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Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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FIRST SEDERUNT.

At Pictou, and within the Prince Street Church there, Tuesday, the first day of October, one thousand, eight hundred and seventy-eight years, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening :

Which time the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, according to appointment. The retiring Moderator, the Rev. James Byers, of Clifton, conducted Divine Service, and preached a sermon from Judges xviii., v. 9: "Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and behold it is very good: and are ye still? Be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land;" after which he constituted the Synod with prayer.

CHANGES IN PRESBYTERIES.

The changes which had taken place during the past year in the several Presbyteries, as reported by their clerks, were read as follows:—

DEATHS.

Presbytery of Miramichi:—Rev. David Taylor, of Bass River, 28th April, 1878.

Presbytery of St. John:—Rev. William Richardson, of St. Andrew's, 18th July, 1878.

DEMISSIONS.

- Presbytery of Halifax*:—Rev. K. F. Junor, St. Andrew's, Bermuda, September 18th, 1877. Rev. J. F. Sutherland, St. Croix and Ellershouse, July, 1878.
- Presbytery of P. E. Island*:—Rev. William P. Archibald, Tryon and Bonshaw, 7th November, 1877.
- Presbytery of Truro*:—Rev. James McG. McKay, Economy, 31st December, 1877.
- Presbytery of St. John*:—Rev. William Caven, St. Paul's, Fredericton, 15th April, 1878.
- Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth*:—Rev. John Wallace, Collegiate charge of Lunenburg, 14th May, 1878.
- Presbytery of Newfoundland*:—Rev. James D. Patterson, St. Andrew's Church, St. John's, June, 1878. Rev. Moses Harvey, Free St. Andrew's, St. John's, June, 1878.
- Presbytery of Miramichi*:—Rev. James Law, St. Andrew's Church, Richibucto, October 16th, 1877. Rev. William M. Wilson, St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, 1st July, 1878.
- Presbytery of Pictou*:—Rev. H. McD. Scott, Merigomish, 15th September, 1878.

INDUCTIONS.

- Presbytery of Miramichi*:—Rev. David Taylor, Bass River, Oct'r 16th, 1877. Rev. William Fogo, Tabusintac and Burnt Church, October 30th, 1877. Rev. John Robertson, Black River, November 16th, 1877. Rev. William Murray, New Carlisle, November 17th, 1877. Rev. James C. Herdman, Campbellton, February 28th, 1878.
- Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth*:—Rev. William Robertson, Bridgewater, November 29th, 1877.
- Presbytery of Sydney*:—Rev. Allan McLean, Little Giace Bay Mines, December 5th, 1877.
- Presbytery of P. E. Island*:—Rev. William P. Archibald, Cavendish and New Glasgow, March 20th, 1878.
- Presbytery of St. John*:—Rev. P. Melville, M. A., B. D., Stanley and Nashwaak, May 4th, 1878.
- Presbytery of Wallace*:—Rev. S. Boyd, Wallace and Pugwash, July 9th, 1878.
- Presbytery of Halifax*:—Rev. Robert Laing, B. A., St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, March 29th, 1878.
- Presbytery of Newfoundland*:—Rev. D. F. Creelman, Bay of Islands, June, 1878.

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TRANSLATIONS.

- Rev. Matthew G. Henry, November 4th, 1877, from Clyde and Barrington, Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth to Shabencadie, Presbytery of Halifax, November 18th, 1877.
- Rev. George M. Grant, M. A., D. D., October 16th, 1877, from St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, Presbytery of Halifax, to the Principalship of Queen's College, Kingston, Presbytery of Kingston and Synod of Toronto and Kingston, January 8th, 1878.
- Rev. William Donald, July, 1878, from First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, Presbytery of Peterborough and Synod of Toronto and Kingston, to Prince Street Church, Pictou, Presbytery of Pictou, July 23rd, 1878.
- Rev. Ephraim Scott, September, 1878, from Milford and Gay's River, Presbytery of Halifax to United Church, New Glasgow, Presbytery of Pictou, September 24th, 1878.
- Rev. James A. F. McBain, October, 1877, from Drummondville, Presbytery of Hamilton and Synod of Hamilton and London to St. John's Church, Chatham, Presbytery of Miramichi, Oct. 15th, 1877.
- Rev. Malcom McKenzie, August, 1878, from Inverness, Presbytery of Quebec and Synod of Montreal and Ottawa to Richibucto, Presbytery of Miramichi, August 19th, 1878.

ORDINATIONS.

- Presbytery of Miramichi*:—Mr. James C. Herdman, without charge, November 6th, 1877.
- Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth*:—Mr. D. Stiles Fraser, Mahone Bay, November 30th, 1877.
- Presbytery of Truro*:—Mr. Jas. S. Carruthers, Coldstream, July 3rd, 1878. Mr. Alexander McLeod, M. A., Parrsboro', Sept. 11th, 1878.

LICENSURES.

- Presbytery of Truro*:—Mr. James S. Carruthers, May 1st, 1878.
- Presbytery of Pictou*:—Mr. Archibald Gunn, July 2nd, 1878.
- Presbytery of Sydney*:—Mr. Alexander Stewart, July 17th, 1878.
- Presbytery of Wallace*:—Mr. James A. McKeen, August 6th, 1878.

NEW CONGREGATIONS FORMED.

- Presbytery of P. E. Island*:—Third Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, June 12th, 1878.
- Presbytery of Newfoundland*:—The two congregations in St. John's, formerly known as St. Andrew's and Free St. Andrew's, were united under the name of *St. Andrew's Church*, June, 1878.

MINISTERS RECEIVED BY PERMISSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:—Rev. E. Roberts, July, 1878.

Presbytery of Truro:—Mr. A. W. McLeod, July, 1878.

In terms of the Rule of the General Assembly of June last, the Rev. George Patterson, D. D., Agent of the General Assembly for Manitoba College, was received as a member of the Presbytery of Pictou, and his name placed on the roll; also,—

By special permission of the Assembly, the names of the Revs. Moses Harvey, M. A., and James D. Patterson, were continued on the roll of the Presbytery of Newfoundland, until such a time as these brethren remove from its bounds.

ROLL.

The Roll of the Synod, composed of the Rolls of all the Presbyteries within its bounds, was then called, and the attendance of members marked. It is as follows, viz:—

* The asterisk indicates attendance.

1.—PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

| MINISTERS. | DATE OF ORDINATION. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | POST OFFICES. |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| H. McLeod, M.A., D.D. | Nov., 1833 | Wm. McDonald. | Mira..... | Sydney, C. B. |
| Matt'w Wilson, M. A. | June, 1842 | Wm. Gammell. | Sydney Mines..... | Sydney Mines. |
| Abraham McIntosh. | Aug., 1856 | D'ld McDonald. | St. Ann's, &c..... | St. Ann's, C. B. |
| Donald Sutherland. | June, 1860 | Philip McDonald. | Gabarus..... | Gabarus, C. B. |
| Allan McLean..... | ..... | Ang. McPherson. | Glace Bay Mines..... | Glace Bay, C. B. |
| * A. Farquharson..... | Dec., 1864 | D. McLennan..... | St. Andrew's, Sydney..... | Sydney, C. B. |
| D. McDougall..... | Nov., 1865 | * T. P. Jones..... | Cow Bay Mines..... | Cow Bay, C. B. |
| * John Murray..... | June, 1872 | D'ld Campbell..... | Boularderie..... | Boularderie. |
| * Peter Clarke..... | Jan., 1873 | A. D. McGillivray..... | Falmouth St. Church..... | Sydney, C. B. |
| * Gavin Sinclair..... | Nov., 1873 | Neil Stewart..... | Cape North..... | Cape North. |
| VACANCIES. | April, 1877 | ..... | Loch Lomond, &c..... | Loch Lomond. |
| ..... | ..... | Donald McKay..... | Grand River..... | Grand River. |
| ..... | ..... | Donald Lusk..... | Leitch's Creek, &c..... | Leitch's Creek |

A. FARQUHARSON, Presbytery Clerk.

2.—PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

| | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| * Murd'h Stewart, M.A. | Oct. 29, 1843 | ..... | Whycocomah..... | Whycocomah. |
| William G. Forbes.. | 1852 | * M'ch McLennan. | Port Hastings, & R. Dennis. | Port Hastings. |
| * Kenneth McKenzie. | Dec. 2, 1867 | David McCurdy. | Baddeck and Forks..... | Baddeck. |
| * Alexander Grant..... | Dec. 6, 1871 | ..... | Lake Ainslie & N. Margaree. | Lake Ainslie. |
| * A. F. Thompson..... | Sep. 8, 1874 | Walt'r McDonald. | Mabou and Port Hood..... | Mabou. |
| Alexander McRae..... | June 7, 1877 | Angus J. McIver. | Middle River & Little Nar's. | Middle River. |
| * John McLean..... | July 4, 1877 | Hugh McKinnon. | Broad Cove..... | Broad Cove. |
| VACANCIES. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | West Bay and St. Peters.. | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | Malagawatch..... | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | River Inhabitants..... | ..... |
| | | | N. E. Margaree..... | |

KENNETH MCKENZIE, Presbytery Clerk.

MINISTERS

James Watson
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W. S. Duff
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H. B. McKay
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Samuel Boyd
Thos. Sedgwick
J. M. Sutherland
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George Watson

A. P. Miller
D. B. Blair
Geo. Patterson
Alex. McLeod
James Thomson
Wm. Maxwell
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George Ross
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Wm. Donald
Peter Good
T. Cummin
Wm. Stuart
E. A. McLeod
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J. F. Fortin
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VACANCIES

John I. I.
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Alex. C.
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J. H. Ch.
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VACANCIES

3.—PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

| MINISTERS. | DATE OF ORDIINATION. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | POST OFFICES. |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| James Watson..... | Oct. 15, 1830 | | New Annap. | New Annap. |
| C. G. Glass..... | | R'tt Drummond | Spring Hill. | Spring Hill. |
| W. S. Dafragh..... | Nov 12, 1850 | Thos. Mitchell. | Goose River. | Goose River. |
| James Murray..... | Nov. 3, 1852 | Alex. Ross..... | Wallace (St. Matthew's) | Wallace. |
| H. H. McKay..... | J'ne 22, 1857 | Wm. Redmond. | River John. | River John. |
| Thos. Tallach..... | J'ne 24, 1857 | J. H. Thompson | Amherst..... | Amherst. |
| Samuel Boyd..... | Nov. 24, 1858 | Norman McLeod | Wallace and Pugwash. | Wallace. |
| Thos. Sedgewick..... | Sep. 19, 1860 | John Ross..... | Tatamagouche | Tatamagouche |
| J. M. Sutherland..... | Dec. 6, 1872 | Andrew Coum. | Pugwash and Oxford | Pugwash. |
| VACANCIES. | | | | |
| | | Wm. Creighton | New Annap. | New Annap. |
| | | Alex. McLean. | Earltown & W. B. R. John | Earltown. |
| | | H. D. Chisholm | Wentworth. | Wentworth. |
| | | James Anos. | Chemogue & Port Elgin, N.B. | Chemogue, N.B. |

THOMAS SEDGWICK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

4.—PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|---|-----------------|
| John Stewart..... | Oct., 1834 | | Deliberative member..... | New Glasgow. |
| George Walker..... | 1838 | | Pastor Emeritus of United Church, N. G..... | New Glasgow. |
| A. P. Miller..... | May 7, 1844 | Paul Grant..... | French River..... | Merigomish. |
| D. B. Blair..... | Oct. 26, 1846 | James McDonald | Barney's River & Blue Mt. | Barney's River |
| Geo. Patterson, B. D. | Oct. 31, 1849 | | Agent for Manitoba College | New Glasgow. |
| Alex. McLean, A. M. | Dec. 14, 1852 | Peter Ross..... | Hopewell..... | Hopewell. |
| James Thompson..... | Feb. 22, 1854 | John Millar..... | Little Har. & Fisher's Grant | Little Harbor. |
| Wm. Maxwell..... | J'y. 13, 1854 | John Ferguson | Central Church..... | Westville. |
| John Lees..... | J'y. 10, 1855 | Wm. P. Crockett | West Ile & Middle River. | Durham. |
| George Roddick..... | May 11, 1858 | Francis Henry | West River..... | Durham. |
| Alex. Sterling..... | June, 1858 | John Brown..... | Scotsburn and Salt Springs | Scotsburn. |
| Alex. Ross, A. M. | Sep. 19, 1860 | J. D. McDonald. | Knox Church, Pictou..... | Pictou. |
| Wm. Donald..... | Oct. 31, 1860 | James Stalker. | Princes St. Church, Pictou. | Pictou. |
| Peter Goodfellow..... | Jan. 29, 1862 | Dunc. Chisholm. | Antigonish & Cape George. | Antigonish. |
| T. Cumming..... | Sep. 3, 1863 | Duncan McLean. | Stellarton..... | Stellarton. |
| Wm. Stuart..... | Oct. 31, 1866 | Robert McLean. | Greenville..... | Greenville. |
| E. A. McCurdy..... | May 17, 1865 | Harvey Graham. | James' Church, N. Glasgow | New Glasgow. |
| A. McL. Sinclair..... | J'y. 25, 1866 | John Grant..... | East River..... | Springville. |
| J. F. Forbes..... | Feb. 27, 1867 | Donald Sinclair. | Union Centre and Lochaber | Union Centre. |
| R. Cumming..... | Mch 16, 1869 | Henry Archibald. | Glenelg, Cadonia, Ke..... | Melrose. |
| James Quinn..... | Aug 11, 1873 | David Mckean. | Sherbrooke..... | Sherbrooke. |
| Ephraim Scott..... | Sep. 29, 1875 | G. Murray, M. D. | United Church, N. Glasgow | New Glasgow. |
| W. T. Bruce, M. D. | Sep. 26, 1878 | Wm. Pickens..... | Vale Colliery and S. River. | Sutherland's R. |
| VACANCY. | | | | |
| | | John Meikle..... | Merigomish..... | |

THOMAS CUMMING, *Presbytery Clerk.*

5.—PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

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| John I. Baxter..... | May, 1832 | | Retired..... | Truro. |
| Wm. McCulloch, D.D. | Feb. 14, 1839 | J. L. Archibald. | Truro 1st Pres. Church..... | Truro. |
| James Byers..... | May, 1845 | Matt'w McCurdy | Clifton..... | Clifton. |
| Ebenezer Ross..... | Oct. 31, 1849 | | Retired..... | Truro. |
| James McLean..... | Nov 13, 1854 | Joseph Peppard | Great Village..... | Great Village. |
| Alex. Cameron..... | Sep. 16, 1857 | Henry Fulton..... | Riverside..... | Port-au-Pique. |
| Andrew Burrows..... | J'ne. 29, 1864 | Isaac Dunlap..... | Truro West..... | Truro. |
| John McMillan..... | Mar 26, 1866 | John S. Grouse | St. Paul's, Truro..... | Truro. |
| James Sinclair..... | Sep. 10, 1867 | Robert Morrison | Upper Londonderry..... | Folly Village. |
| J. H. Chase, M.A. | May 5, 1869 | Alex. Barnhill. | Onslow..... | Onslow. |
| Edward Grant..... | Oct. 29, 1869 | Samuel Smith. | Stewiacke..... | Stewiacke. |
| Edwin Smith, B. A. | Oct. 30, 1871 | Jacob Harvey | Middle Stewiacke..... | Mid. Stewiacke |
| John A. Logan..... | Aug. 7, 1877 | Ebenezer Beattie | Acaula..... | Acaula Iron M. Valley. |
| James S. Carruthers | July 3, 1878 | Charles Christie. | Coldstream..... | Parrsboro'. |
| A. W. McLeod, M. A. | Sep. 11, 1878 | Thomas McKay. | Parrsboro'..... | Parrsboro'. |
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| | | John Hill..... | Economy..... | Economy. |
| | | Wm. Logan..... | Springside..... | Up. Stewiacke. |
| | | Wm. Patrick..... | Maccan..... | Maccan. |
| | | | | North River. |

Mission Station—North River.

J. H. CHASE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

6.—PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

| MINISTERS. | DATE OF ORINATION. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | POST OFFICES. |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| R'bt. Sedgewick, D.D. | Sept., 1836 | Wm. Sedgewick. | Musquodoboit | Musquodoboit |
| * P. G. McGregor, D. D. | Oct., 1841 | | Halifax. | Halifax. |
| Walter Thorburn | | | Warwick, Bermuda | Warwick, B'ida. |
| * R. F. Burns, D. D. | Jly. 18, 1847 | * Isaac Murray | Fort Massey, Halifax | Halifax. |
| Prof. Pollock, D. D. | Dec 15, 1852 | | Halifax. | Halifax. |
| A. L. Wylie | Oct., 1852 | * Angus McLeod. | Richmond and N. W. Arm. | Richmo d. |
| * Thomas Duncan | Oct., 1856 | * W. Pender | St. Andrew's, Halifax. | Halifax. |
| * Alex. Stuart. | Oct. 30, 1856 | * Thos. Hiltz | Lawrencetown, &c. | Porter's Lake. |
| Prof. McKnight, D. D. | Feb. 26, 1857 | | Halifax. | Halifax. |
| Prof. Currie | Aug 12, 1857 | | Halifax. | Halifax. |
| D. McKinnon | | * Chas. N. Sprott. | Little River | Little River. |
| * M. G. Henry | Feb., 1865 | * James Fisher. | Shubenacadie & Stewiacke. | Shubenacadie. |
| * Charles B. Pitblado. | Feb. 15, 1865 | * R. Murray. | Chalmers' Church, Halifax. | Halifax. |
| * Peter M. Morrison | Sep., 1865 | Judge James. | Dartmouth | Dartmouth. |
| * Andrew J. Mowat. | June 5, 1866 | * John Sweet. | Windsor | Windsor. |
| * Allan Simpson | Aug. 7, 1866 | Rev. A. McBean. | Poplar Grove, Halifax. | Halifax. |
| * John Forrest | Dec. 13, 1866 | Robert Emerson | St. John's, Halifax. | Halifax. |
| * Samuel Bernard | 1867 | Robt. McLennan | Noel. | Noel. |
| * E. G. McNab | May 19, 1867 | Hiram Smith. | Newport. | Newport. |
| * John B. Logan | Oct. 1, 1867 | H. O. Newcomb. | Kentville | Kentville. |
| A. B. Dickie | Dec 22, 1869 | John Kirker | Sheet Harbor | Sheet Harbor. |
| L. G. Macneill | Nov 11, 1872 | | Maitland. | Maitland. |
| Robert Laing | June 18, 1873 | | St. Matthew's, Halifax | Halifax. |
| * James Kosborough | Jly 23, 1873 | Wm. Anderson. | Musquodoboit Harbor. | Musquod'bt H. |
| David Neish | Dec. 2, 1873 | * Wm. J. Burgess. | North Cornwallis | Canard. |
| * Isaac Simpson | 1873 | * John Parker. | Upper Musquodoboit. | U. Musquod'bt |
| * Adam Gunn | Feb. 8, 1876 | | Gore and Kenfetcook. | Kennetcook. |
| VACANCIES. | | | | |
| | | Daniel Cameron. | Annapolis and Bridgetown | |
| | | | West Cornwallis | |
| | | * T. A. Malcom. | Kempt and Walton | |
| | | | Elmsdale & Nine Mile Riv. | Elmsdale. |
| | | | Milford and Gay's River. | Milford. |
| | | Nathan Spence. | St. Croix and Ellershouse. | St. Croix. |

JOHN FORREST, *Presbytery Clerk.*

7.—PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG & YARMOUTH.

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| William Duff | 1842 | | Lunenburg | Lunenburg. |
| Donald McMillan | 1861 | Edward Moser. | LaHave | La Have. |
| William Robertson | 1865 | Andrew Gow. | Bridgewater | Bridgewater. |
| * John C. Meek | 1872 | | Carlton and Chebogue | Carlton, Yar. |
| * Eben. D. Millar, B.A. | 1873 | John Bower | Shelburne, &c. | Shelburne. |
| * Thomas H. Murray. | 1876 | Abraham Hebb. | Riversdale, &c. | Riversdale. |
| * Dan'l McGregor, B.A. | 1877 | Isaac Romkey. | New Dublin | New Dublin. |
| * D. Stiles Fraser, B. A. | 1877 | George Zwicker. | Mahone Bay | Mahone Bay. |
| VACANCIES. | | | | |
| | | John Douglas. | Yarmouth | Ya mouth. |
| | | James Nelson. | Clyde River & Barrington. | Clyde River. |

D. STILES FRASER, *Presbytery Clerk.*

8.—PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

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|-----------------------|------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Angus McMaster | 1842 | Without charge. | Arran, Scotland | Arran, Scot'd. |
| James Law | | | Ireland | Ireland. |
| * Thos. G. Johnstone. | 1855 | W. H. Grindley | Blackville, N. B. | Blackville, N. B. |
| Wm. Murray, M. A. | 1856 | | New Carlisle, P. Q. | N. Carlisle, P. Q. |
| Thomas Nicholson | 1859 | | River Charlo, N. B. | Riv. Charlo, N. B. |
| * M. McKenzie | 1862 | | Richibucto | Richibucto. |
| * William McCullagh. | 1863 | Geo. Sutherland | Redbank | Redbank. |
| * James Anderson | 1865 | * Thos. Mullin | Newcastle | Newcastle. |
| John Robertson, M.A. | 1868 | Rod. McKenzie. | Black River | Black River. |
| William Fogo | 1868 | | Tabusintac | Tabusintac. |
| * S. Houston, M. A. | 1869 | George Walls. | Bathurst | Bathurst. |
| * J. A. F. McBain | 1869 | Alex. Gillis | St. John's Ch., Chatham. | Chatham. |
| A. Russell | 1876 | * Thomas Reid | Dalhousie | Dalhousie. |
| * J. C. Herdman, B.D. | 1877 | * Robt. Bustead. | Campbellton | Campbellton. |
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9.—PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

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| J. M. Brooke, D. D. | 1839 | | St. Paul's | Fredericton. |
| A. Donald | 1842 | John Kelly | Retired | Campbell Set. |
| J. Bennett, D. D. | 1843 | D. Mitchell | St. John's | St. John. |
| L. Jack | 1845 | Charles Stewart | Springfield, etc. | Springfield. |
| W. Millen | 1846 | | Boabes, etc. | BaySide, St. A's |
| D. MacIse, D. D. | 1848 | A. G. Bowes | Calvin | St. John. |
| J. McG. McKay | 1855 | | St. Paul's | Woodstock. |
| D. McRae | 1856 | John Hegan | St. Stephen | St. John. |
| S. Johnson | 1856 | Thos. Elliott | Chipman | Chipman, Q.C. |
| J. Gray | 1857 | Jas. McKinnan | Sussex | Sussex. |
| D. Waters, M.A., LL.D. | 1861 | R. Cruikshank | St. David's | St. John. |
| J. D. Murray | 1865 | O. Chipman | Buctouche, &c | Buctouche. |
| J. Hogg | 1868 | Jonathan Wier | St. John | Moncton. |
| W. Mitchell, B. A. | 1869 | St. Andrew's | St. Andrew's | St. John. |
| J. C. Burgess, B. A. | 1870 | Geo. McKilligan | Carleton | Carleton, St. J'n |
| P. Melville, M.A., B.D. | 1870 | Wm. Craig | Stanley and Nashwaak | Stanley. |
| W. P. Hegg, M. A. | 1872 | Judge Stevens | St. Stephen | St. Stephen. |
| K. McKay, B. A. | 1872 | Jos. Harvey | Richmond | Richmond. |
| M. R. Paradis | 1875 | | Grand Falls | Grand Falls. |
| W. Ross, B. A. | 1876 | | Prince William, etc. | Prince William |
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J. C. BURGESS, Presbytery Clerk.

10.—PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

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| R. S. Patterson, A. M. | 1826 | George Burns | Bedeque | Bedeque. |
| Alex. Campbell | 1846 | John McKenzie | Strathalbyn | Strathalbyn. |
| James Allan | 1846 | | Cove Head | Cove Head. |
| Isaac Murray, D. D. | 1850 | Jas. Henderson | New London | Clifton. |
| Alex. Munro | 1850 | | Brown's Creek, Valleyfield. | Valleyfield. |
| K. McLennan, A. M. | 1852 | Peter Gragor | Charlottetown | Charlottetown |
| Wm. Scott | 1853 | Alex. Martin | S. Peter's & Brackley Pt. Rds | St. Peter's Rd. |
| Henry Crawford | 1853 | | Richmond Bay | Port Hill. |
| John M. McLeod | 1855 | Henry Davison | Charlottetown | Charlottetown |
| Noll McKay | 1855 | | Summerside | Summerside. |
| John McKerron | 1858 | Duncan Fraser | G'get'n Cardin' & Montag'e | Georgetown. |
| Robert Laird | 1860 | Neil Kelly | Prinetown | Prinetown. |
| Wm. R. Frame | 1862 | Wm. H. Douglas | Mt. Stewart & W. St. Peter's | M't. Stewart. |
| John G. Cameron | 1869 | | Bay Fortune & Souris | Souris. |
| William Grant | 1869 | Ewen McMillan | W. & C. Rivers & Brookfield | West River. |
| Samuel C. Gunn | 1870 | H. D. Anderson | East St. Peter's | E. St. Peter's. |
| Charles Fraser | 1871 | | West Cape | West Cape. |
| Arthur F. Carr, A. M. | 1871 | David Gordon | Alberton and Tignish | Alberton. |
| John Sutherland | 1873 | Wm. Rod. Munn | Woodville & Little Sands | Woodville. |
| W. P. Archibald, A. M. | 1875 | John McKenzie | Cavendish and N. Glasgow | Cavendish. |
| E. S. Bayne, A. M. | 1876 | William Ross | Murray Harbor | Murray Har. |
| VACANCIES. | | | | |
| | | James Nicholson | Belfast | |
| | | James Hunter | Dundas | |
| | | | Tryon and Bonshaw | |
| | | Rev. D. McNeill | Up'r Pine St., Charlottet'n. | |

J. M. McLEOD, Presbytery Clerk.

11.—PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

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| Moses Harvey, M. A. | | | Retired | St. John's. |
| Alexander Ross | | John Munn | Harbor Grace | Harbor Grace. |
| J. D. Patterson | | | Name on Roll by leave of Assembly | |
| D. F. Creelman | Apl. 25, 1876 | Angus Morrison | Bay of Islands | St. John's. |
| VACANCIES. | | Jas. Goodfellow | St. And'w's Ch., St. John's. | St. John's. |
| | | | Betts' Cove | Betts' Cove. |

ALEX. ROSS, Presbytery Clerk.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

Nominations to the office of Moderator, sent up by certain Presbyteries, were read. These were by the Presbyteries of Sydney and Prince Edward's Island, in favor of Rev. A. Ross, A. M. : by the Presbytery of Wallace, in favor of Rev. James Thompson : by the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, in favor of the Rev. Dr. Burns : and by the Presbytery of Halifax, in favor of Rev. A. McLean, A. M. The Rev. A. McLean requested that, on account of recent illness his name be dropped from the list of nominations. His request was granted. It was then moved by Rev. James Thompson and seconded by Rev. Dr. Burns, that Rev. A. Ross be Moderator of this Synod for the year. On being put to the House, this motion was unanimously carried. Mr. Ross was conducted to the chair, and thanked the House for the honor conferred.

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

The thanks of the Synod were unanimously tendered to the retiring Moderator, for his conduct in the chair, and for the excellent sermon with which he opened this meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The Business Committee gave in a report, proposing the order of business for to-morrow morning and evening, and embodying certain recommendations. The report was received, and its recommendations adopted. These were of the following tenor :—

1.—HOURS OF MEETING.

The hours of meeting for the present Session shall be : in the forenoon, from ten o'clock until one ; in the afternoon, from three o'clock until six ; and in the evening, from half-past seven until half-past nine.

2.—COMMITTEES.

To make arrangements for the Conference on the State of Religion to-morrow evening :—Rev. Thomas Duncan, convener ; Revs. E. A. McCurdy, A. Russell, E. D. Millar, and W. Donald, with Messrs. Matthew McCurdy, Donald Sinclair, and Thomas Reid, elders.

To examine the Records of Presbyteries :—

St. John and Miramichi.—Revs. A. J. Mowatt and J. Sutherland, with Dr. Murray, elder.

P. E. Island.—Revs. J. A. F. McBain and Kenneth McKay, with Mr. R. Bustead, elder.

Sydney, and Victoria and Richmond.—Revs. J. C. Herdman and William Grant, with Mr. W. G. Pender, elder.

Pictou and Wallace.—Revs. M. G. Henry and John Murray, with Mr. David McCurdy, elder.

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Truro, and Lunenburg and Yarmouth.—Revs. Ephraim Scott and Isaac Simpson, with Mr. Duncan Davidson, elder.

Halifax and Newfoundland.—Revs. Edwin Grant and E. D. Millar, with Mr. Jonathan Weir, elder.

On Synod Finance:—Revs. A. McLean, Sinclair, James Anderson, and Joseph Hogg, with Mr. Isaac Murray, elder.

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

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Pictou, and within the Prince Street Church there; Wednesday, the second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight 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.

(An hour was spent in devotional services.

The minutes of the First Sederunt were read and sustained.

ASSEMBLY EXTRACTS.

The following certified extracts of Assembly were read, and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes:—

At Hamilton, and within Central Church there, the nineteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, which day the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada being met and constituted—Sederunt, &c. Inter alia:

The General Assembly, on the report of the Judicial Committee, adopted the following as their deliverance in the case of appeal on the part of the Presbytery of Sydney, against a deliverance of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces. "Sustain the appeal: And inasmuch as the Presbytery of Sydney, in erecting the Stations of Lingan and Victoria, and continuing them as such, acted in accordance with their constitutional rights,—their action is hereby confirmed."

Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by

W. M. REID, D. D., *Joint-Clerk of General Assembly.*

At Hamilton, and within Central Church there, the eighteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met and was constituted. Sederunt, &c. Inter alia:

"The General Assembly, on the report of the Committee on the Licensure of Students of Divinity, agreed to grant the prayer of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, with respect to W. E. Gillies."

Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by

W. M. REID, D. D., *Joint-Clerk of General Assembly.*

NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Synod be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Truro, on the last Tuesday of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

APPEAL.

Read papers in a protest and appeal of the Rev. A. F. Thompson and others against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond, anent "Large gatherings at Communion held in the open air." Parties were called. Compeared, Revs. A. F. Thompson and John McLean, on behalf of the appellants, and Revs. Murdoch Stewart, M.A., and Kenneth McKenzie, on behalf of the Presbytery. The appellants were then heard.

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

THIRD SEDERUNT.

In the same place, and on the same day,

At three o'clock in the afternoon :

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

The minutes of the Second Sederunt were read and sustained.

LETTER FROM DR. SEDGEWICK.

The Moderator read a letter from Dr. Sedgewick, communicating the sad intelligence of the death of his wife, and asking for the prayers of the Synod. The Synod, led by Rev. A. Stirling, engaged in special prayer for the bereaved father. Dr. Burns, Dr. McGregor, and the Moderator, were appointed a committee to answer the letter, and convey the sympathy of the Synod to Dr. Sedgewick and his bereaved family.

APPEAL CONTINUED.

Resumed the unfinished business of the last Sederunt.

Revs. Murdoch Stewart and Kenneth McKenzie defended the action of the Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Thompson was heard in reply. After some further information was elicited by questions, the parties were removed from the bar.

Moved by Dr. Patterson, seconded by Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, and passed unanimously:—

"The Synod sustain the appeal, and reverse the decision of the Presbytery, so far as it declares it to be incompetent on the part of that Court to deal with the matter under consideration."

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION BY A GOVERNOR OF DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

A letter was read from Charles Robson, Esq., intimating to the Synod the resignation of his position as one of the Governors of Dalhousie College.

It was agreed that :

"The Synod receive the intimation of Mr. Charles Robson's resignation of the office of Governor of Dalhousie College with regret; and, while thanking him for his services to the Church, and to the cause of education, acquiesce in the same; and instruct the clerk to give notice to the Board of Governors of this fact."

NOMINATION OF SUCCESSOR TO MR. ROBSON.

It was further agreed :

"That the Rev. John Forrest be nominated as the successor of Mr. Robson; and the clerk was instructed to inform the Board of the nomination."

OVERTURE ANENT INCREASE OF SALARIES OF THE THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORS.

There was read the following overture of the Presbytery of Pictou to this Court :

"Whereas, The Board of Superintendence recommended to the last General Assembly to increase the salaries of the Professors in the Theological Hall, Halifax, to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) a year;

Whereas, This recommendation is to be taken into consideration by the Assembly which is convened to meet in Ottawa next June;

Whereas, Owing to the general depression in business, there is a great scarcity of money in the Provinces at the present time;

Whereas, The Theological Hall in Halifax is wholly dependent upon the Synod of the Maritime Provinces for its support;

And Whereas, Three of the Professors in Dalhousie College are also supported by our Synod;

Therefore, It is humbly overtured, by the Presbytery of Pictou to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, to take into consideration whether it is advisable, or otherwise, to increase the salaries of our Theological Professors, and to make known its opinion upon this matter to the General Assembly."

Revs. A. McLean Sinclair and Edward McCurly were heard in support of the overture.

It was moved by Dr. Burns, and seconded by Rev. Thos. Duncan :

"The Synod receives the overture from the Presbytery of Pictou, and hereby records its judgment, that the Salaries of the Professors in our Theological Hall should be raised to the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) a year.

During the discussion on this motion, the hour for adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned accordingly, to meet in this place, at half-past seven in the evening, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

In the same place, and on the same day,

And at half-past seven o'clock in the evening :

Which time the Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by Rev. Thomas Duncan, Moderator, *pro tempore*.

The Minutes of the Third Sederunt were read and sustained.

CONFERENCE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The Synod entered upon the order of business, the Conference on the State of Religion.

Revs. Thomas Cumming, Dr. Waters, J. A. F. McBain, John McLeod, Alexander Farquharson, Kenneth McKenzie, Edward Grant, H. B. McKay, D. Stiles Fraser, and Allan Simpson, gave interesting accounts of the State of Religion in their respective Presbyteries. The addresses were interspersed with prayer and praise.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed to prolong the Sederunt till ten o'clock.

Revs. Kenneth McLean, James Thompson, and R. D. Patterson, and Mr. Stalker, elder, directed attention to various important matters, bearing on the subject.

DELIVERANCE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The following deliverance, moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Hon. David McCurdy, was passed unanimously :—

“The Synod records its gratitude to God, at the evidences of progress in the various departments of christian life and work, which the reports from the different Presbyteries supply. The Synod rejoices in the numerous additions to the church of saved ones; in the growing interest manifested in the stated services of the Sabbath, as well as in our Prayer Meetings, Sabbath Schools, and Bible Classes; in the spirit of enlarged and enlightened liberality exemplified; and in the growth of a healthy temperance sentiment. The Synod, at the same time, finds reason sufficient to mourn over the prevalence of lukewarmness, worldly conformity, the neglect, in not a few instances, of family religious culture, and close personal dealing with souls; and earnestly inculcates the continuance, with increasing intensity, of fervent prayer and faithful effort, to the end that in a yet more marked manner, the time to favor our beloved Zion, yea, the set time may come.”

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Moved by Dr. Waters, seconded by Rev. H. B. McKay :

“That a Committee on the State of Religion be appointed, with instructions to prepare a report, and make the necessary arrangements for holding a Conference on the State of Religion, at the next meeting of Synod.

It was agreed that the debate on this motion be adjourned to a future Sederunt.

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A Committee, consisting of Revs. James Anderson and William Donald, was appointed to draw up suitable notices of brethren deceased since last meeting of Synod.

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

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Halifax, and within the Prince Street Church there, Thursday, the third day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight years, and at ten o'clock in the forenoon :

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

The Minutes of the Fourth Sederunt were read and sustained.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

It was agreed that the Business Committee be empowered to nominate Standing Committees of the Synod.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Rev. M. G. Henry gave notice that he will move this afternoon for the appointment of a Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

PROFESSORS' SALARIES.

Resumed the debate on the motion of Dr. Burns, anent the increase of the Theological Professors' salaries.

Moved in amendment, by Rev. James McLean, seconded by Rev. Thomas Cumming :

"Receive the overture, and recommend the General Assembly to raise the salaries of our Theological Professors in Halifax to One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,750) a year each, in the mean time, with the expectation that, ere long, they may be raised to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000)."

At this stage, the discussion on this business was suspended to take up the order of the day,

SYNOD FINANCE.

Rev. A. McLean Sinclair gave in the report of the Committee on Synod Finance, showing the receipts to be quite equal to the expenditure.

The report was received, and the thanks of the Synod were given to the Committee, and especially to the convener.

DERATE ON PROFESSORS' SALARIES, CONTINUED.

Resumed the consideration of the increase of the Professors' salaries, when it was agreed to limit speakers on this subject to ten minutes each.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, by Rev. D. B. Blair, seconded by Rev. James Thompson :

"The Synod, having taken up the subject of the increase of the salaries of our Theological Professors, and having considered the matter with due deliberation, find that, while it is desirable and necessary that the minimum salary of all our Professors should be Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000); nevertheless, in the present state of affairs in the commercial world, it is not expedient to make the increase to that amount; the Synod would therefore advise, in the meantime, to delay the matter until the whole of the Endowment Fund of One Hundred Thousand Dollars shall have been collected."

Moved, as a third amendment, by Dr. McGregor, seconded by Rev. John McLeod :

"The Synod would join in the application made by the Board of Superintendence to the General Assembly, for an increase in the salaries of our Theological Professors to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) per annum, as just in itself, and necessary to give them a comfortable maintenance ;

The Synod recognizes equally the claims of our Professors in Dalousie College to fuller support. But as our funds will not admit of an increase to the same extent at present, and as the Dalhousie Professors have for a series of years had, and still have, some emoluments which the Theological Professors have not enjoyed, the Synod feels it cannot go farther in present circumstances, than to recommend the Board of Superintendence to take steps to have the salaries increased to One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800), including fees."

Subsequently, Dr. McGregor withdrew the first part of his motion, and gave notice that he would move the second part, so soon as the vote on the other motions should be taken. The Synod then proceeded to vote, when Mr. McLean's motion was carried over Mr. Blair's by eighty-one to nineteen, and over Dr. Burns' by sixty to thirty-six. The yeas and nays were then taken on Mr. McLean's motion, when it was carried by seventy-six to six, and became the judgment of the House. It is as follows :

"Recommend the General Assembly to raise the salaries of our Theological Professors in Halifax to seventeen hundred and fifty dollars (\$1750) a year each, in the mean time, with the expectation that ere long they may be raised to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

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

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

The Minutes of the Fifth Sederunt were read and sustained.

Dr. McGregor moved, seconded by Rev. John McLeod :

"That the salaries of our Professors in Dalhousie College be increased so as to amount to seventeen hundred and fifty dollars (\$1750), including fees or other college income."

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Waters, seconded by Mr. McCurdy :

"That it is inexpedient, in present circumstances, to make any change in the salaries which the Professors in Dalhousie College receive from the funds of this Church."

On being put to the House, the amendment was carried over the motion by fifty-six to twenty-two, and became the judgment of the House.

INSTRUCTION TO CONGREGATIONS TO TAKE COLLECTIONS FOR COLLEGE
FUND AND ALL OTHER SCHEMES.

It was moved by Rev. P. Goodfellow, seconded by Rev. James Anderson, and unanimously resolved :

"That the Synod notice with regret that a large number of congregations did not, during the past year, contribute to the ordinary College Fund, and hence a large deficit in that fund; and enjoin it upon Presbyteries to take order that all the congregations within their respective bounds do contribute to this Fund, and all other schemes of the Church."

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION

Took up Dr. Waters' motion for a Committee on the State of Religion. On being put to the House, the motion was carried, and the following Committee was appointed, by the Moderator:—Rev. Thomas Duncan, convener; Revs. Dr. Burns, Wm. Donald, A. Burrowes, John Murray, Ernest Bayne, J. A. F. McBain, Joseph Hogg, E. D. Millar, A. Ross, with Hon. D. McCurdy, I. S. Murray, and Donald Sinclair, elders.

OFFER OF A MUSEUM.

Rev. James Thompson brought before the Synod an offer from Dr. McCulloch to bestow on this Synod a Museum, which was the property of his late brother, Professor McCulloch.

It was moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. Bennet, and unanimously resolved :

"That the cordial thanks of this Synod be tendered to Dr. McCulloch for his generous offer; and remit to the Board of Superintendence to make all further arrangements in connection with the terms of its acceptance."

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Rev. M. G. Henry brought forward his motion for the appointment of a Committee on Systematic Beneficence. It was duly seconded, and unanimously passed, and the following Committee was appointed: Rev. E. McCurdy, convener; Revs. M. G. Henry, E. D. Millar, Allan Simpson, Ephraim Scott, Joseph Hogg, John McLeod, R. Laird, James Murray, with their respective Presbytery elders.

HUNTER FUND.

Dr. McGregor presented and read the report from the Committee on the Hunter Building Fund. It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the report be received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee.

REPORTS ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The Reports of the several committees on the examination of the Presbytery Records were read. These reports were to the following effect:

1.—That the Records of the Presbyteries of Pictou, Wallace, Truro, Halifax, St. John, and Miramichi, were accurately kept, and the business regularly conducted.

2.—That the Records of the Presbyteries of Victoria and Richmond, Lunenburg and Yarmouth, and Sydney, were correctly kept, with the exception of slight inaccuracies, which were noted.

3.—That the Records of the Presbyteries of P. E. Island and Newfoundland were not presented,—the former because of the late clerk being unable to engross the minutes, by reason of severe bodily injuries."

It was agreed that the reports be received, and the Records be duly attested. Furthermore the clerk was instructed to call the attention of the Presbytery Clerks to the inaccuracies noted, and to notify the Presbyteries, whose Records are not on the table at this Synod, to produce them at the next.

OBITUARIES.

Rev. James Anderson reported on behalf of the committee to draw up memorial notices of deceased brethren. The report was received and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes, and copies sent to the widows of the deceased. It is as follows:

REV. DAVID TAYLOR.

Mr. Taylor, of Bass River, Presbytery of Miramichi, died suddenly April 28th, 1878. He was a native of Methven, Perthshire, Scotland, and for seventeen years before coming to Canada, he was minister of a congregation at Dermont Union, Presbytery of Berwick-on-Tweed. In the year 1872, he moved to this country, and was settled at Spencerville, Ont., where he remained until the consummation of the Union, when he resigned his charge, with a view to the consolidation of the interests of the United Church in that locality. In 1877 he was inducted to the pastorate of Bass River, where his labors were terminated by his much lamented death. Mr. Taylor was a man of scholarly parts and amiable disposition,—a faithful and acceptable preacher of the Gospel, whose sudden death was deeply regretted by his co-presbyters and a much attached congregation.

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REV. WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

Mr. Richardson was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, August 1st, 1834, and died July 18th, 1878, at New York, U. S. At a comparatively early age he came to Canada, where he received part of his professional training, completing his course in Edinburgh. He received license in 1862, and was ordained in the Spring of the following year at Selsonburg, in the Presbytery of Paris. After laboring for some years in that field with great diligence and fidelity, his health gave way, and, in consequence, he felt obliged to resign his charge. In 1876 he was inducted into the pastoral charge of Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, N. B., the people of which mourn him much, and will remember him long. Mr. Richardson was very faithful, earnest, and searching as a preacher, the only magnet he used being the attraction of the cross. As a pastor, he was in the highest degree diligent and untiring. As a man, he was preëminently distinguished by a high and delicate sense of honor, and by the most scrupulous integrity. As a friend and co-worker, he will be long and affectionately remembered by his brethren.

MINUTE OF SYMPATHY WITH DR. SEDGWICK.

The Committee appointed to draft a reply to Dr. Sedgewick's letter, reported the following minute, which was received, and ordered to be engrossed in the Records, and a copy sent to Dr. Sedgewick :

"The Synod records its deep sympathy with Dr. Sedgewick on the irreparable loss he has sustained. While reverently recognizing the sovereignty of the all-wise Disposer of all events, in taking away the desire of his eyes with a stroke, the Synod cordially recommends our venerable Father, in this the hour of his sore sorrow, to the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, praying in his behalf that he may be comforted in all his tribulation, that he may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comforts wherewith he himself is comforted of God."

R. F. BURNS,
P. G. MCGREGOR,
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STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Business reported the nomination of the following brethren, as members of the Standing Committees, viz. :

1. *Committee on Public Education.*—Messrs. C. B. Pitblado (Convener of General Committee), Thomas Duncan, John Forrest, Dr. McCulloch, Messrs. E. A. McCurdy, C. Robson, J. J. Bremner. Dr. Waters, Messrs. D. Magee, J. C. Burgess, S. Houston, J. McGregor McKay, Robert Cruikshank, John R. Nicholson. Dr. Isaac Murray, Messrs. K. McLennan, J. McKinnon, R. Laird, A. F. Carr, Alex. McKinnon, and Professor Anderson. The first named from each Province to be Convener of the sub-Committee in the Province.

2. *Committee of Bills and Overtures, and of Business.*—Thomas Sedgewick, convener; Samuel Houston, John McLeod, A. McLean Sinclair, John Forrest, J. C. Burgess, John McMillan.

The report was received and adopted.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet in this place, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

In the same place, and on the same day,

At half-past seven in the evening :

Which time the Synod of the Maritime Provinces met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by Rev. Samuel Houston, at the request of the Moderator.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

The report of the Committee on Public Education having been called for, the Rev. C. B. Pitblado made a statement in connection with the Committee's work, and explained why there is no report.

The order of business was then taken up.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Dr. Patterson, the Assembly's Agent for the Manitoba College, addressed the Synod on the spiritual condition and wants of Manitoba and the North West, and the work carried on in that vast field.

It was moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. Bennet, and unanimously resolved :

"This Synod has listened with deep interest to the lucid statement of Dr. Patterson with reference to the claims of our Church in Manitoba and the North West, congratulates our beloved Brother on his appointment by the General Assembly, as Agent for the College in that rapidly rising portion of the Dominion, and commends him and his mission to the sympathy and liberality of the churches in the Father-land, whither he is about proceeding."

Dr. McGregor made a statement of the financial condition of our several mission and other funds, calling special attention to the large adverse balances in some of the accounts.

Dr. Waters spoke on the claims of the Home Mission field, Dr. McGregor on the state of our Foreign Missions, and the need of systematic giving to support and carry on the work, Dr. Burns on the endowment and support of the Theological Hall.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO THE COMING GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

It was moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. Waters, and unanimously resolved :

"This Synod expresses great gratification at the appointment of the Marquis of Lorne, a son-in-law of our beloved Sovereign, as our next Governor General. That in the event of His Excellency and the Princess Louise arriving at Halifax—as has been announced—an address of welcome be presented to them, signed by the Moderator, in the name of this Synod, and that the following Committee be appointed to prepare said address:—The Moderator, Dr. McGregor, Mr. Simpson, Principal Macknight, together with the mover and seconder, it being understood that such ministers and elders of the church as may be in Halifax at the time, be associated with the Committee in its presentation."

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VOTES OF THANKS.

It was moved by Dr. McGregor, duly seconded, and unanimously resolved:

"That the thanks of this Synod be given:

1. To the Christian friends of the town and neighbourhood of Pictou for their abundant hospitality, in entertaining the members; also, to the Committee of Arrangements, and especially to the Convener, for the manner in which they discharged their duties; and to the ministers and office-bearers of this Church, for the use of this building and committee rooms across the street during our meetings.
2. To the several Railway and Steamboat Companies, for their kindness in reducing the fares to and from Pictou."

It was agreed:

"That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee on Business, especially the Secretary, for the efficient manner in which they performed their work."

The minutes of this Sederunt were read and sustained.

CLOSING OF SESSION.

The Synod sang a portion of the hundred and twenty-second Psalm, after which the Moderator declared the Court adjourned, to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Truro, on the last Tuesday of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, and closed the Session with the Benediction.

PETER M. MORRISON,

Clerk.

ALEX. A. ROSS, M. A.,

Moderator.

Pictou, October 3rd, 1878.