Arriving in Charlottetown, a warm welcome was received from the hospitable people of that fair city.

At half-past seven o'clock in the evening Zion Church was well filled with members of Synod and others. The retiring Moderator, Rev. E. A. McCurdy preached a stirring missionary sermon, from Mark 16, 15 ;

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

We hope to give it in full to the readers of the MARITIME in next issue.

Next came the roll-call, one feature of which may be mentioned, viz. the absence of elders. Very few of them were present. This should not be. If an interest in the work of the Church at large is to be maintained and deepened, one means of doing so must be by an attendance of the elders at the courts of the church.

Next came in usual order, the changes during the year, the translations, the ordinations, the inductions, the deaths. Of these last there were five viz. Rev. Messrs. William Duff, William Millen, Alexander Russell, Samuel Johnson, W. R. Frame, five during the year, some in old age, some much younger, but the many removals are all calls to those who remain to work more faithfully while life lasts.

Election of Moderator came next. Four had been nominated, Revs. D. B. Blair, J. M. McLeod, H. B. McKay, and N. McKay. There was for a few moments a pleasant rivalry among the other three nominees as to who should have the privilege of moving and seconding Mr. McLeod's nomination, which was unanimously adopted.

The Synod continued in Session for the

two following days. There were no vexing "cases" taking up the time of Synod which, after the devotional exercises of each session, was given diligently to the different branches of the work of the church.

THE HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Committee reported that free loans had been made during the year to Gordon Church, Glace Bay, \$250; St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, \$500 for one year, and then 2 years at 5 per cent.; Mabou, \$400; Kennetcook, \$200. Grants were made to Shelburne, \$400; Kemptown, \$400; Carleton, \$100; Margaree, \$100. This fund was left some years ago by Mr. C. D. Hunter a Halifax merchant, a native of Hants County who going to the city a poor boy had pushed his way to wealth, and at his death left a large sum to aid in building churches in weak congregations in Nova Scotia. Part of it is used in giving free loans to be repaid in instalments: This part cannot of course increase as it bears no interest and as fast as it is repaid from one place, it is loaned out in another. The other part is invested at interest and the proceeds are given in free grants or gifts to more destitute places to aid them in building places of worship. As may be expected the demand is much greater than the supply, and but a small portion of the applications can be granted. The report of

THE LADIES COLLEGE

was presented, and was most cheering. During the past year its ordinary receipts have paid all ordinary expenses and left a small balance on the right side. Already the room is too small and further additions to the buildings are required. A resolution was passed tendering the countenance and moral support of the Synod to the directors in taking measures to meet existing liabilities and add such new buildings and equipments as may yet be required.

It was stated that the expenses are at least \$100 per year less than for the same services in a similar institution at Montreal. The committee on

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was reappointed. It is to be hoped that some plan may be agreed upon which will prevent either church planting stations where it has no people, or next to none in the midst of congregations of the other de-