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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SYNOD

Will be held in Queen's Square Church, Charlottetown, on the last Tuesday of June, at 7 o'clock, P. M., the opening sermon to be preached by Rev. John Turnbull, the retiring Moderator.

We anticipate a good gathering and would remind the many thousands of our Israel that special prayers should be offered from families, prayer meetings, and personally, that the Divine Presence may be sensibly experienced, that the discussions may be practical and edifying, and that the meeting as a whole may be one by which God will be glorified and the good of Zion promoted.

Subjects of great importance will come before the Synod, including all our Missionary movements and our Educational Institutions. The future of the Theological Hall chiefly awakens anxiety among the earnest thinkers, lay and clerical. Neither our people nor our ministers as yet see eye to eye on this subject. Differences of sentiment prevail respecting what is best to be done, and equally respecting what is practicable. Let us all apply earnestly to Him who hath said "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God that giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him;" and let us as carefully note what follows, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering." God has heard and answered our prayers in the past and thus invites our continued confidence.

We regret that we cannot state as yet whether any facilities of travel in the way

of Free Returns will be allowed by the agents of steamers plying to and from the Island, but trust that these will be granted. Ministers have free Returns on the N. B. and N. S. Railway lines, and application will be made for the extension of the privilege to Elders.

As the preparation of the work conduces greatly to a successful and comfortable meeting, we call attention to the following Synodical Notices:

1. Clerks of Presbyteries are directed by Synod, to forward to the Synod Clerk revised Rolls of Presbyteries with notices of all changes, during the past year, affecting the Roll of Synod, including demissions, deaths, inductions, ordinations and licences, with the dates of such events, at least ten days previous to the meeting of Synod.

2. Papers involving new business to come before Synod, should be transmitted to Rev. Dr. Bayne, Convener of Committee on Business, fourteen days if possible previous to the day of meeting. Papers forwarded early will take precedence on the docket. Where papers cannot be forwarded notice should be given.

3. The Synod collection is usually paid when the Synod meets, and as the travelling expenses of all Synodical deputations and Committees, the printing of all Synodical documents, including Rules of Procedure, Clerk's fee, and travelling expenses of members of Synod, have to be provided for, and during the present year a debt of \$195 has to be met, the collections would require to be universal and liberal. No travelling expenses can be claimed by ministers or elders from congregations refusing or neglecting to make a collection for the Synod Fund.

4. Clerks of Presbyteries and Secretaries of Boards are expected to bring up their records for examination engrossed