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OF THE
EIGHTEENTH SYNOD
OF THE
MARITIME PROVINCES,
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in Canada.

HALIFAX, N. S., OCT. 1-6, 1891.



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1891-92.

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NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD:
At St. John, N. B., and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the first Thursday of
October, 1892, and at half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

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 MARITIME PROVINCES,
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 1-6, 1891.

FIRST Sederunt.

At Halifax, and within St. Matthew's Church there, Thursday, the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one years, 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 Divine Service, conducted by the Moderator, the Reverend John McMillan, B.D., who preached a sermon from the last clause of the seventh verse of the one hundred and twenty-second Psalm, and the words: "Prosperity within thy palaces," 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 ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	Hugh McLeod, A. M.	Nov. 7, 1833	Retired	North Sydney	Sydney.
2	Isaac Murray, D. D., D.D.	Jan. 16, 1850	Capt. McKay	Gabarus	North Sydney.
3	Donald Sutherland	Jan. 6, 1860	Alex. McLeod	Sydney Mines	Coleridge.
4	Donald McMillan	Dec. 4, 1861	John McInnes	Sydney	Sydney Mines.
5	Alex. Farquharson	Dec. 14, 1864	D. McLennan	Sydney	Sydney.
6	William Grant	Sep. 27, 1869	John Ross	Cow Bay	Cow Bay.
7	David Drummond	June 18, 1873	Duncan Grant	Boularderie	Big Bras d'Or.
8	Malcolm McLeod	July 12, 1877	Alex. McDonald	Loch Lomond & Framboise	Loch Lomond.
9	James A. Forbes	Oct. 18, 1881	Norman McDonald	Glace Bay	Loch Lomond.
10	Hector McQuarrie	July 11, 1885	John McInnis	Leitch's Creek	Leitch's Creek.
11	W. R. Calder	Sep. 29, 1886	Donald McDougall	Mira	Mira.
12	M. A. McKenzie	July 15, 1887	D. McKay	Grand River & St. Peter's	Grand River.
13	Ewen McKenzie	Nov. 6, 1888	C. McPherson	Cape North	Cape North.
14	Edward B. Rawkin		F. Falconer	Falmouth St., Sydney	Sydney
	VACANCIES.		John McLeod	Englishtown & South Gut	
			N. Montgomery	North Shore & North River	
	MISSION STATION.			Little Bras d'Or	
				Louisburg	

ISAAC MURRAY, D. D., *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

1	*Kenneth McKenzie	Dec. 2, 1857	Retired		
2	*Donald McDougall	Nov. 15, 1865	Colin Nicholson	West Bay	West Bay, C. B.
3	*Alex. Grant	Dec. 6, 1871	William Dunbar	Lake Ainslie	E. Lake Ainslie.
4	Alex. McKee	June 7, 1877	John McLean	Middle River	Middle River.
5	Angus McMillan	June 25, 1882	Charles Campbell	Malagawatch & Riv. Dennis	Malagawatch.
6	John Ross	Aug. 12, 1884	Donald McLeod	Whycomagh	Whycomagh.
7	D. McDonald, B.A., B.D.	Sep. 7, 1887	John McKinnon	Pt. Hastings & R. Inhabit's	Pt. Hastings.
8	E. S. Bayne, M. A.	Jan. 18, 1876	Lewis McKeen	Mabou & Port Hood	Mabou.
	VACANCIES.		*Hon. D. McCurdy	Baddeck	Baddeck.
			*J. H. Ladd	Strathlorne	Strathlorne.
	MISSION STATIONS.		John McLeod	Little Narrows	Little Narrows.
				Margaree Harbour, &c	Margaree Harbor.
				Forks, Baddeck	Forks, Baddeck.
				Lennox Ferry and Arisaig	Lennox Ferry.

D. McDONALD, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

1	*D. B. Blair, D. D.	Oct. 26, 1846	Retired	Barney's River.	Barney's River.
2	William Maxwell	July 13, 1854	J. A. Macdonald	Sherbrooke, Goldenville, &c	Sherbrooke.
3	*Alex. Falconer	Aug. 14, 1862	Daniel Macdonald	Prince St., Pictou	Pictou.
4	J. F. Forbes	Feb. 27, 1867	John Mackenzie	West River & Green Hill	Durham, W. R.
5	*R. Cumming	Mar. 10, 1869	R. Mackenzie	Westville and Middle River	Westville.
6	*J. H. Turnbull, M. A.	June 19, 1872	*W. Macpherson	Sharon Church, Stellarton	Stellarton.
7	J. W. Mackenzie	1872		Elate, New Hebrides	Elate, New Heb.
8	*E. Scott, M. A.	Sep. 20, 1875	*J. D. McGregor	United Church, N. Glasgow	New Glasgow.
9	*A. W. McLeod, P. D.	Sep. 11, 1878	*Alex. Macbeth	Vale Col. & Sutherland's Riv.	Thorburn.
10	*J. R. Munro, B. A.	Aug. 19, 1879	James Burnside	St. James, Antigonish	Antigonish.
11	*J. A. Cairns, M. A.	Mar. 7, 1882	*William Macleod	Scotsburn, &c	Scotsburn.
12	*G. S. Carson, B. A.	Sep. 15, 1885	W. A. Mackenzie	Knox Church, Pictou	Pictou.
13	*H. R. Grant, B. A.	May 31, 1887	G. F. Logan	First Pres. Church, Trenton	Trenton.
14	*H. K. Maclean	June 7, 1887	*William Forbes	Union Centre & Lochaber	U. Cen., Antignish
15	*Andrew Robertson	July 17, 1888	*A. Macgregor	New St. Andrews, N. Glas.	New Glasgow.
16	*Andrew Boyd	May 28, 1889	Peter Gunn	Glenelg, &c	Glenelg, St. Mary's
17	John Calder, B. A.	May 29, 1889	*D. Macdonald	East River	Bridgeville, E. R.
18	*Duncan Henderson	May 27, 1891	*R. Macdougall	Blue Mt. & Garden of Eden	Blue Mountain.
	VACANCIES.		*J. W. Fraser	James Church, N. Glasgow	New Glasgow.
			*John Fraser	Union Church, Hopewell	Hopewell.
	OR ARMED MISSIONARIES.		Samuel Cameron	Merigonish	Merigonish.
	*Macleod Harvey, B.A.	May 11, 1891	George Laurie	Little Har. & Fisher's Grnt	Little Harbor.
	*A. D. Gunn	May 28, 1891	*Peter Cavanagh	Barney's River	Barney's River.
	MISSION STATIONS.			Cape George	Cape George.
				Country & Isaac's Harbour	Isaac's Harbor.
				Mulgrave	Mulgrave.
				Carriboo	Carriboo.

J. R. MUNRO, *Presbytery Clerk.*

No.	MINISTER 4.
1	W. S. Barragh
2	H. B. Mackay
3	Samuel Boyd
4	Thos. Sedgwick
5	D. Macreozor
6	L. Gordon
7	A. McKenzie
8	C. Quinn
9	D. Wright
10	Thos. McKay
	VACANCIES.

1	John Cameron
2	R. F. Burns, D. D.
3	Allan Pollok, D. D.
4	Alex. McKnight, D. D.
5	John Currie, D. D.
6	Peter M. Morrison
7	John McMillan, B. D.
8	D. M. Gordon, B. D.
9	Allan Simpson
10	John Forrest, D. D.
11	Edward Grant
12	A. B. Dickie
13	Jacob Layton
14	H. A. Robertson
15	W. P. Begg, M. A.
16	John Murray
17	Robert Laing, M. A.
18	E. D. Miller, B. A.
19	H. McPherson, M. A.
20	T. H. Murray
21	T. C. Jack, B. A.
22	Thomas Fowler, M. A.
23	Anderson Rogers, B. A.
24	D. Ross
25	Rosborough, M. A.
26	Wm. Dawson, B. D.
27	Thomas Stuart, B. A.
28	W. McLennan, B. A.
29	Alex. Campbell
30	W. M. Fraser, B. A.
31	John Valentine
32	F. L. Coffin
33	W. J. McKenzie
	ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.
34	A. P. Logan
35	W. McC. Thompson
	VACANCIES.

1	Moses Harvey
2	William Graham
3	E. McNab
4	E. Thorpe

PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

POST OFFICES.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
Sydney.	W. S. Barragh	Nov. 12, 1850	Retired	Retired	Linden.
North Sydney.	H. B. Mackay	June 22, 1855	G. McIvor	Wallace, St. Matthew's	Wallace.
Galarna.	Samuel Boyd	Nov. 1858	N. McLeod	Wallace, Knox	Wallace.
Sydney Mines.	Thos. Sedgwick	Sep. 19, 1860	John Clark	Talamagouche	Talamagouche.
Sydney.	D. Macrezor	May 24, 1877	Anherst	Anherst	Anherst
Cow Bay.	H. L. Gordon	Oct. 6, 1879	Eph. Langille	River John	River John.
Big Bras d'Or.	A. McKenzie	Sep. 15, 1882	T. A. Fraser	Puzwash	Puzwash.
Lach Lamond.	R. C. Quinn	Nov. 6, 1883	Edw. Langille	New Annan & Wentworth.	New Annan.
Little Chape Bay.	R. C. Quinn	Jan. 10, 1889	Jas. B. Wilson	Springhill	Springhill.
Leitch's Creek.	W. Wright	Sep. 9, 1890	E. T. Archibald	Oxford	Oxford.
Mira.	Chas. McKay				
Grand River.	VACANCIES.		John McKay	Earlton & W. B. R. John.	Earlton.
Cape North.			James Burns	Linden	Linden.
Sydney					

THOS SEDGWICK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

1 John Cameron	Sep. 17, 1844	Retired	Halifax.
2 R. F. Burns, D. D.	July, 1847	W. H. Waddell.	Fort Massey, Halifax
3 Allan Pollok, D. D.	Feb. 1852	Professor Presby. College.	Halifax.
4 Alex. McKnight, D. D.	Aug. 1857	Principal Presby. College.	Dartmouth.
5 John Currie, D. D.	Sep. 1865	Professor Presby. College.	Halifax.
6 Peter M. Morrison	Sep. 1865	Agent Eastern Section.	Halifax.
7 John McMillan, B. D.	Mar. 1866	*Robert Murray.	Chalmers Church, Halifax
8 D. M. Gordon, B. D.	Aug. 1866	*A. H. Mackay	St. Andrew's, Halifax
9 Allan Simpson	Aug. 1866	*James Forrest	Park Street, Halifax
10 John Forrest, D. D.	Dec. 1866	*William Sedgwick.	President Dalhousie Col.
11 Edward Grant	Oct. 1869	Jas. A. Scott	Middle Musquodoboit.
12 A. B. Dickie	Dec. 1869	Hugh Fraser	Miford and Gay's River
13 Jacob Layton	Nov. 1871		Elmsdale & Nine Mile Riv.
14 H. A. Robertson	1872		Missionary, Erromanga.
15 W. P. Begg, M. A.	1873		St. Paul's Church
16 John Murray	1873	F. P. McHefey	Kentville.
17 Robert Laing, M. A.	Oct. 1873	Frederick Miller	Shub nacadie.
18 E. D. Millar, B. A.	Nov. 1876	*Jas. K. Munis	Ladies' College, Halifax.
19 H. H. McPherson, M. A.	May 1876	Samuel Burris	St. John's Church
20 T. H. Murray	Oct. 1879	J. H. Waddell	St. John's Church
21 T. C. Jack, B. A.	Oct. 1879	Robert Baxter	Maitland
22 Thomas Fowler, M. A.	Oct. 1882	W. H. Blanchard.	St. Matthew's, Halifax
23 Anderson Rogers, B. A.	Aug. 1883	Peter Green	St. John Church
24 R. D. Ross	Nov. 1883	William Hay	Wolfville and Horton.
25 S. Rosborough, M. A.	Nov. 1883	Charles McNab	Sheet Harbor
26 Wm. Dawson, B. D.	Dec. 1883	E. G. Morton	Upper Canard
27 Thomas Stewart, B. A.	July 1886	Benjamin Anthony	St. James Church
28 J. W. McLennan, B. D.	May 1887	*Uniacke Denmore	Newport
29 Alex. Campbell	May 1889	W. Chesley	Noel
30 W. M. Fraser, B. M.	July 1889	*Chas. McGunnigle	Bridgetown & Annapolis
31 John Valentine	May 1890	W. G. Burgess	Bridgetown.
32 F. L. Coffin	June 1891	*A. L. Archibald	Upper Musquodoboit
33 W. J. McKenzie			Waterville and Lakeville
34 A. P. Logan	May 1887	Peter Spriggs	Lower Stewiacke
35 W. McC. Thompson	May 1891	*Thomas Malcom	Bedford and Waverley
VACANCIES.			Kempt and Walton
		John Anderson	Musquodoboit Harbor
		Isaac Creighton	Richmond, Halifax
			Lawrencetown & Cow Bay.
			Gore and Kennetcook
			Carleton and Chebogue.
		Geo. H. Moser.	Quoddy and Moser River
			Hamilton, Bermuda

ALLAN SIMPSON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

1 Moses Harvey.	1887	Retired	St. Johns.
2 William Graham.	1887	James Goodfellow.	Harbor Grace.
3 E. McNab.	May 19, 1867	R. S. Munn	Bay of Islands.
4 E. Thorpe			Mission Station

M. HARVEY, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRO, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICERS.
1	Wm. McCulloch, D. D.	Feb. 14, 1839			Truro.
2	A. L. Wyllie	Aug. 12, 1852			Great Village.
3	James Maclean	Nov. 13, 1854	Joseph Poppiard	Great Village	Great Village.
4	Alex. Cameron	Nov. 16, 1857	James Turner		Lower Stewiacke.
5	Thomas Cunningham	Sep. 23, 1863	James Turner	St. Andrew's, Truro	Truro.
6	J. D. McGilivray	Feb. 7, 1865	Edmund Archibald	Clifton	Clifton.
7	James Sinclair	Sep. 11, 1867	T. W. Crowe	Upper Londonderry	Folly Village.
8	J. H. Chase, M. A.	May 5, 1869	*T. P. Putnam	Onslow	Onslow Station.
9	Edwin Smith, B. A.	Oct. 3, 1871	*Robert Fisher	Middle Stewiacke	Middle Stewiacke.
10	John Robinson, M. D.	June 6, 1875	C. P. Blanchard	First Church, Truro	Truro.
11	*W. T. Bruce	Sep. 27, 1876	Jos. McKay	Coltstream	Valley Station.
12	J. A. Logan	Aug. 7, 1877	B. E. Smith	Acadia	Acadia Mines.
13	*D. S. Fraser, B. A.	Nov. 30, 1877	*S. J. Logan	Springside	Upper Stewiacke.
14	*W. H. Nesb, B. D.	Oct. 31, 1883	David Fulton	Riverside	Portauque.
15	*J. A. Cahill	May 4, 1886	*J. D. Graham	Economy and Five Islands.	Economy.
16	*E. M. Hill, B. D.	Nov. 8, 1887	*B. N. Fullerton	Parrshoro	Parrshoro.
17	*A. L. Geggie	June 28, 1888	Samuel Archibald	St. Paul's, Brookfield	Truro.
	VACANT				
			Andrew Cox	Stewiacke	Stewiacke Valley.
			James Kennedy	Brookfield	Brookfield.

J. H. CHASE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

1	James Bennet, D. D.	May 3, 1843		Without charge	St. John.
2	*Lewis Jack	June, 1845		Without charge	Buctouche.
3	*J. McG. McKay	June 26, 1855	George Duncan	Shemogue	Port Elgin.
4	D. Macrae, D. D.	June 21, 1856	*Peter Campbell	St. Stephen's, St. John	St. John.
5	James Gray, M. A.	Mar. 6, 1857		Without charge	Sussex
6	*J. S. Mullen	Dec. 31, 1861		Nashback and Stanley	Stanley.
7	J. K. Bearsto	Dec. 1869	Hugh Joiner	Glassville	Glassville.
8	G. Shore	May 1871	Jarvis Wilson	Carleton, St. John	Carleton, St. John.
9	L. G. MacNeill, M. A.	Nov. 12, 1872	*J. G. Forbes	St. Andrew's, St. John	St. John.
10	John Anderson, B. D.	1874	J. G. Stevens	St. Stephen's, Charlotte Co.	St. Stephen.
11	T. F. Forberingham	July 27, 1875	W. Kein	St. John's Pres. Church	St. John.
12	George Bruce, B. A.	Sep. 1875	John Stewart	St. David's, St. John	St. John.
13	A. Gunn	Feb. 1876	George Mowat	Greenock Ch., St. Andrew's	St. Andrew's.
14	*James Ross, B. A.	May 4, 1886	A. McFarlane	St. Paul's, Woodstock	Woodstock.
15	*W. C. Calder	May 4, 1886	William Mitchell	Bocabe and Waweig	Waweig.
16	Wm. Ross, B. A.	Nov. 14, 1876	William T. Fraser	Prince William	Prince William.
17	*J. A. McLean, B. A.	Dec. 9, 1879	A. F. Coburn	Harvey, York County	Harvey, York Co.
18	*J. M. Robinson, B. A.	Aug. 14, 1883	Jonathan Weir	Moncton	Moncton.
19	D. Fiske, B. A.	May 5, 1885	James McCain	Florenceville	Florenceville.
20	Wil'ard MacDonald	May 4, 1886	D. Porter	Hammond Riv. & Kempton	Hampton.
21	G. F. Kinnear, B. A.	Aug. 29, 1886	W. G. King, M. D.	Buctouche	Buctouche.
22	John Hawley	May 10, 1887	George McKay	St. James, Charlotte Co.	St. James, Char. Co.
23	*T. F. Fullerton	Oct. 1, 1887	R. McLaughlin	Calvin Church, St. John	St. John.
24	*J. D. McFarlane	Oct. 16, 1888	Dr. Murray	Springfield & Eng. Settlement	Pierson's Kings Co.
25	*W. R. M. Baird	April 2, 1889	Mr. Sheppard	Shediac	Shediac.
26	*Jos. Barker	July 28, 1890	William Gay	Richmond	Debes Junction.
27	*Fred Wm. Murray	May 27, 1890	Thomas Flemming	South Richmond	Kirkland, Carl. Co.
28	*A. F. Johnston	May 29, 1890	Donald Innes	New Kincardine	Kincardine.
29	M. G. Allison	May 29, 1890	William Wallace	St. Martin's	St. Martin's.
30	Jas. Steven	May 29, 1890		Salina	Salina.
31	*D. McD. Clarke	Sep. 1890	William Fowler	Chipman	Chipman.
	VACANT				
			H. A. White	Sussex	Sussex.
			L. W. Johnston	Fredericton	Fredericton.

Have been, or ought to be settled charges, or under Ordained Missionaries:

Andover, Balfie and Tower Hill, Dorchester, Mechanic's Settlement, Pinarino, Riverside, Scotch Settlement, St. George.

Groups of Mission Stations:

Edmurston, Three Brooks, Nerpis and Clarendon, Campbell Settlement, Salisbury and Petitecadiac.

D. MACRAE, D. D., *Presbytery Clerk.*

MINISTERS.

1	Thos. Nicholson
2	T. G. Johnston
3	*S. McKay
4	*Wm. Aitken
5	*J. D. Murray
6	John Robertson
7	Jas. Rosborough
8	A. F. Carr
9	*Wm. Hamilton
10	A. F. Thompson
11	*Joseph McCoy
12	F. W. George
13	J. H. Cameron
14	George Fisher
15	*William McLean
16	J. A. McLean
17	*W. J. Fowler
18	*John Turnbull
	VACANT

1	William Scott
2	James Murray
3	Alex. Stirling
4	*Allan Macleae
5	*A. McL. Sime
6	*J. G. Cameron
7	John Sutherland
8	*W. P. Archibald
9	Adam Gunn
10	*Jas. Carruth
11	*Geo. Macmillan
12	*W. A. Macneil
13	*Evan Gillis
14	*Mal. Campbell
15	A. B. MacLe
16	A. A. Mackie
17	*A. W. Mahoe
18	D. B. McLeod
19	*W. H. Spence
20	Rod. Maclean
21	*J. W. Mack
22	*J. R. Coffin
23	*Thos. Corbett
24	*David Sutherland
25	*J. M. Macle
26	*W. M. Tufts
27	Henry Dick
28	*Jas. Macle
29	*J. K. Fraser
30	Geo. B. VA
	VACANT

1	*Henry Cr
2	D. Mackin
3	Joseph A
4	John F. D
5	*J. K. Mc
6	*D. McInt
7	*J. W. Cr
8	*Geo. A. I
	VACANT

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	Thos. Nicholson	Mar. 11, 1858		Retired	River Charlo, N. B.
2	T. G. Johnston	June 21, 1855	W. H. Grindley	Blackville and Derby	Blackville.
3	N. McKay	Sep. 19, 1855	John Shirreff	St. Johns, Chatham	Chatham.
4	Wm. Aikén	Aug. 16, 1864	Wm. Robinson	St. James, Newcastle	Newcastle.
5	J. D. Murray	Feb. 2, 1865	Geo. Sutherland	Red Bank & Whitteville.	Red Bank.
6	John Robertson	July 3, 1868		Black River	Black River.
7	Jas. Robertson	July 23, 1873		Tabusintae & Burnt Church	Tabusintae.
8	A. F. Carr	Oct. 4, 1871		Cam-belton	Campbelton.
9	Wm. Hamilton	Jan. 17, 1874	Robert Main	Richibucto	Kingston, Kent.
10	A. F. Thompson	Sep. 8, 1874	Capt. T. Hall	St. Luke's, Bathurst	Bathurst Village.
11	Joseph McCoy	Feb. 3, 1879	Alex. Fraser	New Carlisle, &c.	New Carlisle.
12	F. W. George	Mar. 15, 1882		Bass Riv & Nicholas River.	Bass River, Kent.
13	J. H. Cameron	June 6, 1882	Al. x. Mundie	Dalhousie, St. John's	Dalhousie.
14	George Fisher	Oct. 6, 1884	George Haddow	Weldford and Mill Branch	Weldford.
15	William McLeod	Sep. 12, 1889		New Richmond	New Richmond.
16	J. A. McLean	Oct. 16, 1889		Esminiac	Esminiac, P. Q.
17	W. J. Fowler	June 4, 1889	Alex. Busted	Flatlands and Metapedia	Flatlands.
18	John Turnbull				
	VACANT.			New Mills, Char'lo, &c	

N. MCKAY, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

1	William Scott	1853		Retired	Charlottetown.
2	James Murray	Nov. 3, 1853	High Squarebri	French, Montrose, &c	Montrose.
3	Alex. Stirling	Jan. 1857	John Macleod	Clifton and Granville	Clifton.
4	Allan Macleod	June 19, 1862	James Gordon	Troy and Bonshaw	Hampton.
5	A. Mel. Sinclair	July 25, 1864	William Ross	Belfast	Eldon.
6	J. C. Cameron	Mar. 14, 1867	Archibald Currie	Souris & Bay Fortune	Souris.
7	John Sutherland	1873	Alex. Campbell	Caledonia.	Caledonia.
8	W. P. Archibald, M. A. B. D.	Sep. 25, 1875	John Simpson	Cyrensis & New Glasgow	Cavendish.
9	Adam Gunn, B. A.	Feb. 1876	James Harris	Cardigan	Cardigan.
10	Jas. Carruthers	July 3, 1878	J. A. Lawson	St. James' Church.	Charlottetown.
11	Geo. Macmillan, B. A.	June 30, 1880	James Ransay	Princeton	Princeton.
12	W. A. Mason, B. A.	Feb. 9, 1881	A. C. Stewart	Georgetown	Georgetown.
13	Ewan Gillis	Aug. 24, 1881	Alex. Morrison	West Cape & Campbellton.	Maldoe P. O.
14	Mal. Campbell	Aug. 30, 1881	J. Mackenzie, Sr.	Strathallan	Hartsville.
15	A. B. MacLeod	Aug. 31, 1882	Angus Macpherson	Mount Stewart	Mount Stewart.
16	A. A. Mackenzie, M. A.	July 13, 1883	Hugh Macmillan	West and Clyde Rivers	Long Creek.
17	A. W. Mahon [B. Sc.]	Oct. 14, 1883	H. M. MacLeod	St. Peter's Road	Marshallfield.
18	D. B. McLeod, M. A.	Nov. 1883	Angus Macdonald.	Oravel	Kinross.
19	W. H. Spencer, B. A.	Oct. 2, 1884	D. J. Campbell	Montague	Montague Bridge.
20	Rod. Maclean	Nov. 17, 1885	Rod. Macdonald	Valleyfield	Valleyfield.
21	J. W. Mackenzie, B. A.	Mar. 16, 1886	John A. Macleane	St. Peter's Bay	Midell.
22	J. R. Coffin	Jan. 8, 1887	William T. Rogers	Bloomfield, &c	Bloomfield, Lot 15.
23	Thos' Corbett	July 3, 1888	W. D. N. Forbes	Richmond Bay West	Tyne Valley.
24	David Sutherland	Aug. 21, 1888	H. S. Coffin	Zion Church	Charlottetown.
25	J. M. Macleod, M. A.	July 30, 1888	Wm. Brown	Long River & Kensington.	Long River.
26	W. M. Tufts, M. A.	Oct. 3, 1888	Charles Craig	Bedeque and Summerfield	North Bedeque.
27	Henry Dickie, M. A.	Nov. 7, 1888	John Clay	Summerside	Summerside.
28	Jas. Macleannan	June 11, 1889	Mal Macdonald	Brookfield	Brookfield.
29	J. K. Fraser, B. A.	Aug. 26, 1891	Hon. B. Rogers	Alberton	Alberton.
30	Geo. B. Macleod, B. A.	Sep. 8, 1891	James Macallum	Covehead & Brackley Point	Covehead.
	VACANT.		Jas. Clow	Murray Harbor, North	Murray Harbor N.
			Geo. Bell	Murray Har. S. & L. Sands	Murray Harbor S.
			J. G. MacLeod	Woodville	Woodville.
			Rodk. McLean	Richmond Bay, East	

JAS. CARRUTHERS, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG AND SHELBURNE.

1	Henry Crawford	Oct. 16, 1853	Isaac Romkey	New Dublin	New Dublin.
2	D. Mackinnon	Jan. 4, 1862	George Hiltz	Lockeport	Lockeport.
3	Joseph Annand	June 23, 1872		Santo, N. Hebrides	Tangoon, Heb.
4	John F. Dusan	Nov. 11, 1884	James Ca der, M. D.	Briggewater	Briggewater.
5	J. K. McClure	Oct. 23, 1885		Clyde River	Clyde River.
6	D. McIntosh	Dec. 27, 1888	John Bower	Shelburne	Shelburne.
7	J. W. Crawford	May 28, 1889	Alex. Keddy	Mahone Bay	Mahone Bay.
8	Geo. A. Leck	May 29, 1889	Ed. Mosher	Lalhave	LalHave.
	VACANCIES.		E. L. Nash	Lunenburg	Lunenburg.
			S. N. Hain	Riversdale	Mossman's Grant.

J. F. DUSTAN, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TRINIDAD.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	John Morton, D. D.	Dec. 5, 1861	.....	Tunapuna	Tunapuna.
2	K. J. Grant	..... 1862	.....	San Fernando	San Fernando.
3	W. L. Macrae	..... 1866	.....	Princetown	Princetown.
4	A. W. Thompson	May 30, 1889	.....	Couva	Couva.
5	F. J. Cothran 1890	Couva	Couva.
	Ordained native missionaries not members of Presbytery.				
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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.

CHANGES.

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

DEATHS.

Presbytery of Pictou: A. P. Millar, Merigomish, March 8, 1891;
G. M. Johnston, March 29, 1891.

Presbytery of Truro: Ebenezer Ross, Truro, June 15, 1891.

Presbytery of Halifax: James F. Smith, B. D., Richmond, Halifax,
Jan. 10th, 1891.

Presbytery of St. John: Andrew Donald, Hampton, February 17, 1891.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island: James Allan, Covehead,
August 11, 1891.

DEMISSIONS.

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond: R. J. McLeod, Little Narrows,
Oct. 31, 1890. K. McKenzie, Baddeck and Forks, March
31, 1891.

Presbytery of Pictou: G. M. Johnston, B. A., ordained missionary,
Little Harbor, January 13, 1891. A. W. Thompson, B. A.,
ordained missionary, Trenton, Nov. 30, 1890. E. A. McCurly,
James Church, New Glasgow, May 5, 1891. Alex. McLean, M. A.,
Union Church, Hopewell, Sept. 20, 1891. W. R. Muir, Merigomish,
Sept. 20, 1891.

Presbytery of Truro: Gavin Hamilton, Brookfield, May 15, 1891.

Presbytery of Halifax: A. W. McLeod, ordained missionary, Kempt and
Walton, Oct. 13, 1890. James Anderson, M. A., Musquodoboit
Harbor, Nov. 9, 1890. J. M. Sutherland, St. Andrew's, Bermuda,
March 1, 1891. John L. George, Dartmouth, April 26, 1891.
Adam Gunn, B. A., Gore and Kennetcook, May 10, 1891.

Presbytery of Miramichi: J. H. Cameron, Bass and Nicholas Rivers,
Dec. 9., 1890. A. H. Cameron, ordained missionary, Flatlands
and Metapedia, March 31, 1891. Isaac Baird, New Mills, Charlo,
and Jacquet River, June 8, 1891.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island: Alex. Raulston, Murray Harbor
North, June 30, 1891.

TRANSLATIONS.

Presbytery of Sydney: John Murray, from Falmouth St., Sydney, to Shubenacadie, Jan. 20th, 1891.

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond: Roderick McLeod, from Strathlorne to Kenyon, Ont., Oct. 31, 1890.

Presbytery of Truro: Edward Grant, from Stewiacke to Middle Musquodoboit, Feb. 8, 1891.

Presbytery of Halifax: Anderson Rogers, B. A., from Yarmouth to Windsor, Jan. 29, 1891.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne: E. D. Millar, B. A., from Lunenburg to Yarmouth.

Presbytery of St. John: J. Hawley, from St. George to St. James, Dec. 2, 1890. A. J. Mowatt, from Fredericton to Erskine Church, Montreal, Dec. 18, 1890. T. Stewart, from Sussex to Dartmouth, Aug. 16, 1891.

INDUCTIONS.

Presbytery of Sydney: Edward B. Rankin, Falmouth St., Sydney, August 25, 1891.

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond: E. S. Bayne, Mabou and Port Hood, Dec. 30, 1890.

Presbytery of Pictou: H. R. Grant, Trenton, April 13, 1891.

Presbytery of Halifax: John Murray, Shubenacadie, Feb. 9, 1891, Edward Grant, Middle Musquodoboit, Feb. 10, 1891. F. S. Coffin, Waterville and Lakeville, May 19, 1891. W. J. McKenzie, Lower Stewiacke, May 26, 1891. Thos. Fowler, M. A., St. Matthew's, Halifax, June 4, 1891. E. D. Millar, B. A., Yarmouth, June 9, 1891. T. Stewart, B. A., Dartmouth, August 18, 1891.

Presbytery of St. John: J. Hawley, St. James, Dec. 2, 1890. D. Fiske, Greenfield, Dec. 3, 1890. John Anderson, B. D., St. Stephen, April 3, 1891.

Presbytery of Miramichi: J. H. Cameron, Bass and Nicholas Rivers, June 30, 1891.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island: Mal. Campbell, Strathalbyn, Nov. 11, 1890. James Murray, Tignish, April 4, 1891.

ORDINATIONS.

Presbytery of Pictou: McLeod Harvey, missionary, Little Harbor, May 11, 1891. Duncan Henderson, Blue Mountain, May 27, 1891. A. D. Gunn, missionary, Barney's River, May 28, 1891.

Presbytery of Halifax: W. J. McKenzie, Lower Stewiacke, May 26, 1891. W. McC. Thompson, missionary, Kempt and Walton, May 12, 1891. Simon A. Fraser, missionary, (special), Labrador, Aug. 10, 1891.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island: John K. G. Fraser, Alberton, Aug. 26, 1891. G. B. McLeod, Covehead and Brackley Point Road, Sept. 8, 1891.

APPOINTMENTS.

Presbytery of Halifax: A. P. Logan, ordained missionary, Bedford and Waverley, May 1, 1891.
Presbytery of Miramichi: J. Turnbull, Flatlands and Metapedia, May 1, 1891.

RETIREMENTS.

Presbytery of Wallace: W. S. Darragh, Linden, May 1, 1891.
Presbytery of Prince Edward Island: James Allan, Covehead, Nov. 12, 1890. W. Scott, Bedeque, Aug. 7, 1891.

RECEPTION.

Presbytery of Truro: John Baird, licentiate of the Church of Scotland, January 20, 1891.

LICENSURES.

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond: Mal. McLeod, May 26, 1891.
Presbytery of Pictou: McLeod Harvey, May 5, 1891. Duncan Henderson, May 5, 1891. A. D. Gunn, May 5, 1891.
Presbytery of Wallace: R. G. Vans, Aug. 4, 1891.
Presbytery of Truro: G. B. McLeod, B. D., June 2, 1891.
Presbytery of Halifax: W. J. McKenzie, April 22, 1891. Joseph A. Greenlees, April 22, 1891.

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Presbytery of St. John: Arch. McDougall, B. D., Ph. D., Jan. 13, 1891.

NEW CONGREGATIONS.

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond: Baddeck, disjoined from the Forks, and divided into a separate congregation, Sept. 8, 1891.
Presbytery of Pictou: Trenton, First Presbyterian Church erected into a congregation, March 3, 1891.
Presbytery of Halifax: Quoddy and Moser River, separated from Sheet Harbor, Nov. 6, 1890.
Presbytery of Prince Edward Island: St. Peter's Road, disjoined from Brackley Point Road and erected into a separate congregation, March 31, 1891. Brackley Point Road united with Covehead, March 31, 1891. Murray Harbour, South, separated from Murray Harbour, North; and Little Sands, separated from Woodville, and erected into a separate congregation, Aug. 18, 1891.

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ADDRESS OF THE MODERATOR.

The Moderator briefly addressed the Court, thanking the Synod for their kindness to him during his occupancy of the chair, dwelling on certain encouraging features in the present position of the Church, alluding also in suitable and feeling terms to the brethren, both in the ministry and eldership, who had passed away since the last meeting, and closed by calling on the Synod to elect his successor.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

Nominations as Moderator of Synod made by Presbyteries, were read as follows:—

Mr. H. B. McKay, of St. Matthew's Church, Wallace, by the Presbyteries of Truro, Miramichi, Wallace, and Sydney.

It was moved by Mr. E. Smith, and seconded by the Clerk, that Mr. H. B. McKay be elected, which motion was passed unanimously.

On taking the chair he thanked the Synod for the honor conferred on him, and asked confidently their assistance in the discharge of his duties.

THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

It was moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. N. McKay:—That the thanks of the Synod are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. McMillan, for his conduct in the chair, and for his admirable and appropriate sermon preached this evening. This motion was carried unanimously, and the Moderator tendered to Mr. McMillan the Synod's thanks for his services.

PETITIONS TO PARLIAMENT.

Communications were read from Senators Grant and Macfarlane, and from J. F. Stairs, Esquire, M. P., and D. C. Eraser, Esquire, M. P., to the effect that the petitions in favour of Sabbath legislation and prohibition, transmitted to them by the Moderator and Clerk of this Synod in its behalf for presentation to Parliament, had been by them duly presented to the Senate and House of Commons.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. J. H. Chase, Convener, submitted the Report of the Committee, and moved that it be received, and its recommendations considered. The motion was duly seconded, and was carried, and the recommendations with a slight emendation were adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Synod meet daily from 10 A. M. to 12.30 A. M., from 3 to 5.30 P. M., and from 7.30 to 10 P. M.
2. That the first half-hour of Friday morning be spent in devotional exercises.
3. That the following Committees be appointed by the Moderator:—
 - (i) Committee to Nominate Standing Committees.
 - (ii) Committee on Presbytery Records.
 - (iii) Committee on Obituary Notices.
 - (iv) Committee to secure Supply for this Church on Sabbath.

4. That the fixing of the time and place of the next meeting of Synod be the first item of business on Friday afternoon.
5. That the second item of business on Friday afternoon be the Report on Augmentation.
6. That Friday evening be devoted to Home Missions.
7. That the Report of the College Board be considered Saturday forenoon.
8. That on Saturday there be no afternoon or evening sederunt.
9. That Monday evening be devoted to Foreign Missions.
10. That when an item of business is taken up, the discussion be continued until it is finished, unless otherwise ordered.
11. That with the exceptions noted above, the business be taken up in the order of the docket.

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.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Halifax, and within St. Matthew's Church there, Friday, the second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one years, and at ten o'clock in the forenoon:

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

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

As agreed upon last night the Synod engaged for half an hour in devotional exercises, prayer being offered by Dr. G. Patterson and Dr. R. F. Burns, ministers, and the Honourable D. McCurdy and Mr. T. P. Putnam, elders.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the First Sederunt were read and sustained.

DR. G. PATTERSON.

Dr. G. Patterson, being present, was invited to sit and correspond, as also Mr. K. McKay, of Houlton, and Mr. J. B. Logan.

SALE OF LAND AT GRAND FALLS, N. B.

Mr. McMillan reported that as authorized by Synod, and at the request of the Presbytery of St. John, as Moderator, he had signed a deed, conveying a property at Grand Falls, New Brunswick, to a certain party. The Clerk reported that he also had signed the said deed.

HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Mr. A. Simpson submitted the report of this Committee, and moved, seconded by Mr. N. McKay that it be adopted. This motion was agreed to.

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LADIES' COLLEGE.

Messrs. J. McMillan and A. Falconer reported that, as appointed, they had visited the College, and would again commend it to the Synod's confidence and support. Mr. R. Laing was then heard in behalf of the Directors, giving full and encouraging details as to its position and prospects;—when it was moved as follows by Mr. E. D. Millar, seconded by Mr. Anderson Rogers, which motion passed unanimously:

That the Synod receives the reports of the Visitors and Directors of the Halifax Ladies' College, and sympathizes with them in the difficulties with which they have been called to grapple, notwithstanding the difficulties met, marks the increasing efficiency and popularity of this institution with the highest satisfaction, cordially tenders its countenance and moral support to the Board of Directors in their efforts to place the college on a sound financial basis, and appoints the Moderator, the Rev. John McMillan, and Mr. A. Falconer Visitors for the ensuing year.

An invitation was read from the Directors of the College to the members of Synod to attend an *At Home* in the College on Saturday evening from eight to ten o'clock. On motion, the invitation was cordially accepted.

COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

The Moderator submitted the following Committees:—

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.—Messrs. E. Grant, Dr. Murray, D. McDougald R. Cumming, J. F. Dustan, J. Sinclair, J. M. Robinson, N. McKay, and A. McLean Sinclair, ministers, and Messrs. A. McDonald, W. Forbes, A. Henderson, Robert Main, and E. Langille, elders.

COMMITTEES ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS:—

Sydney, and Victoria and Richmond—Messrs. D. S. Fraser and R. C. Quinn, ministers, and Mr. John Clarke, elder.

Pictou and Wallace—Messrs. J. D. Murray and Wm. Ross, ministers, and Mr. T. P. Putnam, elder.

Truro, and Lunenburg and Shelburne—Messrs. James Ross and E. S. Bayne, ministers, and Mr. Wm. Sedgwick, elder.

Halifax, and Newfoullant—Messrs. H. K. McLean and D. Wright, ministers, and Mr. E. L. Nash, elder.

St. John—Messrs. A. Rogers and J. A. McKenzie, ministers, and Mr. Alex. Ready, elder.

Miramichi—Messrs. Wm. Dawson and J. A. Cairns, ministers, and Mr. J. G. Forbes, elder.

P. E. Island—Messrs. D. Macdonald and D. Drummond, ministers, and Mr. J. K. Munnis, elder.

COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FOR SERVICE IN THIS CHURCH.—Messrs. J. McMillan, T. Fowler, and the Moderator.

COMMITTEE ON ORBITARY NOTICES.—Messrs. A. Falconer, T. Cumming, A. Pollok, D. D., T. C. Jack, G. McMillan.

SUPPLY OF CITY PULPITS.

A communication was read from the Ministers' Meeting of the Methodist Church, and from the ministers of the North and First Baptist Churches, asking the Synod to supply their pulpits on the coming Sabbath; when Messrs. A. Simpson and H. H. McPherson were appointed to make the needful arrangements.

COMMUNION.

On motion of Mr. D. M. Gordon, duly seconded, it was agreed that the Communion be dispensed in this church on the afternoon of Sabbath first, and at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, and that the service be conducted by the Moderator, the ex-Moderator, and Mr. T. Fowler.

OVERTURE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

An overture was submitted from the Presbytery of Truro craving for a re-adjustment of the boundaries of the Presbyteries of Truro and Wallace. Mr. J. Sinclair addressed the Synod on its behalf; when on motion of the Clerk, duly seconded, it was agreed to receive the overture and defer its further consideration till a future sederunt.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Mr. J. McMillan, Convener, made a statement as to the proceedings of this Committee, which had met more than once with the committee of the Methodist body, and the proceedings of which had been of a very pleasant and cordial description. It was moved by Mr. E. D. Millar, and duly seconded, as follows:—

That the Synod receives the report of the Committee on Co-operation with the Methodist Church, and approves of the appointment of a joint standing committee to take cognizance of any cases that may arise where unnecessary use of men and means may exist, or is imminent in weak and scattered fields, and directs the Committee on Standing Committees to appoint a committee, consisting of two sections with joint conveners, to represent the Province of Nova Scotia, and the Provinces of New Brunswick and P. E. Island respectively, to confer with the committees of the corresponding Conferences of the Methodist Church in cases of difficulty, and report recommendations to the Presbyteries and district meetings within the bounds of which such cases have occurred.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

THIRD SEDERUNT.

The same day and place, and at three o'clock in the afternoon;

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

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Second Sederunt were read and sustained.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was moved by Mr. E. Smith, seconded by Mr. J. McG. McKay, that the Synod meet next year on the first Tuesday of October, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. N. McKay, seconded by the Clerk, that the Synod meet next year on the first Thursday of October, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

The question being taken, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and became the judgment of Synod.

On motion of Mr. J. G. Forbes, duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed that the place of meeting be in St. John, N. B., and within St. Andrew's Church there.

The next meeting of Synod therefore is appointed to be held at St. John, N. B., and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the first Thursday of October next, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

HOME MISSION IN THE NORTH-WEST.

A telegram was read from Dr. Robertson in behalf of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba, now in session, sending greetings to this Synod, and asking the continuance of its sympathy and support in the work of the Church in the North-West; when, on motion of Dr. Burns, the Moderator and Clerk were instructed suitably to acknowledge the same in the Synod's name.

SERVICE IN THIS CHURCH.

Mr. McMillan submitted the names of Mr. T. F. Fotheringham, of St. John, to conduct Divine service in this Church in the morning, and Mr. A. L. Geggie, of Truro, in the evening of next Sabbath.

The report was adopted.

AUGMENTATION.

Mr. E. Smith, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee, submitted a statement as to the present satisfactory position of the scheme, and earnestly pressed on the Synod its importance and needs;—when on motion of Mr. T. C. Jack, seconded by Mr. J. G. Forbes, it was unanimously agreed as follows:—

(1). The Synod adopts the report, records its gratitude to Almighty God for the continued success of the scheme, and for the satisfactory results which have been secured by a wise administration of the fund, and commends it anew to our congregations and people, with the prayer that they will give the scheme that hearty and liberal support which they have done heretofore.

The Synod sanction the proposal to raise this year for augmentation purpose \$9000.00, on the same basis as last year. The allocation is as follows:—

The Presbytery of Sydney	\$ 478 00
“ Victoria and Richmond	300 00
“ Wallace	410 00
“ Truro	844 00
“ Pictou	1240 00
“ Lunenburg and Shelburne	365 00
“ Halifax	1950 00
“ St. John	1350 00
“ Miramichi	647 00
“ P. E. Island	1166 00
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(2). That the Synod urges upon every Presbytery and congregation the necessity of raising the full amount allotted to it before the end of March, 1892.

(3). That the Synod, in view of the great stress upon the fund, and of the small increase in the population of the Maritime Provinces, recommend Presbyteries not to multiply congregations unless there be an absolute necessity.

It was agreed that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener.

Having respect to the long connection of Mr. E. A. McCurdy with the scheme, on motion of Mr. R. Murray, it was agreed as follows:—

Record anew their warm appreciation of the service rendered in connection with this fund by the previous Convener, Rev. E. A. McCurdy, whose absence from the Committee and from the Synod is sincerely regretted.

COLLEGE BOARD.

The Clerk submitted and read a communication from the Governors of Dalhousie College in response to the Synod's action of last year, which it was agreed to put on record, and which is as follows:—

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Governors, Dalhousie College, Dec. 16th, 1890:

"The Chairman submits a communication from the Rev. T. Sedgwick, Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, furnishing an extract of certain proceedings of said Synod held at Moncton, in the Province of New Brunswick, on the 3rd of October, 1890, which extract is as follows: (See Minutes of Synod for 1890, page 15.)

Thereupon it was resolved that the Board of Governors receive with much satisfaction the foregoing communication from the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, containing the Synod's deliverance with relation to this University.

The Board deeply regret the inability of the Synod to appoint a Professor to succeed the late Dr. Lyall. The Board express their high appreciation of the interest which the Synod has always taken in the College, and of the invaluable assistance rendered, especially when the College was weak and struggling. The Synod's ready co-operation with the Governors has very greatly helped to raise the College to its present prosperous condition.

The Board are especially grateful for the Synod's action in remitting the debt of about sixteen hundred dollars, due the Synod by the College on Philosophical apparatus, and also for the resolution to pay in full the salary of Professor McDonald. This action of Synod is a very great relief to the Board of Governors at the present time.

The Board rejoice to learn that the interest of the Synod in the University continues unabated, and they trust the Synod's commendation of the University to the sympathy and support of their people as citizens will promote its prosperity, both by securing contributions to the Endowment Fund and an increased number of students.

It will be gratifying to the Synod to learn that the College was never doing better than at the present time. The number of students is larger than ever before, and the interest of the general public in the Institution is rapidly increasing."

Certified as correct.

W. M. DOULL,
Secretary to Board of Governors.

REV. T. SEDGWICK,
Clerk of Synod

Dr. Burns then, in behalf of the College Board, made a statement as to the particular duties to be assigned to the fourth professor in our College, when that professor should be appointed, on which a difference

of opinion existed in the Board, and as to which they invited the Synod's judgment; and also as regards the amount of the debt resting on the Institution, and the means to be adopted to wipe it off.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Synod resumed consideration of this subject, on which discussion proceeded till the hour of adjournment arrived.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet in the same place in 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.

FOURTH 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 duly constituted, prayer being offered by Mr. H. K. McLean.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Third Sederunt were read and sustained.

HOME MISSION.

Mr. J. McMillan, Convener of the Assembly's Committee, submitted a statement of the Committee's work, dwelling particularly on the efforts put forth during the year towards continuous winter supply, and towards increasing the interest of the young in Home Mission work; adverting also to the zealous and self-denying efforts of our students, with special reference to Labrador. He called attention as well to the remarkable progress of Home Mission work within the bounds of the Synod in late years, and to the largely increased liberality of our people in its support.

He was followed by Mr. J. G. Forbes and Mr. James Ross, speaking for the Presbytery of St. John; by Mr. N. McKay for the Presbytery of Miramichi; by Mr. J. A. Forbes for the Presbyteries of Sydney, and Victoria and Richmond, and by Mr. T. C. James for the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, who dwell on the use to be made of the eldership and lay agency in Home Mission work, all giving full and interesting details of the progress of the work in their respective localities;—when Mr. John Robbuis, seconded by Mr. J. R. Munro, submitted the following motion, which was adopted unanimously:—

The Synod, having heard the statement of the Convener of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, puts on record its devout gratitude to God for owning and blessing the labours of our missionaries, and its thanks to our people for so liberally supporting the work. Deeply impressed with the importance of the uninterrupted enjoyment of all the means of grace, and especially of the public worship of God each Sabbath, and recognizing the impossibility of procuring a labourer for every field during the winter, it urges upon all our people in vacant congregations and mission stations, and especially upon our elders, the duty of convening regularly for Divine service on the Lord's day, and of providing for the orderly conduct of the same to the edification of the congregation. The

Synod calls earnestly for the prayers and contributions of the Church for the furtherance of the work. It commends to Sabbath Schools and Societies of Christian Endeavor the propriety of considering the wants of special fields, and of exerting themselves to enable these fields to enjoy the services of a missionary, by raising the money needed to supplement their own efforts for his support. Finally, it expresses the hope and sincerely offers the prayer that the present year may shew a great advance on all preceding ones, both as respects the increase of contributions and the enlargement of our bounds in the east and west of our Church, and in regard to the gathering of souls into God's kingdom, the coming of which is the dearest desire of every true heart.

METHODS OF WORKING.

The Clerk submitted the report of the Committee on Methods of Working, and moved, seconded by Mr. R. Murray, as follows; which motion was passed unanimously:—

The Synod receives the report, approves generally of the same without committing itself to every particular statement therein contained, and commends it to the consideration of Sessions and Presbyteries within the bounds, and of the Home Mission Committee.

It was moved by Mr. A. Simpson, seconded by Mr. E. D. Millar, that the report be printed as an appendix to the Synod's minutes; which motion passed unanimously.

It was also agreed that the expenses of the Committee be paid.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod then adjourned to meet 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 Halifax, and within St. Matthew's Church there, Saturday, the third day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one years, and at ten o'clock in the forenoon:

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

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Fourth Sederunt were read and sustained.

COLLEGE BOARD.

The Synod resumed consideration of the matters brought before it by the College Board yesterday.

It was moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. H. H. McPherson:—

That the unanimous recommendation of the College Board to raise \$7000 towards the extinction of the debt now resting on the College, be adopted.

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It was moved in amendment by Mr. A. McL. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. E. Smith, as follows :—

The Synod does not see its way clear to make a call upon our congregations at the present time for \$7000 to remove the debt on the College Fund, but would strongly urge upon congregations to increase their contributions largely towards college purposes with the view of removing the present debt as soon as possible.

It was moved in further amendment by President Forrest, seconded by Rev. T. Cumming, as follows :—

That the Synod again remit the matter of the debt to the Board, with instructions to make a special appeal to the Church whenever in their judgment it may seem expedient.

The question being taken, the second amendment was carried over the first by a large majority.

Dr. Burns, with the consent of his seconder, asked leave of the Synod to withdraw his motion, which was granted.

Dr. Forrest's amendment, having thus become the main motion, was put to the Synod, and was carried almost unanimously ; the Synod therefore resolving in terms thereof.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At Halifax, and within St. Matthew's Church there, Monday, the fifth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one years, and at ten o'clock in the forenoon :

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, prayer being offered by Mr. N. McKay.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Fifth Sederunt were read and sustained.

REMIT OF ASSEMBLY ANENT REFERENCE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

A remit of the General Assembly was read, transmitting a reference from the Presbytery of St. John *in re* Carleton congregation and the Home Mission Committee, and empowering the Synod to issue the same. No one appearing to state the reference, on motion of Mr. E. Scott, duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed as follows :

That the reference of the Presbytery of St. John be laid on the table in the meantime, and in the event of no parties appearing to prosecute it during the present Meeting of Synod, the reference be held as fallen from.

COMPLAINT OF MR. ISAAC BAIRD AGAINST THE PRESBYTERY OF
MIRAMICHI.

A paper was read submitting a complaint of Mr. I. Baird against certain action of the Presbytery of Miramichi; when it was agreed to receive the complaint. Mr. Baird was heard in support of the same, and was followed by Mr. N. McKay in behalf of the Presbytery of Miramichi; when on motion of Mr. A. McL. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. E. Grant, it was unanimously agreed as follows:—

That the Presbytery of Miramichi be instructed to meet immediately and consider the papers laid before them by Mr. Baird, and either transmit the same or give their reasons for not doing so.

COLLEGE.

The Synod resumed consideration of College business, when it was moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. D. S. Fraser, as follows:—

The Synod would express continued interest in our College, re-affirms the De-iverance of last Synod as to the desirableness of having a fourth Professor, and remits this important matter to the Board for further consideration, with the view especially of defining the subjects which the new professorship should embrace, and to report to next Synod.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

The same day and place, and at three o'clock in the afternoon:

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

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Sixth Sederunt were read and sustained.

COLLEGE.

The Synod resumed consideration of College Business; when, the question being taken, Dr. Burns' motion was carried unanimously, and became the judgment of the Synod.

It was moved by Mr. A. McL. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Carruthers, as follows, which motion was carried:—

The Synod further instructs the Board to communicate with Presbyteries with a view to elicit their mind with regard to the subject to be assigned to the fourth professor, and requests them to report to the Board within six months from this date.

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It was moved by Dr. McKnight, duly seconded, and agreed to, that the Board be authorized to sell the Robie Street lot on such terms as they think reasonable.

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 Victoria and Richmond, Pictou, Wallace, Truro, Halifax, Lunenburg and Shelburne, St. John, Miramachi, P. E. 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.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. E. Grant submitted the Report, which, with slight emendations, was adopted, and which is as follows:—

Sabbath Observance—J. M. Robinson, *Convener*: T. Cumming, A. F. Carr, Dr. I. Murray, J. Murray, David Sutherland, A. Robertson, A. McMillan, *Ministers*: Dr. Calder, D. Blackwood, L. W. Johnson, J. Creighton, J. G. Forbes, *Elders*.

Temperance—A. Rogers, *Convener*: N. McKay, H. H. McPherson, L. G. McNeill, R. Cumming, W. P. Archibald, D. Wright, J. A. Forbes, D. McDonald, G. A. Leek, *Ministers*: Jonathan Weir, J. A. Lawson, D. C. Fraser, *Elders*.

Systematic Giving—J. Layton, *Convener*: E. Grant, C. D. Miller, G. Carson, W. M. Tufts, A. F. Thompson, W. Grant, E. S. Payne, Jas. Ross, J. W. Crawford, J. A. McKenzie, *Ministers*: Robt. Main, D. McDonald, (Pictou), W. Selgwick, *Elders*.

Public Education—J. McMillan, *Convener*: Principal McKnight, Dr. Burns, President Forrest, A. Falconer, J. D. McGillivray, H. H. McPherson, A. F. Thompson, R. Murray, W. Graham, Dr. McRae, W. Aitken, J. McG. McKay, Dr. I. Murray, J. Carruthers, *Ministers*: Judge Stevens, Hon. D. Laird, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Duncan, Hon. D. Wark, *Elders*.

State of Religion—G. S. Carson, *Convener*: D. McDougall, A. J. McKenzie, J. F. Dustan, R. C. Quinn, J. Robbins, A. W. Mahon, J. McCoy, J. D. McFarlane, J. Sinclair, A. Rankin, *Ministers*: Dr. McKenzie, E. Bowser, T. P. Putnam, J. S. Smith, Peter Chisholm, *Elders*.

Synod Fund—W. Hamilton, *Convener*: J. M. McLeod, R. D. Ross, D. S. Fraser, A. B. Dickie, *Ministers*: Harvey Graham, J. Willet, *Elders*.

Sabbath Schools—J. A. Logan, *Convener*: T. C. Jack, W. P. Archibald, J. H. Cameron, G. L. Gordon, William McDonald, A. L. Geggie, J. Rose, George Fisher, A. W. McLeod, *Ministers*: Jas. Forrest, John Ross, *Elders*.

Bills and Overtures—J. H. Chase, *Convener*; The Clerk of Synod, the Clerks of Presbyteries *ex officio*, E. Smith, D. McDonald, G. Bruce, G. McMillan, P. M. Morrison, J. A. Forbes, J. A. Cairns, *Ministers*; F. B. Robb, Principal McKay, *Elders*.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund—(Nomination to General Assembly)—R. Laing, *Convener*; Dr. Patterson, J. Carruthers, A. McLean, J. McLean, T. Sedgwick, A. McLean Sinclair, J. H. Cameron, *Ministers*; R. Baxter, G. Mitchell, A. H. McKay, J. D. McGregor, *Elders*.

Hunter Fund—A. Simpson, *Convener*; President Forrest, P. M. Morrison, J. McMillan, *Ministers*; J. F. Stairs, S. Waddell, J. G. Troop, *Elders*.

COMPLAINT OF MR. I. BAIRD.

An extract minute, with relative documents, of the Presbytery of Miramichi, was read, transmitting a complaint of Mr. I. Baird against certain action of that Presbytery. Parties being called, Mr. I. Baird appeared for himself, and Messrs. N. McKay, W. Hamilton and W. Aitkin for the Presbytery of Miramichi, and Mr. Baird was heard.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again in the same place in 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.

EIGHTH 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 duly constituted by the Moderator, prayer being offered by Mr. K. McKenzie.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Seventh Sederunt were read and sustained.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mr. E. Scott, joint-Convener of the General Assembly's Committee, submitted a brief statement of the work and requirements of the Committee, pointing out certain very encouraging features connected with the same, both as regards the progress of liberality in the church at home and as regards cheering evidence of advance in the mission field. He was followed by Mr. W. L. MacRae, Missionary to Trinidad, who gave full and interesting details of the progress of the mission on that island, and called for the sustained and increased sympathy and liberality of the Church on its behalf; when, on motion of Mr. J. A. McKenzie, seconded by Dr. Burns, it was unanimously resolved as follows:—

The Synod extends a hearty welcome to Rev. W. L. MacRae on this his first furlough; gives thanks for the success which has been accorded to all our labourers in the foreign field, and prays that more and more abundantly they and their

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work may be blessed. The Synod commends most earnestly to congregations and societies the support of our Foreign Mission work, and asks that in so far as is possible contributions be increased for the current year.

MR. E. SCOTT.

It was moved by the Clerk, and seconded by Mr. D. M. Gordon, as follows, which motion was carried unanimously : —

The Synod would offer their congratulations to Mr. E. Scott on his appointment by the General Assembly to the important and responsible position of Editor of the periodicals of the Church, being well assured of his fitness for the same. They would put on record, as they hereby do, their high sense of his character, and their appreciation of the service he has rendered to this Synod in every department of their work. They are sensible of the loss they will sustain by his departure; they confidently anticipate for him a large measure of usefulness and success in the work to which he has been called, and they pray that the blessing of the Master may be with him.

PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

It was moved by Mr. D. M. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Murray, as follows, which motion was adopted unanimously : —

That the third Sabbath of January be appointed as a day of special prayer for Colleges, and that members of Synod be instructed to seek out young men of suitable gifts, and to impress upon them the claims of the ministerial office.

TEMPERANCE.

Mr. J. A. Logan, Convener, submitted the report of the Committee, when it was moved by Mr. W. P. Archibald, seconded by Mr. N. McKay, as follows, which motion was adopted : —

The Synod receives the report and proceeds to consider its recommendations, expresses satisfaction with the great progress made in temperance sentiment and practice, and pledges itself to earnest and aggressive work for the spread of total abstinence and the overthrow of the liquor traffic.

The recommendations, which were also adopted with a slight emendation, are as follows : —

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That this Synod re-affirms the declarations made by Synods in the past in regard to the enormous evils arising out of the liquor traffic, and calls upon pastors, elders, and temperance workers to continue and increase their efforts in the suppression of the evil, and in bringing about prohibitory legal enactment.
2. This Synod records devout gratitude to Almighty God for the great progress which has been made during the last twenty years in regard to the drinking customs, sentiment, and legislation, and prays that progress may continue until the traffic shall be a thing of the past.
3. The Synod is gratified at the large number of petitions presented to the Dominion Parliament asking that a prohibitory law be placed on the statute book, and trusts that permanent good may be the ultimate result of recent discussion and legislation.
4. The Synod is glad to know that the subject of temperance secures attention in many of our common schools, and would enjoin its sessions to use greater diligence in this department of the work. It further recommends that the Committee on Temperance examine the merits of publications on Scientific Temperance, and select for use in schools the one which in their judgment is the best, and memorialize the Council of Public Instruction of Nova Scotia to place it upon their curriculum of study.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

As Dr. McCulloch, from severe illness, was prevented from being present and submitting the motion on Temperance, of which he had given notice at last meeting, it was agreed that the said notice stand till next year.

SYNOD FUND.

Mr. J. R. Munro submitted the report of this Committee, which on motion of Dr. Burns, duly seconded, was adopted, and the thanks of the Synod were given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener.

CLERK'S FEE.

On motion of Mr. P. M. Morrison, seconded by Mr. R. Murray, it was unanimously agreed that an addition of twenty-five dollars *per annum* be made to the Clerk's fee.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

NINTH SEDERUNT.

At Halifax, and within St. Mattheu's Church there, Tuesday, the sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one years, and at ten o'clock in the forenoon :

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

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Eighth Sederunt were read and sustained.

MR. BAIRD'S COMPLAINT.

The Synod resumed consideration of Mr. Baird's complaint, when Messrs. N. McKay, W. Hamilton, and W. Aitken were heard in behalf of the Presbytery of Miramichi. Mr. Baird was heard in reply. Questions having been asked and answered, parties were removed.

It was moved by Dr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. H. H. McPherson, as follows :—

The Synod having heard Mr. Baird's explanation respecting the questions put to him by the Presbytery, instruct the Presbytery to grant him the usual certificate.

It was moved in amendment by the Clerk, seconded by Mr. J. A. Logan :—

Without sustaining or rejecting the complaint, and without casting any reflection on the motives of the Presbytery, the Synod direct the Presbytery to grant Mr. Baird a presbyterial certificate.

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The question being taken, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and being put as a substantive motion was carried unanimously, and became the judgment of Synod. Parties having been recalled, the Synod's judgment was intimated to them, when Mr. McKay, for the Presbytery of Miramichi, and Mr. Baird for himself, acquiesced in the same.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

TENTH SEDERUNT.

The same day and place, and at three o'clock in the afternoon :

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, prayer being offered by Mr. R. C. Quinn.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Ninth Sederunt were read and sustained.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Mr. A. Falconer submitted the Report, which was adopted. The report is as follows :—

The REV. JAMES ALLAN died at Cove Head, P. E. Island, on the 11th of August, 1891, in the 75th year of his age. He was a native of Scotland, and was educated in the United Presbyterian Hall. After finishing his college course he came to this country in 1845, and in 1846 was settled over Cove Head, West St. Peter's, and adjoining stations. In this extensive field he labored for many years with great fidelity and success. Latterly his ministrations were confined to Cove Head and immediate vicinity. Owing to advanced age and infirm health he was compelled to resign his charge in the autumn of last year. He was a most estimable man, an earnest and thoughtful preacher, and a faithful and devoted pastor.

The REV. ANDREW DONALD was a native of Lanarkshire, Scotland. He studied at Edinburgh and Glasgow Universities, distinguishing himself as a student in Mathematics and Philosophy. He was a Licentiate of the Church of Scotland, and was ordained in Nova Scotia in 1842. His first pastorate was in Shelburne, Clyde River and Barrington, thence removing to Campbell Settlement, New Brunswick. His labors extended over the whole of Kings Co. From this charge several congregations were successfully formed, eventually leaving him Londonderry and Campbell Settlement. Mr. Donald retired from the ministry in 1875, and died at Hampton on the 17th February, 1891, aged 85 years. He was Moderator of the Synod of New Brunswick in 1864, and was the last survivor of those who comprised that Synod as constituted in 1845. He was a faithful minister of the Prince of Peace, and his memory is affectionately cherished by all who enjoyed his ministrations.

The REV. GEO. M. JOHNSON finished his course in the Presbyterian College, Halifax, in the spring of 1890, and on the 15th May of the same year was settled as an ordained minister in Little Harbor and Fisher's Grant. He died March 29th, 1891. Having been an uncommonly diligent and successful student, he entered upon his work with a Theological preparation which was much above the average, and all who knew him anticipated that his career would be long and

useful. But he had not been many months engaged in a sphere which was specially labourious, when symptoms of an insidious and fatal disease presented themselves. Having resigned his charge and returned to his home in Stewiacke, he was soon made aware by growing weakness that he had returned to die. Though the removal of one so young, just when he had attained to the position for which he had labored long and faithfully, might have been received as trying to faith, he remained calm, resigned and hopeful. He passed away peaceful and submissive to the Divine will, presenting to old and young a bright example of firm and unflinching faith in the Redeemer.

The REV. A. P. MILLAR, of Merigomish, died on the 8th March, 1891, aged 77 years. Mr. Millar was a native of Alloa, Scotland. He studied at the University of Edinburgh, and at the United Secession Hall, Scotland. He was licensed by the United Secession Presbytery of Stirling and Falkirk. After ministering some time in the north of Scotland he came to Nova Scotia, in 1843, and on the 7th May of the following year was inducted as colleague to the Rev. William Patrick of Merigomish. Here he labored for many years amid serious difficulties and considerable self-denial. In the later years of his ministry his labors were confined to French River. Mr. Millar was a man of intellectual ability and scholarly attainments, though modest and retiring in manner. He was an earnest and faithful preacher of the Gospel, and his Christian character was such as secured for him universal confidence and respect.

The REV. EBENEZER ROSS was born at West River, Pictou Co., N. S., in the year 1824, and was educated for the ministry in Pictou Academy, in the Theological Hall then located at Princetown, P. E. I., and at the U. P. Hall in Edinburgh, and was licensed to preach the Gospel by the U. P. Presbytery of Glasgow, Scotland, in 1848. He was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Upper Londonderry Oct. 30th, 1849, and faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of the ministry in that congregation until failing health compelled him to resign April 30th, 1876. He afterwards gave frequent and acceptable services in our churches as occasion required and his strength permitted, till within a short time of his death, June 15th, 1891. Mr. Ross was a Biblical scholar, a good Theologian, an edifying preacher of the Gospel, a popular lecturer on subjects of general interest, and for many years took a prominent part in the courts of our church. By his intimate acquaintances he was greatly beloved on account of his rare endowments, his genuine piety, and his genial disposition.

The REV. JAMES FESTUS SMITH, who was settled in Richmond, Halifax, on the 31st July, 1890, and removed by death 10th January, 1891, was during his short earthly career well-known as a student, as well as a minister. Though he had lain under great disadvantages in early life, he became distinguished in every department of Theological study. As a preacher he was capable not only of setting forth deep and original views of Christian doctrine, but also fresh and striking illustrations. His great aim, both in study and in preaching seemed to be thoroughness. His tone of mind being characterized by great seriousness, his constant inquiry was: How he could make his ministry most conducive to its great end—the salvation of men. This was apparent not only in the matter of his discourses, but also in his solemn and affecting manner. It seemed as if he had a feeling that his time was to be short, and that he had a work to do which required haste. To the great sorrow of his friends, and to the deep grief of his congregation, whose affection and respect he enjoyed in a wonderful degree, he was removed by death after a brief illness. Having during a very short ministry given nucheaply promise, he was thus unexpectedly taken to the presence of his Saviour and his reward.

COOPERATION WITH THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Synod resumed consideration of this subject, entered upon at the Second Sederunt. It was moved in amendment by Dr. Murray, seconded by the Clerk, as follows:—

That the Synod receive the report, express great satisfaction at the cordial and pleasant intercourse of the Committees of the two Bodies during the year,

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and the deepest sympathy with the object aimed at ; continue the Committee, and instruct them to indicate with clearness the principles on which co-operation should proceed, and report to next Synod.

The question being taken, the amendment was lost, and the motion of Mr. E. D. Millar, submitted at the Second Sederunt, being put, was carried by a large majority, and became the judgment of the Synod.

The following Committees were appointed in terms of Mr. Millar's motion :—

John McMillan, Dr. McRae, *Joint Conveners* ; *Nova Scotia Section*—J. McMillan, President Forrest, Dr. Pollok, E. Grant, A. B. Dickie, E. D. Millar, E. Smith, P. M. Morrison, Dr. I. Murray, T. Sedgwick, R. Murray, D. C. Fraser, D. B. Blackwood. *New Brunswick Section*—Dr. McRae, L. G. McNeill, J. M. Robinson, G. Bruce, T. Fotheringham, G. McMillan, J. Carruthers, J. McG. McKay, J. G. Forbes, J. Willet, J. Weir, T. C. James.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Mr. E. Grant, Convener of the Assembly's Committee, submitted a statement as to the position and claims of this Fund, and pleaded earnestly for its more liberal support, thus enabling it the better to provide for the comfort of the aged and infirm ministers of the Church ; and moved, seconded by Mr. J. H. Chase, as follows, which motion was adopted :—

The Synod has heard with satisfaction the statement presented by the Convener, expresses its thankfulness for the fairly satisfactory position in which the Fund is found, regrets that so many congregations have failed to contribute to the Fund during the past year, and that so many ministers have not yet connected themselves with the Fund, and cordially commends the scheme to the favourable consideration and early support both of congregations and ministers, and especially the young ministers of the Church.

The remit of the General Assembly respecting the changes in the Rates of the Fund was then considered ; when, on motion of the Clerk, seconded by Dr. Murray, it was unanimously agreed as follows :—

That without expressing disapproval of the proposed changes, yet, inasmuch as the Committee (western section) has been instructed to report to the next Assembly as to the effect of the changed rules upon ministers already connected with the Fund, the Synod defer final action upon the matter till next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

ELEVENTH 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 duly constituted by the Moderator, prayer being offered by Mr. J. D. Murray.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Tenth Sederunt were read and sustained.

OVERTURE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF TRURO ANENT READJUSTMENT.

The Synod resumed consideration of this overture, when it was unanimously agreed that the overture lie on the table till the next meeting, and meanwhile instruct the Presbyteries of Truro and Wallace to confer on the subject.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. A. Rogers submitted the Report of the Committee; when it was moved by Mr. T. F. Fotheringham, seconded by Mr. W. P. Archibald, as follows, which motion was adopted unanimously:—

Receive the Report, consider its recommendations, and thank the Committee, and especially the Convener.

The recommendations were also adopted, and are as follows:—

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That ministers and superintendents be strictly enjoined to reply promptly and fully to the questions submitted to them.
2. That congregations be urged, as far as practicable, to meet the expenses of schools, so that the collections of schools may be wholly devoted to missions.
3. That where Presbyteries are not divided into districts that this be effected, and district committees be urged to hold conventions at intervals.

On motion of Mr. J. McMillan, duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed as follows:—

That the Committee be instructed to consider the possibility of printing a tabulated statement of the Sabbath School returns within the bounds of the Synod.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Mr. J. R. Munro submitted the Report of this Committee; when, on motion of Mr. H. H. McPherson, seconded by Mr. N. McKay, it was agreed unanimously as follows:—

That the Report of the Committee be received and its recommendations adopted; and that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for their diligence.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Presbyteries urge upon all the sessions within their bounds the duty of giving serious attention to the questions sent down to them on the State of Religion, and of furnishing full and accurate replies.
2. That the attention of sessions be drawn to the importance of the regular visitation and oversight of the congregation by all the elders as well as the minister.
3. That sessions be recommended to meet together as often as convenient for prayer and conference upon the spiritual interests of their congregations.
4. That Presbyteries be recommended to hold conferences on the State of Religion within their bounds, in connection with the Presbyterial Report on that subject.

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SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. J. M. Robinson submitted the Report of this Committee ; when, on motion of Dr. Murray, seconded by Mr. J. McG. McKay, it was agreed unanimously as follows :—

Receive and adopt the Report with the recommendations, and thank the Committee, and especially the Convener.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the sanctions and true intention of the Christian Sabbath be kept prominently before our people in the teachings of the home and Sabbath School, and in the ministrations of the sanctuary.
2. That the Committee be instructed to co-operate with other denominations to promote the due observance of the Lord's Day, and to use their opportunities to influence the public to right views on that question.
3. That Presbyteries be instructed to call for reports on Sabbath Observance at regular meetings.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Mr. J. Layton submitted the Report of this Committee ; when, on motion of Mr. J. A. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. W. H. Waddell, it was unanimously agreed as follows :—

Receive the report, consider its recommendations, and thank the Committee, and especially the Convener.

The recommendations were also agreed to, and are as follows :—

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That all the members of our Church be earnestly advised to adopt proportionate giving and weekly storing as a principle of Christian stewardship.
2. That our congregations adopt the weekly offering, either with or without the envelope.
3. That every minister faithfully instruct his people in the Scriptural principles of giving, and use means to keep his people thoroughly informed concerning the work of the Church and its claims upon their liberality.
4. That those who have the oversight and instruction of the young use special efforts to train them to take an interest in and to give to the work of our Church.
5. That the Committee on Systematic Beneficence in each Presbytery endeavor under direction of Presbytery, to meet with Sessions and managers of congregations where there is want of system in collecting for minister's salary and schemes of the Church, and if possible secure the adoption and efficient working of some plan that will secure the full and prompt payment of stipend and contributions to all the schemes of the Church.
6. That all Presbyteries and Sessions be enjoined, at their first meeting after this Synod, to examine their financial records, and where deficits are found to take such action before the end of the year as shall ensure that no congregation shall again appear having arrears or blanks in the published reports.

On motion of Mr. R. Murray, seconded by Mr. D. McDougall, it was unanimously agreed as follows :—

While again earnestly commending to our people the practice of Scriptural methods in relation to the giving of their substance for the advancement of the

kingdom of Christ, this Synod deprecates all attempts to raise money for Church purposes by resorting to methods unworthy of this Church, or calculated to bring reproach upon the cause of Christ, or that may be inconsistent with the purest morality and the strictest integrity.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Dr. G. Patterson, Secretary of the Fund, in accordance with the Act of Incorporation, submitted a statement in behalf of the Committee, shewing fully its present financial position; when, on motion of Mr. A. Simpson, seconded by Mr. J. M. Robinson, it was unanimously resolved as follows:—

That the Synod record their gratification at the highly satisfactory state of the fund, and commend it to the attention of those ministers in a position to avail themselves of its advantages.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

Mr. J. McMillan submitted the report of this Committee; when it was moved by Mr. H. H. McPherson, seconded by Mr. P. M. Morrison, as follows, which motion was adopted unanimously:—

Having heard the complaints of the Presbytery of Miramichi regarding the mal-administration of the New Brunswick School Law in the interests of the Roman Catholic Church, the Synod express their sympathy with that Presbytery in their efforts for the redress of the wrongs of which they complain, and with the Protestants of New Brunswick who, in certain districts, feel themselves aggrieved by injustice done to them. That Synod further disapproves of any attempt at the contravention of the free, unsectarian school law in the interest of any particular denomination.

Further it was agreed that the above resolution be sent to the Government of New Brunswick, and that the Synod call their serious attention to the allegations contained therein.

M'LEOD BEQUEST.

It was agreed to Minute the following statement:—

The will of the late Alexander McLeod has been sustained by the Privy Council, and the unpaid legacies under it will in due time be settled; but in the meantime certain legal formalities have to be observed before a final settlement can be made. No money has therefore been received this year for the support of ministers receiving less than \$600 a year—one of the bequests in the said will.

P. M. MORRISON, *Agent*.

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.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by Mr. W. P. Archibald, seconded by Mr. D. McDougall, as follows, which motion was unanimously adopted:—

That the thanks of the Synod be given to our people in Halifax for their hospitality; to the Committee of Arrangements, and especially to Mr. Baxter, for their arduous labor in allotting homes; to the minister and managers of this

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congregation for the use of their church; to the railway and steamboat authorities for the usual travelling facilities; to the Press for full reports of the business of Synod, and to the Secretary and Directors of the Ladies' College for the very pleasant entertainment given by them to members of Synod.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the present Sederunt were read and sustained.

CLOSING OF SYNOD.

The Moderator briefly and suitably addressed the Court, and asked the Synod to join in singing a portion of Psalm one hundred and twenty-second. At his request Mr. D. M. Gordon engaged in prayer, after which the Moderator said: "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Synod, I now adjourn this court, and appoint the next meeting to be held at St. John, New Brunswick, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the first Thursday of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two years, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening," and pronounced the Benediction.

H. B. MACKAY,

Moderator.

THOS. SEDGWICK,

Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Report of the Committee of the Hunter Church Building Fund,

FROM OCTOBER 1ST, 1890, TO OCTOBER 1ST, 1891.

The Committee respectfully reports as follows :

Free loans were made in the Presbytery of Wallace to New Annan, \$500 ; in the Presbytery of Halifax, to Waverley, \$100 ; in the Presbytery of Sydney, to Louisburg, \$200.

Free grants were made in the Presbytery of Halifax, to Sackville, \$200, of which \$100 only have as yet been paid ; to Coburg Road Church, Halifax, \$100 ; to Bridgetown, \$185.85.

The Bridgetown grant was on condition that the long standing loan to that place should be fully paid up, which, as the account shows, has been done. The church there—a neat, brick structure—is now clear of debt.

The grant to Coburg Road, Halifax, though small, has been a great help to that station. The Committee was moved to make it partly by the consideration that the Presbytery withdrew a claim for \$300 which it had been pressing for Rockingham.

In the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne, to New Germany, \$100. This is a part of the widely scattered field of Riversdale. The people are few in number, but have shown much spirit and liberality in the erection of the church. The Presbytery is well satisfied with their determination to have a house of their own in which to meet for worship, and pressed their claim for aid on the Committee very strongly.

In the Presbytery of Sydney, to Louisburg, (to be paid when funds are available), \$200. This is a new and promising station, having in view the absorption of many families in the surrounding country, not now very near any other church, and the building has been made large enough to serve this purpose.

The store on Hollis St., Halifax, reported vacant last year, has been fitted up at considerable expense, and leased for a term of years at \$450 per year. The improvements have been charged to capital, as the lease contains a purchase option clause, to take effect at the end of the term, and the cost of improvements is included in the price agreed to by all parties.

The Committee respectfully asks Synod to urge congregations having free loans to repay the same as the instalments fall due. When large loans are held back, it is difficult to meet the wants of others desiring to borrow, and fair play can scarcely be shown to all alike.

ALLAN SIMPSON,
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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 shall 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 this Fund, and which has not its property insured, shall lose its church by fire, *it shall not receive any 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, over and above all indebtedness to the Fund."

The HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND in account with the TREASURER.

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1890.		Interest.	Capital.
Oct. 1.	To balance	\$ 25 65	
	New Annan—Free Loan		\$ 500 00
	Waverley		100 00
	Shelburne—Loan on interest		200 00
	Bradley Mortgage, Moncton—Loan on interest		1500 00
	11 shares Bank of Nova Scotia Stock		1650 00
	Sackville—Grant	100 00	
	Bridgetown—Grant	185 85	
	Coburg Road—Grant	100 00	
	New Germany—Grant	100 00	
	Miss Wier's annuity	144 00	
	Mrs. Robson's commission	40 00	
	Henry Dunbrack, refund of deposit		20 00
	Insurance and taxes	378 46	
	Repairs	138 97	1055 40
	Expenses, printing, &c	30 73	16 70
	Proportion of Agent's salary	250 00	
	Balance	41 78	210 40
		<u>\$1535 44</u>	<u>\$5252 50</u>

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1890.		Interest.	Capital.
Oct. 1.	By balance		\$ 998 52
	Bridgetown		485 85
	Boularderie		84 00
	Digby		10 60
	Bridgewater		142 00
	Kennetcook		100 00
	Yarmouth		100 00
	Park St., Halifax		400 00
	St. Peter's, C. B		100 00
	Margaree Harbor		76 44
	Mahou		200 00
	Rockingham Church		410 02
	Cash on property sold		2145 07
	Interests	296 13	
	Dividend Bank of Nova Scotia	252 91	
	" Halifax Banking Co	72 00	
	" Canso Marine Railway	15 00	
	" Colonial Market	156 00	
	Provincial Building Society	73 00	
	Rents	670 50	
		<u>\$1535 44</u>	<u>\$5252 50</u>

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JAMES FORREST.

LIST OF FREE GRANTS TO. OCTOBER 1st, 1891.

Riversdale	\$100 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, Pictou	150 00
Bridgetown	350 00
Spring Hill	100 00
Jeddore	200 00
Riversdale	100 00
Middle River, C. B.	300 00
Isaac's Harbor	200 00
Carleton, Shelburne Co.	100 00
Bedford	250 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
Jeddore, 2nd	200 00
Country Harbor	50 00
Isaac's Harbor	200 00
Westville	500 00
Amherst	500 00
Moser's River	100 00
North River, St. Ann's, C. B.	100 00
Lake Ainslie	150 00
Glenelg	166 66
Lake Ainslie	75 00
Moser's River	100 00
Maccan	300 00
Bedford	20 00
Maccan, 2nd payment	200 00
Vale Colliery	900 00
Wolfville	190 00
Marble Mountain	200 00
Maccan, 3rd	200 00
Parrsboro'	250 00
North-West Arm	200 00
Big Bras d'Or	150 00
Black Rocks and Blue Rocks	150 00
Lake Ainslie	75 00
Moosebrook	100 00
Parrsboro'	250 00
Parrsboro'	100 00
Riversdale, 3rd payment	200 00
Reserve Mine	150 00
Black and Blue Rocks, 2nd payment	20 00
Bedford	20 00
Big Bras d'Or	150 00
Wolfville	200 00
Bedford	30 00
Bedford	250 00
River Hebert	250 00

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<i>Brought forward</i>	\$10,871 65
Shelburne	400 00
Kempton	400 00
Margaree	100 00
Carleton	100 00
Glenbard	250 00
Port Mulgrave	250 00
Bedford	30 00
Tatamagouche Mountain	100 00
Clam Harbor	100 00
Bedford	150 00
Amount reported last year	\$12,751 66
Sackville	100 00
Bridgetown	185 85
Coburg Road	100 00
New Germany	100 00
	<u>\$13,237 51</u>

PAYMENTS TO CONGREGATIONS.

	Free Grants.	Interest Loans.	Free Loans.	Total.
Reported last year	\$12,751 66	\$10,460 02	\$21,430 00	\$44,641 68
Reported this year	485 85	200 00	600 00	1,285 85
	<u>\$13,237 51</u>	<u>\$10,660 02</u>	<u>\$22,030 00</u>	<u>\$45,927 53</u>

CASH REPAID BY CONGREGATIONS

	Principal.	Interest.	Total.
Repayments to October 1st, 1890	\$23,951 80	\$2,316 84	\$26,268 64
Repayments since	2,108 91	88 50	2,197 41
	<u>\$26,060 71</u>	<u>\$2,405 34</u>	<u>\$28,466 05</u>

FREE LOANS PAYABLE IN INSTALMENTS TO OCTOBER 1st, 1891.

	Amounts.	Payment made.	Instalments Due.	Still loaned.
Dartmouth	\$2100 00	\$2100 00	.....	.....
"	2000 00	2000 00	.....	.....
Vale Colliery	800 00	800 00	.....	.....
Yarmouth	1000 00	800 00	.....	\$200 00
Glencelg	1000 00	1000 00	.....	.....
Jeddore	150 00	150 00	.....	.....
Bridgetown	1000 00	1000 00	.....	.....
Spring Hill	800 00	800 00	.....	.....
Bridgewater	1000 00	505 00	.....	495 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	500 00	.....	500 00	500 00
Baddeck	500 00	.....	500 00	500 00
Oxford	500 00	.....	500 00	500 00
Pleasant Bay	100 00	60 00	.....	40 00
Tatamagouche Mountain	100 00	100 00	.....	.....
Boularderie	500 00	209 00	166 00	291 00
River Hebert	250 00	.....	.....	250 00
Margaree Harbor	300 00	176 44	23 56	123 56
Reserve Mines	250 00	250 00	.....	.....
St. Andrew's, Sydney	500 00	500 00	.....	.....
Mabou	400 00	400 00	.....	.....
Kennetcook	200 00	200 00	.....	.....
St. Peters, C. B.	300 00	200 00	.....	100 00
Digby	430 00	20 60	.....	409 40
Trenton	1000 00	1000 00
Five Islands	300 00	300 00
New Annan	500 00	500 00
Waverley	100 00	100 00
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LOANS ON INTEREST.

Carleton	\$400 00
Falmouth Street, Sydney	200 00
Souris, P. E. I.	450 00
Wolfville	100 00
St. Andrew's, Sydney	1050 00
Mulgrave	600 00
Bradley Mortgage	1500 00
Stewart	2000 00
Bank of Nova Scotia—45 shares	\$6300 00
Halifax Banking Co.—10 shares	6750 00
	2260 00
	<u>\$15310 00</u>
Real Estate, yielding income :	
Store, Hollis Street, Halifax	5400 00
Houses, Poplar Grove, Halifax	4000 00
" Creighton Street, "	3600 00
	<u>\$28310 00</u>

P. M. MORRISON, Agent.

Report of Committee on Methods of Working.

Your Committee in submitting their report would begin by reciting the resolution of last Synod in terms of which they were appointed:—"That a Committee be appointed to enquire whether our present methods of working are in every way adapted to present necessities, and to make such suggestions as in the circumstances seem desirable."

Before stating any practical conclusions to which they have come, they think it well to set forth, at the outset, their proceedings in the fulfilment of the duties entrusted to them. Their first meeting was held as soon as possible after the meeting of Synod, in the month of December, and your Committee cannot refrain from mentioning that since that time two of their number have been removed by death. At the meeting just referred to the Committee had the benefit of the presence and counsel of one of them, the late Mr. J. F. Smith of Richmond, and it is an affecting thought that within two or three weeks after he had met with them he had passed into the eternal world. It is indeed a mystery of Providence that one so young and so full in every way of promise should have been called so early away. The other member of committee—the late Mr. J. S. Hutton, of whose character and services there is no need to speak—his praise is in all the churches—was prevented meeting with them by the beginning of the illness which in a few months had a fatal termination.

At the meeting above referred to, it was considered very desirable that the whole matter remitted to them by the Synod should be brought before the Presbyteries within the bounds, and that suggestions be invited from them. Accordingly a communication to this effect was sent to the Presbyteries, and for their guidance, but not in any way to fetter them, it was thought well to set down certain things which in the Committee's judgment might be considered. These were as follows:—

1. Home Missions, with special reference to the supply of mission stations during the winter; the notes of a scheme being submitted which the Committee thought, if it commended itself to the mind of the church, would be helpful towards this end.
2. The training of young men for the ministry.
3. The employment of Evangelists and evangelistic work generally.
4. The increase of the interest of the eldership in the courts of the church.
5. The relation of Presbyteries to the matter of ministerial efficiency.

To this communication replies were received from the Presbyteries of Pictou, Halifax, Lunenburg and Shelburne, Miramichi, and Prince Edward Island, all bearing evidence that the Committee's suggestions had received careful and wise consideration, and which—as well as the able report of the Home Mission committee on winter supply, have greatly helped the Committee in their work.

The Committee met again in Halifax at the end of April, and with the advantage of the assistance above referred to, and after giving the subject their best consideration, they submit the following suggestions and recommendations following the lines above stated:—

- I. As regards Home Missions, with special reference to the winter supply of stations. They suggest:—
 1. The employment to a greater extent in the Home Mission Field of the eldership, and the lay members of the church.
 2. That Presbyteries seek out brethren in the eldership and the communion of the church who are qualified to do good and useful work in this field, and make up from time to time a roll of agents thus qualified within their bounds, such rolls being also transmitted to the Home Mission committee.
 3. That such persons receive the special attention of Presbyteries in the way of instruction to fit them for still greater efficiency.

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4. That these brethren receive in some special way the *imprimatur* of the Presbytery, so as to strengthen their position and commend them to the people to whom they may be sent; and that in all cases they receive a fair remuneration for their services.

5. That in the autumn of every year Presbyteries make provision—from the sources mentioned above or other available sources—for the continuous supply of stations during the winter; and it is further suggested here that each minister of the church might give, during the winter, at least one Sabbath's supply to some mission station within or beyond the bounds of the Presbytery to which he belongs—but in any event that Presbyteries encourage mission stations to meet every Lord's Day for public worship.

6. That each mission field in each Presbytery be placed under the special care of some member of Presbytery, who shall be expected to organize and superintend the same,—taking special care to dispense sealing ordinances regularly, and report to Presbytery as necessity may require, and not less than once a year.

7. That in order to the more efficient working of the above and other like agencies, Presbyteries in charge of extensive mission fields be encouraged to appoint, with the concurrence of the Home Mission Committee, one or more ordained ministers or missionaries to take a general oversight of the same.

II. As regards the training of young men for the ministry. Your Committee have no special suggestion to offer; and they are led to this very much by the fact—which the Synod should know—that in all the reports of Presbyteries—satisfaction is expressed with present arrangements as good in themselves, and as affording sufficient facilities for admission into the ministry.

If, however, the demand for suitable and efficient labourers exceeds the supply, and if it be the case, as the Committee fear it is, that young men of parts and promise are more largely attracted to other professions than to the ministry of the Gospel, the matter is one that should receive the serious attention of the church. It will not—the Committee hopes—be considered out of place to say that ministers in university and academy cities and towns, who are brought a good deal into contact with young men at college or preparing for it, have a special duty in this respect.

III. As regards evangelistic work and the employment of evangelists, the Committee would express their conviction that the best and most lasting results are to be looked for from the regular and faithful employment of the ordinary means of grace. At the same time it is useless to deny that circumstances not unfrequently arise where evangelistic services—in the commonly accepted meaning of the phrase—are needed and are likely to be productive of good. In nearly all the reports received from Presbyteries, the need of such services and the good likely to result from them are recognized. Attention, however, is called to points such as these:—that when evangelists, so called, are employed they should in all cases be only those who are duly accredited, that the services conducted by them should be completely under the control of sessions, and—this being the prevailing sentiment—that such services should, as far as possible be conducted by ministers of the church. With all this the Committee sympathize, and they would suggest with reference to the last point above mentioned—and following in this the practice of some of the Scottish churches—that ministers recognized as specially qualified for evangelistic work, be invited from time to time to place themselves for a certain part of the year at the disposal of any of their brethren who may desire their help; and that the arrangements needed to carry out this suggestion from year to year, might be made a part of the work of the Synod's committee on the state of religion.

IV. As regards the means to be adopted to increase the interest of the eldership in the courts, and especially the higher courts of the church, it is suggested that sessions might consider whether the principle of rotation at present generally acted on in appointments to the higher courts, might not in many cases be wisely departed from, and whether their choice might not more largely depend on these two things, the possession of suitable gifts, and ability to regularly attend the courts in question; and that provision should in some way be made for the payment of expenses incurred by elders in attending these courts.

It is further suggested, inasmuch as much of the time of Presbyteries is necessarily and rightly occupied with the details of ecclesiastical business, which perhaps are somewhat uncongenial and uninteresting to the non-clerical mind,—that Presbyteries might consider whether conferences to discuss the more vital matters of Christian life and work might not be held from time to time in connection either with their regular meetings or at meetings called for the purpose—which conferences the elders within the bounds should be invited to attend, and in the proceedings of which they should be encouraged to take part.

The committee would also suggest for consideration—in this too following the recent practice of some Scottish churches—whether sessions might not, as regards the Synod, be invested with the same power that Presbyteries now possess as regards the General Assembly, namely, of nominating representative elders residing beyond their own bounds; and further, whether the representation of the eldership in some at least of the higher courts of the church might not with advantage be increased.

V. Finally, remembering that the church does not exist for the sake of the ministry, but the ministry for the sake of the church, your Committee would solemnly remind Presbyteries of their power and responsibility in the matter of ministerial efficiency.

Such are the suggestions which your Committee, having given their best consideration to the subject remitted to them, would submit to the Synod.

A word or two may be allowed before this report is brought to a close. It will be felt perhaps by some that the report is an unsatisfactory one. In one point of view, indeed, none are better aware that such is the case than the Committee themselves. But if it be held to be unsatisfactory because it does not propose radical and revolutionary remedies for alleged evils which in the Committee's judgment do not exist, the Synod should be slow—the Committee would venture to assert—to condemn it on this account. As the result of all their enquiry and conference the Committee rejoice to be able to say, taking one thing with another, and remembering that the treasure is put into an earthen vessel, that there is nothing radically defective either in the system of the church or in its administration, and, due regard being paid to the suggestions herewith submitted or others along the same lines, that our present methods of working are fully adapted, or—if this expression is thought too strong, are certainly not unadapted to present necessities. The truth really is, that without disparaging or depreciating the work of any other church—your Committee believe that no church in Canada is attempting so much as our own, and in point of fact none is accomplishing so much. Far the more from there being anything in our present condition to cause discouragement and apprehension, there is everything—your Committee believe on the other hand—to inspire with confidence and with hope. Only let us be faithful to our Redeemer and King as our fathers were, and He who was with them will be with us now and in the days to come, and will make us in the future—not less than in the past, a mighty instrument for good to this land and to the world.

All which is respectfully submitted. In the name of the Committee.

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