

The foregoing outline of the proceedings of Synod is less full than could be desired, but it will afford an accurate idea of the business transacted. Fuller details on various subjects will come before the Church in the reports that will appear when space will permit.

There were *ninety nine* members of Synod present—*sixty five* ministers and *thirty four* elders—thus making by far the largest Synod ever held in Nova Scotia. Within the last ten years we have had the opportunity of observing closely the meetings of fifteen or sixteen Synods, and we have no hesitation in saying that this last Synod displayed greater cordiality of feeling, unity of sentiment, and business capacity than any we have ever seen. The most sanguine friends of Union could scarcely have expected so happy and cheering a sight. The keenest observer could see nothing in the proceedings to indicate the existence of the old division lines.

The Synod commenced its meetings on Wednesday the 26th, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and concluded the following Wednesday at 11 o'clock, P. M. Our people in this city did all in their power to make ministers and elders comfortable and happy. The Steamboat Excursion on Monday afternoon was exceedingly agreeable and pleasant, both as a relief from hard and protracted labour, and as affording an opportunity for free intercourse, between members of Synod who would otherwise continue to be comparative strangers to each other.

The decision of the Synod with regard to the Greek Mission is marked by great prudence, and will we hope lead to the best results. Mr. Constantinides in parting with the Church will have our prayers and best wishes, and the Greeks who have been taught to look to us for aid will not be forgotten. Who will not rejoice at the prospect of our sending another laborer to the South Seas, where our efforts have already been crowned with such abundant blessing?

We are all privileged to recognize the loving-kindness of the great Head of the Church in the spirit of wisdom and brotherly affection which marked the proceedings of the recent Synod. Let us be deeply grateful to Him who has lent His ear to our prayers!

SYNODICAL MISSIONARY MEETING.

On Monday evening a large and most interesting Missionary Meeting was held under the auspices of the Synod. The Rev. J. I. Baxter presided. After singing and prayer, Professor McKnight, the Convener of the Home Mission Board, read the most important portions of the Board's Report and commented on them. Last fall there were five probationers under the control of the Board; and these were assigned to five Presbyteries. Three have been settled over congregations. That the people appreciate the services of the Missionaries is proved by the fact that they put forth every effort to secure these services permanently, by having a settled ministry. The Home Mission Board is the pioneer of the Church, and through its instrumentality thousands bear the Gospel regularly who otherwise would have silent Sabbaths. It is intended in future to make the grants of the Board conditional on the efforts of the congregations and stations receiving aid. There is now a great need of funds to enable the Board to discharge its duties efficiently.

Rev. JAMES BAYNE read the sixteenth report of the Foreign Mission Board. It gave a brief outline of the commencement and development of the Mission to the South Seas—the sad state in which Aneiteum was found and its present renovated and comparatively happy condition. Mr. Geddie has been on the island twelve years. The first four were spent in constant danger and difficulty and with but little promise of fruit. Now his church numbers 194 communicants—heathenism is unknown on the island—sixty schools are in constant operation—elders and deacons attend to their respective duties, and the congregation on Aneiteum may be looked upon as a model for many in Nova Scotia. The Sabbath is observed most carefully, and worship is held in every family, morning and evening. Mr. Inglis of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Scotland, who arrived on the island two