

# SYNOD MINUTES.

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I. MINUTES OF THE LAST SESSION  
OF  
THE SYNOD OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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II. MINUTES OF THE LAST SESSION  
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THE SYNOD OF THE  
FREE CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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OF  
THE SYNOD OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF THE  
LOWER PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

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HELD IN PICTOU, OCTOBER, 1860.

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- 1 George Christie.
- 1 James Bayne.
- 1 Andrew P. Miller.
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- 1 James Allan.
- 1 George Walker.
- 1 Robert Sedgewick.
- 3 Ebenezer E. Ross.
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OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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## FIRST SEDERUNT.

*At Prince Street Church, Pictou, the Third Day of  
October, 1860, Eleven O'clock, A. M.*

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia met, and after a Sermon by Rev. John L. Murdoch, the Moderator, from the Prophecies of Zechariah, ch. iv. and v. 6, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts," was constituted. Sermon.

The Roll of Synod was then called and members present marked. Roll.

The Presbytery of Pictou reported that since last meeting of Synod they had ordained Mr. Thomas Sedgewick, preacher of the gospel, to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Tatamagouche, and that his name had been added to the Roll of Presbytery. Reports of  
Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of Truro reported that they had ordained Mr. Jacob McLellan, preacher of the gospel, to be colleague and successor to Rev. Thomas S. Crowe, in the congregation of Noel and Maitland, and that his name had been added to the Roll of Presbytery.

Ordered that these names be added to the Roll of Synod. The Roll was then perfected, as follows:— Roll completed.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
4 Thomas S. Crowe.	3 Robert Faulkner.	Maitland and Noel.
1 Angus McGilvray.	2 James Grant.	Upper Sett. East River.
1 Robert S. Patterson.	3 John Walker.	Bedeque, P. E. I.
1 John L. Murdoch.	Monson H. Goudge.	Windsor.
1 James Smith, D. D.	1 John Johnson.	Upper Stewiacke.
1 David Roy.	3 Hugh Fraser.	James' Church, N. G.
1 John McCurdy.	John Hardy.	Miramichi, N. B.
1 John I. Baxter.	3 John B. Dickie.	Onslow.
4 James Ross.		
1 John Campbell.	1 Hugh McDonald.	St. Mary's.
1 William McCulloch.	3 Samuel Archibald.	Truro.
1 Peter G. McGregor.	1 Donald Fraser.	Halifax.
1 George Christie.	3 Thomas W. Hilton.	Yarmouth.
1 James Bayne.	1 Henry Lowden.	Pictou.
1 Andrew P. Miller.	3 William Dunn.	Merigomish.
4 John Cameron.	4 James Fraser.	Nine Mile River.
1 James Allan.	1 James McCallum.	Cove Head, P. E. I.
1 George Walker.	4 James McGregor.	Primitive Church, N. G.
1 Robert Sedgewick.	1 James McCurdy.	Musquodoboit.
3 Ebenezer E. Ross.	3 Isaac Fleming.	Upper Londonderry.
1 George Patterson.	4 John Douglas.	Salem Church, Green Hill.
1 Isaac Murray.		Cavendish and New Lon-
		don, P. E. I.
Alex. L. Wyllie.	2 Thomas Davidson.	Lower Londonderry.
3 George M. Clarke.		Shelburne.

NOTE.—The numerals mark the sederunt at which members so marked were first present. Names unmarked are the names of those who were not present.

## MINISTERS.

1 Henry Crawford.  
1 James McLean.  
1 Allan Fraser.  
1 James G. McKay.  
Samuel Johnston.  
2 John Currie.  
1 Alex. Cameron.

1 George Roddick.  
1 James Thomson.  
3 James Watson.  
3 James A. Murray.  
1 John McKinnon.  
2 William Darrach.  
1 John McLeod.  
1 Thomas Downie.  
1 Robert Laird.  
1 Thomas Sedgewick.  
3 Jacob McLellan.

## RULING ELDERS.

Thomas Anderson.  
1 William Landalls.  
Archibald McNeil.  
4 James Graham.

1 Andrew O'Brien.  
2 Alex. Brenton.

1 Robert Stewart.  
3 Daniel Cameron.  
3 George B. Johnson.

3 John Haliday.  
2 John Dickson.  
Hiram Smith.  
1 John McDonald.  
Benjamin Bearisto.  
1 John Nelson.

4 George Fullerton.  
3 George Tattrie.

## CONGREGATIONS.

St. Peter's, P. E. I.  
Shubenacadie.  
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Economy.  
Harvey, N. B.  
Second Cong., Maitland.  
Middle Stewiacke and  
Brookfield.  
West River.  
Central Cong. West River.  
New Annan.  
Annapolis & Bridgetown.  
West Branch East River.  
Goose River.  
Newport.  
Antigonish.  
Princetown, P. E. I.  
Tatamagouche.  
Maitland and Noel.  
Parsboro'.  
River John.

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Com. on Min-  
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James McCallum, Ruling Elder, were appointed a committee to examine  
the minutes of the Boards of Missions and Superintendence—Mr. Craw-  
ford, convener.

Report of Com.  
on Bills. The Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures was then read,  
as follows:—

NEW GLASGOW, October 2nd, 1860.

The committee of Bills and overtures have agreed, to the following subjects  
being taken up by the Synod at its ensuing meeting in the town of Pictou.

1. The Synod after the first sederunt, shall meet at 3 o'clock P. M., and ad-  
journ at 6 P. M. Again in the evening to recommence at half past seven and to  
adjourn ad libitum.

2. Devotional Exercises.

3. Mr Daniel McEwan's Appeal from the Presbytery of Halifax.

4. Report of Committee on Union with the Free Church.

5. Report of Committee on the Tri-centenary of Scottish Reformation.

6. Report of Seminary Board.

7. Report of Home Mission Board.

8. Report of Foreign Mission Board.

9. Report of Committee on Colportage.

10. Report of Committee on Presbytery minutes.

11. Report of the Auditing Committee.

12. The Synod shall meet at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, and adjourn  
to the Provincial Tents, at eleven, to consummate the Union, with the Free  
Church.

DAVID ROY,

*Clerk of Committee of Bills and Overtures.*

The report was received and adopted, and the diligence of the commit-  
tee approved.

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the appeal of Mr. Daniel McEwan, against the decision of the Presbytery of Halifax, sustaining the Session of Poplar Grove Church, in a sentence by which he had been suspended from the fellowship of the Church.

Protest and Appeal of D. McEwan.

Mr. McEwan's protest and reasons for appeal were read. The minutes of the Presbytery in the case were also read. Mr. McEwan was then called for, to sustain his appeal, and not appearing, it was on motion of Rev. J. McCurdy, seconded by Rev. W. McCulloch, agreed, "That as the appellant in this case has failed to appear to prosecute his protest, that the appeal be dismissed."

Appeal dismissed.

The Synod adjourned, closing with prayer.

P. G. McGREGOR, *Synod Clerk.*

## SECOND SEDERUNT.

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

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator, and was followed in prayer by Rev. J. McCurdy.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

Rev. P. G. McGregor, Convener of the Committee on Union with the Free Synod of Nova Scotia, read the minutes of the proceedings of the Joint Committee, and submitted the programme of proceedings prepared for the consummation of the Union to-morrow. (*See Appendix.*)

Report of Com. on Union.

The Report of the Committee was received and their diligence approved. It was then moved by Rev. John I. Baxter, seconded by Rev. John McCurdy, "That the reason for selecting Professor King as Moderator of the united body, be stated, viz.: that it was the wish of the Synod of the P. C. of N. S. that the first Moderator should be chosen from the Free Church, the Professor being the senior minister of that body."

Motion on New Moderator.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Mr. Campbell, seconded by Rev. Isaac Murray, "That the programme of the committee remain as it is," when the question being taken, there appeared for the amendment 34, and for the motion 11, and the programme as submitted was adopted accordingly.

Amendment.

The Rev. G. Patterson, the convener of the committee appointed to correspond with other Presbyterian bodies to secure, if possible, a united celebration of the Tri-centenary of the Scottish Reformation, submitted the committee's report, shewing that they had acted in concert with a similar committee appointed by the Synod of the Free Church, and that they had secured the co-operation of ministers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; but had failed to obtain the co-operation of the ministers of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia. It appeared that arrangements had been made by the committee to hold two public meetings, at which speeches by the ministers of those three bodies should be delivered, the first to be held in Pictou, commencing on Friday morning at 11 o'clock, the second to be held in New Glasgow on Saturday morning in James' Church, commencing at 10 o'clock.

Report of Com. on Tri-Centenary.

The Report was received and the diligence of the committee approved.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions was then read by Rev. G. Patterson, the Secretary. The Report, besides exhibiting a view of the proceedings of the Board for the past three months, made special and appropriate mention of the goodness of the Lord in blessing the Home ope-

Report of Board of Home Missions.

rations of the Church, and in giving to the members of the Board, for a series of years, much brotherly and ministerial intercourse of a profitable and delightful character.

The Report was received and approved.

Grant to Goose River.

On motion of Rev. Wm. McCulloch, it was agreed, "That the Board be authorized to grant an application from the Truro Presbytery agreed to at its last meeting, but owing to the sickness of the Clerk, not forwarded to the Board in proper time, to the effect that for the present year Twenty pounds be granted, or £25 if funds permit, to aid the congregation of Goose River, Cumberland, in the support of religious ordinances."

Arrears to be paid.

The Board were directed to settle all arrears justly due, before the accounts are closed.

Report of Com. on Colportage.

Rev. John I. Baxter submitted the Report of the Committee on Colportage, indicating that the work of the committee was being carried on, but presenting no feature of special interest.

The Report was received and approved.

Order to Treasurer.

On motion, it was agreed "That the Treasurer be authorized to keep the accounts open until all just claims are discharged, and as soon after that as possible, to close all the accounts except the funds of the Educational Board, and to submit them to the auditing committee, and on receiving their certificate of their accuracy, to transfer the balances to the funds of the united body."

Order to Educational B'rd.

It was farther agreed that the Educational Board be directed to hold their funds in their hands, subject to the control and order of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

The Synod then adjourned, concluding with prayer.

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Synod Clerk.*

### THIRD SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.*

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

Report on Presbytery Minutes.

The Moderator having called for reports of committees, the Rev Mr Roy reported that the committee appointed to examine the minutes of Presbyteries had examined the records of the Presbyteries of Pictou and Halifax and found the minutes accurately kept and business regularly conducted. He farther stated that he had received no minutes from the Presbyteries of Truro and Prince Edward Island. Ordered that the minutes of the two Presbyteries examined be countersigned by the Moderator, and the minutes of the other two whenever they shall have been certified by the committee.

Report on Minutes of B'rd.

Rev. Mr. Crawford reported that the minutes of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions had been examined and approved by the Synodical Committee, but that the Record Book of the Board of Superintendence of Seminary had not yet been received. Ordered that the same course be followed in this case, the two approved to be countersigned by the Moderator, and the other when approved.

Report of Board of Superintendence.

Rev. E. Ross submitted the Report of the Board of Superintendence of Seminary, stating that they had engaged for one Session a teacher to

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The report was received and approved.

Rev. J. Bayne submitted the report of the Board of Foreign Missions and asked Synodical advice respecting payment of expenses of Mr Geddie's family from Anceitum to Nova Scotia. On motion it was agreed that such expenses be paid and that the ministers of this body shall solicit a collection in their respective congregations before the close of this year to meet the extra demand thus made on the funds of the Board.

Respecting the support of the family it was agreed that the Board for the present shall draw £20 from their funds to be thus applied, that they shall correspond with the London Missionary Society for information respecting their practice, and leave the whole matter open for the decision of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

On motion of Rev. P. G. McGregor, seconded by Rev. R. Sedgewick it was resolved unanimously, "That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Boards of Home and of Foreign Missions, to the Boards of Education and of Superintendence of Seminary, to the Committee of Colportage, the Auditing Committee, and the Committee of Bills and Overtures, for the large amount of time, labour and zeal which they have bestowed on the work entrusted to them, by this Synod, for a series of years."

The Moderator then in suitable terms expressed to the conveners of these bodies the Synod's sense of the value of their services, and requested the conveners to convey the same to individuals who might be absent.

The Moderator next reported respecting the presentation of addresses respectively to His Excellency Lord Mulgrave and to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, that the directions of Synod had been fully and carefully carried out.

First he had presented the Synod's Address to His Excellency, requesting him to transmit a copy of the Address of this Synod to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The reply of His Excellency was published in an Appendix to the Synod Minutes. The Address to the Prince was presented by the Moderator, and on the same evening the reply of His Royal Highness was received, thanking this Synod for their expressions of loyalty and attachment to the British Throne.

The Moderators report was approved. It was then agreed that expenses incurred be paid, also the expenses of the Union and Ter centenary committees, and the usual allowance to the Janitor.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Synod Clerk.*

## LAST SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, October 4th, 9½ o'clock.*

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

This being the last sederunt of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia the Rev. W. McCulloch moved the following resolution, which, being seconded by Rev. J. McCurdy, passed unanimously:—

"That this Synod, in prospect of terminating their separate and independent existence by Union with a Sister Church, while reviewing the

Report of Board  
of Foreign  
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Mr. Geddie's  
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bye-past history of the body and humbly recognizing deficiencies and short comings, feel it a duty and high privilege to record with sentiments of the deepest gratitude, their acknowledgments for the large measure of prosperity accorded to their schemes and operations by the Great Head of the Church, and earnestly pray that the blessings bestowed upon this Synod may descend largely upon the United Body, so that the anticipated Union may in a very high degree promote the glory of the Great Head of the Church."

Special thanks-  
giving, conf.  
and prayer.

The Rev. George Walker was then called upon to give thanks for past mercies with confession of sins, and to offer special prayer, in accordance with the resolution of Synod, which he did accordingly.

Last Minute.

Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. James Bayne, seconded by the Rev. R. S. Patterson, and unanimously agreed, that the following statement be adopted as the last minute of this body:—

"The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, considering that a Basis of Union with the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia has been prepared, deliberately discussed and cordially sanctioned by both Synods; and having been remitted for the consideration of Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions, has met with their cordial and unanimous approval; and considering that by the good hand of their God upon them they have completed all other preparatory arrangements, do now, with fervent gratitude to God for his past goodness to the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and for having led them and their brethren of the Free Church of Nova Scotia thus far; and in humble dependence on his gracious blessing in the solemn and interesting step they are about to take, and with earnest prayer that he would pour down the rich influences of his spirit on the united church, and would enable her ministers, elders and people to improve the privileges they enjoy, and discharge the obligations devolving on them, Resolve, and hereby record their Resolution forthwith to repair as a constituted Synod to the Union Tents, in order that they may there as arranged, unite with the brethren of the Free Church of Nova Scotia, and form one Synod to be known as the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of B. N. America, and that they may henceforth walk together in the fear of God, and in the comforts of the Holy Ghost, striving for the faith of the gospel, for the purity of divine ordinances and for the enlargement of the Church of Christ. And this Synod declare that the united Church shall be considered as identical with this Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and shall be entitled to and vested in all the authority rights and benefits to which it is now or may become entitled; and that each of the congregations under its inspection whether they shall adopt a name to be hereafter fixed or shall retain, as they shall be permitted to do, if they shall deem it proper, the name by which they have been hitherto designated, shall not be held though coming in consequence of this Union under the inspection of this Synod of the united Church, as in any respect changing their ecclesiastical connexion or affecting any of their civil rights."

Departure from  
Prince Street  
Church.

The Synod then rose pursuant to this resolution to proceed to the Union tents in Patterson's fields in the order agreed upon, the Moderator and Clerk, going first followed by the Professors and after them the ministers two and two in the order of the Synod Roll, and next the Ruling Elders walking also two and two as nearly as possible in the order of seniority.

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Synod Clerk.*

*Pictou, 4th Oct., 1860, quarter to 11 o'clock, A. M.*

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# MINUTES OF THE SYNOD

OF THE

## FREE CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

*HELD AT PICTOU, OCTOBER, 1860.*

### FIRST SEDERUNT.

*Knox's Church, Pictou, Third Day of October, One  
Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Years.*

Which day the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia met according to adjournment, and after Sermon by the Rev. W. G. Forbes, Moderator, from Acts i. 8, was constituted.

The following was adopted as the Roll of the Synod:—

#### PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON.

Rev. Hugh McLeod, D. D.	-	-	-	-	-	Sydney,
James Fraser	-	-	-	-	-	Bouvarderie,
Matthew Wilson	-	-	-	-	-	Sydney Mines,
Moses Harvey	-	-	-	-	-	St. John's, N. F.,
Alexander Ross	-	-	-	-	-	Harbour Grace, N. F.

#### PRESBYTERY OF RICHMOND.

Rev. Murdoch Stewart	-	-	-	-	-	West Bay,
William G. Forbes	-	-	-	-	-	Plaister Cove,
James Ross	-	-	-	-	-	Grand River,
Charles L. Ross	-	-	-	-	-	Whycocomah.

#### PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

Rev. John Gurn	-	-	-	-	-	Broad Cove,
Abraham McIntosh	-	-	-	-	-	St. Ann's,
Kenneth McKenzie	-	-	-	-	-	Baddeck,
Donald Sutherland	-	-	-	-	-	Cape North.

#### PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

Rev. Professor King	-	-	-	-	-	Lunenburg,
William Duff	-	-	-	-	-	
Professor Lyall	-	-	-	-	-	
Walter Thorburn	-	-	-	-	-	Hamilton, Bermuda,
John Hunter	-	-	-	-	-	Halifax,
William Forlong	-	-	-	-	-	South Cornwallis,
William Murray	-	-	-	-	-	North Cornwallis,
Alexander Stuart	-	-	-	-	-	Porter's Lake, &c.
Howard D. Steele	-	-	-	-	-	Bridgewater,
Alexander McKnight	-	-	-	-	-	Dartmouth,
Alexander W. McKay	-	-	-	-	-	West Cornwallis.

#### PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

Rev. John Stewart	-	-	-	-	-	New Glasgow,
Alexander Campbell	-	-	-	-	-	Lochaber,

Rev. Alexander Sutherland	-	-	-	Earltown,
Duncan B. Blair	-	-	-	Barney's River,
John Munro	-	-	-	Wallace,
Alexander Ross	-	-	-	Pictou.

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Rev. Alexander Munro	-	-	-	Brown's Creek,
George Sutherland	-	-	-	Charlottetown,
Neil McKay	-	-	-	Murray Harbour,
Donald McNeill	-	-	-	Woodville,
William Ross	-	-	-	West River,
Donald Morrison	-	-	-	Strathalban.

The Roll being called, the following answered to their names:—James Fraser, Murdoch Stewart, W. G. Forbes, James Ross, C. L. Ross, Abraham McIntosh, Professor King, William Duff, William Murray, Alexander Stuart, H. D. Steele, Alexander McKnight, A. W. McKay, John Stewart, Alexander Campbell, Alexander Sutherland, D. B. Blair, Alexander Ross, Alexander Munro, George Sutherland, Neil McKay, Donald McNeill, William Ross, Donald Morrison.

Commissions in favor of the following Elders, from their respective Kirk-Sessions, were read and sustained:—Charles Taylor, Lawrence-town; Hugh Gunn, Earltown; John Logan, Pictou; James McNeil, West River; Malcolm McLean, New London; William Irvine, Barney's River; Sweenie Campbell, Brown's Creek; and Alexander Campbell, New Glasgow.

It was agreed that the Moderator be continued in the chair.

The Minutes of last meeting of Synod were read and sustained,—correcting a mistake of the Clerk in naming Mr. McNeill instead of Mr. Neil McKay, who was appointed convener of the Temperance Committee.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Moderator for his excellent sermon at the opening of Synod, with the request that it be published in the *Record*.

The Presbytery of Halifax were authorized to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

The Rev. Messrs. M. Stewart, A. Campbell, G. Sutherland and A. Stuart, were appointed a committee on Bills and Overtures, to meet a quarter of an hour before the afternoon sederunt.

The Synod adjourn to meet in the afternoon at four o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

WILLIAM DUFF, *Synod Clerk*.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

*Knox's Church, Pictou, 4 o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted. Sederunt *ut supra*. The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

The committee on Bills and Overtures handed in an appeal of the Rev. A. Munro against a decision of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, with accompanying documents; also a Memorial of the Presbytery of Victoria.

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The following committee was appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island:—A. Stuart, A. Campbell, Abr. McIntosh.

The parties on the case of Appeal from Prince Edward Island were called to the bar. Mr. Munro appeared to support his appeal, and Messrs. Sutherland, McKay, McNeill, Ross and Morrison, Ministers, and Malcolm McLean and James McNeil, Elders, for the Presbytery. Strathalban Case.

Parties were fully heard, and then removed from the bar.

It was moved and seconded that the appeal be dismissed. Upon reasoning this motion was withdrawn, and it was moved and agreed to dismiss the appeal, and affirm the Decision of the Presbytery, except in so far as that decision seems to throw the *onus* upon the Session of securing evidence of membership from parties applying for admission to the Lord's Table from other congregations.

The Synod grant leave to the Presbytery of Halifax to meet half an hour before the evening sederunt.

The Synod adjourn to meet in the evening at eight o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

WILLIAM DUFF, *Synod Clerk.*

### THIRD SEDERUNT.

*Knox's Church, Pictou, 8 o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted. Sederunt *ut supra*. The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Memorial of the Presbytery of Victoria was read. After reasoning, it was withdrawn.

The Report of the Commission appointed to visit the congregation of Lochaber was given in, recommending that Goshen be erected into a separate station under the charge of the Presbytery of Pictou, to receive part of the services of a Probationer as soon as practicable, and also that the said Presbytery be instructed to use all prudent means to press on the congregation of Lochaber the duty of affording a more adequate support to their Minister. The Report was approved, and the Presbytery of Pictou instructed in terms of it. Lochaber Com- mission.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Joint Committee on Union to draw up the closing minute of this Synod on proceeding to unite to-morrow with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, produced a draft of minute, which was read and approved of.

The Report of the Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia was read and approved of. (*See Appendix.*) Union.

Leave was granted to the Presbytery of Halifax to meet here to-morrow morning at half past eight o'clock.

The Convener of the Home Mission Committee gave in a verbal report on the state of their funds.

The following special committee was appointed to receive and apportion the third year's grant of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, viz.: H. D. Steele (convener), W. Duff and A. McKnight. F. C. Grant.

The Convener of the Synod Fund Committee gave in a verbal report on the state of this fund.

Resignation of  
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W. S. Stirling, Esq. (through Mr. McKnight), tendered his resignation of the Treasurership of the Schemes of the Church. The Synod reluctantly accepted this resignation, and tender their thanks to Mr. Stirling for his long and valuable services in connexion with these Schemes.

The convener of the *Record* Committee reported on the state of the funds, and was instructed to conclude the issue of the *Record* by publishing a double number for November.

The Synod adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock. Closed with prayer.

WILLIAM DUFF, *Synod Clerk.*

### LAST SEDERUNT.

*Knox's Church, Pictou, 4th October, 1860,  
half-past 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted. Sederunt *ut supra*, with the addition of the Rev. John Hunter. The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

On motion of Professor King, Dr. Forrester was requested to take his place in the Synod.

The Rev. J. Stewart reported, as convener of the committee appointed to apportion the monies collected for the widows of Messrs. Farquharson and Sutherland.

The commission of Mr. J. S. Newcomb, North Cornwallis, was laid on the table, and his name added to the roll.

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The Synod, considering that a Basis of Union with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia has been prepared, deliberately discussed, and cordially sanctioned by both Synods, and, having been remitted for consideration of Presbyteries and Kirk-Sessions, has met with their cordial and unanimous approval, and considering that by the good hand of their God upon them they have completed all other preparatory arrangements, DO NOW, with fervent gratitude to God for his past goodness to the Free Church of Nova Scotia and for having led them and their brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia thus far, and in humble dependence on his gracious blessing on the solemn and interesting step they are about to take, and with earnest prayer that he would pour down the rich influences of his Spirit on the united Church, and would enable her ministers, elders and people to improve the privileges they enjoy, and discharge the obligations devolving on them, RESOLVE, and hereby record their *Resolution*, forthwith to repair as a constituted Synod to the place prepared in Patterson's field, in order that they may there, as arranged, unite with their brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and form one Synod, to be known as the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, and that they may henceforth walk together in the grace of God and in the comforts of the Holy Ghost, striving for the faith of the gospel, for the purity of divine ordinances, and for the enlargement of the Church of Christ; and this Synod DECLARE that whereas they are the Synod of the identical Church which in the year 1844 assumed the

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WILLIAM DUFF, *Synod Clerk.*

## APPENDIX.

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON UNION.

PRINCE STREET CHURCH, PICTOU, 25th June, 1860,  
half-past six, p.m.

The Joint Committee on Union met agreeably to adjournment. There were present, on the part of the Free Synod, the Rev Messrs. Duff, Blair, G. Sutherland, Murray and McKnight, and on the part of the P. C. of N. S. the Rev W. McCulloch, J. L. Murdoch, Professor Ross, R. Sedgewick, J. Bayne, J. Cameron and P. G. McGregor. The Rev W. McCulloch was called to the Chair, and opened the meeting with prayer. Mr McKnight was appointed to act as Secretary.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

A letter from the Hon. Wm. Young was read, in which he re-affirms the opinion he had given orally to the Sub-Committee who consulted him in March last, that any legislative measure deemed necessary for the security of ecclesiastical property might be safely deferred till after the Union. It was agreed that the thanks of this Joint Committee of the two Synods be tendered to Mr Young for his kindness in giving them his valuable counsel in this matter free of charge.

The Rev W. Duff read a Minute of the Free Synod agreeing to hold a special meeting on Thursday the 4th day of October to consummate the Union.

The Committee resumed consideration of the best mode of combining the educational institutions of the two Churches. After consultation with Professor Smith, the Committee agreed unanimously to recommend that the Theological Halls be combined in Halifax, Professor Smith giving his services there during three months of the Session;—it being understood that his congregation be consulted in reference to the bearings of this arrangement on their interests.

The time appointed for the Conference of the two Synods having now arrived, the Committee stood adjourned till the conclusion of the Conference, and the meeting was closed with prayer.

ALEX. McKNIGHT, *Secretary.*

At the close of the Conference it was agreed that the Committee should meet next day at New Glasgow. This having proved impracticable, it was arranged by telegraphic communication between the Conveners that the Committee should meet on the forenoon of Wednesday.

KNOX'S CHURCH, NEW GLASGOW, 27th June, 1860, 11 A. M.

The Joint Committee on Union met. There were present on the part of the Presbyterian Synod the Rev Messrs. McCulloch, Murdoch, Prof. Ross, Sedgewick, Bayne, Cameron, McGregor, Thomson and McKinnon, and on the part of the Free Synod the Rev Messrs. Duff, Blair, G. Sutherland, Murray, McKnight, A. Sutherland and N. McKay. Mr Sedgewick was called to the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer. Mr McKnight again acted as Secretary.

The Rev Geo. Patterson having stated that the Presbyterian Synod had appointed a separate Committee to represent them in making arrangements for celebrating the Tri-centenary of the Scottish Reformation, whereas it appeared that the Free Synod had remitted the matter to the Joint Committee, Messrs. A. Sutherland, G. Sutherland and D. B. Blair were appointed a Sub-Committee to represent the Free Synod in making these arrangements—Mr A. Sutherland, Convener.

Mr McKnight gave in the following Report from the Sub-Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Model School in Truro.

“The Sub-Committee appointed by the Joint Committee on Union to inquire how far the Model School at Truro may be or might become suitable for the education of young men who have the ministry in view, preparatory to their entering College—consisting of the Rev. James Bayne and A. McKnight—met

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at Truro on the 27th and 28th March. On the evening of the 27th they had some conversation with Dr. Forrester, who stated that, even with the existing staff of teachers, arrangements might be made for giving a greater degree of prominence to classical studies in the Model School than at present, if an increased number of advanced pupils were sent to the Institution. Two hours, daily, were at present given to Classics; but four hours could be given, if required, for this branch. He stated, indeed—what the Sub-Committee could quite well understand—that he would not feel at liberty to alter the arrangements of a Provincial Institution from a design merely to suit the convenience of any one denomination. But his aim was to make the Institution a Model to the whole Province in the highest as well as the lowest departments of public instruction. This object he was labouring to realize as far as possible with the inadequate means placed at his disposal; and the realization of it would furnish us with such an Institution as we desiderate for the preparatory education of the young men under our care. By availing ourselves of the Model School for this purpose we would aid and not hinder the promotion of his main object, by increasing the number of advanced pupils and the amount of fees. He did not think, however, that the Legislature would be disposed to increase the Grant so as to add another teacher to the present staff. In reference to the choice of text-books he indicated his willingness to come to an understanding with the Professors of our Seminary, so far of course as might be consistent with his own views as to what is conducive to the best interests of the Institution under his superintendence.

“The Sub-Committee inspected the Model School on the forenoon of the following day, and have much pleasure in testifying to its efficiency. There were several Latin Classes, but only the highest was examined. Horace was the text-book. Specimens of several Odes were read, construed, scanned, &c. The pupils acquitted themselves very creditably—especially considering that they had but recently commenced the study of that Author. A Greek Class read a passage from Xenophon's *Anabasis*; and one advanced pupil read from Homer's *Iliad*.

“The attention of the Sub-Committee was not limited to Classics. To the Mathematical exercises performed on the Black Board their time did not permit them to give much attention; but they saw enough to satisfy them that the pupils had made good progress, especially in Algebra. Amongst other subjects one claimed their special notice, on account of its importance to the rising ministry of the Church—viz., that of English Reading. The specimens they witnessed were generally good; and in the Normal School, where they spent the afternoon of the same day, they were gratified to find that considerable attention was given to the theory and practice of Elocution, as applied to produce effective Reading.

“The Sub-Committee are of opinion that it is not necessary and would not be advisable to found a new Institution in Truro, in subordination to the Seminary there. The present curriculum of the Model School comprises instruction in the Latin and Greek Classics sufficiently advanced to prepare students for entering the Seminary. Of the *rate of progress* made by the pupils in these branches they could not judge from mere inspection of the School. They have every reason to believe, however, that Mr. Calkin would gladly devote a larger proportion of his time and strength to the higher branches, if an increased number of advanced pupils were sent to him. The time required for this purpose would be gained by re-arranging some of the classes, there being several of the common branches of school instruction in which the Intermediate and Highest Departments of the School could be thrown into one. If, after a fair trial, it should be found that the progress of our young men in classical studies is too slow to suit their circumstances and ulterior views, as students for the ministry, the next resource would be to endeavour by some means to extend the efficiency of the Model School in its classical department, by securing the addition of another teacher. This, it appears to the Sub-Committee, would be much more easily attainable than the establishment of another Institution;—as well as less objectionable, for any new Institution that might be founded would necessarily occupy very much the same field as the highest department of the Model School and compete with it as a rival. The demand for a high

classical education is not so great as to require two such Institutions in one country village; and if both are to be dependent in a considerable measure on fees for their support, the success of one would inevitably be gained only at the expense of the other."

The Committee approved the report and commended the diligence of the Sub-Committee.

It was agreed to recommend that it be remitted to Professors Ross, McCulloch and Lyall to make interim arrangements for conducting the Seminary at Truro during next Session.

It was agreed to recommend that congregations defray the travelling expenses of their Ministers and representative Elders in attending the meeting in October, and that any surplus which may accrue from collections for this object be applied towards defraying the expense of providing a temporary erection in which the meeting may be held.

After conversation respecting the manner of consummating the Union, the arrangement of all details connected with the ceremonial was entrusted to Messrs. McGregor, Duff, Sedgewick and McKnight—Mr McGregor, Convener.

It was remitted to the following Committee in and around Pictou to procure a tent or temporary building where the Union may be consummated:—Rev Messrs. Bayne, Blair and G. Patterson, Messrs. J. W. Carmichael and Thomas McDonald, New Glasgow, and Messrs. Adam McKean, R. P. Grant and Clarence Primrose, Pictou—Mr Bayne, Convener—with power to add to their number. It was remitted to the same committee to provide accommodation for members of Synod, and other strangers who may come to witness the proceedings, as far as practicable.

It was agreed to suggest that presbyteries consider what may be the best mode of re-arranging their own bounds when the Union shall be effected, and prepare a plan which they can recommend to the Synod in October.

The committee adjourned to meet in Pictou on Tuesday, the 2nd October, at 7 o'clock, evening. Closed with prayer.

ALEX. MCKNIGHT, *Secretary.*

PRINCE STREET CHURCH, PICTOU, 2nd October, 1860, 8 P. M.

The Joint Committee on Union met. There were present on the part of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia the Rev Messrs. Sedgewick, Bayne and McGregor, and from the Free Synod the Rev Messrs. Duff, Blair, McKay, McKnight, Professor King and W. Murray. The Rev G. Patterson was present on the part of the Tri-centenary committee and as a member of the Sub-Committee appointed to prepare a place for the approaching celebration. Mr Duff was called to the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer. Mr McKnight read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved.

Mr Patterson on the part of the committee of arrangements, reported that arrangements had been made for accommodating 3000 people who may assemble to witness the consummation of the Union of the two Synods, and also that the people of Pictou will welcome all the members of Synod, both Ministers and Elders, to their own houses.

Mr McGregor reported on the part of the Sub-Committee appointed to draw up a programme of proceedings for consummating the Union, and submitted the programme, which after a few changes was adopted.

Rev Prof. King and R. Sedgewick were appointed a committee to prepare the last minute to be agreed to by the Synods of the two churches on the morning of October 4th. Mr Blair was added to this committee.

Adjourned to meet again on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with the benediction.

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Secretary.*

SAME PLACE, 4th October, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Joint Committee again met. The Programme for the day was reviewed and completed, and the committee with thanksgiving to God finally adjourned.

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FIRST SEDERUNT.

*At the Union Tents on Patterson's Hill, Pictou, October 4th, One  
Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Years, 11 o'clock, A.M.*

At which time and place the Synods of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia and of the Free Church of Nova Scotia met in their constituted capacity, to consummate a Union, according to arrangements previously made and mutually agreed upon. Meeting of the Synods.

The proceedings were commenced by Rev. J. L. Murdoch, the Senior Moderator, giving out the 100th Psalm, first version. Singing.

The Psalm having been sung, Mr. Murdoch called on the Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia to read the last minute of that body, which was read accordingly, as follows :— Reading of last Minute.

“The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, considering that a Basis of Union with the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia has been prepared, deliberately discussed and cordially sanctioned by both Synods; and having been remitted for the consideration of Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions, has met with their cordial and unanimous approval; and considering that by the good hand of their God upon them they have completed all other preparatory arrangements, do now, with fervent gratitude to God for his past goodness to the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and for having led them and their brethren of the Free Church of Nova Scotia thus far; and in humble dependence on his gracious blessing in the solemn and interesting step they are about to take, and with earnest prayer that he would pour down the rich influences of his spirit on the united church, and would enable her ministers, elders and people to improve the privileges they enjoy, and discharge the obligations devolving on them, Resolve, and hereby record their Resolution forthwith to repair as a constituted Synod to the Union Tents, in order that they may there as arranged, unite with the brethren of the Free Church of Nova Scotia, and form one Synod to be known as the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of B. N. America, and that they may henceforth walk together in the fear of God, and in the comforts of the Holy Ghost, striving for the faith of the gospel, for the purity of divine ordinances and for the enlargement of the Church of Christ. And this Synod declare that the united Church shall be considered as identical with this Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and shall be entitled to and vested in all the authority rights and benefits to which it

is now or may become entitled; and that each of the congregations under its inspection whether they shall adopt a name to be hereafter fixed or shall retain, as they shall be permitted to do, if they shall deem it proper, the name by which they have been hitherto designated, shall not be held though coming in consequence of this Union under the inspection of this Synod of the united Church, as in any respect changing their ecclesiastical connexion or affecting any of their civil rights."

The Rev. W. G. Forbes, the Moderator of the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia, then called on the Clerk of that Synod to read their last minute. The following minute was then read:—

"The Synod, considering that a Basis of Union with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia has been prepared, deliberately discussed, and cordially sanctioned by both Synods, and, having been remitted for consideration of Presbyteries and Kirk-Sessions, has met with their cordial and unanimous approval, and considering that by the good hand of their God upon them they have completed all other preparatory arrangements, do now, with fervent gratitude to God for his past goodness to the Free Church of Nova Scotia and for having led them and their brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia thus far, and in humble dependence on his gracious blessing on the solemn and interesting step they are about to take, and with earnest prayer that he would pour down the rich influences of his Spirit on the united Church, and would enable her ministers, elders and people to improve the privileges they enjoy, and discharge the obligations devolving on them, RESOLVE, and hereby record their *Resolution*, forthwith to repair as a constituted Synod to the place prepared in Patterson's field, in order that they may there, as arranged, unite with their brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and form one Synod, to be known as the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, and that they may henceforth walk together in the grace of God and in the comforts of the Holy Ghost, striving for the faith of the gospel, for the purity of divine ordinances, and for the enlargement of the Church of Christ; and this Synod DECLARE that whereas they are the Synod of the identical Church which in the year 1844 assumed the designation of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia adhering to the Westminster Standards, and which in 1848 assumed its present designation of the Free Church of Nova Scotia, so they shall be considered the Synod of the same Free Church when, united with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, it shall be known under the designation of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, and shall be entitled to and vested in all the authority, rights and benefits to which it is now or may become entitled; and this Synod further DECLARE that each of the congregations under its inspection, whether they shall adopt a name to be hereafter fixed, or shall retain, as they shall be permitted to do if they shall deem it proper, the name by which they have hitherto been designated, shall not be held, though coming in consequence of this Union under the inspection of the Synod of the united Church, as in any respect changing their ecclesiastical connexion, or affecting any of their civil rights."

The Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia called the Roll of that body, when the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were pre-

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Roll of Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia

The Clerk of the Free Synod then called the Roll of that body, when the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were present and answered to their names :—*Ministers*—Rev. W. G. Forbes, Professor King, John Stewart, Duncan B. Blair, Alexander Sutherland, Alexander Campbell, Alexander Ross, Murdoch Stewart, James Fraser, James Ross, Charles L. Ross, Abraham McIntosh, William Duff, William Murray, John Hunter, Howard D. Steele, Alexander W. McKay, Alexander McKnight, Alexander Stuart, George Sutherland, Alexander Munro, Neil McKay, Donald McNeill, William Ross, Donald Morrison. *Ruling Elders*—Messrs. James Forman, John S. Newcomb, Charles Taylor, Hugh Gunn, Sweeney Campbell, James McNeil, A. Campbell, and Malcolm McLean.

Roll of Free Synod.

The Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia then read the following *Basis of Union* from a Parchment Roll, all the members of Synod standing :—

Basis read.

“The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia, recognising each other as Churches of Christ, deploring the differences which have hitherto existed between them, and desirous of forming a Union, agree to the following statement of principles as a basis :—

“I. That whatever designation may be adopted by the united Church, it shall be in all respects free and completely independent of foreign jurisdiction and interference, but may hold friendly intercourse with sister Churches, whose soundness in the faith and whose ecclesiastical polity accord with the sentiments of the united body.

“II. That the great object of union shall be the advancement of the Redeemer's Glory by a more visible expression of the unity and love of the members of Christ's body, the cultivation of a more fervent piety, devoted zeal and practical godliness, and subordinate thereto the setting forth of a more united testimony against all Popish, Socinian, Arminian, Erastian and other heresies, as these have been exhibited in past ages, or are now manifested under the garb of the religion of Jesus, and the

providing by the combined exertions of the United Body of a duly qualified ministry for an efficient dispensation of Gospel ordinances within our bounds, and for the enlargement and permanence of the Church and the preparation of a platform of discipline for the sake of obtaining uniformity in the proceedings of Ecclesiastical courts.

“III. That the Standards of the United Church shall be the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Catechisms Larger and Shorter;—the following explanations being subjoined, in reference to the statement in the Confession regarding the power of the civil magistrate *circa sacra*, as limited by the act of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 27th of August, 1647, and excepted to by the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

“1st. That the United Body disclaim, as unscriptural, all right on the part of the Civil Magistrate to regulate or review the procedure of the Courts of Christ’s Church, maintaining that the Church is a free institute under law to Jesus, and to be ruled entirely by his authority, and furnished by him with ample power to meet, deliberate, and consult in his name, whenever, and as often as, the rights or interests or government of his house may require.

“2nd. That while recognising magisterial authority as an ordinance of God for good to man, and holding, in the language of the Associate Presbytery, that “it is peculiarly incumbent on every civil state wherein Christianity is introduced, to study and bring to pass that civil government among them run in agreeableness to the mind of God, be subservient to the spiritual kingdom of Jesus Christ, and to the interests of true religion,” a principle clearly founded on the supremacy of the Lord Jesus Christ over the Church and over the nations, the United Body repudiates the idea of attempting to enforce the belief or profession of Christianity by the power of the sword, as alike contrary to the law of Christ, the spirit of his gospel, the rights of conscience, and the liberties of man.

“3rd. Finally, while recognising the responsibilities of the civil magistrate to God, and praying for the time when kings shall be nursing fathers and their queens nursing mothers to the Church, the Synod finds that the question as to the mode in which the civil magistrate may discharge his responsibilities, is one on which, in their circumstances, they are not called upon to come to any deliverance.”

Signed by Moderators.

Assented to by all.

Declaration by Moderator.

The Rev. Messrs. Murdoch and Forbes, the Moderators, then signed the document; and the time not admitting of the signatures of all being appended at this stage of the proceedings, the Rolls were again called and all the members of both Synods expressed their consent audibly.

The Rev. Mr. Murdoch then said—“In accordance with the minute of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia just read, I declare that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia is from this date merged in and shall be hereafter known as The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, and entitled to all the authority, rights and privileges of the body under its former designation.”

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The Moderators then shook hands in token of union and fellowship, and their example was followed by all the members of Synod, the choir and people singing the 133rd Psalm—

"Behold how good a thing it is,  
And how becoming well,  
Together such as brethren are  
In unity to dwell."

Singing.

Rev. Mr. Murdoch then moved that Rev. Professor King be the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

First Moderator chosen.

Rev. Mr. Forbes seconded the nomination, when the Professor was chosen unanimously.

The Rev. Professor then offered prayer, constituting the Synod, after which, on motion of Rev. J. Bayne, seconded by Rev. N. McKay, the Clerks were re-appointed for the present session.

Synod constituted.

The Rev. Angus McGilvray gave out Psalm 147th, v. 1st and 2nd, which being sung, he read part of the 37th chap. of the Prophecies of Ezekiel from verse 15th to the end, and the concluding portion of the 17th chapter of St. John's Gospel.

Singing.  
Reading Scripture.

Rev. David Roy offered prayer.

Prayer.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod at length, first thanking the Synod for such an honorable and esteemed mark of their confidence as they had just conferred upon him; and secondly, vindicating the Union as scriptural in its basis, and involving no sacrifice of principle or of Divine truth.

Moderator's Speech.

The Rev. Professor Ross next addressed the Synod and people assembled, on the subject of Union, setting forth the duties and the prospects of the united body, and the encouragements by which its ministers and people ought to be stimulated to the noblest efforts for the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Professor Ross's Speech.

The Rev. A. Campbell offered prayer and gave out the 48th Psalm v. 12-14.

Prayer and Singing.

The following Letter was then read from the Rev. Dr. McLeod, who had been requested to address the audience in the Gaelic language :—

Letter from Dr. McLeod.

"SYDNEY, C. B., 30th Sept., 1860.

"MY DEAR MR. MCGREGOR,—

"It is with very sincere regret that I take up my pen to say that I fear I cannot have the privilege of being with you next week at Pictou. Last Sabbath I was at Gabbarus opening one of our new Churches. Since my return home I had to attend several meetings, travelling a good deal night and day, and making arrangements as I expected to be away for a few weeks. The consequence is that I labor under a cold which confines me to my room, and which in the meantime puts it out of my power to leave home. I promised myself much enjoyment on the solemn and interesting occasion which brings so many fathers and brethren and other christian friends together; but as this is not likely to be realized, I have only to join my prayers with all assembled that the Great Head of the Church may greatly bless the Union and make it productive of much good. Let us at the same time look and pray for a much larger Union—a Union of all the Presbyterians in British North America.—

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Please apologise for my absence, and assure all of my cordial concurrence in the measure, and my deep regret that I cannot be present with you. I am not aware of so much as one dissenting voice in my congregation. Remember me most affectionately to my fathers and brethren; and believe me,

My dear Brother,

ever yours in the best bonds,

HUGH McLEOD.

The Rev. P. G. McGregor.

Address by  
Rev. C. Ross.  
Prayer.

The Rev. C. Ross then addressed the people assembled, in Gaelic, when Rev. J. Stewart of New Glasgow offered prayer in the same language, followed by the singing of the concluding verses of Ps. 72nd, also in Gaelic.

Benediction.

The benediction was then pronounced by the Moderator in the English language, and by the Rev. John Stewart in Gaelic, when the Synod adjourned till half-past 3 o'clock, the whole audience, consisting of nearly three thousand people, retiring from the Tents, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

PETER G. MCGREGOR,  
WILLIAM DUFF,

*Synod Clerks.*

## SECOND SEDERUNT.

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

Prayer.

First Speech.  
Second.

Singing.

Third.

Fourth.

Fifth.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America met for the purpose of continuing the celebration connected with the Union consummated this morning, when the Moderator offered prayer, constituting the Synod.

A speech was then delivered by the Rev. William McCulloch on "Pastoral Fidelity," followed by an address from Rev. D. B. Blair on "Presbyterianism as containing in itself an exhibition of Scriptural Union," after which verses 16th to 18th, second version, of the 102nd Psalm were sung.

Rev. R. S. Patterson next delivered an address on "The bearing of Union on the Conversion of the World," which was followed by the reading of a paper by James Forman, Esq., Ruling Elder of Chalmers' Church, "On the duty of the United Church to resist the aggressions of Popery as now guided by the deepest craft of Jesuitism."

Samuel Creelman, Esq., Ruling Elder of Upper Stewiacke, next spoke on "The Progress of Moral and Spiritual Reformation."

The names of Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. M. Stewart and Rev. John McCurdy were on the Programme, but these brethren declined to speak, as the coldness of the evening and the lateness of the hour made the audience anxious to retire. The following resolution, moved by Rev. George Patterson and seconded by Rev. Wm. Duff, then passed by acclamation:

"That this Synod would express their gratitude to the God of all grace for his goodness to them in what they have this day been permitted to witness, but

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“ And whereas there has been addressed to this Church an urgent call for the sum of £1000 to erect a Church and School-house at Demirdesh, this Synod would invite all the congregations under its inspection, at such a period during the present season as may suit their convenience, to contribute a thank-offering with the view of raising the above sum, and thus erecting a standing memorial of the glorious events of this day.”

The three closing verses of Psalm 122nd were then sung, and the Moderator dismissed the Assembly with the Apostolic Benediction. Singing.  
Benediction.

PETER G. MCGREGOR,  
WILLIAM DUFF,  
*Synod Clerks.*

### T H I R D   S E D E R U N T .

*Prince Street Church, Oct. 5th, 1860, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

On which day and at which place the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces met, and after singing four verses of the 89th Psalm, was constituted by prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll was called, and members present marked, when the minutes of the two sederunts held yesterday were read, and, with some amendments, were passed. Roll.

Rev. Mr. Elder of New Brunswick being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Rev. Messrs. Waddell, Byers and Honeyman of Nova Scotia, were also invited to sit as corresponding members. Corresponding  
Members.

On motion, it was then agreed that the Synod do now adjourn till 3 o'clock, to afford the different Presbyteries an opportunity to meet, to arrange their bounds, make up their rolls, placing their ministers in the order of their ordination, and to report to Synod in the afternoon, and Presbyteries were directed to meet accordingly; and as the Presbyteries of the Island of Cape Breton are not fully represented, it was agreed that the brethren from that Island shall for this purpose meet as one Presbytery. Direction to  
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The Synod adjourned, concluding with prayer.

PETER G. MCGREGOR,  
WILLIAM DUFF,  
*Synod Clerks.*

### F O U R T H   S E D E R U N T .

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

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

**Reports of Presbyteries.** The Reports of Presbyteries were called for on the subject remitted to them by the Synod at the morning sederunt, when the following Reports were read :—

**Pictou.** **FIRST**—*From the Presbytery of Pictou*, submitting their Roll as given below, and recommending that the Presbytery of Pictou for the present remain as it is, with the exception of the congregations of Mabou, Port Hood, and Baddeck, hitherto in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, which the Presbytery recommend to be joined to the Presbytery of Victoria.

**Halifax.** **SECONDLY**—*From the Presbytery of Halifax*, submitting their Roll as given below, and recommending, that for the present, this Presbytery remain as it is now constituted.

**Presbyteries in Cape Breton.** **THIRDLY**—*From the Brethren of the Island of Cape Breton*, who had met as a Presbytery by Synodical appointment, submitting the Rolls of the Presbyteries of Richmond, Victoria and Cape Breton as given below, and recommending that the congregations of Whycomoh and of the Narrows be separated from that of Richmond and united to that of Victoria; also, that the congregation of Port Hood and Mabou be added to the Presbytery of Victoria.

**Recommendations.** **FOURTHLY**—*The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island* submitted their Roll, and requested the Synod that instead of one, three Presbyteries be constituted on the Island, to be called respectively the Presbytery of Charlottetown, the Presbytery of Princetown, and the Presbytery of Georgetown, the first to embrace the congregations of Cove Head, Cavendish, Charlottetown, West River and Strathalbyn, the second to include Bedeque, Cascumpeque, Princetown, Richmond Bay and New London, the third to include Brown's Creek, St. Peter's, Murray Harbour, Woodville and Dundas.

The Presbytery farther suggested to Synod the propriety of erecting these three Presbyteries into a Synod, should it be possible now to merge the United Synod into a General Assembly.

**FIFTHLY**—*The Presbytery of Truro* submitted their Roll, and recommended—1st. That the congregations in Douglas be joined to Halifax Presbytery, or a new Presbytery to be erected in Hants County; 2nd. That the congregation of Earltown be attached to Truro Presbytery; 3rd. That congregations in Cumberland except Parrsboro be erected into a new Presbytery with congregations in the Northern part of Pictou Presbytery.

**Three Presbyteries in P. E. Island.** On motion it was agreed to grant the request of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island to be divided into three, to consist of the Presbyteries of Princetown, Charlottetown and Georgetown, and the Synod hereby authorises the Presbytery of Princetown to meet at Princetown and constitute for business on the 24th inst. at 11 o'clock A. M., the Presbytery of Charlottetown in like manner to meet at Charlottetown on the first Wednesday of November at the same hour, and the Presbytery of Georgetown to meet at Murray Harbour on the day and at the hour last named.

**Additions to Presbytery of Victoria.** The Roll of ministers of the three Presbyteries is given below. It was farther agreed that the request of the brethren from Cape Breton be granted, and the congregations of Whycomoh and of the Nar-

rows are hereby added to the Presbytery of Mabou and in connection with the same annexed also to the same. It was then, sent the Presbytery of Mabou, Port Hood and Pictou to the Presbytery.

MINISTER

- 1 Angus McGill
- 1 James Watson
- 1 David Roy
- 1 John McCurdy
- 1 John Stewart
- 1 John Campbell
- 1 George Walker
- 1 James Bayne
- 1 A. P. Miller
- 1 Alex. Campbell
- 1 Alex. Sutherland
- 1 Duncan B. Blair
- John Munroe
- 1 George Patterson
- 1 James Thompson
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- 1 John McKinnon
- 1 Thomas Downie
- 1 Thomas Sedgewick
- 1 Alex. Ross
  
- 1 John L. Murdoch
- 1 Andrew King
- 1 Robert Sedgewick
- 1 P. G. McGregor
- 1 George Christie
- 1 William Duff
- Walter Thorburn
- 1 John Cameron
- 1 John Hunter
- 1 George M. Clark
- William Forlong
- 1 John M. McLeod
- 1 James McLean
- 1 William Murray
- 1 Alex. Stuart
- 1 Howard D. Steele
- 1 Alex. Macknight
- 1 Alex. Wm. McKinnon
- 1 James A. Murray

NOTE.—The number of ministers first present Name



rows are hereby separated from the Presbytery of Richmond and annexed to the Presbytery of Victoria. The congregations of Port Hood, Mabou and Baddeck, formerly belonging to Pictou Presbytery in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, are hereby annexed also to the Presbytery of Victoria.

It was then, after deliberation, unanimously agreed, that for the present the Presbyteries of Halifax, Truro and Pictou remain as they are—Mabou, Port Hood and Baddeck having been already joined to Victoria Presbytery.

No change in Pictou, Truro and Halifax.

### ROLL OF SYNOD.

#### PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

MINISTERS.	OR-DAINED	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 Angus McGillivray	1824	1 James Grant	Up. Sett. East River
1 James Watson	1830	1 George B. Johnson	New Annan
1 David Roy	1830	1 Hugh Fraser	James' Ch., N. Glasgow
1 John McCurdy	1830		Chatham, N. B.
1 John Stewart	1834	1 Alex. Campbell	Knox Ch., N. Glasgow
1 John Campbell	1837	1 Hugh McDonald	St. Mary's
1 George Walker	1839	1 James McGregor	Primitive Ch., N. G.
1 James Bayne	1842	1 Henry Lowden	Prince St. Ch., Pictou
1 A. P. Miller	1844	1 William Dunn	Merigomish
1 Alex. Campbell.	1846		Lochaber
1 Alex. Sutherland.	1846	1 Hugh Gunn	Earltown
1 Duncan B. Blair	1846	1 William Irvin	Barney's River
John Munroe	1848		Wallace
1 George Patterson	1849	1 John Douglas	Green Hill
1 James Thompson	1854	1 Daniel Cameron	Central Ch., W. R.
1 George Roddick	1858	1 Robert Stewart	West River
1 John McKinnon	1858	1 John Haliday	Hopewell
1 Thomas Downie	1859	1 John McDonald	Antigonish
1 Thomas Sedgewick	1860	1 John Nelson	Tatamagouche
1 Alex. Ross	1860	John F. Logan	Knox Church, Pictou
		1 George Tattrice	River John

#### PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

1 John L. Murdoch	1825	Monson Goudge	Windsor and St. Croix
1 Andrew King	1830		
1 Robert Sedgewick	1836	1 James McCurdy	Musquodoboit
1 P. G. McGregor	1841	1 Donald Fraser	Poplar Grove, Halifax
1 George Christie	1842	1 Thomas W. Hilton	Yarmouth
1 William Duff	1843		Lunenburg
Walter Thorburn	1843		Hamilton, Bermuda
1 John Cameron	1845	1 James Fraser	Nine Mile River
1 John Hunter	1852	1 James Forman	Chalmers' Ch., Halifax
1 George M. Clark	1853	Philip Bower	Shelburne
William Forlong	1853	1 John S. Newcomb	S. Cornwallis
1 John M. McLeod	1853	Hiram Smith	Newport and Kempt
1 James McLean	1854	1 William Landalls	Shubenacadie, &c.
1 William Murray	1855	John Burgess	N. Cornwallis
1 Alex. Stuart	1856	1 Charles Taylor	Lawrencetown, &c.
1 Howard D. Steele	1856		Bridgewater, &c.
1 Alex. Macknight	1857	Peter McNab	Dartmouth
1 Alex. Wm. McKay	1857	Stephen Burgess	W. Cornwallis
1 James A. Murray	1858	George Runciman	Annapolis & Bridgetown
			Clyde R. Barrington, &c.

NOTE.—The numerals mark the sederunt at which members so marked were first present Names unmarked are the names of those who were not present.

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Hugh McLeod, D. D.	1836		
1 James Fraser	1836		Sydney
Matthew Wilson			Boularderie
Moses Harvey			Sydney Mines
Alex. Ross	1855		St. John's, N. F.
			Harbour Grace, N. F.
PRESBYTERY OF RICHMOND.			
1 Murdoch Stewart	1843		West Bay
1 William G. Forbes	1852		Plaister Cove
1 James Ross	1853		Grand River
PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.			
John Gunn			Broad Cove
1 Abraham McIntosh	1856		St. Ann's
2 Kenneth McKenzie	1857		Baddeck
1 Charles L. Ross	1853		Whycocomah
Donald Sutherland	1860		Cape North
PRESBYTERY OF PRINCETOWN.			
1 R. S. Patterson	1825	1 John Walker	Bedeque
1 Allan Fraser	1855	Archibald McNeil	Cascumpeque
1 Robert Laird	1860	Benjamin Bearisto	Princetown
		1 Malcolm McLean	Richmond Bay
			New London
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTETOWN.			
1 James Allan	1846	1 James McCallum	Cove Head
1 Isaac Murray	1850	William McNeil	Cavendish
1 George Sutherland	1854	Kenneth Henderson	Charlottetown
1 William Ross	1860	1 James McNeil	West River
1 Donald Morrison	1860	Allan McSwaine	Strathalbyn
PRESBYTERY OF GEORGETOWN.			
1 Alex. Munro	1850	1 Sweeney Campbell	Brown's Creek
1 Henry Crawford	1853	James Anderson	St. Peter's
1 Neil McKay	1855	Johnson Aitken	Murray Harbour
1 Donald McNeil	1857	William McDonald	Woodville
			Dundas
			Western St Peter's and
			Bay Fortune
PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.			
1 Thomas S. Crowe	1816	1 Robert Faulker	Maitland and Noel
1 James Smith, D.D.	1830	1 Samuel Creelman	Upper Stewiacke
1 John I. Baxter	1832	1 John B. Dickie	Onslow, &c.
1 James Ross, Professor	1835		
1 William McCulloch	1839	1 Samuel Archibald	Truro
1 Ebenezer Ross	1849	1 Isaac Fleming	Upper Londonderry
1 William S. Darragh.	1850	1 John Dickson	Goose River
Alex. L. Wyllie	1852	1 Thomas Davidson	Lower Londonderry
1 James McG. McKay	1855	1 James Graham	Economy
Samuel Johnston	1856		Harvey, N. B.
1 John Currie	1857	1 Andrew O'Brien	Maitland and Noel
1 Alex. Cameron	1857	1 Alex. Brenton	Middle Stewiacke and
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1 Jacob McLellan	1860		Maitland and Noel
		1 George Fullerton	Parrsboro'
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The Presbyteries of Halifax and Pictou were authorized to meet in this place immediately after the adjournment of Synod, and the Presbytery of Truro on the second Tuesday of November at Brookfield at 11 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of business.

On motion it was agreed, "That a Synodical Committee be associated with the Presbytery of Charlottetown, to endeavour to unite the two congregations of Charlottetown, and to effect a settlement of all the financial and other difficulties which may be involved," the committee to consist of Rev. D. B. Blair, Rev. Wm. Murray and Rev. J. McKinnon—Mr. Blair, convener, and the Presbytery of Charlottetown is hereby appointed to meet the Synodical Committee on Tuesday next in Charlottetown, at 11 o'clock A. M., the Pictou Presbytery to provide a substitute for Mr. Blair on Sabbath the 14th day of October.

Union of Congregations in Charlottetown

It was on motion agreed, "That the arrangement previously made for the supply of Professor Smith's pulpit be adhered to, and that the Pictou Presbytery be appointed to provide supply on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sabbaths of December, the Presbytery of Truro during the month of January, and the Presbytery of Halifax during the month of February."

Supply of Professor Smith's pulpit.

Rev. Professors King and Lyall, Rev Messrs. Murdoch, McGregor, J. Cameron, A. Sutherland, Hunter, Steele and McKnight, and Messrs. W. Anderson, P. Ross and J. Barnes, with Revs. J. Stewart, Dr. McLeod and G. Sutherland Corresponding Members, were appointed the Synod's Board of Home Missions—Mr. McKnight, convener.

Board of Home Missions.

The Rev. Messrs. Roy, John Stewart, Bayne, Blair, and Walker, with their Presbytery Elders, together with Rev. Messrs. Baxter, McCurdy and Isaac Murray as Corresponding Members, were appointed the Synod's Board of Foreign Missions—Rev. J. Stewart, chairman, Rev. J. Bayne, secretary.

Foreign Missions.

The Synod re-appointed the Committee on Colportage of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, with the addition of the Rev. Professor Lyall.

Colportage.

The Committee of Superintendence of the Synod's Seminary in Truro was also re-appointed, with the addition of the Rev. Professor Lyall, Rev. A. Sutherland, and Mr. James McKay.

Seminary.

The Synod adjourned, closing with prayer.

PETER G. MCGREGOR,  
WILLIAM DUFF,

*Synod Clerks.*

## FIFTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, half-past 7 o'clock, P.M.*

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

A letter was read from Messrs. Robert Boak and Peter Ross resigning their offices as members of the College Board, and assigning reasons.— Explanations having been given respecting the causes of resignation it was agreed that the Rev. Messrs. J. Stewart and Duff do request these

Resignations.

College Board. gentlemen to withdraw their resignation, and tender to them the thanks of Synod for their past services. The Synod then re-appointed the College Board, and farther added thereto the names of Messrs. C. Robson and J. S. McLean of Halifax.

Collection for Theological Education. On motion of Rev. William Murray the following resolution was adopted:—"Resolved, That the Synod would earnestly recommend the different congregations to make liberal contributions for its educational schemes, to the support of the Theological Seminary at Truro, and for the payment of the current expenses of the College in Halifax." The Rev. Messrs. McCulloch and William Murray were appointed a committee to prepare an address to the Churches on this subject.

Minutes. The Rev. A. Stuart, the convener of the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Free Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, reported that he found the minutes accurately kept and business regularly conducted. Ordered that the minutes be countersigned by the Moderator.

Statistical questions. Rev. Messrs. McGregor and McKnight were appointed a committee to issue a series of statistical questions for next year, and also to prepare for the consideration of next Synod a series of questions for Presbyterial Visitation.

Thanks to the acting committee on accommodation. Rev. George Patterson gave a general statement of the work of the committee appointed by the Joint Committee on Union to prepare accommodation for the audience expected to assemble to witness the Union of the two Synods, from which it appeared that the acting members of that committee had carried out the work entrusted to them with great zeal and assiduity, and had given much personal attention to the subject. It was therefore unanimously agreed, "That the Synod gratefully acknowledge the services of the committee, and as it appears that some members have given much time and labour in preparing the erection within which the Union was so auspiciously consummated yesterday, express through their Moderator *their entire satisfaction* with the whole arrangements in providing for the public, and for the members of Synod; and authorize the committee to draw from the Synod Fund any balance that may be found necessary to liquidate all expenses.

The Moderator then, in the name of the Synod, tendered to the gentlemen of the committee, who were present, the cordial thanks of the Synod for their services, expressing his conviction that they felt well rewarded by the successful results which their services had secured.

Thanks to people of Pictou. The following motion was then, like the last, passed by acclamation, "That the Synod feels called upon to express their obligation to the Christian friends in Pictou, who have so cordially and kindly entertained the members of this Synod during the present week."

Com. of Bills, &c. The Synod then appointed the Rev. Messrs. McGilvray, Roy, J. Stewart, Bayne, A. Ross of Pictou, and Mr. James McGregor, the Standing Committee of Bills and Overtures, and directed all Sessions to forward the commissions of Ruling Elders to a seat in Synod to that committee, if possible, one fortnight before the meeting of Synod.

Periodicals. Rev. Messrs. G. Patterson and McKnight were directed to retire for consultation respecting the periodicals to be issued during 1861.

Com. on Sabbath Observance. The Synod then appointed the Rev. Messrs. R. S. Patterson, Allan Fraser and Laird, with their Presbytery Elders, a committee on the subject of Sabbath Observance.

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The Rev. Messrs. Allan, J. Murray, G. Sutherland, Wm. Ross and Morrison, with their Presbytery Elders, were appointed a Committee on Temperance—Rev. J. Cameron to be a Corresponding Member. Com. on Temperance.

The Rev. Messrs. A. Munro, Crawford, N. McKay and McNeil, with their Presbytery Elders, were appointed a committee on the subject of Popery. Com. on Popery.

Abram Patterson, Esq., of Pictou, was appointed the Synod Treasurer for the present year, to take charge of all Synodical funds, except the Professorial and other funds invested in Halifax, it being understood that an office or place be provided where funds can be received and be disbursed promptly. Synod Treasurer.

Mr. Robert Smith of Truro, and Mr. James McCallum of Prince Edward Island, were appointed receivers of contributions to the Schemes of the Church. Receivers.

Rev. Messrs. Walker, J. Stewart, and Messrs. Roderick McGregor and Alexander Fraser, were appointed a Standing Committee to Audit the Accounts. Auditing Committee.

On motion of Rev. Wm. McCulloch, seconded by Rev. J. McCurdy, it was agreed "to appoint a committee to correspond with the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, and also with the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, on the subject of Union," the committee to consist of the Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, McCurdy, J. Cameron, Sedgewick, McKnight and Wm. Murray—Mr. Murdoch, convener. Committee of Correspondence on Union.

Mr. Patterson and Mr. McKnight having returned inquired what form the Synod preferred for their Missionary Periodical, when octavo was chosen; and in answer to farther inquiries, it was decided to issue one periodical only, of 32 pages, at 2s. 6d. per annum. It was agreed that Rev. G. Patterson should be Editor if it be published in Pictou, and Mr. R. Murray if published in Halifax. Periodicals.

Rev. Messrs. McKnight, McGregor, and Mr. C. Robson, were appointed a committee to receive tenders and take a general charge of the periodical.

It was agreed that subscriptions and collections be taken for the different schemes of the Church in all the congregations of the body; and that the time and mode of raising these be left to the decision of Sessions. Collections for Schemes.

On motion of Rev. G. Patterson, it was agreed that the expenses of Ministers and Elders in travelling to Synod be a charge on the Synod Fund after other necessary expenses are paid, and that the money usually paid out of the Synod Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia to the Professor of Theology, be hereafter paid out of the collections to be raised for theological education. Object of Synod Fund.

The Professors of Theology were appointed to prepare a series of questions to be assented to by Licentiates previous to their ordination. Ordination questions.

The Rev. Professor King, Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, McGregor and Steele, were appointed a committee to provide for the security of the Educational funds and property of the Synod, and to adopt such measures as they find to be necessary to secure the safety of Congregational property—Mr. Steele convener. Com. on Incorporation.

Ordered that the Printing Bill and necessary expenses of the Clerks in providing a Synod Book be paid. Printing Bill.

- Minutes.** Mr. McKnight was appointed to revise the Synod Minutes with the Clerks prior to publication.
- Next meeting.** Agreed that the next meeting of Synod be held in Chalmers' Church, Halifax, on the fourth Wednesday of June, at 11 o'clock, A. M.
- Adjournment.** The minutes of the present sederunt were read and passed. The Synod adjourned, after praise and prayer, with the Apostolic Benediction.

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