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OF THE

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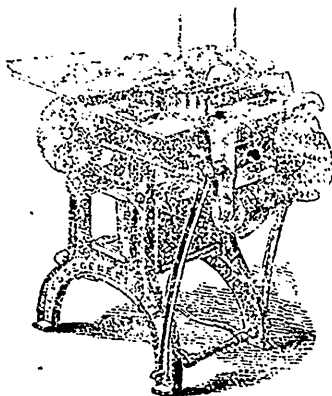
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- 2 Alex. Sutherland,
- 1 Duncan B. Blair.
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- 3 James Thomson,
- 1 George Roddick,
- 1 John McKinnon,
- 1 Thomas Downie,
- 1 Alex. Ross,
- 1 Kenneth J. Grant,  
Vacant,
- 1 John A. F. Sutherland,  
Vacant,  
Vacant,

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- 1 Alpin Chisholm,
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James Davidson,
- 2 David K. McKean,
- 2 James McGregor.
- 1 John Fraser,
- 2 John Fraser,  
Hugh Gunn,
- 1 John McDougall,
- 1 John Fraser,
- 2 Hugh McLeod,
- 3 James Rea,
- 1 Thomas Grant,
- 1 Robert Trotter,
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- 1 William Copeland,
- 2 Simon Fraser,
- 2 Hugh McNeil,

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- Chatham, N.B.,
- J. Knox Ch., N. Glasgow,
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- Primitive Church, N.G.,
- Prince St. Church, Pictou.
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- Earltown.
- Barney's River, &c.
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- Central Church, West River
- West River.
- Hopewell.
- Antigonish.
- Knox's Church, Pictou.
- Merigomish.
- Glencg and Cale<sup>a</sup>onia.
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- 1 P. G. McGregor,
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- 1 George Christie,
- 2 Walter Thorburn,
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William Forlong,
- 1 John McLeod,
- 1 James McLean,
- 1 William Maxwell,
- 1 William Murray,
- 1 Alex. Stuart,
- 1 Alex. McKnight,  
Howard D. Steele,  
Donald McMillan,
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- 1 Donald S. Gordon,
- 1 Thomas Cumming,
- 2 Matthew G. Henry,

- 1 M. H. Goudge,
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George Hutton,
- 4 James Ischnaur,  
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J. S. Newcomb,
- 1 George McKay,
- 1 Cameron McDonald,
- 1 Robert Murray,  
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George Runciman,  
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- Bermuda,
- Nine Mile River, &c.
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- Newport.
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1 Isaac Murray,		Cavendish,
3 Alexander Munroe,		Brown's Creek.
3 Henry Crawford,		E. St. Peter's, Bay Fortune,
1 George Sutherland.	1 Hon. K. Henderson,	Free Church, Ch' Town.
3 Allan Fraser,		Cascumpeque.
1 Donald McNeil,	M. McLeod,	Woodville.
1 Alexander Cameron,	John McDonald,	New London, North side.
3 Robert Laird,		Princetown.
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3 Hugh McMillan,	2 William Hunter,	Murray Harbour.
2 Allan McLean,		Dundas.
1 William R. Frame,		Richmond Bay, East.
1 Alex. Falconer,	David Laird,	Queen Square, Ch' Town.
Vacant,		West St. Peters.
Vacant,	James Farquharson,	St. John, New London.
Vacant,	M. McLean,	Richmond Bay, West.
Vacant,		

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# MINUTES OF THE SYNOD

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## Lower Provinces of British North America,

HELD AT PICTOU, JUNE AND JULY, 1864.

### FIRST SEDERUNT.

*At Prince Street Church, Pictou, on the 28th day of  
June, 1864 years, and at 7½ o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America met, and was constituted, after a sermon by Rev. Robert S. Patterson, A. M., the moderator, from the 20th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, ver. 28th—"Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood."

The following changes were reported :—

Changes in Roll:

#### DEMISSION OF CHARGE.

Rev. Donald Sutherland of Cape North.

#### TRANSLATIONS.

Rev. Alex. Cameron, of Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield to New London North and Summerfield.

Rev. Alex. Campbell, from Lochaber to Strathalbyn,

Rev. Wm. Maxwell, from Logie Almond, Scotland, to Chalmers's Church, Halifax.

#### ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

Mr. Thomas Cumming, to congregation of St. John's Church, Halifax.

Mr. Matthew G. Henry, to congregation of Clyde River, and Barrington.

Mr. John A. F. Sutherland, to congregation of Little Harbour.

Mr. Donald McKenzie, to Middle River, Cape Breton.

#### ORDINATIONS TO THE FOREIGN FIELD.

Mr. Wm. McCullagh, Mr. James D. Gordon.

Foreign Missionaries.

## LICENSURES.

Licensures. Messrs. Matthew G. Henry, William McCullagh, John D. Murray, Ebenezer McNab, Edward Annand, Alex. McBean, Edward McCurdy.

Proceeded to the choice of a new moderator, when the following persons were successively proposed:—

Rev. John Stewart, Rev. D. B. Blair, Rev. Murdoch Stewart.

Rev. D. B. Blair was chosen. The retiring Moderator thanked the Synod for their courtesy, and the Moderator elect on taking the chair, delivered a brief address.

The Report of the committee of Bills and Overtures was then read as follows:—

*James's Cottage, New Glasgow, June 22, 1864.*

Report of Com. of Bills. The Committee of Bills and Overtures met this day in this place, and agreed that the following subjects be taken up in the order after specified, by the Synod, at its ensuing meeting in Prince Street Church, Pictou:—

1. The Synod, after the first sederunt, shall meet daily at 10 o'clock, a. m., and adjourn at 1 p. m.; recommence at 3 p. m.; again in the evening to commence at 7 and adjourn at 9 o'clock; except on the last evening, when the sederunt may be protracted *ad libitum*;
2. Devotional Exercises;
3. Report of Committee on Temperance;
4. Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance;
5. Report of Committee on Rules of Procedure;
6. Report of Foreign Mission Board, to be given in on Thursday morning;
7. Report of Home Mission Board, to be given in on Thursday evening;
8. Report of the Presbytery of Victoria, to be given in on Friday morning;
9. Report of Committee on Widows' Fund, to be given in on Friday evening;
10. Report of Committee anent Dalhousie College;
11. Report of Committee on Professor Ross' position in Church Courts;
12. Report of Board of Superintendence of Educational Institutions;
13. Report of Educational Board;
14. Overture anent Sabbath Schools, by Rev'd Hector McKay;
15. Report of Committee on the Revision of Formulas;
16. Reports of Presbyteries and Sessions on the modes of the Ordination of Elders and Deacons;
17. Reports of Presbyteries and Sessions on Questions at Presbyterial Visitation;
18. Motion on the Reading of Discourses by Students on trial before Presbyteries;
19. Report of Committee on Popery;
20. Report of Committee on Colportage;
21. Report of Committee on Union with other Presbyterian bodies;
22. Report of Committee on the subject of Marriage Licenses;
23. Report of Committee on Supplements;
24. Report of Publication Committee;
25. Report of Committee on Systematic Giving;
26. Next Meeting of Synod to be appointed at the second sederunt on Monday;
27. Supply of Professor Smith's pulpit during the session of the Hall;
28. Report of Committee on Statistical Returns;
29. Reports of Committees on Minutes of Presbyteries and Boards;
30. Report of Auditing Committee;
31. Report of General Treasurer;
32. Synodical Expenditure;
33. Overtures from Halifax Presbytery anent Session and Presbytery Records.

The Committee recommend to the Synod that one half hour be spent in Devotional Exercises at the commencement of each business sederunt in the evening.

The Missionary Meeting shall be held on Monday evening at seven, when the Report of the Foreign Mission Board shall be first read, next the Report of the Home Mission Board; and lastly the Report of the College and Seminary Board.

DAVID ROY.

*Clerk of Committee of Bills and Overtures.*

The Report was received with the usual understanding that the Synod may, when cause appears, change the order of procedure.

Rev. Messrs. Downie and M. Stewart were appointed to follow the Moderator in devotional exercises, when the Synod adjourned, closing with prayer.

## SECOND SEDERUNT.

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

The Synod met, and was constituted by the moderator, when Rev. Messrs. Downie and M. Stewart followed in prayer with the singing of Psalms and the reading of the Word during the intervals. Devotional Exercises.

The roll was called and the names of members present marked, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and corrected.

Agreed that 150 copies of the Report of the committee of Bills and Overtures, be printed.

The following committees were then appointed:—

*On Statistics.*—Rev. Thomas Downie, Rev. James McLean, Mr. Thomas Trotter, Elder. Committees on Statistics and Presbytery Records.

*On Presbytery Records.*—For the Presbytery of Tatamagouche and the three Presbyteries in Cape Breton.—Rev. George Sutherland, Rev. Kenneth J. Grant, James McGregor, Elder.

For the Presbyteries of Prince Edward Island and Truro,—Rev. Alex. Ross, Rev. James Thompson, Thomas Grant, Elder, John Fraser, Green Hill.

For the Presbyteries of Pictou and Halifax,—Rev. Murdoch Stewart, Rev. Ebenezer Ross, Hon. Kenneth Henderson.

*On Synodical Expenses.*—Rev. Messrs. J. M. McLeod, T. Cumming, and Messrs. T. A. McKeen and Robert Murray, Ruling Elders. On Synodical Expenses.

*Committee to examine minutes of Boards.*—Rev. George Roddick, Rev. William Frame, Rev. Donald McNeill, John McDougall, Elder.

A Letter was read from Lieutenant-General Knollys, written by order of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, acknowledging receipt of the Address of this Synod on the occasion of His marriage, and thanking the Synod for their "congratulations and prayers for his happiness." Letter from H. R. H. Prince of Wales.

Communications signed by Rev. J. Bennett, Clerk of the Presbyterian Synod of New Brunswick, and addressed to the moderator of this Synod, and to the Clerk respectively, were read, expressing regret that Providential circumstances had prevented the deputation of this Synod from visiting their brethren of New Brunswick, at their late Synodical Session in St. John, and informing the Synod that they had appointed a committee to meet with any committee which this Synod might appoint on the subject of a Union to be consummated between these two Bodies so soon as a Basis mutually agreeable, can be prepared, and other necessary arrangements effected. The reading of this paper awakened general interest, when without any formal expression of opinion, it was remitted to the committee on Union, to be brought forward at a subsequent sederunt. Letters from Synod of N. Brunswick.

The Report of the committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure was read showing that in consequence of their not receiving documents which Rules of Procedure.

they had expected, they could report no farther progress. The committee was re-appointed, and directed to prosecute the work.

Thanks to  
Moderator.

On motion of Rev. J. McKinnon it was agreed that the thanks of Synod be given to the late Moderator for the excellent discourse preached at the opening of Synod, and for his courtesy and prudence in the chair.

Home Missions

Rev. A. McKnight read the Report of the Board of Home Missions, showing in brief the Home operations of the Church on the subject of missions during the past year, from which it appeared that the Disbursements were

For supplements to weak congregations,	£287 15 0
Payments to Probationers,	127 11 1
To Gaelic Catechists and Bursaries,	69 5 0½

Total, £484 11 1½

The Report was received and the Board directed in future to give additional details, that congregations may be more fully informed respecting the various objects for which the funds are expended.

Closed with prayer.

### THIRD SEDERUNT.

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

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

Com. on Sup-  
plements.

The Hon Kenneth Henderson and Messrs William Copeland, C. McDonald, John H. McKeen, D. McKay, G. Tattrie and Isaac Flemming were appointed the Elders for 1864 on the committee on Supplements.

Home Missions  
Labrador.

Resumed Home Mission business.

The subject of a Mission to Labrador during the summer season, having been considered, it was agreed that the Board be authorized to take immediate steps to send a missionary to the Labrador coast to labour during the present season, and to report fully respecting the extent of destitution in that quarter for the information of the Synod at its next meeting.

Gaelic Students

Respecting Bursaries for Gaelic Speaking Students it was moved that the Board be directed to carry on the scheme adopted at last Synod under such Rules and regulations as the Board may see fit. It was moved in amendment that the whole scheme be abandoned when the question being taken the motion passed by a large majority.

Pr  
List.

On motion it was agreed, That as a general rule probationers who had been 4 years in the service of the Board, without receiving a call, shall be removed from the ordinary roll;—it being understood, however, that if the services of a probationer fail to give satisfaction to Presbyteries it shall be competent for the Board to remove him from said roll at any time; and that a Probationer of more than four years standing, whose services are found to be generally acceptable, may be retained longer than the usual period.

The four years are to be counted from the present date, in the case of preachers now on the list.

The committee was reappointed with the addition of Rev. Messrs Maxwell and Cumming. It was also agreed that Professor King be at his own request relieved from attendance on the Board.

Closed with prayer.

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#### F O U R T H S E D E R U N T .

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

The Synod met, and after the moderator had constituted the Synod by prayer, one half hour was spent in devotional exercises, the Rev. Messrs. Alex. Stuart and John McKinnon leading in prayer.

Minutes having been read and approved, the committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to prepare a resolution on the right of Professors Ross and Lyall to seats in the higher Church Courts, submitted the following resolution which had been prepared and laid on the table at last Synod:—

Right of Professors to Seats.

The right to rule is based upon ordination, and a relation to a particular field for the exercise of the functions of the office to which the person has been ordained—that under this principle Professors of Theology, ministers of the word in pastoral charges, and representative elders, are *ex officio* constituent members of church courts, but under this principle may also be included ministers of the word who though separated from their charges are in the actual service of the church, to whom the Synod may by special act and in view of their special position assign seats in church courts, and that such acts having been passed in the former Synods composing this body in reference to Professors Ross and Lyall, the Synod recognize these as constitutional, and these brethren as constituent members of the higher church courts.

While this resolution was under consideration the hour of adjournment arrived, when the sederunt was closed with prayer.

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#### F I F T H S E D E R U N T .

*Same Place, June 30th, 10 o'clock, A. M.*

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

The Rev. James Bayne then read the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, which embraced an interesting statement of proceedings connected with the designation of Rev. Messrs. Morrison, Gordon and McCullagh to the New Hebrides, the sailing of the *Dayspring*, and her arrival successively at the Cape, and at Melbourne, the interest excited wherever our Mission Schooner and our Missionaries have arrived—the progress of the work in Aneiteum, and the prospective return of our beloved brother, the Rev. John Geddie, to his native land in a few weeks.

Foreign Missions.

It farther appeared from the Report that Mr. Edward McCurdy, Preacher, had tendered his services to the Board as a missionary to the Jews, should the Synod see fit to initiate such a mission.

Jewish Mission.

The proceedings of the Board having been approved, Mr. McCurdy, by invitation from the Moderator, addressed the Synod and answered questions connected with the subject of Jewish missions.

After some expression of opinion, It was moved by Rev. J. McLean and seconded by Rev. T. Downie, "That the Board continue to keep the subject of a Jewish Mission before the church for another year and that the views of Presbyteries and Sessions be in the mean time sought, and the further consideration of the subject by Synod deferred till next meeting."

"It was moved, in amendment by Rev. G. Patterson, That the Synod having heard the statements of Mr. McCurdy, and viewing the whole subject, do not see that the indications of God's Providence at present, call upon it to engage in a specific mission to the Jews."

It was farther moved in amendment by Rev. J. Thomson that the subject be remitted *simpliciter* to the Board.

The hour of adjournment being come the sederunt closed with prayer.

## SIXTH SEDERUNT.

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

**Jewish Mission** The Synod met and was constituted, and the minutes having been read, the subject of a Jewish mission was resumed, when the question was taken and the last amendment having been rejected, the motion of Mr. McLean was adopted in preference to the amendment of Mr. Patterson by a vote of 49 to 43.

**Mr. Geddie** In reference to a question asked, it was on motion agreed unanimously that when Mr. Geddie shall have arrived in Nova Scotia, his time shall be at his own disposal, and that all other arrangements be mutually agreed upon between Mr. Geddie and the Board.

**Eastern Mission.** The subject of the Eastern mission having come up for consideration—It was moved by Rev. Mr. McCulloch, That in view of the implied pledge given at the Union, that as soon as the aspects of Providence should indicate, the Eastern Mission suspended for a time, should be resumed, this Synod remit to the Board of Missions, the careful consideration of the question of such resumption to report at next meeting, and in the meantime to prosecute their labours in the South Seas."

It was moved by Rev. E. Ross, That this Synod holds itself in readiness to resume its operations in the Eastern Mission, so soon as the aspects of God's Providence seem to indicate an open door, and in the meantime instructs the Board to continue its efforts for increased agency in the New Hebrides.

Rev. G. Patterson moved "That the Synod declare their continued interest in the mission to the East, and their desire to resume operations in whatever place in that quarter of the world may in the Providence of God appear most open to missionary effort; and that the matter be remitted to the Board with instructions to take measures to obtain information on the subject, and also to look out for a duly qualified agent, and report to next meeting of Synod; and that the Board be also authorized to exercise the power formerly given to send additional agency to the South Seas."

After full discussion the question was taken when the third motion was preferred to the second by a vote of 37 to 29 and the first was preferred

to the third, by a vote of 43 to 40 so that the motion recorded above as made by Rev. Wm. McCulloch was adopted.

The Synod then adjourned, closing with prayer.

## SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

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

The Synod met and having been constituted by the moderator, spent one half hour in devotional exercises, the Rev. Messrs Sedgewick and J. Stewart having followed in prayer. Devotional Exercises.

Minutes of last sederunt having been read and approved the order of the day was departed from to receive the Report of the committee on Union with other Presbyterian bodies, which was read by Rev. G. Christie. Report of Com. on Union.

The committee in this report, referred with satisfaction to receipt of letters from the Synod of New Brunswick, one addressed to the Clerk expressing regret that the deputation appointed by this Synod to visit the Sister Church had in the Providence of God been prevented from fulfilling that appointment, and another addressed to the Moderator containing resolutions passed by the Synod of New Brunswick on the subject of Union with this church. The committee expressed approval; of the principles embodied in these resolutions and also fullest sympathy with their Brethren of New Brunswick in their expressed desire for union.

The committee also agreed to recommend an early meeting of the committees of the two bodies, at such place as may be mutually agreed upon by their respective conveners.

The Report also contained a recommendation to appoint a deputation to visit the Synod of Nova Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland now in Session in this town, to convey to the brethren of that body the fraternal greetings of this Synod.

The Report was received, and as it was necessary that the last recommendation, if approved, should be carried out without delay, it was after a short discussion adopted, and the Rev. Messrs. McCurdy, Christie and G. Sutherland, and Messrs. Wm. McDougall and Goudge were appointed a Deputation accordingly. Deputation.

The further recommendation of the Report was necessarily deferred, and the order of the day taken up, viz., a motion by Rev. J. L. Murdoch "That in order to the greater efficiency of the Gospel ministry it is the opinion of this Synod, that students of divinity attending our Theological Hall, should be early trained in the habit of public speaking by the delivery of their popular exercises while in attendance upon the Hall. And Presbyteries a.c hereby instructed to require of all applicants for admission to the office of the ministry, the delivery of such of their exercises as are of a popular character without the use of manuscript." Delivery of Sermons.

Mr. Murdoch spoke at length in support of the resolution, when after a brief discussion, it was agreed to, when the Synod adjourned, closing with prayer.



## EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, July 1st. 10 o'clock, A. M.

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

Deputation to  
Synod of N.  
Brunswick.

Resumed consideration of Report of committee on Union with other Presbyterian Bodies, when it was agreed unanimously, To record the high gratification with which the Synod has heard the communications referred to in this report, from the Synod of New Brunswick, and to adopt fully the recommendations of the committee. It was farther agreed that Rev. Messrs. Christie and Gordon, and Mr. G. Runciman, ruling elder, be appointed a deputation to visit the Synod of New Brunswick at its next Session in June 1865, to express to our brethren our Christian regards, and desires for their prosperity; and to further the progress of the contemplated union. The committee on "Union was re-appointed, Mr Christie, Convener.

Right of Profes-  
sors to Seats.

Resumed the consideration of the right of Professors Ross and Lyall to sit in the higher church courts.

It was moved by Rev. Wm. Murray that the resolution reported from last year be adopted.

Rev. Professor McKnight moved, That inasmuch as the position of Principal Ross and Dr. Lyall is now different from what it was when the subject was first raised, and removes them from the direct control of the church in the discharge of their professorial duties, their names be no longer retained in the Roll of Synod.

Rev. J. McCurdy moved, That inasmuch as the position of Professors Ross and Lyall is different from that in which they were situated in 1862, when the United Synod recognized them as members of the church courts, and inasmuch as their recognition in their present relation to the Synod would not be in accordance with the settled principles of Presbyterianism, resolved that, however desirable their presence might be in our deliberations, this Synod is unable to recognize them as constitutional members.

Rev. Mr. McCulloch moved the reaffirmation of the Resolution of 1862 with modification as follows. "That the Synod recognize Professors of theology, ordained ministers having Pastoral charges, and Representative Elders, and those only, as constituent members of Presbyteries and Synod, but this shall have no *ex post facto* reference to Professors Ross and Lyall who were recognized in the respective bodies now united, as constituent members of the higher church courts; so long as their services are available in the work of the Church."

Rev. Thomas Sedgewick, moved, Rev. A. Ross, seconding that the resolution of 1862 be reaffirmed without change.

After lengthened discussion the question was taken when Mr. McCurdy's resolution was preferred successively to the others and carried in opposition to the original motion by a vote of 55 to 22.

Notice was received that the Synod of Nova Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland would be prepared to receive the Deputation at 7 o'clock this evening.

Closed with prayer.

## N I N T H S E D E R U N T .

*Same Day and Place 3 O'clock P. M.*

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

The Report of the committee on Colportage was then read by the Rev. John I. Baxter, shewing that from various causes the operations of the Board had been much circumscribed. The Report was received after which Mr. Alex. McBean, Agent of the American Tract Society, addressed the Synod. Report of Com. on Colportage.

On motion it was agreed that the committee be re-appointed and enlarged by the addition of a member from each of the Presbyteries not now represented in the Board; recommend a collection from our churches to relieve the committee from difficulties; direct the committee to report fully the mind of the people generally respecting the importance of continuing the work, at next meeting, and if unfavourable, then to close the enterprise. The following persons were appointed.

For P. E. Island,	Hon. Kenneth Henderson.
Pictou,	Rev. J. McKinnon.
Halifax,	Mr. Robert Murray.
Tatamagouche,	Rev. H. B. McKay.
Richmond,	Rev. James Ross.
Victoria,	Rev. Kenneth McKenzie.
Cape Breton,	Rev. Dr. McLeod.

It was then moved by Mr. R. Murray, That the Synod having heard Mr. McBean on behalf of the American Tract Society, wish Mr. McBean and the Colporteurs under his charge success in their work, and recommend them to the kindly aid of the Brethren.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Mr. McCurdy, "That the Synod having heard Mr. McBean, express its gratification on receiving the information which he has afforded, in relation to the operations of the American Tract Society."

The question being taken, after discussion the motion passed.

Rev. George Sutherland then read the Report of the committee on Popery. The Report was received, the diligence of the committee approved, and the committee re-appointed. Report of Com. on Popery.

It was agreed that the suggestions of the Report be adopted and Presbyteries were directed to give their earnest attention to the work of evangelization by such agencies as seem best adapted to their respective fields.

Closed with Prayer.

## T E N T H S E D E R U N T .

*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.

A motion having been, after notice given, moved, expressing approval of the project of the Messrs McKinlay of Halifax to publish a new collection of sacred vocal music adapted to the Presbyterian Congregations of this Province, the Synod appointed as a committee to promote the improve- Ch. Psalmody.

ment of the Psalmody in this church, Rev. Messrs McKnight, Bayne and Messrs C. Robson and C. Primrose, Mr. Robson, Convener, to whom the matter was referred.

**Order to Com. on Rules.** The Committee on Forms of Procedure were directed to publish the chapter the conducting of Public business, to be used, *ad interim* until amended or adopted by Synod.

**Report on Widows Fund.** The Report of the committee on the Widows Fund was then submitted. Mr. Bayne informed the Synod of the progress made in collecting from which it appeared that Subscriptions to the amount of £700 had been already received.

Rev. G. Patterson submitted the plan which the committee had drawn up, after extensive correspondence, with the managers of similar institutions.

It was agreed that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the committee for the diligence displayed both in raising the Capital fund and in perfecting the plan.

The following Resolutions on the same subject were then unanimously adopted:

**Resolutions.** 1 That the Synod express their gratification at the liberality displayed in behalf of this scheme so far as the committee have prosecuted the work; and direct that they complete the work of raising the capital fund aiming at £5000 by appealing to the other congregations of the church without unnecessary delay.

2 That without committing itself to all the details of the scheme submitted, the Synod approve of it as a general basis on which to commence the scheme, and authorize the committee to put the same in operation immediately, and that the said scheme be published, and Presbyteries be directed to forward suggestions to the committee one month previous to the next meeting of Synod, when these regulations shall come up for final approval.

3 That the committee be empowered to apply to the Legislature of Nova Scotia for an act of Incorporation at its next meeting, and the following persons were appointed with the understanding that their names will be in the Bill of Incorporation as Managers:—Rev. Messrs. Roy, J. Stewart, Bayne, Blair, G. Patterson, G. Suitherland, Dr. McLeod, Maxwell, Wyllic, T. Sedgewick, and Messrs Roderick McGregor and Howard Primrose.

Closed with prayer.

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## ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

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

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

**Report of Deputation.** The Deputation which had met with the Synod of Nova Scotia, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, gave a short account of their interview with that body by whom they had been courteously received, and their sentiments cordially reciprocated.

**Sabbath Schls.** Rev. H. B. McKay was next heard in support of an Overture to the effect that "a Standing committee be appointed by Synod to take a gen-

eral superintendence of Sabbath Schools, and to prepare or obtain an annual series of Scripture lessons, and to report at next meeting of Synod."

The Overture was adopted, and the following committee appointed,—  
Rev. Messrs. McKay, Bayne, Watson, Allan and Christie, Hon. A. Patterson, and Messrs. J. Walker, Pictou, F. W. George of New Glasgow, and R. Murray, Halifax.

Closed with prayer.

## T W E L F T H S E D E R U N T .

*Same Place, July 4th, 10 o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. R. S. Patterson in the absence of the moderator.

Minutes were read and corrected. The committee on the revision of Formulas, having reported that they were uncertain what was the extent of their powers, and therefore agreed to ask the Synod to define the object of their appointment.

New Sett of  
Formulas.

On motion it was agreed that the intention of Synod in appointing a committee to examine the Reports of Presbyteries, and to prepare revised formulas, was that a new sett of Formulas should be prepared, embodying the most valuable suggestions received from Presbyteries and Sessions, and agree now to remit the preparation of the revised formulas to the committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure.

The moderator having entered took the chair.

Received and read the Report of Presbyteries and Sessions on the mode of ordaining Elders as follows:—

Ordination of  
Elders.

Four Presbyteries and two Sessions report "That there is no necessity for departing from present practice."

One Presbytery and one Session—that the laying on of hands is scriptural yet would not disturb present practice.

One Presbytery and eight Sessions report laying on of hands scriptural and to be adopted.

The Report was received and the Synod agreed that in accordance with the recommendation of the majority of Presbyteries, no new law should be adopted.

Rev. Wm. McCulloch as convener of committee on marriage Licenses stated that the committee had not been able to accomplish anything. The committee were discharged.

Marriage Licen-  
ces.

Rev. Mr. McKnight read the report of the committee of publication showing that the circulation of the Record has risen to 3000 and is fully self sustaining. The Report was adopted and the committee reappointed.

Publication  
Committee.

On motion it was agreed that the Educational Board shall bear the expenses incurred by attendance of members of the Board and members of the committee on Dalhousie College on meetings of the Board and committee held during the past year, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay these Bills.

Expenses of  
Committees.

Rev. Mr. Laird next read the Report of the committee on Sabbath Observance. The Report was received, adopted and ordered to be printed

Sabbath Obser-  
vance.

in the Record. The Presbytery of Halifax in accordance with the recommendations of the report were directed to consider what can be done to close the Halifax Fish market on the Lord's Day, and to prevent other flagrant violations of the sanctity of the Sabbath.

Address to His Excellency. On motion Rev. Messrs. Sedgwick, McKnight and Byers were appointed a committee to prepare an Address of welcome from this Synod to His Excellency Sir Richard Graves McDonnell, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia on his arrival and assumption of the government of the Province, to report before the rising of Synod. Closed with prayer.

### THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 3½ o'clock, P. M.*

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

Next Meeting. Proceeded to determine the time and place of next meeting of Synod, when Truro and Halifax were successively proposed and the question being taken, it was determined to meet in Halifax, and in Poplar Grove Church on the 4th Tuesday of June, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Report of Bd. of Superintendence. Rev. Mr. McCulloch read the report of the Board of Superintendence of Educational Institutions, and also Report of the Theological Professors respecting the course of study of the past year, shewing that 19 students had attended, and that their attendance and progress had been highly satisfactory.

The Report having been received, the committee were discharged in consequence of the removal of the students and the course of secular education from Truro to Halifax. The thanks of Synod were then tendered to the committee for their valuable services during a series of years.

Com of Superintendence. The following committee was appointed to superintend the Theological Hall, the Rev. the Professors, together with Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Wm. Murray, J. McLean, Maxwell and Cumming, and Messrs. A. James, J. H. Liddell, J. S. McLean and Dr. Forrest, with the same powers as the former Board.

Com. in charge of Truro building. It was farther agreed that Rev Mr. McCulloch and Messrs. Robert Smith and Fleming Blanchard be a committee to take charge of the property belonging to the church in Truro and keep it in good repair.

Dalhousie Students. The Presbytery of Halifax were directed to adopt measures for securing an affectionate and careful superintendence of our students while in attendance on Dalhousie College.

Report of Board of Education The Report of the Educational Board was read, shewing

*State of the Funds with Abram Patterson, Esq., Synod Treasurer.*

#### CHARGE.

Amount of Cash in Treasurers hands, June, 1863, - - - -	£38 18 0
Monies received for Educational Institutions from various sources, - - - -	341 4 2
Interest received during the year, - - - - -	256 1 8
Money on loan paid in during the year, - - - - -	707 8 0
Balance of Mr. Matheson's Bequest in Bank, - - - - -	5071 2 6
Amount of Funds invested in various securities, - - - - -	3864 17 0

£10279 11 4

## DISCHARGE.

Paid over for Salaries, Commissions, &c., - - -	£958 12 9	
Interest during the year, - - - - -	350 0 0	
		1308 12 9

Amount of Money and Securities in the hands of A. Patterson, Esq., £8970 18 7

*State of the Funds with James H. Liddell, Esq., Treasurer of Theological Fund.*

## CHARGE.

Amount of Cash in Treasurers hands, June, 1863, - - -	£117 4 2
Interest, Dividends, Subscriptions, &c., received during past year, - - -	468 17 3
Money on loan paid in during the year, - - - - -	342 6 3
Amount of Funds invested in various securities at this date, - - -	7288 15 8
	£8199 3 4

## DISCHARGE.

Paid Salaries, Commissions, &c., during the year, - - -	£520 7 7
Invested during the year, - - - - -	310 0 0
Cash in hand, - - - - -	80 0 2
	910 7 9
	£7288 15 7

The Report was received, and the diligence of the Board approved.

At the request of Synod, John McKinlay Esq., the Secretary, gave explanations respecting the proceedings of the Board in reference to the Bequest of the late William Matheson Esq., and specially in reference to the payment of Two hundred and fifty Pounds by the Executors of Mr. Matheson's will to certain heirs of the testator, on their abandonment of all legal proceedings in the case.

The Synod considered the explanations satisfactory and approved of the proceedings of the Board.

A paper was read signed by David Matheson, Esq., requesting from the Synod a farther sum of £250 in consideration of his having relinquished all legal proceedings in contesting the will of his late father. Mr. Matheson was then heard in support of his memorial. Before the subject was disposed of, the Synod adjourned, till to-morrow morning, that the evening might be occupied by the Synodical Missionary Meeting.

Closed with prayer.

## FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place July 5th. 10 O'clock A. M.*

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

Rev. Mr. McCulloch Clerk pro tempore of the Presbytery of Victoria stated on the part of that presbytery, that they had come to the decision to pronounce sentence of Deposition against Rev. Charles L. Ross of Whycomah, but as the said Rev. Charles L. Ross was not present before presbytery in person but by his Representatives, they could proceed no farther without authority from Synod; and in these circumstances asked power to proceed. On motion this request was granted and the presbytery authorised to proceed without further delay. The Presbytery were directed to meet for that purpose, and the moderator of Synod being

Reference from  
Presbytery of  
Victoria.

an assessor was allowed to retire to meet with that Presbytery. Rev. John I. Baxter was called to fill the moderator's chair.

Statistical  
Table.

Rev. T. Downie read the Report of the Committee on Statistics and submitted the Statistical Returns fully tabulated. The committee submitted a general statement of facts drawn from the Table, from which it appeared that the Returns were incomplete. The Rev. Messrs McKnight McGregor and Mr. R. Murray were appointed a committee to correspond with members of Synod, who have not sent in Returns or whose returns may be defective, to secure prior to publication a more complete representation of the Statistics of the Church.

Deposition of  
Rev. C. L.  
Ross.

Rev. Mr. McCulloch reported from the Presbytery of Victoria, that after prayer, they had in the name of the Lord Jesus deposed from the office of the Holy ministry the Rev. Charles L. Ross; and that his name has been dropped from the Roll of Presbytery.

The moderator resumed the chair.

Reports on  
Presbytery  
Minutes.

The Rev. George Sutherland read the report of the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the presbyteries of Cape Breton, Victoria, Richmond and Tatamagouche, shewing that from Cape Breton presbytery no report was received—that the minutes of the presbytery of Victoria were upon the whole correctly kept, though some irregularities were pointed out, and that the minutes of the presbyteries of Richmond and Tatamagouche are kept with great accuracy. Directions were given to the Clerk of the presbytery of Victoria, to the effect that *evidence* taken in a case of discipline need not be engrossed in the minute.

The explanation of the Clerk of the presbytery of Victoria, in reference to an irregularity in the time of meeting of presbytery was accepted.

The report of the committee to examine the minutes of the presbyteries of Halifax and Pictou was read, shewing that in these presbyteries, business is regularly conducted and minutes accurately kept. Some slight omissions in the minutes of the presbytery of Halifax were pointed out for correction.

Rev. Kenneth Grant was appointed to assist the Rev. John McCurdy in Chatham on the last Sabbath of July.

Memorial of D.  
Matheson.

The Synod then resumed the consideration of the Memorial of David Matheson Esq. While this subject was under discussion, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the sederunt was closed with prayer.

## FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

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

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

Records of  
Presbytery.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the presbyteries of P. E. Island and Truro, submitted their report, from which it appeared that the business in these presbyteries is regularly conducted, and the minutes accurately kept. An exceptional case was reported from the minutes of Truro presbytery. The Report was received, and the explanation of the case referred to accepted.

The committee to examine the records of Boards was read by Rev. G. Roddick, showing that the minutes of the Boards have been accurately recorded.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the memorial of David Matheson Esq., when the following motion was submitted by Rev J. McCurdy, Memorial of D. Matheson.

That the Synod express its gratification at the termination of the contest in regard to the validity of the will of the late Wm. Matheson Esq., and in reference to the memorial, resolve, that as the contestants in all the circumstances of the case were led to hope that the Synod would make a grant to an amount corresponding with that which they proposed, and as the memorialists seem to have acceded to the proposal in the hope of obtaining something farther, the Synod agree to pay the sum of £250 as now prayed for by the memorialists.

The following amendment was proposed by Rev. J. McG. McKay,—

That in answer to the memorialist's request that this Synod should give up a part of the Bequest made to the church by the late Wm. Matheson Esq.—the Synod declare that they consider it altogether beyond their province to appropriate any part of said Bequest to any other purpose than that specified in the will of the testator.

The question being taken after full discussion, and the votes counted, there appeared for the amendment 10, for the motion 37.

On a demand that the names be taken down there appeared

For the amendment—Rev. Messrs. J. Stewart, A. Stuart, G. Sutherland, Forbes, McKay, Currie, McNeil, H. McMillan, Frame and McCulloch.

For the motion—Rev. Messrs. Wyllie, Roddick, T. Sedgewick, Falconer, Cumming, Walker, J. McKinnon, D. McKinnon, K. McKenzie, D. McKenzie, Laird, McLeod, M. Sutherland, Watson, A. Sutherland, A. Munroe, Allan, Waddell, Bayne, Roy, H. B. McKay, Baxter, McIntosh, Grant, Patterson, J. Campbell, McGregor, Allan McLean, Wm. Murray, J. Cameron.

Elders—Hon. K. Henderson, Messrs. D. Cameron, John Hardie, John Fraser, (Prince Street) R. Murray, T. A. McKeen, D. K. McKeen and A. McCurdy.

In accordance with this vote the Synod agreed to direct the Treasurer to pay the sum named on the conditions proposed by Mr. Matheson in his address to Synod.

Rev. Mr. Christie read the report of the Synodical committee on Supplements, recommending fifteen congregations for aid. The report was received and handed to the Board of Home Missions to be acted upon, and published. Report of Com. on Supplements.

A suggestion by this Committee, that a separate fund be instituted to provide supplements for weak charges, was considered, and on motion it was agreed to, that decision on this matter be deferred till next Synod, and that the matter be then taken up in connexion with the Home Mission Report.

Agreed farther to recommend to strong congregations the propriety of considering the necessities of the weaker and of making special appropriations for their support.

It was farther agreed, after full consideration, that the three presbyteries in Cape Breton be united so as to form one, to meet for the first time in the church at Boularderie, on the 1st Tuesday of August, to be constituted. Cape Breton Presbytery united.



ted by the senior minister present. It was farther agreed that the Rev. Moses Harvey of St. John, and Rev. Alex. Ross of Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, with their congregations, be joined to the Halifax presbytery.

Deputation of  
Cape Breton.

On motion it was agreed that a Deputation be appointed to visit the congregations in Cape Breton or as many of them as practicable during the present summer. The Rev. Dr. McLeod, the Rev. R. Sedgewick, and Rev. Mr. Ross of Pictou were appointed; to commence their work on the 4th Sabbath of July, and to remain for four weeks, or six if necessary, their pulpits to be supplied as follows—

The presbyteries of Truro and Halifax to supply Mr. Sedgewick's pulpit Truro on the 4th. and 5th Sabbaths of July and Halifax on the 1st 2nd and 3rd Sabbaths of August the presbytery of Cape Breton to supply the pulpit of Rev. Dr. McLeod, and the presbyteries of Tatamagouche and Pictou to supply the pulpit of Rev. Mr. Ross—Tatamagouche presbytery on the 4th and 5th Sabbaths of July and Pictou presbytery on the 1st 2nd and 3rd Sabbaths of August.

Closed with prayer.

## SIXTEENTH 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.

On motion agreed that Professor Smith's pulpit be supplied by the same presbyteries and in the same proportions as last year.

State of Reli-  
gion.

On motion of Rev. G. Christie it was agreed "that the Synod on the second evening of its meeting next year, shall resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, for the purpose of receiving from the minister or elder of each congregation a general account of the state of religion in the part of the church more especially under his charge."

Miss. Meeting.

It was farther agreed that the whole management of the Synodical missionary meeting be committed to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Systematic Be-  
neficence.

Rev. Wm. Murray read the report of the committee on Systematic giving, shewing that they had published and circulated 10,000 copies of a plan for promotion of systematic giving; and that decided and most encouraging progress had been made in some congregations where the proposed method had been tried.

It was agreed that the Report be received, the diligence of the committee approved, the committee reappointed and directed to carry out their suggestions.

The Report of the committee on Dalhousie College was received, the diligence of the committee approved and the committee was discharged.

A Protest from the presbytery of Tatamagouche against the action of Synod in appointing them as they think beyond their proportion to supply the pulpits of ministers absent in doing the general work of the church, was laid on the table.

On motion they were allowed to withdraw their protest.

After notice given the following resolutions were moved by the Clerk Postponements  
 'Whereas there is a great diversity of practice in this church in the time of appointment of Elders representing Sessions in Presbytery and Synod leading to inconvenience, especially at the opening of Synod, therefore Resolved that Sessions be directed to appoint their Representative Elders to the higher church courts, as soon as practicable after the rising of Synod their tenure of office, in ordinary cases, to be for one year.'

This resolution was allowed to lie over till next meeting of Synod.

Rev. Wm. McCulloch gave notice of motion for next year—"That no travelling expenses of members of Synod be paid when members leave Synod without special permission—and that no expenses be paid unless a collection has been brought up from the congregation which the applicant represents."

On motion it was unanimously agreed, That the cordial thanks of this Thanks.  
 Synod be tendered to the members of our congregations in Pictou, for their generous hospitality in entertaining all the members of Synod.

Agreed that the usual allowance be paid to the Janitor.

Rev. R. Sedgewick submitted the draft of an Address to His Excellency, which was approved, and when signed by the moderator and clerk, ordered to be presented by the presbytery of Halifax, at their next ordinary meeting. Address.

Rev. G. Walker read the report of the committee to audit the accounts, Accounts audited.  
 showing that the committee had attended to them duly, and found these to be correct.

The convener reminded the Synod of the removal by death of Mr. Alex. Tribute to late  
 Fraser of New Glasgow, who had been for years a most useful member A. Fraser.  
 of the committee. The Synod agreed to record their sense of the value of Mr. Fraser's services in various capacities. James W. Carmichael Esq. was appointed in his place.

The following Abstract of the present state of the Treasurer's accounts Abstract of accounts.  
 was then read—

		FOREIGN MISSION.		
1864, June 1.	By balance at date,	- - - - -	£327	0 7
July 4.	Amount received to date,	- - - - -	364	7 7
	Drawn by Foreign Mission Board for Mission Vessel, in excess of monies received for said Vessel,		992	5 6½
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			£1683	13 8½
		HOME MISSION.		
June 1.	By balance at date,	- - - - -	£9	8 3
July 4.	Amount received since,	- - - - -	279	15 0
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			£289	3 3
			Paid over	15 0 0
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			£274	3 3
		EDUCATIONAL BOARD.		
June 1.	By balance at date,	- - - - -	£5106	1 7
July 4	To paid over since,	- - - - -	£220	18 2
	Remitted to pay 12 Shares Bank B.N. America	816 0 0		
	Do. to deposit in Bank of Nova Scotia,	4000 0 0		
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			5036	18 2
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			£69	3 5

## SYNOD.

July 4.	By Amount received to date, - - - - -	£127 7 5
	To balance due 1st June - - - - -	71 19 8
		£55 7 9
July 4.	Mission Vessel, received since, - - - -	£10 2 9
"	Theological Seminary, received since 1st June, :	126 3 8
"	Special Effort—By amounts in hands at date,	22 4 0
"	Jewish Mission—By Amount received to date,	11 4 0
"	Widows Fund—By received to date	20 16 7
"	Demerdish Building Fund balance,	124 13 0
"	Turkish Mission,	54 0 10

ABRAM PATTERSON, *Treasurer.*

Pictou, 4th July, 1864.

The Report of the committee on Temperance was read, and the committee re-appointed.

Postponements The Overture of Halifax presbytery for securing superintendence of Session Records and for systematizing Statistics, was postponed till next year, to be taken up at an early sederunt.

The consideration of the Reports of Presbyteries and Sessions on questions put at presbyterial visitations was also postponed.

Commissions authorised.

On motion it was agreed, That in the event of any member or members of Synod finding it convenient to visit Scotland at the time of the meeting of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church and the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, the clerk be authorized on the recommendation of the presbyteries to which they belong to give them a commission to represent this Synod at these meetings, and to convey to those bodies an expression of the fraternal regards of this Synod, and of our grateful sense of the obligations under which this church and this country lie to these bodies for their past efforts to promote the spiritual interests of our population."

Thanks to Assessors.

It was unanimously agreed that the thanks of Synod be tendered to the assessors associated with the presbytery of Victoria for their time and labour expended in aiding that presbytery.

Agreed that the committee in charge of the Building in Truro be authorized should they see fit, to let the building in connection with the advancement of the higher departments of Female education.

Rev. Professor McKnight was associated with the clerk to review the minutes prior to publication.

Close.

The Synodical session then closed by singing the concluding verses of the 122nd Psalm, and by prayer offered by the moderator followed by the Apostolic Benediction.

PETER G. MCGREGOR.  
*Synod Clerk.*

Pictou, July 5th, 1864.

## COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

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1. *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, Robt. Romans, Chas. D. Hunter, James H. Liddell, Geo. Buist, and Alex. James, Esq., Halifax; Abram Patterson, Rodk. McGregor, Anthony McLellan, R. P. Grant, and Howard Primrose, Esqrs., Pictou; Adam Dickie, Esq. Maitland; Isaac Logan, Esq., Shubenacadie; John D. Christie, Esq., Truro; Wm. Gammei, Esq., Bras d'Or; James Bearisto, Esq., Prince Town, P. E. I.; and Hon. Kenneth Henderson, Charlotte Town, P. E. I.

2. *Board of Foreign Missions*.—Rev. Messrs. Roy, J. Stewart, Bayne, Blair, G. Patterson, Walker and A. Ross, and Mr. Roderick McGregor, with Rev. John I. Baxter, of Onslow; Rev. John McCurdy, of Chatham, N. B.; and Rev. I. Murray, of Cavendish P. E. I.; and Rev. James Waddell, of Sheet Harbour, as Corresponding Members. Rev. J. Stewart, Chairman; Rev. J. Bayne, Secretary.

3. *Board of Home Missions*.—Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, McKnight, Cameron, McGregor, Maxwell and Cumming, Mr. C. Robson and Mr. J. Barnes. Rev. P. G. McGregor, Chairman, and Rev. A. McKnight, Secretary.

4. *Committee on Supplementing Stipends*.—Dr. McLeod, Convener, Rev. Messrs. McCulloch, Blair, Christie, James Ross, Alex. McDonald, Thos. Sedgwick, and Wm. Ross, ministers. Hon. K. Henderson, Messrs. W. Copeland, C. McDonald, John H. McKim, Donald McKay, G. Tattrie and Isaac Fleming.

5. *Committee of Superintendence of Theological Hall*.—The Rev. the Professors, with Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Wm. Murray, J. McLean, Maxwell and Cumming, and Messrs. A. James, J. H. Liddell, J. S. McLean and Dr. Forrest.

6. *Committee on Colportage*.—Rev. Professors Smith and Lyall, Rev. Messrs. Baxter, Currie, A. Cameron, J. McKinnon, J. Ross, H. B. McKay, K. McKenzie, and Dr. McLeod, and Messrs. Isaac Logan, Jasper Crow, R. Murray and Hon. K. Henderson. Mr. Baxter, Convener.

7. *Committee on Sabbath Schools*.—Rev. Messrs. H. B. McKay, Bayne, Watson, Allan and Christie, Hon. A. Patterson, Messrs. J. Stalker, F. W. George and R. Murray.

8. *Committee on Union with other Presbyterian Bodies*.—Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, (Convener) McCurdy, Sedgwick, J. Cameron, W. Murray, McKnight, Christie, and G. Sutherland.

9. *Committee on Popery*.—Rev. Messrs. G. Sutherland, J. Murray, W. Ross, and their Presbytery Elders, and Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Messrs. Harvie, Downie, J. McKinnon, McCulloch and Bayne. Rev. G. Sutherland, Convener.

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

11. *Committee on Sabbath Observance*.—Rev. Messrs. R. S. Patterson, Laird and Fraser, with their Presbytery Elders. Mr. Laird, Convener.

12. *Committee on Widows' Fund*.—Rev. Messrs. Roy, J. Stewart, Bayne, Blair, G. Patterson, G. Sutherland, Dr. McLeod, Maxwell, Wyllie, T. Sedgwick, and Messrs. Rodk. McGregor and Howard Primrose.

13.—*Committee on Systematic Giving*.—Rev. Messrs. W. Murray, J. Cameron, J. McLean, McLeod, McCulloch, T. Sedgwick, and Messrs. R. McGregor, C. Robson and Adam Dickie. Mr. Murray, Convener.

14. *Committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure*.—Rev. Messrs. G. Patterson, Blair and Walker. Mr. Patterson, Convener.

15. *Publication Committee*.—Rev. Messrs. McGregor, McKnight and C. Robson.

16. *Committee on Bills and Overtures*.—Rev. Messrs. Bayne, Roy, McGillivray, J. Stewart and A. Ross of Pictou, and Mr. James McGregor. Mr. Bayne, Convener.

17. *Committee to audit Accounts*.—Rev. G. Walker, and Messrs. Rodk. McGregor and J. W. Carmichael.

18. *General Treasurer for the Funds of the Church, except the Professorial Fund, and the funds invested in Halifax*.—Abram Patterson, Esq., of Pictou.

19. *Receivers of Contributions to the Schemes of the Church*.—James McCallum, Esq. of P. E. Island; Robt. Smith, Esq., Truro; A. K. MacKinlay, Esq., Halifax.

*Receiver of Goods for Mission*.—James Patterson, Esq., Pictou.

## APPENDIX.

### Report of Committee on Union with other Churches.

Your Committee have not held any meetings since last Synod until the assembling of the Brethren on the present occasion. Their labours therefore during the year have been only of a private nature.

During this week a meeting has been held and matters of some importance discussed.

1st. A letter from the Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick to Rev. P. G. McGregor expressing regret that the deputation appointed by this Synod to visit the Sister Church had in the Providence of God been prevented from fulfilling that appointment.

2nd. A letter from the Clerk of said Synod conveying certain resolutions passed by that Body on the Subject of Union with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

After consideration of the same your Committee agreed to record their approbation of the principles set forth in the resolutions of said Synod, and also to express their cordial concurrence in the strong feeling which they manifest in favour of union with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

Your Committee have also agreed to recommend that a meeting of the joint committees should take place as soon as convenient at such place as may be mutually agreed upon by the Convener of the respective committees.

Your Committee also feeling that this Synod should cultivate feelings of Christian regard for all branches of the Church of Christ and especially for those who hold the same views of Scripture doctrine have agreed to recommend that a Deputation be appointed to visit the Kirk Synod now in Session in this town to convey to the Brethren of that Body the fraternal greetings of this Church.

JOHN L. MURDOCH, *Convener.*  
GEORGE CHRISTIE, *Secretary.*

Pictou, June 30th 1864.

### Letter from Synod of New Brunswick.

To the Rev. the Moderator of Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

REV. SIR,—

I beg through you to make the court over which you preside acquainted with the action of the Synod of the church of New Brunswick relative to union with your Synod.

At a late meeting of our Synod met in the above church. *Inter alia*

The Synod took up the subject of Union with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and Mr. McKay and others addressed the court—whereupon a committee was appointed to meet and report at a future sederunt.

The following were reported as the principal points to be kept in view in negotiations relative to union with the Church of the Lower Provinces:—

“1st. That the standards of the united church subordinate to the word of God, shall be the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Catechisms Larger and Shorter, as now received by both Churches, and the Synod sees no objection to the explanations as to the power of the civil magistrate as defined by the Confession of Faith attached to the Basis of Union of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

“2nd. That St. John shall be included in the list of places in which the Synod, when union is formed, shall be held from year to year.

“3rd. That inasmuch as this Synod is a corporate body under a certain designation, it shall continue to meet as often as may be required for civil purposes only: inasmuch as all properties and monies which it has been or may be entrusted with can legally be dealt with by Synod only under its corporate name, at least until such time as the interests involved may be placed under proper legal protection.

“4th. That the above propositions be submitted to the Committee on Union of the sister Church in Nova Scotia, and be also sent down to the several Presbyteries and Sessions for approval.”

After the adoption by the Synod of the above propositions, the Committee was authorized to send a sub-committee to confer with any Committee of the Church of the Lower Provinces on Union, should it appear necessary toward carrying out the intentions of the Synod.

Any communication on the subject may be made to Rev. Neil McKay, St. John, Convener of our Committee on Union.

Yours truly,  
**JAMES BENNETT,**  
*Clerk of Synod of Pres. Church of N. B.*

St. John, June 22, 1864.

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### **Reply of Prince of Wales to Address of Synod.**

*Marlborough House, 31st July 1863.*

Lieutenant General Knollys has had the honor of receiving the commands of H. R. H. The Prince of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of an Address from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America on the occasion of his Marriage, and to thank them sincerely for their congratulations and prayers for his happiness.

Rev. Robert Patterson, *Moderator.*

**NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.**

Monies received by Treasurer to 20th July, 1864:

**FOREIGN MISSION.**

Poor Christian, for Mr. Geddie's Orphan Institution, per Rev. R. S. Patter-on,	£4	3	4
From Noel for Mrs. Copeland to buy windows for Mr. Geddie's Church,	5	0	0
For Mr. Morrison from friends at West Bay, C. B., to buy chest of tools,	6	0	0
Baddeck, C. B.,	2	17	5
New London and Summerfield, Sydney,	14	10	0
Lawrencetown and Lake Porter, Caledonia,	30	0	0
Middle Stewiacke,	2	17	8
Onslow Benevolent Society, do Ladies' Society,	1	13	2
Middle Stewiacke,	7	12	6
East Branch, East River,	5	0	0
Bedeque, P. E. I.,	2	10	0
Half Ridge, per Rev. R. S. Patterson	7	12	6
Shubenacadie and Gays River,	13	13	4
Newport and Kempt,	13	13	4
John Knox's Church, N. G.	10	0	0
Clyde and Barrington,	3	6	5½
Miss Agnes Hogg, collr.	2	6	
Margaret Bower, coll. Shelburne,	16	3	
Martha Downing,	12	6	
Ann Goodrich, Shelburne,	4	4½	
Janet McGill,	15	6	
Mrs. E. Marten	16	10½	
Chatham, Miramichi, cong. per Rev. J. McCurdy,	16	13	5½
Sab. School Juv. Miss. Society, per Rev. J. McCurdy,	1	0	0
Col. by Miss Rainey, Bathurst, per Rev. J. McCurdy,	3	11	11
West Bay, C. B.,	8	6	0
Malagawatch,	1	10	0
Grand River, C. B.	1	14	7½
Loch Lomond,	15	5	
Goshen, per Mr. H. McNeil,	2	0	0
Wm. Hall, Sheet Harbour,	5	0	0
Mrs. Waddell,	10	0	0
Miss Waddell,	10	0	0
Economy and Five Islands,	5	6	3
Upper Londonderry,	7	10	0
Queen Square Ch. Charlotte Town,	4	8	5
Clyde Section,	1	19	5
Rockland Missv. Society, Maitland,	1	18	5
Maitland Sewing Society,	3	18	9
Dartmouth,	3	0	0
Sherbrooke,	12	4	3
Nine Mile River,	10	0	0
Blue Mountain,	6	0	0
Barney's River,	2	0	0
Murray Harbour,	1	0	0
North Cornwallis,	1	2	6½
West River and Brookfield,	1	19	4
Richmond Bay east & Summerside,	16	13	4
Lower Londonderry,	14	9	8
Central Church, W. R.	4	0	0
1st cong., Maitland,	2	6	9½
Maitland,	1	0	5
Clifton,	5	0	0

Brown's Creek, P. E. I.,	£2	2	6
Cardigan,	0	6	10
Windsor,	7	0	0
Ladies' Penny a week Socy., Central Church,	1	0	0
Middle Settlement, Stewiacke,	11	12	8
Upper Settlement,	7	2	2
Lunenburg,	4	18	2½
Upper Stewiacke congregation,	13	0	0
Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield Union Ladies' Sewing Socy.	5	0	0
Plaister Cove, Riv. Inhabitants and Riv. Dennis,	4	13	1½
Bridgewater,	3	10	0
William Tait, Esq., Edinburgh	2	10	0
Yarmouth, per Rev. G. Christie,	7	10	0
Mrs. G. F. Fairish, per do.			12
Rev. A. Fraser's cong., Casumpeque, including a legacy from late John Haywood, Kildare, P. E. I.,	22	10	0
St Anns and North Shore,	5	15	8
Miss Sarah McLellan, Whogomah,			5
Earlton, West Br. and R. Hill,	7	2	0
Wallace,	7	1	6
Poplar Grove Church, Halifax,	20	0	0
Rev. D. S. Gordon's Ch. Annapolis,	7	10	0
Dundas,	1	5	0
James' Church, N. G.,	24	0	0
Boulardrie, C. B.,	5	0	0
Little Sands, P. E. I.,	1	5	0
Woodville,	7	1	
Half of coll. Missionary Meeting,	2	1	10
Contribution from the Synod of the Presb. Ch. of N. B., per Rev. A. Sterling,	40	16	0

**HOME MISSION.**

Baddeck, C. B.,	4	1	0
New London and Summerfield,	4	8	4
Lawrence Town and Lake Porter,	2	18	6
A friend, per Rev. A. Ross			5
Caledonia,	1	13	2
Onslow Benevolent Society,	2	0	0
Ladies' Society, do.	1	0	0
Middle Stewiacke,	15	5	2½
Bedeque, P. E. I.,	3	8	10½
Glencelg,	4	0	0
East Branch, East River,	2	13	2½
River John,	3	10	0
Shubenacadie and Gays River,	13	7	11
Newport and Kempt,	8	8	1
Knox's Church, N. G.,	8	10	6
Clyde and Barrington,	6	7	10½
Miss Agnes Hogg, collr. Shelburne,	2	6	
Margaret Bower, do. do,	18	13	
Margaret Downing, do. do,	3	9	
Ann Goodrich, do. do,	5	5	
Janet McGill, do. do,	2	5	1½
Mrs. E. Marten, do. do,	13	14	
Mr. Chas. Brown, do. do,	3	1½	
Sab. School Juv. Miss. Socy. Chatham, per Rev. J. McCurdy,	2	0	0
A member St. John's Ch. Chatham,	2	0	0
A member do., per Rev. J. McCurdy,			5
West Bay, C. B.,	1	10	0
Malagawatch,			11
Tatamagouche,	5	11	3
Grand River,	1	9	6
Loch Lomond,	18	9½	
Goose River,	15	0	
Sheet Harbour,	4	5	0
Economy and Five Islands,	4	0	0

Upper Londonderry,	6 0 0	Richmond Bay E. & Summerside,	5 15 2½
Clifton,	5 0 0	West River and Brookfield,	7 6
Dartmouth,	3 5 3½	Lower Londonderry,	10 10 0
Sherbrooke,	9 15 3	Central Church, W. R.,	4 1 3
Nine Mile River,	12 10 0	Maitland and Five Mile River,	15 4
Blue Mountain,	5 11 6	Mid. Stewiacke & Brookfield Union	
Barney's River,	1 16 6	Ladies' Sewing Society,	5 0 0
Murray Harbour,	3 15 5	Ladies' penny a week Society, Cen-	
North Cornwallis,	2 19 3	tral Church,	1 0 0
West River and Brookfield,	16 8	Lunenburg,	6 0 0
Richmond Bay E. and Summerside,	3 6 8	Upper Stewiacke,	11 0 0
Lower Londonderry,	18 8 7	Plaster Cove, River Inhabitants,	
Central Church, W. R.,	4 0 0	and River Dennis,	1 15 7½
1st. cong. Maitland,	2 7 5	Bridgetown,	2 13 0
Maitland and Five Mile River,	1 0 0	Rev. A. Fraser's cong. Cascumpec,	3 6 8
Strathalbyn,	1 0 10	Wallace,	1 1 7½
Windsor,	13 2 6	Rev. D. S. Gordon's cong.,	2 2 6
Lunenburg,	6 0 0	Boularderie,	6 0 0
Upper Stewiacke,	12 0 0		
Ladies' penny a week Soc'y. Cen-		SYNOD FUND.	
tral Ch., per Rev. J. Thompson,	2 15 11½	Salem Church, G. Hill,	2 0 0
Ladies' penny a week Soc'y. Rog.		Baddeck,	2 10 10½
Hill, per Rev. J. Thompson,	1 19 3	New London & Summerfield,	16 8
Musquodoboit Mid. Settlement,	5 16 1½	Sydney,	5 10 0
Upper Settlement,	3 13 6½	Lawrencetown and Lake Porter,	1 8 6
Mid. Stewiacke and Brookfield La-		Middle Stewiacke,	1 10 0
diess' Union Sewing Circle,	10 0 0	Glenelg,	1 5 0
Plaster Cove, River Inhabitants,		E. Br., East River,	1 0 0
and River Dennis,	6 0 0	Bedeque, P. E. I.,	1 13 8
Dundas, P. E. I.,	12 6	Shubenacadie and Gays River,	1 10 0
Bridgewater cong.,	5 0 0	River John,	1 10 0
Rev. A. Fraser's cong., Cascumpec,	5 16 8	Newport and Kempt,	2 5 6
Yarmouth, per Rev. G. Christie,	5 6 11	Central Church, West River,	2 0 0
St. Anns and North Shore, C. B.,	4 0 0	Shelburne,	2 0 0
Earlton, West Br. and R. Hill,	7 0 0	Clyde and Barrington,	1 15 0
Wallace,	2 8 5	Merigomish,	2 0 0
Rev. D.S. Gordon's cong. Annapolis	3 15 0	Church at Wentworth,	6 0
Half of coll. Missionary Meeting,	2 1 10	West Bay, C. B.,	1 10 0
Little Sands, P. E. I.,	2 1 8	Tatamagouche,	2 0 0
Woodville, do.	5 7½	Chalmers's Church, Halifax,	6 5 0
James Church, N. G.,	13 14 8	Grand River and Loch Lomond,	1 12 9
A friend, per Rev. J. Bayne,	2 6	Sheet Harbour,	1 5 0
Ladies penny a week Soc'y, Primi-		Goose River,	1 7½
tive Church, N. G.	10 0 0	Primitive Church,	3 0 0
		Economy, after paying minister's	
SEMINARY.		expenses,	2 10 0
From Baddeck, C. B.	2 14 9½	Hopewell,	1 10 0
N. McLeod's District, for last year,	9 8½	Upper Londonderry,	1 0 0
Lawrencetown and Lake Porter,	1 8 9	2nd cong., Maitland,	2 6 3
A Friend, by Rev. A. Ross,	1 0 0	Dartmouth,	2 0 0
New London and Summerfield,	2 0 5	Sherbrooke,	1 10 0
Sydney,	5 0 0	Nine Mile River,	7 10 0
Onslow Benevolent Society, includ-		West River, Pictou,	1 10 0
ing a balance of 11s.,	1 7 11½	French River,	1 2 3
Onslow Ladies' Soc'y.,	1 0 0	North Cornwallis	2 19 2
East Branch, East River,	1 10 0	Lower Londonderry,	2 10 0
Bedeque P. E. I.,	4 10 0½	Parrsboro',	1 0 0
Shubenacadie and Gays River,	5 12 0	Fortune Bay,	1 0 0
River John,	1 0 0	East St. Peter's,	1 0 0
Newport and Kempt,	5 14 2½	Prince Town, P. E. I.	2 18 4
Primitive Church, N. G.,	17 3 0	St. Anns and North Shore,	3 10 0
West Bay, C. B.,	1 0 0	Poplar Grove Church, Halifax,	2 10 0
Tatamagouche,	5 0 0	Annapolis,	1 15 0
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Upper Londonderry,	5 0 0	Middle River and Lake Ainslie,	3 4 10
2nd. cong. Maitland,	5 3 1	Truro, Balance,	3 0 0
Maitland Missionary Society,	1 10 4	Onslow and expense of minister,	17 2
Dartmouth,	1 5 0	Clifton,	1 5 0
Sherbrooke,	5 10 0	Lochaber,	17 0
Nine Mile River,	10 0 0	Barney's River,	1 0 8
North Cornwallis,	2 19 1	Antigonish,	1 10 0
Parrsboro,	12 6	Windsor,	2 10 0
		Musquodoboit,	3 0 0



Lunenburg,	£2 15 11
Cavendish, P. E. I.,	1 0 0
Blue Mountain,	2 19 4
Upper Stewiacke,	2 15 11
Dundas,	12 6
Plaister Cove, River Inhabitants, and River Dennis,	2 15 7½
Bridgewater cong.	1 15 0
Rev. A. Fraser's cong. Cascumpec,	1 17 6
Yarmouth, per Rev. G. Christie,	3 10 0
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St. Johns, Chatham,	14 9½
Woodville, P. E. I.,	11 8
Wallace, after paying minister's ex- penses,	18 8
Brown's Creek,	6 3
James' Church, N. G.,	5 0 0
Boularderie, C. B.,	1 0 0

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Rev. A. Fraser's cong. Cascumpec,	1 0 0
Onslow Ladies' Society,	1 0 0

## MR. GEDDIE'S CHILDREN.

Sab. School Miss. Socy., Chatham, per Rev. J. McCurdy,	1 0 0
An aged widow, by Rev. S. John- ston,	3 1½

## MISSION VESSEL.

Dartmouth,	7 1½
Lunenburg,	9 15 7½

## SPECIAL EFFORT.

Johnston Logan,	1 0 0
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## News of the Church.

LABRADOR.—The attention of the Synod having been called to the spiritual destitution of those engaged in the fisheries on the Labrador coast, the Home Mission Board was authorized to send a Missionary to that coast with as little delay as possible. The Board met at Pictou, and secured the services of Mr. EDWARD McCURDY for this important field. Mr. McCurdy set out immediately for the Labrador coast by way of Newfoundland. We trust that his labours in this desolate and long-neglected region will be abundantly blessed of Heaven.

CAPE BRETON.—The Synodical Deputation to Cape Breton are now engaged in their onerous but delightful task of visiting the congregations of this island. The Presbyterians of Cape Breton with very few exceptions, look to our church for a supply of the means of grace. Hitherto the supply given has been but scanty. This is owing in a large measure to the fact that the people have not sufficiently appreciated the necessity of contributing liberally to the support of the ministry. When so many fields are invitingly open men have a right to choose those in which they will be fairly provided for. We trust that Cape Breton, which is so rapidly becoming wealthy, will soon be an example of liberality to the whole Synod. Several of its congregations have long done their duty nobly; and we trust that before many years elapse we may truthfully make the same assertion concerning all.

FOREIGN MISSION.—The *Dayspring* was expected to leave Sydney for the New Hebrides about the 15th May. At Sydney a house was to be built on her fore deck.—Up to our latest dates the Missionaries were all well. It may reasonably be concluded that Anciteum was reached a month ago, perhaps still earlier.

It is hoped that Mr. GEDDIE may be among us very shortly. He has prolonged his sea-voyage as much as practicable for the benefit of his own and Mrs. Geddie's health. Several letters from him will appear in our next.

BERMUDA.—Mr. William Stuart, who was sent to Bermuda about a year ago to assist Rev. W. Thorburn, is about returning. Mr. William Sinclair is to succeed Mr. Stuart.

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