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MEETING OF SYNOD.

We beg leave to remind our readers that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces will meet, God willing, on the evening of the last Tuesday of this month, in Prince Street Church, Pictou. Highly important as these annual meetings always are, we have reason to think that the approaching meeting will be characterized by some features of peculiar interest. Our pioneer missionary, the Rev. John Geddie, will in all human probability be present.—The cause of Missions may be expected to secure peculiar prominence. Other subjects intimately connected with the prosperity of the Church will also demand attention,—such as Education, Home Missions, the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

In the meantime we trust that ministers and elders, Sessions and Presbyteries, will leave nothing undone to simplify and facilitate the work of the Synod. Let all documents, accounts, funds, and returns be forwarded in good time to the proper quarter.

Do not forget to make liberal collections for the Synod Fund. Let ministers and elders who have a right to sit in Synod be at their post if possible on Tuesday evening and arrange to continue in attendance to the very close. It often happens that most important questions bearing on the interests of the whole church are left to be discussed and decided by very thin houses.

We trust that the Ruling Elders of the Church will use all diligence to be at their post and give the Synod the benefit of their experience and practical wisdom. Not a

little of the influence of our Supreme Court will depend on the manner in which it is attended by the Elders. Pictou is a central and accessible place for the whole church; and the hospitality of our people in the town and its vicinity has long been proverbial.

Let fervent prayer ascend from every pulpit, every prayer meeting, every family altar and secret chamber, for the rich blessing of the great King and Head of the Church to rest on our Synod, and on our Church in all her institutions, and her undertakings. Without the guidance of Heavenly Wisdom the counsels of men end in folly and vanity; without the help of the Omnipotent the most strenuous efforts of men are futile and end in disappointment and disgrace. Let us acknowledge our constant dependence on Divine mercy, and implore grace for every time of need. We have much to be thankful for. Peace reigns in all our borders.—Death has not touched the ranks of our ministers since last they met in Synod.—Valuable additions have been made to their numbers; and the work of the Lord has prospered greatly in many of our congregations. Shall we not continue to work and to pray with increasing earnestness?

PRESENT DUTY.

Christ shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. Heaven shall be abundantly peopled with multitudes out of every kindred, tongue, and nation. Fire, wind and storm, and the passions and the activities of mankind, all fulfill God's purpose. Are