

and firm reliance upon the help of the great Teacher deliberate for the weal of an honored branch of the true church on earth. What we need to do, is not to preach more sermons, or take on more stations, or make more visits. What we need is combined action in a Christian spirit towards each other, and the Christian world in general, for the execution of the important work of God, for the fulfilment of one of the most solemn charges upon earth—the supply of thousands of our fellow-countrymen with the ordinances of a living word.

This, I believe, our grand duty at present. I conceive that the relation between a Synod and its denominational field closely resembles that existing between a pastor and his congregation. The pastor must not expend all his labor upon one portion. He must not break the bread of life so unequally, so that one part is surfeited and another is famished. So, too, it must have a most damaging effect, that one large portion of our denominational field has long been much neglected. We are the instrumentality, and let us not rest till the sun shines equally upon all the lights of that branch of the golden candlestick of which we have charge. Congregations, families, and growing districts in our centre, having no regular gospel, is a serious consideration. The young without pastoral oversight, the aged dying without a minister to remind them of the coming account, the church door commonly shut, and the Sabbath-bell silent, in large districts, is such a dreadful situation, and so ominous of evil to us, and to many immortal souls, that this must be the question with us as a Church Court.

Of this, however, you will be the judges. I only remark that it is a time of night with us; and though the dawn is breaking, and streaks of incipient prosperity begin to check our horizon, it is a time for you to show your worth, and redouble your efforts. If it is Christ's work, he will make you able for it. Therefore, let us stir up the gift that is in us, and leave no means untried, with the view of bringing our whole vineyard into a state of cultivation; lest the Lord come in the night, and find us not watching, but sleeping.

Finally, brethren; as a true Church, a Church which is a sterling branch of the golden candlestick, is one, in which there are not merely scriptural institutions, but in which Christ is present, shedding light, and imparting life to its members, preserving it from extinction, and supplying it with spiritual oil: and as a true ministry of ruling and teaching elders is a body in which Christ irradiates the hearts of all by his presence; as, in short, it appears, that the Church has not been handed over to man merely for light and guidance, and teaching and governing the Church is not merely a human work; join with me in supplication that the spirit of wisdom may direct our deliberations, the spirit of love our deportment, the spirit of life our hearts, the spirit of charity our movements, and the spirit of zeal our measures for the good of our peo-

plic and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. Amen.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

At St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, the twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine years.

Which time and place the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met according to adjournment; and after sermon by the Rev. A. Pollok, Moderator, who preached from this text—Revelations 1: 20—"The seven stars are," etc., was constituted with prayer by the said Moderator. Presbytery Rolls were produced, and the Roll of Synod being made up, stood as follows:

SYNOD ROLL.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

Ministers.

Alex. McGillivray,
Andrew Herdman,
Allan Pollok,
James Mair,
Alex. McLean,
James Christie,
Alex. McKay,

Elders.

Gilbert Gordon,
John McKay,
Duncan McDougall,
Dugald Campbell,
William McDonald,
John Holmes.

PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

Thomas Duncan,
Andrew Lochhead,

Dr. Mackison,
Finlay McNeill,
Peter Nicholson.

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

John Martin,
John Scott,
Thomas Jardine,
George Boyd,
Donald McRae.

John Watt,
James Thomson,

CORRESPONDENTS.

Peter Keay,
Alex. Spence,
Thomas Talloch,
John Sinclair,

Alex. Morris.

} *Missionaries.*

The roll was read, and the elders present having produced their commissions, the following sat down as members of Court:—Messrs. McGillivray, D. D., Herdman, Pollok, Mair, McLean, Christie, McKay, Martin, Jardine, Boyd, Duncan, *Ministers*; Messrs. Gordon, McKay, McDougall, Campbell, McDonald, Thomson, Nicholson, *Elders*.

The Clerk brought before the meeting the fact that a false report of the proceedings of last Synod had been given forth to the world, and requested the Synod to give some deliverance thereon. He was overruled by the Court, and the subject deferred.

It was moved by Mr. Herdman, seconded by Mr. Boyd, and unanimously agreed to, that according to regular order, Mr. McLean be Moderator in room of the retiring moderator.

It was moved by Mr. Jardine, seconded by