

be sent to him for a mission to India that the Church in the Dominion may hereafter see fit to take up, or for any special work in India, such as that referred to in Rev. C. M. Grant's letter of this month.

July 3.—Twenty of our ministers preached in the different churches of Halifax to-day, and in the Barrack Street Mission Chapel, and in the open air. Rev. Messrs. Cameron, Macdonald, and Philip preached before the Synod, &c. in the church in which the Synod met. May the seed sown be watered by the Holy Spirit and bring forth fruit abundantly!

July 4.—The Synod got through a great deal of business to-day, into which we need not enter, as the Minutes shall be published next month. On account of the difficulty of getting complete statistics by appealing to congregations it was resolved to put the matter more into the hands of the Presbyteries, and to get them to make a systematic visitation of all the congregations within their bounds. Rev. Mr. Caie was appointed Convener of a small committee, whose duty is to revise the questions that a former Synod appointed to be asked at such visitations, to print a sufficient number of copies, and send them to the various Presbyteries with the instruction to take the matter in hand forthwith, and then report results to the committee. A double purpose, it is hoped, will thus be secured. Presbyteries will be stirred up to visit and do their duty to their congregations; and a complete statement of the position of the church can be compiled.

At 5 p. m. the Moderator gave his closing address, and after the singing of Ps. 122nd, pronounced the Synod adjourned to meet again in St. John, N. B. on the last Wednesday of June, 1871, at 7 p. m.

Thus ended the most pleasant and profitable meeting of Synod that we have ever had. A fine spirit of conciliation and brotherly love prevailed; and the results shall certainly be to the glory of God and for the good of His Church.

In the evening a large meeting assembled to hear various addresses on missionary topics. Eleven speakers took part, but so rigidly did the Moderator keep them to time that the proceedings did not extend much beyond two hours. The Rev. D. M. Gordon from Ottawa arrived during the meeting, and gave a clear, vigorous and eloquent address on the various schemes of the Church in Old Canada, its present condition, and its relation to the Church in the Maritime Provinces.

A MEMBER OF SYNOD.

LETTER FROM REV. C. M. GRANT.

CALCUTTA, MAY 3, 1870.

It is so long since I wrote last, that it would seem to indicate that I am getting lazy. And I believe that's just what I am getting; and no wonder either. The heat is overpowering; we are in the middle of the "hot season" *par excellence*, and it is enough to take the vitality out of the most vital. O that I could only believe that a promise sent to me in my Halifax letters to-day by a lady, could be fulfilled! The promise was that if I sent a Cashmere shawl she would send me a "whiff of cool air." If I could only manage it, I would be glad of the exchange. Suppose that the pay be given in advance! Just send along the "whiff of cool air" to last say five minutes, and I pledge myself to send in acknowledgment as fine a Cashmere as Burra Bazaar can produce, and count myself the gainer by the bargain.

In the meantime, in the absence of the "whiff," I gasp as the trots I used to try to catch in Nova Scotia *would have gasped* if I could only have got them on the bank. To move the *body* in the present temperature is possible, but necessitates a consequent change of linen if you have any regard for wearing dry clothing; but to move the *mind* in any, save the most sluggish way, presupposes a predilection in favour of Hospitals and Lunatic Asylums. My very