

done your duty and proved yourselves worthy of your great inheritance. (Applause.) Right Reverend and Right Honorable,—The changes, which have so recently taken place in the Gov't. of the country having occurred subsequent to the appointment with which Her Majesty has again deigned to honour me, I have been enabled, albeit I fear for the last time, to have the happiness of addressing you from this throne, and of once more presiding over your deliberations. I need not say that I feel sure they will, as in times past, be guided by wisdom, courtesy, and mutual forbearance: and I trust that you will bear in mind that I am now, and at all times, ready and delighted to contribute by any means in my power to the convenience and comfort of every member of this Assembly. (Applause.)

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### MEETING OF SYNOD.

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On the 29th June the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, met in St. Andrew's Church Pictou. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders. The Rev. Wm. McMillan, Moderator, preached an able and eloquent sermon, which we hope to publish in the RECORD on some future occasion. On Wednesday the court met at 11 o'clock, and after the opening services the retiring Moderator demitted his office, and the Rev. R. Burnet of St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, was unanimously appointed in his place. Mr. Burnet after being duly installed in office, addressed the Synod. The Revd's Messrs. Carruthers and Donald of Pictou, and Bayne of P. E. I., being present, were asked to sit and deliberate. The report on statistics having been called for, the Rev. Mr. Murray, the convener of the committee on that most edifying and entertaining matter, gave explanations concerning it, and further in-

structions were given the committee.

The Convener of the RECORD committee reported, that during the year ending Dec. 31st 1879, the RECORD had paid its expenses of publication. The report gave gratification to the Synod. The Convener desired leave to demit his office: he complained of having to make bricks without straw, as so few articles were contributed by the brethren and others. It was agreed that he continue his labours in the meantime.

A discussion took place as to the propriety of admitting the sustentation scheme to the position of an ordinary scheme of the church, and thus placing it directly under the supervision of Synod. No further action was taken in the matter.

The Rev. Mr. McMillan gave in the report on the Foreign Mission. He was instructed to forward one half the funds of this scheme to Mr. J. F. Campbell of Mhow, India, and the other half to Mr. Robertson of Erromanga to be used by them in the support of native catechists.

After a vote of thanks to the Rev. Mr. Burnet and the congregation of St. Andrew's for their hospitality, the Synod adjourned to meet again in the same place on the last Wednesday of September.

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### REV. JAMES W. FRASER, M. A., EDITOR OF MISSIONARY RECORD:

*Dear Sir:*—The late Alexander McDonald, Teacher, who died at Fisher's Grant, left a legacy to the Presbytery of Pictou, to be applied to religious purposes. Whether that legacy has, or has not been yet paid, is entirely unknown to the persons most nearly interested.

Will you be pleased to give such information in the next MONTHLY RECORD respecting the payment and disposal of the said Legacy as may have come to your knowledge through the Presbytery. J. MACKAY.

With reference to the above Legacy we have made inquiry as to its disposal find from the books of the Presbytery Treasurer, James Hislop, Esq., Pictou, that the entry thereof is as fol-