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OF THE  
NINTH SYNOD  
OF THE  
*Maritime Provinces,*  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

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CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., MAY 30 TO JUNE 2, 1882.

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FIRST SEDERUNT.

*At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and within St. James' Church there, Tuesday, the 30th day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty two, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening :*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met according to appointment, and after Divine Service conducted by Dr. Pollok, the retiring Moderator, a part of which was a sermon from the text 1 Timothy, chapter 4, verse 11, "These things command and teach," was constituted with prayer.

The Moderator then called upon the Clerk to read the list of changes in the several Presbyteries since last meeting of Synod, which list is as follows :

1.—DEATHS.

*Presbytery of Wallace* :—Rev. James Watson, of New Annan, Dec. 12th, 1881.

*Presbytery of St. John* :—Rev. J. M. Brooke, B. D., Fredericton, Jan. 16th, 1882.

2.—DEMISSIONS.

*Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond* :—Rev. William G. Forbes, Port Hastings, June 30th, 1881.

*Presbytery of Wallace*:—Rev. F. W. Archibald, Amherst, May 2nd, 1882.

*Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth*:—Rev. William Robertson, Yarmouth, April, 30th, 1882.

*Presbytery of St. John*:—Rev. Peter Melville, M. A., B. D., Stanley and Nashwaak, June 7th, 1881.

Rev. D. Watters, L. L. D., St. David's Church, St. John, July 24th, 1881.

Rev. W. McCullagh, Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, Dec. 1st, 1881.

*Presbytery of Miramichi*:—Rev. William Murray, New Carlisle, &c., Aug. 2nd, 1881.

*Presbytery of P. E. Island*:—Rev. Jno. McDonald, Dundas, Aug. 29th, 1881.

Rev. Henry Crawford, Richmond Bay, Oct. 17th, 1881.

Rev. John McKinnon, Georgetown, &c., Feb. 21st, 1882

### 3.—TRANSLATIONS.

*Presbytery of Pictou*:—Rev. Alex. Stirling, from Scotsburn and Salt-springs, May 21st, 1882, to Clifton and Granville, Presbytery of P. E. Island, May 29th, 1882.

*Presbytery of Truro*:—Rev. A. W. McLeod, from Parrsboro', Aug. 31st, 1881, to West River, Presbytery of Pictou, Sep. 26th, 1881.

*Presbytery of Halifax*:—Rev. C. B. Pitblado, from Chalmer's Church, Halifax, Nov. 3rd, 1881, to St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, Presbytery of Manitoba.

Rev. H. H. McPherson, from Nassagaweya, Presbytery of Guelph, to St. John's Church, Halifax, Dec. 29th, 1881.

*Presbytery of Miramichi*:—Rev. J. A. F. McBain, from St. John's Church, Chatham, May 23rd, 1882, to Georgetown, Presbytery of Montreal.

Rev. E. W. Waits, from Stratford, Presbytery of Stratford, to St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, March 30th, 1882.

### 4.—INDUCTIONS.

*Presbytery of Sydney*:—Rev. John McDonald, Cow Bay, May 23rd, 1882.

*Presbytery of Halifax*:—Rev. Thos. H. Murray, Kempt and Walton, July 26th, 1881.

*Presbytery of St. John*:—Rev. A. Love, St. Stephen, July 6th, 1881.  
Rev. J. S. Mullen, Stanley and Nashwaak, April 11th, 1882.

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*Presbytery of Miramichi*:—Rev. James Quinn, Tabusintac and Burnt Church, May 24th, 1881.

## ORDINATIONS.

*Presbytery of Sydney*:—Mr. Jas. A. Forbes, Glace Bay, Oct. 6th, 1881.

*Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond*:—Mr. Malcolm Campbell, Strath Lorne, Aug. 30th, 1881.

Mr. Angus McMillan, Malagawatch and River Dennis, Jan. 25th, 1881.

*Presbytery of Wallace*:—Mr. Ewan Gillies, Earltown and W. B. River John, Aug. 24th, 1881.

*Presbytery of Pictou*:—Mr. John L. George, Sherbrooke and Goldenville, Dec. 20th, 1881.

*Presbytery of Halifax*:—Mr. John A. Cairns, Upper Musquodoboit, March 7th, 1881.

*Presbytery of Miramichi*:—Mr. F. W. George, New Carlisle, &c., March 15th, 1882.

*Presbytery of P. E. Island*:—Mr. John McLeod, Strath Albyn, August 30th, 1881.

## LICENSURES.

*Presbytery of Pictou*:—Mr. John L. George, Dec. 15th, 1881.

*Presbytery of Halifax*:—Mr. James A. Forbes and Mr. Anderson Rogers, July 5th, 1881.

*Presbytery of Miramichi*:—Mr. Angus Sillars, Feb. 7th, 1882.

*Presbytery of P. E. Island*:—Mr. John McLeod and Mr. Angus McMillan, June 29th, 1881.

## CALLING OF ROLL.

The names on the Roll of Synod were then called, and those of the members present were marked with an asterisk. The Roll is as follows:

## PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	H. McLeod, M.A., D.D.	Nov. 1833	Donald McLeod	Mira	Sydney, C. B.
2	Matt. Wilson, M.A.	June 1842	John McInnis	Sydney Mines	Sydney Mines.
3	Abraham McIntosh	Aug. 21, 1856		St. Ann's and N. Shore	St. Ann's.
4	Donald Sutherland	Jan. 6, 1839	Alex. McLeod	Gabarus	Gabarus, C. B.
5	D. McMillan	Dec. 4, 1861		North Sydney	N. Sydney, C. B.
6	A. Farquharson	Dec. 14, 1864	D. McLennan	St. Andrew's, Sydney	St. Andrew's, C. B.
7	D. Drummond	June 18, 1872	Roderick Grant	Boularderie	Boularderie.
8	John Murray	June 2, 1873	A. D. McGilivray	Falmouth St. Ch., Sydney	Sydney.
9	Peter Clarke	Nov. 12, 1873	D. McGregoz	Cape North	Cape North.
10	Gavin Sinc air	Apr. 25, 1877	Alex. McDonald	Loch Lomond, &c.	Loch Lomond.
11	G. L. Gordon	Oct. 6, 1879	D. McKay	Grand River and St. Peter's	Grand River.
12	John McDonald	May 20, 1880	A. McVicar	Cow Bay	Cow Bay.
13	James A. Forbes	Oct. 18, 1881		Glace Bay	Glace Bay.
14	VACANCY.			Leitch's Creek	Leitch's Creek.

A. FARQUHARSON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

1	M. Stewart, M.A.	Oct. 29, 1843	Arch. McKinnon	Whycocomah	Whycocomah.
2	Wm. G. Forbes	1852		Retired	Port Hastings.
3	Kenneth McKenzie	Dec. 2, 1857	Hon. D. McCurdy	Baddeck	Baddeck.
4	Donald McDougall	Nov. 15, 1865	John Matheson	West Bay	West Bay.
5	Alexander Grant	Dec. 6, 1871	William Dunbar	Lake Ainslie	Lake Ainslie.
6	Alexander McEae	June 7, 1877		Middle River	Strath Lorne.
7	Malcolm Campbell	Aug. 30, 1881	Hugh McKinnon	Strath Lorne	Strath Lorne.
8	Angus McMillan	Jan. 25, 1882		Malagawatch, &c.	Malagawatch.
9	VACANCIES.				
10			Walter McDonald	Mabou and Port Hood	Mabou.
11				Port Hastings	Port Hastings.
12				River Inhabitants	River Inhabitants.
13				Big Intervale	Big Intervale.

KENNETH MCKENZIE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

1	George Walker	1838		Pastor Emeritus, Untd. Ch.	New Glasgow.
2	D. B. Blair	Oct. 29, 1846	Peter Ross	Barney's River, &c.	Barney's River.
3	Alex. McLean, M.A.	Dec. 14, 1852	Alex. McLean	Hopewell	Hopewell.
4	R. Laird	June 12, 1850	John Dawson	Little Harbor, &c.	Little Harbor.
5	W. Donald	Oct. 31, 1860	John Grant	Prince Street, Pictou	Pictou.
6	Peter Goddellow	Jan. 26, 1862	Saml. Williams	Antigonish	Antigonish.
7	Thos. Cumming	Sep. 23, 1863	James McKay	Stellarton	Stellarton.
8	William Stuart	May 17, 1865	Alex. McKenzie	Green Hill	Green Hill, Pict.
9	E. A. McCurdy	June 20, 1866	D. C. Fraser	James' Church, N. Glasgow	New Glasgow.
10	A. McLean Sinclair	July 25, 1866	Duncan Cameron	East River	East River, Pict.
11	J. F. Forbes	Feb. 27, 1867	William Forbes	Union Centre and Lochaber	Union Centre.
12	R. Cumming	Mar. 16, 1869	Robert Fraser	Westville, &c.	Westville.
13	E. Scott	Sep. 20, 1875	Geo. Murray, M.D.	United Church, N. Glasgow	New Glasgow.
14	D. McGregor, B.A.	May 24, 1877	James McDonald	Merigonish	Merigonish.
15	J. S. Carruthers	July 3, 1878	William McLeod	Knox Church, Pictou	Pictou.
16	A. W. McLeod	Sep. 11, 1878	John McKenzie	United Cong., West River	Durham.
17	John L. George	Dec. 20, 1881	Henry McLean	Sherbrooke, &c.	Sherbrooke.
18	VACANCIES.				
19			George Munroe	Scotsburn, &c.	Scotsburn.
20			William Murray	Glencol, &c.	Glencol.
21			John Munroe	Sutherland's River, &c.	Sue Colliery.
22				French River	French River.
23	MISSION STATIONS.				
24				Wine Harbor	
25				Country Harbor	
26				Isaac's Harbor	

E. A. McCURDY, *Presbytery Clerk.*

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1	C. G. Glass, A.
2	W. S. Darzag
3	H. B. McKay
4	Samuel Boyd
5	Thos. Sedgwick
6	Andrew Gray
7	E. Gillies
8	VACANCY
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1	Robt. Sedgwick
2	P. G. McGregoz
3	Walter Thorb
4	George Christ
5	R. F. Burns, D.
6	Allan Pollok,
7	A. L. Wylie
8	Thos. Dunc
9	Alex. McKullie
10	John Currie
11	Duncan McKi
12	M. G. Henry
13	Peter M. Morris
14	Allan Simpson
15	John Forrest
16	Ebenezer McN
17	John B. Logan
18	Alfred B. Dick
19	Jacob Layton
20	Robert Laing,
21	Jas. Rosshou
22	John Wallace,
23	H. H. McThers
24	Adam Gunn, B.
25	Thos. H. Murri
26	Jas. A. McKeen
27	Archibald Gunn
28	T. C. Jack
29	Archibald Log
30	Richmond Log
31	John A. Cairns,
32	VACANCIES.
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1	William Duff, M.
2	John Cameron
3	Archibald Brow
4	J. K. Beavisto
5	I. S. Simpson, B.
6	E. D. Millar, B.
7	D. F. Creelman,
8	D. S. Fraser, B.
9	J. A. McLean, B.
10	VACANCIES.
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## PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	C. G. Glasg, A.M.	.....	Murdoch McLeod	Spring Hill	Spring Hill.
2	W. S. Darragh	Nov. 12, 1850	George Tattrie	Goose River	Goose River.
3	H. B. McKay	June 22, 1855	W. McDonald	River John	River John.
4	Samuel Boyd	Nov., 1858	Archd. Mingo	Knox Church, Wallace	Wallace.
5	Thos. Sedgwick	Sep. 19, 1860	John Aitcheson	Tatamagouche	Tatamagouche.
6	Andrew Gray	May 19, 1880	J. Sutherland	New Annan	New Annan.
7	E. Gillies	Aug. 24, 1881	.....	Earlton	Earlton.
8	.....	.....	Alex. Rose	St. Matthew's, Wallace	Wallace.
9	.....	.....	A. W. Murray	Amherst	Amherst.
10	.....	.....	W. Duncan	Shemogue and Port Elgin	Shemogue, N. B.
11	.....	.....	.....	Pugwash and Oxford	Pugwash.

THOS. SEDGWICK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

1	Robt. Sedgwick, D.D.	Sep., 1836	Wm. Sedgwick	Middle Musquodoboit	M. Musquodob't.
2	P. G. McGregor, D.D.	Oct., 1841	.....	Agent of the Church	Halifax.
3	Walter Thornburn	.....	.....	Warwick	Warwick, Ber.
4	George Christie	July 22, 1842	.....	Bedford, &c.	Bedford, Halifax.
5	R. F. Burns, D.D.	July 18, 1847	David Blackwood	Fort Massey, Halifax	Halifax.
6	Allan Pollok, D.D.	.....	.....	Professor	Halifax.
7	A. L. Wylie	Aug. 12, 1852	Isaac Creighton	Richmond, Halifax	Halifax.
8	Thomas Duncan	Oct. 23, 1856	John Taylor	St. Andrew's, Halifax	Halifax.
9	Alex. McKnight, D.D.	Feb. 26, 1857	.....	Professor	Dartmouth.
10	John Currie	Aug. 12, 1857	.....	Professor	Halifax.
11	Duncan McKinnon	June 4, 1862	Charles N. Sprott	Little River, Musquodoboit	Little River, Hx.
12	M. G. Henry	Feb. 3, 1864	Alex. Archibald	Shubenacadie, &c.	Shubenacadie.
13	Peter M. Morrison	Sep., 1865	Judge James	Dartmouth	Dartmouth.
14	Allan Simpson	Aug. 7, 1866	George F. Tupper	Poplar Grove, Halifax	Newport.
15	John Forrest	.....	.....	Professor	Halifax.
16	Ebenzer McNab	May 19, 1867	.....	Newport and St. Croix	Newport.
17	John B. Logan, M.A.	Oct. 1, 1868	Judge Blanchard	Kentville	Kentville.
18	Alfred B. Dickie	Dec. 22, 1869	George Gay	Milford and Gay's River	Milford.
19	Jaech Layton	Nov. 22, 1871	John Teasdale	Elmsdale and Nine Mile R.	Elmsdale.
20	Robert Laing, M.A.	.....	Robt. Baxter	Musquodoboit Harbor	Musquodob't Hr.
21	Jas. Roshorough, B.A.	July 23, 1873	William Anderson	Warwick	Warwick, Ber.
22	John Wallace, B.A.	Feb. 17, 1875	.....	Halifax	Halifax.
23	H. H. McPherson, M.A.	Nov. 24, 1875	James Farquhar	St. John's, Halifax	Halifax.
24	Adam Gunn, B.A.	Feb., 1876	William White	Kennetcook and Gore	Kennetcook.
25	Jos. H. Murray	May 25, 1876	Thos. Armstrong	Kempt and Walton	Kempt.
26	Thas. A. McKenry, B.A.	Aug. 26, 1879	.....	St. Andrew's	Hamilton, Ber.
27	Archibald Gunn	Oct., 1880	Edward Curry	Windsor	Windsor.
28	T. C. Jack	Oct. 15, 1879	John Putman	Maitland	Maitland.
29	Archibald McDougall	Oct. 21, 1879	.....	North and West Cornwallis	Cornwallis.
30	Richmond Logan, M.A.	June 8, 1880	.....	Sheet Harbor	Sheet Harbor.
31	John A. Cairns, M.A.	May 7, 1882	.....	Upper Musquodoboit	Up. Musquod'bt.
32	VACANCIES	.....	Geo. Cunningham	Chalmers Church, Halifax	Halifax.
33	.....	.....	Nathan I Densmore	Noel	Noel.
34	.....	.....	.....	Annapolis	Annapolis.
35	.....	.....	.....	Lawrencetown	Lawrencetown.
36	MISSION STATION.	.....	.....	Digby and Bridgetown	Digby.

ALLAN SIMPSON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH.

1	William Duff, M.A.	May 23, 1843	.....	Pas. Emeritus, Lunenburg	Lunenburg.
2	John Cameron	Sep. 17, 1844	J. S. Calder, M.D.	Bridgewater	Bridgewater.
3	Archibald Brown	Jan. 27, 1864	.....	New Dublin	New Dublin.
4	J. K. Bearisto	Sep. 3, 1869	.....	Carleton and Chebogue	Carleton, Yarm.
5	I. S. Simpson, B.A.	July 16, 1873	Edward Moser	La Have	La Have.
6	E. D. Millar, B.A.	Oct. 28, 1873	James Eisenhaur	Lunenburg	Lunenburg.
7	D. F. Creelman, M.A.	Apr. 25, 1876	John Bower	Shelburne and Lockeport	Shelburne, N. S.
8	D. S. Fraser, B.A.	Nov. 30, 1877	George Eisenhaur	Mahone Bay	Mahone Bay.
9	J. A. McLean, B.A.	Dec. 9, 1879	.....	Clyde and Barrington	Clyde River.
10	VACANCIES	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	.....	.....	Geo. W. Ewan	Yarmouth	Yarmouth, N. S.
12	.....	.....	.....	Riversdale	Riversdale, Lun.

D. STILES FRASER, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICERS.
1	John I. Baxter	May, 1832		Without charge	Truro.
2	Wm. McCulloch, D.D.	Feb. 14, 1839	W. Y. Loughhead	Truro, 1st Church	Truro.
3	Ebenezer Ross	Oct. 31, 1849		Without charge	Truro.
4	James McLean	Nov. 13, 1854	Joseph Peppard	Great Village	Great Village.
5	Alex. Cameron	Sep. 16, 1857	James R. Fulton	Riverside	Portaplague.
6	A. Burrows, B.A.	June 29, 1864	J. K. Blair	St. Andrew's	Truro.
7	J. D. McGillivray	Feb. 7, 1845	James Davies	Clifton	Clifton.
8	John McMillan, B.D.	Mar. 26, 1869	J. P. McDonald	St. Paul's	Truro.
9	James Sinclair	Sep. 11, 1867	Chas. Morrison	Upper Londonderry	Folly Village.
10	J. H. Chase, M.A.	May 5, 1869	D. Cotten	Onslow	Truro.
11	Edward Grant	Oct. 26, 1869	Robt. Frame	Stewiacke	Stewiacke.
12	Edwin Smith, B.A.	Oct. 3, 1871	Robt. Fisher	Middle Stewiacke	Mid. Stewiacke.
13	J. C. Meek	Dec. 20, 1872	William Logan	Springside	Up. Stewiacke.
14	Alex. F. Thompson	Sep. 8, 1874	George Murray	Economy	Economy.
15	W. T. Bruce, M.D.	Sep. 27, 1876	Asa McCabe	Cold Stream	Valley.
16	John A. Logan, B.A.	Aug. 7, 1877	Jacob Peppard	Acadia	Acad. Iron Mines
	VACANT.				
17	MISSION STATIONS.		B. N. Fullerton	Parrsboro'	Parrsboro'.
18				Maccan	Maccan.
19				North River	North River.
20				Harmony	Harmony.
21				Westchester	Westchester.

J. H. CHASE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

1	A. Donald	June 16, 1842		Retired	Hampton Village
2	J. Bennett, D.D.	Mar. 30, 1843	Joseph Tremble	St. John's	St. John, N. B.
3	L. Jack	June, 1845	Charles Murray	Springfield	Springfield.
4	William Millen	Jan., 1846		Bocabe	St. Andrew's.
5	D. McLaie, D.D.	Nov., 1848	A. G. Bowes	Calvin Church	St. John, N. B.
6	J. McG. McKay	June 26, 1853	Wm. Fowler	Chipman	Woodstock.
7	S. Johnston	May 24, 1856	*R. Ross	St. Paul's	Chipman.
8	D. McLaie, D.D.	July 21, 1856	*Wm. Morrison	St. Stephen's	St. John, N. B.
9	James Gray	Mar. 6, 1857		Sussex	Sussex.
10	J. A. F. Sutherland	May 4, 1864		Kincardine and Tobique	Tobique.
11	J. D. Murray	Feb. 2, 1865	Wm. Nairn	Buctouche	Buctouche.
12	A. J. Mowatt	June 5, 1866	*L. W. Johnston	St. Paul's	Fruerleton.
13	J. Hogg	Oct. 1, 1868	J. G. McCurdy	St. John's	Moncton.
14	Wm. Mitchell	1869	*J. G. Forbes	St. Andrew's	St. John, N. B.
15	*J. C. Burgess, B.A.	May 5, 1870	R. Lowe	Carleton	Carleton, St. J'n.
16	Kenneth McKay, B.A.	Feb. 22, 1872	R. Haye	Richmond	Richmond.
17	*J. M. Sutherland	Dec. 25, 1872		St. James	St. James, N. B.
18	Wm. Ross, B.A.	Nov. 13, 1876	Alfred Moody	Prince William	Prince William.
19	*D. R. Crockett	1876	C. H. Shetwood	Hammond River	Pasekeag.
20	C. W. Bryden	May 24, 1880	E. Moore	Hopewell	Hopewell.
21	Andrew Love	May 20, 1881	Judge Stevens	St. Stephen	St. Stephen.
22	J. S. Mullen			Nashwaak and Stanley	Nashwaak.
	VACANCIES.				
23			John Stewart	St. David's	St. John.
24			W. Coburn	Harvey	Harvey.
25				Grand Falls	Grand Falls.
26				St. George	St. George.
27				Glassville and Florenceville	Glassville.
28				Greenock	St. Andrew's.
29				Shediac	Shediac.
30	MISSION STATIONS.			Quaco and Black River	Quaco.
31				Campbell Settlement	Campbell Settle't
32				Londonderry, &c.	Londonderry.
33				Nepisip	Nepisip.
34				Houlton	Houlton.
35				Pisarinco	Pisarinco.
36				Baillie and Tower Hill	Baillie.
37				Dorchester and Rockland	Dorchester.

JAMES BENNETT, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORIGINATION.	ELDER.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	James Murphy	Nov. 3, 1852	James McLean	St. Mark's	Douglastown.
2	Peter Lindsay, B.A.	Oct. 12, 1853	John Fallow	St. Andrew	New Richmond.
3	Thos. G. Johnstone	June 21, 1855	W. H. Grindley	Blackville and Derby	Blackville.
4	Thos. Nicholson	Mar. 11, 1858	.....	Char. & .....	Charlo.
5	Malcolm McKenzie	Feb. 13, 1862	James Murray	St. Andrew's, Richibucto	Kingston, Kent.
6	John McCarter	Aug. 21, 1862	Benjamin Hubbard	Redbank	Redbank.
7	William Atken	Aug. 16, 1864	William Russel	St. James	Newcastle.
8	John Robertson, M.A.	July, 1868	Kenneth McKnight	Black River	Black River.
9	Saml. Houston, M.A.	Jan. 19, 1869	James Andrew	St. Luke's	Bathurst Village.
10	Wallace Waits, B.A.	June 13, 1872	Alex. Loggie	St. Andrew's	Chatham.
11	James Quinn	Aug. 12, 1873	Alex. Loggie	T. Jansinet	Tabusintac.
12	Alex. Russell	Feb. 22, 1876	Edward Gordon	St. John's	Bathurst.
13	J. C. Hordman, B.A.	Nov. 6, 1877	Arch. McKenzie	St. Andrew's	Chatham.
14	John Boyd	Sep. 9, 1879	.....	Black River, & .....	Black River.
15	F. W. George	Mar. 15, 1882	Edward Caldwell	New Carlisle, & .....	New Carlisle, P.Q.
16	VACANCY	.....	John Thomson, M.D.	St. John's	Chatham.
MISSION STATIONS.					
17	.....	.....	.....	Kouchibouguac	.....
18	.....	.....	.....	Carapic, & .....	.....
19	.....	.....	.....	New Brandon	.....
20	.....	.....	.....	Rostignole Field	.....
21	.....	.....	.....	Escuminac, P. Q.	.....

SAMUEL HOUSTON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

1	R. S. Patterson, M.A.	Mar. 22, 1824	James Carruthers	Bedeque	North Bedeque.
2	James Allan	Jan., 1846	Charles Greogor	Cove Head	Cove Head.
3	Isaac Murray, D.D.	Jan. 16, 1850	Donald McNeill	Charlottetown	Charlottetown.
4	Alexander Munroe	Nov. 3, 1850	Angus Bruce	Valleyfield	Valleyfield.
5	R. McLennan, M.A.	1852	*Col. I. H. Gray	St. James's	Charlottetown.
6	William Scott	1853	*Alex. Robertson	St. Columba	St. Peter's Road.
7	John McL. McLeod	Nov. 9, 1853	*William Mutch	Zion Church	Charlottetown.
8	*Neil McKay	Sep. 19, 1855	Alexander McKay	Summerside	Summerside.
9	*Alexander Striving	June, 1857	James McLeod	Clifton and Granville	Clifton.
10	*Alho McLeod	June 19, 1862	.....	Tryon and Bانشaw	Hampton.
11	William R. Frame	Aug. 13, 1862	*Kimble Coffin	Mount Stewart, & .....	Mount Stewart.
12	John G. Cameron	Mar. 14, 1867	.....	Souris and Bay Fortune	Souris.
13	William Grant	Sep. 27, 1869	John Hyde	W. & C. Rice and Brookfield	West River.
14	*S. C. Gibson	Nov. 16, 1870	*Lestock Anderson	East St. Peters	Miell.
15	Charles Fraser	June 7, 1871	.....	West Cape and Brae	Maddock.
16	*Arthur F. Carr, M.A.	Oct. 4, 1871	William Wells	Alberton	Alberton.
17	W. P. Archibald, M.A.	Sep. 25, 1875	James Moffat	Cavendish and N. Glasgow	Cavendish.
18	Ernest S. Bayne, M.A.	Jan. 18, 1876	William McLeod	Murray Harbor	Murray Harbor.
19	Alex. C. Stewart	Mar. 26, 1879	William Ross	Belfast	Belfast.
20	George McMillan, B.A.	June 30, 1880	Archibald Shuciar	Princeton	Princeton.
21	W. A. Mason, B.A.	Feb. 9, 1881	John Doughart	New London	New London.
22	John McLeod	Aug. 30, 1881	John McKenzie	Strath-Allyn	Strath-Allyn.
VACANCIES.					
23	.....	.....	.....	Richmond Bay	Richmond Bay.
24	.....	.....	*Donald Denton	Woodville	Woodville.
25	.....	.....	.....	Cardigan, & .....	Cardigan.
26	.....	.....	.....	Georgetown, & .....	Georgetown.
27	.....	.....	.....	Tignish, & .....	Tignish.

JOHN McL. McLEOD, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

1	Moses Harvey, M.A.	1843	.....	Retired	St. John's.
2	Alex. Ross	Nov. 21, 1845	R. S. Munn	Harbor Grace	Harbor Grace.
3	L. G. McNeil, M.A.	Nov. 12, 1872	James Goodfellow	St. Andrew's	St. John's.
MISSION STATIONS.					
4	J. S. Whittier, B.A.	May 10, 1889	.....	Bay of Islands	Bay of Islands.
5	.....	.....	.....	Little Bay	Little Bay.

ALEX. ROSS, *Presbytery Clerk.*

After the calling of the Roll the Synod proceeded to the choice of a new Moderator.

The Clerk reported that the nominations to the Moderatorship sent up by Presbyteries, are by the Presbyteries of St. John and Miramichi, Rev. K. McLennan, Charlottetown; by the Presbytery of Pietou, Rev. Murdoch Stewart, Whycomagh; by the Presbytery of Wallace, Rev. A. Munro, Valleyfield; by the Presbyteries of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Rev. D. B. Blair, Barney's River; by the Presbytery of Truro, Rev. Jas. McLean, Great Village; by the Presbytery of P. E. Island, Principal McKnight; by the Presbytery of Sydney, Rev. Thomas Sedgwick, Tatamagouche.

Moved by Rev. S. C. Gunn, seconded by Rev. P. Goodfellow, that Principal McKnight be Moderator. After all the other nominees, for reasons given and with consent of Synod, had withdrawn their nominations, the motion was carried unanimously. Dr. Pollok conducted Principal McKnight to the Chair, who thanked the Synod for the honor conferred on him, especially on account of the interest which he regards it as indicating in the institution over which he and his colleagues are placed.

#### THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Rev. K. McLennan, seconded by Rev. J. C. Burgess, the Synod unanimously thanked the retiring Moderator for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, and especially for the excellent and appropriate sermon with which he has opened the Session of this Synod. Dr. Pollok was also requested to permit his sermon to be printed.

#### REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

Rev. Mr. Burgess, on behalf of the Business Committee, reported the items of business on the docket and made the following recommendations:—

1. That the hours of meeting be from 10 A. M. to 12½ P. M., from 3 P. M. to 6 P. M., and from 7½ P. M. to 10 P. M.; and that half an hour at the beginning of to-morrow morning's Sederunt be spent in devotional services.

2. That the following Committees be now appointed:

OBITUARY NOTICES.—Messrs. T. Sedgwick, H. B. McKay, Dr. Bennet and Dr. Pollok.

SYNOD FUND.—Messrs. A. McL. Sinclair, J. Hogg, J. C. Meek and Dr. G. Murray.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.—*St. John and Miramichi*.—Messrs. R. Laird, S. C. Gunn and D. Blackwood.

*Sydney and Victoria & Richmond*.—Messrs. N. McKay, A. Burrows and Robert Fraser.

*Pictou and Wallace*.—Messrs. R. Laing, W. Mason and W. Murray.

*Truro and Lunenburg & Yarmouth.*—Messrs. A. B. Dickie, W. Grant and John Stewart.

*Halifax and Newfoundland.*—Messrs. P. Goodfellow, W. P. Archibald and J. G. Cameron.

*P. E. Island.*—Messrs. E. Grant, E. Smith and Peter Ross.

3. That on Thursday afternoon Synod should meet at four o'clock, to afford those connected with the W. & O. funds an opportunity of meeting an hour previously.

4. Fixing time of meeting of next Synod to be first item of business Thursday afternoon.

5. That a missionary meeting be held on Thursday evening.

6. The report of Committee on the proposed Supplementing Scheme, embodied in the overture of the Presbytery of Lunenburg & Yarmouth of last year, be the first item of business to-morrow afternoon.

7. That the remaining subjects be taken up in the order of the docket, and that each subject be disposed of before the following is entered upon.

On motion the report was received and the recommendations adopted.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

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## SECOND SEDERUNT.

*At Charlottetown, and within St. James' Church there, Wednesday, the 31st day of May, 1882:*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Thereafter a half hour was spent in devotional services.

The Minutes of the first Sederunt were read and sustained.

### DELIVERANCE OF ASSEMBLY.

The deliverance of the General Assembly on the Gabarus case was produced and read.

### REPORT OF COMMISSION.

Mr. T. Sedgwick, Convener, gave in the report of the Commission appointed at last Synod to issue the Lawson case. The action of the Commission was sustained, the deliverance ordered to be engrossed, and the minutes of the Commission and accompanying documents were ordered to be published as an appendix to the Synod's minutes, and forwarded to the Assembly.

It was ordered that the expenses of the Commission be paid out of the Synod Fund.

## APPEAL OF SESSION OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ST. JOHN.

Read the record of the Session of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, against the decision of the Presbytery of St. John *in re* the removal of the name of Mr. J. G. Forbes from the eldership and membership of St. Andrew's Church. On the parties being called to the bar, there appeared Dr. Bennet on behalf of the Session, and the Presbytery of St. John on its own behalf. Entered upon the reading of the Minutes of the Presbytery and certain other documents bearing on the case. Before the reading of the papers was concluded the hour of adjournment arrived.

Dr. McGregor gave notice that, at the time of appointing the next meeting of Synod, he will move that it be held in October, 1883.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place this afternoon at three o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

## THIRD SEDERUNT.

*In the same place, and on the same day:*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Second Sederunt were read and sustained.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLEMENTING SCHEME.

Mr. Millar presented the report of the Committee on the proposed Supplementing Scheme. The report was received, and the diligence of the Committee approved.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Rev. Mr. Mowatt:

That the report be remitted to a committee with instructions to consider our present Supplementing Scheme, the scheme now presented to us, and also the scheme proposed by the Committee of the General Assembly, with reference to their views respecting the continuance of the present scheme or the adoption of a new scheme; said committee to report in the afternoon to-morrow.

Moved in amendment by Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. McRie:

While fully alive to the importance of an adequate ministerial support, yet, inasmuch as since our last synodical meeting, the General Assembly has taken action on this subject, and remitted a draft scheme to Presbyteries, with reference to which presbyterial returns have been made, the Synod for the present deems it inexpedient to come to any definite deliverance; but commends meanwhile the present scheme to the increased sympathy and liberality of our people, so that it may more effectively accomplish its work.

On the vote being taken, the amendment was preferred and became the judgment of the house.

## CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

The Rev. Mr. Coppertwaite, Methodist minister of this City and the Rev. Mr. Crawford, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

## RESUMPTION OF ST. ANDREW'S APPEAL.

Resumed the unfinished business of the last Sederunt, namely, the appeal of St. Andrew's Session. The remaining papers in the case were read, after which Dr. Bennet spoke in behalf of the Session.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet in this place at 7½ o'clock this evening, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction.

## FOURTH SEDERUNT.

*In the same place, and on the same day :*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Third Sederunt were read and sustained.

Proceeded with the business suspended by the adjournment, namely, the consideration of the appeal of St. Andrew's Session. Dr. McKrae, and Messrs. Hogg and Burgess were heard in defence of the Presbytery's decision, and the appellant was heard in reply ; questions were put and answered, after which the parties were removed from bar. The Synod proceeded to deliberate on the case, when it was moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Rev. D. B. Blair :

Dismiss the appeal and affirm the finding of the Presbytery of St. John.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Thomas Sedgwick, seconded by Dr. McCulloch :

Dismiss the appeal, but refuse to sustain the action of the Presbytery of St. John, on the ground that, inasmuch as Mr. Forbes at the date of his ordination was under process for alleged moral offences in another Presbyterian Church, they should have declared his ordination null and void.

On the vote being taken the motion was carried, two voting for the amendment, and became the judgment of the house in this case.

Dr. Bennet, on behalf of the Session of St. Andrew's Church, protested and appealed to the General Assembly, and craved extracts of the proceedings. Dr. McKnight and Rev. Neil McKay were appointed to defend the judgment of the Synod before the Assembly. The parties were then cited (*quod acta*) to appear at the bar of the Assembly appointed to meet in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, on the 14th day of June, 1882.

## DIVISION OF PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

Read a reference from the General Assembly, remitting the question of the division of the Presbytery of St. John to this Synod; also a minute of the Presbytery of St. John, agreeing to ask that the matter be left in *statu quo* for another year. It was agreed that action on the reference of the General Assembly be deferred till next meeting of Synod.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

## FIFTH SEDERUNT.

*At Charlottetown, and within St. James' Church there, Thursday, the first day of June, 1882:*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Fourth Sederunt were read and sustained.

## HUNTER FUND.

Dr. McGregor presented the report of the Committee on the Hunter Fund, which on his motion was received and laid on the table for consideration, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee for their services. After some discussion on points raised in the report, it was adopted and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Minutes of Synod.

Dr. Burns was appointed a member of the Committee in place of Rev. C. B. Pitblado, removed to Winnipeg.

## REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Rev. Mr. McCurdy presented the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The report was received, the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee, and the following recommendations adopted:—

1. That the Committee be instructed to keep the matter before the Church, and to endeavour to secure more general attention to the duty of systematic giving.
2. That sessions be urged in all cases to furnish congregations an opportunity to take a collection for each of the schemes of the Church, and that Presbyteries be recommended to exercise still greater diligence in securing attention to instructions of Assembly in this respect.
3. That Sabbath schools be encouraged to take weekly collections for the "Dayspring" and Mission Schools, or for some other missionary object.
4. That the Synod should instruct Presbyteries in dealing with financial returns from sessions to record their judgment with reference to reasons given for any blanks which may appear.

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## CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

Dr. Patterson was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

## REFERENCES FROM COLLEGE BOARD.

Read extract minutes from the Records of the College Board, (1) in reference to the museum offered by Dr. McCulloch, expressing regret that no suitable place for said museum can be found in the present college building; (2) in reference to the condition of the Endowment Fund.

Dr. Burns, Chairman of the Board, submitted full information as to the subscriptions and payments to the Endowment Fund, and also to the ordinary fund for the last four years.

On motion of Dr. McGregor, seconded by Rev. J. D. McGillivray, it was agreed :

That the Agent of the Church be instructed to write under the authority of the Synod, requesting a collection from all congregations that have failed during the year past to send any, shewing the urgent need that exists for the co-operation of all without exception. And further, that he be instructed to ask the 30 catechists in the field to request a collection during the summer for the College.

On motion of Dr. Burns, seconded by Rev. Mr. Burgess, it was further agreed :

The Synod regrets that only about \$70,000 of the \$105,000 subscribed to the Endowment Fund have as yet been paid in, though the whole is long past due, and inasmuch as there is a pressing necessity for the large arrears being collected with all convenient speed, Presbyteries are instructed to take immediate action that this be done.

In reference to the Museum, Dr. McCulloch showed that immediate action is required—when, on motion of Dr. McGregor, it was agreed that :

The Synod having been informed by the College Board, that they have no suitable room in which to deposit the museum presented by Dr. McCulloch—agree to express thanks to the Dr. for his kind and liberal offer, and their regret that they cannot take delivery, and thus give effect to his kind intentions.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet in this place at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

## SIXTH SEDERUNT.

*In the same place, and on the same day :*

The Synod of the Maritime-Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the Fifth Sederunt were read and sustained.

## NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Dr. Burns, it was agreed that the next meeting of



## SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

*In the same place, and on the same day:*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Sixth Sederunt were read and sustained.

In pursuance of the order of the day, a conference on Missions, Dr. McGregor presented a very full statement of the financial and other aspects of the Foreign Mission work of the Eastern Section of the Assembly's Board. He referred also to the condition of the Home Mission and Supplementing Funds. All of the above schemes have received a generous support during the past year, although the Supplementing Fund lies under a heavy accumulated debt of previous years. Dr. Patterson drew the attention of the house to French Evangelization. Several other brethren dwelt on a variety of interesting features of French work. Others advocated the claims of the Home Mission and Supplementing Schemes. On motion of Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. McGregor, the following resolution was passed:

The Synod expresses gratification at the report submitted by the Agent respecting the improved financial condition of our missionary schemes, indicating an increase of five thousand dollars over the preceding year, but inasmuch as our fields are whitening and widening, and funds are required in corresponding proportion, the obligation rests, with increasing weight, on all our congregations and mission stations on no account to omit any one of the appointed collections.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

## EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

*At Charlottetown, and within St. James' Church there, Friday, the second day of June, 1882.*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Seventh Sederunt were read and sustained.

## REGULATIONS FOR A. &amp; I. MINISTERS' FUND.

Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, on behalf of the Assembly's Committee of the A. & I. M. Fund for the Eastern Section of the Church, presented the report on regulations for the management of the fund, as authorized by the Assembly of last year. After discussion the regulations were adopted in the form following:

1. The Fund for disabled Ministers, in the Eastern section of the Church, shall in the meantime continue separate, and be managed by a Committee appointed by the General Assembly.

2. The Fund shall be sustained by Annual Congregational Contributions, Ministers' Rates, Donations and Bequests.

3. The invested capital shall not be trenched upon for the purpose of paying Annuities in full; and Bequests made to the Fund shall be added to the capital, except when otherwise ordered by the testators.

4. Ministers having Congregations shall pay into the Fund a yearly rate of one-half per cent. of their professional income, a deduction being made for House-rent where no Manse is provided.

5. Persons joining the Fund shall pay their percentage, with interest thereon from the date of their ordination, or of their becoming Ministers of our church. But this rule shall not apply farther back than 1877.

6. Foreign Missionaries, Professors in Colleges and Church Agents shall pay a yearly rate of one per cent. of their professional income, a deduction being made for House-rent.

7. Ministers shall be placed on the Fund only on application of their respective Presbyteries, after they have obtained leave from the General Assembly to retire from the active duties of the ministry, on account of age or infirmity.

8. When a Minister is allowed by the General Assembly to retire after ten years' service in this church, he shall receive an Annuity of \$150 a year, with \$5 additional for every year's service beyond ten years' up to forty years' service, if the state of the Fund permits.

9. The case of a Minister, allowed to retire after less than ten years' service in this church, shall be made a subject of special consideration by the Assembly.

10. Where a Minister's strength may be impaired, but not so much as to render him wholly unable to discharge the active duties of his profession, the Committee may grant him half the allowance to which he would be entitled in the case of complete disability.

11. In the case of a Minister taken upon the Fund for sickness, thought likely to be permanent, and afterwards recovering his strength sufficiently to engage actively in the duties of a profession, the Annuity shall be discontinued.

12. In the meantime no Minister receiving a retiring allowance of \$300 or more from his congregation, or any other public source, shall be placed upon the Fund.

13. These rules may be revised once in every five years.

On motion of Dr. Bennet, seconded by Rev. M. G. Henry, the following resolution was adopted:

"That inasmuch as the Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund is, at present, inadequate to the demands likely to be made on it, it seems quite necessary to take measures to increase its resources; that in order to that end a calculation of the full amount necessary to discharge all liabilities be made; and that congregations be urged to such increased liberality as may be necessary to meet the requirements of the case; also that the Synod remit to the Committee to carry out this resolution."

#### OVERTURE OF PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

Read an overture of the Presbytery of Wallace on the Appellate and Judicial Functions of Synod, praying for a reconsideration of the method of disposing of judicial cases by the appointment of committees. The Presbytery, through its commissioners, Revs. T. Sedgwick and H. B. McKay, withdrew the overture in the meantime.

#### LADIES' SEMINARY.

Dr. McCulloch submitted a verbal statement on behalf of the Committee on the establishment of a Ladies' Seminary, appointed by last Synod, to the effect that for various reasons but little progress had been made. He also explained that the report of the committee had been fully prepared,

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While this matter was under consideration, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned to meet in this place at 2½ o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

#### NINTH SEDERUNT.

*In the same place, and on the same day :*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Eighth Sederunt were read and sustained.

Resumed the business in connection with a Young Ladies' Seminary when, after reasoning, the following resolution, moved by Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, seconded by Dr. Bennet, was adopted :

*Whereas*, it is desirable that the Presbyterians of the Maritime Provinces should have a Ladies' Seminary as soon as possible ;

*Whereas*, in the judgment of the committee appointed last year, in connection with the matter of establishing a Ladies' Seminary, \$30,000 would be sufficient to build and equip such a seminary ;

*Whereas*, certain persons in the County of Picton offer to take stock in a Ladies' Seminary to the amount of \$13,000, and also give a free site, on condition that the Seminary be in the Town of Picton ;

*And whereas*, Picton Town is in every way a suitable place for such an institution ;

*Therefore*, the Synod hereby approves of the establishment of a Presbyterian Ladies' Seminary in the Town of Picton, recommends the members of our church to take stock in said Seminary, urges upon Presbyterians to give whatever assistance they can in the way of obtaining subscriptions, and promises to give said Seminary its moral support and influence. The Synod at the same time would have it distinctly understood that it comes under no pecuniary obligation in connection with the establishment or maintenance of said Seminary.

On motion, it was further agreed that the statement of the committee be received, thanks tendered them for their diligence, their expenses, on account of printing, paid out of the Synod Fund, and the committee discharged.

#### REPORT ON SYNOD FUND.

Rev. A. McLean Sinclair presented the report of the Committee on the Synod Fund, showing a small balance in favor of the Fund. The report was received and adopted, and thanks given the committee for their services.

#### REPORT ON RECORDS.

Rev. E. Grant submitted the report of the committee appointed to revise the Records of the Presbytery of P. E. Island. The report was received, and on its recommendation a sentence in the minutes was ordered to be deleted, which was done, and the Records were attested.

Reports were also given in on the Records of the Presbyteries of St. John, Miramichi, Victoria and Richmond, Halifax, Truro, Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Pictou and Wallace, which were approved, and the Records were ordered to be attested.

#### WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Dr. Patterson, on behalf of the Committee of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, presented proposed terms of amalgamation of the Presbyterian Ministers Widows and Orphans' Fund, of the late Presbyterian Church, Lower Provinces, and of the late Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

On motion of Rev. T. Cumming, it was agreed to approve generally of the rules proposed for the management of the Fund, and agree to commend the object to the favorable consideration of our people.

The following Committee of the Amalgamated Fund was recommended for the consideration of the Assembly: Drs. Pollok and Patterson, Revs. A. C. McLean, D. B. Blair, Robt. Laing, James McLean, T. Sedgwick and E. A. McCurdy, Messrs. J. J. Bremner, George Mitchell, Howard Primrose and Dr. George Murray.

#### REPORT ON S. SCHOOLS.

Rev. W. Donald, Convener, read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

On motion of Rev. T. Cumming, seconded by Dr. McCulloch, it was agreed to receive the report, approve of the recommendations, commend the diligence of the committee, and especially of the Convener, and strongly recommend Sessions to use all legitimate means to increase the efficiency of our Sabbath Schools.

The recommendations are the following :

1. That the Synod recommend to the families composing the congregations under its charge the adoption of daily Scripture readings, which may bear upon or help to illustrate the Sabbath School lesson.
2. That as far as practicable, there be in every school, or under the direction of every pastor, a class conducted with special regard to the training of Sabbath School Teachers.
3. That the attention of Pastors and Sessions be particularly called to the state of the Dayspring Fund, that they be earnestly recommended to put forth their best efforts to have all the Sabbath Schools under their care take up missionary collections, and that at least some portion of such contributions be appropriated to the maintenance of the Dayspring.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO TAKE ON TRIALS FOR LICENSE.

The Presbytery of Pictou asked leave to take Mr. J. H. Cameron on trials for license. The Presbytery of P. E. Island made a like application for Mr. A. B. McLeod, and the Presbytery of Halifax for Messrs. James McKenzie, Robert Nairn and J. R. Fitzpatrick, the rules of the church having been complied with in each case.

On motion, the applications were granted, and the several Presbyteries

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The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet in this place at 7½ o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

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#### TENTH SEDERUNT.

*In the same place, and on the same day:*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Ninth Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### STATE OF RELIGION.

Rev. T. Duncan read a full report on the State of Religion, and in a few remarks tendered his resignation as a member of the committee, on account of his removal from the country.

On motion of Rev. T. Cumming, seconded by Dr. McCulloch, the following deliverance was passed, Receive the report, and thank the committee for their labors; record our gratitude to Almighty God for the indication of His goodness shown to this section of the church during the past year, and commend to the careful consideration of parents and office-bearers the manifest need there appears to be for largely increasing zeal in the religious instruction and upbringing of our youth.

Also adopt the following resolutions, viz:

1. That Sessions be recommended to hold a special meeting soon after the receipt of the circular of the Assembly's Committee, to consider the State of Religion within their bounds, and also to answer as fully as possible the questions submitted in reference to the subject.

2. Inasmuch as some Presbyteries have failed again to report to your committee, recommend all the Presbyteries to give special attention to this matter for the current year.

Further especially thank the Convener for the excellent report which has been submitted, and for the valuable services which he has rendered to this important subject during the four years he has been Convener of the Committee on the State of Religion,—and in accepting his resignation which he has tendered, with a view to his removal to another sphere of labor, follow him with our best wishes and prayers for his future prosperity and usefulness.

#### TEMPERANCE.

Rev. Allan Simpson, Convener, presented and read the report on Temperance.

Moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by J. McGregor McKay, the Synod receives and adopts the report, thanking the committee for its diligence.

It also reaffirms its conviction that intemperance is a grievous enemy to godliness and morality, to happiness and prosperity; and its consequent conviction that the members of the church should practice abstinence

from intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that ministers in their public teaching should be decided and outspoken on this question; that Sessions should be faithful in seeking to purge their flock from this leaven of wickedness, and that total abstinence should be carefully taught in our Sunday Schools. And further recommends the members of the church to work for the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act in their respective counties and cities, looking finally towards total prohibition for the Dominion, and in order thereto it recommends its ministers to agitate and advocate till a strong public opinion is formed against the whole traffic, co-operating, when practicable, with other denominations, and with the Dominion Alliance.

#### STATISTICAL SCHEDULES.

Read an overture of the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, praying that the Synod memorialize the Assembly to adopt a set of statistical schedules that shall remain uniform from year to year.

Rev. D. S. Fraser, the Presbytery's representative, advocated the overture.

On motion of Dr. McCulloch, seconded by Rev. M. G. Henry, it was agreed to transmit the overture simpliciter to the Assembly.

#### MISSION TO LUMBERMEN.

Read a memorial of the Presbytery of Miramichi, anent a mission to lumbermen on the Miramichi and other places in New Brunswick, which was supported by the Rev. Malcolm McKenzie.

On motion, the Synod agreed to express its deep sympathy with this object, remit it to the H. M. Board to deal with it as favourably as the means at their disposal will admit, and suggest to the Presbyteries concerned to hold a conference on the subject if they see cause.

#### PRESBYTERIES' REPORTS ON CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS FOR SCHEMES.

On the reports of Presbyteries concerning the manner in which the congregations within their bounds have contributed to the Schemes of the Church being called for, the Presbyteries of P. E. Island, Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Halifax and Truro, reported that they had paid special attention to this matter during the past year, and with good results. These reports were received, and the Presbyteries submitting them commended for their diligence.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

It was agreed that the Standing Committees of Synod be constituted as follows:

*Sabbath Observance.*—Messrs. J. D. McGillivray, A. Russel, J. McG. McKay, Thomas Nicholson, G. Christie, W. Aitkins, J. K. Blair and J. F. Blanchard.

*Temperance.*—Messrs. A. Simpson, P. M. Morrison, M. G. Henry, J. M. McLeod, M. McKenzie, Chas Robson and Dr. Murray.

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*Public Education.*—Principal McKnight, Dr. McCulloch, Robert Murray, George McLean, Dr. Macrae, J. C. Burgess, Robert Cruikshank, J. R. Nicholson, Dr. I. Murray, K. McLennan, R. Laird, A. F. Carr, Alexander McKinnon and Professor Anderson.

*State of Religion.*—Messrs. J. Hogg, Dr. Burns, A. Burrows, John Murray, E. Bayne, P. Goodfellow, N. McKay, I. S. Murray, George Underwood and H. H. McPherson.

*Sabbath Schools.*—Messrs. W. Donald, A. Stalker, S. Waddel, James Sinclair, A. A. Cameron, W. Ross and J. S. McLean.

*Bills and Overtures.*—Messrs. T. Sedgwick, A. McL. Sinclair, J. H. Chase, D. S. Fraser, Dr. Bennet, J. C. Burgess and Col. Gray.

The first named in each case is Convener, and in that of the Committee on Public Education the first named in each Province is Convener of a sub-committee for that Province.

MEMORIAL OF PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND, AND MEMORIAL OF MR. S. G. LAWSON.

Read a memorial of the Presbytery of P. E. Island, praying for liberty to take an appeal to the Assembly from the decision of the Commission in the Lawson case, on the second count of the libel, for reasons given in.

Read also a memorial of S. G. Lawson, praying that an appeal be granted him on the first count, and on the severity of the Commission's judgment as to rebuke, for reasons given in.

Moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the application of the Presbytery cannot be granted, whereupon Mr. Lawson withdrew his paper.

TRANSFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONS.

Read papers from the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, showing that the congregations of Yarmouth and Chebogue and Carleton desire to be connected with the Presbytery of Halifax, also that both the Presbyteries affected concur in the request.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed that the above named congregations be at once transferred to the Presbytery of Halifax, and that the name of the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth be changed to the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

On the report of the committee, the following obituary notices were adopted.

I.—REV. DR. BROOKE.

The Synod in recording the death of the Rev. Dr. Brooke, of Fredericton, who has been a Minister of this church for nearly half a century, desires to express its high sense of the ability, scholarship and christian character of our deceased father,

as well as the success of his long-continued labors. Dr. Brooke after a short period, during which he was assistant Minister in the parish of Barristowne, was sent out by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland to the Province of New Brunswick, at a time when the prosecution of Missionary labor in that Province was necessarily attended with much hardship and fatigue. After a ministry of some years' duration in New Richmond, in the Province of Quebec, Dr. Brooke was translated to Fredericton, where he remained upwards of forty years, and till he was removed by death. For a great many years he was Clerk of the Synod of New Brunswick in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the minutes of that body remain to attest the care, accuracy and knowledge of church laws and forms with which he performed his duties in the Synod. Besides holding the pastorate of an important congregation, he was for a very long period and with the hearty and unanimous concurrence of all political parties and Christian denominations, Chaplain to the House of Assembly. In all his public and private relations, Dr. Brooke, by uniform urbanity, by kindness, by hospitality, by sincerity, by justice, by consistency, by every quality characteristic of a Christian, a pastor and a man and particularly by universal attention to the wants of the poor and sympathy with the sorrows of the afflicted, rose to a position in the esteem and affections of his people and his ministerial brethren, which it is scarcely possible to exaggerate. His was a character and a life, which it is profitable for the members of this Synod to remember, and to strive to imitate. The Synod also desires to express sympathy with Mrs Brooke and the congregation of St. Paul's in their bereavement, and also to express the hope that the Spirit of God may minister abundant consolation to the widow in bodily affliction, which aggravates the great loss which she has been called to sustain.

## II.—REV. JAMES WATSON.

The Synod desire to put on record their tribute of respect and affection for the memory of the Rev. James Watson, who died at New Annan in December last. The deceased was educated in Glasgow, Scotland, and belonged to that branch of the Church then known as the "Relief." His mental powers were of a high order, and were developed by continuous mental culture. His early history in this Province was closely connected with the cause of education. His ministry extended over a period of nearly fifty years. As a Pastor, he was painstaking and conscientious, giving special attention to the young. The pulpit, however, was the place where his powers specially shone. His preaching was in an eminent degree instructive, lucid and practical, rising sometimes to real and sustained eloquence. His easy, natural and logical division of the theme of his discourse was a very noticeable feature and popular element in his public ministrations. His large and varied experience and his intimate acquaintance with church law made him a most useful member of church courts, and he was always ready to do his part in any work connected with the church. Having, during a long and varied ministry, served his generation, he has now entered into his rest.

We also express deep sympathy with his aged widow, and commend her to the widow's God.

## THANKS.

On motion of Dr. Burns, it was unanimously agreed that cordial thanks be given to the Christian friends in Charlottetown, for their warm-hearted hospitality; to the Committee of Arrangements, and especially to the Convener, for the manner in which they have discharged their duties; to the ministers and office-bearers of St. James' Church, for the use of their commodious church and the several committee rooms, during the present sessions; to the railway and steamboat companies that have given reduced fares to and from Charlottetown, and to the Y. M. C. A. and the Superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane, for their kind invitations.

The minutes of this Sederunt were read and sustained.

## CLOSING OF SESSION.

After praise and prayer the Moderator said, "In the name of the

Lord Jesus Christ, the King and only Head of His Church, and by authority of this Synod, I now dissolve this meeting, and intimate that the next meeting of this Synod will convene in Halifax, and within Fort Massey Church there, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of October, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-three, at 7½ o'clock in the evening, and closed the Session with the Benediction.

A. McKNIGHT, D. D.,

*Moderator*

P. M. MORRISON,

*Clerk.*



# PROCEEDINGS OF SYNOD'S COMMISSION

IN THE CASE OF

REV. S. G. LAWSON,

VERSUS

THE PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

*At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and within Zion Church there,  
the 9th day of August, 1881,*

The Commission appointed by the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in the case of Rev. S. G. Lawson *versus* the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, met at 11 o'clock and was duly constituted. Sederunt, Edward T. Sedgwick, Convener; Dr. McCulloch, D. B. Blair, Alex. McLean, A. McL. Sinclair, J. D. McGillivray, John McMillan and A. Simpson, Ministers; and Messrs J. Dixon, F. Freize, and W. Hesson, Elders. Mr. Simpson was appointed Secretary of the Commission.

The Minute of Synod appointing the Commission was read. Though there were only eleven members of the Commission present, while the Synod's minute named twelve as a quorum, the Commission agreed to proceed, provided both parties accepted the competency of the Commission. On being asked, both parties did accept, and promised not to appeal on the ground of insufficient numbers.

Dr. Isaac Murray and Rev. James Allen were, on request of Mr. Lawson, appointed to assist him in his conduct of the case. The Presbytery was represented by Rev. K. MacLennan, Dr. Henderson, Rev. N. McKay,—Mr. McKay having been appointed in room of Rev. John McKinnon, who could not be present.

Agreed to meet as follows: from half-past 9 to 1; and from 3 to 6, and from half past 7 ad libitum.

Entered upon the consideration of the first appeal. Mr. Lawson's agreement, called a covenant, was read. His alleged violation of that covenant was being read when the hour of adjournment arrived. Closed with the Benediction.

*Same day and place, at 3 p. m.*

The Commission met and was duly constituted. Proceeded with the consideration of the first appeal. All the papers bearing on the case were read. Dr. Murray was heard on behalf of Mr. Lawson and Mr. MacLennan on behalf of the Presbytery. Mr. MacLennan was speaking when the hour of adjournment arrived. Closed with prayer.

*Some day and place, at 7.30 p. m.*

The Commission met and was duly constituted. Mr. Maclellan continued and closed his statement. At this stage, Rev. Joseph Hegg entered and took his seat as a member of the Commission.

Mr. N. McKay also spoke on behalf of the Presbytery. Dr. Murray replied to Messrs. Maclellan and McKay. Questions were asked and answered, after which this Session was closed with the Benediction.

*Same place, August 10, at 9.30 a. m.*

The Commission met and was duly constituted. All the members present.

Entered upon the consideration of the Second appeal. All papers bearing on it and all the evidences advanced were read. Thereupon it was, on motion, agreed to sustain this appeal. On being asked if they would abide by the decision, Mr. Lawson answered, Yes. The representatives of the Presbytery were allowed time for reply.

Entered upon consideration of the third appeal. Dr. Murray was speaking when the hour of adjournment arrived. Closed with the Benediction.

*Some day and place, at 2.30 p. m.*

The Commission met and was duly constituted. The representatives of the Presbytery acquiesced in the finding of the Commission as noted in the previous minute. Dr. Murray continued and closed his pleadings. He was followed by Mr. Lawson. Messrs. Maclellan and McKay were heard for the Presbytery.

Mr. Maclellan requested that Mr. Malcolm McLeod be permitted to address the Commission as he had, he thought, something to advance that would throw more light on the points under consideration. On motion it was agreed not to receive Mr. McLeod's testimony, or indeed any outside testimony. Closed with the Benediction.

*Same day and place, 7.30 p. m.*

The Commission met and was duly constituted. Mr. Murray replied to Messrs. Maclellan and McKay. Questions were asked and answered. While the Session was in progress, two new members of the Commission, Rev. K. McKenzie and Hon. D. McCurdy, arrived and took their seats.

Entered upon the consideration of the appeals from the findings under the third Count of the libel. All papers bearing on the matter, and all Evidence adduced was read. Closed with the Benediction.

*Same place, August 11, 9.30 a. m.*

The Commission met and was duly constituted. All the members present. Resumed consideration of appeals under the third Count of the libel. On motion the first appeal was dismissed, and the judgment of the Presbytery sustained. Both parties acquiesced in this finding.

Took up the second appeal under the third Count. Parties having been called upon, Mr. Lawson presented a paper as evidence proffered by

him to the Presbytery, when Mr. McKay objected, on the part of the Presbytery, to the reception of the paper as inconsistent with the Record. The Court, however, sustained the plea of the Record, and the appeal was dismissed by the Record. This decision having been intimated to the parties Mr. Lawson proceeded to plead his appeal. Adjourned, Closing with the Benediction.

*Same day and place, 2.30 p. m.*

The Commission met and was duly constituted. Mr. Lawson continued and closed his pleadings. Messrs. Maclellan and McKay were heard for the Presbytery; after which, on motion, this appeal was sustained, and the judgment of the Presbytery reversed. Mr. Lawson acquiesced. The representatives of the Presbytery protested and appealed to the General Assembly, for reasons to be given in, and craved extracts.

Mr. W. D. Stewart requested to be heard before the Commission. On motion it was agreed that as Mr. Stewart is not a party before the Commission he cannot be heard.

Took up third appeal under the third Court. Papers were read and pleadings were heard. Whereupon it was agreed that the appeal be dismissed, and the judgment of the Presbytery sustained. Both parties acquiesced.

Took up fourth appeal under the third Court. While papers bearing on it were being read the hour of adjournment arrived. Closed with the Benediction.

*Same day and place, 7.30 p. m.*

The Commission met and was duly constituted. The question having been raised, whether Mr. W. D. Stewart was a party before the Commission, it was decided that Mr. Stewart has no standing here.

On behalf of the Presbytery, Mr. Maclellan appealed to the General Assembly for reasons to be given in, and craved extracts.

Resumed consideration of the fourth appeal under the third Court. All papers were read. Mr. Lawson pled to his appeal. Mr. McKay pled for the Presbytery till the hour of adjournment. Closed with the Benediction.

*Same place August 12, 9 a. m.*

The Commission met and was duly constituted. All the members present. Mr. McKay continued and closed his pleadings for the Presbytery, he was followed by Hon. K. Henderson, and Rev. K. Maclellan.

Mr. Maclellan handed in reasons for Presbytery's appeal from decision of Commission on the second appeal, under the third Court. Closed with the Benediction.

*Same day and place, 2.30 p. m.*

The Commission met and was duly constituted. Resumed consideration of fourth appeal under the third court. Mr. Lawson and Dr. Murray replied to the representatives of the Presbytery. Questions were asked and answered.

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Mr. Blair gave notice of motion, "that if the pleadings in this case are not closed by 10 o'clock this evening he will move that the case be referred to the Commission." (See *Minutes of the General Assembly, 1884*, p. 100.)

Entered upon consideration of Mr. Lawson's final appeal. Mr. Lawson and Dr. Murray were heard. Mr. Maclellan followed and continued till the hour of adjournment. Agreed to meet this evening at 7. Closed with the Benediction.

*Same day and place, 7 p. m.*

The Commission met and was duly constituted. Mr. Maclellan asked leave to withdraw his appeal from the finding of the Commission against Mr. W. D. Stewart, to wit: "that Mr. Stewart is not a party before this Commission." Leave was granted and Mr. Maclellan withdrew his appeal.

Resumed consideration of Mr. Lawson's final appeal. Mr. McKay spoke for the Presbytery, Mr. Lawson and Dr. Murray replied, closing the pleadings.

The representatives of the Presbytery in answer to a question, stated that by the removal of Mr. Lawson from the Ministry of the Church, they did not necessarily mean deposition.

The pleadings in the whole case being closed, the Commission proceeded to deliberate with closed doors, and after a time agreed upon a decision. Whereupon parties were called, and being present the Convener read to them the decision arrived at, to wit:

(1) Dismiss the appeal and sustain the finding of Presbytery in declaring Mr. S. G. Lawson guilty of covenant breaking.

In this finding both parties acquiesced.

(2) Sustain the appeal on the ground that whilst Mr. Lawson has found neither dishonesty nor complicity in fraud against Mr. W. D. Stewart, the Presbytery refused to grant Mr. Lawson a Commission, by means of which he alleged he could obtain proof of the charges made by him.

In this finding both parties acquiesced.

(3) The Commission without sustaining or rejecting this appeal, and while strongly condemning not a little of Mr. Lawson's spirit and mode of expression, yet do not regard in the circumstances the matters referred to worthy of being dealt with by the Presbytery in the form of a libel.

In this finding Mr. Lawson acquiesced. The representatives of the Presbytery protested and appealed to the General Assembly.

(4) Decline to sustain the appeal, or to affirm the judgment of the Presbytery, on the ground that the finding appealed against is not a judicial act, which in the circumstances it should have been, but an expression of opinion on the part of the Presbytery.

In this finding, Mr. Lawson acquiesced. The representatives of the Presbytery protested and appealed to the General Assembly.

(5) The Commission, in view of all the facts of the case, find that Mr. S. G. Lawson deserves rebuke at the bar, and hereby authorize the Convener to rebuke and warn him to walk more guardedly in future.

In this finding, Mr. Lawson acquiesced. The representatives of the Presbytery protested and appealed to the General Assembly.

At this point Mr. MacLennan, on behalf of the Presbytery, said that as they were protesting and appealing against three of the major decisions of the Commission he would ask that they be allowed to fall from the appeal already taken, in reference to minor decisions or decisions on minor points. The request was granted.

Parties appealing were allowed thirty days to hand in reasons.

The Convener, Mr. McL. Sinclair, and Mr. Blair, were appointed a committee to answer reasons of appeal, and defend the action of the Commissioners before the Assembly.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Convener for his conduct in the chair. Cordial thanks were given to the Trustees of Zion Church for the use of their building, to the people of Charlottetown for their hospitality and to the Steam Boat Company for reduction of fares.

The Commission was then closed with the Benediction.

THOS. SEDGWICK, *Convener*.

ALLAN SIMPSON, *Secretary*.

#### THE PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,

*vs.*

#### THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, IN THE LAWSON LIBEL CASE.

##### *I.—Reasons of appeal against finding of the Commission on the Third Count of the Libel.*

1. The Commission, while failing to adjudicate on the particular matter brought under their review by Mr. Lawson's appeal, viz: whether this count was proven by the evidence adduced by the Presbytery as set forth in record of their proceedings, adjudicated and gave judgment on the relevancy of this part of the libel,—a matter on which the Presbytery had, after full consideration, and in accordance with the Laws of the Church, come to a conclusion, sustaining the relevancy, without any objection being entered or appeal taken against it by Mr. Lawson.

2. Were it granted that the Commission had a right to travel beyond the record, and consider the questions of relevancy, (there having been no appeal taken there against,) yet the matters dealt with under this count, viz: (1st.) malicious slander, which by its frequency and persistency had become habit and repute, and (2nd.) the incongruous admixture in newspaper articles of things sacred and profane, even to the extent of profanely

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3. The Laws of the Church do not sanction the trying of a minister of the gospel for any grave offence, when he persists in denying his guilt, otherwise than by libel. The Presbytery felt constrained to deal with the matters contained in this count as they had done; otherwise they would have been forced to allow grave offences which had been matters of public notoriety and scandal to pass unnoticed. For the alternative they chose, they cannot admit that their conduct justly merits the condemnation implied in the finding of the Commission.

II. (1) The Presbytery indicated their judgment in the circumstances, finding grave offences proven. The circumstances being unusual, they felt embarrassed as to the precise way in which their judgment could take effect, inasmuch as Mr. Lawson had been for years in the anomalous position of holding an office, without discharging the functions of that office, or having the church's sanction to his cessation from the performance of the functions of said office.

2. While it was competent for the presbytery to have proceeded a step further, had they seen their way to do so, they do not see that they were required to do so, in the circumstances in which they found themselves placed, or that their refraining from doing so necessarily renders void the action they did take.

3. The appeals taken would have prevented the Presbytery from giving effect to any more distinct or definite judgment—or indeed to any judgment whatever.

### III.—Reasons of appeal against the final finding of the Commission.

1. Rebuke at the bar of the Commission without regard to the character, terms, or circumstances of said rebuke, would be a sentence utterly inadequate, in view of the offences of which even by the findings of the Commission, and by Mr. Lawson's own admissions, he has been found guilty.

2. Such rebuke would be wholly inadequate as an expression of the church's disapprobation of the offences committed—some of them having been committed under circumstances which add greatly to their gravity, having caused a scandal which so light a sentence would fail to wipe out.

3. There is no provision for a profession of repentance, or promise of amendment in the matters complained of, and for which he was put on his trial, on Mr. Lawson's part; and thus no adequate security against the commission of like offences in the future, whereby the peace of the church and the honor of religion would continue to be injured through the unworthy conduct of a Christian Minister.

4. The Commission have failed to take into account all the facts presented to them, and to find proven the various offences charged, to the extent which said facts would warrant, and therefore their judgment and sentence are inadequate.

5. The Commission fail to provide for carrying out any sentence, otherwise than by placing it on record, or by formally announcing their

finding, inasmuch as they merely *authorize* their convenor to take certain action thereon, but do not require or appoint him to do so.

6. The vague nature of Mr. Lawson's relation to the church, as one of its ministers, makes admonition, censure or rebuke to be in his case a trifling matter, as compared with the case of a minister engaged in the church's active work.

For the above and other reasons the Presbytery hold the findings of the Commission unsatisfactory, and claim that they be set aside.

Signed on behalf of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, (as on this and preceding pages).

K. MACLENNAN,

*One of the Representatives of the Presbytery in the case.*

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.,

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1881.

#### ANSWERS TO REASONS OF APPEAL.

I. The following considerations seem sufficient answers to reasons of appeal against the Commission's finding on the Third Count of the Libel:

(a.) The Commission had a right, if they saw cause, to fail to adjudicate on the particular matter brought under their review and to find as they did—*See Rules and Forms, par. 130.*

(b.) The Presbytery appear to mistake the meaning of the Commission's judgment, which has no bearing upon the relevancy of this part of the Libel, but simply upon the Presbytery's wisdom in taking this method of dealing with Mr. Lawson in reference to the matters therein alleged against him. Any offence whatever may be dealt with by way of libel, but the wisdom of dealing with any particular offence or offences in this way is another matter. It is the *wisdom* of the Presbytery in dealing with Mr. Lawson for these alleged offences by way of libel that the Commission, after full consideration of the evidence aforesaid, have ventured to call in question.

(c.) Whether in taking this view the Commission were right or wrong is for the Assembly to decide.

(d.) The Commission would only observe further that the Presbytery's allegation, as to the profane parodying of Scripture by Mr. Lawson, was not in evidence.

II. The contention of the Commission is that the Presbytery having found grave moral offences proven against Mr. Lawson, were bound to have proceeded forthwith to the judicial infliction of adequate censure.—*See Rules, 315.* Instead of doing so, the Presbytery simply expressed *an opinion* that Mr. Lawson should be removed from the ministry of the Church. Now the expression of an opinion that a thing should be done is not doing that thing. Besides the Assembly will observe that the opinion itself is in the circumstances meaningless. For the Presbytery informed the Commission (Minutes, page 9) that by removal from the Ministry of the Church they did not necessarily mean deposition. If then their sentence did not necessarily mean deposition, it is plain

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that it did not mean anything; because by our procedure deposition is the only way of removing from office a minister like Mr. Lawson, against whom the Presbytery had found grave and scandalous moral offences proven. The above may suffice as a general answer to the Presbytery's reasons of appeal in this part of the case.

One other point only the Commission would notice here. The Presbytery sustain this finding, by referring to Mr. Lawson's anomalous position for years; but taking that position as described, it is quite plain that it in no way hindered the Presbytery from issuing the case in the natural and proper way. Further, if Mr. Lawson's position was anomalous, as the Presbytery declare it to be, for that anomaly they themselves are responsible, as, since his ordination, he has been continuously resident within their bounds and subject to their jurisdiction.

III. With regard to the reasons of appeal against the final finding of the Commission, it is to be observed:

(a.) That in the Presbytery's first reason of appeal under this head, they confess the adequacy of the Commission's finding. To make this clear the Commission would call the special attention of the Assembly to the terms of this first reason. The Presbytery say: "Rebuke at the bar of the Commission *without* regard to the character, terms or circumstances of said rebuke would be a sentence *utterly inadequate, &c., &c.*" In other words what the Presbytery objects to, is not rebuke in itself, but such rebuke as the Commission would be likely to administer, and the inference is plain that rebuke at the bar of the Commission *with* regard to character, term and circumstances of said rebuke, would be a sentence *altogether adequate*. But this is exactly the Commission's contention. The rebuke they were prepared to administer to Mr. Lawson would, they contend, alike in character and terms and circumstances have proved an adequate sentence. The Presbytery it is true insinuate it would not, but the insinuation is an unworthy one. They offer no evidence in support of it, and the Commission will be surprised if it should be homologated by the Assembly.

(b.) The Presbytery seem to forget that Mr. Lawson acquiesced in the Commission's sentence, and would have submitted to their rebuke, thereby confessing himself deserving of rebuke and pledging himself to walk more guardedly for the future. In the event of his failing to do so, the Presbytery could call him to account.

(c.) As to the Presbytery's criticism on the terms of the Commission's finding, they hope the Presbytery will not consider it disrespectful if they leave that criticism without remark to the Assembly's judgment.

(d.) Finally the Commission would repeat that the Presbytery are themselves responsible for any *vagueness* in the nature of Mr. Lawson's relation to the Church, and they may perhaps be pardoned for adding that if Mr. Lawson's relation to the Church be vague, their sentence upon him is vaguer still.

In the name of the Commission,

THOMAS SEDGWICK,  
D. B. BLAIR,  
A. MC. L. SINCLAIR.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE  
OF  
HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND,

From May 1, 1881 to May 1, 1882.

The Committee have held six meetings during the year past; and have considered carefully, and disposed, in most cases favourably, of all applications for aid. These have not been so numerous as usual. The applications for free grants have been from Vale Colliery for \$500; Wolfville, \$300; Lake Ainslie, \$150; Maccan, \$500, and virtually Glenelg for \$166.66; Moser's River for \$100 and Parrsboro' for \$500, with the following results: To Vale Colliery and Wolfville, \$300 each, promised, on conditions not yet fulfilled, but likely to be; to Lake Ainslie, \$75, granted; to Maccan, \$300, with a promise of farther aid on certain conditions; to Glenelg and Moser's River the sums opposite to their names; Parrsboro' not yet decided.

Applications have also been received from Yarmouth and Bridgewater, subsequently to be referred to, with explanations.

For Free Loans payable by instalments, applications have been received, from the Trustees of Amherst congregation for \$1300, and one thousand offered; and inquiry made by the minister of Bonshaw and Tyron, for a sum which could not be promised on account of the limitation involved in the terms of the Bequest.

Four hundred dollars have been asked by, and granted to, the Trustees of Falmouth congregation, Sydney, as an ordinary investment; and one thousand promised on the same terms to the congregation of Souris, P. E. Island.

The disbursements for the year have been only \$2260, and have been met without any payment by the Executors, leaving a balance of \$751.10. It will be seen that the grants are in excess of the interest received within the year by \$100; but as the Executors have received in rents more than that amount, not yet paid over, the Committee feel that they have kept quite within the Rule of Synod on this point.

The Synod's regulations for the administration of the fund, are submitted at the close of this Report.

The Committee have felt themselves precluded by the authority of Synod, thus expressed, from granting the requests of the Trustees of Yarmouth and of Bridgewater congregations. These congregations asked and obtained, a small loan of one thousand dollars, payable by instalments. The loan is called small, because both asked for, and needed much larger aid. They have each paid one instalment, and \$750 are now due by Yarmouth and \$600 by Bridgewater which, in little over six months will be \$800. Both have built expensive churches, in times when trade was flourishing; and both are now groaning under a burthen which they declare themselves unable to carry. According to representations made to the Committee, they are not simply embarrassed and progress arrested, but their very life and existence are jeopardized. They both have made urgent request that at the least the sum due

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and coming due \$750 and \$800 respectively, he made a free grant. The reply of the Committee was, that compliance with their request was beyond their power, but they would report their applications to Synod, and be guided by its instructions.

An extra payment of \$30.25 for the benefit of Miss Wier will be noticed. This arose from illness, in the United States, and the Committee acted in the matter according to the best of their judgment, and as they supposed the Synod would direct, had an opportunity of consulting them existed.

It will be farther observed that while expenditure has been less than usual, future obligations to a considerable extent have been incurred. At least one thousand dollars have been promised in free grants, on conditions which may be soon met, and payment required on short notice; another thousand promised as a free loan, and a third as an investment.

Three thousand dollars are due in instalments, respecting which it is easy to blame the congregations and managers in arrears for carelessness, and the Committee for leniency and want of firmness. The Committee dealt with each case, and have assured themselves that there are real difficulties not easily overcome in every case, which the Trustees are trying to meet. They think farther forbearance desirable, and trust all, or nearly all, will be forthcoming, though rather out of due time.

Within the year one congregation has extinguished its debt to the Committee and another has had its debt extinguished, through a grant from the Committee, while a third has been started in an effort, which it is hoped will result in its deliverance from an encumbrance which has proved an incubus for years.

All which is respectfully submitted,

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Chairman.*

*Halifax, May 24th, 1882.*

#### RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

"That the Fund be employed in the following manner:—That one half be used in loans without interest, on church buildings, to be repaid in instalments, extending over such a period of years as may be determined on; and that the other half be kept invested, and the annual income therefrom, employed in grants to aid congregations erecting places of worship or in liquidating debt on churches."

"That the Fund be administered by the Board under the following regulations

(1.) "All applications for aid shall come through the Presbytery of the bounds, who shall forward to the Board recommendations as they may deem proper, and such information as they may consider necessary, to enable the Board to judge in the case."

(2.) "Before receiving any aid congregations shall afford to the Board satisfactory evidence that the church is held, and by a secure title, in connection with this Body, and also that it is duly insured."

(3.) "The amount guaranteed, either as a donation or a loan shall be given on the condition of such efforts on the part of the congregation as may be agreed upon."

(4.) The amounts loaned shall be secured to the Board by mortgage on the church, or bond of the Trustees, or otherwise to the satisfaction of the Board."

(5.) In case a congregation which once received aid from this Fund, and which has not its property insured, shall lose its church by fire, it shall not receive any aid from this Fund.

(6.) Congregations which receive loans from the Hunter Fund, shall in all cases keep their churches insured, at least to the amount borrowed, over and above all indebtedness, so long as they are indebted to the Fund.



## DISBURSEMENTS.

One Loan.....	\$ 400 00	
Four Grants.....	641 66	
Miss Wier.....	174 25	
Expenses.....	293 00	
Balance.....	751 10	
		\$2260 01

## PROPORTION OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

Principal—instalments paid back.....	\$1666 66	
Balance.....	52 35	
Interest and Dividends.....		\$1719 01
		541 00
		<u>\$2260 01</u>

## PAYMENTS TO CONGREGATIONS.

	Free Grants.	Interest Loans.	Free Loan.	Total.
Reported last year.....	\$6285 00	\$5800 09	\$12450 00	\$24535 00

Accidentally the loan to New Dublin last year was placed among Free Loans instead of Interest Loans, so that the second column must be increased, and the third diminished by \$400 as follows:—

Payments to congregations up to				
May 1st, 1881.....	\$6285 00	\$6200 00	\$12050 00	\$24535 00
Do. during the past year.....	641 66	400 00	.....	1041 66
Total.....	<u>\$6926 66</u>	<u>\$6600 00</u>	<u>\$12050 00</u>	<u>\$25576 66</u>

## CASH REPAID BY CONGREGATIONS.

	Principal.	Interest.	Total.
Re-payments up to May 1st, 1881.....	\$ 7309 66	\$ 737 19	\$ 8046 85
“ During year past.....	1666 66	226 00	1892 66
	<u>\$ 8976 32</u>	<u>\$ 963 19</u>	<u>\$ 9939 51</u>

## INTEREST FROM BANKS.

Received up to May 1st, 1881.....	\$ 845 37	
“ During past year.....	315 00	
		\$ 1160 37
Total Receipts from other sources than direct from Executors.....		<u>\$11099 88</u>

## WHOLE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE FIRST.

Payments to congregations.....	\$25576 66
“ “ Miss Wier.....	966 25
“ “ Secretary.....	1500 00
“ for Expenses of all kinds.....	240 42
“ Bank stock.....	5884 00
	<u>\$34167 33</u>

## RECEIPTS.

From Estate of C. D. Hunter.....	\$23818 55
Returned instalments.....	8976 32
Interest from congregations.....	963 19
Dividends and other interest.....	1160 37
	<u>\$34918 43</u>
Balance on hand.....	<u>\$ 751 10</u>

HALIFAX, May 10th, 1882.

P. G. MCGREGOR, Treasurer.

## LIST OF FREE GRANTS TO MAY 1st, 1882.

Riversdale .....	\$ 100 00
Little Harbour .....	500 00
Hillsborough .....	100 00
River Inhabitants .....	150 00
Leitch's Creek .....	100 00
Malagawatch .....	200 00
Fisher's Grant .....	150 00
Loch Lomond .....	100 00
Middle River, Pictou .....	150 00
Bridgetown .....	350 00
Spring Hill .....	100 00
Jeddore .....	200 00
Riversdale .....	100 00
Middle River, C. B. ....	300 00
Isaac's Harbour .....	200 00
Carleton, Shelburne Co. ....	100 00
Bedford .....	250 00
Smithfield, Caledonia .....	200 00
Country Harbour .....	250 00
West Bay, Points .....	100 00
Loch Lomond .....	150 00
West Bay, Black River .....	100 00
Leitch's Creek .....	160 00
Falmouth Street, Sydney .....	250 00
Shemogue .....	125 00
Jeddore, 2nd .....	200 00
Country Harbour .....	50 00
Isaac's Harbour .....	200 00
Westville .....	500 00
Amherst .....	500 00
Moser's River .....	100 00
North River, St. Ann's, C. B. ....	150 00
Lake Ainslie .....	100 00
Glenelg .....	166 66
Lake Ainslie .....	75 00
Moser's River .....	100 00
Maccan .....	300 00
Total .....	\$6926 66

## FREE LOANS PAYABLE IN INSTALMENTS UP TO MAY 1st, 1882.

	Amount.	Payment made.	Due.	Still loaned.
Dartmouth .....	\$ 2100 00	\$2100 00		
Dartmouth .....	2000 00	800 00		\$1200 00
Wolfville .....	60 00			600 00
Vale Colliery .....	800 00	800 00		
Yarmouth .....	1000 00	250 00	\$ 750 00	750 00
Glenelg .....	1000 00	1000 00		
Jeddore .....	150 00	150 00	35 00	35 00
Bridgetown .....	1000 00	300 00	700 00	700 00
Spring Hill .....	800 00	300 00	500 00	500 00
Bridgewater .....	1000 00	200 00	400 00	800 00
Acadia Mines .....	600 00		300 00	600 00
Debert .....	500 00		500 00	500 00
Falmouth St., Sydney .....	500 00	300 00		200 00
	<u>\$12050 00</u>	<u>\$6165 00</u>	<u>\$3185 00</u>	<u>\$5885 00</u>

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