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OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

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### NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD:

At Halifax, N. S., and within St. Matthew's Church there, on the first Tuesday of October, 1898, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH SYNOD

OF THE

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Moncton, N. B., Oct. 5-8, 1897.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

*At Moncton, and within St. John's Church there. Tuesday, the fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, 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 Moderator, the Reverend Alexander Falconer, who preached a sermon from the fifth verse of the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, and the words, " Lord increase our faith," was constituted by him with prayer.

ROLL.

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

PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORINATION.	ELDER.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE.
1	Isaac Murray, D.D.	Jan. 16, 1830	Retired	New Glasgow.	New Glasgow.
2	Donald Southland	Jan. 6, 1860	John McLean	Gabarrus	Gabarrus.
3	Donald McMillan	Dec. 1, 1861	Hugh Stewart	Sydney Mines	Sydney Mines.
4	J. F. Forbes	Feb. 27, 1867	Alex. Matheson	St. Andrew's	Sydney.
5	William Grant	Sept. 27, 1869	Alex. McAskill	Port Morien	Port Morien.
6	David Drummond	Jan. 18, 1872	Murdo McKenzie	Bonharderie	Bonharderie.
7	Malcolm McLeod	July 17, 1877	Alex. McDonald	L. Lennox & Framhouse	Loch Lennox.
8	T. C. Jack, B.A.	Oct. 18, 1879	J. B. Jackson	St. Matthew's	North Sydney.
9	J. H. Forbes	Oct. 18, 1884	Wm. Campbell	Glace Bay	Glace Bay.
10	W. R. Calder	Sept. 29, 1886	Arch. McLean	Mira	Mira.
11	E. R. Rankin	Sept. 12, 1889	F. Falconer	Falmouth Street	Sydney.
12	J. A. Greenless	Dec. 8, 1891	A. A. Morrison	St. Peter's	St. Peter's.
13	John Fraser	June 21, 1892	John McDonald	North Shore & Nth. River	North Shore.
14	Malcolm N. McLeod	Nov. 8, 1872	Donald McAnlay	8th, Gut & English-town	English-town.
15	J. A. Mcintosh, B.D.	May 31, 1893	Malcolm McKay	Bridge & Reserve Mines	Bridgeport.
VACANCIES.					
			Donald McKay	Grand River	Grand River.
			Geo. McPherson	Cape North	Cape North.
			F. W. W. Moffat	Little Bras-d'Or	Little Bras-d'Or.
			Angus McKenzie	Leitch's Creek	Ball-Creek.
			Ronald McLean	Louisburg	Louisburg.
MISSION STATIONS.					
				Little Lake	Little Lake.
				Pleasant Bay	Pleasant Bay.

EDWARD B. RANKIN, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF INVERNESS.

1	Kenneth McKenzie	Dec. 2, 1857	Retired	Halifax	Halifax.
2	Alex. Ross	Jan. 2, 1860	Donald McLeod	Whycocomagh	Whycocomagh.
3	D. McDougall	Nov. 15, 1865	J. W. Archibald	Baddeck	Baddeck.
4	Alex. Grant	Dec. 6, 1871	Retired	Whycocomagh	Whycocomagh.
5	E. S. Bayne, M.A.	Jan. 18, 1876	W. McDonald	Mahon and Port Hood	Hill-boat.
6	Alex. McRae	June 7, 1877	Retired	Little Bras-d'Or	Little Bras-d'Or.
7	Angus McMillan	Jan. 25, 1882	D. McLaughlan	West Bay	West Bay.
8	John Rose	Aug. 12, 1884	Murdo McLeeman	Malagawatch & R. Dennis	S. S. Basin R. Den's
9	P. McDonald, B.D.	Sept. 7, 1887	Alex. Campbell	Strathlorne	Strathlorne.
10	A. M. Thompson	June 5, 1893	N. P. McKay	Margaree & Cheticamp	Margaree Harbor.
ORDAINED MISSIIONARY.					
11	Neil Currie	Oct. 21, 1879		East Lake Ainslie	E. Lake Ainslie.
VACANCIES.					
				Pt. Hastings & Riv. Inhab.	Port Hastings.
				Middle River	Middle River.
			John McLeod	Little Narrows	Little Narrows.
MISSION STATIONS.					
				Arischat & Lennox Ferry	Lennox Ferry.
			Neil Nicholson	Baddeck Forks	Baddeck Forks.

D. McDONALD, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

1	W. S. Darragh	Nov. 12, 1850	Retired	Linden, N. S.	Linden, N. S.
2	H. B. McKay	June 22, 1855	Retired	Antigonish, N. S.	Antigonish, N. S.
3	Thos. Sedgewick, B.D.	Sept. 19, 1860	David Chambers	Tatamagouche	Tatamagouche.
4	D. MacGregor	May 24, 1877	A. J. Munro	Amherst	Amherst, N. S.
5	Geo. I. Gordon	Oct. 6, 1879		River John	River John.
6	A. D. McIntosh	June 6, 1888	Daniel Matheson	Pugwash	Pugwash.
7	David Wright	Jan. 10, 1889	Johns. Thompson	Springhill	Springhill.
8	C. Munro, B.A.	May 22, 1893	D. N. Morrison	Oxford, N. S.	Oxford, N. S.
9	P. K. McHae	May 29, 1893	Wm. McKenzie	Earltown	Earltown.
10	J. H. Kirk	May 4, 1897	David Mitchell	Linden	Linden.
11	H. K. McLean	June 7, 1887	B. M. Fullerton	Parrshoro	Parrshoro.
VACANT.					
			Ira Drysdale	Knox, Wallace	Wallace.
ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.					
12	F. L. Jobb	Aug. 4, 1896	Robt. W. Rend	Maccan & River Hebert	Rivert Hebert.
13	A. A. Frame, M.A.	May 4, 1897	R. Cunningham	St. Matthew's, Wallace	Wallace.
14	A. L. Fraser, B.D.	May 4, 1897	G. Duncan	Port Elgin and Shemogue	Port Elgin, N. B.
MISSION STATIONS.					
			James Henderson	Westchester, Went., & c.	Westchester.
				New Annan	New Annan.

D. MACGREGOR, Clerk.

MINISTERS.

- Moses H.
- John C.
- Alban Pat.
- G. M. Cla.
- John C.
- M. G. He.
- M. M. M.
- John M.
- D. M. G.
- Alban Sin.
- John For.
- J. S. Blac.
- H. A. Tol.
- Robert J.
- James R.
- Andrew F.
- H. H. Ma.
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- W. G. Sin.
- John F. I.
- Thos. St.
- Henry D.
- Alfred E.
- Andrew
- W. M. Fr.
- W. A. M.
- R. A. Cal.
- E. J. Rat.
- P. M. M.
- Geo. McA.
- Geo. E. I.
- R. G. Str.
- S. J. Me.
- W. C. M.
- G. S. M.
- R. Murr.
- G. F. John.
- John Ma.

VACANCIES.

- Henry Cr.
- Daniel M.
- Duncan J.
- John W.
- George A.
- F. C. Sim.
- J. H. Ste.
- E. D. M.
- J. E. Wa.
- A. Willia.
- D. O. M.
- Joseph A.

- John Mor.
- K. J. Gre.
- W. L. Ma.
- A. W. T.
- S. A. Fra.
- J. B. Cro.
- David C.
- Paul Blu.
- Andrew G.

NOTE.—Those who ar

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE.
1	Moses Harvey, D.D.	.....	.....	Retired .....	St. John's, Nfld.
2	John Cameron	Sept. 1841	.....	Retired .....	Bridgetown, N. S.
3	Allan Pollok, D.D.	.....	.....	Principal, Pres. College	Halifax.
4	G. M. Clarke	Sept. 1833	.....	Retired .....	Halifax.
5	John Cutler, D.D.	.....	.....	Professor, Pres. College	Halifax.
6	M. G. Henry	Feb. 1841	John Burgess	St. Croix and Ellershous	St. Croix, N. S.
7	W. M. Morrison, D.D.	Sept. 1845	.....	Agent, Eastern Section	Halifax.
8	John McMillan, D.D.	March 1846	Geo. Cunningham	Chalmers' Halifax	Halifax.
9	D. M. Gordon, D.D.	August 1846	.....	Professor, Pres. College	Halifax.
10	Allan Simpson	August 1846	O. M. Hill	Park Street, Halifax	Halifax.
11	John Forrest, D.D.	Dec. 1846	.....	President, Dalhousie Col	Halifax.
12	J. S. Black, D.D.	March 1850	Sheriff Archibald	St. Andrew's, Halifax	Halifax.
13	H. A. Robertson	.....	.....	Erromanga	Erromanga, N. H.
14	Robert Laing, M. A.	.....	.....	Principal, Ladies' College	Halifax.
15	James Rushborough	July 1873	John Anderson	Musquodohut Harbor	Musquodohut Har.
16	Andrew Burrows, D.D.	.....	.....	St. Andrew's, Bermuda	Bermuda.
17	H. H. Macpherson	Nov. 1875	J. K. Munis	St. John's, Halifax	Halifax.
18	R. S. Whidden	.....	.....	Annapolis & Bridgetown	Bridgetown.
19	Thos. Fowler, M. A.	.....	.....	St. Matthew's, Halifax	Halifax.
20	R. G. Sinclair	June 1884	D. M. Dickie	Canard	Canard.
21	John E. Duxan	Nov. 1884	John McLeod	Richmond, Halifax	Halifax.
22	Thos. Stewart, D.D.	Jan. 1886	John Watson	Dartmouth	Dartmouth.
23	Henry Dickie, D.D.	Nov. 1888	Hon. M. H. Goudie	Windsor	Windsor.
24	Alfred Gardner, D.D.	.....	J. C. MacKintosh	Fort Masses, Halifax	Halifax.
25	Andrew Robertson	July 1888	William Frew	St. John's, Newfoundland	St. John's, Nfld.
26	W. M. Fraser, B.Sc.	May 1889	T. Murray	Colony Road, Halifax	Halifax.
27	W. A. Mason, B.A.	Feb. 1881	T. A. Malcolm	Kempt and Walton	Kempt.
28	H. A. Fothergill, D.D.	Nov. 1882	.....	Professor, Pres. College	Halifax.
29	E. J. Rattee, B. A.	.....	William O'Brien	Noel	Noel.
30	P. M. McDonald	.....	D. B. Shaw	Wolfville and Horton	Wolfville.
31	Geo. McMillan, B. A.	.....	Newt Newcombe	Kentville	Kentville.
32	Geo. E. Hibberd	May 1890	W. H. Studd	N. W. Arm & Rockingham	Halifax, N. S.
33	R. G. Strathie, M. A.	July 1897	.....	Newport	Newport.
34	S. J. McArthur, M. A.	August 1899	A. Rose	Maitland	Maitland.
ORDNARS MISSIONARIES.					
35	W. C. Morrison	April 1893	.....	Bay of Islands	Bay of Ids., Nfld.
36	G. S. Milligan, B. A.	April 1896	.....	Harbor Grace	Har. Grace, Nfld.
37	R. Murray	April 1897	James H. Sellers	Lawrencetown and Cow Bay	Lawrencetown
38	G. F. Johnson, B. A.	May 1897	.....	Digby and Bay View	Digby.
39	John Macintosh	Sept. 1897	Joseph McLearn	Gore and Kennebecook	U. p. Kennebecook.
VAZANCIES.					
.....	.....	.....	Thomas Logan	Elmsdale	.....
.....	.....	.....	F. W. Christie	Belford	.....
.....	.....	.....	George Loomer	Waterville and Lakeville	.....

H. H. MACPHERSON, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH.

1	Henry Crawford	Oct. 18, 1833	Stephen Hebb	New Dublin	Dublin Shore.
2	Daniel MacGillivray	July 16, 1867	E. L. Nash	Lunenburg	Lunenburg.
3	Duncan MacKinnon	June 4, 1862	George Hiltz	Lockport	Lockport.
4	John W. Crawford	May 28, 1889	Geoffrey Knoch	Mahone Bay	Mahone Bay.
5	George A. Leck	May 29, 1889	John Cresser	Labaye	Rose Bay.
6	F. C. Simpson	Aug. 13, 1888	J. L. Oxner	Bridgewater	Bridgewater.
7	J. H. Stewart, B. A.	Sept. 30, 1896	Wm. Eisenhaur	Riversdale	Riversdale.
8	E. D. Miller, B. A.	October 1873	.....	Yarmouth	Yarmouth.
9	J. E. Walker	Dec. 2, 1895	.....	Shelburne	Shelburne.
10	A. Williamson	June 24, 1897	.....	Clyde and Barrington	Clyde River.
11	D. O. McKay	July 1891	.....	Carleton and Chebogue	Carleton.
12	Joseph Annand, D. D.	June 28, 1872	.....	Santo, New Hebrides	Santo, New Heb.

JOHN W. CRAWFORD, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TRINIDAD.

1	John Morton, D.D.	Dec. 5, 1861	Geoffrey Subram	Tunapuna	Tunapuna.
2	R. J. Grant, D.D.	Nov. 18, 1862	Edw. Tisdie	San Fernando	San Fernando.
3	W. L. Macrae	June 1886	C. C. Souleem	Princetown	Princetown.
4	A. W. Thompson	May 30, 1889	.....	Couva	Couva.
5	S. A. Fraser	Aug. 1891	.....	San Fernando	San Fernando.
6	J. B. Cropper	Sept. 8, 1896	.....	E. Coast, Demerara	Beter Hope Estate, Demerara.]
<i>Obtained ultra missionaries, Members of Presbytery:</i>					
7	Babu Lal Behari	Oct. 4, 1892	.....	San Fernando	San Fernando.
8	Davis Jaggar Singh	April 3, 1896	Charles Pregay	Oroupouche	Oroupouche.
8	Paul Bhukan	April 3, 1896	.....	St. Joseph	St. Joseph.
9	Andrew Gayadeen	April 3, 1896	.....	Caroui	Caroui.

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

PRESBYTERY OF SAINT JOHN.

Table with columns: NO., MINISTERS, DATE OF ORDINATION, ELDER, CONGREGATIONS, POST OFFICE. Lists names like James Bennet, Lewis Jock, J. Mc Kay, James Gray, James S. Mullen, J. K. Bourdieu, F. Fotheringham, L. G. MacNeill, William Peacock, George Bruce, William Ross, J. A. McLean, A. A. Mackenzie, J. K. Robinson, A. W. Malton, Daniel Fiske, James Ross, W. McDonald, A. J. Loids, Thomas Corbett, Andrew Boyd, A. W. Lewis, J. A. McLean, W. Murray, M. D. Clark, James Burgess, H. G. Vans, Donald Fraser, J. S. Sutherland, G. C. Pringle, W. W. Rennie, D. J. Pringle, Jas. White-side, Arthur S. Morton, A. D. Fraser, Thomas Miller, J. D. McKay, H. G. Gratz, Harvey H. Morton, Edwin Smith, C. D. McIntosh, A. H. Foster, Alex. Archibald, John Hawley, C. W. Irwin.

WILLIAM W. RAINNIE, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

Table with columns: NO., MINISTERS, DATE OF ORDINATION, ELDER, CONGREGATIONS, POST OFFICE. Lists names like Thomas Nicholson, T. G. Johnstone, N. McKay, William Aiken, W. D. Murray, John Robertson, A. F. Carr, J. A. Sutherland, A. F. Thompson, W. T. Bruce, Joseph McCoy, George Fisher, J. K. McClure, W. C. Calder, G. F. Kinross, M. McLeod, Joseph Barker, vacant, Thomas Givran, Alex. Mundle, Crawford, Macintosh, W. Johnston.

N. Mc Kay, D. D., Clerk.

Table with columns: NO., MINISTERS. Lists names like G. Plattner, A. Maclean, W. Maxey, A. Falconer, S. J. Sinclair, R. C. Cumby, B. Bowen, J. W. Macdonald, A. Baird, J. Carrut, A. W. Macdonald, J. R. Muir, J. W. Ferguson, J. A. Cairns, A. Rogers, G. S. Cairns, J. R. Coffey, A. Campbell, H. R. Gray, W. H. McLean, W. J. Ferguson, S. J. D. Macdonald, W. M. Theobald, H. G. Vans, A. Macdonald, W. H. Simpson, J. J. Grant, John Calder, J. R. Macdonald.

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Table with columns: NO., MINISTERS. Lists names like James Macdonald, Alex. Cameron, Thos. Cameron, J. D. McKay, J. H. Chalmers, A. B. Dickson, Edwin Smith, John Murray, D. S. Fraser, Andrew G. Macdonald, A. B. Macdonald, J. A. Macdonald, J. D. McKay, W. H. Ferguson, Wm. Davidson, A. L. Geoghegan, F. S. Coffey, McLeod, Ferguson, F. W. Ferguson, Chas. Macdonald, J. W. Falconer, Jas. F. Ferguson, E. W. Ferguson, W. W. Macdonald.

VACANT, ORDAINED, MISSION

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE.
1	G. Patterson, D.D. LL.D.	Oct. 31, 1849		Retired	New Glasgow.
2	A. Macleod, D.D.	Dec. 14, 1852		Retired	Hopewell.
3	W. Maxwell	July 13, 1854		Retired	Durham
4	A. Falconer	Aug. 11, 1862	John D. Murray	Prince Street	Pictou
5	A.J. Sinclair	Sept. 11, 1867	Joseph McKay	United Cong. East River	Bridgeville
6	R. Cunningham	Mar. 10, 1869	D. Macdonald	Carnoch Church	Westville
7	A. Bowman	May 1, 1872	Donald Ross	St. Andrew's Church	New Glasgow.
8	J. W. Mackenzie	Sept. 23, 1875	John Grant	Estate, New Hebrides	Estate, N. Hebrides.
9	W. P. Archibald, B.D.	May 2, 1878	R. F. Cameron	Sunny Brae and St. Paul's	Sunny Brae
10	A. Davidson	July 3, 1878	J. W. Fraser	St. Luke's Church	Salt-springs.
11	J. Carruthers	Sept. 11, 1878	James Ross	James Church	New Glasgow.
12	A. W. Macleod, D.D.	Aug. 19, 1879	W. D. Macmillan	Thorburn & Sutherland River	Thorburn
13	J. R. Munro, B.D.	April 3, 1880	James Sinclair	St. James Church	Antigonish.
14	J. W. Pennum	Mar. 17, 1882	Thomas Young	Lot Har. & Fisher's Grant	Little Harbour.
15	J. A. Cairns, M.A.	Oct. 15, 1882	W. Macmillan	Scotburn, K.C.	Scotburn
16	A. Rogers, B.A.	Sept. 15, 1885	Hugh Mackenzie	United Church	New Glasgow.
17	G. S. Carson, B.A.	Jan. 8, 1887	T. Kennedy	Knox Church	Pictou.
18	J. R. Coffin	May 31, 1887	Jas. A. Macdonald	West Riv. and Green Hill	Durham.
19	A. Campbell	May 31, 1887	John Forbes	Mergonish & French Riv.	Mergonish.
20	H. R. Grant, B.A.	Oct. 3, 1888	T. D. Macdonald	First Presbyterian Church	Trenton
21	W. M. Tufts, B.D.	Oct. 16, 1889	Angus Cameron	Sharon Church	Stellarton.
22	W. J. Fowler, B.D.	May 27, 1891	George Wood	Sherbrooke, K.C.	Sherbrooke.
23	J. D. Macfarlane	June 11, 1891	Alex. Maclean	Glenog & Riv., St. Mary's	E. Riv., St. Mary's
24	W. M. Thompson, M.A.	May 27, 1891	J. R. Cunningham	New St. Andrew's Church	New Glasgow
25	D. Henderson	June 6, 1891	Alex. Macleod	Blue Mt. & Gar. of Eden	Blue Mountain
26	W. MacNichol	June 2, 1896	E. R. Fraser	Hopewell and Middle Riv.	Hopewell
27	A. V. Morash, B.A.	June 6, 1891	A. Mackintosh	West River, St. Mary's	Caledonia, Gushb.
28	A. Macdonald, B.A.	June 2, 1896	E. R. Fraser	Union Centre & Lochaber	Loch Katrinae.
29	W. H. Smith, B.D.	Sept. 17, 1896	John Mackenzie	Zion Church	Ferrona
30	H. J. Grant, B.D.	May 29, 1899	Peter Cavanagh	St. George's Church	River John.
31	John Calder, B.D.	Oct. 14, 1896		St. Matthew's Church	Mulgrove.
32	J. R. Macdonald			Barney's River	Barney's River.
MISSION STATIONS					
				Carribou	Carribou
				Cape George	Cape George.
				Country & Isaac's Harbor	Isaac's Harbor.
				Fifteen Mile Stream	15 Mile Stream.

J. R. MUNRO, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

1	James Macleod	Nov. 12, 1854	C. B. Spencer	Great Village	Great Village.
2	Alex. Cameron	Nov. 16, 1857		Without charge	Lower Stewiacke.
3	Thos. Cunningham	Nov. 23, 1863	J. B. Calkin, M.A.	St. Andrew's, Truro	Truro.
4	J. D. McGillivray	Feb. 7, 1865		Without charge	Truro
5	J. H. Chase, M.A.	May 3, 1869	James Norrie	Onslow	Onslow Station.
6	A. B. Dickie	Dec. 22, 1869	Geo. H. Madill	Milford and Gay's River	Milford.
7	Edwin Murray	Oct. 7, 1871	William Guild	Middle Musquodoboit	M. Musquodoboit.
8	John Smith	Jan. 2, 1873	F. E. McTelfey	Shubenacadie	Shubenacadie.
9	D. S. Fraser, B.A.	Nov. 30, 1877	James Creelman	Spring-side	Upper Stewiacke.
10	Andrew Gray	May 19, 1880	Sam. D. Graham	Economy & Five Islands	Economy
11	A. B. Macleod	July 12, 1882	W. B. Hingley	Coldstream	Valley Station.
12	J. A. Mackenzie, B.A.	Sept. 19, 1882	Daniel Ferguson	Acadia	Acadia Mines.
13	W. H. Ness, B.D.	Oct. 31, 1883	Oscar Fulton	Riverside	Poriappique
14	Wm. Dawson, B.D.	Dec. 19, 1883	S. F. Morrison	Upper Lundontery	Falls Village.
15	A. L. Geggie	June 28, 1888	Alex. Macleod	St. Paul's, Truro	Truro.
16	F. S. Coffin, B.A.	May 1, 1890	J. W. Fulton	Lower Stewiacke	Lower Stewiacke.
17	McLeod Harvey, B.A.	May 11, 1891	George Moser	Quoddy	Quoddy.
18	F. W. Thompson	May 5, 1892	George Harris	Upper Musquodoboit	M. Musquodoboit.
19	Ch. MacKinnon, B.D.	May 10, 1892	Robert Fisher	Stewiacke and Brookfield	Middle Stewiacke.
20	J. W. Falconer, B.D.	Jan. 31, 1893	C. P. Blanchard	First Pres. Church, Truro	Truro.
21	Jas. F. Polley, B.A.	June 11, 1895	James Mills	Lower Musquodoboit	L. Musquodoboit.
22	E. W. Parker	July 7, 1896	S. E. Black	Clifton	Clifton.
ORDAINED MISSIARY					
23	W. W. McNair, M.A.	May 19, 1897		Sheet Harbor	Sheet Harbor.
VACANT					
			William Dunlap	Stewiacke	Upper Stewiacke.
MISSION STATIONS.					
				North River	North River.
				Harmony	Harmony.
				Carbon Mines	Carbon Mines.

J. H. CHASE, Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS	POST OFFICE.
1	William Scott	..... 1833	.....	Retired	Charlottetown.
2	Alexander Sterling	January, 1857	.....	Clifton and Grayville	Clifton
3	A. McLean Sinclair	July 25, 1861	William Ross	Belfast	Belfast
4	John Sutherland	Mar. 18, 1853	Donald Nicholson	Caledonia	Caledonia.
5	John Gillis	April, 1873	James Clow	Murray Harbor, North	Murray Har., N.
6	Adam Gunn, B. A.	Feb., 1856	James Gillis	Cardigan	Cardigan.
7	Archibald Gunn	Nov. 6, 1878	.....	Bloomfield, O'Leary, &c	St. Anthony.
8	A. S. Stewart	March, 1879	Donald McRae	Woodville	Woodville.
9	Evean Gillis	Aug. 24, 1884	George Bell	Murray Harbor, South	Murray Har., S.
10	Malcolm Campbell	Aug. 30, 1884	.....	Strathalbyn	Strathalbyn
11	D. B. McLeod, M. A.	Nov., 1883	Malcolm Martin	Orwell	Kinross.
12	W. H. Spencer, B. A.	Oct. 2, 1884	Peter Ross	Montague	Montague.
13	Roderick McLean	Nov. 17, 1883	Angus McPherson	Valleyfield	Valleyfield.
14	J. W. McKenzie, B. A.	Mar. 16, 1886	.....	St. Peter's Bay	Midgell
15	T. E. Fullerton	..... 1887	T. C. James	St. James, Charlottetown	Charlottetown.
16	E. M. Dill, B. D.	Nov. 8, 1887	George Staver	Summerside	Summerside.
17	D. Sutherland	July 30, 1888	Hon. D. Laird	Zion, Charlottetown	Charlottetown.
18	Charles McKay	Sept. 9, 1890	.....	Long Riv. & Kensington	Long River.
19	John K. Fraser, B. A.	Aug. 26, 1891	.....	Alberton	Alberton
20	J. M. Fisher, B. A.	May, 1892	George B. McNutt	Princetown	Princetown.
21	George Miller, B. A.	July 12, 1892	Theo. McLeod	Brookfield, &c	Brookfield.
22	A. W. K. Herdman	May 9, 1894	A. C. Stewart	Georgetown	Georgetown.
23	J. F. McCurdy, B. A.	May 22, 1894	John J. McLeod	Hampton, Tryon, &c	Hampton.
24	James R. McKay	Dec. 5, 1894	Charles S. Sterns	Souris, Bay Fortune, &c	Souris.
25	J. G. McIvor, B. D.	Mar. 20, 1895	Thomas Lowther	West and Clyde Rivers	New Dominion.
26	A. D. McDonald, B. L.	June 4, 1895	L. H. McLeod	Tignish, Montrose, &c	Montrose
27	A. Craze	Oct. 16, 1895	.....	Mount Stewart	Mount Stewart.
28	G. C. Robertson	Sept. 8, 1896	W. S. McNeill	Cavendish, &c	Cavendish.
29	VACANCIES.	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	.....	.....	Stewart Morson	Dundas	Dundas
31	.....	.....	.....	West Cape	Madlowk.
32	.....	.....	.....	Richmond Bay, E. & W.	Tyne Valley.
33	.....	.....	Duncan McCallum	Covehead, Brackley Pt. Rd	Brackley Pt. Rd.
	.....	.....	James Carruthers	Bedeque	Bedeque.

THOMAS F. FULLERTON, Clerk.

## CHANGES.

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

## DEATHS.

*Presbytery of Wallace:* Samuel Boyd, Knox Church, Wallace, July 20, 1897.

*Presbytery of Halifax:* T. H. Murray, Launceston, April 25, 1897.

*Presbytery of Prince Edward Island:* John G. Cameron, Murray Harbour, North, April 16, 1897.

## DEMISSIONS.

*Presbytery of Sydney:* M. A. McKenzie, Grand River, Nov. 14, 1896.

*Presbytery of Truro:* A. D. Gunn, Stewiacke, Jan. 31, 1897.

*Presbytery of Halifax:* J. Layton, Elmsdale, Nov. 23, 1896; W. P. Begg, D. D., Kentville, Dec. 29, 1896; W. A. Stewart, M. A., Sheet Harbour, April 25, 1897; J. P. Falconer, Bedford, Aug. 8, 1897; J. M. Allen, M. A., Waterville, Aug. 31, 1897.

*Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:* S. G. Lawson, Riversdale Mission Field, April 30, 1897.

- Presbytery of Prince Edward Island*: J. Johnston, Covehead and Backley Point Road, Oct. 10, 1896; W. A. Mason, Georgetown, April 25, 1897.
- Presbytery of St. John*: J. R. McDonald, Fairville, Oct. 1, 1896, John Hawley, Milltown, May 1, 1897.
- Presbytery of Miramichi*: W. Hamilton, Kingston and Richibucto, Jan. 4, 1897.

## TRANSLATIONS.

- Presbytery of Pictou*: A. Robertson, from St. Andrew's, New Glasgow, to St. Andrew's, St. Johns, Newfoundland, Oct. 20, 1896.
- Presbytery of Prince Edward Island*: W. T. D. Moss, from St. Peter's Road to St. Andrew's, Pictou, in connection with the Church of Scotland, April 11, 1897; John Gillis, from Dundas to Murray Harbour, North, Aug. 17, 1897; S. J. McArthur, from Beleque to Maitland, Sept. 19, 1897.
- Presbytery of Miramichi*: F. W. Murray, from Bass River and Nicholas River to Milltown, N. B., Aug. 11, 1897.

## INDUCTIONS.

- Presbytery of Pictou*: J. W. Penman, Little Harbour and Fisher's Grant, Dec. 8, 1896; W. M. Thompson, M. A., New St. Andrew's New Glasgow, March 15, 1897.
- Presbytery of Wallace*: J. H. Kirk, Linden, May 5, 1897.
- Presbytery of Halifax*: M. G. Henry, St. Croix, Dec. 1, 1896; A. Robertson, St. Johns, Newfoundland, Nov. 17, 1896; G. McMillan, B. A., Kentville, April 22, 1897; G. E. Ross, B. D., N. W. Arm and Rockingham, June 27, 1897; R. G. Strathie, M. A., Newport, July 1, 1897; W. A. Mason, B. A., Kempf, Sept. 7, 1897; S. J. McArthur, B. A., Maitland, Sept. 23, 1897.
- Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth*: Arch Williamson, Clyde and Barrington, June 24, 1897; J. H. Stewart, Ord. Miss., May 1, 1897.
- Presbytery of Prince Edward Island*: John Gillis, Murray Harbour, North, Aug. 17, 1897; A. W. K. Herdman, Georgetown, Aug. 17, 1897.
- Presbytery of St. John*: D. J. Fraser, St. Stephen's, St. John, Jan. 16, 1897; A. Boyd, Pisarinco, Feb. 4, 1897; F. W. Murray, Milltown, Aug. 10, 1897.

## ORDINATIONS.

- Presbytery of Wallace*: D. A. Frame, Ord. Miss., St. Matthew's, Wallace, May 4, 1897; A. L. Fraser, Ord. Miss., Shemogue, May 4, 1897.
- Presbytery of Truro*: W. W. McNairn, Ord. Miss., Sheet Harbour, May 19, 1897.
- Presbytery of Halifax*: R. Murray, Ord. Miss. Laurecetown, April 29, 1897; G. F. Johnston, B. A., Ord. Miss., Digby, May 4, 1897; John McIntosh, Ord. Miss., Gore and Kennetcook, Sept. 23, 1897.

- Presbytery of St. John*: H. H. Morton, Rothesay, May 26, 1897; Edwin Smith, Shediac, June 3, 1897; C. D. McIntosh, Grand Bay, June 4, 1897; A. H. Foster, Riverside, June 7, 1897; Alex. Archibald, Salina, June 9, 1897.
- Presbytery of Miramichi*: E. W. Johnston, Orl. Miss., New Brandon and Caraquet, May 11, 1897.

## APPOINTMENTS.

- Presbytery of Pictou*: J. Calder, B. D., Orl. Miss., Mulgrave, Jan. 12, 1897; J. R. Macdonald, Orl. Miss., Barney's River, July 27, 1897.
- Presbytery of Wallace*: D. A. Frame, Orl. Miss., St. Matthew's, Wallace, May 6, 1897; A. L. Fraser, Orl. Miss., Port Elgin and Shemogue, May 19, 1897.
- Presbytery of St. John*: A. S. Morton, Fairville, May, 1897; H. H. Morton, Rothesay, May, 1897; E. Smith, Shediac, June, 1897; C. D. McIntosh, Grand Bay, June, 1897; A. H. Foster, Riverside June, 1897; A. Archibald, Salina, June, 1897.
- Presbytery of Miramichi*: D. Mackintosh, Orl. Miss., Douglstown and Nelson, Jan. 1, 1897.

## RECEPTIONS.

- Presbytery of Halifax*: M. G. Henry, Dec. 1, 1896, from the Presbytery of Lyons, N. A.; J. P. Logan, July 1, 1897; from Pres. Church, U. S. A.; W. S. Whittier, Ph. D., July 1, 1897, from Pres. Church, Australia.
- Presbytery of St. John*: C. W. Irwin, July 27, 1897, from Pres. Church, U. S. A.

## CHANGES IN CONGREGATIONS.

- Presbytery of Pictou*: Barney's River and Candlish, Church, Barney's River united to form one charge, Jan. 26, 1897.

## TRANSFERENCES.

- Presbytery of Truro*: H. K. Maclean and the congregation of Parrsboro' to the Presbytery of Wallace, May 1, 1897; F. L. Jobb and the congregation of Maccan and River Hebert to the Presbytery of Wallace, May 1, 1897.
- Presbytery of Halifax*: On May 1, 1897, by action of Synod, E. D. Millar B. A., and the congregation of Yarmouth; D. O. McKay and the congregation of Carleton and Chebogue to the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth; A. B. Dickie and the congregation of Milford; J. Murray and the congregation of Shubenacadie; F. S. Coffin and the congregation of L. Stewiacke; F. W. Thompson and the congregation of Upper Musquodoboit; E. Smith, B. A., and the congregation of M. Musquodoboit; J. F. Polley, B. A., and the congregation of L. Musquodoboit; McLeod Harvey and the congregation of Quoddy and Moser's River, the congregation of Sheet Harbour and the Mission Station of Caribou and Moose River Mines, to the Presbytery of Truro.



## LICENSURES.

*Presbytery of Sydney* : John Macintosh, June 2, 1897.

*Presbytery of Inverness* : T. H. McLean, B. D., May 25, 1897.

*Presbytery of Wallace* : D. A. Frame, May 4, 1897 ; A. L. Fraser, May 4, 1897.

*Presbytery of Halifax* : R. G. Strathie, M. A., A. W. Foster, B. A., E. Smith, B. A., W. W. McNairn, B. A., G. F. Johnson, B. A., R. Murray, Arch. Williamson, April 29, 1897.

*Presbytery of Prince Edward Island* : C. D. McIntosh, May 11, 1897.

*Presbytery of St. John* : H. H. Morton, May 26, 1897.

## ADDRESS OF THE MODERATOR.

The Moderator briefly and appropriately addressed the Synod, referring to honoured and beloved fathers and brethren who, since the last Meeting, had been removed by death ; to the tokens vouchsafed of the Master's continued presence and blessings ; and to the important subjects with which the Synod would be called upon to deal. After expressing his thanks for the kindness and support extended to him during his occupancy of the Chair, he called on the Synod to elect his successor.

## ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

Nominations as Moderator of Synod were read as follows :—

Mr. J. H. Chase of Onslow, by the Presbyteries of Wallace, and Lunenburg and Shelburne.

Mr. J. F. Forbes of St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, by the Presbyteries of Pictou and Sydney ; and

Mr. T. Cumming of St. Andrew's Church, Truro, by the Presbytery of Truro.

It was moved by Mr. T. C. Jack, seconded by Mr. J. R. Munro ; That Mr. J. F. Forbes be elected.

It was also moved by the Clerk, seconded by Dr. Burrows ; That Mr. J. H. Chase be elected.

When the question being taken Mr. Chase was elected. On taking the Chair, he addressed the Synod briefly, thanking the Synod for the honour conferred on him, and asking their assistance in the discharge of his duties.

## THANKS TO THE RETHING MODERATOR.

It was moved by Mr. T. Cumming, seconded by Mr. J. M. Robinson ;

That the thanks of the Synod are due, and are hereby tendered to Mr. Falconer for his conduct in the Chair, and for his able and appropriate sermon preached this evening.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the Moderator tendered to Mr. Falconer 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 considered in their order. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. McMillan, and agreed to. The recommendations were also adopted, and are as follows:—

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Synod meet daily from 9 to 11.30 A. M., from 2 to 5 P. M., and from 7 to 10 P. M.
2. That the following Committees be appointed by the Moderator, viz.:
  - (1) Committee to nominate Standing Committees.
  - (2) Committees to examine Presbytery Records.
  - (3) Committee to prepare Obituary Notices.
3. That the first half-hour on Wednesday morning be spent in Devotional Exercises.
4. That Mr. Mullan's appeal be taken up immediately after the devotional exercises.
5. That Augmentation be the next business on Wednesday forenoon.
6. That the time and place of next meeting be the first business on Wednesday afternoon.
7. That Foreign Mission Business be taken up in the second place on Wednesday afternoon.
8. That the Statement of the College Board be heard in the third place on Wednesday afternoon.
9. That the Reports of Committees on Church Life and Work; Sabbath Schools and Religious welfare of the Young; and Young Peoples' Societies; be heard on Wednesday evening in the order named.
10. That the Report of the Committee on Public Education and Civil Rights be the first business on Thursday, A. M.
11. That Home Missions be the first business on Thursday evening.
12. That the Synod adjourn at 4.30 on Wednesday afternoon to allow a meeting to be held of the members connected with the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.
13. That with the exceptions noted above the business be taken up in the order of the Docket.
14. That when an item of business is taken up, its consideration be continued until it is disposed of, unless otherwise ordered.

## ADJOURNMENT.

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

## SECOND SEDERUNT.

*At Moncton, and within St. John's Church there, Wednesday the sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven years, and at nine 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 Drs. Gordon and Burrows, and Principal Calkin.

## MINUTES.

The Minutes of the First Sederunt were read and sustained.

## CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

On motion of Mr. A. McLean Sinclair, duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed as follows :

That Mr. E. A. McCurdy be invited to correspond, and that this invitation be extended to ministers of this Synod whose names do not appear upon its Presbytery rolls.

## APPEAL OF MR. J. S. MULLEN.

An appeal of Mr. J. S. Mullen from certain action of the Presbytery of St. John, was entered upon, and the documents relative to the same were read, when on motion of Mr. A. McLean Sinclair, seconded by Mr. J. McLean, it was unanimously agreed to refer the said appeal to a committee to be nominated by the Moderator, and report to the present Meeting of Synod. The Moderator intimated to the parties the appointment of this committee, and instructed them to appear before the same.

## AUGMENTATION.

Dr. G. Bruce, in behalf of Mr. E. Smith, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee, submitted a full and interesting statement of the position of the fund, earnestly pressing on the Synod the importance of maintaining it in its present efficiency, and moved, seconded by Dr. Gordon, as follows :—

That the Synod sanction the allotment of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars as last year to Presbyteries, and on the same basis.

Which motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Bruce also moved, duly seconded as follows, which motion was in like manner unanimously agreed to :—

That the amounts allocated to the different Presbyteries be the same as last year, with the following exception, namely—

That in cases where congregations have been transferred from one Presbytery to another, the amounts allotted to these congregations be transferred with them unchanged in making the allotments to the Presbyteries affected.

## COMMITTEES.

The Moderator submitted the following Committees:—

ON MR. MULLEN'S APPEAL.—J. McMillan, Convener, Dr. Gordon, A. Falsoner, J. F. Forbes, James McLean, A. McL. Sinclair, D. McGregor, J. R. Munro, J. K. McLure, ministers; and the Hon. D. Laird, R. Murray, and Principal Calkin, elders.

ON NOMINATING COMMITTEES.—W. P. Archibald, J. F. Forbes, F. S. Bayne, D. McGregor, D. S. Fraser, M. G. Henry, F. C. Simpson, J. S. Sutherland, Geo. Fisher, J. F. Fraser, ministers; and J. Irving Smith, W. Chesley, Principal Calkin, and T. C. James, elders.

ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS:—

*Sydney and Inverness*.—J. W. Crawford, and W. M. Thompson, ministers; and T. E. Black, elder.

*Pictou and Wallace*.—Dr. Burrows, and J. F. Dustan, ministers; and John Watson, elder.

*Tenno and Lunenburg and Yarmouth*.—W. MacNichol, and F. L. Jobb, ministers; and Newton Newcomb, elder.

*Halifax*.—C. Munro, and J. A. McGlashan, ministers; and L. W. Johnson, elder.

*St. John*.—James Sinclair, and G. S. Carson, ministers; and C. B. Spencer, elder.

*Miramichi*.—William Dawson, and A. L. Ceggie, ministers; and William O'Brien, elder.

*Prince Edward Island*.—A. F. Thompson, and C. MacKinnon, ministers; and David Chambers, elder.

ON ORBITARY NOTICES. Robert Laing, A. McLean Sinclair, H. B. McKay, ministers; and George Cunningham, elder.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. R. Murray gave notice that at a subsequent Sederunt he would move that Mr. G. S. Carson's Primary Catechism be submitted to the Sabbath School Committee, with instructions to report on the same to the present meeting of Synod.

## 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 the 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. J. McLean.

## MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Second Sederunt were read and sustained.

## MR. CARSON'S CATECHISM.

Mr. R. Murray, seconded by Dr. McKay, submitted the following motion, which was adopted unanimously:—

Attention having been called to a "Primary Catechism" by Rev. G. S. Carson, copies of which have been placed upon the table, the Synod refer the

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said catechism to the Sabbath School Committee, to report at an early session, what action, if any, may appropriately be taken with regard to it.

#### NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

Mr. H. H. MacPherson, seconded by Mr. R. Murray, moved :—That the next meeting of Synod be held at Halifax, and within St. Matthew's Church there, on the first Tuesday of October next, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening. The motion was carried unanimously and became the judgment of Synod.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mr. A. Falconer, Joint Convener of the General Assembly's Committee, addressed the Synod, and submitted a brief and impressive statement of the work and requirements of the Committee. More particularly he brought to the notice of the Synod the request of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Eastern section) that the Church should undertake a mission to Korea, the action of the Board on this request, and the action of the General Assembly with regard to said mission, referring to this Synod the question of its initiation, with power to issue the matter: when, on motion of Mr. J. McMillan, duly seconded, it was agreed to receive the statement, and proceed to consider the question of a mission to Korea.

It was moved by Mr. A. Gandier, seconded by Mr. T. C. Jack, as follows :—

Believing that the time has come for another forward movement by our Church in Foreign Mission work, and that for many reasons this movement should be in the direction of Korea, the Synod—

*Resolve* to establish a mission in that land, and instruct the Committee to make such arrangements as may be necessary to carry out this decision.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Jas. McLean, seconded by Mr. T. C. James, as follows :

The Synod having considered the remit of the General Assembly with regard to the undertaking of a mission to Korea, while thankfully recognizing and highly appreciating the missionary spirit which prompted those who are desirous of establishing this new mission, and particularly the generous offer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to support one missionary for said field, yet in view of the fact that a debt has rested, and is now resting on our Foreign Mission Fund, and more especially that we have recently entered upon work in Demerara which, together with the other schemes of the church, will sufficiently tax our resources; and, considering further, that in the Synod's judgment, her duty lies in the consolidation and expansion of her existing missions rather than in the initiation of a new mission, which cannot but be for a long time to a large extent weak and inefficient, the Synod is of opinion that such a mission should not be undertaken.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

When the discussion was proceeding the hour of adjournment arrived, when the Synod adjourned to meet in the same place in the evening of the same day, and at seven o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

## FOURTH SEDERUNT.

*The same day and place, and at seven o'clock in the evening :*

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

## MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Third Sederunt was read and sustained.

## SABBATH SCHOOLS AND RELIGIOUS WELFARE OF THE YOUNG.

Mr. D. Henderson submitted the report of the Committee; when it was moved by Dr. I. Murray, seconded by Mr. E. Bayne as follows; which motion was adopted unanimously:—

That the report be received, the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee and especially the Convener, and the recommendations be considered in their order.

The recommendations were also adopted and are as follows:—

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Presbyteries be requested not to change their S. S. Conveners so frequently owing to the confusion and hindrance to S. S. work caused by such changes.
2. That as far as practicable in order to interest our young people in their own church and country, the S. S. Helps of our own Church receive the preference.
3. That with a view to greater thoroughness in home-lesson-preparation, and to deepen the interest of our families in Bible study, pastors recommend parents to use the S. S. Lessons during the week at family worship, and to teach them to their children daily.

## CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

Mr. J. Sinclair submitted the report of the Committee and moved, seconded by Mr. T. Cumming, which motion was agreed to unanimously, as follows:—

That the report be received and the recommendations considered.

The recommendations were adopted and are as follows:—

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That every Session within the bounds of our Church be requested to hold a conference at an early date to consider the present condition of the congregational prayer meeting, and if deemed necessary, to devise means and methods which by the divine blessing may be expected to increase the attendance and promote its efficiency.
2. That ministers and elders be reminded of their obligation to press earnestly upon our people, both by public instruction and personal dealing, the great importance of maintaining in our homes the type of family religion which is represented by precept and example in the word of God.

Dr. N. McKay moved, seconded by Dr. I. Murray, which motion passed unanimously, and was ordered to be added to the report on Church Life and Work, as follows:—

That in regard to the traffic in intoxicating drinks, which in almost every one of the reports is classed among the chief hindrances to religious work, our people be encouraged and urged to employ every legitimate means within their reach to secure its prohibition.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Mr. A. L. Geggie submitted the report of the Committee and moved, seconded by Mr. J. D. McGillivray, as follows, which motion was adopted unanimously :—

That the report be received and the recommendations considered.

The recommendations were also adopted and are as follows :—

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In conveying the thanks of Synod to the Young People's Societies for the valuable help during the past year in relation to the Home Mission debt we would recommend the repetition of the same effort during this winter to, if possible, entirely wipe out the debt which still exists.

2. The Synod would recommend the use of our new Book of Praise to the C. E. Societies within its bounds.

## PETITION : PRESBYTERY OF INVERNESS.

A Petition was read from the Presbytery of Inverness asking the Synod to appoint a Committee of co-operation with the Methodist Church in order to prevent unseemly rivalry between the two Churches and a waste of men and means.

It was moved by Mr. T. Stewart, duly seconded :—That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and that a Committee be appointed by the Moderator in accordance therewith.

It was moved in amendment by the Clerk, seconded by Mr. L. G. MacNeill :—That inasmuch as the General Assembly has dealt with this question at its last meeting, the Synod deems it inexpedient meanwhile to proceed farther in the same direction.

The question being taken, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and being put as a substantive motion was carried unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT.

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

## FIFTH SEDERUNT.

*At Moncton, and within St. John's Church there, Thursday, the seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven years, and at nine o'clock in the forenoon :*

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

## MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Fourth Sederunt were read and sustained.

## PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

Dr. Gordon submitted the report of the Committee and moved, duly seconded, that the report be received and considered, which motion was

adopted. On his motion, seconded by Mr. J. McMillan, the committee's recommendation was adopted, namely, that Presbyteries be instructed to ascertain to what extent the Scriptures are read in the schools of their respective Provinces, and to report to this Committee for the information of next meeting of Synod.

#### KOREAN MISSION.

The Synod then resumed the consideration of the proposed mission to Korea, which subject remained under discussion till the hour of adjournment.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod 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 the Benediction.

#### SIXTH 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. J. McG. McKay.

#### MINUTES.

The minutes of the Fifth Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### KOREAN MISSION.

The Synod resumed consideration of the proposed mission to Korea.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. E. D. Millar, seconded by Mr. A. M-Lean Sinclair, as follows :

That in view of the desirability of harmonizing the action of Synod, removing the debt at present resting on the F. M. Committee, and securing fuller information in regard to the proposed mission to Korea, the decision of this question be deferred till next meeting of Synod.

After reasoning, Mr. Millar, with the consent of his seconder, asked leave to withdraw his amendment, which leave the Synod by a majority refused to grant.

The question being taken, the amendment to the amendment was rejected by a large majority.

The amendment was likewise rejected by a large majority.

Whereupon the main motion was carried with substantial unanimity, and became the judgment of Synod.

At the request of the Moderator, Dr. Gordon engaged in prayer in reference to the important decision to which the Synod had just come, invoking the Divine blessing upon the same.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the same place in the evening of the same day, and at 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 seven o'clock in the evening:*

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

## MINUTES.

The minutes of the Sixth Sederunt were read and sustained.

## MR. LEWIS JACK.

It was moved by Mr. R. MUFFAY, seconded by Judge Stevens, which motion was passed unanimously, as follows:—

The Synod rejoice to notice the presence of their venerable and beloved father, the Rev. Lewis Jack, who has now fulfilled a ministry of more than fifty years. A student of Dr. Chalmers, he commenced his ministry in connection with the Free Church of Scotland. In response to earnest appeals, and under appointment by the Free Church Colonial Committee, he came to New Brunswick in 1848, and he has given to the Presbyterian Church in this Province the energies of his prime and all his maturer years, even to old age. Mr. Jack labored long and faithfully in two of our large widely scattered and difficult fields. Cheerfully and with never failing courage he encountered the toils and trials of pioneer work, and when the time came that younger men were ready to occupy these fields, and advancing years justified the desire for relief from regular ministerial work, he, with permission of the General Assembly, retired from the active duties of the pastorate. Since his retirement, Mr. Jack has ever been ready for any loving service for the Master. Never when health and opportunity permitted has Mr. Jack been absent from meetings of this Synod. His faithfulness in this respect is but one illustration of a spirit that has been manifested in his whole career. That he may continue to enjoy in the evening of his days ever deepening peace, and the constant presence of Him whom he has loyally served in the office of the holy ministry, is the prayer of all the members of this Synod.

The Moderator, in a few graceful remarks, intimated the Synod's resolution to Mr. Jack, who made a feeling and suitable reply.

## HOME MISSIONS.

Mr. J. McMillan, convener of the General Assembly's Committee, submitted a brief yet full and encouraging statement of the Committee's work during the past year, which had been in every way more successful than in any former year.

It was moved by Mr. J. W. Falconer, seconded by Mr. P. M. Macdonald as follows, which motion was supported by Messrs. H. G. Gratz, A. F. Robb and C. D. McIntosh, Student Catechists, and by Dr. N. McKay and Mr. James Ross, Superintendent of Missions in the Presbytery of St. John, and was adopted unanimously:—

The Synod has listened with great pleasure to the statement of the Assembly's Convener of the H. M. Committee, which shows a gratifying condition of the Lord's work within its bounds, and a decided improvement in the finances.

The Synod records its devout thanks to God for His great goodness during the past year, rejoices in the liberality of the people, and names, as worthy of special thanks, the W. F. M. S. and the W. H. M. S. in the Presbytery of St.

John, and the Young People's Societies throughout the whole Synod—the latter having raised over \$1,200 for the reduction of the debt.

The Synod regrets the existence of a debt of \$1,597 still on the fund, and anew recommends the work to the prayerful consideration of all the people, so that they may give so heartily and liberally that no field shall be neglected for want of funds, and no further debt incurred.

#### COLLEGE BOARD.

The Clerk as Chairman of the Board of Management, and on its behalf addressed the Synod, calling its attention to its present prosperous condition, and the need of maintaining and increasing its efficiency. He made special reference to the conclusion at which the Board had arrived that steps should be taken to provide a suitable Library Building for the College—said building to be erected, if possible, within the next three years: when, on motion of Dr. N. McKay, seconded by Mr. T. Cumming, it was agreed unanimously as follows:—

Sustain the action of the Board, and empower it, as soon as it may be deemed expedient to issue a statement to the ministers and the members of the Church, shewing the necessity of such a building and its probable cost, and appealing to their liberality on behalf of this object, and generally to take such other means as in its judgment may seem advisable to secure the accomplishment of the end contemplated.

Dr. Morrison and the Honourable David Laird also addressed the Synod in behalf of the College, impressing on the Synod its claims upon the sympathies and increased liberality of the Church.

#### MR. MULLEN'S COMPLAINT.

Mr. J. McMillan, Convener of the Committee appointed to consider the Protest and Complaint of Mr. J. S. Mullen, against certain action of the Presbytery of St. John, reported that they recommended as follows:

#### THAT THE SYNOD FIND

*First:* That the complaint be dismissed.

*Second:* That in view of all the circumstances of the case the Presbytery of St. John be authorized to erect a mission station within the district of Nashwaak and Stanley, and appoint a Missionary to the same under the direct supervision of the Presbytery.

Mr. McMillan also moved, seconded by the Honourable D. Laird, which motion was adopted unanimously, that the Committee's recommendations be adopted as the Synod's finding.

Parties being recalled, the Moderator intimated to them the Synod's finding, when the Presbytery of St. John intimated its acquiescence in the same, while Mr. Mullen declined to state whether he did so or not.

#### SYNOD FUND

Mr. A. B. Dickie submitted the Report of the Committee; when on motion of Mr. R. Murray, duly seconded, the report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod were given to the Committee and especially to the Convener.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. W. P. Archibald submitted the report of the Committee, which on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. The report is as follows:—

*Church Life and Work.*—Mr. Jas. Sinclair, *Courner*; the Conveners of Committees on Church Life and Work in the several Presbyteries: Messrs. Thos. Cumming, G. L. Gordon, G. S. Carson, J. M. Robinson, John Murray, J. A. McKenzie, J. F. Forbes, A. McMillan, H. R. Grant, Henry Dickie, J. F. Duffan, Dr. G. B. Bruce, Willard McDonald, D. B. McLeod, A. F. Carr, R. J. Grant, E. M. Hill, David Wright, J. H. Stewart. *Ministers*: and Messrs J. D. McGregor, D. McDonald, J. A. Lawson, J. A. Hill, J. C. McIntosh, *Elders*.

*Statistics.*—Mr. E. D. Millar, *Courner*; the Conveners of Committees on Statistics in the several Presbyteries: Messrs J. S. Carruthers, J. A. McGlashen, D. Sutherland, P. E. L. W. M. Tufts, J. Rose, C. McKinnon, *Ministers*; and Messrs. Hugh McKenzie, W. Sedgwick, John McKeen, *Elders*.

*Public Education and Civil Rights.*—Prof. Gordon, *Courner*; Messrs. A. Falconer, Principal Pollok, President Forrest, Prof. Falconer, J. McMillan, L. G. McNeill, A. F. Thompson, R. Laing, T. F. Fullerton, J. D. McGillivray, Wm. Grant, A. Bowman, *Ministers*; and the Hon. D. Laird, Judge Stevens and Messrs Robert Murray, Judge Trueman and Judge Forbes, *Elders*.

*Sabbath Schools.*—Mr. D. S. Fraser, *Courner*; the Conveners of Committees on S. Schools and the Religious Welfare of the Young in the several Presbyteries: Messrs E. S. Bayne, Dr. Black, T. E. Fotheringham, W. P. Archibald, H. K. McLean, Dr. N. McKay, Donald Fraser, J. A. Forbes, E. Gillis, F. W. Murray, *Ministers*; and Messrs Geo. Haddow, Principal Calkin, A. H. White, Alex. Matheson, J. L. Oxner and W. T. Huggan, *Elders*.

*Young People's Societies.*—Mr. A. L. Geggie, *Courner*; the Conveners of Committees on Young People's Societies in the several Presbyteries: Messrs A. Rogers, E. B. Rankin, J. Ross, A. M. Thompson, J. R. Coffin, C. Munro, F. C. Simpson, J. S. Sutherland, J. M. McLeod, J. M. Fisher, A. Gandier, *Ministers*; and Messrs. J. S. Smith, J. D. McKay, W. J. Park, *Elders*.

*Bills and Ordinances.*—Mr. T. Stewart, *Courner*; the Clerk of Synod, the Clerks of Presbyteries, the Conveners of the Assembly's Home and Foreign Mission Committees, and of the Committee on Augmentation, and the Conveners of the Synod's Standing Committees, *ex-officio*: Messrs. L. G. McNeill, J. A. Cairns, Dr. Morrison, W. K. Spencer, T. C. Jack, *Ministers*; and Messrs W. C. Whittaker, T. C. James, John McLean, J. H. Ladd, J. Willet, W. H. Blanchard, *Elders*.

*Synod Fund.*—Mr. A. B. Dickie, *Courner*; Messrs H. H. McPherson, William Ross, J. S. Coffin, R. S. Whidden, W. H. Smith, William Dawson, *Ministers*; and Messrs. L. W. Johnstone, John McInnis, Roderick McNeill, *Elders*.

*Widow's and Orphan's Fund.*—(Nomination to General Assembly) Mr. R. Laing, *Courner*; Dr. Patterson, A. McLean, J. McLean, Dr. Sedgwick, A. McLean-Sinclair, A. J. Thompson, J. S. Carruthers, *Ministers*; and Messrs. R. Baxter, Geo. Mitchell, Dr. A. H. McKay, J. D. McGregor, *Elders*.

*Hunter Fund.*—Mr. A. Simpson, *Courner*; President Forrest, Dr. Morrison, John McMillan, *Ministers*; and O. M. Hill, Geo. Cunningham and D. Blackwood, *Elders*.

## HALIFAX LADIES COLLEGE.

Mr. A. Falconer, visitor of the College, reported that after visiting the Institution he would commend it again to the Synod's confidence and support. Mr. R. Laing submitted the Director's Report, giving full and encouraging information as to its condition and prospects; when on

motion of Mr. L. G. MacNeill, seconded by Mr. H. H. MacPherson, it was unanimously agreed as follows :—

That the Synod receive the Report, express its gratification at hearing of the continued efficiency and progress of the College, and commend the efforts of the Directors to the sympathy and support of the ministers and members of our Church.

On motion of Mr. T. Stewart, duly seconded, the Moderator and the ex-Moderator were appointed visitors of the College for the ensuing year.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

Dr. Gordon gave notice that at the following sederunt he would propose a motion tending towards bringing the Schemes of the Church more effectually before our people.

#### CHANGE OF THE HOUR OF MEETING.

It was agreed to meet to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

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

#### EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

*At Moncton, and within St. John's Church there, Friday, the eighth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven years, and at eight o'clock in the forenoon :*

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

#### MINUTES.

The minutes of the Seventh Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

Mr. A. Rogers, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee, submitted a statement as to the present position of the fund : when it was moved by Mr. T. Cumming seconded by Mr. J. F. Forbes as follows, which motion was adopted unanimously :—

That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee and especially to the Convener for their continued interest in this important scheme of the Church, and anew cordially commend it to the sympathy and generous support of all the ministers and congregations within the bounds of the Synod.

#### 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, Pietou, Wallace, Truro, Halifax,

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Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Miramichi, Prince Edward Island 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.

As regards the Record of the Presbytery of St. John the Committee reported it accurately kept, but noted that the Presbytery had departed from the ordinary usage of our Church in appointing a Ruling Elder, Moderator.

It was moved by the Clerk, seconded by Dr. Murray, as follows:—

The Synod agrees to attest the record, but disapproves of the above recited action of the Presbytery in appointing a Ruling Elder, Moderator, as contrary to the law and custom of the Church.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. R. Murray, duly seconded, as follows:—

That in ordering the attestation of the Record of St. John Presbytery the Synod does not express approval of the action of the Presbytery in the election of a Ruling Elder to the Moderator's chair, and in view of the late hour at which the matter has come up, that further discussion be postponed till next Synod.

Mr. Murray's motion having, under the circumstances, been accepted by the Clerk, was adopted unanimously.

#### DR. GORDON'S MOTION.

It was moved by Dr. Gordon, duly seconded, as follows, which motion was adopted unanimously:

That the Home Mission, Foreign Mission and Augmentation Committees and the College Board be instructed to correspond with each other and with Presbyteries for the appointment of deputations to visit Presbyteries and congregations in the interest of various Schemes of the Church.

#### WIDOW'S AND ORPHAN'S FUND.

Dr. Patterson submitted a statement as to the present satisfactory position of the fund, with which the Synod expressed its high satisfaction.

It was agreed in accordance with the Committee's recommendation, That the annuities of Widows be increased from \$165 to \$170, and of Orphans from \$22 to \$24.

The following emendations of the Rules were also adopted:—

1. That in Rule III all the words after the word "contributing" be omitted, and "of the state of the fund in general" be substituted.
2. That in Rule V the word "second" be omitted its retention having been an error in wording at last alteration.
3. The funds so far as they are not required for immediate application or expenditure be invested in security on real estate, or in Savings Banks, or in Government or municipal securities, or in deposits or stock of any of the chartered banks of the Dominion.
4. That for Rule X be substituted the following:—  
"A member shall be entitled at any time to redeem his annual rates by the payment of a single sum, or to commute them into an increased payment to cease on his attaining the age of 65 according to the table prepared for the use of the Society."
5. That Rule XXI be amended by substituting the words "an alimentary provision" for "alimentary provisions" and inserting the word "his" before creditors.

6 That in Rule XXII instead of referring to the terms of amalgamation, the words be inserted as follows:

"Ministers ordained elsewhere and being inducted in congregations of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces or entering the service of the body as missionaries or professors, if under 40 years of age, shall have the privilege of joining the scheme according to the class on which they choose to enter by paying arrears from the time they should have entered up till four annual rates, but they may pay the amount of arrears in instalments of \$10 per annum for the higher class and \$5 for the lower with interest. The case of those 40 years of age and over shall be made the subject of special arrangement."

#### HUNTER FUND.

Mr. T. Stewart submitted the report of the Committee, which, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted.

The Committee transmitted a paper from Dr. Patterson on the question of extending the benefits of the fund to congregations beyond the bounds of Nova Scotia. It was agreed that the whole matter be referred to a committee to consider and report to next meeting of Synod, said committee to consist of Dr. Patterson, Convener, Drs. Morrison and Sedgwick, Messrs. J. McMillan, J. M. Robinson, James Ross, T. F. Fullerton, Judge Forbes, W. B. Ross, and T. C. James.

#### TRANSCERENCE OF STATION.

On motion of Mr. T. C. Jack, duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed as follows:—

That the mission station of Pleasant River be transferred, and it is hereby transferred from the Presbytery of Sydney to the Presbytery of Inverness.

#### OBITUARY NOTICES.

Mr. H. B. McKay submitted the report of the Committee, which on his own motion, duly seconded, was adopted. The report is as follows:—

REV. SAMUEL BOYD was born in the County of Down, Ireland, on the 24th of July, 1824. He took his Arts course in the Belfast College and graduated in 1849. He studied Theology in Philadelphia and entered the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1857. The first fifteen years of his ministry were exercised in connection with that body, first in the State of Illinois, and afterwards in Shemogue and Port Elgin in New Brunswick. In 1877 he was admitted as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and in July of the following year he became the pastor of Knox Church, Walla e, where he continued to labor till his death in July, 1897.

As a man and as a minister he possessed many excellencies. He had superior mental powers and a kind heart, though his constitutional reserve prevented those qualities from being seen and appreciated as they ought. He was well read in Theology, keeping always within the old lines of doctrine and practice. He sought to declare the whole counsel of God, and retained the confidence and affection of his congregation to the last.

REV. THOMAS H. MURRAY obtained his Arts course at Dalhousie College, and studied Theology at the Presbyterian College, Halifax. He was ordained and settled over the congregation of Riversdale, in the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, in May, 1876. He labored in this field for only a few years, labored as an ordained missionary in Shemogue and Port Elgin. The state of his health caused him to give up his charge through failing health; subsequently he labored as a minister in Colorado he returned and labored in the Presbytery of doboit and Lawrence town and Cow Bay. He labored faithfully in these fields to the extent of his ability till the Master called him home. He died on the 25th of April, 1897.

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The Rev. JOHN GEORGE CAMERON was born at Greenhill, in the County of Pictou, about the year 1843, and educated in the Grammar School at West River, Pictou, and the Presbyterian Seminary at Truro. He studied Theology at Princeton, and was ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery of P. E. Island on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1867. He was pastor for some time of the congregation at Tryon and Bonshaw; for a much longer period of the congregation at Souris, Bay Fortune and Grand River, and for about fifteen months of the congregation of Murray Harbour North, where he died on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1897. In all these places his labors were abundant and blessed, to the building up of Christ's cause, particularly in the second, where he labored longest.

Mr. Cameron was of a genial disposition, mainly in his ways and fitted to win the good will and friendship of those who were acquainted with him. He was a man of good sound sense and possessed of business capacity of a high order. He was a wise counsellor, a good preacher, and a faithful and hard working pastor. His death, which was wholly unexpected, is a loud call to all, and especially to the ministers of our church, "to work the works of Him who sent them while it is called to day."

#### LEAVE 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.

#### VOICE OF THANKS.

Mr. T. Stewart moved as follows, which motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted:

That the thanks of Synod are due and are hereby tendered—

1. To the Pastor, Session, and Board of Managers of St. John's Church, for the use of their church and adjoining rooms
2. To the Committee in charge of the entertainment of members of Synod, for their efforts to provide for the convenience and comfort of the members
3. To the choir for their efficient assistance.
4. To the people of Moncton for their hospitality in throwing open their homes.
5. To the Y. M. C. A. of the town for the use of their rooms generously accorded to the members of Synod.
6. To the Press for reports of the business of Synod.
7. To the various railway and steamship companies for reduction of fares to members of Synod.

#### MINUTES.

The minutes of this Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### CLOSING OF SYNOD.

The Moderator briefly and suitably addressed the Court, and asked the Synod to join in singing the closing verses of the one hundred and twenty-second psalm. At his request, Mr. James McLean engaged in prayer, after which the Moderator said: "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority of this Synod, I now adjourn this Court, and appoint the next meeting to be held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and within St. Matthew's Church there, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening," and thereafter pronounced the Benediction.

J. H. CHASE, *Moderator.*

THOS. SEDGWICK, D. D., *Clerk*

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
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HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND,

FROM OCTOBER 1st, 1896, TO OCTOBER 1st, 1897.

A large number of applications for aid were before the Committee, and some of them were for unusually large amounts. The Committee, after examination, was convinced that they were all necessary, and accordingly passed them, although the funds for next year will have to furnish a part of the money, as indicated below.

The grants paid out of this year's revenue are as follows:

<i>Presbytery of Liverpool:</i>	
Buddeck (to help wipe off an old debt to the Fund) .....	\$125 00
<i>Presbytery of Toronto:</i>	
Burnside (a portion of Springside congregation) .....	125 00
North River, West Branch .....	91 00
<i>Presbytery of Halifax:</i>	
Halifax, Grove Church .....	25 00
Wolfville (to help pay off an old debt to the Fund) .....	100 00
Digby .....	250 00
Middleton .....	250 00
<i>Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:</i>	
Lockeport (to help pay off an old debt to the Fund) .....	100 00
New Dublin .....	25 00
Total given in grants .....	\$1091 00

The grants promised, as soon as funds are available, are as follows:

<i>Presbytery of Halifax:</i>	
Digby (additional) .....	\$250 00
Middleton " .....	250 00
Lower Horton .....	100 00
<i>Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:</i>	
New Germany .....	100 00

Seven hundred dollars, out of next year's income, are thus pledged so that very little more can be given.

The store on Hollis Street has been sold at \$5600.00. The four houses remaining are occupied by tenants, and yield a small interest on their assessed valuation.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN SIMPSON, *Chairman.*

P. M. MORRISON, *Secretary.*

The HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND in account with the TREASURER.  
October, 1896, to October, 1897.

	Dr.	Income.	Capital.
Loans on Mortgage.....			\$8300 00
Loans to Congregations, bearing interest; secured by notes.			170 00
Improvement to houses.....			147 01
Grants:			
Wolffville.....	\$ 100 00		
Lockeport.....	100 00		
Burnside.....	125 00		
Middleton.....	250 00		
Digby.....	250 00		
North River.....	91 00		
New Dublin.....	25 00		
Badleck.....	125 00		
Grove Church, Richmond.....	25 00	\$1091 00	
Repairs.....		121 75	
Miss Weir's annuity.....		144 00	
Mrs. Robson's Commission.....		23 00	
Insurance.....		36 00	
Taxes.....		252 50	
Printing.....		10 00	
Proportion of Agent's salary.....		260 00	
Balance.....		8 30	149 87
		<u>\$1943 55</u>	<u>\$8766 88</u>
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Balance, 1896.....			
Sale of Hollis St. store.....	\$ 4 77	\$ 90 88	
Repayment of Mortgage.....		5600 00	
Lockeport.....		2000 00	
Wolffville.....		100 00	
Falalouth St., Sydney.....		100 00	
Sussex.....		200 00	
Jeddore.....		100 00	
Badleck.....		26 00	
Kempt.....		300 00	
Pingwash.....		50 00	
Mulgrave.....		100 00	
Rent.....		100 00	
Interest.....		724 26	
		1214 52	
		<u>\$1943 55</u>	<u>\$8766 88</u>

This account has been examined by us and found correct, as per vouchers shown.

J. C. MACKINTOSH, }  
GEO. CUNNINGHAM, } *Auditors.*

RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HUNTER  
CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

"That the Fund be employed in the following manner: A portion of the Fund 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) "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.*"

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

INSURER.

Capital,  
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## LIST OF FREE GRANTS TO OCTOBER 1st, 1896.

Riversdale .....	\$300 00
Little Harbor .....	500 00
Hillsborough .....	100 00
River Inhabitants .....	150 00
Leitch's Creek .....	100 00
Malagawatch .....	200 00
Fisher's Grant .....	150 00
Loch Lomond .....	100 00
Middle River, Pietou .....	150 00
Bridgetown .....	535 85
Spring Hill .....	100 00
Jeddore .....	200 00
Middle River, C. B. ....	300 00
Isaac's Harbor .....	200 00
Carleton, Shelburne Co. ....	100 00
Bedford .....	500 00
Smithfield, Caledonia .....	200 00
Country Harbor .....	250 00
West Bay, Points .....	100 00
Loch Lomond .....	150 00
West Bay, Black River .....	100 00
Leitch's Creek .....	160 00
Falmouth Street, Sydney .....	250 00
Shemogue .....	125 00
Jaddore .....	200 00
Country Harbor .....	50 00
Isaac's Harbor .....	200 00
Westville .....	500 00
Andherst .....	500 00
Moser's River .....	200 00
North River, St. Ann's, C. B. ....	100 00
Lake Ainslie .....	300 00
Glencly .....	166 01
Maccan .....	700 00
Vale Colliery .....	200 00
Wolfville .....	1100 00
Marble Mountain .....	190 00
Parasboro' .....	500 00
North-West Arm .....	200 00
Big Bras d'Or .....	150 00
Black Rocks and Blue Rocks .....	300 00
Moosebrook .....	100 00
Reserve Mines .....	200 00
Little Bras d'Or .....	150 00
River Hebert .....	375 00
Shelburne .....	400 00
Kempton .....	400 00
Margaree .....	100 00
Carleton .....	100 00
Glenbard .....	250 00
Port Mulgrave .....	250 00
Tatamagouche Mountain .....	100 00
<i>Carried forward</i> .....	\$13,001 85

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<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$18,001 85
Clam Harbor .....	160 00
Sackville .....	200 00
Coburg Road .....	100 00
New Germany .....	100 00
Waverley .....	175 00
Louisburg .....	200 00
Malagash .....	200 00
New Dublin .....	100 00
Englishtown .....	150 00
Pleasant Bay .....	40 00
South Gut .....	100 00
Arichat .....	200 00
Margaree Harbor .....	100 00
Grove, Halifax .....	150 00
Little Bras d'Or .....	150 00
Malhorne Bay .....	25 00
Bridgewater .....	200 00
Ferrona .....	250 00
Oxford .....	250 00
Indian Roads .....	25 00
Tangier .....	100 00
Bridgeport .....	100 00
North River .....	100 00
French River .....	250 00
Boularderie .....	85 00
<b>Reported last year</b> .....	<b>\$16,511 85</b>
<b>Granted since :</b>	
Wolfville .....	100 00
Lockeport .....	100 00
Burnside .....	125 00
Middleton .....	250 00
Digby .....	250 00
North River .....	91 00
New Dublin .....	25 00
Baldeck .....	125 00
Grove, Halifax .....	25 00
	<u>\$17,602 85</u>

## PAYMENTS TO CONGREGATIONS.

	Free Grants.	Interest Loans.	Free Loans.	Total.
Reported last year .....	\$16,511 85	\$15,610 00	\$23,330 00	\$55,451 85
Reported this year .....	1,091 00	170 00	.....	1,261 00
	<u>\$17,602 85</u>	<u>\$15,780 00</u>	<u>\$23,330 00</u>	<u>\$56,712 85</u>

## CASH PAID BY CONGREGATIONS.

	Principal.	Interest.	Total.
Repayments to October 1st, 1896. ....	\$32,469 92	\$3,288 23	\$35,758 15
Repayments since .....	1,076 00	230 50	1,306 50
	<u>\$33,545 92</u>	<u>\$3,518 73</u>	<u>\$37,064 65</u>

## FREE LOANS PAYABLE IN INSTALMENTS TO OCTOBER 1st, 1897

	Amounts.	Payments made.	Still loaned.
Dartmouth ..	\$ 4100 00	\$ 4100 00	.....
Vale Colliery .....	800 00	800 00	.....
Yarmouth.....	1000 00	1000 00	.....
Glencelg ..	1000 00	1000 00	.....
Jeddore .....	150 00	150 00	.....
Bridgetown .....	1000 00	1000 00	.....
Sprag Hill ..	800 00	800 00	.....
Bridgewater .....	1000 00	1000 00	.....
Acadia Mines .....	600 00	600 00	.....
Debert ..	500 00	500 00	.....
Falmouth Street, Sydney .....	500 00	500 00	.....
Amherst .....	1000 00	1000 00	.....
Harmony .....	250 00	250 00	.....
Park Street, Halifax .....	2000 00	2000 00	.....
Lockeport .....	300 00	100 00	400 00
Baldeck .....	500 00	500 00	.....
Oxford .....	500 00	500 00	.....
Pleasant Bay .....	100 00	100 00	.....
Tatamagouche Mountain .....	100 00	100 00	.....
Boularderie .....	500 00	500 00	.....
Margaree Harbor .....	300 00	300 00	.....
Reserve Mines .....	250 00	250 00	.....
St. Andrew's, Sydney .....	500 00	500 00	.....
Mabou ..	400 00	400 00	.....
Kenmetcook .....	200 00	200 00	.....
St. Peter's, C. B. ....	300 00	300 00	.....
Digby .....	430 00	430 00	.....
Trenton .....	1000 00	1000 00	.....
Five Islands .....	300 00	300 00	.....
New Annan .....	500 00	500 00	.....
Waverley .....	100 00	100 00	.....
Pingwash .....	500 00	400 00	100 00
Louisburg .....	200 00	200 00	.....
River Hebert .....	250 00	250 00	.....
Carleton .....	400 00	.....	400 00
Mulgrave .....	600 00	200 00	400 00
	<u>\$23,130 00</u>	<u>\$21,830 00</u>	<u>\$1300 00</u>

## LOANS ON INTEREST.

Bedford	.....	\$	44 00	
Kempt	.....		50 00	
Souris, P. E. I.	.....		450 50	
St. Andrew's Sydney	.....		800 00	
South Gut	.....		300 00	
Andover	.....		800 00	
Englishtown	.....		500 00	
Milltown	.....		800 00	
Grand Bay	.....		100 00	
Sussex	.....		300 00	
Strathlorne	.....		1000 00	
Mortgages	.....		10550 00	
Bank of Nova Scotia - 45 shares	.....	\$	6750 00	\$15,694 00
Halifax Banking Co. - 10 shares	.....		2200 00	
				<u>9,010 00</u>
Real Estate, yielding income:				
Houses, Poplar Grove, Halifax	.....	\$	3000 00	
Houses, Creighton Street, Halifax	.....		3000 00	
				<u>6,000 00</u>
				<u>\$30,704 00</u>

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