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MARITIME PROVINCES
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in Canada.

CHATHAM, N. B., MAY 25-27, 1880.



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FIRST SEDERUNT.

At Chatham, N. B., and within St. Andrew's Church there; Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty years, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening:

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met according to appointment. Rev. W. McCulloch, D.D., of Truro, the retiring Moderator, conducted Divine Worship. He preached from Ezekiel 13th chapter and 10th verse. "One built up a wall and lo! others daubed it with untempered mortar."

At the conclusion of the service he constituted the Synod with prayer. The Clerk not having arrived, Rev. John Forrest was appointed Clerk, *pro tem*.

CHANGES IN PRESBYTERIES.

The following changes reported by Presbytery Clerks as having occurred, since last meeting of Synod, in the several Presbyteries, were then read:

DEATH.

Presbytery of Pictou:—Rev. John Stewart, of New Glasgow, May 4th, 1880.

DEMISSIONS.

- Presbytery of Pictou* :—Rev. James Thompson, West River, June 3rd, 1879.
 Rev. John Lees, Westville, September 30th, 1879.
 Rev. James Quinn, Sherbrooke, March 31st, 1880.
- Presbytery of Wallace* :—Rev. James Murray, St. Matthew's, Wallace, May 2nd, 1880.
- Presbytery of Halifax* :—Rev. I. Simpson, Upper Musquedoboit, July 3rd, 1879.
- Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth* :—Rev. D. McGregor, New Dublin, July 22nd, 1879.
 Rev. T. H. Murray, Riversdale, September 11th, 1879.
- Presbytery of St. John* :—Rev. W. P. Begg, M.A., St. Stephen, May 21st, 1880.
- Presbytery of Miramichi* :—Rev. James Anderson, Newcastle, October 12th, 1879.
- Presbytery of P. E. Island* :—Rev. Robert Laird, Princeton, October 12th, 1879.

TRANSLATIONS.

- Presbytery of Sydney* :—Rev. D. McDougall, September 10th, 1879, from Cow Bay to West Bay, Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond.
- Presbytery of Pictou* :—Rev. Alex. Ross, M.A., June 30th, 1879, from Knox Church, Pictou, to Woodville, Presbytery of Lindsay.
- Presbytery of Halifax* :—Rev. A. J. Mowatt, January 1st, 1880, from Windsor to Fredericton, Presbytery of St. John.
- Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth* :—Rev. D. McMillan, October 7th, 1879, from LaHave, as colleague and successor to Rev. Matthew Wilson, North Sydney, Presbytery of Sydney.
 Rev. E. D. Millar, B.A., April 15th, 1880, from Shelburne to Lunenburg, in the same Presbytery.
- Presbytery of Truro* :—Rev. James S. Carruthers, May 17th, 1880, from Coldstream to Knox Church, Presbytery of Pictou.

INDUCTIONS.

- Presbytery of Pictou* :—Rev. D. McGregor, Merigomish, October 7th, 1879.
- Presbytery of Halifax* :—Rev. J. Layton, Elmsdale and Nine Mile River, October 15th, 1879.
- Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth* :—Rev. John Cameron, Bridgewater, September 4th, 1879.
 Rev. Archibald Brown, New Dublin, September 17th, 1879.
 Rev. J. K. Bearisto, Carleton and Chebogue, November 25th, 1879.
 Rev. Isaac Simpson, B.A., LaHave, March 30th, 1880.

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Presbytery of St. John:—Rev. W. McCullagh, Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, June 4th, 1879.

Rev. R. Crockett, Hammond River and Saltsprings, Aug. 20th, 1879.
Rev. J. M. Sutherland, St. James, March 30th, 1880.

Presbytery of Miramichi:—Rev. Peter Lindsay, B.A., New Richmond, August 12th, 1879.

ORDINATIONS.

Presbytery of Sydney:—Mr. G. L. Gordon, Grand River, Oct. 6th, 1879.

Presbytery of Wallace:—Mr. Andrew Gray, colleague and successor to Rev. James Watson, New Annan, May 19th, 1880.

Presbytery of Halifax:—Mr. T. C. Jack, Maitland, October 14th, 1879.
Mr. A. McDougall, Cornwallis, N. & W., October 24th, 1879.

Mr. W. H. Gray, Annapolis.
Mr. W. S. Whittier, as missionary to Newfoundland, May 10th, 1880.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:—J. A. McLean, B.A., Clyde and Barrington, December 9th, 1879.

Presbytery of P. E. Island:—John McDonald, Dundas, May 20th, 1880.

Presbytery of St. John:—C. W. Bryden, May, 24th, 1880.

Presbytery of Miramichi:—Mr. John Boyd, Bass River and S. Branch, September 9th, 1879.

LICENSURES.

Presbytery of Sydney:—Mr. G. L. Gordon, October 6th, 1879.
Mr. I. A. McLean, October, 6th, 1879.

Presbytery of Halifax:—Mr. Louis H. Jordan, July 3rd, 1879.
Mr. W. S. Whittier, April 30th, 1880.
Mr. Richmond Logan, April 30th, 1880.
Mr. Ewan Gillies, April 30th, 1880.
Mr. W. A. Mason, April 30th, 1880.
Mr. W. Thorpe, May 11th, 1880.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:—Mr. T. C. Jack, August 18th, 1879.

Presbytery of Truro:—Mr. John Boyd, May 29th, 1879.

Presbytery of Wallace:—Mr. C. W. Bryden, August 4th, 1879.
Mr. Andrew Gray, February 25th, 1880.

Presbytery of P. E. Island:—Mr. John McDonald, February 4th, 1880.

NAME REMOVED FROM ROLL.

Presbytery of Pictou:—Rev. George Patterson, D.D., September 6th, 1879, on account of his ceasing to have a special relation to General Assembly, as agent of Manitoba College.

NEW CONGREGATIONS.

Presbytery of Miramichi:—Douglstown, organized April 14th, 1880.

UNIONS.

Presbytery of Wallace:—New Annan and Wentworth, united February 25th, 1880.

Presbytery of Pictou:—Central Church, West River, and West River, united October 7th, 1879, under designation of United Congregation, West River.

Presbytery of Halifax:—St. Croix, Ellershouse, and Newport, united May 11th, 1880.

CALLING OF ROLL.

The Roll of Synod was called and the attendance of members marked with an asterisk, as follows:—

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
John I. Baxter ..	1832	.....	Without charge	Truro.
Wm. McCulloch, D.D.	1830	* L. McElhenney ..	Truro First Pres. Church	Truro.
Ebenezer Ross ..	1849	.....	Without charge	Truro.
James McLean ..	1854	Rob's'n Thompson	Great Village	Great Village.
Alex. Cameron ..	1857	Jas. C. Fulton ..	Riverside	Portapique.
And'w Burrows, B.A.	1864	* Flem. Blanchard	St. Andrew's, Truro	Truro.
John McMillan, B.D.	1866	Edmund Sullivan	St. Paul's, Truro	Truro.
James Sinclair ..	1867	Isaac Fleming ..	Upper Londonderry	Folly Village.
J. H. Chase, M.A. ..	1869	* Isaac McCurdy ..	Ouslow	Truro.
Edward Grant ..	1869	Robert Frame ..	Stewiacke	Stewiacke.
Edwin Smith, B.A. ..	1871	* J. J. Brenton ..	Middle Stewiacke	M. Stewiacke.
John C. Meek ..	1872	* Wm. Deyarmond	Springside	U. Stewiacke.
Alex. F. Thomson ..	1874	Samuel Lewis ..	Economy	Economy.
John A. Logan, B.A. ..	1877	Thomas Totten ..	Acadia	Acadia Iron M's.
A. W. McLeod, M.A. ..	1878	Thomas McKay ..	Parrsboro'	Parrsboro'.
VACANCIES.				
.....		* Mat. McCurdy ..	Clifton	Clifton.
.....		* Wm. N. Dickson ..	Coldstream	Valley.

J. H. CHASE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

H. McLeod, M.A., D.D.	1833	Wm. McDonald ..	Mira	Sydney, C. B.
Matthew Wilson, M.A.	1842	John McInnis ..	Sydney Mines	Sydney Mines.
Abraham McIntosh ..	1856	.....	St. Ann's	St. Ann's.
Donald Sutherland ..	1860	Alex. McLeod ..	Gabarus	Gabarus.
* D. McMillan ..	1861	.....	Sydney Mines	North Sydney.
A. Farquharson ..	1864	D. McLennan ..	St. Andrew's	Sydney.
D. Drummond ..	1872	Rod'k Grant ..	Boularderie	Boularderie.
* John Murray ..	1873	A. D. McGillivray	Falmouth Street Church	Sydney.
Peter Clarke ..	1873	.....	Cape North	Cape North.
Gavin Sinclair ..	1877	A. McCuish ..	Loch Lomond, &c.	Loch Lomond.
G. L. Gordon ..	1879	D. McKay ..	Grand River, &c.	Grand River.
VACANCIES.				
.....		John McAulay ..	Glace Bay Mines	Glace Bay.
.....		Cow Bay Mines	Cow Bay.
.....		Leitch's Creek	Leitch's Creek.

A. FARQUHARSON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

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PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
M. Stewart, M.A.	1843	Neil McLean	Whycoomah	Whycoomah.
Wm. G. Forbes	1852	Port Hastings and R. Dennis	Port Hastings.	Port Hastings.
Kenneth McKenzie	1857	Baddeck and Forks	Baddeck.	Baddeck.
Alex. Grant	1874	Lake Abniskie and N. Margaroo	West Bay.	West Bay.
Donald McDougall	1875	West Bay and St. Peters	Lake Abniskie.	Lake Abniskie.
Alex. McRae	1877	M. River and Little Narrows	Middle River.	Middle River.
VACANCIES.		Ken. McIntosh	Malagawatch and N. Mount'n	Malagawatch.
		Alex. McLean	Broad Cove	South Lerne.

KENNETH MCKENZIE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

R. Sedgwick, D.D.	1836	George McLeod	Middle Musquodoboit	Musquodoboit.
P. G. McGregor, D.D.	1841	Warwick, Bermuda	Warwick.	Warwick.
Walter Thorburn	1842	Bedford and Waverley	Bedford.	Bedford.
George Christie	1842	Wm. Robertson	Fort Massey	Halifax.
R. F. Burns, D.D.	1847	Angus McLeod	Richmond and N. W. Arm	Halifax.
Prof. Pollok, D.D.	1852	John Taylor	St. Andrew's	Richmond.
A. L. Wyllie	1852	Lawrencetown, &c.	Porter's Lake.	Porter's Lake.
Thos. Duncan	1856	Principal McKnight	Halifax.	Halifax.
Alex. Stuart	1856	Prof. Currie	Halifax.	Halifax.
Principal McKnight	1857	D. McKinnon	Little River	Little River.
Prof. Currie	1857	M. G. Henry	Shubenacadie and Stewiacke	Shubenacadie.
D. McKinnon	1862	C. B. Pihlalo	Chalmers Church	Halifax.
M. G. Henry	1865	P. M. Morrison	Dartmouth	Dartmouth.
C. B. Pihlalo	1865	Allan Simpson	William Williams	Halifax.
P. M. Morrison	1865	John Forrest	Jas. K. Munnis	Halifax.
Allan Simpson	1866	E. G. McNab	Newport	Newport.
John Forrest	1866	John B. Logan	J. T. Sweet	Newport.
E. G. McNab	1867	A. B. Dickie	Kentville	Kentville.
John B. Logan	1867	Robert Laing	Cam'n McDonald	Milford.
A. B. Dickie	1869	Jacob Layton	Edward Fisher	Elmsdale.
Robert Laing	1873	W. Hesson	St. Matthew's	Halifax.
Jacob Layton	1871	Jas. Rossborough	Musquodoboit Harbor	Musquodoboit H.
Robert Laing	1873	Adam Gunn	Gore and Kennetcook	Kennetcook.
Jas. Rossborough	1873	John McLean	Kempt and Walton	Kempt.
Adam Gunn	1876	James McKeen	Hamilton, Bermuda	Bermuda.
John McLean	1877	T. C. Jack	Maitland	Maitland.
James McKeen	1879	A. McDougall	North and West Cornwallis	Cornwallis.
T. C. Jack	1879	W. H. Gray	Annapolis	Annapolis.
A. McDougall	1879	VACANCIES.		
W. H. Gray	1879	J. S. Holman	Upper Musquodoboit	U. Musquodoboit
VACANCIES.		W. H. Blanchard	Windsor	Windsor.
		Noel	Noel	Noel.

JOHN FORREST, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

James Watson	1830	Jas. Murdoch	New Annan and Wentworth	New Annan.
C. G. Glass	1850	R. Drummond	Spring Hill	Spring Hill.
W. S. Darragh	1850	W. Mitchell	Goose River	Goose River.
H. B. Mackay	1855	J. B. Sutherland	River John	River John.
Thos. Tallach	1857	D. Corbett	Amherst	Amherst.
Samuel Boyd	1858	P. Macfarlane	Wallace and Pugwash	Wallace.
Thos. Sedgwick	1860	W. Donaldson	Tatamagouche	Tatamagouche.
Cape North.	1880	New Annan and Wentworth	New Annan and Wentworth	New Annan and Wentworth
Loch Lomond.		D. McDonald	Wallace (St. Matthew's)	Wallace.
Grand River.		A. Conn	Pugwash and Oxford	Pugwash.
VACANCIES.		Alex. McLean	Earlton and W. B. R. John	Earlton.
		John Anderson	Shemogue, N. B.	Shemogue.

THOMAS SEDGWICK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
George Walker	1838	.....	Pastor Emeritus U. Church.	New Glasgow.
A. P. Miller	1844	W. Fraser	French River	Merigomish.
D. B. Blais	1846	John Ross	Barney's River and Blue Mt.	Barney's River.
Alex. McLean, A.M.	1852	Thomas Grant	Hopewell	Hopewell.
William Maxwell	1854	John Ferguson	Little Harbor, &c.	Little Harbor.
Alex. Stirling	1858	John Proudfoot	Scotsburn and Saltspings	Scotsburn.
William Donald	1860	David Matheson	Prince St. Church, Pictou	Pictou.
Peter Goodfellow	1862	Robert McDonald	Antigonish	Antigonish
Thomas Cumming	1863	James Fraser	Stellarton	Stellarton.
William Stuart	1865	Robert Gerard	Green Hill	Green Hill.
E. A. McCurly	1866	A. C. Thompson	James' Church, New Glasgow	New Glasgow.
A. McL. Sinclair	1866	J. McL. Campbell	East River	Springville.
J. F. Forbes	1867	Robt. Stewart	Union Centre and Lochaber.	Union Centre.
Robert Cumming	1869	Alex. Fisher	Gleneig, &c.	Melrose.
Ephraim Scott	1875	Alex. Campbell	U. Church, New Glasgow	New Glasgow.
W. T. Bruce, M.D.	1876	W. McLean	Vale Colliery and South River	Vale Colliery.
Daniel McGregor	1877	James Mitchell	Merigomish	Merigomish.
James S. Carruthers	.....	J. D. McDonald	Knox Church, Pictou	Pictou.
VACANCIES.	.....	.....	United Church, West River.	.....
.....	.....	Wm. S. Fraser	Westville and M. River	Westville.
.....	.....	A. N. McDonald	Sherbrooke and Goldenville.	Sherbrooke.
T. Brouillette	.....	.....	French Missions	New Glasgow.

E. A. McCURDY, *Presbytery Clerk Pro. Tem.*

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

R. S. Patterson, A.M.	1826	Thos. Townsend	Bedeque	North Bedeque.
James Allan	1846	.....	Core Head	Cove Head.
Isaac Murray, D.D.	1850	Dr. Henderson	Charlottetown	Charlottetown.
Alexander Munro	1850	.....	Valleyfield	Valleyfield.
Ken. McLennan, A.M.	1852	A. L. Brown	Charlottetown	Charlottetown.
William Scott	1853	Isaac McLean	St. Peter's Road	Charlottetown.
Henry Crawford	1853	Allan McLean	Richmond Bay	Port Hill.
J. M. MacLeod	1853	J. A. Lawson	Charlottetown	Charlottetown.
Neil MacKay	1855	Thos. Brehaut	Summerside	Summerside.
John McKinnon	1858	Jas. N. Cogswell	Georgetown	Georgetown.
Wm. R. Frame	1862	James Ross	Mt. Stewart & W. St. Peter's	Mount Stewart.
J. G. Cameron	1867	.....	Bay Fortune and Souris	Souris.
Wm. Grant	1869	Mal. McDonald	W. & C. Rivers & Brookfield	West River.
Samuel C. Gunn	1870	Chas. Dingwell	East St. Peter's	Marie.
Charles Fraser	1871	Arch. Ramsay	West Cape and Campbellton	Springfield.
Arthur F. Carr, A.M.	1871	Hon. B. Rodgers	Alberton and Tignish	Alberton.
John Sutherland	1873	Donald Munn	Woodville and Little Sands	Woodville.
W. P. Archibald, A.M.	1875	William Laird	Cavendish and New Glasgow	Cavendish.
E. S. Bayne, A.M.	1876	George Bell	Murray Harbor	Murray Harbor.
A. S. Stewart	1879	William Ross	Belfast	Belfast.
John McDonald	1890	.....	Dundas	Dundas.
VACANCIES.	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	John Doughart	New London	.....
.....	.....	John McKenzie	Strathalbyn	.....
.....	.....	Colin Holm	Tryon and Bonshaw	.....
.....	.....	James Ramsay	Pincetown	.....

J. M. McLEOD, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH.

William Duff	1843	.....	Pas. Em. Lunenburg	Lunenburg.
John Cameron	1844	J. S. Calder, M.D.	Bridgewater	Bridgewater.
Archibald Brown	1864	Geo. Zwicker	New Dublin	New Dublin.
William Robertson	1865	John Douglas	St. John's	Yarmouth.
J. K. Bearisto	1869	.....	Carleton and Chebogue	Rockville.
Isaac Simpson, B.A.	1873	Edward Moser	LaHave	Ritzy's Cove.
E. D. Millar, B.A.	1873	Jas. Eisenhauer	Lunenburg	Lunenburg.
D. Stiles Fraser, B.A.	1877	Alex. Kely	Mahone Bay	Mahone Bay.
J. A. McLean, B.A.	1879	Gab'l Robertson	Clyde and Barrington	Clyde River.
VACANCIES.	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	Shelburne and Lockeport	Shelburne.
.....	.....	Josiah Sarty	Riversdale	Northfield.

D STILES FRASEI, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
J. M. Brooke, D.D.	1839	Rev. J. Fowler, M.A.	St. Paul's.	Fredericton.
A. J. McWatt	1861		Retired.	
A. Donald	1842	D. Mitchell	St. John's.	St. John.
J. Bennett, D.D.	1843	D. Murray	Springfield, &c.	Springfield.
L. Jack	1845	A. G. Bowes	Bocabee.	St. Andrew's.
W. Millen	1846	Calvin	Harvey.	St. John.
D. MacIsac, D.D.	1848	David Monroe	St. Paul's.	Harvey.
E. Roberts	1850	John Hegan	St. Stephen's.	Woodstock.
J. McG. McKay	1855	Francis Heard	Chipman.	St. John.
D. McTae	1856	D. Fraser	Sussex.	Chipman.
S. Johnson	1856	P. Chisholm	St. David's.	Sussex.
James Gray, M.A.	1857	Greenock.	St. John.	St. Andrew's.
D. Waters, M.A., LL.D.	1861	Buctouche.	Buctouche.	Buctouche.
W. McCallagh	1863	J. Deyarmond	St. John's.	Moncton.
J. D. Murray	1865	A. Campbell	St. Andrew's.	St. John.
J. Hogg	1868	R. Lowe	Carleton.	St. John.
W. Mitchell	1869	Wm. Craigs	Nashwaak, &c.	Nashwaak.
J. C. Burgess, A.B.	1870	R. Hay	Richmond.	Richmond.
P. Melville	1872	H. Morrison	St. James.	St. James.
K. McKay	1872	M. R. Parradis	Grand Falls.	Grand Falls.
J. M. Sutherland	1872	W. Ross, B.A.	Prince William.	Prince William.
M. R. Parradis	1875	D. R. Crockett	Hammond River.	Hammond River.
W. Ross, B.A.	1876	C. W. Bryden	Hopewell, &c.	Hopewell.
D. R. Crockett	1876			
C. W. Bryden	1889			
VACANCIES.		Judge Stevens	St. Stephen.	St. Stephen.
			St. George.	
			Glasville, &c.	
			Baillie, &c.	
			Quaco, &c.	

J. C. BURGESS, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

Angus McMaster	1842		Without charge	Arran, Scotland
James Law	1845		"	Portsmouth, Ireland.
Peter Lindsay, A.P.	1853	John Fallow	New Richmond	New Richmond.
Thomas G. Johnston	1855	W. H. Grimley	Blackville	Blackville, N.B.
William Murray, A.M.	1856	D. Chisholm	New Carlisle	New Carlisle.
Thos. Nicholson	1859		Charlo, New Mills, &c.	Charlo, N. B.
* M. Mackenzie	1862	* R. McLeiland	Richibucto	Richibucto.
J. Robertson, A.M.	1865	* D. McElbain	Black River	Black River.
William Fogo	1868		Tabusintac	Tabusintac.
S. Houston, A.M.	1869	J. Andrew	Bathurst	Bathurst.
* J. A. F. McBain	1869	* William Gray	St. John's	Chatham.
* R. Jardine, Sc.D.	1870	* James Edgar	St. Andrew's	Chatham.
Alex. Russell	1876	G. Haddow, M.P.	Dalhousie	Dalhousie.
* J. C. Herlihan, B.D.	1877	John Adams	Campbellton	Campbellton.
* John Boyd	1879		Bass River, &c.	Bass River.
VACANCIES.				
		* J. R. Nicholson.	Newcastle	Newcastle.
			Redbank	Redbank.
			Douglastown	Douglastown.
MISSION STATIONS.				
Kouchibouguac				Kouchibouguac.
Caraquet				Caraquet.
New Bandon				New Bandon.
Flat's, Metapedia, &c.				Flatlands.
Escuminac				Escuminac.

SAMUEL HOUSTON, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Moses Harvey, M.A.			Retired	St. John's.
Alex. Ross			Harbor Grace.	Harbor Grace.
L. G. McNeill, M.A.	1872	Jas. Goodfellow	St. Andrew's, St. John's.	St. John's.
D. F. Creelman, B.A.	1876	Angus Morrison	Bay of Islands.	Bay of Islands.
W. S. Whittier, B.Sc.	1880		Little Bay.	Betts' Cove.

ALEX. ROSS, Presbytery Clerk.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The following nominations to the Moderatorship of this Synod, by Presbyteries, were read :—

Rev. Principal McKnight, by the Presbytery of Pictou.

Rev. J. B. Logan, by the Presbyteries of Truro, and Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

Rev. J. Nicholson, by the Presbytery of Miramichi.

Rev. Dr. Waters, by the Presbytery of St. John.

Rev. J. M. McLeod, by the Presbytery of P. E. Island.

Rev. A. McL. Sinclair moved, and Rev. J. B. Logan seconded, that Principal McKnight be Moderator.

Dr. Waters asked permission to withdraw his name. He moved, and Rev. Mr. Christie seconded, that Mr. Logan be Moderator.

Rev. Mr. McKenzie moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. McBain, that Rev. Mr. Nicholson be Moderator.

Rev. Mr. McKinnon moved, seconded by Rev. J. McDonald, that Mr. McLeod be Moderator.

On the vote being taken, Rev. John B. Logan was chosen Moderator. On taking the Chair he briefly addressed the house, thanking the brethren for the honor conferred.

Rev. D. McRae moved, and Dr. Waters seconded, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the retiring Moderator for the able manner in which he discharged the duties of the office, for his uniform kindness, and for the exceedingly timely and appropriate sermon with which he opened the present Session of Synod. The motion was carried unanimously and the Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Synod to Dr. McCulloch.

The Report of the Business Committee was presented by Rev. S. Houston, and adopted. In terms thereof the following Committees were appointed :—

Obituary Notices.—Rev. Principal McKnight and Rev. E. A. McCurdy.

Finance.—Messrs. A. McLean Sinclair, Joseph Hogg and Edwin Smith, with J. A. Lawson and L. McElhinney.

It was agreed that the hours of meeting be from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M., from 3 to 6 P. M., and from 7½ to 10 P. M.

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

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SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Chatham, and within St. Andrew's Church there, Wednesday, the twenty sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty:

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, and after a half hour spent in devotional exercises, was constituted by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Clerk of the Committee on Business presented a Report on the business for this diet. Said Report was adopted.

On the recommendation of the Business Committee, the following Committees were appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries:—

St. John and Miramichi:—Messrs. John McKinnon, J. C. Meek and Isaac McCutdy.

P. E. Island:—Messrs. Kenneth McKay, A. Russell and J. Edgar.

Sydney, and Victoria and Richmond:—Messrs. A. J. Mowatt, W. H. Gray and R. McLelland.

Pictou and Wallace:—Messrs. A. Burrows, J. D. Murray and Fleming Blanchard.

Truro, and Lunenburg and Yarmouth:—Messrs. M. McKenzie, John Murray and A. C. Morrison.

Halifax and Newfoundland:—Messrs. D. S. Fraser, John Boyd and J. Campbell.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence obtained leave to retire to complete their Report.

HUNTER FUND.

Dr. McGregor, on behalf of the Committee on the Hunter Fund, submitted a Report of the Committee's procedure for the past eighteen months, and a statement of the free grants, loans on interest, and free loans to congregations, with expenses incurred by the Committee since the establishment of the Fund. The accounts, certified by the Synod's Auditing Committee, were also presented. The Report was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Minutes, at the expense of the Hunter Fund. The following recommendation by the Committee was adopted:—"All restrictions regarding interest be removed, and the question of interest be left to the discretion of the Committee."

Moved by Mr. McLean Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Pitblado and resolved:

The Synod hereby declares that in case a congregation which once received aid from this Fund, and which has not its church properly insured, shall lose its church by fire, it shall not receive any aid from this Fund.

Moved by Dr. Waters, seconded by Dr. McCulloch :

That congregations which receive loans from the Hunter Fund, shall in all cases keep their churches insured, at least to the amount borrowed, over and above all indebtedness, so long as they are indebted to the Fund, and should any of these congregations fail at any time to do so while thus indebted, the Committee of the Hunter Fund shall be empowered to call in the amount of such indebtedness should they see fit.

Moved in amendment by Mr. L. G. Macneill, and seconded by Mr. Forrest, that the last clause of Dr. Waters' motion be left out. On division, the amendment was carried, and became the judgment of the house.

The Supplement Committee obtained leave to sit this afternoon to complete their work.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

Reports of Presbyteries on the efforts made to secure contributions from their congregations to the schemes of the Church were called for. It was agreed that the several Clerks report orally for their respective Presbyteries. Reports were then heard from the Presbyteries of Truro, Pictou, Halifax, and Lunenburg and Yarmouth, all which shewed great diligence in accordance with the order of last Synod, and were accordingly approved. During the discussion of the Report from the Presbytery of St. John, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned to meet in this place at three o'clock in the afternoon, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

In the same place, and on the same day :

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator. The Minutes of the Second Sederunt were read and sustained.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Dr. Patterson, Dr. McCurdy, of Princeton, and Mr. McCarter were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

Mr. Houston presented the Report of the Business Committee on the order for this diet. Its recommendations were adopted.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of Synod be held in United Church, New Glasgow, on the thirty-first day of May, A. D. 1881, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHEMES.

Resumed consideration of the unfinished business of last Sederunt, viz : the consideration of the Reports of Presbyteries, ament their diligence in securing contributions to the schemes of the Church. The Reports of the Presbyteries of St. John, Miramichi, P. E. Island and Newfoundland were heard and approved.

REFERENCE AND APPEALS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

On the recommendation of the Business Committee, the reference and appeals from the Presbytery of Sydney and papers connected therewith, were referred to the following brethren, as a judicial committee, viz : Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Pollok, G. Christie, D. Melae, T. Nicholson, J. F. Blanchard, and G. A. Lawson.

The Committee obtained leave to retire for their business.

REFERENCES FROM THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Dr. McGregor, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, read a reference from the Board, ament an application of the New Hebrides missionaries for an increase of salary from £150 to £175 sterling. He also read papers by the missionaries, showing the reasons for the request.

The Synod approved of the proposed increase, and instructed the Board accordingly.

Dr. McGregor also read a reference from the Foreign Mission Board, ament an application of the Mission Council in Trinidad, for a fourth missionary. The application of the Council was supported by papers, showing the wants of the field, and the promise of planters and other parties in Trinidad to contribute £150 towards the support of the missionary.

While the discussion on this reference was proceeding, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned, to meet in this place at half-past seven o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

In the same place, and on the same day.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and, after praise and the reading of the Scriptures was constituted by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Third Sederunt were read and sustained.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The order of the day was taken up, when Dr. Pollok addressed the House on the work and claims of the Theological College at Halifax; Dr. McGregor, on the Church's Foreign Mission work; and Mr. James Sinclair on Home Missions. Each address was followed by congregational praise.

REFERENCE ANENT FOURTH MISSIONARY TO TRINIDAD.

On motion, the consideration of the proposal to send a fourth missionary to Trinidad was resumed.

Moved by Mr. J. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Hogg :

That this Synod approve of the proposal submitted to its consideration by the Foreign Mission Board, that in view of the opening in Trinidad and the action taken by the Mission Council, a fourth missionary be sent out to that field.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Goodfellow, and seconded by Mr. Henry :

The Synod recommend the Foreign Mission Board to send a fourth missionary to Trinidad, whenever the present debt on the Foreign Mission fund is wiped out.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, by Dr. Waters, seconded by Mr. McLean Sinclair :

It is the opinion of this Synod that a fourth missionary should be sent to Trinidad so soon as the state of the funds at the disposal of the committee shall warrant them in making the appointment.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the time was extended, to enable the Synod to finish the present business.

Dr. Waters' amendment, as against Mr. Goodfellow's, was put to the House, when Mr. Goodfellow's was preferred.

It was then moved in amendment by Mr. Macneill and seconded by Mr. Forrest :

That the Synod, firmly convinced that Providence is clearly indicating that it is our duty to send a fourth missionary to Trinidad, resolve to proceed forthwith to raise the additional funds that are necessary.

On the vote between the two amendments being taken, the latter was preferred, and became the amendment.

Mr. McCurly then moved in amendment, seconded by Dr. Waters :

That in the opinion of this Synod there is a loud call to send a fourth missionary to Trinidad immediately, but as the heavy debt stands as an obstacle in the way, the Synod recommends the Board to make a special appeal to the Church to remove the debt at once, with the intimation that as soon as this object is accomplished the missionary shall be sent.

On division Mr. McCurly's amendment was preferred successively to the first amendment and the original motion, and became the judgment of the house.

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FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Chatham, and within St. Andrew's Church there, Thursday, the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty :

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

The Minutes of the Fourth Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. McLean Sinclair presented the report of the Business Committee on the order of the business for this Sederunt. Said report was adopted.

REFERENCE ANENT CONGREGATIONAL CONSTITUTIONS.

Read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Miramichi referring a draft of a proposed constitution for the congregations situated in New Brunswick, to the Synod for consideration and approval. Dr. Jarline stated the reference, which, on motion, was then referred to the following Committee :—Drs. Waters, McKnight and Patterson.

Rev. Mr. Tead, Methodist minister of the town, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

OVERTURE ANENT EXPENSE OF ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS.

Read an overture of the Pictou Presbytery anent the expense of administering the funds of the Church. Mr. E. A. McCurdy and Mr. McLean Sinclair were heard in support of the overture.

Moved by Mr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. Macneill :—

That this Synod having heard the representatives of the Presbytery of Pictou, and having given the matter full consideration, agree to dismiss the overture.

Moved in amendment by Mr. J. McLean, seconded by Mr. Meek :—

That the overture be received and adopted, and transmitted to the General Assembly.

On being put to vote the motion was carried, and became the judgment of the house.

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

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

In the same place and on the same day :

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

The Minutes of the Fifth Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. McLean Sinclair gave in the report of the Business Committee, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYDNEY CASE.

Mr. McRae gave in the report of the Committee on the Reference and Appeals from the Sydney Presbytery.

After hearing both the parties through their representatives, the Synod, 53 to 1, resolved that the report of the Committee be adopted as the judgment of the Synod in this case. The report is as follows :

At St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, the twenty sixth day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty :

Which day the Committee appointed to consider the papers referred to the Synod by the Presbytery of Sydney met and was constituted. Sederunt, Dr. McCulloch, Convener, Dr. Pollok, Messrs. Blanchard and Lawson, and Rev. Messrs. Nicholson, Christie and Macrae, who acted as Secretary.

The Committee, having read the petition from certain parties in the Gabarus Congregation, reflecting upon the character of Rev. D. Sutherland, of Gabarus, and the finding of the Presbytery of Sydney in reference to the same, proceeded to consider the evidence relating—

1. To the charge of Sabbath desecration contained in said petition. After due consideration, the Committee recommended the following as what, in their belief, should be the judgment of the Synod :—

That the conflicting character of the evidence preferred with reference to the charge of Sabbath desecration against the Rev. D. Sutherland disables the Committee from determining to what extent this charge can be pressed. But sufficient remains to shew that Mr. Sutherland cannot be fully exonerated from somewhat of impropriety, in referring as he did to secular matters on the Lord's Day, and accordingly, in the opinion of the Committee, the Synod should enjoin him to exercise due discretion in this respect hereafter.

2. So far as appears, Mr. Sutherland, in the opinion of this Committee, committed no irregularity in going to preach, as he did at Loch Lomond, and therefore the finding of the Committee of the Presbytery of Sydney on this point cannot be sustained.

3. With respect to the third charge, the opinion of the Committee, based upon the evidence, is very decided, that by the introduction of the case of Alexander McDonald in connection with that of the petitioners, the Presbytery went beyond the limits of the record, and acted toward Mr. Sutherland, alike in the conduct of said case and in their finding thereanent, with a degree of harshness not a little reprehensible. The whole of the Minutes of the procedure bearing upon this case ought, in the opinion of the Committee, to be destroyed.

4. As regards the election of Trustees, from the evidence it did not appear that any person in the congregation was injured by the mode of election carried out by Mr. Sutherland, and, manifestly, very conclusive proof would be requisite to justify the charge of irregularity on his part, proof which, in the judgment of the Committee, is not furnished by the record.

5. Taking a conjunct view of the evidence on this point, the Committee consider that it is not clear whether there was an assault at all, much less, if there was an assault, by whom it was committed. It is to be deplored that a scene such as appears to have occurred should have occurred on any occasion in any circumstances, and, above all, in a church, and with a minister as one of the parties concerned. And, without determining with what party the blame in this matter rests, the Committee deem the occurrence of such facts as worthy of being reprehended.

ON THE APPEALS.

1. With reference to this appeal, the Committee consider that it should be sustained. The reasons given by the Presbytery in reply to those preferred by Mr. Sutherland are utterly without force, and the grounds alleged by him in support of his appeal against the action of the Presbytery are sufficient. In the opinion of the Committee, the Presbytery erred in rejecting the commission of Mr. McDonald,—the more that they refused to receive him for one reason, alleged irregularity in the mode of his election to office,—and supported their refusal with reasons of a quite different character, a fama and rumours alleged against his character.

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2. With regard to this appeal, the Committee find no evidence of irregularity of procedure on the part of the Session of Gabarus, in submitting their complaint to the Presbytery of Sydney against the alleged interference of Dr. McLeod in the affairs of the congregation of Gabarus. The reasons submitted by Mr. Sutherland bear no marks of being disrespectful in expression, nor of being incorrect in statement. Much of what is contained in the reasons alleged by the Presbytery of Sydney against this appeal is irrelevant. And, therefore, on the whole, the Committee recommend that this appeal be sustained.

3. The Committee find that the charge of interference on the part of Dr. McLeod, acting separately from the Presbytery, does not appear to be sustained. At the same time since, in their opinion, the introduction of the McDonald pew case into that based upon the petition was altogether unwarrantable. They consider that, in dismissing this appeal, it should be dismissed simply as part of the whole case with which it is connected, the minutes of which they have, in a previous finding, enjoined the Presbytery to destroy.

4. As to this appeal, it appears to the Committee that the action of the Presbytery, with reference to the whole subject of election of elders in Gabarus congregation was unarrantable, and even illegal,—especially in that they employed a civil magistrate to take evidence on oath from ecclesiastical officials. No ground appears why the Presbytery should have entered at all upon the investigation which they instituted as to this election; no proof is furnished that any grave irregularity was committed, or that any one complained. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the appeal be sustained, and that the minutes bearing upon this case be destroyed.

5. The Committee sustain this appeal also. So far as appears, McDonald's petition ought not to have been received by the Presbytery. The Session of Gabarus was guilty of no irregularity or illegality in transferring the pew once occupied by McDonald to D. McIntyre. The Presbytery had no right to interfere, as they assumed to do, with the action of the Session in dealing with the pews and in ordering the Minister, Session and Trustees to restore the pew sold by A. McDonald, and rescound in the petition to him. And the minutes bearing upon this whole case of the McDonald petition, and pew ought to be, and are hereby enjoined to be destroyed.

Against this decision, Mr. G. L. Gordon, on behalf of the Presbytery, protested and appealed to the General Assembly and craved extracts. The following are Mr. Gordon's reasons of appeal from the judgment of Synod anent the Reference:

I protest and appeal on behalf of the Presbytery of Sydney, against such part of the decision of Synod as reviews the findings of the Presbytery of Sydney in the case referred, because—

1. These findings constitute the foundation of the reference.
2. From these findings there was no complaint or appeal.
3. The decision complained of unnecessarily censures the Presbytery, annulling their decisions. The reference was not for the confirmation or annulling of these findings, but to obtain a final judgment upon the case.

The Synod appointed Messrs. McRae, Nicholson and Blanchard and Dr. Waters to prepare answers to these reasons, and to support the judgment of Synod before the Assembly. Subsequently the Committee furnished the following answers which were adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

1. The findings of the Committee of the Presbytery of Sydney, as adopted by that Presbytery, were submitted to the Synod, as it appeared to the Synod, not merely as a basis for action by the Synod, but for the purpose of being reviewed as a step to action by the Synod.

2. From these findings, *four* members out of a court of *nine*, dissented.
3. The Committee of Synod most carefully reviewed the whole of the voluminous evidence and other papers submitted to it; and the findings arrived at on the whole case, and on each point composing it, were based upon this careful review, and were unanimous.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL CONSTITUTIONS.

Dr. McKnight gave in the report of the Committee to whom was entrusted the consideration of the reference of the Miramichi Presbytery anent the constitution of congregations situated in New Brunswick. The Committee recommended :—

That the following Committee be appointed to consider the whole subject brought up in the reference, and report at the next meeting of Synod as to the proper measures to be adopted in order to meet the requirements of the case :—Rev. Dr. Jardine, Convener; S. Houston, D. Macrae, Dr. Waters, ministers, and Allan Davidson, Esq., M.P.P., and the Hon. John James Fraser.

The Synod adjourned at five o'clock to enable the members of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund to hold a conference on the position of the Fund, to meet in the same place, at half-past seven o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

In the same place, and on the same day.

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

The Minutes of the Sixth Sederunt were read and sustained.

FINANCE.

Mr. McLean Sinclair presented the Report of the Committee on Finance, showing a deficiency of \$63 in receipts, and recommending a *pro rata* reduction in the payment of travelling expenses. The Report was received and adopted.

REPORT ON RECORDS.

The Committee on the examination of Presbytery Records reported that the Records of the Presbytery of Sydney, Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Truro, St. John, Miramichi, Pictou, P. E. Island, and Halifax are correctly kept, and the business regularly conducted; that the Records of the Presbyteries of Wallace and Newfoundland have not been forwarded; and that the Records of the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond are neatly kept, and the business is regularly transacted, but a clerical irregularity should receive attention.

It was agreed that the Records on the table be attested, with a note in the case of Victoria and Richmond of the irregularity named by the Committee.

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SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

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

Moved by Dr. Waters, seconded by Dr. McCulloch, and agreed to :

That the report be received and its recommendations adopted, and that the Synod express its satisfaction at the gratifying increase in the liberality of the congregations under its care, and that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for the manner in which they have discharged their duty.

The recommendations are as follow :—

1. That all the office-bearers, members and adherents of this Church be affectionately urged to cultivate the grace of Christian liberality by the careful consideration of God's claims upon their property, and of the practice of frequent proportionate and grateful contributions of their substance to the furtherance of His cause, and that all of them who are parents be exhorted to train up their children in this respect as well as in others, in accordance with the principles and precepts of the Gospel.
2. That sessions and Sabbath-school teachers be encouraged to endeavour to develop the spirit of liberality among the young people under their oversight, by teaching them their duty, and by furnishing them with frequent opportunities in the Sabbath-school and elsewhere, of performing the same by presenting their offerings in support of the missionary schemes of the Church.
3. That all ministers be recommended to give due prominence in their public teaching to the subject of systematic Christian giving, and especially to the duty of enforcing its performance by the grand impelling motive so impressively urged by the apostle in his appeal upon the same subject, "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich yet for our sakes he became poor."

REFERENCE FROM AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND:

Mr. McLean Sinclair read an extract minute of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, referring the state of the fund and certain questions respecting it to the Synod, for its advice.

On motion of Dr. McCulloch, the whole matter was left in the hands of the Committee, to be arranged according to the best of their judgment.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Report on Sabbath Observance having been called for, the convener stated that there is no Report, on account of his not knowing till too late that he was convener.

Resolved, on motion of Dr. Waters, seconded by Dr. McCulloch :—

That the statements of the convener of the Committee on the State of Religion be received ; that the Committee be continued and instructed to report fully next year.

Moved by Dr. McCulloch, seconded by Dr. Jardine, and resolved :

That this Synod feels deeply aggrieved at the continued desecration of the Sabbath, by running of trains and other work on the Intercolonial Railway, and sailing of steamers (subsidized by Government) on the Miramichi River on the Lord's Day, and, in the interests of the country, most earnestly appeals to the General and Provincial Governments, to adopt prompt measures to put a stop to a practice so dishonoring to God and demoralizing to the country.

ASSESSOR TO SYDNEY PRESBYTERY.

Mr. Gordon asked for an assessor to sit with the Presbytery of Sydney, in order to form a quorum, to appoint a commissioner to represent the Presbytery before the Assembly in the appeal taken this afternoon. The request was granted, and Mr. D. McGregor was appointed such assessor.

REASONS OF APPEAL.

Mr. G. L. Gordon presented additional reasons of appeal, to which Mr. Macrae, Convener of the Committee, gave in replies that were adopted by the Synod.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Mr. Hogg read the report of the Committee on the State of Religion.

Moved by Mr. Macneil, seconded by Mr. Forrest, and resolved:—

Receive and adopt the report with recommendations, commend the diligence of the Committee, and especially thank the Convener for the excellent report now submitted.

The recommendations are as follow:—

1. That this Synod urge upon sessions a more faithful exercise of the discipline of the Church in dealing with members who are, by their lives, bringing reproach on the name of Jesus.
2. That two or three brother presbyters unite to conduct special Gospel services at such season of the year as may be found most convenient.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Mr. Burrows, in the absence of the Convener, Mr. Donald, read the report of the Committee on Sabbath-schools.

Moved by Mr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Waters, that the report be received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Committee, and especially its Convener, for the excellent report.

In terms of the report, the Synod recommends: 1. Frequent sermons to the young. 2. Frequent reviews by the pastor. 3. Occasional conventions of Sabbath School officers with Presbyteries, for discussion of methods of Sabbath School work.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

Dr. McKnight, on behalf of the Committee, reported the following notice of the late Rev. Mr. Stewart, of New Glasgow, which was adopted by the Synod, and a copy ordered to be sent to the family of the departed father:—

The Rev. John Stewart was a native of Scotland. He was born in Little Dunkeld. At an early period of his life he distinguished himself by pleading the cause of his fellow parishioners, in a case of disputed settlement. He was sent in 1834 to Cape Breton, where he laboured, first as a travelling missionary and afterwards as a settled minister, for four years. In 1838 he was translated to New Glasgow. In 1844, when the disruption took place in Nova Scotia, he adhered to the Free Church, and from that time his energies were freely given to the promotion of the public interests of that body, as well as to the care of his own congregation. He took special interest in the education of young men for the work of the ministry, and collected funds in Scotland to

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provide the college with a suitable building in Halifax. Enterprising in temperament, and confident in the success of a good cause, he contributed not a little by his zeal and perseverance alike to the extension of the gospel throughout the land, the strengthening of his own denomination, and the promotion of foreign missions. Feeling the effects of age, he obtained the aid of an assistant in 1866, and finally resigned his charge in 1868. But he continued to preach occasionally till within a week or two of his removal from this scene of manifold labour to his everlasting rest.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On the recommendation of the Business Committee, it was agreed that the Standing Committees of Synod be constituted as follows :—

Sabbath Observance.—Messrs. E. Smith, Dr. McCulloch, J. H. Chase, A. Russell, J. McG. McKay, J. K. Blair, J. F. Blanchard, Thomas Nicholson, Dr. Jardine and J. C. Herdman.

Temperance.—Messrs. A. Simpson, P. M. Morrison, J. Hogg, M. G. Henry, J. M. McLeod, Charles Robson and Walter McDonald.

Systematic Beneficence.—Messrs. E. A. McCurdy, M. G. Henry, E. Scott, E. D. Millar, Allan Simpson, Joseph Hogg, J. McL. McLeod, Kenneth McKenzie, Hector B. McKay, John McMillan, J. C. Herdman, L. G. Macneill, Kenneth McKay, Charles Robson, Judge Blanchard, Dr. Murray, Harvey Graham and Robert Murray.

Public Education.—Messrs. C. B. Pitblado, Thomas Duncan, John Forrest, Principal McKnight, Dr. McCulloch, E. A. McCurdy, Robert Murray, George McLean, Dr. Waters, D. Macrae, J. C. Burgess, S. Houston, J. McG. McKay, Robert Cruikshank, J. R. Nicholson, Dr. I. Murray, K. McLennan, J. McKinnon, R. Laird, A. F. Carr, Alexander McKinnon and Professor Anderson.

State of Religion.—Messrs. T. Duncan, Dr. Burns, W. Donald, A. Burrows, John Murray, E. Bayne, J. A. F. McBain, J. Hogg, E. D. Millar, Hon. D. McCurdy, I. S. Murray, and George Underwood.

Sabbath Schools.—Messrs. W. Donald, A. Burrows, E. Scott, Stalker, H. Graham and I. S. Murray.

Bills and Overtures.—Messrs. T. Sedgewick, Samuel Houston, K. McLennan, A. McL. Sinclair, J. Forrest, J. C. Burgess and J. H. Chase.

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

VOTES OF THANKS.

On motion of Dr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Macneill, the thanks of the Synod were tendered, 1st, To the Pastor and members of St. Andrew's Church, for the accommodation afforded the Synod and its Committees in the holding of their meetings; 2nd, To the friends in Chatham for their generous hospitality; 3rd, To the Railway and Steamboat Companies that granted reduced fares to the members of Synod; 4th, To the *Chatham Advance*, for its full reports of the proceedings of the Synod.

The Minutes of this Sederunt were read and sustained.

CLOSING OF SESSION.

The Moderator addressed the House, and, after prayer, in which Principal McKnight led, and the singing of Psalm lxxii., 18th and 19th verses, said: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and only Head of His Church, and by authority of this Synod, I now dissolve this meeting, and intimate that the next Annual Meeting of this Synod will convene at New Glasgow, and within United Church there, on Tuesday, the thirty-first day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-one, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening." The Session was then closed with the Benediction.

JOHN B. LOGAN, M. A.,

Moderator.

PETER M. MORRISON,

Clerk

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APPENDIX.

REPORT OF HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE,

From Oct. 1st, 1878; to May 1st, 1880, is respectfully submitted.

TO THE REVEREND THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES:

The report submitted by the Committee to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in October 1st, 1878, gave a full account of the transactions of the Committee, and of their management of the Fund up to that date. It shewed—

That free grants had been made to 20 congregations, amounting to.....	\$ 3750 00
That free loans had been granted, amounting to.....	\$4800 00
Loans on interest	7450 00
	12250 00
Annuitiy agency, and all other expenses for two years to that date	1067 86
	\$17067 86

The change in the time of the meeting of Synod in 1879 rendered it necessary to submit a brief report of six or seven months, which was done without any audit. Without taking an account of what was then submitted, it will serve a better purpose to present a statement for the last year and a half or 19 months, up to the 1st of May of the present year.

During that time the following disbursements have been made:—

Grants to seven churches.....	\$ 985 00
Loans free.....	3100 00
“ on interest.....	1500 00
	\$ 5585 00
Annuitiy for 1½ years.....	216 00
Secretary's salary for 2 years.....	500 00
Other expenses.....	31 71
	747 71
For bank stock.....	5884 00
	\$12216 71

RECEIVED.

From congregations, principal and instalments	\$3149 93
Interest	187 40
Executors.....	8619 80
Dividends on bank shares, &c.....	467 85
	12424 98
Balance on hand	\$ 208 27

Subjoined is a statement in detail of the *whole* payments made to congregations for all purposes, showing:—

Grants.....	\$ 4735 00
Interest loans.....	5300 00
Free loans.....	11550 00
	\$21585 00
Payment for bank stock	5884 00
Other payments, for annuity, secretary, legal charges and other expenses	1803 57
	\$29272 57

The receipts are:—

From congregations	\$ 7093 53
Dividends, &c.....	528 76
Executors of Hunter estate	21918 55
	29480 84
Balance in treasurer's hands	\$ 208 27

PAYMENTS TO CONGREGATIONS EXHIBITED IN DETAIL.

	Grant.	On Interest.	Free Loan.
Coldstream.....			
Wolfville.....		\$ 500 00	
Dartmouth.....			\$ 600 00
Lower Stewiacke.....			2100 00
Carleton, Yarmouth Co.....		1000 00	
Shediac.....		750 00	
Poplar Grove.....		550 00	
Little Harbour.....		1500 00	
Hillsborough.....	\$ 500 00		
River Inhabitants.....	100 00		
Leitch's Creek.....	150 00		
Malagawatch.....	100 00		
Fisher's Grant.....	200 00		
Vale Colliery.....	150 00		
Yarmouth.....			800 00
Glenelg.....			1000 00
Loch Lomond.....			1000 00
Middle River, Pictou.....	100 00		
Bridgetown.....	150 00		
Spring Hill.....	350 00		
Jeddore.....	100 00		
Riversdale.....	200 00		
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Middle River, C. B.....	100 00		
Bridgetown.....	300 00		
Isaac's Harbour.....			1000 00
Carleton, Shelburne Co.....	200 00		
Bedford.....	100 00		
Spring Hill.....	250 00		
Smithfield, Caledonia.....			800 00
Country Harbour.....	200 00		
West Bay, Points.....	250 00		
Loch Lomond.....	100 00		
Onslow.....	100 00		
West Bay, Black River.....	150 00	500 00	
Leitch's Creek.....	100 00		
Falmouth Street, Sydney.....	160 00		
Debert.....	250 00		500 00
Bridgewater.....		500 00	
Shemogue.....			1000 00
Jeddore, 2nd free.....	125 00		
Acadia Mines.....	200 00		
New Dublin.....			600 00
Country Harbour.....			400 00
Dartmouth.....	50 00		
			1600 00
Interest loans.....	\$ 4735 00	\$ 5300 00	\$11550 00
Grants.....			5300 00
			4735 00
			<u>\$21585 00</u>
Loaned.....			\$16850 00
Returned.....		\$ 6383 53	
On loan.....		10466 47	
			<u>\$16850 00</u>

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Balance

The Committee have to report the sum of \$2176 due on loans, and chiefly on loans free of interest. Correspondence has been conducted in all these cases, and the Committee being persuaded that the failure to pay arose from the great depression of trade and consequent scarcity of money, felt that they could not enforce a rigid compliance with legal claims, and have consented to delays varying from six months to a year, until the congregations feel in some measure relieved from their embarrassments. Should the Synod disapprove of their procedure, and order the immediate collection of all arrears, such collections can be made, but the consequences to individuals would be serious.

The question has been asked whether the Committee is regarding the Rule of Synod which directs them to keep one-half of the Fund at interest, and to give in free grants only the annual income of such investments. In reply they have to state that their interest receipts from funds paid into their hands by the executors of the Hunter Estate amount to \$650 from congregations, and dividends \$528.76,—in all \$1178.76, while their free grants amount to \$4735 to date, and some further amounts promised. But on the other hand, the Executors have received in interest and dividends, up to the end of 1878, \$5710.51, according to returns made and approved in the Court of Probate, from which it appears that the Committee have kept within the limit, and left a considerable margin untouched.

The Committee have conferred with the Executors respecting the sale or transference of the property which belongs to the Synod as the residuary legatees. The Committee could not advise a sale, as this would certainly be at a ruinous sacrifice. As regards transfer, the property consists of land in the country and lots in the city, houses, a few mortgages, and stock, at present in great measure unsaleable, the management of which the Committee considered would demand more time and care than the Synod could expect them to devote to this object.

The Committee have in all made free grants to 26 congregations. They have loaned on interest to 7, and they have given free loans to 12. Their chief anxieties have been in connection with *free loans* payable by instalments. Some congregations have met their obligations with commendable promptitude, and these have evidently derived advantage in every way from the loan. They have saved interest, and they have been stimulated to reduce and even to extinguish debts which otherwise might long have remained. But others have failed to fulfil engagements voluntarily made, and for their own benefit, and while the Committee attribute such failures in most cases to untoward circumstances, they still have some fears that delay in payment has been encouraged by the presumption that coercive measures would not be used in collecting payments due. As all congregations are represented in the Synod, the Committee hope that from your body there will be diffused a high sense of honor in this matter, for the efficiency of the fund turns greatly on the conduct of churches in meeting their obligations with punctuality. Unless a congregation sees its way pretty clearly to the payment of instalment notes as they mature, it were better every way to ask for a grant in aid, and though the sum thus received will of course be smaller and afford less immediate relief, yet it has no consequences of an unpleasant character.

The Committee trust the Synod will recommend their congregations to keep their church property *insured*. The Committee make insurance a *condition* to receiving aid; but they have no power to *keep* the property insured, and yet the burning of a church, once aided, is almost certain to be followed by a second application. Though it is in the power of Synod to forbid any second grant or free loan in such a case, yet such a prohibition might be unwise, but the Committee are of opinion that a strong recommendation should be issued to all congregations not able to rebuild from their own resources to keep their churches insured, and that such recommendation should be followed up by an enquiry by Presbytery as to its being carried out.

The Committee would call the attention of Synod to a regulation forbidding them to loan money in any case under 6 per cent. While the Committee desire to execute their trust faithfully and to make their investments as good, in a commercial point of view, as possible, they doubt the wisdom of the rule just referred to on this as well as other grounds, that it is not possible at all times to get safe investments at 6 per cent.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. G. MACGREGOR, *Chairman*.