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The Synod of the Maritime Provinces will meet in Prince St. Church, Pictou, at 7.30 p. m., Oct. 3. For the first time since the Union of 1875, the meeting will extend into the second week. For the past fourteen years the meetings of Synod have been hurried. Two days, or two and a half, left little time beyond the ordinary routine of business for the fuller consideration and discussion of the different branches of the Church's work. Let prayer be made throughout the Church that the hopes for the coming meeting may be fully realized. So far as we have noticed, the nominations by Presbyteries for Moderator of Synod have been, Rev. John McMillan of Chalmers Church Halifax, and Rev. Neil McKay of Chatham, N. B.

Do not put your letters to missionaries in boxes of goods and clothing that you may send. In the case of the New Hebrides missionaries the boxes are often delayed and do not reach their destinations until months after letters would do so. And whatever of cheer fresh news from home would give is lost. Letters are more like water than wine. They do not improve with age. In the case of

the Trinidad missionaries the postal regulations forbid it, and any one putting a letter in a box to one of our missionaries there, renders that missionary liable to a penalty of *five pounds*, besides making the government more watchful and suspicious regarding any goods that may be sent. The government has been in all respects very favorable to our mission, but care must be taken not to break the laws or give cause of offence.

There are times when it is cheering to hear of men being thrown out of employment. Such a time is that mentioned in the following clipping:—"In Boston there were over two thousand applicants for liquor licenses, and as the law limits the number to seven hundred and eighty, there are nearly fifteen hundred places that must close. An estimate of the loss to those who have been refused a license in fixtures and income places the sum at \$5,000,000. About 3,500 bar-keepers will be thrown out of employment." Welcome the time when the publican shall find employment at his harmful traffic no more.

Miss Tissie Copeland who has done such good work in the San Fernando school for the past five years, is coming home, having completed her engagement. Miss Semple, from faithful and successful work for about eight years, returns in December. Both the schools require to be supplied, and it is to be hoped that two lady teachers will be obtained for the work. Let application be made to Mr. Morrison at once.

The Anname church, formerly the station of Rev. John Inglis in Aneityum, has been destroyed by a hurricane. The other station of the Free Church of Scotland in the New Hebrides, Futuna, met with a heavy loss from the same storm, the mission house and school being swept away.

The toils of the preachers in early days in our country, is sometimes recalled for the benefit of those whose lots have fallen upon