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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

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ADJOURNED MEETING OF SYNOD.

When the Synod closed its meetings at Halifax last July, an adjourned meeting was agreed upon, to be held at New Glasgow on the 21st October. It will be remembered that the Basis of Union and the Resolutions accompanying it were approved by our Synod in July; but it was necessary to submit the question to Presbyteries and Sessions in terms of the Barrier Act. The adjourned meeting was held in order to receive the returns to the remit of Synod on Union, and to take whatever additional steps might be necessary. It was also agreed that ordinary business might be transacted. The Synod of the Sister Church met at the same time, at the same place, and it was desired that every step in advance should be taken *pari passu* by both bodies.

The Synod met accordingly, in James Church, New Glasgow, at 10 o'clock, on Wednesday, the 21st October. Rev. P. G. MacGregor preached a most appropriate and effective sermon, which will be printed (by the request of Synod) in our next issue. The changes in the Roll since July were but few. The attendance was large, there being 83 ministers and 51 elders present. The Synod continued in Session till Friday the 23rd. Several matters of minor importance were attended to, and the decisions in these cases will in due course be published in the Minutes. We have room only to notice, at length, the action taking respecting Union.

From the Reports of Presbyteries, Ses-

sions and Congregations, it appeared that 9 Presbyteries, 107 Sessions and 107 Congregations had reported in favor of Union, and that no Presbytery, Session or Congregation had reported directly in opposition to the remit; though three Sessions and Congregations had taken exception to one or two of the resolutions, and one had recommended delay.

It was then moved by the Rev. Dr. Waters, and seconded by the Rev. Geo. Christie,—

“That the Synod finding that all the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, with the exception of one not yet heard from, have reported in terms of the Barrier Act in favor of Union with the Canada Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and that 107 congregations and 107 sessions have also reported in favor of said Union, desires to express its gratitude to God, for the unanimity and harmony which have prevailed, and the happy issue which has been reached: and the Synod is accordingly prepared to take what further steps may be necessary in order to an early consummation of the Union with the other negotiating Churches.”

When this Resolution was unanimously adopted, the Synod engaged in a Prayer of Thanksgiving, led by Rev. Dr. McCulloch. A deputation was then sent to the Church of Scotland Synod to inform them of the action thus taken. Subsequently, a deputation from the Sister Synod addressed our Synod, and stated that the resolution in favour of proceeding with the Union had