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### SPECIAL MEETING OF SYNOD.

Agreeably to the resolution of last Session, a meeting of the Supreme Court took place at Truro, on the 10th ult., for the purpose of considering the nomination which the Board of Superintendence of the Seminary had made, for supplying the second Professorship. The meeting was not very numerously attended, the season being such as necessarily prevented the more distant members from getting forward. There is reason to fear, however, that some individuals refrained from attendance, under the apprehension that nothing would take place, but the formal confirmation of the Board's nomination. These brethren will be surprised to learn, that something more than mere formality was enacted; that principles of fundamental importance were discussed, and an impetus given to the future maintenance of the Seminary, which we well know, will not accord with the views of the ultra advocates of the voluntary principle. It is quite so that, *Synodically*, nothing was done beyond the precise matter of business for which the Synod was assembled; but *extra-synodically*, matters of the highest moment, the integrity of the peculiar principles of the Church, were freely talked over, and conclusions reached, with a unanimity which

promises to secure the ratification of the Synod at its next general meeting. One point which engaged serious attention, was the position of our church with respect to the Education of the Province. It would appear, that there is now no hope of a return to the principle of a general Provincial Institution for Classical and Philosophical Study. The course of events, for some years past, it may be said, from the period when the Seminary was first instituted, has been rapidly, though imperceptibly tending to the complete separation of Christian churches from all dependence on State support for their educational efforts. It is matter of peculiar honor to the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, that for several years past, she has had no alliance whatever with the civil powers. Whatever may be said to the contrary, there is no institution of learning supported, either in whole or in part, by *state pay*, which has been under her patronage, or subject to her control, since the period of the alienation of the Pictou Academy. Thus far, there has been exhibited by her, a noble example of *pure principle*, in which she stands alone, among all the great denominations of the Province. The halls of our legislature cannot, have been besieged by the pressing importunities of any authorized deputation from her