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MINUTES OF THE SYNOD  
 OF THE  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 OF THE  
*Lower Provinces of British North America,*

Held at New Glasgow, June—July, 1867.

FIRST SIEDERUNT.

*At Primitive Church, New Glasgow, on the 25th day  
 of June, 1867 years, and at 7 o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces met, Sermon-  
 and was constituted, after a sermon by Rev. James Bennet, A.M., from  
 the Gospel according to St. Luke, chap. xxiii. ver. 14,—“And, behold,  
 I having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man  
 touching those things whereof ye accuse him.”

The following changes were reported:—

Changes.

DEMISSIONS OF CHARGE.

- Rev. Thos. Cumming of the charge of St. John's congregation, Halifax. Demissions.  
 Rev. George Sutherland of the Free Church congregation, Charlotte-  
 town, on the 21st Nov., 1866.  
 Rev. Isaac McKay of the congregation of Gabarus, in order to pro-  
 ceed to Australia.  
 Rev. Murdoch Stewart of the congregation of West Bay, on the 5th  
 June, 1867.  
 Rev. Dr. Smith of the Upper Section of the congregation of Stewiacke,  
 in order to its being erected into a distinct charge under the name of  
 the congregation of Springside.  
 Rev. H. D. Steele of the congregation of West Cornwallis.  
 Rev. D. McDougall of the congregation of St. John's, New London,  
 June 10th 1867.  
 Rev. J. D. Murray of the congregation of Richmond Bay, West, June  
 18th, 1867.

TRANSLATION.

- Rev. A. Farquharson from Leitch's Creek to Little Glace Bay.

Translation.

## RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

- Reception. *By the Presbytery of Pictou:—*  
 Rev. Lauchlan McDonald from the Free Presbytery of Edinburgh.  
 Rev. John F. Forbes, Licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey, U. S.

## INDUCTION.

- Induction. *By the Presbytery of Pictou:—*  
 Rev. Lauchlan McDonald in the Pastoral charge of the congregation of Earltown and West Branch.

## ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

- Ordinations. *By the Presbytery of Truro:—*  
 Mr. Donald Stewart to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Acadia Mines.  
*By the Presbytery of Pictou:—*  
 Mr. Alex. McLean Sinclair, Springville, July 25th, 1866.  
 Mr. John Franklin Forbes, Lochaber and Goshen, Feb. 27th, 1867.  
 Mr. John Burns Watt, to be colleague and successor to the Rev. John Stewart, in John Knox's church, New Glasgow, Mar. 26, 1867.  
*By the Presbytery of Halifax:—*  
 Mr. Allan Simpson, Kennetcook, Gore and Rawdon, 7th Aug., 1866.  
 Mr. John Forrest, St. John's Church, Halifax, 12th Dec., 1866.  
 Mr. E. McNab, Yarmouth, as colleague to the Rev. G. Christie, 19th May, 1867.  
*By the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island:—*  
 Mr. John George Cameron, Tryon and Bonshaw. March 14th, 1867.  
*By the Presbytery of York:—*  
 Mr. Samuel Bernard, to Florenceville and Glassville.

## LICENSURES.

- Licenses. *By the Presbytery of Halifax:—*  
 Mr. Oliphant Christie, 18th July, 1866.  
 Mr. John W. Nelson, 7th August.  
*By the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island:—*  
 Mr. John Keir Bearisto, July 25th, 1866.  
*By the Presbytery of St John:—*  
 Mr. James Sinclair, 10th October, 1866.  
*By the Presbytery of Pictou:—*  
 Mr. J. D. Murray, May 28th, 1867.
- Roll called. The Roll was then called, and the names of those present marked when the members marked 1 answered to their names.
- Moderator chosen. Rev. Dr. McCulloch was then unanimously chosen Moderator, and after a brief address took the chair.
- Corresponding member. Rev. Angus McGillivray being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

- Death of A. Patterson, Esq. Rev. John Stewart then informed the Synod of the death of Abram Patterson, Esq., late Treasurer of the Synod, and moved, "That the different Boards of Synod, and as many other members as may find it convenient to attend the funeral to-morrow morning in Pictou town have leave of absence." The motion having passed, it was further agreed, "that the Rev. Dr. Bayne, the Rev. T. Sedgwick, and Dr. For

rest, be appointed to prepare a Minute expressive of the Synod's sense of the worth of the late Treasurer."

Rev. David Roy then read the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, naming the hours of business, and submitting an arranged list of the subjects coming before Synod. Report of Com. on Bills.

The Report was received, adopted, and ordered to be printed, when the Sederunt closed with prayer. The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

## SECOND SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, June 26th, 10 o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted by the moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

The Synod spent some time in devotional exercises, Rev. J. Cameron and Rev. K. McKenzie leading in prayer, with the singing of psalms at intervals. Devotional exercises.

The following committees were appointed to examine minutes of Presbyteries:— Committees on Minutes.

*For Presbyteries in New Brunswick.*—Rev. Messrs. John Cameron and Forrest, and Mr. J. K. Blair.

*For Presbyteries in Cape Breton.*—Rev. Messrs. A. Ross and A. McL. Sinclair, and Mr. D. McNevin.

*For Pictou and Tatamagouche Presbyteries.*—Rev. Messrs. Isaac Murray and Currie, and Mr. H. B. Webster.

*For Truro and Halifax Presbyteries.*—Rev. Messrs. Blair and Roddick, and Mr. Lloy.

*For Prince Edward Island Presbytery.*—Rev. Messrs. Walker and H. B. McKay, and Mr. D. Blackwood.

*To examine Minutes of Boards.*—Rev. Messrs. J. McLean and T. Sedgwick, and Mr. J. Parker.

*Committee on Travelling Expenses.*—Rev. Messrs. J. Campbell and E. Ross, and Dr. Forrest. Travelling expenses.

*Elders on Supplementing Committee for 1867.*—Messrs. Wm. Dunbar, George Langille, George Linkletter, Isaac Flemming, David Clarke, Robert Murray. Sup. Com.

On motion of Rev. E. Ross, it was agreed unanimously, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the late moderator for his able and eloquent sermon, and the manuscript requested for publication. Agreed, that it be published in the *Record*, and 500 copies struck off in a separate form. Moderator's Sermon.

Rev. P. Morrison asked leave for the Presbytery of St. Stephen's to meet at 2 o'clock, in the session room, and that an Assessor be appointed, as there was not a quorum present. Leave granted, and Mr. Mowatt appointed assessor. Presbytery of St. Stephens.

The report of the Sabbath committee was then read by Rev. R. Laird, when it was adopted and the committee re-appointed. Report of Sab. Com.

On motion it was agreed that members of Synod resident in Halifax be a special committee, with power to add to their number, to watch over Sabbath observance in that city, and to solicit in furtherance of the object the co-operation of other Evangelical denominations. The same arrangement to take effect in reference to St. John. Com. in Halifax and St. John.

Report on Temperance.

Rev. Henry Crawford read the report of the committee on Temperance. The report was received and adopted, and ordered to be published. The committee was re-appointed, and it was agreed that the committee in future confine their attention to the question of Intoxicating Liquors.

Report of Audt'g Com.

The report of the Auditing committee was then submitted and read, as follows:—

The Auditing committee report that they have carefully examined the accounts submitted to them by the general Treasurer of the church,—they have gone over each account separately,—they have compared every acknowledgment of monies published monthly in the *Record* as received, with the credits given in the accounts, and have found them correct,—and they have also examined the vouchers or receipts for the disbursements, and found them correct.

The following abstract of accounts will show how the financial affairs of the church stand:

FOREIGN MISSION:		
Receipts during year ending 1st June, 1867	.....	\$4743 51
Expenditure	.....	3772 92
Receipts over expenditure	.....	\$970 59
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1866	.....	3148 67
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1867	.....	\$4119 26
"DAYSRING:"		
Receipts during the year ending 1st June, 1867	.....	\$1225 58
Expenditure	.....	1303 07
Expenditure over receipts	.....	\$77 49
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1866	.....	79 05
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1867	.....	\$1 56
HOME MISSION:		
Receipts during the year ending 1st June, 1867	.....	\$3592 21
Expenditure	.....	3641 69
Expenditure over receipts	.....	\$49 48
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1866	.....	1973 45
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1867	.....	\$1923 97
EDUCATIONAL FUND:		
Ordinary collections during year 1867	.....	\$1319 52
Interest	.....	1934 60
Total receipts	.....	\$3254 12
Amount paid,—salaries, &c.	.....	3597 57
Expenditure over receipts	.....	\$343 45
Balance in Treasurer's hand	.....	\$3603 28
SYNOD FUND:		
Amount collected during year ending 1st June, 1867	.....	\$658 29
Amount paid	.....	607 99
Receipts over expenditure	.....	\$50 30
Balance due Treasurer, 1st June, 1866	.....	194 61
Balance due Treasurer, 1st June, 1867	.....	\$144 31
RECAPITULATION.		
Foreign Mission, balance in Treasurer's hand	.....	\$4119 26
"Dayspring," " "	.....	1 56
Home Missions " "	.....	1923 97
Educational Board " "	.....	3603 28
Christianity among Jews " "	.....	79 53
Special effort " "	.....	91 46
Demirdish Building Fund " "	.....	635 87
Turkish Mission " "	.....	287 39
Educational Board—amount invested	.....	31,023 85
	.....	\$41,766 17
Synod Fund—balance due Treasurer	.....	144 31
Nett Balance of Funds of the Church, June 1867	.....	\$41,621 86

*Comparative Statement of Collections for the various schemes for the year 1866 and 1867.*

Foreign Mission collections, 1866.....	\$7396 48		
"                    "          1867.....	4743 51		
		Decrease in 1867, \$2652 58*	
"Dayspring"—collections for 1867.....	\$1225 58		
Home Mission—collections for 1866.....	\$4596 60		
"                    "          1867.....	3592 51	" "	\$1004 29
Educational Board—collections for 1866....	\$5119 60		
"                    "          1867....	3254 12	" "	\$1865 48
Synod Fund—collections for 1866.....	\$602 00		
"                    "          1867.....	658 29	Increase in 1867,	\$56 29

GEORGE WALKER, }  
 ROD'K. MCGREGOR, } *Auditing Committee.*  
 J. W. CARMICHAEL, }

The report was received, and the diligence of the committee highly approved.

A statement of the receipts and disbursements of the committee on Home Missions in New Brunswick, for the last two years, was submitted. It was audited by the Rev. Mr. Alves, as correct, showing—

Receipts .....	\$1844.98
Expenditure .....	1517.98
Balance .....	\$327.00

against, which, however, there were outstanding claims to nearly the amount on hand.

Also, a statement of the accounts of the Professorial Fund, as kept by J. H. Liddell, Esq., and audited in Halifax, by Alex. James, Esq., and two other members of the Board of Superintendence.

The Moderator, by request of Rev. James Allan, informed the Synod that Mr. Duncan Shaw, lately deceased, a member of Cove Head congregation, had bequeathed to the Synod, in aid of its Educational Institutions, the sum of £100 P. E. I. currency, which Mr. Allan will be prepared to remit in a month or two to the Synod Treasurer.

Adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock, closing with prayer.

### THIRD SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Rev. Wm. Maxwell read the report of the committee on Ministerial Support. The report was received and the diligence of the committee proceeded to consider the recommendations of the committee. Ministerial Support.

1st, That in the existing state of things it is necessary that every Minister receive not less than \$650, or \$600 where there is a Manse.

The following was moved as a substitute, "That the Synod considers

\*Explained by Dr. Geddie's tours in 1865-6, and by separation of Dayspring Fund from General Fund in 1866-7.

\$700 with a Manse, or \$800 without, the least sum that can be regarded as a competent salary, yet in the existing state of things regard it as necessary first to take measures to raise salaries under \$650, or \$600 with a Manse, to that sum by a supplementary fund."

Another motion was presented as follows, "That the minimum salary of a Minister of our body be \$700 with a Manse, or \$800 without a Manse, and that Presbyteries should not in ordinary circumstances settle a minister on a less salary than \$600.

Adopted. The adoption of the "recommendation as it is," was moved by Rev. Thomas Sedgwick, and after discussion, was preferred by a vote to either of the two motions, and passed accordingly.

Second adopted. The second recommendation was adopted as follows, "That with the view of securing this object, and further raising the income of Ministers in weak congregations, a *separate fund* be originated, to be called the "Supplementary Fund," and to be kept distinct from the funds of the Home Mission Committee.

Third adopted. The third recommendation was adopted as follows, "That except in cases where provision is made for the same object, by a system of congregational monthly or quarterly contributions, each minister be enjoined to give the people under his charge an opportunity of contributing by collection at least once a year, and that the same injunction shall apply to ministers and probationers giving occasional supply in vacant congregations and preaching stations throughout the Church, so that all may have an opportunity of contributing."

Fourth withdrawn. The fourth recommendation, That congregations giving less than \$650, be encouraged to increase their present rate of stipend; and that for whatever addition is thus made to the present salary, an equal sum be given from the Supplementary Fund, or such proportion thereof as the Fund will bear, till the stipend reach \$650." The adoption of the recommendation was moved by the Rev. A. Stuart, and after discussion withdrawn.

Mr. Blackwood then moved, "That for the equitable division of the Fund, the smaller salaries be divided into four classes,

1st,	\$300 and under	to receive	supplement of	\$200
2nd,	400	"	"	150
3rd,	500	"	"	100
4th,	600	"	"	50

rateably in these proportions, to the extent of the Fund, provided that in the judgment of the committee, after conferring with the Presbyteries and obtaining all information, the congregation is doing its duty in the way of increasing the Minister's salary from its own resources."

While the subject was under discussion the hour of adjournment arrived, and the sederunt was closed with prayer.

#### FOURTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 7½ o'clock, P. M.*

Devotional exercises. The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator, Rev. E. McCurdy and Mr. David Blackwood following the Moderator in prayer accompanied with the reading of the Scriptures and the singing of Psalms.

Read minutes of last sederunt.

Resumed consideration of the subject of Ministerial support.

Ministerial  
Support.

The original recommendation was moved by Rev. Mr. Maxwell, with the following addition, "But in case of those congregations whose present salary does not exceed \$500, a supplement be given at the rate of 150 per cent. on the increase till the stipend be brought up to \$500, it being always understood that the committee have power to make a special arrangement in exceptional cases."

Rev. T. Sedgwick moved in lieu of recommendation fourth, that the case of each congregation requiring supplement be considered on its own merits, and that the committee to be appointed shall have all the powers of the former committee.

At 9 o'clock it was agreed to prolong the sederunt till 10 if necessary, but at a quarter before 10 the Synod adjourned, without coming to a vote, to meet in James' Church at the usual hour to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

### FIFTH SEDERUNT.

*James' Church, New Glasgow, June 27th, 10 o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was then read by Rev. G. McGregor, the secretary. The report noticed the change made consequent upon a decision of last Synod appointing a General Agent, the Secretaryship of the Board, and their action thereupon in recognizing the present Secretary, and in entering on their minutes a suitable record of the valuable services of Dr. Bayne for the last fifteen years.

Rep. of Board  
of Foreign  
Missions.

The report noticed the arrival of Dr. Geddie and family, with the missionaries from Scotland, in Melbourne and Sydney, and the kindly welcome given to them in those cities—their arrival in Aneiteum, the holding of the Mission Council, the location of the Missionaries, and the retirement of the Rev. Mr. McCullagh from the mission, in consequence of the occupancy by other missionaries, who had prior claims by seniority, of the only islands on which it was thought prudent for Mrs. McCullagh, in her delicate state of health, to settle and attempt Mission work. The requests of the Mission Council, for the appointment of a Printer, and for more Missionaries, were reported and recommended.

The report referred to the sanitary condition of the different islands occupied by our Missionaries, to their trials from sickness and otherwise, to the resumption of work by Dr. and Mrs. Geddie on Aneiteum, with some encouragement, amidst a people diminished by disease during their absence—of the progress of the Lord's work on Fate, and the circulation of the published Gospel there by Mr Morrison—and of the toil and perseverance of Mr. Gordon on Erromanga, amidst the harassing interruptions which he was compelled to endure from sickness, war, and trials from enemies. It also noticed the gratifying fact of Mr. McNair's settlement on the island of Erromanga.

The report gave a pretty full account of the different voyages of the "Dayspring," during the year, and concluded by referring to the continued discussion of the Curacao difficulty, as, so far, unavoidable, that all parties might have a fair hearing, but suggesting that no good end is likely

Curacoa."



to accrue from any further agitation on the subject, and expressing strongly the full confidence of the Board in the character and wisdom of their Missionaries, and the desirableness of special prayer, with confession and humiliation, that the healing influence of the Holy Spirit may be poured forth more abundantly upon us all.

On motion, the Synod received the report, and approved of the diligence of the Board, reserving the subject last named as the *Curacao* difficulty, for fuller consideration.

**Retirement of Mr. McCullagh** Further explanations were sought for, and as far as possible given respecting pre-occupancy of the islands desired by Mr. McCullagh, during his absence at Australia, with the consent of the other missionaries when the Synod proceeded to the next topic, and "authorized the Board to pay their share of the salary of a Printer, and of the expenses connected with the printing department.

**Miss'n to India.** A correspondence was then read, arising out of Rev. G. Sutherland's tender of himself as a Missionary to India or China. The Board had agreed to refer this whole matter to Synod, and had immediately proceeded to collect information, and though Mr. Sutherland had subsequently withdrawn his offer, and had since left for Australia, the subject of commencing such a Mission was now before the Synod. A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Somerville, Foreign Mission Secretary of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, giving full answers to all the questions proposed respecting labourers, mission premises, localities and expenses.\* After the reading of documents, it was agreed without a division, "That the church is not in a position to undertake a Mission to India."

**Mission to Trinidad.** The Board next submitted correspondence arising out of an offer of Rev. John Morton to go on a mission to the Coolies on the island of Trinidad, should the Synod undertake such an enterprise, and consider him a suitable agent. 1st. Mr. Morton's tender of service; 2nd. Letter from Rev. Mr. Brodie of Port of Spain, Trinidad, to Dr. Dales of Philadelphia; 3rd. Letter from Rev. Mr. Lambert, St. Fernando, Trinidad, to Dr. Dales; both of these letters urging the United Presbyterian Church of the United States to resume their mission to the Coolies, and secure, if possible, Mr. Morton's services; 4th, Information furnished by Mr. Morton respecting the number, character and spiritual destitution of the Coolies; Finally, a letter from Rev. Dr. Dales, written by direction of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of the United States, giving reasons why they felt it impossible to resume their interrupted Mission to the Coolies, recommending the field to the Synod, and offering to make over to the Synod their mission premises at Iere Village.

On motion of Mr. Robert Murray, it was, after an expression of opinion from brethren, agreed unanimously, "to authorize the Board to establish a mission to Trinidad for the special benefit of the Coolies."

On motion of Rev. John I. Baxter, a short time was devoted to special prayer, that the Divine blessing may rest on the mission now resolved on. Rev. Professor McKnight led in prayer, after which the Synod adjourned, closing with the Benediction.

\* A letter of a similar character was received from Rev. Dr. Duff by the Board before Synod closed.

## SIXTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator. Read the minutes of last sederunt.

Resumed consideration of subject of Foreign Missions. On motion For'gn Mission it was unanimously agreed, "That the offer of mission premises at Iere village, made by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of the United States be accepted, and the cordial thanks of this Synod returned,"

It was also agreed unanimously that the choice of a Missionary be remitted to the Board.

The Appeal of Rev. J. D. Gordon, against a minute passed last year Mr. Gordon's Appeal. by the Board, condemnatory of the proceedings of the Missionaries in calling for the interference of the civil power on Tanna and Erromanga, was next read.

The Appeal being read, was received and laid on the table for discussion. After explanations, it was unanimously agreed, on motion of Rev. Mr. Maxwell, "That a committee of experienced members of Synod be appointed, to have intercourse with the Mission Board, and to consider and report to Synod the way which they consider best adapted to dispose of the appeal, and to consider and report to Synod the best way of disposing of the whole subject." The following committee were appointed,—Rev. Dr. King, Rev. Messrs. Christie, Waddell, Maxwell, Watson, Bennet, Duff, James Ross, and Messrs. Webster and Blackwood,—Mr. Christie, convener.

Resumed the consideration of the recommendations of the committee Ministerial Support. on ministerial support, commencing where the business closed last evening. Mr. Blackwood, with the consent of the seconder, withdrew his motion.

The following motion was then submitted by Rev. G. Patterson, "That the supplementing of weak congregations be carried on for the present year upon the system already established, and that during the coming season the committee proceed to obtain the fullest information in their power as to the state of all the congregations whose salaries under the first rule require to be supplemented; and use diligence, in conjunction with their several Presbyteries, by deputation or otherwise, to draw out the liberality of such congregations, and report the result, with a classified list of such congregations, at next meeting when the Synod shall determine the mode of distributing the new fund."

After discussion the question was taken, and Mr. Sedgwick's motion was preferred successively to Mr. Patterson's, and to Mr. Maxwell's, and was therefore adopted by the Synod.

Recommendation *fifth* was omitted.

The *sixth* was adopted with one verbal change, and stands thus, "That the management of this fund be entrusted to a committee, whose duty it shall be to keep the matter before the church, by diffusing information on the subject, and by sending to every session a short Circular, explaining the claims of the fund, to be read from the pulpit when the collection is announced.

Recommendation *seventh* was adopted as follows, "That the Synod

issue at its next meeting a Pastoral Address, in separate form, to be read from the pulpit, and widely circulated throughout the Church, explaining and recommending the supplementary fund, and inviting donations and bequests from our wealthier members."

The near approach of the hour of adjournment sisted further progress. Thanks to Mr. Bennet. Before closing, the Moderator tendered to Mr. Bennet the thanks of the Synod for the able and eloquent discourse preached at the opening of Synod, and requested the manuscript for publication. Mr. Bennet responded, and consented to furnish it. Closed with prayer.

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### SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 7½ o'clock, P. M.*

Devotional exercises. The Synod met and was constituted, and one half hour was spent in devotional exercises, Rev. Mr. Campbell following the Moderator in prayer, the Scriptures being read and Psalms sung.

Conference. On motion of Rev. Robert Sedgwick, the Synod agreed to go into Committee of the whole house on the State of Religion in this body, and Friday evening was set apart for that purpose.

Home Missions. The report of the Board of Home Missions was next read, when on motion it was received and laid on the table for consideration. The Synod then cordially approved of the Report, and re-appointed the Board.

Ministerial Support. Resumed consideration of the recommendations on Ministerial Support. Resolution *eighth* was amended; thus, That as many of our people require to be enlightened on the privilege and duty of Christian liberality in the support of religious ordinances, the committee agree to recommend that the Synod require every Minister to preach on the subject of ministerial support from time to time, as circumstances may seem to require; that laying aside all false delicacy, they enlighten their people upon this, as upon every other branch of Christian duty; pleading not for themselves but for their master, if happy they may reclaim their respective charges from grievous sin."

Closed with prayer.

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### EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, June 28th, 10 o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

Ministerial Support. Resumed the consideration of Ministerial Support, when recommendation *ninth* was adopted with slight changes, thus, "That the Synod enjoin the several Presbyteries to visit by deputation or otherwise, the congregations requiring supplement, with the view of effecting such an arrangement as this scheme contemplates, and to report to the Synod committee on or before the 1st of April, 1868."

Memorial from Truro Presbytery on decline of Students. Agreed to postpone for a short time the appointment of the committee. Rev. Dr. McCulloch read the memorial from Truro Presbytery to enquire into the state of the Theological Hall, as respects the decline of the number of students, and to suggest adequate remedies. As this subject had been referred to the Board of Superintendence by the Synod

last year, their report was called for and read by the Secretary. The report was received and laid on the table, and the Synod proceeded to consider the subject common to both papers read. The following recommendations from the Memorial were adopted by Synod:—

*First*, More frequent inculcation upon parents and children, both in private and public, of the claims of God's House.

*Secondly*, A more thorough and strict enquiry into the mental and moral qualifications of candidates, as well as their literary, scientific and theological fitness.

*Thirdly*, Regular supervision of students by Presbyteries, prompt and faithful dealing, with Presbyterian reports to Synod.

*Fourthly*, An injunction of Synod against unnecessary subdivision of congregations, especially when the prospect of support is unsatisfactory.

*Lastly*, That Presbyteries be enjoined to meet fifteen days before the opening of the Hall, provided there be any applicants within their bounds, solely for the examination of candidates.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Murdoch, it was also agreed, That this Synod recommend to ministers to exercise diligence in seeking out young men of suitable talents to come forward, and by a course of education qualify themselves for, and devote themselves to, the work of the ministry. Motion by Mr. Murdoch.

On motion of Rev. T. Sedgwick, the following motion passed, Motion by Mr. Sedgwick.  
 "Whereas there is reason to believe that there is some diversity of practice in the Church, as regards the standard of Literature and Philosophy, adopted by Presbyteries in the admission of Students of Theology, Resolved therefore, that the Board of Superintendence be directed to examine and report to Synod what they understand to be the law of the Church on this subject.

Closed with prayer.

## NINTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted by prayer, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

James Court, Esq., of Montreal, was introduced to Synod by the Moderator, as one member of a Deputation from the Canada Presbyterian Synod, consisting of Rev. Messrs. McVicar, Chiniquy, and Mr. Court. Mr. Court explained why he was alone, and then addressed the Synod, expressing his own respect and regard for this body, and his full belief that those views were generally entertained by his brethren in Canada. He gave a brief summary of the proceedings of the Canada Synod, and a more extended view of the operations of the French Canadian Missionary Society, whose deputy he also was. Deputy from Canada P. Church.

After a cordial response had been given by different members of Synod, the following motion proposed by Rev. Mr. Bennet, was unanimously adopted: "That the Synod, while regretting the absence of other members of the Deputation, is happy to see James Court, Esq., of Montreal, the representative of the Canada Presbyterian Church, in its midst, and have much satisfaction through him to assure the Canadian Synod of their cordial sympathy in all their work, but especially in their Missionary labours." Response.

Com. of Corres-  
pondence. On motion of Rev. Dr. Bayne it was agreed unanimously, That this Synod appoint a committee to correspond with the committee appointed by the Canada Presbyterian Church, for the promotion of a closer intercourse between the two churches. Rev. Messrs. Isaac Murray, R. S. Patterson, Wm. Ross, and Messrs Henderson and Hyde, Elders, of Charlotte Town, were appointed.

French Cana-  
dian Mission-  
ary Society. The following motion submitted by Mr. Bennet, was also accepted unanimously, "That the French Canadian Missionary Society, of which Mr. Court is the representative, has also their entire approbation, as far as its workings are known to us, and that we trust it will be eminently successful in its labours."

Rev. N. McKay gave notice of motion for the appointment of a Deputation to reciprocate the kindly greetings of the Cannada Presbyterian Church.

Report on  
Rules of  
Procedure. Rev. G. Patterson then read the report of the committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure, and submitted 25 pages of printed Rules. The Report was received and laid on the table. Chap. I. being on Stations and Congregations; Chap. II. on the Constitution, powers and duties of the several Church Courts.

On motion agreed, "That the chapters prepared be remitted to Presbyteries for their consideration, with directions to report to the committee any suggestions that they may have to make, and also to give their opinion on those points on which there is a difference of opinion between the committee on rules, and the revising committee."

Formulas sent  
to Presby-  
teries. It was further agreed, "That the Formulas for Licensure and Ordination of Ministers and Elders be sent down to Presbyteries for approval.

Direction to  
Boards. The Home and Foreign Mission Boards were directed to prepare the Rules to be sent down in like manner to the Presbyteries, after coming through the hands of the revising committee.

B. and F. B.  
Society. After notice given, the following motion was made by Rev. A. Sutherland, and seconded by Rev. John Munro, "That while this Synod acknowledge with gratitude to the God of all grace, the widening sphere and success attending the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in spreading the Word of God to the nations of the earth; yet they do not in any degree approve of the principle of giving versions of the Scriptures containing doctrines at variance with the Inspired Word, and the Subordinate Standards of this Church, to which all its office-bearers stand solemnly pledged."

While the motion was under discussion the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned with prayer.

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## TENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 7½ o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted, when a half hour was spent in devotional exercises, the Moderator having been followed in prayer by H. B. Webster, Esq.

Conference on  
State of  
Religion. The Synod having resolved itself into a committee of the whole house on the State of Religion throughout the body, the Moderator left the chair, which was occupied by Rev. Mr. Turnbull. Rev. R. Sedgwick briefly addressed the Synod, and was followed by Rev. Messrs. W. Murray, J.

McKinnon, Falconer, Alves, Law, T. Sedgwick, Nicholson and J. Forrest. At 9 o'clock the Synod resumed, and it was agreed to remain in session another half-hour, when Mr. Turnbull continued to occupy the chair. The Moderator resumed, when the following resolution, on motion of Dr. Bayne, was adopted: "That while approving in general of the statements made by the several speakers, as evincing gratifying evidence of the spiritual life of the Church, and while expressing gratitude to Almighty God for this most desirable result, the Synod would now enjoin upon Presbyteries to prepare reports of the spiritual condition of their respective districts, with a view to future Synodical conference."

Rev Mr. Sedgwick addressed the throne of grace, and after praise the Synod closed with the benediction.

### ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, June 29th, 10 o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted. Read minutes. Agreed to proceed with the unfinished business.

The convener of the committee on the protest and appeal of Rev. J. D. Gordon, read the report of that committee which was unanimously received and adopted. The report is as follows:—

"The Committee to whom was submitted the affair of the *Curacoa*, embracing the protest and appeal of the Rev. J. D. Gordon, having had intercourse with members of the Board of Foreign Missions, beg to submit the following resolution as embodying their views.

"In view of the distance which separates the Missionaries from the Synod, and the impossibility of getting at all the facts of what is known as the *Curacoa* affair, and having read the appeal of Rev. J. D. Gordon, and heard the explanation of the Foreign Mission Board, REPORT, That regret is felt at the haste with which the minute of the Board anent the *Curacoa* affair was drawn up and forwarded. They also sympathize with the Missionaries under the apparent wrong of being prejudged.

"In conclusion, they beg to express their entire confidence both in the Board and in their Missionaries.

"Your committee would also inform the Synod that the members of the Board present have expressed their concurrence with the above resolution, and therefore your committee feel warranted to conclude that the case has been disposed of in a way that will satisfy all parties.

"GEORGE CHRISTIE, *Convener.*"

The Board was re-appointed.

On motion of Rev. James Waddell, it was agreed, "That a fraternal letter be addressed by the Board to the Synods of the Churches of Victoria and of New South Wales, expressive of our gratitude for the cordial and truly christian welcome given to our Missionaries, and for the valuable co-operation of the sister churches both in support of Missionaries and of the Mission vessel."

On motion of the Rev. R. Sedgwick, the following resolution passed unanimously, "That whereas Rev. Dr. Bayne has ceased to be Secretary of the Board, in consequence of the appointment by the church of a General Agent, whose office includes the Foreign Mission Secretaryship, the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to Dr. Bayne, for the efficient manner in which he, for fifteen years, discharged the onerous and responsible duties of the Secretaryship."

Resumed consideration of the resolution moved at last sederunt by Rev. A. Sutherland, and seconded by Rev. John Munro.

Mr. McKay's  
motion.

Rev. H. B. McKay submitted the following resolution, "Whereas the following sentence in the Foreign Mission report of last year—"affording another proof of the pre-eminent claims of the British and Foreign Bible Society upon the liberality of this church"—has been construed to mean that this Synod regarded itself called upon to support that society in preference to any other, the Synod would hereby affirm, that no such construction was ever meant, and disclaim any intention of confining the liberality of this church to one society more than another."

With Mr. Sutherland's consent it was agreed that Mr. McKay's motion should be put first, and on its own merits, when the motion was lost, and the following resolution moved by Rev. Mr. Fowler, accepted, by which Mr. Sutherland's was set aside:

Mr. Fowler's  
motion.

"Whereas there exists no connection between our church and the British and Foreign Bible Society, and as the statement contained in the report of the Board of Foreign Missions last year, does not bind us in any way to that Society, therefore resolved, That the Synod dismiss the subject altogether," which was done accordingly.

Overture on  
Current Literature.

The Synod took up the Overture by Rev. James Thomson, on "The current literature of the Church." Mr. Thomson read and supported the overture when it was agreed that a committee be appointed to take the whole subject into consideration, and to present their report to Synod on the second sederunt on Monday. The committee to consist of Rev. Messrs. Christie, Wm. Murray, Thompson, Baxter, Bennet, Laird, Falconer, and Messrs. Webster and Henderson.

The Synod then adjourned till Monday morning, to meet at 10 o'clock, a.m. Closed with prayer.

## TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

*James' Church, New Glasgow, July 1st, 1867, 10 o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator. Read and approved the minutes of last sederunt.

Report of Pub-  
lication Com.

Rev. A. McKnight submitted the report of the Publication committee, shewing a gradual increase in the circulation of the *Record*. The report was received. Rev. Mr. McKnight made explanations respecting the Editorship, when further discussion was postponed till the reception of the report of the committee on the current literature of the Church.

Rep. on Minutes  
of Boards.

The report of the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Boards was read, shewing that the business of the Boards appears to be regularly conducted, and their minutes accurately recorded.

Delegation to  
Canada Synod.

Rev. Neil McKay, after notice given, moved "that a Delegation be appointed to visit the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, to reciprocate the friendly feelings of that church expressed to us by their delegate." On motion, agreed, that two members of Synod be appointed. Rev. Dr. McCulloch, the Moderator, and Rev. Mr. Bonnet, were appointed.

Deputy to Fa-  
rent Churches

It was also agreed, that in the event of Rev. Neil McKay being next year in the old country, that he be authorized to represent this Synod before the General Assembly of the Free Church; and the Synods of the United Presbyterian and the Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Scotland, and of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Fowler, it was agreed, "That a Deputation appointed by the Synod to visit the Churches in New Brunswick, to deliver and impart information respecting the condition of that part of the Church." Rev. Messrs. Sedgwick and McGregor were appointed.

Deputation to N. Brunswick.

The report of the Pictou Presbytery of procedure in reference to St. John's Church, Chatham, was called for, when the Clerk of Presbytery read the minutes of Presbytery as their report. Additional explanations were offered by members of Presbytery shewing the grounds of the Presbytery's delay in carrying out the injunction of Synod given last year. After full consideration the following motion was adopted unanimously, "Approve of the diligence of the Presbytery, and of the forbearance they have exercised in the peculiar circumstances of the case; and instruct the Presbytery to carry out the injunction of Synod at its last meeting, and in doing so to deal in all tenderness and firmness with the congregation."

Report of Pictou Presb'y on Chatham case.

Rev. J. I. Baxter read the report of the committee on the proposal for an Educational Seminary for young women, when the report was received and the diligence of the committee approved. This subject was under consideration when the hour of adjournment arrived. Closed with prayer.

Seminary for Young Women.

### THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

Rev. C. Chiniquy being present, as a delegate from the Canada Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Synod by the Moderator, and communicated to the Synod the fraternal greetings of the sister Synod of Canada.

Rev. C. Chiniquy received.

On motion, agreed, "That the Synod express a cordial welcome to Mr. Chiniquy, and the pleasure with which we see him among us as a deputy from the Canada Presbyterian Church, and a zealous and fearless advocate of the great principles of the Protestant Reformation."

Agreed, that Mr. Chiniquy be requested to speak at length in the evening.

Proceeded to the order of the day, viz., the appointment of next meeting of Synod, when it was agreed, That the Synod meet at Halifax on the last Wednesday of June, in Poplar Grove church, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Next Meeting.

Resumed the subject of the Female Seminary. Moved by Mr. Dickie, Moderator, "That the Synod proceed at once to establish an Institution for the education of Females, in the Seminary buildings at Truro, to be under the management of a committee to be appointed by Synod for that purpose."

Seminary for Young Women.

Moved in amendment by the Rev. George Patterson, seconded by Mr. Blackwood, "That this Synod having received the information furnished by the committee, though feeling the importance of such an institution, and while ready to render encouragement to parties who may be willing to undertake the establishment of one, by giving the use of the Truro buildings on favorable terms, do not consider it advisable to establish a Female Institution in connexion with this Synod."



Rev. T. Sedgwick moved, "That the report of the committee be sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions, with instructions to consider the same and to report to next meeting of Synod, when the subject shall come up for final disposal"

Mr. Sedgwick's amendment was preferred successively to the first amendment, and to the original motion, and was adopted accordingly.

In order to the carrying out of this decision it was agreed, that the committee be re-appointed with additions, to gather information respecting the expense and mode of conducting such institutions in other parts of this Province, and in other lands, to send down the results of their enquiries to Presbyteries and Sessions, to enable them to report intelligently on the whole subject; said report to be furnished to Presbyteries not later than Jan. 1st, 1868. The additions made to the committee were as follows, Rev. Drs. McLeod and Bayne, Rev. Messrs. Duff Bennet, Law, J. Cameron, and Frame, Messrs. K. Henderson and David Blackwood.

Report on Synodical expenses.

Rev. J. Campbell submitted the report of the committee on Synodical Expenses. The report showed that the receipts since the meeting of Synod to date, amounted to \$561.43, that the committee had paid the full charge of travelling expenses, as submitted to them, amounting to \$391.45, shewing a balance of \$169.98, being sufficient to pay the Clerk's fee, and the printing expenditure, expense of attendance, and leaving probably about \$30 to lessen by that amount the debt of \$144.31 which stands against the fund at this date. The report further stated that the charges made were moderate, and that no Minister of Pictou Presbytery had made any demand on the fund, and that Elders generally from Pictou Presbytery, and some from a distance, had made no charge

Motion by Mr. Blair.

The report was received and adopted, when it was moved by Rev. D. B. Blair, "That every congregation in connection with this Synod make a collection for the Synod fund, and pay the full amount into the Treasurer, and the expenses will be paid from the fund."

Current Literature.

The Synod, by vote, determined to pass to the order of the evening the reception of the report of the committee appointed to consider the current literature of the church. The report was read by Rev. Wm. Murray, and contained the following four recommendations:—

"1. That that part of the Overture which refers to Sabbath School Libraries be referred to the committee on Sabbath Schools, with instructions to prepare a list of suitable books for Sabbath School Libraries, and secure a depot of Sabbath Literature if practicable.

"2. That the question as to whether it be practicable to enlarge and improve the Record, be referred to the Record Committee.

"3. In regard to the proposal of the Overture to establish a religious newspaper as the organ of the Synod, the committee doubt the propriety of the Synod's attempting to establish a religious newspaper as contemplated by the Overture.

"4. That the committee feel that the present state of our religious literature is unsatisfactory, but they feel the whole subject is one beset with great difficulty, and as the committee are limited in their time, and unable to give the subject sufficient attention, they recommend that a committee be appointed to consider the matter, and to report to the next meeting of Synod."

The first recommendation was adopted, and in connection with the second, the Synod, according to a decision already come to, took up the suggestion of the publication committee, to appoint an Editor in place of Rev. G. Patterson resigned. It was moved that the Agent of the Schemes of the Church be the responsible editor. As the report of the

Presbytery of Halifax respecting their procedure in reference to the appointment of said Agent had not yet been received, this motion was allowed to lie on the table.

The Synod then adjourned, closing with prayer.

#### FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 7½ o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

After praise and the reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Dr. King lead in prayer.

A large audience being assembled, Rev. Mr. Chiniquy was again introduced. After the reading of a note addressed to him by Rev. Wm. Reid, one of the Clerks of the Canada Synod, informing him of his appointment as a Deputy, and stating that the official documents had been sent to Rev. Mr. McVicar of Montreal, and having referred briefly to the fraternal feelings of the Canadian brethren towards the Church of the Lower Provinces, Mr. Chiniquy spoke at length respecting his own work of evangelization among the French Canadians.

On motion, the thanks of the Synod were tendered to him by the Moderator for his able and most interesting address, and it was agreed that as a token of the Synod's interest in his enterprise, the collection now to be taken be devoted to it. A collection of \$62 was then taken up. It was further agreed that a committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. Smith and Bayne, and the ministers resident in New Glasgow, be a committee to advise with him respecting his course in visiting some sections of the Church, and in awakening an interest in favour of his work.

#### FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, July 2nd, 10 o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of the last sederunt were read and approved.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the different Presbyteries, submitted their reports, shewing with a few exceptions, which were indicated, that the minutes were accurately recorded and business regularly conducted. Ordered, that the minutes be attested.

Rev. Dr. King having given notice of his intention of retiring, at the close of the next session, from the active discharge of his duties as Professor of Theology, a committee was appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the feelings of the Synod on hearing the announcement now made, consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. Sedgwick, J. Cameron and Mr. D. Blackwood.

A complaint from Rev. D. Sutherland respecting arrears due from the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond being read, was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Gordon, Byers, A. Ross, to examine and report at a subsequent sederunt.

Resumed consideration of the overture on the Current Literature of the Church. In connection with this subject the report of the Halifax Current Literature Agency.

Presbytery on the appointment of Rev. P. G. McGregor, as general agent of the church was called for, and the minutes of Presbytery in the case read, shewing that the appointment has been made and that Mr. McGregor has been discharging the duties of the office, the Secretaryship and Treasurer-ship of the Educational Board excepted, since October 1st, 1866.

Editorship of  
"Record,"

It was then moved, "That the Agent be the responsible Editor of the *Record*." An amendment was moved to the effect that Mr. R. Murray and Rev. P. G. McGregor be joint editors; and a second amendment, that Mr. R. Murray be sole editor. The first amendment was preferred to the second, and to the original resolution, and Messrs. Murray and McGregor were appointed joint editors accordingly.

Thanks to Mr.  
Patterson.

Mr. Patterson's connection with the periodicals of the church having been terminated by his resignation, the Synod agreed unanimously to express regret at his retirement, and to tender their thanks, with an expression of their high sense of the efficiency and value of his services in connection with the periodicals of the church, which was done accordingly by the moderator.

Rev. John Forrest was appointed a member of the Publication Committee in place of Rev. P. G. McGregor.

Recommendation *second* on current literature was then adopted. The Synod farther sustained the committee's doubt of the wisdom of issuing a religious newspaper, and decided accordingly not to issue a paper.

On recommendation *fourth* being read, the Synod, on motion, decided to pass to the next business.

Services of General Agent.

Resumed the consideration of the report of the Halifax Presbytery on the appointment of an Agent when the following resolution was moved by Rev. G. Patterson, "That it having appeared by the report of the Halifax Presbytery, that an arrangement had been made for securing the services of Rev. P. G. McGregor as General Agent for the schemes of the church, the congregation paying a portion of his salary for one year; and whereas the increasing labours devolving upon the General Agent require that his whole time should be devoted to the duties of his office, and as the present arrangement involves also some disadvantages to the congregation, it be remitted to the Halifax Presbytery to confer with the congregation of Poplar Grove on the subject of securing the whole services of Mr. McGregor as General Agent, while retaining his status as senior minister of the congregation."

Rev. Robert Sedgewick, moved as an amendment, "That the Synod having appointed Rev. P. G. McGregor, the agent of this church, and as the discharge of the duties of his office requires all his time, proceed to dissolve his connection with his congregation."

The hour of adjournment arriving the Synod closed with prayer.

## SIXTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute regarding the announ-

ment of Dr. King, submitted the following, which was approved and ordered to be engrossed on the minutes:—

“Dr. King having given notice of his intention of resigning the Professorship of Theology at our meeting next year, the Synod cannot allow the present opportunity to pass without expressing, as they hereby do, their gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for the many years he has been permitted to occupy that chair; and their high appreciation of the manner in which he has discharged its duties. That he may be spared for many years, in the good providence of God, to enjoy the satisfaction resulting from the consciousness of having spent a long and useful life in the service of His Great Master, will ever be the sincere and earnest prayer of the members of this Synod.”

Rev. J. L. Murdoch, after notice given, moved “That the *Presbyterian* “P. Witness.” *Witness* not being the organ of this church, the Synod do not hold themselves responsible for all the sentiments it contains, or regard them as expressive of their sentiments.”

Rev. J. Cameron moved an amendment, “That the Synod recognizes the *Record* only as the organ of the church.”

Mr. Blackwood moved that the Synod proceed to unfinished business, which was carried.

Resolved consideration of the office of General Agent when the follow- *General Agent.*  
ing resolution was moved by Rev. A. Ross, of Pictou, as a substitute for the resolutions both of Messrs Patterson and Sedgwick, “That inasmuch as Rev. P. G. McGregor is the General Agent of this Synod, the Synod agree to guarantee a salary of \$1200 per annum; and that it be left to Mr. McGregor, his congregation, and the Presbytery of Halifax, to determine his future relation to his congregation.” The motion passed.

Rev. Messrs. Patterson, J. Stewart and Pitblado, and Mr. D. Black- *Committee on*  
wood, were appointed a committee to consider what remuneration is due *Remuneration.*  
to the Agent for his services during the nine months past, and authorized to consider and report to Synod the funds, and the proportion in which such funds shall be voted.

Rev. Dr. Smith read the report of committee to prepare a course for *Mr. Chiniquy's*  
Mr. Chiniquy to follow in visiting the churches; In general the plan *course.*  
submitted was approved, and Dr. Bayne and Rev. G. Walker appointed to perfect details, so as to economize his time and further the objects of his mission.

Rev. D. Gordon reported on the part of the committee on complaint *Report on claim*  
of Rev. D. Sutherland, that as no papers or reports of labour performed *of Rev. D.*  
were submitted to them that they could not recommend any payments. *Sutherland.*  
The claim was then referred for enquiry and settlement to the Board of Home Missions.

Rev. John I. Baxter read the report on Colportage, showing the *Colportage.*  
operations of the committee, and how the work under their charge is being conducted. The report was received, and the diligence of the committee approved.

On motion, agreed, to hear Mr. McBean, the agent of the American Tract Society, when Mr. McBean addressed the Synod on the destitution of some districts of the Lower Provinces, of religious reading, and on the operations of the Tract Society, in supplying the most neglected portions of the population.

The committee on Colportage was re-appointed, when the Rev. E. A. McCurdy gave notice of his intention to move the following resolution at another sederunt;—“The Synod have heard with satisfaction the address on Colportage by Mr. McBean, and would hail with pleasure

the organization of a Union Tract and Bible Society, which would circulate orthodox evangelical literature by Colportage and other means."

Supplements. Rev. T. Sedgwick, read the report of the committee on Supplements, submitting a list of congregations recommended, and involving an expenditure of \$2000.

It was agreed that the sums sought by Presbyteries and now recommended by the supplement committee be sanctioned, also Five Pounds to Rev. M. Stewart, and the Board of Home Missions was directed to pay the amounts.

Sustentation in N. B. It was further agreed, that the sums paid in by churches in New Brunswick for "Sustentation Fund" for the current year, he handed over to be divided by the brethren in New Brunswick according to the wants of that part of the church, and that the Presbytery of St. John be the committee for dividing the money.

Grants in aid. Intimation being given by Rev. Neil McKay, that there was reason to apprehend that the aid hitherto given by the Free Church of Scotland, and by the Irish Presbyterian Church, to the Church in New Brunswick, was likely to be withdrawn, the supplementing committee were authorized, should they think proper, to make application for a continuance of these grants for a time, until the United Church has time to prepare to meet the draft.

Rev. S. Johnson Agreed, at the request of Rev. Samuel Johnson, of Harvey, and the consent of Truro Presbytery, that Mr. Johnson and congregation be connected henceforth with the Presbytery of York.

Adjourned, closing with *prayer*.

## SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 7½ o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

Reference from Presb'tys of Truro & Tat. A reference from the Presbyteries of Truro and Tatamagouche respecting a station claimed by both Presbyteries, was submitted by the clerks and spoken to by other members of the Presbyteries. Moved by Mr. Blackwood, "In the matter referred to the Synod by the Presbyteries of Truro and Tatamagouche, it is decided that the station called River Hebert, being nearer to the Presbytery of Truro, shall be considered under its jurisdiction; at the same time recognize that the Presbytery of Tatamagouche had grounds for their claim to the people."

Moved by Rev. N. McKay, The Synod having had before them the reference of the Presbyteries of Truro and Tatamagouche anent the station of River L'Hebert, Resolved, "That the Synod mark the irregularity of the manner in which the Presbytery of Tatamagouche took possession of that station, but inasmuch as it does not appear that the interests of religion would be served by the exclusion of their missionary from River L'Hebert, it be recommended to the Presbytery of Truro to allow existing arrangements to stand, till some solution of the difficulty may be found which will be more generally satisfactory."

Moved by Rev. Mr. McKinnon, "That this Synod regard this ground as within the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Truro, but in the mean-

time recommend the two Presbyteries to co-operate harmoniously in supplying the disputed station."

The subject having been fully considered, the amendment of Mr. McKinnon was preferred to Mr. McKay's, and to the original motion.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, A.M. Closed with prayer.

## EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, July 3rd, 9 o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and corrected.

On motion it was agreed that the committee on Popery be revived, to consist of Rev. Messrs. John Munro, A. Sutherland, H.B. McKay, with their Presbytery Elders. Com. on Popery

Rev. Mr. Sedgwick after notice given, moved the following resolution:—"Whereas Professor King has stated to this Synod his intention of resigning the Chair of Theology at the next meeting; and whereas such statement of intention affords a favourable opportunity of considering our Theological Curriculum, the Synod appoint a committee to take the subject into consideration, and report to next meeting." Com. on Curriculum.

The motion passed and the following committee was appointed, Rev. Messrs. Sedgwick, Dr. McCulloch, Christie, Duff, Allan, G. Patterson, Murdoch, Messrs. J. K. Blair, J. B. Dickie and D. Blackwood. Mr. Sedgwick, convener. Agreed that the former committee on supplements be re-appointed with additions as follows:—Rev. Drs. McLeod and McCulloch, Rev. Messrs. Blair, Christie, James Ross, T. Sedgwick, W. Ross, D. McKenzie, Maxwell, Thomson, Bennet, Law and Dr. Bayne and Messrs. H. B. Webster, and J. S. McLean. Mr. Maxwell, convener. The committee was appointed to meet in the College Hall, on the day subsequent to the opening of Dalhousie College. Com. on Supplements.

Rev. G. Patterson read the report of Trustees of Widows' Fund, showing \$6497.22 in fund and bearing interest, with \$800 now due from ministers. The report was received, and the following recommendations adopted. — Report on Widows' Fund.

"1. That the members of the Synod of New Brunswick who have an interest in the Widows' Fund of that Synod, be admitted to participate in the benefits of this fund in the same manner as those who originally entered, on their handing over their funds to this Board, viz., that on selecting their class and paying their rate their widows and orphans shall be entitled to annuities in case of death, after three years payments. But all other members of that body shall be admitted on the same terms as those now joining the fund, and that this privilege be open to them till the next meeting of Synod.

"2. Whereas the Synod passed a resolution extending the time for such admission, that those ministers who have paid for the years 1865 and 1866 be considered on the fund on their paying up fines in cases of delay, but that no changes involving the interests of members of the association be admitted for the future.

"3. That Rule XIII. be amended by adding the words "or subsequent marriage."

"4. That Rule XVIII. be amended by striking out the words "the first meeting after the adoption of these rules."

"Lastly. By the act of incorporation, the Synod are empowered to add to the Board six members. The Board would respectfully recommend the names of the following brethren: Rev. Messrs. James Bennett, Jas. Law, John McKinnon, and Mr. George Hattie."

Rev. Messrs. Bennet, Law and John McKinnon, and Mr. Geo. Hattie, were appointed accordingly.

Rept of Board of Education The report of the Board of Education was then read by the Secretary. It referred to the death of their Treasurer and submitted the minute adopted to express the Boards sense of his moral worth, and of the services rendered to the church. The report gave the following exhibit of the Educational Funds:—

*Statement of Funds for Educational Purposes.*

I. RECEIPTS.

Interest received by Board of Education, from A. Patterson, Esq.....	\$1934 60
“ “ “ “ J. H. Liddell, Esq.....	1840 75
Annual collections received by P. G. McGregor.....	980 52
Interest from Governors of Dalhousie College, for appraised value of Apparatus for about three years.....	339 00
	<u>\$5103 87</u>

II. EXPENDITURE.

Dr. Kings salary.....	\$1500 00	
Dr. Ross “ .....	1200 00	
Dr. Lyell “ .....	1200 00	
Professor McKnight from A. Patterson, Esq.....	500 00	
“ “ J. H. Liddell .....	294 42	
Total for Salaries.....		\$4694 42
Commissions, Mr. Patterson.....	48 35	} 117 86
“ “ Liddell.....	49 33	
“ “ McGregor.....	20 18	
Supply of Dr. Smiths pupil, $\frac{1}{2}$ of expense.....	62 00	
Insurance on Buildings Halifax and Truro, and Library.....	75 00	
Repairs on Halifax Building.....	109 40	
Interest on debt of \$800. for money borrowed to finish the Seminary at Truro.....	48 00	
Current expenses of Theological Hall.....	41 92	
Office expenses of Board of Education, Pictou, for four years including loss on bad money received.....	41 87	
Total.....		<u>\$5190 47</u>
Expenditure over receipts.....		<u>\$86 60</u>

Whole sum reported on by Auditing Committee at New Glasgow as invested.....	\$31023 85
Amount of Professorial Fund reported on by Auditing Committee at Halifax, \$25084 07.....	25084 07
Whole investments for Education.....	<u>\$56,107 92</u>

The Report farther shewed that the Board had appointed Rev. P. G. McGregor its Treasurer, in place of A. Patterson, Esq., deceased, requiring the usual securities, and had also appointed him their Secretary, and had appointed a committee to advise with the Treasurer in making Investments, consisting of Messrs J. H. Liddell, A. James and J. S. McLean. The report was received and proceedings approved. The Synod renewed the direction of last year to separate from the general funds such amounts as according to the intentions of donors should be applied in preparing young men for the office of the ministry, and to apply them as directed. Mr. J. F. Blanchard was appointed a member of the Board in place of Mr. J. D. Christie, deceased, and Hon. Arch. Patterson in place of his deceased father.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Sc. Rev. H. B. McKay read the report of the committee on Sabbath Schools, shewing that the course of Lessons issued under the direction of the committee were being more extensively used this year than ever before. The report was received and approved and the committee re-appointed, with Rev. John Currie added.

Report on payment of Agent. The committee to consider the salary of the General Agent reported:

That the Agent has received during the last nine months the sum of \$172.24 being commission on sums paid up till the 31st May. From intercourse with him the committee have reason to believe that the church received at least one third of his services. They therefore recommend that he be paid at that rate for the nine months up to 30th June, or \$300, which would leave a balance due him of \$127.76 which we recommend to be apportioned among the various funds as follows. Foreign Missions \$50, Home Mission \$40, Educational \$37.76.

As to the future arrangements the committee have agreed to recommend that on the income of the various funds of the church such a rate of per centage shall be chargeable as will be adequate to raise the amount of salary required to be paid by Synod.

Dr. Bayne read the following report of the Committee on Psalmody, Psalmody. That they have had under consideration various modes of improving "the service of song," as now conducted in the church, and have resolved to recommend the following means of improvement:—

1. That it be the special aim of ministers and sessions, under whose oversight this and all other parts of sacred worship are by this Supreme Court properly placed, to train the entire congregation in the science and art of sacred music.

2. That with this view, there be recommended for universal adoption an edition of the Psalm Book published in Scotland, preserving, as it does, the integrity of the text, and rendering it in various type, so disposed as to express the natural grace and bold tones which each stanza or verse, or part of a verse, may require. The edition can be had at a trifling advance on first cost, by ordering copies in large quantity; but should the Synod authorize their committee to hold out suitable encouragement, an edition, with the consent of the publisher, might be published in this Province or elsewhere.

3. The Collection of Music which was brought forward to the notice of the Synod at its last session in Halifax, has not yet been published; but your committee are of opinion that along with the edition of the Psalm Book now recommended might be bound an equal quantity of blank music paper, on which the leaders of music in the several congregations might transcribe, or cause to be transcribed, such a selection of tunes from books now or hereafter in use, as in their judgment would be suitable to their several localities.

4. The blank music paper should be so bound with the Book of Psalms as to readily present the required tune on the same page, and thus at a glance, both the words and notes of praise would be seen by the reader. A copy of the work thus recommended will be laid upon the table for the inspection of members of Synod. "The Scottish Psalmody," which provides printed music, and is prepared in the same manner, may be obtained by such parties as prefer printed to blank music paper.

5. Properly qualified teachers of sacred music should be employed wherever practicable, and where no such provision is accessible, the leaders of music in each congregation should meet with the people for practice, as often as may be found convenient.

6. Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, and even secular schools, afford an admirable field for the culture of sacred music. The youth of the church might there be trained to take an effective part in public praise: and were the field prudently and perseveringly cultivated, there would be, in a short time, comparatively few worshippers who could not take an intelligent and interesting part in "the service of song."

7. That the Synod issue a strong injunction on all ministers and sessions to take the improvement of Psalmody of the Church under their serious consideration and watchful superintendance; and that Presbyteries be enjoined to enquire diligently into the manner in which the injunction is obeyed.

All these recommendations were adopted, and the committee re-appointed.

The Board of Superintendance was re-appointed, with the addition of Bo'd. of Superintendance.  
Rev. J. Forrest.

Rev. G. Patterson reported verbally on the subject of Historical Records, shewing the progress made in collecting interesting documents connected with the early history of this church. The report was received, Mr. Patterson's procedure in the collection of documents approved, and the committee re-appointed. Historical documents.



- Statistical table. Rev. Mr. McKnight submitted the statistical table, shewing fifteen blanks. Ordered that the Clerks of Presbyteries use diligence to have these blanks supplied. It was agreed that in future Clerks of Presbyteries shall tabulate the statistics within their respective bounds, soon after the close of the Calendar year and forward them to Mr. McKnight by the first of May. The committee was reappointed and directed to publish the table as soon as possible, and to add a column showing amount of supplement received.
- Turkish missions. Agreed that the sum in hand for Turkish missions be transferred to the general fund for Foreign missions.
- Demerdesh B. Fund. Agreed that what remains on hand of the Demirdesh Building fund on the 31st May 1868 be paid also into the general fund and in the mean time contributors shall have leave to recall their contributions and to apply them in the way they may think best.
- Money for Jews. The Treasurer was directed to forward the sum in hand for Christianity among the Jews to that Society in London, of which Dr. Schwartz is an Agent.
- Popish mission. The two dollars in hand for Popish mission was directed to be handed to Rev. C. Chiniquy.
- Accounts. On motion agreed that as all the sums paid in for the different schemes of the church have been already acknowledged in the *Record*, that in the publication of accounts the sum received for the month should be stated in gross along with the various items of expenditure.
- Thanks to Receivers. On motion resolved unanimously "that the thanks of the Synod be transmitted to A. K. McKinlay, Esq., Halifax, to Robert Smith, Esq., of Truro, and to James McCallum, Esq., of Brackley Point, P.E.I., for their services gratuitously and cheerfully given, as receivers for a series of years, with notice that the appointment of General Agent relieves them from further service."
- Thanks to Mr. Liddell. It was also agreed unanimously, That the thanks of Synod be transmitted to J. H. Liddell, Esq., for his valuable services as a financial agent, of approved fidelity and zeal in managing the funds of the Church.
- Thanks to people of N. Glasgow. It was also agreed unanimously, That the thanks of Synod be communicated to the people of New Glasgow for the accomodation provided for, and the hospitality and kindness shewn to the members of this Synod.
- Thanks. Agreed that thanks be expressed to the managers of Steamers and Railways, who have granted special facilities of travel by the issue of free return tickets to the members of Synod
- Report of Com. of Correspondence. The committee of Correspondence submitted their minutes, which gave an account of their meetings with brethren of the Church of Scotland, and of the efforts of the two committees to come to terms respecting the properties in dispute in Cape Breton, but without any satisfactory results. The diligence and fidelity of the committee were approved and they were discharged.
- Disbursements. Ordered, that clerks fee, printing Bills, be paid, also \$6. to Janitor of James Church, \$4. to Janitor of Primitive Church, also, \$4 for expenses otherwise incurred, in connection with the present Session.
- Close. The Moderator addressed the Synod in terms befitting the occasion, and after singing, prayer and the benediction, adjourned to meet in Poplar Grove Church, on the last Wednesday of June, 1868, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

PETER G. MCGREGOR, *Synod Clerk.*

NEW GLASGOW, JUNE 3rd, 1867.

## ROLL OF SYNOD—1867.

### PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Andrew Donald,		Campbell Settlement.
Lewis Jack,		Springfield.
James Bennett,	William Parks,	St. John's Church, St. John.
James Baird,		Carleton.
William Alves,	Robert McLaughlen,	Calvin Church.
James Gray,	Thomas Purves,	Norton, &c.
Neil McKay,	6 John McKeen,	St. David's, St. John.

### PRESBYTERY OF ST. STEPHEN'S.

John Turnbull,	James McKenzie,	St. James.
William Millen,		Bocabec.
Peter Morrison,	James C. Stevens,	St. Stephen.

### PRESBYTERY OF YORK.

Alexander Smith,	Prince William.
James Salmon,	Salmon River
Alexander Stirling,	Fredericton.
Samuel Bernard,	Florenceville and Glassville.

### PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

Angus McMaster,	New Mills.
James Law,	Richibucto.
Thos. G. Johnston,	Blackville.
James Fowler,	Bass River.
Thos. G. Nicholson,	River Charles.

### PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON.

Hugh McLeod, D.D.	Sydney.
James Fraser,	Bouladerie.
Mathew Wilson,	Sydney Mines.
James Ross,	Grand River and Loch Lomond.
Abraham McIntosh,	St. Anns.
	Gabarus.
Alex. Farquharson.	Little Glace Bay.
Vacant.	Cape North.
Vacant.	Leitch's Creek.

### PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

Wm. G. Forbes,		Plaister Cove.
Kenneth McKenzie,	Archibald McDermid,	Baddeck.
Donald McKenzie,	1 Wm. Dunbar,	Middle River.
Wm. Sinclair,	Benjamin Smith,	Mahou.
Vacant,	Angus McDonald,	Whyecomah.
Vacant.		West Bay.

### PRESBYTERY OF TATAMAGOUCHE.

James Watson,	Geo. B. Johnston,	New Annan.
John Munro,	Donald McIver,	Wallace.
Th. S. Darragh,	John Burns,	Goose River.
H. E. McKay,	1 George Langille,	River John.
Thos. Sedgewick,	John Currie,	Tatamagouche.
	J. W. P. Chisholm,	Wentworth.

## PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

R. S. Patterson,	Hugh Montgomery,	Bedeque.
1 Alex. Campbell,	Allan McSween,	Strathalbyn.
1 James Allan,		Cove Head.
1 Isaac Murray,	John Clark,	Cavendish and New Glasgow.
Alex. Munro,		Brown's Creek.
1 Henry Crawford,		E. St. Peter's and Bay Fortune.
	6 Kenneth Henderson,	Free Church Charlottetown.
	Donald Campbell,	Cascumpeque and Tignish.
1 Allan Fraser,		Woodville and Little Sands.
6 Donald McNeill,	John Doughart,	N. London and Summerfield.
1 Alex. Cameron,	Archibald Ramsay,	Princetown.
1 Robert Laird,	1 Donald McNevin,	W. River and Brookfield.
7 William Ross,		Dundas.
1 Allan McLean,	1 George Linkletter,	Richmond B. and Sum'side.
1 W. R. Frame,	W. H. Hyde,	Queen Sq. Charlottetown.
1 Alex. Falconer,	Alex. McArthur,	Richmond Bay West.
	Archibald Ramsay,	W. Campbellton and Brae.
1 Wm. Stuart,	Adam McKay,	St. John's New London.
	George Miller,	West St. Peter's.
1 Daniel W. Cameron,	1 James Gordon,	Tryon, and Bonshaw.
1 J. G. Cameron,		

## PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

Thos. S. Crowe,		Maitland and Noel.
1 James Smith, D.D.	1 Jas. A. Logan,	Upper Stewiacke.
3 John I. Baxter,	1 J. B. Dickie,	Onslow.
1 W. McCulloch, D.D.	1 J. K. Blair,	Truro.
1 James Byers,	1 John Bradley,	Clifton.
1 Ebenezer E. Ross,	1 Isaac Flemming,	Upper Londonderry.
1 Alex. L. Wylie,	Jas. W. Fulton,	Lower do.
1 James McG. McKay,	1 John Hill,	Economy and Five Islands.
Samuel Johnston,		Harvey, N. B.
Vacant,	Samuel Creelman,	Springside.
1 John Currie,	Isaac Densmore,	Maitland, 2nd Congregation.
Jacob McLellan,		Maitland and Noel, 1st Cong.
4 Duncau McKinnon,		Parrsboro'.
1 John D. McGillivray,	1 Hugh Dunlap,	M. Stewiacke and Brookfield.
1 Donald Stewart,	1 James Smith,	Acadia.

## PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

1 David Roy,	1 James Arthur,	James Church, East River.
John McCurdy, D.D.	Isaac Matheson,	Chatham, N. B.
1 John Stewart,	1 Donald Ross,	J. Knox Church, New Glasgow.
1 John Campbell,	2 Joseph McLean,	Sherbrooke.
1 George Walker,	1 John McKay,	Primitive Church, N. Glasgow.
1 James Bayne, D.D.	Henry Lowden,	Prince Street Church, Pictou.
3 Andrew P. Miller,	1 John Turner,	French River.
1 Alex. Sutherland,	3 George McKay,	R. Hill and W. B. River.
1 Duncan B. Blair,	4 Alexander Robertson,	Blue Mountain and B.'s R.
4 George Patterson,	1 John McKenzie,	Salem Church, Green Hill.
1 Lauchlan McDonald,	1 Hugh Gunn,	Earlton and W. Branch.
1 James Thomson,	1 David Clarke,	Central Branch, West River.
1 George Roddick,	1 George McConnell,	West River.
1 John McKinnon,	2 Alex. Munroe,	Hopewell.
1 Alex. Ross,	3 Alex. McKay,	Knox Church, Pictou.
3 Kenneth J. Grant,	3 John Thomson,	Merigomish.
1 J. A. F. Sutherland,	John Dawson,	Little Harbor.
1 C. B. Pitblado,	1 Henry Archibald,	Glenelg, Caledonia, &c.
1 A. J. Mowatt,	James McKay,	Albion Mines.
1 Alex. McL. Sinclair,	2 Colin McInnis,	Springville.
1 J. F. Forbes,	1 Hugh McNeil,	Lochaber and Goshen.
	Alex. Grant,	Antigonish.
1 J. B. Watt,		J. Knox Church, N. G.

## PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

1 J. L. Murdoch,	Thomas Armstrong,	Windsor.
1 Prof. And. King, D.D.		
3 James Waddell,		Sheet Harbor, &c.
1 Robt. Sedgwick,	1 John Parker,	Musquodoboit.
1 Peter G. McGregor,	1 David Blackwood,	Poplar Grove Church, Halifax.
1 George Christie,		Yarmouth.
3 Wm. Duff,	1 James Isenhaur,	Lunenburg.
Walter Thorburn,		Hamilton, Bermuda.
1 John Cameron,	James Fraser,	Nine Mile River.
2 G. M. Charke,		Shelburne.
Moses Harvey,		St. John's, Nfld.
Wm. Forlong,	John S. Newcomb,	South Cornwallis.
3 Wm. Maxwell,	1 Robt. Murray,	Chalmers' Church, Halifax.
1 John McL. McLeod,		Newport.
1 James McLean,	3 Thomas Fulton,	Shubenacadie and Gay's River.
1 Wm. Murray,	1 Henry B. Webster,	North Cornwallis.
Alex. Ross,		Harbor Grace, Nfld.
1 Alex. Stuart,	1 George Lloy,	Lawrencetown, &c.
		West Cornwallis.
3 Prof. A. McKnight,		Dartmouth.
6 Donald McMillan,		Lower LaHave.
1 John Morton,		Bridgewater.
1 Donald S. Gordon,	Hugh McDowall,	Annapolis, &c.
Matthew G. Henry,		Clyde and Barrington.
8 Edward Annand,		Windsor.
2 Edward McCurdy,	William Anderson,	Musquodoboit Harbor, &c.
1 Allan Simpson,		Kennetcook, Gore, &c.
1 John Forrest,	1 Dr. Forrest,	St. John Church, Halifax.
1 Eben. E. McNab,		Yarmouth.
Rev. J. Geddie, D.D.		Anciteum, N. H.

The numerals note the Sederunt at which members were first present.

## COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

- Educational Board.*—Revs. Professors King, Smith, Ross, Lyall and McKnight, Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, J. Stewart, J. Campbell, McGregor, Bayne, Steele, and A. Ross, Pictou; Andrew MacKinlay, Robert Romans, Chas. D. Hunter, James H. Liddell, George Buist, and Alex. James, Esq., Halifax; Rodk. McGregor, Anthony McLellan, R. P. Grant, and Howard Primrose, Esqrs., Pictou; Adam Dickie, Esq., Maitland; Isaac Logan, Esq., Shubenacadie; J. F. Blanchard, Esq., Truro; Wm. Gammel, Esq., Bras d'Or; James Bearist, Esq., Prince Town, P.E.I.; and Hon. Kenneth Henderson, Charlotte Town, P.E.I. and Hon. A. Patterson, of Tatamagouche.
- Education Committee in New Brunswick.*—Rev. Messrs. Bennett, (Convener), McKay, Alves, Salmon, and J. G. Stevens, Esq.
- Committee of Superintendance of Theological Hall.*—The Rev. the Professors, with Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Wm. Murray, J. McLean, Maxwell and Forrest, and Messrs. A. James, J. H. Liddell, J. S. McLean and Dr. Forrest.
- Board of Home Missions.*—Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, McKnight, Cameron, McGregor, Maxwell, Bennet, Alves, Law, Morrison, and Salmon, and Messrs. J. Allan, F. Morrison, John Fraser, C. Robson and J. Barnes. Rev. Professor McKnight, Chairman.
- Board of Foreign Missions.*—Rev. Messrs. Roy, J. Stewart, Bayne, Blair, G. Patterson, Walker, J. A. F. Sutherland, Alves and N. McKay, and Messrs. Roderick McGregor, Dr. Forrest, and J. S. McLean, with power to add to their number; with Rev. John I. Baxter, of Onslow; Rev. John McCurdy, of Chatham, N.B.; and Rev. I. Murray, of Cavendish, P.E.I., Rev. J. Stewart, Chairman; Rev. P. G. McGregor, Secretary.
- On Colportage.*—Rev. Drs. Smith, Lyall, and McLeod; Rev. Messrs. Baxter,

Currie, J. McKinnon, J. Ross, H. B. McKay, K. McKenzie, and Laird, and Messrs Jasper Crow, R. Murray, and J. Farquhar.

7. *On Sabbath Schools*.—Rev. Messrs. H. B. McKay, Bayne, Watson, Allan, Christie, Wyllie, Maxwell, Currie, and T. Sedgewick, Hon. A. Patterson, Messrs. J. Stalker, R. Murray, and Chas. Robson.

8. *Temperance*.—Rev. Messrs. A. Munro, Crawford, McNeil, Fraser, and A. Falconer, with their Presbytery Elders. Rev. J. Cameron, Corresponding Member. Mr. Crawford, Convener.

9. *Sabbath Observance*.—Rev. Messrs. R. S. Patterson, Laird, Fraser, J. Stewart, and Dr. McLeod, with their Presbytery Elders, and J. F. Blanchard and R. Murray. Mr. Laird Convener.

10. *Historical Records*.—The Clerks of Presbyteries. Rev. George Patterson, Convener.

11. *Widows' Fund*.—Rev. Messrs. Roy, J. Stewart, Bayne, Blair, G. Patterson, G. Sutherland, Dr. McLeod, Maxwell, Wyllie, T. Sedgewick, Bennet, Law, J. McKinnon, and Messrs. Rodk. McGregor, Howard Primrose, and George Hattie.

12.—*Rules and Forms of Procedure*.—Rev. Messrs. Patterson, Blair and Walker. Mr. Patterson, Convener. Revising Committee—Rev. Dr. King, Rev. Messrs. McGregor and McKnight.

13. *Publication*.—Rev. Messrs. McKnight, Forrest and Mr. C. Robson.

14. *Bills and Overtures*.—Rev. Messrs. Bayne, Roy, McGilvray, J. Stewart and A. Ross, of Pictou, and Mr. James McGregor. Mr. Bayne, Convener.

15. *Auditing Accounts*.—Rev. G. Walker, and Messrs. Rodk. McGregor and J. W. Carmichael.

16. *Psalmody*.—Mr. Chas. Robson, Convener; Revds. Dr. Bayne, A. McKnight, J. Bennet, Clarke, and W. Stuart, Messrs. C. Primrose and J. Hepburn.

17. *Statistics*.—Revds. Professor McKnight, Messrs. R. Murray, and James Farquhar.

18. *Sustentation Fund in New Brunswick*.—Rev. Messrs. Gray, (Convener,) A. Donald, Wm. Millen, T. G. Johnston, A. Smith, and Messrs. D. McLauchlin, J. G. Stevens and Alex. Moody.

19. *Female Education*.—Rev. Messrs. Baxter, McCulloch, Isaac Murray, Wyllie, McGilvray, E. Ross, A. Cameron, Dr. McLeod, Dr. Bayne, Bennet, Duff, Law, J. Cameron, and Frame, and Messrs. R. Smith, J. B. Dickie, Dr. Hattie, H. B. Webster, K. Henderson, and D. Blackwood.

20. *Incidental Fund in New Brunswick*.—Rev. Messrs. W. Alves, (Convener,) J. Bennet, W. Millen, J. Fowler, and A. Smith, and Messrs. R. Kedey, P. Morrison, and A. Moody.

21. *Committee of Correspondence with Canadian Presbyterian Church*.—Rev. Messrs. Isaac Murray, R. S. Patterson and Wm. Ross, and Messrs. Henderson and Hyde, of Charlottetown.

22. *Committee on Theological Curriculum*.—Rev. Dr. McCulloch, Rev. Messrs. Sedgewick, Christie, Duff, Allan, G. Patterson, Murdoch, and Messrs. J. K. Blair, J. B. Dickie and D. Blackwood.

23. *Committee on Supplements*.—Rev. Drs. McLeod and McCulloch, Messrs. Blair, Christie, James Ross, T. Sedgewick, W. Ross, D. McKenzie, Maxwell, Bennet, Law and Dr. Bayne, and Messrs. H. B. Webster, and J. S. McLean. Mr. Maxwell, Convener.

24. *Committee on Popery*.—Rev. Messrs. J. Munro, A. Sutherland, H. B. McKay with their Presbytery Elders.

*General Treasurer*.—Rev. P. G. McGregor, Halifax.

### STATISTICAL RETURNS.

The Ministers, Elders, Treasurers or Secretaries of the following congregations are requested to send in their statistical returns for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1866, as speedily as possible:—South Cornwallis, Bermuda, Antigonish, Lochaber and Goshen, Chatham, Murray Harbour, New London and Summerfield, Maitland and Noel, 1st Congregation, Cape North, Gabarous, Plaister Cove, West Bay, Whycoombagh, Bocabec and Wawcig, Fredericton, and Salmon River.

ALEX. MCKNIGHT, Convener of Committee.