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OUR NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD

Will be held, (D. V.) in St. David's Church, St. John, N. B., on the last Wednesday of June, at 7½ o'clock, P.M. Though our annual Session is thus two months in the future, still the time for preparation has come. Committees and Presbytery Clerks should revive the minutes of last year, and note in time various matters to be attended to. There are a few details of interest, which will be more appropriately noticed in our next number.

We feel that a few facts in reference to the funds should be stated as a guide to congregations and societies, in the raising and allocating of contributions for the leading schemes. The Foreign Mission funds are unusually low. All demands up to the meeting of Synod have been met, but the balance on hand is only a trifle over \$400. That all needful funds will be provided for this department of our work, no one doubts, who has marked its history in the past; but it is due to the people to let them know that as an increase of labourers is anticipated during the year, the stream of their willing contributions must not be interrupted.

The *Dayspring* fund was never so flourishing. It has been so fully worked up by the youths and children in every part of the Church that we have a balance in fund of more than \$600.

Home Missions have received all the support they needed, and have a balance on hand of over \$800, but this is met by a corresponding deficiency of nearly \$700 in the Supplementing Fund. Surely congrega-

tions which have given nothing to this fund within the year, will lose no time in responding. Unless heard from before the 31st of May, the balance to be reported at Synod against the fund, will have a disheartening influence for all, felt especially by the Synod's Supplementing Committee, and by the faithful labourers whose support comes in part from that source.

The deficiency under the head of Ministerial Education is likely to be large. Already it has turned \$700, and will be greater unless an immediate movement takes place among the non-contributing congregations, which, so far, are a *full half* of the whole number. We know, however, that we shall hear from some of them during the month of May.

The Acadia Mission fund has never been free of debt since the first Colporteurs received payment for their summer's work. If the members of the Presbyterian Church don't wish to send the Gospel to the Acadian French, we know of another agency willing to take up the work and carry it on. If, on the other hand, they desire the work to go on under the direction of Synod, the means should be forth coming. "A young farmer" from West River, Picton, sends \$25, and if one-half of our congregations were to contribute each that amount, this fund would soon emerge from its insolvency. Two young men have again arrived from Canada, and are engaged in Colporteur work in Westmoreland, New Brunswick.

The Synod fund is free from debt, the first time for ten years; but it is free, simply because no order was given for the