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OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES. 1899-1900.

MODERATOR:

REV. M. G. HENRY St. Croix, N. S.

CLERKS:

REV. T. SEDGWICK, D. D. Tatamagouche, N. S.

REV. T. STEWART Dartmouth, N. S.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

- List of standing committees including: Rules and Ordinances, Church Life and Work, Home Church Building Fund, Public Education & Civil Rights, Sabbath Schools, Synod Fund, Young People's Societies, with names of members and locations.

COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- List of committees of the general assembly including: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Augmentation, College, Board of Management, Ministers' Widows' and Orphan's Fund, Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, with names of members and locations.

ACTING AGENT OF THE CHURCH (EASTERN SECTION):

REV. E. A. MCCURDY Halifax, N. S.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD

At Chatham, N. B., and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the first Tuesday of October, 1900, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH SYNOD

OF THE

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Truro, N. S. Oct. 3-5, 1899.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

*At Truro, and within the First Presbyterian Church there, Tuesday, the third day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and at half past seven o'clock in the evening:*

Which time and place the Synod of the Maritime Provinces of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met as appointed, and after Public Worship, conducted by the ex-Moderator, the Reverend Doctor A. Falconer, and the Moderator, the Reverend J. F. Forbes, who preached a sermon from the twenty third verse of the twenty fifth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, and the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," was constituted by the Moderator with prayer.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

The Clerk called the Roll, and marked members present with an asterisk (\*) as follows:

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## PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY

No.	MINISTERS	DATE OF ORINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE.
1	Isaac Murray, D.D.	Jan. 16, 1830		Retired	
2	Donald Sutherland	Jan. 6, 1860	John McLean	Gabarrus	New Glasgow.
3	Donald McMillan	Dec. 1, 1861	Alex. Boyd	Sydney Mines	Gabarrus.
4	J. F. Forbes	Feb. 27, 1867	Nor. McDonald	St. Andrew's, Sydney	Sydney Mines.
5	William Grant	Sept. 27, 1869		Grand River	Sydney.
6	David Drummond	Jan. 18, 1872	John McKenzie	Boularderie	Grand River.
7	Malcolm McLeod	July 12, 1877	Wm. Chisholm	Loch Lomond & Franboise	Boularderie.
8	T. C. Jack	Oct. 18, 1879	E. R. Moffatt	St. Matthews, N. Sydney	Loch Lomond
9	J. K. Forbes	Oct. 18, 1881	A. N. McLennan	Glac Bay	North Sydney.
10	W. H. Calder	Sept. 26, 1886	F. Falconer	Mira	Glac Bay.
11	E. B. Rankin	Sept. 12, 1889	Donald Morrison	Falmouth St., Sydney	Mira.
12	John Fraser	June 21, 1892	John Matheson	North Shore & N. River	Sydney.
13	Malsom N. McLeod	Nov. 8, 1892	Donald McAulay	5th Gut & Englishtown	North Shore.
14	A. A. McGlashan	May 31, 1893	John Munro	Bridgeport & Ros. Mines	Englishtown.
15	Donald McOrmond	June 6, 1899		Marion Bridge	Bridgeport.
16	VACANCIES.				Marion Bridge.
17			George Howatson	Port Morien	Port Morien.
18			Donald Beaton	Little Bras d'Or	Little Bras d'Or.
	ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.			Leitch's Creek	Leitch's Creek.
1	Laurelton Beaton	Aug. 2, 1898			
2	L. A. McLean	May 25, 1899	Ronald McLean	Calvin, Louisburg	Louisburg.
	MISSION STATIONS.				
				Little Lake	Little Lake.

EDWARD R. FRANKIN, *Chk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF INVERNESS.

1	Kenneth McKenzie	Dec. 2, 1857		Retired	Halifax.
2	Alex. Ross, M. A.	1860	John McDonald	Whycocomagh	Whycocomagh.
3	D. McDougall	Nov. 15, 1865	Murdo McAskill	Buddeck	Buddeck.
4	Alex. Grant	Dec. 6, 1871		Retired	
5	E. S. Bayne, M. A.	Jan. 18, 1876	Lewis McKee	Mahon and Port Hood	Whycocomagh.
6	Alex. McIrae	June 2, 1877		Retired	Hillshoro.
7	Neil Currie	Oct. 21, 1879	John McDougall	East Lake Ainslie	Trout River.
8	Angus McMillan	Jan. 25, 1882	John Ross	West Bay	West Bay.
9	John Rose	Aug. 12, 1884	James McIlroy	Malaga catch & R. Detour	S.S. Ross, R. Det.
10	D. McDonald, R.D.	Sept. 7, 1887	Alex. Campbell	Strathorne	Strathorne.
11	D. McLeod, M. A.	Nov. 11, 1891	Roik Martin	Little Narrows	Borrowston.
12	L. H. McLean, M. A.	Oct. 12, 1895	A. F. Dickson	Hastings & Hawkesbury	Port Hastings.
13			Neil Nicholson	Buddeck Forks	Buddeck Forks.
14			N. P. McKay	Margaree & Cheticamp	Margaree Har.
	ORDAINED MISSIONARY				
1	M. A. McKenzie	July 15, 1887	John Campbell	Middle River	Middle River.
	MISSION STATIONS.				
1			Daniel Clough	Arlchal & Lennox Ferry	Lennox Ferry.
2			Angus McIntosh	Pleasant Bay	Pleasant Bay.
3			John L. Dowling	River Inhabitants	Princeville.

D. McDONALD, *Chk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

1	W. S. Durrigh	Nov. 12, 1850		Retired	Lندن.
2	H. B. McKay	June 22, 1855		Retired	Halifax.
3	Thos. Sedgewick, D.D.	Sept. 19, 1860	W. Kennedy	Tatamagouche	Tatamagouche.
4	D. MacGregor, B. A.	May 21, 1877	Peter Messowen	Amherst	Amherst.
5	Geo. L. Gordon	Oct. 6, 1879		River John	River John.
6	H. K. McLean	June 7, 1887	T. W. McKay	Parishoro	Parishoro.
7	A. D. McIntosh, M. A.	June 6, 1888	Peter McLean	Pugwash	Pugwash.
8	David Wright	Jan. 10, 1889	Thos. Davidson	Spring Hill	Springhill.
9	C. Munro, B. A.	May 22, 1893	Eph. Archibald	Oxford	Oxford.
10	P. K. McRae	May 29, 1895	J. McKay	Earlton	Earlton.
11	J. H. Kirk	May 11, 1895	John W. Burns	Londen	Londen.
12	E. L. Jobb	Aug. 1, 1896	James Adams	River Hebert, N. B.	River Hebert.
13	D. A. Fraim, M. A.	May 1, 1897	John Johnson	Wallace	Wallace.
14	William Dakin, B. A.	May 25, 1899	D. Springcour	Port Elgin & Slemogue	Port Elgin, N. B.
	MISSION STATIONS.				
1				New Annap	New Annap.
2				Sydney Purdy	Westchester, Wentworth.

D. MACGREGOR, *Chk.*

No.	MINISTERS.
1	Moses Harvey, D.D.
2	John Cameron
3	Alan Pollok, D. D.
4	John Currie, D. D.
5	M. G. Henry
6	Alan Simpson
7	John McMillan, D. D.
8	D. M. Gordon, D. D.
9	John Forrest, D. D.
10	J. S. Black, D. D.
11	H. A. Robertson
12	Tobit Laiting, M. A.
13	James Roshorough, M.
14	Andrew Burrows, M.
15	H. H. Macpherson, M.
16	Thos. Fowler, M. A.
17	Geo. McMillan, B. D.
18	W. A. Mason, B. A.
19	R. G. Sinclair
20	J. F. Duxton
21	Thos. Stewart, B. D.
22	Alfred Gandler, B.
23	A. P. Logan
24	John Howley
25	Andrew Robertson
26	Henry Dickie, B. D.
27	J. P. Falconer
28	C. McKinnon, B. D.
29	R. A. Falconer, B. A.
30	A. V. Morash, B. A.
31	S. J. Vaccarino, B. A.
32	P. M. McDonald, B.
33	J. D. McKay, B. D.
34	H. S. Davison, B. D.
35	W. R. McKay, M. A.
36	A. L. Fraser, B. D.
37	Wm. Forbes, B. A.
	ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.
38	W. C. Morrison
39	R. Murray
40	J. B. Douglas, B. A.
41	A. M. Hill, B. A.

1	James Maclean
2	Alex. Cameron
3	J. D. McGillivray
4	A. B. Dickie
5	Edwin Smith
6	John Murray
7	D. S. Fraser, B. A.
8	Andrew Gray
9	A. B. McLeod
10	W. H. Ness, B. D.
11	William Davison, B. D.
12	A. L. Goggie
13	E. S. Colth, M. A.
14	F. W. Thompson, B. A.
15	J. W. Falconer, B. A.
16	J. E. Polley, B. A.
17	L. W. Parker
18	J. B. McLean, B. D.
19	W. W. McNair, M. A.
20	R. G. Strathie, M. A.
21	R. L. Colth, B. A.
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	ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.
1	A. E. Fisher
	MISSION STATIONS.
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PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDER.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE.
1	Moses Harvey, D. D.	1843		Retired	St. John's, Nfld
2	John Cameron	1841		Retired	Bridgetown.
3	Alan Pollok, D. D.	1842		Principal Pres. College	Halifax.
4	John Currie, D. D.	1847		Professor Pres. College	Halifax
5	M. G. Henry	1841	John Burgess	St. Croix and Ellershow	St. Croix, N. S.
6	Allan Simpson	1846		Retired	New Glasgow.
7	John McMillan, D. D.	1866	Geo. Cunningham	Chalmers, Halifax	Halifax
8	D. M. Gordon, D. D.	1866		Professor Pres. College	Halifax
9	John Forrest, D. D.	1866		President Dalhousie Col	Halifax.
10	S. Black, D. D.	1870	Sheriff Archibald	St. Andrew's, Halifax	Halifax.
11	H. A. Robertson	1872		Erimouga	Erimounga, N. H.
12	Robt Laing, M. A.	1873		President Ladies College	Halifax.
13	Jas Roshorough, M. A.	1873	Samuel Gates	Musquodobit Harbor	Musquodobit H
14	Andrew Burrows, D. D.	1874		St. Andrew's, Bermuda	Bermuda
15	H. Macpherson, M. A.	1875	J. K. Mannis	St. John's, Halifax	Halifax
16	Thos. Fowler, M. A.	1879	James Anderson	St. Matthew's, Halifax	Halifax
17	Geo. McMillan, B. A.	1880	Newton Newcomb	Kentville	Kentville
18	W. A. Mason, B. A.	1881	Alex. Young	Kempt and Walton	Kempt.
19	R. G. Sinclair	1884	D. M. Dickie	Camard	Camard
20	J. F. Dugan	1884	W. Murray	Grove, Halifax	Halifax
21	Thos. Stewart, B. D.	1886	John Crook	Dartmouth	Dartmouth.
22	Alfred Gaudier, B. D.	1886	J. C. Mackintosh	Fort Massey, Halifax	Halifax.
23	T. Logan	1887		Bedford, W. & Sackville	Bedford
24	John Howley	1887	Henry Bond	Waterville & Lakesville	Waterville
25	Andrew Robertson	1888		St. John's, Newfoundland	St. John's, Nfld.
26	Henry Dickie, B. D.	1888	W. H. Blanchard	St. John's, Windsor	Windsor.
27	J. P. Falconer	1891		Harbor Grace	Har. Grace, Nfld
28	C. McKinnon, B. A.	1900	G. Wood	Park St., Halifax	Halifax.
29	R. A. Falconer, B. D.	1892		Professor Pres. College	Halifax.
30	A. V. Morash, B. A.	1893	A. J. Fisher	Elmsdale & Nine Mile Riv	Elmsdale
31	S. J. MacArthur, B. D.	1893	F. F. Frieze	Maitland	Maitland
32	P. M. McDonald, B. A.	1895	D. B. Shaw	Wolfeville & Horton	Wolfeville
33	J. D. McKay, B. A.	1896	R. Murray	Coburg Road, Halifax	Halifax
34	H. S. Davison, B. D.	1898		Bridgetown	Bridgetown
35	W. B. McKay, M. A.	1898	Nelson West	Gore and Kennetcook	Gore
36	A. L. Fraser, B. D.	1897	Hiram Smith	Newport	Newport
37	Wm. Forbes, B. A.	1899	Capt Campbell	Noel	Noel
ORDAINED MISSIONARIES					
38	W. C. Morrison	April, 1893		Bay of Islands, Nfld	Bay of I-Isd., Nfld.
39	H. Murray	April, 1895	James H. Sellers	Lawrencetown & Low Bay	Lawrencetown
40	J. R. Douglas, B. A.	May, 1898	E. Tupper	Annapolis & Perette	Annapolis.
41	A. M. Hill, B. A.	April, 1899		Digby and Bayview	Digby.

H. H. MACPHERSON, Clerk

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

1	James Maclean	Nov. 12, 1851	*Robert Hill	Great Village	Great Village
2	Alex. Cameron	Nov. 16, 1865		Retired	New Glasgow
3	J. D. McGillivray	Feb. 7, 1867			Truro
4	A. B. Dickie	Dec. 22, 1869	William Anand	Milford and Gay's River	Milford
5	Edwin Smith	Oct. 7, 1871	William Dickie	Middle Musquodobit	M. Musquodobit.
6	John Murray	Jan. 2, 1873	F. P. McHaffey	Shubenacadie	Shubenacadie.
7	D. S. Fraser, B. A.	Nov. 30, 1877	Samuel J. Logan	Springside	Sp. Stewiacke.
8	Andrew Gray	May 19, 1880	Samuel H. Murray	Economy & Five Islands	Economy.
9	A. B. McLeod	July 12, 1882	Jacob Archibald	Coldstream	Valley Station
10	W. H. Ness, B. D.	Oct. 31, 1883	William Lombard	Riverside	Portanquique
11	William Davison, B. A.	Dec. 18, 1885	Isaac Reid	Upper Londonderry	Folly Village.
12	A. L. Gezzie	June 28, 1888	Alex. McLeod	St. Paul's, Truro	Truro
13	P. S. Coffin, M. A.	May 1, 1890	Alfred Fisher	Lower Stewiacke	Low'r Stewiacke.
14	F. W. Thompson, B. A.	May 3, 1892	Benj. Hutchinson	Upper Musquodobit	Up. Musquodobit
15	J. W. Falconer, B. D.	Jan. 31, 1893	J. D. McKay	First Pres. Church	Truro
16	J. F. Polley, B. A.	June 11, 1893	Samuel Barris	Lower Musquodobit	Lo. Musquodobit.
17	L. W. Parker	July 7, 1896	Edm'd Archibald	Clifton	Clifton.
18	J. B. McLean, B. D.	May 14, 1894	Andrew Cox	Stewiacke	Up. Stewiacke.
19	W. W. McMillan, M. A.	May 19, 1897	F. McMillan, M. D.	Sheet Harbor	Sheet Harbor.
20	R. G. Strathie, M. A.	July 1, 1897	J. B. Turner	St. Andrew's	St. Andrew's
21	C. L. Coffin, B. A.	July 19, 1899	George Campbell	Middle Stewiacke	Mid Stewiacke.
VACANCIES					
1	.....	.....	Leah Deyarmond	Onslow	Onslow Station.
ORDAINED MISSIONARIES					
1	A. E. Fisher	May 31, 1859	John Kirker	Quoddy and Moser River	Newdy Quoddy
MISSION STATIONS.					
2	.....	.....	.....	North River	North River.
3	.....	.....	.....	Harmony	Harmony
4	.....	.....	.....	Cariboo Mines	Cariboo Mines.
5	.....	.....	J. McInnes	North Salem	North Salem
6	.....	.....	.....	Acadia	Acadia Mines.
7	.....	.....	.....	Dufferin Mines	Dufferin Mines.

F. S. COFFIN, Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF ST JOHN

No.	MINISTERS	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE.
1	James Bennett, D. D.	July 16, 1812		Retired	St. John, N. B.
2	Lewis Jack	Jan. 10, 1815		Retired	Chatham, N. B.
3	J. McE. McKay	June 26, 1835		Retired	N. Glasgow, N. S.
4	J. K. Bearss	Sept. 30, 1869	Hugh Joyner	Glassville	Glassville
5	H. G. Macneil, M. A.	Nov. 12, 1872	W. C. Whitaker	St. Andrew's, St. John	St. John
6	W. F. Fotheringham	July 21, 1875	Donald McLeod	St. John's, St. John	St. John
7	William Penock	Sept. 12, 1875	John W. Burns	St. James and Union	Scotch Ridge
8	William Ross, B. A.	Nov. 11, 1876		Prince William	Prince William
9	J. A. McLean, B. A.	Dec. 8, 1879	A. W. Colburn	Harvey and Acton	Harvey Stn York
10	A. V. Mackenzie, B. Sc.	July 13, 1883	Judge Stevens	St. Stephen's, St. Stephen	St. Stephen
11	J. M. Robinson, B. A.	Aug. 14, 1883	George Younger	St. John's, Moncton	Moncton
12	A. W. Mahon, B. D.	Oct. 4, 1883		Greenoch, St. Andrew's	St. Andrew's
13	James Ross	May 4, 1886		Sup't of Missions	St. John, West
14	Willard Macdonald	May 4, 1888	L. W. Johnston	St. Paul's, Fredericton	Fredericton
15	Andrew Boyd	May 4, 1888	Andrew McAllee	Pasquois	Pasquois, St. John
16	F. W. Murray	May 27, 1890	A. M. McKenzie	St. James, Milltown	Milltown, Char
17	Dr. McP. Clarke, B. A.	Sept. 1890	Isaac Fraser	Chipman	Chipman, Queens
18	James Burgess	Sept. 1891	Dr. Jas. Walker	Kirkland St. John	St. John, West
19	Mr. G. Vans	Feb. 16, 1892	Wm. McNairn	Buctouche	Buctouche, Kent.
20	J. S. Sutherland, B. A.	June 28, 1892	John Thompson	Ensusy	Sussex, King's
21	G. C. Pringle, M. A.	Sept. 1892		Kincairdine	Kincairdine, Vict.
22	W. W. Rennie	Sept. 12, 1892	S. E. Wark	Calvin, St. John	St. John
23	Dr. J. Fraser, B. D.	1893	Peter Campbell	St. Stephen's, St. John	Fairville, St. John
24	A. S. Morton, B. D.	Oct. 31, 1894	John Willet	Fairville	Fairville, St. John
25	A. D. Fraser, R. A.	July 11, 1895		St. George	St. George
26	C. D. McIntosh, B. A.	June 4, 1897	Robert Murphy	Grand Bay, etc.	Grand Bay
27	A. D. Archibald, B. A.	June 9, 1897	T. M. McKelvie	Dorchester & Sackville	Sackville
28	L. R. Bouchard			Edmundstone	Edmundstone
29	John Valentine	Sept. 6, 1897		Grand Falls	Grand Falls
30	A. H. Campbell, B. A.	May 19, 1898	James A. Moore	Waterford, etc.	Waterford
31	W. R. Foad, B. D.	June 1, 1898		South Missionary	Korea
32	W. J. Fowler, B. D.	June 1, 1899	Thomas Graham	North Richmond	Kirkland, Carlton
33	G. D. Ireland, B. A.	Dec. 2, 1898	A. Henderson	St. Paul's, Woodstock	Woodstock
34	D. Campbell		Adam Murray	Springfield	Pearsonville
35	Arthur Ross			Andover	Andover
36	R. J. Douglas	May 17, 1899		Hampton, etc.	Hampton, King's
37	J. C. Robertson	May 22, 1899		Naslawak and Stanley	Zooelle, York
38	T. Hunter Boyd			Riverside and Alma	Albert
WITHOUT CHARGE.					
1	James Whitehead	Sept. 12, 1891			Hampton, King's
2	Daniel Fishie	May 5, 1895			Florensville, York
3	Thomas Miller	Nov. 19, 1895			Dennis, Scotland
4	Harvey H. Morton	May 26, 1897			
5	James's Mullin	Dec. 31, 1899			Stanley, York
6	George Bruce, B. D.	Sept., 1875			Toronto, N. B.
7	A. W. Lewis, R. A.	April 24, 1889			Hullfax, N. S.
8	H. G. Gratz, B. A.	Aug. 11, 1896			Lr. Onslow, N. S.
9	Edwin Smith	June 3, 1897			Shediac
10	A. H. Foster, B. A.	June 7, 1897			Pictou, Ludg. N. S.
11	A. O. Macrae, B. A.	July 19, 1899			St. John.
VACANCIES					
1			Charles Campbell	Richmond	
2				Wassig	
3			D. Murray	Shediac	
4			James McCain	Florensville	
5			W. S. Morrison	St. David's, St. John	St. John
6			Judge J. G. Forbes	St. Matthew's, St. John	

JAMES ROSS, *Chck.*

## PRESBYTERY OF LUNenburg AND YARMOUTH.

1	Henry Crawford	Oct. 18, 1833		Retired	Mahone Bay.
2	Duncan McKinnon	June 1, 1862	George Hillz	Retired	Lockport
3	Don. McGillivray, B. A.	July 16, 1868	E. E. Nash	Lunenburg	Lunenburg
4	J. W. Crawford	May 28, 1889	Nathl. Weynacht	Mahone Bay	Mahone Bay
5	Geo. A. Lock	May 29, 1889	John Creaser	Lahave	Rose Bay.
6	J. H. Stewart, B. A.	Sept. 30, 1896	James McKeon	Riversdale	Riversdale
7	E. D. Miller, B. A.	Oct., 1873	Wm. L. Campbell	Yarmouth	Yarmouth
8	A. D. Stirling, B. A.	July 13, 1898	Wish. Robertson	Clyde and Harrington	Clyde River
9	J. E. Wallace	Dec. 2, 1895		Shelburne	Shelburne
10	Rol. Davidson, B. A.	July 13, 1898		Carleton and Chebourg	Carleton
11	A. H. Fraser, B. A.	Dec. 6, 1898	Geo. Zwicker	New Dublin	Getsons Point.
12			J. Levi Oxner	Bridgewater	Bridgewater.
13	Joseph Amand, D. D.	June 28, 1872		Sante, New Hebrides	Sante, New Heb.

JOHN W. CRAWFORD, *Chck.*

## MINISTERS.

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2	W. Maxwell
3	A. Falconer, D. D.
4	T. Cumming
5	J. Sinclair
6	H. Cumming
7	J. W. Mackenzie
8	A. Bowman
9	W. P. Archibald, B.
10	J. Carruthers
11	J. R. Cairns, B. D.
12	J. A. Cairns, M. A.
13	J. A. Mackenzie, B.
14	A. Rogers
15	G. S. Carson, B. A.
16	J. A. Colby
17	A. Gault
18	H. R. Grant, B. A.
19	W. M. Todd, B. D.
20	J. D. Macfarlane
21	W. M. Thompson, M.
22	W. Macnichol
23	E. J. Hattie, B. A.
24	R. S. Macdonald, B.
25	A. M. Thompson
26	J. R. Macdonald
27	J. A. Crawford
28	A. H. Brown

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1	Alex. Stirling
2	A. McI. Sinclair
3	John Sutherland
4	John Gillis
5	Adam Gunn, B. A.
6	Archibald Gunn
7	A. S. Stewart
8	A. W. Lidden
9	E. Gillies
10	M. Campbell
11	D. B. McLeod, M. A.
12	W. H. Spencer, B. A.
13	R. McLean
14	J. W. McKenzie, B.
15	T. F. Fullerton
16	C. McKay
17	M. Fisher, B. A.
18	Geo. Miller, B. A.
19	J. R. McKay
20	A. W. K. Herlman
21	J. G. McEwen, B. A.
22	A. D. McDonald, B.
23	A. Craise
24	H. H. Smith, B. D.
25	G. C. Robertson

ORDAINED MISSONARIES

J. Layton

D. McKean

Wm. Murray, B. A.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

Robt. Grier-on, M. I.

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PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
1	A. Macleod, D. D.	Dec. 14, 1852		Retired	Hopewell.
2	W. Maxwell	July 15, 1854		Retired	Durham.
3	A. Falconer, D. D.	Aug. 14, 1862	Dan. Macdonald	Acric, Street	Pictou.
4	T. Cumming	Nov. 23, 1863	Thomas Young	Scott-shurn, &c	Scott-shurn
5	J. Sinclair	Sept. 11, 1867	J. H. Macdonald	East River	Bridgewater
6	R. Cumming	Mar. 10, 1869	Daniel Hayman	Calnet Church	Westville
7	J. W. MacKenzie	Aug. 15, 1871		Elate, New Hebrides	Elate, N. Hebrides
8	A. Bowman	May 1, 1872	John Macdonald	St. Andrew's Church	New Glasgow
9	W. P. Archibald, D. D.	Sept. 25, 1875	J. A. Macdonald	Sunny Brae and St. Paul's	Sunny Brae
10	J. Carruthers	July 3, 1878	Harvey Graham	James Church	New Glasgow
11	J. R. Munro, B. D.	Aug. 10, 1879	J. H. Stewart	St. James Church	Antigonish
12	J. A. Cairns, M. A.	Mar. 17, 1882	Hugh Macdonald	Barney's River	Barney's River.
13	J. A. Mackenzie, B. A.	Sept. 19, 1882	Daniel Johnston	Thorburn & Sutherland Riv	Thorburn
14	A. Rogers	Oct. 15, 1882	Donald MacKay	United Church	New Glasgow.
15	G. S. Carson, B. A.	Sept. 15, 1885	W. A. MacKenzie	Merion Church	Pictou
16	J. A. Collin	June 8, 1887	G. J. Stewart	West River & French Hill	Drumhan
17	A. Campbell	May 31, 1887	J. D. Fraser	Merigonish & Green Hill	Merigonish.
18	H. R. Grant, B. A.	May 31, 1887	John Forbes	First Presbyterian Church	Trenton
19	W. M. Todd, B. D.	Oct. 3, 1888	James Mackay	Sharon Church	Stellarton
20	J. D. Macfarlane	Oct. 10, 1887	Joseph Cameron	Frederic & E. R. St. Mary's	E. Riv., St. Mary's
21	W. M. Thompson, A.	May 12, 1891	Alex. Marshall	New St. Andrew's	New Glasgow
22	W. Macdonald	June 11, 1891	John Fraser	Hopewell and M. River	Hopewell
23	E. J. Raites, B. A.	May 2, 1892	George Wood	Blue Mountain, &c	Blue Mountain
24	J. M. Macdonald, A.	June 5, 1895	Alex. Mackintosh	Union Centre & Lochaber	Loch Katrine
25	A. M. Thompson	June 5, 1895	D. R. Grant	Zion Church	Ferrona
26	J. R. Macdonald	Oct. 11, 1895	J. D. Mackintosh	West River, St. Mary's	Caledonia, Gaysb
27	J. A. Crawford	July 21, 1896	J. D. MacKenzie	St. George's	River John
28	A. H. Brown	June 6, 1899	R. MacKenzie	St. Luke's	Sherbrooke.
1	VACANCIES				
2			Henry Maclean	Sherbrooke	Sherbrooke
			Daniel Cameron	Little Harbor & F's Grant	Little Harbor.
	MODERATOR, MISSIONARY				
	*W. Macleod			Country & Is. Harbor	Isaac's Harbor
	MISSION STATIONS				
				Carriboo	Carriboo
				Cape George	Cape George.
				St. Matthew's Church	Malgrove

J. R. MUNRO, Clerk

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

1	Alex. Stirling	Jan. 1857	Andrew Campbell	Clifton and Granville	Clifton
2	A. McLe	July 1864	Allan McInnis	Belfast	Belfast
3	John Sutherland	March 1873	Duncan McLean	Caledonia	Caledonia
4	John Gillis	April 1873	James McLean	Murray Harbor, North	Murray Har. N.
5	Adam Gunn, B. A.	Feb. 1876	James Harris	Cardigan	Cardigan
6	Archibald Gunn	Nov. 1878	A. S. Gordon	Bloomfield, etc	St. Anthony
7	A. S. Stewart	March 1879	Murdoch McLean	Woodville	Woodville
8	R. S. A. Hadden	Oct. 1879	Charles Craig	Bedouque	Bedouque
9	E. Gillies	Aug. 1881	George Bell	Murray Harbor, South	Murray Har. S.
10	M. Campbell	Aug. 1881	Dr. McKinlay	Strathballyn	Strathballyn
11	D. B. McLeod, M. A.	Nov. 1883	Wm. Mitch	Zion Church	Charlottetown.
12	W. H. Spencer, B. A.	Oct. 1885	Wm. Aikin	Montague	Montague
13	R. McLean	Nov. 1885	Angus McDonall	Vallyfield	Vallyfield
14	J. W. McKenzie, B. A.	March 1886	Oliver Anderson	St. Peter's Bay	Mildred
15	T. F. Fullerton	Sept. 1887	John McPherson	St. James, Charlottetown	Charlottetown.
16	C. McKay	Sept. 1889	Wm. Brown	Long River & Kensington	Long River.
17	J. M. Fisher, B. A.	May 1892	James Ramsay	Princeton	Princeton.
18	Geo. Millar, B. A.	July 1892	Angus Beaton	Brookfield, etc	Brookfield.
19	J. R. McKay	Dec. 1891	A. Currie	Souris and Bay Fortune	Souris.
20	A. W. K. Herdman	May 1894	C. Stuart	Georgetown	Georgetown.
21	J. G. McIvor, B. D.	March 1895	Hector McLean	West and Glad Rivers	Scott Dominion.
22	A. D. McDonald, B. A.	June 1895	David Gordon	Tignish, Montrose, etc	Montrose
23	A. Crais	Oct. 1895	W. H. Douglas	Mount Stewart	Mount Stewart.
24	W. H. Smith, B. D.	June 1896	Wm. H. Brown	Summerside	Summerside.
25	G. C. Robertson	Sept. 1896	J. J. McLeod	Hampton, etc	Hampton.
	ORDAINED MISSIONARIES				
26	Jacob Layton		F. J. G. McCallum	Covehead & St. Peter's Rd	St. Peter's Road.
27	D. McKean		Alex. Morrison	West Cape	Mudlock
28	Wm. Murdoch, B. A.	May 1898	D. N. Forbes	Richmond Bay	Tyne Valley.
	FOREIGN MISSIONARY				
29	Robt. Grieron, M. D. June, 1898			Korea	Wonsan, Korea.
	VACANCIES.				
30			Hon. B. Rogers	Alberton	Alberton.
31			Stewart Hunter	Dundas	Dundas
32			John Simpson	Cavendish	Bay View.
33			James McLeod	Orwell	Orwell.

THOMAS F. FULLERTON, Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE.
1	James Murray	Nov. 3, 1852		Retired	Newcastle.
2	T. G. Johnstone	June 21, 1855		Retired	Newcastle.
3	Thomas Nicholson	Mar. 11, 1858		Retired	River Charlo.
4	William Atken	Aug. 16, 1861	F. L. Pestolin, M. D.	St. James, Newcastle	Newcastle.
5	J. D. Murray	Feb. 2, 1865	John Menzies	Red Bank, etc.	Red Bank.
6	John Robertson	July 3, 1868	Ken McKnight	Black River	Black River.
7	A. F. Carr, M. A.	Oct. 4, 1871	James Crawford	St. Andrew's, Campbellton	Campbellton.
8	J. M. Sutherland	Dec. 3, 1872	J. P. LeGrand	New Carlisle, etc.	New Carlisle, P. Q.
9	Joseph Barker	July 13, 1876	William Jamison	Esquimaux	Esquimaux, P. Q.
10	*W. T. Bruce, M. D.	Sept. 27, 1876	John Young	Tadoussiac	Church Point.
11	*George Fisher	Oct. 6, 1881	*John Dickie	Dalhousie	Dalhousie.
12	*J. K. McClure	Oct. 23, 1883		Harcourt	Harcourt.
13	W. C. Calder	May 4, 1886	John Loggie	Loggieville	Loggieville.
14	*Thomas Corbett	June 1, 1888	H. H. McDonald	Blackville and Derby	Blackville.
15	*J. M. McLeod, M. A.	Aug. 21, 1888	W. R. McMillan	New Mills, Charlo, etc.	New Mills.
16	D. Mackintosh	Dec. 28, 1888	Hugh Lamont	Douglastown and Nelson	Douglastown.
17	H. Henderson	May 27, 1891	Alex. Fraser	St. Andrew's, Chatham	Chatham.
18	James M. McLean	June 8, 1891	William Anderson	St. John's, Chatham	Chatham.
19	Donald Fraser	June 1, 1892	George Lawson	Kingston and Richibucto	Kingston, Kent.
20	*J. F. McCurdy	May 22, 1891	Arch. Pidgeon	New Richmond	I. Casapedia, P. Q.
21	W. M. Townsend	July 26, 1898	Alex. Mundie	Bass River & Nichols Riv.	Bass River.
ORDAINED MISISSIPIANS.					
1	*R. C. Quinn	Nov. 6, 1893	William Adams	Flatlands and Metapedia	Metapedia, P. Q.
2	*A. F. Tobb	May 26, 1898		Upper Miramichi	Doaktown.
VACANT.					
				St. Luke's, Bathurst	Bathurst.

GEORGE FISHER, Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF TRINIDAD.

1	John Morton, D. D.	Dec. 5, 1861	Geoffrey Subaran	Tunapuna	Tunapuna.
2	R. J. Grant, D. D.	Nov. 18, 1862	Jacob Crosby	San Fernando	San Fernando.
3	W. L. Macrae	June 5, 1866	C. C. Smedley	Princes-town	Princes-town.
4	A. W. Thompson	May 30, 1889		Conva	Conva.
5	*S. A. Fraser	Aug. 10, 1891		San Fernando	San Fernando.
6	J. Cropper	Sept. 8, 1896		E. Coast, Demerara	Better Hope Est., Demerara.
<i>Ordained native missionaries, members of Presbytery.</i>					
1	Babu Lal Behari	Oct. 4, 1882		San Fernando	San Fernando.
2	David Ujagar Singh	April 3, 1896		Diamond Village	Diamond Village.
3	Paul Bhukan	April 3, 1896		St. Joseph	St. Joseph.
4	Andrew Gayadeen	April 3, 1896		Caroni	Caroni.

There are other constituent members of the Presbytery of Trinidad, but the above are those who are connected with the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

## CHANGES.

A list of changes in the several Presbyteries since last meeting of Synod was read as follows:—

## DEATH.

*Presbytery of Halifax:* P. M. Morrison, D. D., Agent of the Church, July 30, 1899.

## DEMISSIONS.

*Presbytery of Halifax:* Allan Simpson, Park St. Halifax, Nov. 6, 1898. G. E. Ross, B. D., N. W. Arm and Rockingham, Sept. 30, 1899.

*Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:* F. C. Simpson, Bridge-water, March 21, 1899. Duncan Mackinnon, Lockeport, May 14, 1899.

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*Presbytery of St. John*: James K. Bearisto, Glassville, Oct. 30, 1898  
Thos. Cumming, Dorchester, Jan. 17, 1899. Thos. Miller,  
Richmond, Jan. 31, 1899. J. A. McLean, Springfield, Feb. 26,  
1899. H. H. Morton, St. Matthew's, St. John, April 26, 1899.  
D. Fiske, Greenfield, May 7, 1899. H. G. Gratz, Andover,  
May 1, 1899. A. H. Foster, Riverside and Alma, May 1, 1899.  
A. W. Lewis, Waweig, July 31, 1899. G. Bruce, D. D., St.  
David's, St. John, June 10, 1899. Edwin Smith, Shediac,  
Sept. 30, 1899.

*Presbytery of Miramichi*: A. E. Thomson, St. Luke's, Bathurst, Oct.  
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*Presbytery of Prince Edward Island*: E. M. Dill, Summerside, Nov.  
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*Presbytery of Truro*: McLeod Harvie, Quoddy and Moser River, Oct.  
16, 1898. J. H. Chase, Onslow, June 25, 1899.

*Presbytery of Pictou*: J. W. Penman, Little Harbor and Fisher's  
Grant, Sept. 8, 1899.

#### TRANSFATIONS.

*Presbytery of Sydney*: W. Grant, from Port Morien to Grand River,  
June 1, 1899.

*Presbytery of Inverness*: A. M. Thompson, from Margaree Harbor to  
Ferrona, Sept. 5, 1899.

*Presbytery of Halifax*: R. G. Strathie, M. A., from Newport to St.  
Andrew's, Truro, Jan. 8, 1899. E. J. Rattee, B. A., from Noel  
to Blue Mountain, Jan. 30, 1899. G. E. Ross, B. D., from N.  
W. Arm to Demerara, Sept. 30, 1899.

*Presbytery of Miramichi*: J. A. Crawford, from Metapedia to St.  
George's, River John, Nov. 28, 1899.

*Presbytery of Prince Edward Island*: D. B. McLeod, from Orwell to  
Zion Church, Charlottetown, April 11, 1899. G. C. Robertson,  
from Cavendish to Hampton, April 13, 1899.

*Presbytery of Truro*: J. A. McKenzie, from Acadia to Thorburn, Dec.  
25, 1898. Clarence McKinnon, from Middle Stewiacke and  
Brookfield to Park St., Halifax, April 2, 1899.

*Presbytery of Pictou*: J. A. Cairns, M. A., from Scotsburn, etc., to  
Barney's River, Oct. 18, 1898. W. J. Fowler, B. D., from  
Sherbrooke to South Richmond, Oct. 18, 1898. W. H. Smith,  
B. D., from Ferrona to Summerside, Dec. 25, 1898.

#### INDUCTIONS.

*Presbytery of Sydney*: W. Grant, Grand River, June 1, 1899.

*Presbytery of Inverness*: L. H. McLean, M. A., Port Hastings and  
Port Hawkesbury, Sept. 5, 1899.

*Presbytery of Halifax:* J. P. Falconer, B. A., Harbor Grace, Oct. 18, 1898. H. I. Davison, B. D., Bridgetown, Dec. 6, 1898. W. R. McKay, M. A., Gore and Kometcook, May 24, 1899. C. McKinnon, B. D., Park St., Halifax, April 27, 1899. A. L. Fraser, B. D., Newport, Aug. 15, 1899.

*Presbytery of St. John:* W. J. Fowler, South Richmond, Nov. 3, 1898. A. H. Campbell, Waterford, etc., Jan. 31, 1899. J. K. Bearisto, Glassville, May 2, 1899.

*Presbytery of Miramichi:* James M. McLean, St. John's, Chatham, July 12, 1899.

*Presbytery of Prince Edward Island:* W. H. Smith, Summerside, Dec. 29, 1898. D. B. McLeod, Zion Church, Charlottetown, April 11, 1899. G. C. Robertson, Hampton, etc., April 13, 1899.

*Presbytery of Truro:* R. G. Strathie, M. A., St. Andrew's, Truro, Jan. 10, 1899.

*Presbytery of Pictou:* J. A. Cairns, M. A., Barney's River, Oct. 18, 1898. J. A. Crawford, St. George's, River John, Dec. 13, 1898. J. A. McKenzie, B. A., Thorburn, Jan. 10, 1899. E. J. Rattee, B. A., Blue Mountain, etc., Jan. 31, 1899. Thos. Cumming, Scotsburn, etc., March 21, 1899. A. M. Thompson, Ferrona, Sept. 5, 1899.

## ORDINATIONS.

*Presbytery of Sydney:* L. A. McLean, Louisburg, May 25, 1899. Donald McOdrum, Marion Bridge, June 6, 1899.

*Presbytery of Wallace:* W. Dakin, B. A., Ord. Miss., Port Elgin and Shemogue, May 25, 1899.

*Presbytery of Halifax:* A. M. Hill, B. A., Digby and Bayview, April 27, 1899. W. Forbes, B. A., Noel, June 6, 1899.

*Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:* A. J. H. Fraser, B. A., Ord. Miss., New Dublin, Dec. 6, 1899.

*Presbytery of St. John:* G. D. Ireland, Woodstock, Dec. 2, 1898. J. C. Robertson, Nashwaak and Stanley, May 22, 1899. Archibald O. Macrae, Ord. Miss., July 19, 1899.

*Presbytery of Truro:* A. F. Fisher, B. A., Quoddy and Moser's River, May 31, 1899. R. L. Coffin, B. A., Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield, July 19, 1899.

*Presbytery of Pictou:* D. G. Cock, B. A., designated to the Klondike, May 2, 1899. A. H. Demoon, B. A., St. Luke's, Saltspings, June 6, 1899. Arthur Ross, May 29, designated to Home Mission fields of Andover, N. B.

## APPOINTMENTS.

*Presbytery of Sydney:* L. A. McLean, Ord. Miss., Louisburg, May 25, 1899.

*Presbytery of Inverness:* M. A. McKenzie, Ord. Miss., Middle River, March, 1899.

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*Presbytery of St. John*: J. K. Bearisto, Ord. Miss., St. Martin's, Nov. 1, 1898. A. D. Archibald, Ord. Miss., Dorchester, Jan. 17, 1899. D. Campbell, Ord. Miss., Springfield, May 1, 1899. Arthur Ross, Ord. Miss., Andover, May 1, 1899. J. C. Robertson, Ord. Miss., Nashwaak and Stanley, May 1, 1899. R. J. Douglass, Ord. Miss., Hampton, May 1, 1899. T. H. Boyd, Ord. Miss., Riverside, May 21, 1899. A. O. Macrae, Ord. Miss., St. Matthew's, St. John, July 19, 1899.

*Presbytery of Miramichi*: R. C. Quim, Ord. Miss., Flatlands and Metapedia, Dec. 1, 1898.

*Presbytery of Truro*: A. F. Fisher, B. A., Ord. Miss., Quoddy and Moser River, May 31, 1899.

*Presbytery of Pictou*: W. Macleod, Ord. Miss., Country and Isaac's Harbors, May 2, 1899.

## RECEPTION.

*Presbytery of Pictou*: F. A. Ross, from the Church of Scotland, June 10, 1899.

## SUSPENSION.

*Presbytery of St. John*: James S. Mullan, July 4, 1899.

## CHANGES IN CONGREGATIONS.

*Presbytery of Inverness*: The Mission Station of Baddeck Forks, erected into a congregation March, 1899. River Inhabitants separated from the congregation of Port Hastings and constituted a Mission station May, 1899.

## LICENSURES.

*Presbytery of Sydney*: D. McOrum, May 10, 1899. A. H. Denoon, May 10, 1899.

*Presbytery of Wallace*: A. L. McKay, B. A., May 1, 1899. A. F. Fisher, B. A., May 1, 1899.

*Presbytery of Halifax*: A. M. Hill, B. A., April 27, 1899.

*Presbytery of St. John*: G. D. Ireland, B. A., Oct. 18, 1898. J. C. Robertson, M. A., B. D., May 16, 1899. R. J. Douglass, B. A., May 16, 1899. A. O. Macrae, July 19, 1899.

*Presbytery of Prince Edward Island*: Robt. L. Coffin, May 9, 1899. Arthur Ross, May 9, 1899.

*Presbytery of Truro*: W. Dakin, B. A., May 16, 1899. W. Forbes, B. A., May 16, 1899.

*Presbytery of Pictou*: D. G. Cook, B. A., May 2, 1899. L. A. Maclean, B. A., May 2, 1899.

#### ADDRESS OF THE MODERATOR.

The Moderator addressed the Synod in brief and appropriate terms. He referred specially to the recent removal by death of Dr. Morrison, the honored and beloved Agent of the Church, and to the important matters to which the attention of the Court would be directed and with which it would have to deal, and closed by asking the Synod to elect his successor.

#### ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

Nominations as Moderator of Synod were read as follows:

Mr. M. G. Henry, of St. Croix and Ellershouse by the Presbyteries of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Prince Edward Island, Halifax and Truro; and

Mr. A. F. Carr, of Campbellton, by the Presbyteries of Wallace and Miramichi.

It was moved by Mr. E. D. Millar, seconded by Mr. T. Cumming, that Mr. M. G. Henry be elected Moderator, when, the question being taken, the motion was carried unanimously. On taking the chair Mr. Henry addressed the Synod in brief and suitable terms, thanking it for the honor conferred on him, and asking its assistance in the discharge of his duties.

#### THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

It was moved by Mr. H. H. Macpherson, seconded by the Clerk, as follows:

That the thanks of the Synod are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. Forbes for his conduct in the Chair, and for the excellent and suitable sermon preached by him this evening.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the Moderator tendered to Mr. Forbes the thanks of the Synod.

#### COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. T. Stewart submitted the Report of the Committee, and moved that it be received and its recommendations adopted. The motion was duly seconded and agreed to. The recommendations are as follows:—

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Synod meet from 10 a. m. to 12 noon; from 2 to 5.30 p. m.; and from 7.30 to 10 p. m.
2. That the Moderator appoint the following:—
  - (1) A Committee to nominate Standing Committees.
  - (2) A Committee to prepare Obituary Notice.
  - (3) Committees to examine Presbytery Records.
3. That the first half hour on Wednesday forenoon be spent in devotional exercises.

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4. That the reported action taken in connection with the Agency be the first business on Wednesday forenoon
5. That the time and place of next Synod be decided in the first place on Wednesday afternoon.
6. That College Business have second place on Wednesday afternoon.
7. That Augmentation have the third place on Wednesday afternoon.
8. That Foreign Missions be taken first on Wednesday evening.
9. That Home Missions come after Foreign Missions on Wednesday evening
10. That arrangements in connection with the Century Fund be considered in the first place on Thursday forenoon, and that the Moderator of the General Assembly be asked to speak on the subject on Thursday evening
11. That Sabbath Schools and Religious Welfare of the Young, and Young People's Societies come first and second respectively on Thursday afternoon.
12. That Church Life and Work come after the address of the Moderator of Assembly on Thursday evening
13. That, with the exceptions noted above, business be taken in the order of the docket.
14. That when an item of business is taken up its consideration be continued until disposed of, unless otherwise ordered.

#### Y. M. CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

A communication from the Truro Young Men's Christian Association was read, cordially inviting the members of the Synod to the free use of their rooms during the continuance of the Synod's Meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

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

#### SECOND SEDERUNT.

*At Truro, and within the First Presbyterian Church there, Wednesday, the fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine years, and at ten o'clock in the forenoon:*

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

#### DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

As agreed upon last night, the Synod engaged for half an hour in devotional exercises, prayer being offered by Mr. W. M. Tufts and Dr. Black, ministers, and Messrs. J. Fraser and W. H. Brown, elders.

#### MINUTES.

The Minutes of the First Sederunt were read and sustained.

## CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

On motion of the Clerk, duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed, as follows:—

That ministers whose names do not appear on the Presbytery Rolls of Synod, and who are or may be present, are hereby cordially invited to correspond.

## COMMITTEES.

The Moderator submitted the following Committees:—

ON NOMINATING STANDING COMMITTEES.—H. H. McPherson, Convener, D. McDougall, Jas. Sinclair, A. B. Dickie, C. Munro, J. E. Forbes, F. Fotheringham, W. H. Spencer, G. A. Leek, J. D. Murray, ministers; and Messrs. Daniel McDonald, A. J. Fisher, Donald McLean, W. Mutch, elders.

## ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS:—

*Sydney and Inverness*.—D. McGregor, J. R. Coffin, ministers; and W. Kennedy, elder.

*Pictou and Wallace*.—John Murray, P. McDonald, ministers; and D. McDonald, elder.

*Truro*.—G. McMillan, J. A. Cairns, ministers; and Sheriff Archibald, elder.

*Halifax*.—W. P. Archibald, A. S. Morton, ministers; and J. B. Turner, elder.

*St. John*.—D. McMillan, J. M. Fisher, ministers; and G. Cunningham, elder.

*Miramichi, and Lunenburg and Yarmouth*.—R. Cumming, C. McKay, ministers; and J. Dickie, elder.

*Prince Edward Island*.—G. S. Carson, J. W. Crawford, ministers; and W. C. Whittaker, elder.

ON OBITUARY NOTICES. Dr. McMillan, Dr. Falconer, R. Murray.

## AGENCY.

Dr. Falconer reported the steps taken in consequence of the death of Dr. Morrison, and the consequent vacancy in the office of the Agency for the Eastern Section of the Church. On motion of Mr. A. McL. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. E. D. Millar, the report was received and adopted. The report is as follows:—

## TO THE REVEREND THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES:—

I desire to lay before the Synod a statement of certain steps that were taken in connection with the vacancy that occurred in the office of the Agency of the Church by the much lamented death of the late Rev. P. M. Morrison, D. D.

At a meeting of ministers that came together at the time of Dr. Morrison's death, to consider what should be done to make temporary arrangements for conducting the business of the office it was thought that the best course to be adopted was, that the conveners of the several Assembly standing committees should be requested to meet and deliberate as to the best course to be pursued in the circumstances; and I was requested to convene them. This was immediately done.

Accordingly the following conveners of committees met in Chalmers Hall, Halifax, on the evening of August 2nd, 1899, viz:—Dr. Sedgwick, Dr. McMillan, Dr. Falconer, Mr. E. Smith, Mr. R. Laing and Mr. J. C. McIntosh. President Forrest, as convener of the Synod's Hunter Church Building Fund, was also present by request.

Dr. Falconer was appointed to preside, and the meeting was opened by prayer, led by Mr. Smith.

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After considerable deliberation it was Resolved :

1. That the Moderator of the General Assembly be requested to authorize the Rev. John McMillan, D. D., to act as Agent of the Church in the meantime.
2. That Mr. H. T. Morrison be appointed to transact the ordinary business of the office under the supervision of the acting agent ; and that each convener should be responsible for the correspondence and business of his own committee.
3. That this meeting report its action to the Synod, to meet at Truro on October 3rd, 1899.

The Moderator of the General Assembly was immediately corresponded with in accordance with the first of these resolutions, and replied in the following terms :

RESBREW, ONT., August 8th, 1899.

At the request of a meeting of the Conveners of Standing Committees for the Eastern Section of the Church, presided over by Rev. A. Falconer, D. D., of Pictou, Nova Scotia, desiring that Rev. John McMillan, D. D., of Halifax, Nova Scotia, be authorized to act as Agent of the Eastern Section in the meantime, I, as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, do authorize and call upon the Finance Committee, Eastern Section, to take such steps as may be necessary to place the business of the Agent's office under the care of Rev. Dr. McMillan, until such time as the General Assembly shall appoint a successor to the late Rev. P. M. Morrison, D. D., as Agent of the Eastern Section of the Church.

(Signed) R. CAMPBELL,  
Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

The steps above referred to were at once taken by the Finance Committee and Dr. McMillan was accordingly placed in charge of the business of the Agent's office.

Mr. H. T. Morrison, who had acted for a considerable time as clerk with his late father, and who was consequently very familiar with the work of the office, was, in accordance with Resolution 2, appointed to attend to the ordinary business of the office, under the supervision of Dr. McMillan.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. FALCONER,  
Chairman.

PICTOU, 2nd October, 1899.

On motion of Mr. R. Murray, seconded by Mr. A. McL. Sinclair, it was unanimously agreed as follows :

That the Synod proceed to nominate a successor to Dr. Morrison, to be appointed by the General Assembly.

It was moved by Mr. R. Murray, seconded by Mr. D. S. Fraser :—

That Dr. John McMillan be recommended to the General Assembly to be appointed as the Agent of the Church, Eastern Section.

It was moved by Dr. Falconer, seconded by Mr. A. McLean Sinclair :—

That Mr. E. A. McCurdy be recommended to the General Assembly.

It was moved by Mr. T. Stewart, seconded by Mr. D. Fraser :—

That Mr. G. S. Carson be recommended.

It was moved by Mr. F. W. Murray, seconded by Mr. J. Hawley :—

That Mr. T. Stewart be recommended.

Mr. Carson asked leave to have his name withdrawn, which leave was refused by Synod.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Forbes, duly seconded, it was agreed that voting be by ballot.

Ballotting was proceeded with till the hour of adjournment arrived.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

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

#### THIRD SEDERUNT.

*The same day and place, and at two o'clock in the afternoon.*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted, prayer being offered by Mr. D. McDougall.

#### MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Second Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### AGENCY.

In the matter of the Agency, ballotting was proceeded with, when it was found that the choice of the Synod had fallen on Mr. E. A. McCurdy, and on motion of Mr. R. Murray, duly seconded, it was agreed that the recommendation of Mr. E. A. McCurdy to the General Assembly as Dr. Morrison's successor be made unanimous.

On motion of Mr. A. McL. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. J. E. Forbes, it was unanimously agreed as follows:

That a committee be appointed to consider what immediate steps should be taken in connection with the matter of the Church's Agency, and its recommendation just made by Synod, and report to an early Sederunt.

#### NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was moved by Mr. D. J. Fraser, seconded by the Clerk, that the next meeting of Synod be held at St. John, N. B.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. D. Henderson, seconded by Mr. D. Fraser, that the next meeting of Synod be held at Chatham, N. B., and within St. Andrew's church there, on the first Tuesday of October, nineteen hundred years, and at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

The question being taken, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and, being put as a substantive motion, was likewise carried by a large majority, thus becoming the judgment of Synod.

The Synod, therefore, will meet at Chatham, N. B., and within St. Andrew's church there, on the first Tuesday of October, nineteen hundred years, and at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

#### AUGMENTATION.

Mr. E. Smith, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee, submitted a full statement as to the position of the Fund, showing its

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prosperous condition, and urging upon the Synod its importance and needs, when it was moved by Mr. J. S. Sutherland, seconded by Principal Calkin, as follows, which motion passed unanimously:

The Synod receives the statement of the Augmentation Committee (Eastern Section), thanks Almighty God for his kindness during another year and also our people for their generous support of the fund urges upon Presbyteries to do their utmost to raise the amounts allotted, and also to secure an increase in local support, especially in congregations which have made no advance, and anew comments the scheme to the consideration and liberality of our congregations. The Synod sanctions the proposal to raise this year for augmentation purposes the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), which is fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) less than what was asked for last year and allocates that amount among the different Presbyteries as follows:

*Sydney* - Five hundred and sixty five dollars (\$565).  
*Inverness* - Three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350).  
*Pictou* - Fourteen hundred and twenty five dollars (\$1,425).  
*Walden* - Five hundred and forty five dollars (\$545).  
*Terra* - Eleven hundred and seventy five dollars (\$1,175).  
*Haldifax* - Eighteen hundred and forty dollars (\$1,840).  
*Lunenburg and Yarmouth* - Four hundred and ninety dollars (\$490).  
*St. John* - Fifteen hundred and forty five dollars (\$1,545).  
*Miramichi* - Seven hundred and forty dollars (\$740).  
*P. E. Island* - Thirteen hundred and twenty five dollars (\$1,325).

In all ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

#### COMMITTEE ON AGENCY.

The Moderator submitted the following committee consequent on the Synod's resolution on the Agency, adopted at a former part of the Sederunt:

A. McLean Sinclair, convener, Dr. A. Falconer, E. D. Millar, Dr. Sedgwick, Thos. Stewart, L. G. McNeil, Dr. Gordon, J. M. Robinson, Edw. Smith, R. Murray, W. H. Blanchard.

#### PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

Dr. Sedgwick, Chairman of the Board of Management, submitted a statement of the work and requirements of the College, and its claims on the sympathies and liberality of our people, adverting especially to the liberality displayed towards the new College Building, and to the further efforts yet needful to free it from debt.

It was moved by Mr. T. Cumming, seconded by Mr. E. D. Millar as follows, which motion passed unanimously:

That the Synod receive and approve the report of the College Board, express its gratification that the attendance of students has been so well maintained, and that the financial support of the College has been so general and so liberal throughout the congregations of the church.

The Synod would urge ministers to be watchful for suitable young men whom they may encourage to devote themselves to the Gospel ministry, and would commend anew to congregations the claims of the College upon their liberality.

The Synod, cherishing unabated attachment to the College, and delighted with its increasing prosperity, would respectfully request those who have not yet paid their subscriptions to the College Building Fund to do so as soon as possible, and in anew commending the Fund to the cordial support of the members and adherents of our church would express the hope that in contributing to the Century Fund they will appropriate a part of their contributions to this worthy object.

## THE CONDUCTING OF SYNOD BUSINESS.

Mr. R. Murray submitted the report of this committee, and moved, duly seconded, that it be received and its recommendations considered in their order, which was agreed to. The recommendations were also agreed to, and are as follows:—

1. That the Roll of Synod and the changes in the several Presbyteries since the last meeting of Synod, being in the hands of the Clerk, be held as read.
2. That an Assistant Clerk be appointed, whose duties shall be:—
  - (a.) To act as Convener of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.
  - (b.) To secure a correct marking of the attendance of members of Synod.
  - (c.) To aid the Clerk, by reading papers connected with the business of Synod, signing ticket certificates required by railways, and otherwise facilitating the Synod's business.

## APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CLERK.

On motion of Mr. R. Murray, duly seconded, Mr. T. Stewart was appointed Assistant Clerk. The appointment having been intimated to Mr. Stewart, he accepted of the same.

## FORM OF PERMANENT RECORD OF SYNOD.

On motion of the Clerk, duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed as follows:—

1. That the engrossing of the Record of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces be henceforth discontinued.
2. That a special copy of the Record of each Synod be printed, and that this copy, duly authenticated as heretofore, be regarded as the permanent and official Record of that Synod.
3. That this special copy be printed upon paper of superior quality, and of foolscap, post or demy size, as may seem best to the Synod Clerks; but the size chosen in the first instance shall not in after years be departed from.
4. That these Records be bound together from time to time as may be found necessary.
5. That the printed Record of the Synod of October, 1898, be transmitted to the General Assembly, and that it be respectfully asked to attest the same.

## TENURE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. E. Smith, according to notice given at last Synod, moved as follows, which motion was seconded by Mr. D. S. Fraser, and was passed unanimously:—

That a Committee be appointed for each Province under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces to enquire into the legal status of the property of our congregations within the bounds of said Province, and report results.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

Dr. McMillan gave notice that at a subsequent Sederunt he would submit a motion with regard to the widow of the late Dr. P. M. Morrison.

## ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet in the same place on the evening of the same day, and at half-past seven o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

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## FOURTH SEDERUNT.

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The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted, prayer being offered by Mr. W. P. Archibald.

## MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Third Sederunt were read and, after amendment, sustained.

## DR. ROBERTSON.

Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Home Mission work in the North West, being present, was cordially welcomed by the Synod, and invited to take his seat beside the Moderator.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dr. Falconer, joint-Convener of the General Assembly's Committee, addressed the Synod, giving a very brief but comprehensive summary of the Foreign Mission Field occupied more especially by this Synod, and was followed by Mr. S. A. Fraser, Missionary to Trinidad, who spoke on the characteristics of heathenism as manifested in that island, and on the work there.

Thereafter, in view of the departure to-morrow morning for his field of labor of Mr. G. E. Ross, B. D., Missionary designate to Demerara, solemn prayer was offered by Mr. A. Gaudier, commending him to the Master's promised presence and help in the great and arduous work which lay before him. Dr. Falconer addressed a few impressive words of counsel and encouragement to Mr. Ross, and in the name of the Foreign Mission Committee and of the Church presented him with a copy of the Holy Scriptures. Mr. Ross then spoke a few farewell words to the Synod, asking for himself and for his wife its remembrances, its sympathies, and its prayers.

It was moved by Mr. E. Smith, seconded by Mr. D. Macgregor, as follows, which motion was carried unanimously :—

The Synod having heard the statement of the Foreign Mission Committee would express its gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the continued success accorded to the self-denying zeal and unwearied labors of its representatives in the foreign field during another year.

The Synod extends a hearty welcome home on furlough, after 15 years' absence, to Mrs. A. Robertson, of Erramanga, and also to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fraser, of Trinidad, and trusts that they, together with Mrs. K. J. Grant, of Trinidad, whose health it is pleased to know has been much improved, may be able to resume their work with greatly recruited energy.

The Synod would express satisfaction that in accordance with the decision of the last meeting of Synod to increase its staff in Demerara, the Rev. G. E. Ross, B. D., has been appointed as a missionary to that colony, and would commend him to the sympathy and confidence of the Church.

The Synod recognizes with satisfaction the undiminished interest and liberality shown in the great cause of Foreign Missions, and anew commends it to the sympathy and practical support of the Church.

Dr. Whittier, of Port-of-Spain, then addressed the Synod in behalf of the Presbytery of Trinidad, of which he is Moderator, conveying to

the Synod the greetings of that Presbytery, and its high appreciation of the Mission Work of the Canadian Church in that island, and urging its vigorous prosecution.

#### NORTH SYDNEY CHURCH.

Mr. A. Gandier, seconded by Mr. E. Smith, moved as follows, which motion was unanimously adopted:—

The members of Synod desire to express their sympathy with St. Matthew's congregation, North Sydney, in the destruction by fire last Saturday morning of their new and well-appointed church buildings. Considering the peculiarly trying circumstances in which the congregation is placed, the Synod would bespeak for them generous and timely assistance.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

Dr. McMillan, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee, Eastern Section, addressed the Synod, dealing with the cheering outlook and the necessities of the work.

Mr. T. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. J. M. Robinson, as follows, which motion was carried unanimously:—

The Synod, having heard the statement of the Convener of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, Eastern Section, records its gratitude to God for the success which has crowned the labors of our missionaries and catechists, and for the generous interest taken in our Home Mission work by the Church generally, and particularly by the congregations which gave special grants for the support of ordained missionaries in addition to their ordinary contributions to the Fund.

The Synod deeply sympathises with the friends of the young student missionaries who, after giving a brief period of work in the Master's vineyard, which promised a life of great usefulness, were suddenly called away by death to the church above.

The Synod regrets that many probationers obtained comparatively little employment during the past year, and urges Presbyteries to engage as far as possible the services of the men on the Committee's list. The Synod also regrets that at the beginning of the Assembly's year the Fund was \$627 99 in debt, but hopes that the contributions of all our congregations may be larger this year than last, so that the debt may be removed, and that the Committee may be able to carry on the work within the Synod with greater efficiency than ever, and to render far more assistance to the great work in the West.

The Synod prays for showers of blessing upon all our congregations and mission stations, so that our Church may be "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with hounds."

Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in the North West, then addressed the Synod, giving some account of the Home Mission work of the Church in the vast country lying to the west of the great Lakes, thanking the Synod for the help rendered in past years, and asking for its continuance in larger measure now and in the time to come.

It was moved by Dr. McMillan, seconded by Dr. Gordon, as follows, which motion was carried unanimously:—

The Synod has great pleasure in welcoming the Rev. Dr. Robertson, and thanks God for his restoration to health, so that he is able to continue the supremely important work which he has hitherto carried on with such signal success.

The Synod has listened with much pleasure to the inspiring address of Dr. Robertson on this occasion, setting forth the wondrous possibilities of the western half of our Dominion, and explaining the progress of our Church there and its

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The Synod assures Dr. Robertson of its warm affection for himself personally, and its unabated interest in the great work with which he has been so long identified.

The Synod earnestly commends that work to all the congregations within its bounds, and urges much more liberal contributions in support thereof than in the past, so that "from ocean to ocean our land may own the Lord."

#### ADJOURNMENT.

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

#### FIFTH SEDERUNT.

*At Toronto, and within the First Presbyterian Church there, Thursday, the fifth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, years, and at ten o'clock in the forenoon:—*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted, prayer being offered by Mr. T. Cumming.

#### MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Fourth Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### HALIFAX LADIES' COLLEGE.

Mr. R. Laing submitted the Report of the Directors of the College giving full and cheering information as to its condition and prospects; when on his own motion, seconded by Principal Calkin, the Report was adopted.

Mr. J. F. Forbes, visitor of the College, reported that after visiting the College he would commend it again to the Synod's confidence and support.

The Moderator and ex-Moderator were appointed Visitors of the College for the ensuing year.

#### THE MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Reverend Doctor Campbell, Moderator of the General Assembly, being present, was cordially welcomed by the Synod and invited to take his seat beside the Moderator.

#### CENTURY FUND.

The Synod then proceeded to the order of the day, namely, the consideration of the Century Fund, when Dr. Campbell, Moderator of the General Assembly, and Agent of the Fund, addressed the Synod, giving a full, clear and impressive statement of its nature and objects, and asking the hearty cooperation of the Synod in carrying it to a successful issue. He was followed by Dr. Robertson, emphasizing in earnest and energetic language the importance of the Fund.

Mr. R. Murray, Convener of the Synod's Century Fund Committee, submitted the following resolutions, the adoption of which was moved by himself and seconded by Messrs. D. Macdonald, H. K. McLean, A. Rogers, J. F. Forbes, T. Cumming, J. K. Munnis, J. S. Sutherland and J. M. Robinson; which motion, prayer having been offered by Dr. Gordon, was carried unanimously:

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Synod of the Maritime Provinces cordially endorses the action of the General Assembly in calling upon the Church to raise a Century Fund of One Million Dollars, as an expression of our gratitude to God for His goodness to the Church in the past—especially for the Union of 1875 and the blessings which have followed that Union; and also in order that the Church may be better equipped for her great enterprises and her increasing responsibilities in the century upon which we are shortly to enter.

2. The Synod commends the Century Fund to Presbyteries, Sessions, and all members and adherents of the Church within our bounds, and enjoins upon Presbyteries and Sessions to afford all possible aid to the Agent appointed by the General Assembly and to other Agents to be appointed, in order that an opportunity may be given to every member and adherent in all our congregations and Mission Stations to contribute to the Fund.

3. The Synod unites with the General Assembly in requesting the generous co-operation of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, Young People's Societies, Sabbath Schools, and other organizations in connection with the Church, in furthering the interests of the Century Fund, and in assisting the General Agent and sub-agents in the prosecution of their work.

4. All contributors to the Century Fund are earnestly entreated not to satisfy themselves with giving, however liberally, for the removal of local Church debts, or the promotion of local Church enterprises, but to give also to the Common Fund, which is for the permanent benefit of the Church as a whole.

5. Whereas, at the date when the Century Fund was instituted, we were in this Synod engaged in paying the debt on the new College Building and many of the subscriptions to that object are still unpaid or paid only in part, and new subscriptions are still required—it is therefore agreed that all amounts paid on this account subsequent to the General Assembly, shall be credited to the Century Fund that is, to the Debt-Paying Section of that Fund, and that Agents for the Century Fund shall call attention to the necessity for removing the debt, and take subscriptions for this object.

6. The Synod recommends the appointment of sub-Agents to assist Rev. Dr. Campbell—as follows:—

Mr. T. F. Fullerton, for the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Messrs. T. C. Jack and D. McDonald, for the Island of Cape Breton.

Mr. W. M. Tufts, for the Presbytery of Pictou.

Messrs. E. D. Millar and T. Stewart, for the Presbyteries of Halifax, and Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

Messrs. J. S. Sutherland and A. S. Morton, for the Presbytery of St. John.

Mr. A. F. Carr, for the Presbytery of Miramichi

Messrs. D. S. Fraser and C. Munro for the Presbyteries of Truro and Wallace.

7. The Synod prays that God may pour out richly upon all our people the spirit of abounding liberality and self-sacrifice, in order that the Century Fund may reach an early completion, and that at the same time the ordinary schemes of the Church may be supported with even more than the wonted liberality and bounty of our faithful members and adherents. The Synod recognizes and holds forth the supreme importance of an advance in the spiritual life and work of the Church in connection with all our schemes, and especially in connection with the great enterprise of the Century Fund.

## ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet in the same place on the afternoon of the same day, and at two o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

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## SIXTH SEDERUNT.

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The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted, prayer being offered by Mr. J. Rosborough.

## MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Fifth Sederunt were read and sustained.

## SABBATH SCHOOLS AND RELIGION'S WELFARE OF THE YOUNG.

Mr. D. S. Fraser, Convener, submitted the Report of the Committee, and moved, seconded by Mr. J. A. Forbes, that it be received and its recommendations considered in their order. The motion was adopted. The recommendations were also adopted, and are as follows : —

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Sessions be asked to revise their Sabbath School Reports before sending them in ; that they take counsel with their teachers, and give them all possible encouragement in their good work.
2. That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Sabbath Schools which responded to the call for a contribution to the "Century Fund" on September 24th; and that the "Century Fund" be further commended to all our Sabbath Schools for even greater liberality on "Children's Day" in the year 1900.
3. That each Presbytery hold, at least, one meeting during the year to which Sabbath School Superintendents and Teachers, and others interested in work among the children and young people be invited, and at which doctrinal and practical questions of importance to the best interests of Sabbath School work in our Church, and by our Church, shall be discussed.
4. That systematic visitation of all their Sabbath Schools be undertaken by all the Presbyteries. That Presbyteries, in order to the better carrying out of this recommendation : — (1) Constitute their Sabbath School Committees chiefly of Elders known to be interested in Sabbath School work, and of sufficient members, to make the visitation of all their schools thoroughly practicable. (2) That the Conveners of Sabbath School Committees be appointed, as far as possible, for a term of five or six years.
5. The Synod recommends all its Sabbath Schools to use the General Assembly's series of "Home Study Lesson Helps," and the illustrated papers to be published from the first of January, 1900.
6. The Synod recognizes the services rendered by the Provincial Sabbath School Association, and commends its various departments, especially the Normal Class, and Home Departments to Sabbath Schools as valuable means for increasing the efficiency of their work ; our Sabbath Schools and Congregations being at the same time reminded that our own Sabbath School work has the first claim on their sympathy and support.
7. That this Report be bound with the Synod minutes as an appendix.

## EDUCATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

Dr. Gordon, Convener, submitted the report of the Committee, and moved, seconded by Mr. J. D. McGillivray, that the Report be received and approved, and its recommendations adopted, which motion was carried unanimously.

The recommendations are as follows : —

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

That the Synod instruct Presbyteries to ascertain to what extent religious exercises are conducted in the public schools within their respective bounds ; to

consider whether it might not be desirable and practicable to have more Bible instruction given in the schools; and to report to this Committee for the information of next meeting of Synod.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Mr. H. R. Grant submitted the Report of the Committee, and moved, duly seconded, that the Report be received and its recommendations considered in their order. The recommendations were also adopted on his own motion, seconded by Messrs. Goggie and Gandier, and are as follows:—

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That in view of the serious decrease in membership and apparent lack of interest in Y. P. S. C. E. work on the part of the young men in our congregations, the Sessions of our Church be instructed to devote special attention to the question of reaching the young men and particularly the boys, and enlisting their interest and support in the work of the Church. And further, that the Synod's Committee for the coming year take the matter into their serious consideration, and submit to next Synod some plan by which more efficient work might be done in this direction.

2. That the Synod urge all Young People's Societies within the bounds, to adopt the Assembly's Plan of Study, and would ask Ministers and Sessions to bring this matter before their Young People's Societies, and to encourage them to carry out this recommendation.

#### PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Reports from the Committees appointed to examine Presbytery Records were submitted, to the effect that they had examined the Records of the Presbyteries of Inverness, Pictou, Wallace, Truro, Halifax, Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Miramichi, Prince Edward Island, St. John and Sydney, and found the minutes accurately kept, and the business conducted in an orderly manner. The Reports were adopted and the records ordered to be attested.

#### AGENCY.

Mr. A. McLeod Sinclair submitted the Report of the Committee on the Agency, appointed at a previous sederunt, and moved, duly seconded, that it be adopted. The motion was agreed to unanimously. The report is as follows:—

The Committee appointed to consider what steps should be now taken in connection with the Agency of the Church for the Eastern Section, have to report as follows:

1. The Committee feel that the hearty thanks of the Synod are due to the Rev. John McMillan, D. D., for his kindness and self-sacrifice in acting as agent of the Church for the Eastern Section since the death of Dr. Morrison, and for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties devolving upon him.

2. The Committee recommend that the Rev. E. A. McCurdy be placed in charge of the business of the Agent's office, due security being given, until an appointment to that office shall be made by the General Assembly.

3. The Committee recommend that Mr. H. T. Morrison be appointed to the same position under Mr. McCurdy as that which was held by him under Dr. McMillan.

4. As to the sums to be paid respectively to Mr. McCurdy and Mr. Morrison, the Committee have made arrangements which are satisfactory to both; namely that the acting agent shall receive at the rate of \$700 a year, and Mr. Morrison at the rate of \$1,300 a year.

5. The Committee have conferred with the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Moderator of the General Assembly, and have obtained from him the same authority with

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6 The Committee recommends that it be continued in existence until the appointment of an Agent shall be made by the Assembly, to attend to such matters in connection with the Agency as may require consideration.

#### MR. E. A. MCCURDY.

Thereafter Mr. E. A. McCurdy briefly addressed the Synod, thanking it for the confidence bestowed on him in recommending him to the General Assembly as successor to the late Dr. Morrison in the Agency of the Church, and promising, should the Assembly act upon the Synod's recommendation, that he would devote his best energies to the fulfilment of the duties then devolving upon him.

#### COMMISSION TO NASHWAAK AND STANLEY.

Mr. T. F. Fullerton reported the judgment of the Commission and moved, duly seconded, that it be engrossed on the Records of the Synod and that the papers be kept *in vobis*. The motion was unanimously adopted. The judgment is as follows:—

“The Commission dismisses the appeals of the Rev. J. S. Mullan and sustains the action of the Presbytery of St. John, in dissolving the pastoral tie, and in prohibiting Mr. Mullan from conducting public services within the bounds of the Congregation of Nashwaak and Stanley.”

#### HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Dr. McMillan submitted the Report of the Committee, which on his own motion, seconded by Mr. T. Stewart, was adopted.

#### COMMITTEE ANENT RESOLUTION TO ENQUIRE INTO THE LEGAL STATUS OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Moderator submitted the following Committee:—

D. S. Fraser, Convenor; W. P. Archibald, A. V. Morash, J. Millen Robinson, George Fisher, J. S. Sutherland, J. M. Fisher, George Miller, D. B. McLeod, *Ministers*, and T. C. James, John Willet, and George Campbell, *Elders*.

#### M'LEOD BEQUEST.

Dr. McMillan submitted the Report of the Committee, and moved, duly seconded, its adoption, which motion was agreed to unanimously.

The Report is as follows:—

The Home Mission Committee (Eastern Section) entrusted by the Synod with the care of the McLeod Bequest, respectfully report that the sum of \$4 989.60 was received from the executors, and is now invested in bank stocks and mortgages; and that the interest received last year, amounting to \$256.10, has been placed to the credit of the Home Mission Fund, and has been used in helping to pay the grants to Home Mission charges unable to raise \$600.00 towards the support of their ministers.

#### WIDOWS AND ORPHAN'S FUND.

The Clerk, on behalf of the Committee, submitted a statement of the prosperous condition of the Fund, and pressed very earnestly upon the younger brethren the duty of connecting themselves with it while they have the opportunity of doing so.

## AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Mr. A. Rogers, Convener of the Assembly's Committee, submitted a statement of its condition, and impressed on the Synod with great earnestness its requirements and claims, to which address the Synod listened with the utmost interest.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. H. H. Mapherson, Convener, submitted the Report of the Committee, and moved, duly seconded, that it be adopted. The motion was unanimously agreed to. The Report is as follows:—

*Church Life and Work.*—Mr. John Murray, *Convener*; the Convener of Committees on Church Life and Work in the several Presbyteries; Messrs. Jas. Sinclair, Thos. Cunningham, G. I. Gordon, G. S. Carson, J. M. Robinson, J. A. McKenzie, J. A. McGlashan, D. McLeod, D. J. Fraser, W. H. Smith, H. R. Grant, Henry Dickie, J. F. Johnston, Dr. G. Bruce, Willard McDonald, D. B. McLeod, A. F. Carr, David Wright, J. H. Stewart, *Ministers*; and Messrs. J. D. McGregor, D. McDonald, J. C. Mackintosh, John McPherson, *Elders*.

*Public Education and Civil Rights.*—Prof. Gordon, *Convener*; Dr. Falconer, Principal Pollok, President Forrest, Prof. Falconer, Dr. McMillan, and Messrs. L. G. McNeil, R. Lyle, T. F. Fullerton, J. D. McGilivray, Wm. Grant, A. Bowman, *Ministers*; and Messrs. Judge Stevens, Judge Trueman, Judge Forbes, and Messrs. R. Murray, Geo. B. Aitkin and Harvey Graham, *Elders*.

*Sabbath Schools.*—Mr. D. S. Fraser, *Convener*; the Convener of Committees on Sabbath Schools and the Religious Welfare of the Young in the several Presbyteries; Messrs. E. S. Bayne, Dr. Black, T. F. Fotheringham, W. P. Archibald, H. K. McLean, Donald Fraser, J. A. Forbes, A. F. Roldy, Geo. Miller and A. S. Morton, *Ministers*; and Messrs. George Haldow, Principal Calkin, H. A. White, Alexander Matheson, J. L. Oxner, John McKeen and Henry Coffin, *Elders*.

*Young People's Societies.*—Mr. H. R. Grant, *Convener*; the Convener of Committees on Young People's Societies in the several Presbyteries; Messrs. F. L. John, A. D. McDonald, A. V. Morash, A. Rogers, E. B. Rankin, J. Ross, A. M. Thomson, J. S. Sutherland, J. M. McLeod, J. M. Fisher, A. Gandier, *Ministers*; and Messrs. J. S. Smith, J. D. McKay, D. McLean, *Elders*.

*Bills and Ordinances.*—Mr. T. Stewart, *Convener*; the Clerk of Synod, the Clerks of Presbyteries, the Convener of the Assembly's Home and Foreign Mission Committees, and of the Committee on Augmentation, and the Convener of the Synod's Standing Committees, *ex-officio*; Messrs. J. A. Cairns, W. H. Spencer, T. C. Jack, E. A. McCurdy, J. S. Sutherland, *Ministers*; and Messrs. W. C. Whittaker, T. C. James, John McLean, Hugh McKenzie, W. H. Blanchard, L. W. Johnstone, *Elders*.

*Synod Fund.*—Mr. D. A. Frame, *Convener*; Messrs. Wm. Ross, J. S. Coffin, William Dawson, A. Craise, D. McOdum, John Rose, *Ministers*; and Messrs. John McInnis, Roderick M. Neil, J. Willet, *Elders*.

*Widows' and Orphans' Fund.*—(Nomination to General Assembly) Mr. R. Laing, Dr. A. McLean, J. McLean, Dr. Selgwick, A. McLean Sinclair, A. F. Thomson, J. S. Carruthers and J. W. Falconer (Trust), *Ministers*; and Messrs. R. Baxter, George Mitchell, Dr. A. H. McKay, J. D. McGregor, *Elders*.

*Hunter Fund.*—President Forrest, *Convener*; E. A. McCurdy, J. D. McKay, Clarence McKinnon, *Ministers*; and O. M. Hill, George Cunningham and D. Blackwood, *Elders*.

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## DR. McMILLAN'S MOTION.

Dr. McMillan submitted the motion of which he had given notice at a former Sederunt, and moved, seconded by Mr. R. Murray, its adoption. The motion was agreed to unanimously, and is as follows:—

In view of the efficient services rendered by the late Dr. P. M. Morrison during the thirteen years he acted as Agent of the Church, Eastern Section, the Synod makes application to the General Assembly for the payment of the sum of \$250 annually to his widow during her lifetime, said sum to be paid from the General Expenses Fund, Eastern Section.

## ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet again in the same place on the evening of the same day, and at half past seven o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

## SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

*The same day and place, and at half past seven o'clock in the evening.*

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted, prayer being offered by Mr. J. Thompson.

## MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Sixth Sederunt were read and sustained.

## OBITUARY NOTICES.

Dr. McMillan submitted the Report of the Committee, which on his own motion, seconded by Mr. A. McLean Sinclair, was unanimously adopted.

The report is as follows:—

The Rev. P. M. Morrison, D. D., was born in St. James, N. B., on 25th July, 1840. He received his theological training in our own college, and was ordained to the ministry at St. Stephen's, N. B., in 1865. In 1867 he accepted a call to Bridgewater. In 1878 he was called to St. James' Church, Dartmouth, and in 1886 he was appointed to the position of Agent of the Church in the Maritime Provinces. This position he held till the close of his life. For a number of years he acted as Clerk of this Synod with great efficiency, and was appointed Moderator at the meeting held in New Glasgow in 1894. The degree of Doctor in Divinity was conferred upon him in 1895 by his *Alma Mater*. He died at Chatham, N. B., on 30th July, when returning home from the meeting of the General Assembly. As a minister of the Gospel he was eminently successful in the three congregations over which he had been placed. As Agent of the Church he performed skilfully and efficiently, and to the entire satisfaction of the Church, the manifold duties of his responsible office, and as a member of this Synod he was always punctual in attendance, and never shrank from any duty imposed upon him, however arduous.

Sound judgment, fullness of knowledge, conscientious vigilance, unflinching kindness and brotherliness marked him in a very rare degree.

The Synod deeply sympathises with the bereaved family, and prays that the Lord may comfort and aid them in their great sorrow.

## LICENSURE OF STUDENTS.

It was agreed to give leave for the current year to all Presbyteries to license any students who have completed their course, due notice of their intention having been given to the Presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod.

## CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

Mr. J. Murray, Convener, submitted the Report of the Committee, and moved that it be received, and its further consideration deferred till after Dr. Campbell had addressed the Synod, which motion was adopted.

## DR. CAMPBELL'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Campbell, Moderator of the General Assembly, and Agent of the Century Fund, then addressed the Synod in further elucidation of its nature and objects; again pressing its importance in itself and as an index of, and a means of promoting the spiritual life of our people, and asking the earnest cooperation of ministers, elders and people that it may be carried forward to a successful issue.

Thereafter it was moved by Mr. R. Murray, seconded by the Clerk, as follows, which motion was adopted unanimously:

The Synod very cordially thanks Dr. Campbell for his visit, and for his clear and impressive exposition of the objects of the Century Fund, and his enforcement of its claims; and they assure him of their warmest sympathy and support in his efforts on behalf of that Fund. They pray God to bless him with the largest success in every section of the wide and vast bounds of our Church which he may visit.

## CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the Committee's Report, when the adoption of its recommendations was moved by Mr. J. Murray, duly seconded; which motion was unanimously agreed to.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That in view of the close relationship that subsists between the family and the Church, and in view of the influence of the godly home on the Christian life, ministers and sessions be enjoined to give special attention to the families of their people with a view to their becoming nurseries of piety and Christian character in our boys and girls.
2. That the attention of members be directed, by ministers, with all necessary frequency and urgency, to the duty and privilege of attending the weekly prayer meeting more largely and regularly.
3. That inasmuch as there are strong tendencies at work to secularize the Sabbath, ministers, sessions and Presbyteries be enjoined to take such steps as they may deem best fitted to safeguard the sanctity of the holy day, and to secure to our people the undisturbed enjoyment of its privileges.
4. That inasmuch as the temperance work of our people during the past fifty years is necessarily incomplete until such time as a National Prohibitory Law is enacted by the Dominion Parliament; and inasmuch as, in the opinion of this Synod, it is vain to expect the enactment of a prohibitory law until we have a parliament composed of a considerable majority of men who have been elected primarily because of their attitude to Prohibition. Therefore the Synod would strongly recommend its members, in every constituency, to exercise their franchise in such a way as will secure the return to parliament of candidates who are either prohibitionists on principle or can be depended upon to do all they can to secure the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law for this Dominion, at the earliest possible moment.

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It was moved by Mr. H. H. Macpherson, seconded by Mr. R. Murray, as follows, which motion was unanimously adopted:

That in view of the blessings which the Sabbath rightly observed brings to the world, and of the right of all our people to the enjoyment of the privileges of the Sabbath, active steps be taken by our ministers and people for the formation in each of the provinces within the bounds of our Synod, of Provincial Alliances in connection with the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance, and for the establishment of branches of these alliances in all the important centres within the bounds of the Synod.

With the view of carrying out the above recommendation, it was agreed, on motion of Mr. E. D. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gardner: That the matter therein referred to be remitted to that section of the Assembly's Committee in the Maritime Provinces appointed to deal with Sabbath observance and legislation.

It was thereafter moved by Mr. W. P. Archibald, duly seconded, as follows, which motion was unanimously adopted:

That, in view of the cheering report on Church life and work, now read, the Synod express its gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the extent to which our Church members are responding to the claims of Christ, as shewn:— (1) by the general observance of family worship; (2) by religious instruction and family training in the home; (3) by the readiness of our people, young men and women especially, to teach in the Sabbath School, and help in other departments of Christian work; (4) by their Christian example in social and business relations; (5) by their generous support of the schemes of the Church; (6) by their praiseworthy observance of the Lord's day, and (7) by their very general attitude of antagonism to the liquor traffic and the drinking customs of society.

#### SYNOD TUNDS.

Mr. H. Macpherson, Convener, submitted the Report of the Committee, and moved, duly seconded, that it be adopted, which motion was unanimously agreed to.

#### VOLE OF THANKS.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. T. Cumming, it was unanimously agreed as follows:—

The thanks of the Synod are due, and are hereby tendered:

1. To the Minister, Session and Board of Management of the First Presbyterian Church for the use of their commodious church building, and to the choir for their services at the evening meetings of the Synod.
2. To the Committee of Arrangements and especially to the Rev. J. W. Falconer, for the ample accommodation provided for members of Synod, and to the citizens of Truro for their generous hospitality.
3. To the Railway and Steamship Companies for reduced rates of travel.
4. To the Press for reports of the proceedings of Synod, and especially to the Truro Daily News and Colchester Sun, for free copies of these papers.
5. To the Y. M. C. A. for the free use of their rooms, and to the Nova Scotia Telephone Company for the instrument freely provided for the use of the Synod.

#### MINUTES.

The Minutes of this Sederunt were read and sustained.

## CLOSING OF THE SYNOD.

The Moderator very briefly and suitably addressed the Synod. Thereafter, at his request, the Synod united in singing the closing verses of the one hundred and twenty-second Psalm, and Mr. H. B. Mackay engaged in prayer, after which the Moderator said:—"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by the authority of this Synod, I now bring the Synod to a close, and appoint the next meeting to be held at Chatham, N. B., and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening," and thereafter pronounced the Benediction.

M. G. HENRY, *Moderator.*

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
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HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND,

From October 1st, 1898, to October 1st, 1899.

The Committee beg to report that the following grants were paid during the past year :-

*Presbytery of Halifax :*

Hantsport .....	\$150 00
Perotte .....	175 00

*Presbytery of Pictou :*

Trenton .....	100 00
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*Presbytery of Inverness :*

Cleveland .....	75 00
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This makes a total of \$500. Grants were made but have not yet been paid, as follows :-

*Presbytery of Halifax :*

Elmsdale .....	\$200 00
Hantsport (additional) .....	50 00

*Presbytery of Wallace :*

Wentworth .....	200 00
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*Presbytery of Truro :*

Lochaber (Sheet Harbor) .....	125 00
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The Committee have on hand \$272.31 to pay the grants made to the two last mentioned congregations, whose applications were received last year.

The investments have paid as well as usual during the past year, with the exception of the Colonial Market Stock, in which the Hunter Committee holds 26 shares. Owing to the failure of the tenants of the Colonial Building, there was no income from that source, and consequently the receipts are \$120 less than was estimated. Next year, however, the investment will probably yield as much as formerly.

The subjoined account speaks for itself.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FORREST, *Chairman.*

J. McMILLAN, *Acting Secretary.*



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RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HUNTER CHURCH  
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The Fund shall be employed in the following manner: A portion of it, at the discretion of the Committee, may be used in loans without interest, on church buildings, to be repaid in instalments, extending over such a period of years as may be determined on; and the remainder be kept invested, and the annual income therefrom be employed in grants to aid congregations erecting places of worship, or in liquidating debt on churches."

"The Fund shall be administered by the Board, under the following regulations:

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

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

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

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

(5) "Congregations which have received loans from the Fund, shall in all cases keep their churches insured, at least to the amount borrowed from the Fund, over and above all indebtedness."

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

## LIST OF FREE GRANTS TO OCTOBER 1ST, 1898.

Riversdale .....	
Little Harbor .....	\$300 00
Hillsborough .....	500 00
River Inhabitants .....	100 00
Leitch's Creek .....	150 00
Malagawatch .....	260 00
Fisher's Grant .....	200 00
Loch Lomond .....	150 00
Middle River, Pictou .....	250 00
Bridgetown .....	150 00
Spring Hill .....	535 85
Jeddore .....	100 00
Middle River, C. B. .....	200 00
Isaac's Harbor .....	300 00
Carleton, Shelburne Co. ....	200 00
Bedford .....	100 00
Smithfield, Caledonia .....	500 00
Country Harbor .....	200 00
West Bay, Points .....	250 00
West Bay, Black River .....	100 00
Falmouth Street, Sydney .....	100 00
Shemogue .....	250 00
Jeddore .....	125 00
Country Harbor .....	200 00
Isaac's Harbor .....	50 00
Westville .....	200 00
Amherst .....	500 00
Moser's River .....	500 00
North River, St. Ann's, C. B. ..	200 00
Lake Ainslie .....	100 00
Glenelg .....	300 00
Maccan .....	160 00
Vale Colliery .....	700 00
Wolfville .....	200 00
Marble Mountain .....	1100 00
Parrsboro .....	100 00
North-West Arm .....	500 00
Big Bras d'Or .....	200 00
Black Rocks and Blue Rocks .....	300 00
Moosebrook .....	300 00
Reserve Mines .....	100 00
River Hebert .....	200 00
Shelburne .....	375 00
Kempton .....	400 00
Margaree .....	400 00
Carleton .....	100 00
Glenbard .....	130 00
Port Mulgrave .....	250 00
Tatamagouche Mountain .....	250 00
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New Germany .....	200 00
Waverley .....	175 00
Louisburg .....	200 00
Malagash .....	200 00
New Dublin .....	125 00
Englishtown .....	150 00
Pleasant Bay .....	40 00
South Gut .....	100 00
Arichat .....	200 00
Margaree Harbor .....	100 00
Grave, Halifax .....	175 00
Little Bras d'Or .....	150 00
Mahone Bay .....	25 00
Bridgewater .....	200 00
Ferrona .....	250 00
Oxford .....	250 00
Indian Roads .....	25 00
Tangier .....	100 00
Bridgport .....	100 00
North River .....	100 00
French River .....	250 00
Boularderie .....	85 00
Wolfville .....	100 00
Lockeport .....	100 00
Burnside, Upper Stewiacke .....	125 00
Middleton .....	500 00
Digby .....	500 00
North River, North Branch .....	91 00
Baddeck .....	125 00
Rockingham .....	203 00
Grand Pre .....	100 00
Upper Clyde .....	100 00
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Hantsport .....	\$150 00
Trenton .....	100 00
Cleveland, C. B. ....	75 00
Perotte .....	175 00
Total .....	\$10,135 85

## PAYMENTS TO CONGREGATIONS.

	Free Grants.	Interest Loans.	Free Loans.	Total.
Reported last year.....	\$18,035 85	\$17,080 00	\$23,330 00	\$59,045 85
Reported this year.....	500 00	.....	.....	500 00
	<u>\$10,135 85</u>	<u>\$17,080 00</u>	<u>\$23,330 00</u>	<u>\$59,545 85</u>

## CASH PAID BY CONGREGATIONS.

	Principal.	Interest.	Total.
Repayments to October 1st, 1898.....	\$34,702 52	\$3,735 73	\$38,438 25
Repayments since.....	1,148 65	233 04	1,381 69
	<u>\$35,851 17</u>	<u>\$3,968 77</u>	<u>\$39,819 94</u>

## FREE LOANS PAYABLE IN INSTALMENTS TO OCTOBER 1ST, 1897.

	Amounts.	Payments Made.	Still Loaned.
Dartmouth .....	\$1100		
Vale Colliery .....	800	\$4100	
Yarmouth .....	1000	800	
Glenside .....	1000	1000	
Jeddore .....	150	1000	
Bridgetown .....	1000	150	
Springhill .....	800	1000	
Bridgewater .....	1000	800	
Acadia Mines .....	600	1000	
Debert .....	500	600	
Falmouth Street, Sydney .....	500	500	
Amherst .....	1000	500	
Harmony .....	250	1000	
Park Street, Halifax .....	2000	250	
Lockeport .....	500	2000	
Baddeck .....	500	100	\$ 400
Oxford .....	500	500	
Pleasant Bay .....	100	500	
Tatamagouche Mountain .....	100	100	
Boularderie .....	500	100	
Margaree Harbor .....	300	500	
Reserve Mines .....	250	300	
St. Andrew's, Sydney .....	500	250	
Maibou .....	400	500	
Kenneteook .....	200	400	
St. Peter's, C. B. .....	300	200	
Digby .....	430	300	
Trenton .....	1000	430	
Five Islands .....	300	1000	
New Annap .....	500	300	
Waverley .....	100	500	
Pugwash .....	500	100	
Louisburg .....	200	500	
River Hebert .....	250	200	
Carleton .....	400	250	
Mulgrave .....	600	60	\$ 340
		300	300
	<u>\$23,150</u>	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$1,040</u>

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St. Andrew's, Sydney .....	500 00	
South Gut .....	300 00	
Andover .....	700 00	
Englishtown .....	198 75	
Miltown .....	800 00	
Sussex .....	200 00	
Strathlorne .....	300 00	
Mortgages .....	4,950 00	
		\$18,548 75
Bank of Nova Scotia, 45 shares .....	\$0,000 00	
Halifax Banking Co., 60 shares .....	1,884 00	
		11,784 00
Real Estate yielding Income:		
Houses, Poplar Grove, Halifax .....	\$3,000 00	
Houses, Creighton Street, Halifax .....	3,000 00	
		6,000 00
		<u>\$39,332 75</u>

J. McMILLAN, D. D., *Acting Agent.*

Examined and found correct.

GEO. CUNNINGHAM, |  
 D. BLACKWOOD, | *Auditors.*

HALIFAX, *Sept. 30th, 1896.*

# Sabbath School

## SYNOPSIS

To the Synod

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Number.	Pres
1	Halifax
2	Inverness
3	Lanenburg
4	Miramichi
5	Prince Edw.
6	St. John
7	Pictou
8	Sydney
9	Truro
10	Wallace
11	Trinidad

Number.	Number committing Scripture to mem- ory.	Number committing to memory.	Recor
1	368	1726	
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3	162	311	
4	828	1136	
5	1101	2511	
6	1188	2150	
7	1348	2651	
8	960	1601	
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10	789	961	
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# REPORT

ON

## Sabbath Schools and Religious Welfare of the Young,

SUBMITTED TO THE

### SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

*To the Synod of the Maritime Provinces :*

The Committee on Sabbath Schools and Religious Welfare of the Young submit the following Report, which, being based on the Report of last General Assembly, covers the year 1898 :

		STATISTICS.			ATTENDANCE.		
Number.	PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Schools with- in Bound.	Number of Schools Re- ported.	Number of Officers and Teachers on Roll.	ATTENDANCE.		
					Number of Scholars including B. C. on Roll.	Average Attendance of Officers and Teachers.	Average Attendance of Scholars.
1	Halifax	100	74	509	1015	100	287
2	Inverness	51	51	180	1358	150	406
3	Lunenburg and Yarmouth	18	18	134	970	118	692
4	Miramichi	93	88	418	3299	281	1813
5	Prince Edward Island	100	98	518	4825	457	2988
6	St. John	77	73	633	4658	520	3354
7	Pictou	74	68	617	4020	503	3265
8	Sydney	43	36	301	2800	245	1550
9	Truro	30	30	147	4312	407	3095
10	Wallace	43	43	263	2298	265	1615
		685	639	4124	33386	3106	22045
11	Trinidad	62	62	161	2634	117	1708

		RECITATIONS.				CHURCH RELATIONS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.					
Number.		Number committing to memory.	Number committing to memory. Shorter Catechism	Number reporting the whole Cate- chism.	Number who receive Lessons at home.	Teachers meeting for Lesson Study.	Number of Elders in Work.	Average number of teaching Church.	Number of new Com- municants.	Number of Scholars who are Communi- cants.	Total amount raised by Sabbath School.	Amount contributed in support of S. S.	Amount expended on Sabbath School.	Amount contributed in support of the Church.	Amount contributed to other objects.
1	588	1726	128	1855	12	74	1967	86	382	\$2640	\$417	\$1346	\$1246	\$365	
2	563	919	161	847	3	39	674	42	119	284	3	169	87	36	
3	462	311	16	498	4	24	57	28	163	345	16	190	177	23	
4	828	1136	89	1350	2	60	1057	42	321	1669	25	529	261	168	
5	1101	2544	103	2568	4	95	2120	80	722	1108	25	742	510	54	
6	1188	2430	82	2567	13	90	2065	123	692	2648	80	1867	567	259	
7	1308	2651	131	2688	9	111	2164	115	758	1932	110	921	825	214	
8	360	601	162	654	3	33	1311	20	130	803	39	691	121	26	
9	1151	2220	113	2560	10	123	2371	98	596	1102	77	748	406	166	
10	789	361	24	1296	3	69	1698	59	351	913	204	749	318	148	
	9758	16348	952	16650	58	738	13274	593	4633	\$12654	\$1310	\$7642	\$4504	\$1396	
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Comparing the statistics of our schools one year with another, reveals a great amount of carelessness, and, consequently, of inaccuracy. If such statistics are worth gathering at all, they are worth gathering with sufficient care to make them accurate. The differences of the figures for the years 1897 and 1898, for two items, will be enough to show that for purposes of comparison the reports are not of much value:

Schools Within Bounds.												
Hfs.	L. & Y.	Inv.	Mir.	P.E.L.	St. J.	Pic.	Syd.	Tru.	Wal.	Trin.	Total.	
1897	161	17	51	93	100	42	74	43	65	37	62	687
1898	160	18	51	93	100	77	71	43	90	43	62	757

Schools Reporting.												
Hfs.	L. & Y.	Inv.	Mir.	P.E.L.	St. J.	Pic.	Syd.	Tru.	Wal.	Trin.	Total.	
1897	96	17	51	88	86	33	72	36	65	37	62	645
1898	74	18	51	88	98	73	68	36	90	43	62	701

These figures are interesting and suggestive of several questions which we trust the Presbyteries may ask, and try to answer for themselves. A like study of the other items might be made with profit.

Reports have been received from all the Presbyteries within the bounds, but only three of them have any notes of explanation, viz., St. John, Wallace, and Pictou.

In St. John Presbytery 73 schools reported, and the Convener gives the names of 4 schools that are known to him, but have not reported.

In Pictou town there is one general meeting for teachers; the same may be said of other places, which will, in some measure account for the small number of teachers' meetings reported. Antigonish reports a Chinese Class of four, with at least two always present.

In Wallace Presbytery there was an increase of 6 schools reporting, as compared with 1897, and at least 4 of these are new schools; one of them being in each of the congregations of Earltown, Pugwash, River Hebert, and Wallace.

As to "Union Schools," the information is not sufficient to warrant any definite statement. In several cases schools that are wholly Presbyterian, but belonging to more than one congregation, are reported as "Union," while the question is intended to cover only schools that are *interdenominational*.

The blanks being sent out for reports for this year are different from those used for some time. While they contain four questions less, they introduce three new elements, to two of which we wish to call special attention.

#### 1. THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

Question 9 is, "Have you a Home Department?" What is its membership? The Home Department, credit for which belongs to the International S. S. Association, is destined to occupy an important place in connection with Sabbath School work. It is well that our church should avail herself of all its advantages; and this question will serve to draw attention to it. In the meantime, necessary information can be obtained from the Provincial S. S. Associations, which annually appoint Superintendents for this part of the work. Beginning with January, 1900, the "Home Study Quarterly" will be so arranged as to meet all the requirements of the "Home Department."

#### PRESBYTERIAL VISITATION OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Question 15 asks, "Has your school been officially visited by the Presbytery's S. S. Committee?" This inquiry brings to our attention a very important matter, the closer relation of our Presbyteries to their Sabbath Schools. It must be admitted that the S. S. Committees of Synod and Presbyteries have been doing really very little to advance the interests of S. S. work in our congregations. This may be a humiliating confession to make; but it is better to make it, and show repentance, than to continue in a useless round of formalities—preparing and submitting reports that accomplish little or nothing.

It was with the intention of securing better results that the recommendation was submitted to last Synod looking towards the possible formation of a Synodical S. S. Association. Such organization is not recommended this year for two reasons:

1. Presbytery warrant defining action in the definitely organized Peoples' Societies covering two and organized field by section and Young People's Stewiacke in certain names sessions. The Conference "the Presbyteries will so spirit, meeting Schools and demands, and will show some way, that will desired result.

2. In view of Committees of thought it had the securing of children and a Committee, in organization the sympathy of the Synod of September 6th, Nainimo. The in promoting S.

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1. Presbyteries have not shown sufficient interest in the movement to warrant definite action at present. Only two Presbyteries have reported any action in the line of last Synod's recommendation. St. John Presbytery has definitely organized for better work among its Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples' Societies. The first meeting was held in St. John in September, covering two days, during which an excellent programme was carried out, and organization effected. The Presbytery of Truro has decided to work its field by sections, so as to get into closer touch with all its Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples' Societies. The first meeting is to be held at Lower Stewiacke in November. To this meeting all the Schools and Societies in certain named congregations are to be invited. The programme covers two sessions. This meeting will be followed by similar meetings in other parts of the Presbytery. Sydney Presbytery has an annual "Church Life and Work Conference" at which S. S. matters receive considerable attention, thus, in spirit, meeting the purpose of this proposal. It is hoped that other Presbyteries will soon give this question of closer Presbyterial oversight of Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples' Societies the consideration its importance demands, and take action accordingly. What is wanted is, that Presbyteries will show some living interest in their Sabbath Schools in some practicable way, that will tend to make our S. S. work more effective in securing the much desired results. The methods employed are of minor importance.

2. In view of the fact that the Assembly's S. S. Committee, and the S. S. Committees of other Synods are moving in the same direction, your Committee thought it better, in the meantime, to confine the attention of Presbyteries to the securing of the thorough visitation of all Sabbath Schools, and the taking of such other steps as may tend to bring them into closer touch with the children and young people within their congregations, until the Assembly's Committee, in consultation with Synods' Committees, shall mature a plan of organization that may be uniform for the whole church, and be likely to enlist the sympathetic support and active co-operation of all Presbyteries and Synods. The Synod of British Columbia has been organized for some time, and on September 6th and 7th held its Sixth Annual Synodical S. S. Convention at Nanaimo. The report given in the "B. C. Presbyterian" clearly indicates that in promoting S. S. work that Synod takes a very active part.

To be able to carry out the idea of Presbyterial visitation of all our Sabbath Schools, your Committee think that Presbytery Committees should be composed chiefly of Elders, known to be interested in S. S. work, and of sufficient numbers to make the work of visitation thoroughly practicable. A certain part of the Presbytery should be given to each member of the Committee, which he should visit, and report the results to the Convener. In this way the Committee of a Presbytery would really know its ground, and the report would be of some real value. This much can be done, and this much, at least, should be done. Thus the way would be prepared for the larger organization that is sure to come.

For the purposes of such visitation the following suggestions may be helpful. Besides noting the general working of the school visited, a conference should be held with the Superintendent and Teachers, at which inquiry may be made regarding the

#### ENROLMENT

to which the Assembly's S. S. Committee is now directing the special attention of Synods and Presbyteries. Find the number on the roll, and the average attendance. Then go over the district covered by the school, and note every individual therein who ought to be, but is not in the school. In this way the proportion of enrolment can be accurately known, and plans for making it complete may be discussed. That this question of ENROLMENT requires special attention is very evident. The following statement from Rev. W. W. Peck, Statistical Convener of the Assembly's S. S. Committee is very suggestive, and worthy of careful consideration. While the figures are for the whole Dominion, they will no doubt be proportionately true of the Maritime Provinces.

<sup>2</sup> In 1890 the population of Canada was 4,633,230. Of these 755,326 were Presbyterian, and of these 131,002, or less than 18%, were reported as attending our Sabbath Schools. Mr. Johnston, Dominion statistician, claims that 1/10th of our population is between

the ages of 5 and 20; if so, then it is estimated that in 1891 there were 302,150 Presbyterian children. In 1888, though the total population of Canada had increased beyond that of 1880, we report but 109,159 children in our Sabbath Schools.

Again, since union in 1875, the number of Ministers has increased from 646 to 1188, or 130%; our membership from 88,228 to 212,023, or 140%; our finances, from \$862,672 to \$6,111,175, or 135%; but attendance at Sabbath Schools only increased from 97,204 to 166,165, or only 61%.

We report 23% of our population in our Sabbath Schools, whilst the Methodist report 31 per cent. In 1860, out of every 100 of our population, 17.54 were Methodists, and while we report only 69.165.

It has been suggested that these figures are not correct, because of incomplete returns. Hence the extra effort to secure absolutely correct statistics. May we not count on every worker doing his very best, not only in securing returns, but also in organizing Schools, and in playing the work among our young people in that commanding position that is of importance in titles?

As Presbyteries will not have sufficient time to accomplish much in the way of visitation before Sabbath Schools will need to send in their reports for the present year, it is suggested that great care be taken to accurately report the enrolment, and also give a statement of all between the ages of 5 and 20 within the school bounds, who are not enrolled.

Then enquiries may be made regarding the organization of the school, and its contributions for missions and other purposes.

The Presbytery's Committee, when appointed, should have a meeting at which all such matters could be considered, and a definite plan adopted, so as to secure necessary uniformity of method by the different members. Thus prepared for the work, by conference and prayer, the results cannot fail to be good. We are confident that such visits will be much appreciated by our schools, to all of which we bespeak a cordial welcome for the Presbytery's representative, and a hearty co-operation with him in his work.

Another suggestion is that Synod and Presbyteries appoint the Conveners of their S. S. Committees for a term of five or six years, to be succeeded by the most active member of the committee for a like period. The practice of changing the Conveners every year or two does not tend to secure the best results. It takes a man some time to know his work and his field so as to be able to plan and work with the best results.

#### "HOME STUDY"—LESSON HELPS, AND ILLUSTRATED PAPERS.

Our Church now furnishes her Sabbath Schools with an excellent series of Lesson Helps, for which much credit is due to Rev. T. F. Fotheringham St. John. These Helps consist of "The Home Study Quarterly," and "Primary Quarterly," "The Home Study Leaflet," and "Teachers Monthly."

At the beginning of next year, these Helps are all to be improved both in quality and appearance, without adding to their cost. Eight pages are to be added to the "Teachers Monthly," bringing it up to the size of the "Westminster Teacher." These helps are now self-supporting, and will continue to be still further improved as the Committee of Publication may be warranted by the increased circulation.

The Committee also furnishes, at publishers prices, all Sabbath School Supplies, such as colored charts, rolls, cards, maps, &c., &c., whenever published. Prompt attention will be given to all orders for supplies by the Editor and Manager, Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, Ont.

In addition to these Helps, the Committee will publish, from the first of January next, two well illustrated S. S. papers. These papers will be clean, bright, attractive, and thoroughly Canadian. One, to be called "Jewels" will be for the little children, and will be issued weekly at the rate of 20 cents a year. The other is to succeed the "Children's Record," and is to be called "The King's Own." This paper is also to be issued weekly at the rate of 25 cents a year. These rates are to be of five or more, sent to one address. Prominence will be given to the work of our own Church in these papers, and they will meet a long felt want, and help to more fully arouse the interest of our children and young people in the great work our Church is doing in our own Country, and in other lands. At the same time they will do much to help in cultivating in our youth the spirit of true patriotism, and good citizenship. A large issue of both papers will be sent out as samples to all our Sabbath Schools during the latter part of the present month, and we bespeak for them a large circulation.

It was our Fund would that "Children's Contributions of the Centennial

In connection of the Presbytery of our Sabbath Fund offering rest on these and adherent little ones.

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## THE CENTURY FUND AND CHILDREN'S DAY.

It was understood that no general move in connection with the Century Fund would be made until this meeting of the Synod. The fact, however, that "Children's Day" anticipated the meeting of Synod, and that the contributions of the Sabbath Schools for that day were set apart by the Assembly for the Century Fund, made it necessary that some action should be taken.

In consultation with Rev. Robert Murray, Convener of the Maritime section of the Century Fund Committee, your Convener issued a circular to all Presbytery Conveners asking their hearty co-operation in arousing the interests of our Sabbath Schools in the matter. Mr. Murray and your Convener also issued a joint circular to all Ministers, Missionaries, and S. S. Superintendents within the bounds, setting forth the object of the fund and asking for a contribution thereto on September 24th. As far as the Maritime Provinces are concerned, with the exception of a few of our ministers who have led the van, our children and young people have brought in the first-fruits of the Century Fund offering. "A little child shall lead them." May the blessing of God rest on these willing gifts of our children and youth, and may the members and adherents of our church follow in a worthy manner, this leading of the little ones.

The only Presbytery Conveners who have reported up to Oct. 23rd are those of Wallace, \$150.00; P. E. I., \$357.80; and Truro, \$135.00, total \$642.80. This amount comes from about 320 schools. By holding over the printing of the Reports to be sent to our S. Schools for a few days it is hoped a full report can be given. So far 108 S. Schools have been reported in the *Witness* as contributing \$1016.68. The response has been very general and very hearty. When all are reported the amount will no doubt exceed \$2,000.

## LIST OF PRESBYTERY CONVENERS.

Presbyteries.	Conveners.
Wallace .....	Rev. D. A. Frame, Wallace, N. S.
Sydney .....	" J. A. Forbes, Glace Bay, C. B.
Halifax .....	" J. D. McKay, Halifax, N. S.
Truro .....	" L. W. Parker, Clifton, Col. Co. N. S.
St. John .....	" F. W. Murray, Milltown, N. B.
Pictou .....	" A. Campbell, Merigomish, N. S.
Miramichi .....	" George Fisher, Dalhousie, N. B.
Inverness .....	" E. S. Bayne, Hillsboro', C. B.
Lunenburg & Yarmouth .....	" G. A. Leck, Rose Bay, Lun. Co., N. S.
P. E. Island .....	" A. Crause, Mount Stewart, P. E. I.
Trinidad .....	" Mr. J. G. Grant, San Fernando, Trinidad, [R. W. I.]

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Sessions be asked to revise their S. S. reports before sending them in; that they take counsel with their teachers, and give them all possible encouragement in their good work.
2. That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Sabbath Schools which responded to the call for a contribution to the "Century Fund" on September 24th; and that the "Century Fund" be further commended to all our Sabbath Schools for even greater liberality on "Children's Day" in the year 1900.
3. That each Presbytery hold, at least, one meeting during the year to which S. S. Superintendents and Teachers, and others interested in work among the children and young people be invited, and at which doctrinal and practical questions of importance to the best interests of S. S. work in our Church, and by our Church, shall be discussed.
4. That systematic visitation of all their Sabbath Schools be undertaken by all the Presbyteries.

That Presbyteries, in order the better to carry out this Recommendation—(1) Constitute their S. S. Committees chiefly of Elders, known to be

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interested in S. S. work, and of sufficient numbers to make the visitation of all their schools thoroughly practicable. (2) That the Conveners of S. S. Committees be appointed, as far as possible, for a term of five or six years.

5. The Synod recommends all its Sabbath Schools to use the General Assembly's Series of "Home Study Lesson Helps," and the illustrated papers to be published from the first of January, 1900.

6. The Synod recognizes the services rendered by the Provincial S. S. Association and commends its various departments—especially the "Normal Class," and "Home Departments," to its Sabbath Schools, as valuable means of increasing the efficiency of their work; our Sabbath Schools and Congregations being, at the same time, reminded that our own Sabbath School work has the first claim on their sympathy and support.

7. That this Report be bound with the Minutes of Synod, as an Appendix.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. STILES FRASER, *Convener*,  
Upper Stewiacke, N. S.

Turo, October 5th, 1899.

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