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THE APPROACHING SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America will meet in Primitive Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday the 25th June, and at 7 o'clock in the evening. On that evening the retiring Moderator,—Rev. James Bennet,—will preach and the Synod will be organized.

We need not remind our readers of the great importance of the annual meeting of our Supreme Court, and of the duty to pray earnestly for the blessing and presence of the Head of the Church. Without His presence our meetings will prove a Babel of confusion—a useless waste of energy, and a source of weakness. With His presence and guidance the Synod can do great things for the promotion of the welfare of the Church, the salvation of souls, and the honour and glory of the Redeemer.

Heretofore God has heard and answered our prayers and made our path plain before us in the day of perplexity. Let us trust Him for the future, and continue instant in prayer for His Spirit to fill our hearts with holy zeal and love, and all the graces that adorn the christian character.

Difficult questions have been confronted in other days and have been solved rightly. Difficult questions will, no doubt, confront us at the next meeting of Synod, but in the strength and wisdom which God gives in answer to prayer we can meet them and dispose of them as we ought.

We may mention a few subjects that will come before the Synod. Our Foreign Mission will command attention as usual, and

the "man-of-war business" will be before the Synod by appeal from one of the Missionaries. The question of a mission to one of the West Indies will probably be decided.

Last year Rev. J. I. Baxter called attention to the need for a superior institution for Female Education. A Committee was appointed to investigate the matter and report to Synod.

An able discussion took place last year on the Sustentation of the Ministry. A Committee was appointed to devise practical measures and to report to Synod. The subject will be under discussion on the second evening session of the Synod. Our permanent stability and usefulness will largely depend on the success of the movement now on foot for increasing the income of ministers.

Other important Committees will have to report, and no doubt new matter will come forward as usual. We hope therefore that the attendance will be larger than on any previous occasion. The facilities for travel are much greater than heretofore, and the expense much more reasonable.—We believe that on all steamers and railways only one fare will be charged for going and returning. Elders from all parts of the Church should endeavour to be present. According to the Presbyterian theory there should be present an Elder as well as a minister from every congregation. All have an equal interest in the prosperity of the Church.

Again we say, pray for the Synod, that wisdom from above may guide all its deliberations and decisions, and that ministers,