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THIRTEENTH SYNOD

OF THE

Maritime Provinces,

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA, OCTOBER 5 8, 1886.



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FIRST SEDERUNT.

At Truro, and within St. Andrew's Church there, Tuesday, the fifth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and at half-past seven in the evening :

Which time and place the Synod of the Maritime Provinces met pursuant to adjournment, and after divine service, conducted by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Thomas Sedgwick, during which he preached a sermon from the text Rom. 1 : 16 : "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek," was constituted with prayer.

ROLL

The Clerk called the Roll and marked members present with an * as follows :—

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	Edward Roberts	1853	Walter McDonald	Mabou and Port Hood	Mabou, C. B.
2	Kenneth McKenzie	Oct. 2, 1857	Hon. D. McCurdy	Baddeck and Forks	Baddeck, C. B.
3	Donald McPongall	Nov. 15, 1805	Robert Hill	West Bay	West Bay, C. B.
4	Alexander Grant	Dec. 4, 1871	John McLean, Jr.	Lake Ainslie	E. Lake Ainslie.
5	Alexander McKae	June 7, 1877	Kenneth McLennan	Middle River	Middle River.
6	Angus McMillan	Jan. 25, 1882	John McPhail	Malagawatch & R. Dennis.	Malagawatch.
7	John Rose	Aug. 12, 1884	Angus McLeod	Whycoonaah	Whycoonaah.
8	Roderick McLeod	July 27, 1886	Alex. Campbell	Strath Lorne	Strath Lorne.
9	VACANCIES.			Pt. Hastings & R. Inhabit	Port Hastings.
10				Little Narrows	Little Narrows.
11				Big Intervale, Whale Cove, Chetticamp	Margaree Harbor.

KENNETH MCKENZIE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

1	Hugh McLeod, D.D.	1833	Retired	Sydney, C. B.
2	I. Murray, D.D.	1850	D. McKay	North Sydney
3	A. McIntosh	1856	Malcolm McLeod	St. Ann's and North Shore
4	D. Sutherland	1860	Alexander McLeod	Gabarus
5	D. McMillan	1861	J. McLunis	Sydney Mines
6	A. Farquharson	1864	D. McLennan	S. Andrew's, Sydney
7	W. Grant	1869	Thos. Carmichael	Cow Bay
8	D. Drummond	1872	D. Campbell	Boularderie
9	J. Murray	1873	A. D. McGillivray	Falmouth St., Sydney
10	Peter Clark	1874	A. D. McGillivray	Cape North
11	J. A. Forbes	1881	N. McDonald	Glouce Bay Mines
12	H. McQuarrie	1885	A. McDonald	Leitch's Creek
13	W. R. Calder	1886	Wm. McLeod	Mira
14	VACANCIES.		Grand River	
			J. McCuish	Loth Lomond

JOHN MURRAY, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

1	A. P. Miller	May 7, 1844	Retired	Merigonish.
2	D. B. Blair	Oct. 26, 1846	Donald Ross	Blue Mt. & Barney's River.
3	Alex. McLean, M.A.	Dec. 14, 1852	Daniel Shaw	Hopewell
4	Robert Laird	June 12, 1860	Robert Fraser	Little Riv. and Fish. Grant
5	E. A. McCurdy	Jul. 20, 1860	James Church, N. Glasgow	West Glasgow.
6	A. McL. Sinclair	July 25, 1866	Simon Fraser	East River
7	J. P. Forbes	Feb. 27, 1867	Daniel McDonald	West River and Green Hill.
8	Robert Cunningham	Mch. 16, 1869	Daniel McPherson	Westville & Middle River.
9	J. H. Turnbull, M.A.	June 19, 1872	Dr. Kennedy	Sharon Church, Stellarton.
10	E. Scott	Sep. 20, 1878	Andrew Walker	United Church, N. Glasgow
11	A. W. McLeod, M.A.	Sep. 11, 1878	Daniel Cameron	New Glasgow.
12	J. R. Munro, B.A.	Aug. 19, 1879	Nathan Pushee	Vale Colliery & Suth. Riv.
13	J. L. George, M.A.	Dec. 20, 1881	*Donald McDonald	Vale Colliery.
14	P. C. S. Lord, B.D.	Oct. 2, 1883	*James Mitchell	Antigonish.
15	John Ferry	July 15, 1884	Neil McQuarrie	Sherbrooke & Goldenville.
16	G. S. Carson, B.A.	Sep. 15, 1886	Alex. McKay	Merigonish.
17	VACANCIES.			Glenelg, E. R. & Caledonia.
18			*Daniel McDonald	Glenelg.
19			*Wm. Inglis	Glenelg.
			Irving	Knox Church, Pictou
				Pictou.
				Prince Street, Pictou
				Union Centre & Lochaber.
				Scotsburn, Hermon & S. Sp.

E. A. McCURDY, *Presbytery Clerk.*

No.	MINISTERS.
1	W. S. Darrac
2	H. B. Mack
3	Sannel Boy
4	Thos. Sockley
5	D. Macgreg
6	J. A. McK
7	J. M. Robin
8	R. C. Quinn
9	VACAN
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14	R. F. Burn
15	Allan Pol
16	William M
17	Alex. McK
18	John Curr
19	P. M. Mor
20	John Mc
21	John For
22	Allan Sim
23	Ebenezer
24	A. B. Dick
25	Jacob Lay
26	J. M. All
27	Robert La
28	H. H. McP
29	Adam Gu
30	*E. S. Bay
31	Thos. H.
32	J. C. Cate
33	J. A. McK
34	T. C. Jack
35	T. A. Nel
36	J. A. Cate
37	Anderson
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PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	W. S. Darragh	Nov. 12, 1850	T. Mitchell	Linden	Linden.
2	H. B. Mackay	June 22, 1855	R. Cunningham	St. Matthew's, Wallace	Wallace.
3	Samuel Boyd	Nov. 1858	W. McDonald	Knox Church, Wallace	Wallace.
4	Thos. Sedgwick	Sep. 19, 1860	D. Donaldson	Tatamagouche.	Tatamagouche.
5	D. Macgregor	May 24, 1877	P. McSween	Amherst	Amherst.
6	J. A. McKenzie	Sep. 19, 1882	T. A. Fraser	Pugwash and Oxford	Pugwash.
7	J. M. Robinson	Aug. 14, 1882	Thos. Fraser	Spring Hill	Spring Hill.
8	R. C. Quinn	Nov. 6, 1883	E. Langille	New Annan & Wentworth	New Annan.
9	VACANCIES.			Earlton & W. B. Riv. John	Earlton.
10				River John	River John.
11				Earlton & W. B. Riv. John	Earlton.

THOMAS SEDGWICK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

1	George Christie	July 22, 1842		Bedford	Bellford.
2	John Cameron	Sep. 17, 1844		Bridgetown	Bridgetown.
3	R. F. Burns, D.D.	July 18, 1847	John S. Maclean	Fort Massey, Halifax	Halifax.
4	Allan Pollok, D.D.	1852		Professor, Pine Hill	Halifax.
5	William Maxwell	1852		Annapolis	Annapolis.
6	Alex. McKnight, D.D.	Feb. 26, 1857		Principal, Pine Hill	Dartmouth.
7	John Currie, D.D.	Aug. 12, 1857		Professor, Pine Hill	Halifax.
8	M. G. Henry	Feb. 3, 1864	James Wright	Shubenacadie	Shubenacadie.
9	P. M. Morrison	Sept., 1865	W. McV. Smith	Dartmouth	Dartmouth.
10	John McMillan, D.D.	Dec., 1866	Robert Murray	Chalmers Church, Halifax	Halifax.
11	John Forrest, D.D.	Dec., 1866		Principal, Dalhousie	Halifax.
12	Allan Simpson	Aug. 7, 1866	O. M. Hill	Park Street, Halifax	Halifax.
13	Ebenezer McNab	May 19, 1867	Hiram Smith	Newport	Newport.
14	A. B. Dickie	Dec. 22, 1869	Robert Logan	Milford, &c.	Milford.
15	Jacob Layton	Nov. 22, 1871	Thomas Logan	Elmsdale.	Elmsdale.
16	J. M. Allan	Jan. 22, 1873	Isaac Creighton	Richmond, Halifax	Halifax.
17	Robert Laing, M.A.	Nov. 24, 1875	George Mitchell	St. Matthew's, Halifax	Halifax.
18	H. H. McPherson, M.A.	Jan. 18, 1876	J. K. Munnis	St. John's, Halifax	Halifax.
19	E. S. Bayne, M.A.	Feb., 1876	Joseph McLaren	Middle Musquodoboit	M. Musquodoboit
20	Adam Gunn, B.A.	May 25, 1876	James Sellars	Gore and Kennetcook	Up. Kennetcook.
21	Thos. H. Murray	Aug. 29, 1877	Donald Archibald	Lawrencetown	Lawrencetown.
22	J. C. Cattanech, M.A.	Oct. 22, 1878	Dr. Creelman	St. Andrew's, Halifax	Halifax.
23	J. A. McKeen, B.A.	Oct. 16, 1879	John Dill	Hamilton, Bermuda	Bermuda.
24	T. C. Jack, B.A.	Sep. 7, 1880		Maitland	Maitland.
25	A. Nelson	May 7, 1882	Peter Green	Windsor	Windsor.
26	A. Cairns, M.A.	Aug. 2, 1883	William Hay	Upper Musquodoboit	U. Musquodoboit
27	Anderson Rogers, B.A.	Nov. 6, 1883	Geo. Loomer	Yarmouth	Yarmouth.
28	K. D. Ross	Dec. 18, 1883		Wolfville	Wolfville.
29	S. Rosborough, M.A.	July 23, 1884		Sheet Harbor	Sheet Harbor.
30	Wm. Dawson, B.D.	Jan. 13, 1885		Canard	Canard.
31	Jas. Anderson, M.A.	1884		Musquodoboit Harbor	Musquod'bt Har.
32	J. R. Fitzpatrick			Carleton, &c.	Cheboque, Yar. Co
33	W. E. Archibald, B.D.			Kentville	Kentville.
34	VACANCIES.			Lower Musquodoboit	L. Musquodoboit.
35				Kenput and Walton	Kenput.
36				Noel	Noel.

ALLAN SIMPSON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG AND SHELburne.

1	William Duff	May 23, 1843		Lunenburg (Pas. Emeritus)	Lunenburg, N. S.
2	Henry Crawford	Oct. 18, 1853	Josiah Sarty	Riversdale, &c.	Mossman's Gt., Lun
3	Duncan McKinnon	June 4, 1862		Lockeport and East Jordan	Lockeport, N. S.
4	J. A. Annand, M.A.	June 23, 1872		Missionary, New Hebrides	c/o Miss McGregor
5	T. S. Simpson, B.A.	July 16, 1873	Edward Moser	LaHave	130 Gott'gn St, Hx
6	Jas. Rgsborough, M.A.	July 23, 1873	John Bowers	Shelburne	Lower LaHave.
7	E. D. Millar, B.A.	Oct. 28, 1873		Lunenburg	Shelburne, N. S.
8	D. Stiles Fraser, B.A.	Nov. 30, 1877	Henry Eisenhaur	Mahone Bay	Lunenburg, N. S.
9	James K. McClure	Oct. 23, 1886		Clyde and Barrington	Mahone Bay, N.S
10	VACANCIES.			Bridgewater	Clyde, Shelb. Co.
11				New Dublin	Bridgewater, N.S.
12	MISSION STATION.			The Rocks.	West Dublin, Ln.
					Lunenburg, N. S.

D. STILES FRASER, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	Wm. McCulloch, D.D.	Feb. 14, 1839			Truro.
2	Ebenezer Ross	Oct. 31, 1840			Truro.
3	James Maclean	Nov. 13, 1854	Joseph Peppard	Great Village	Great Village.
4	Alexander Cameron	Nov. 16, 1857	A. D. Fulton	Riverside	Portauquié.
5	Thomas Cumming	Sep. 22, 1863	J. K. Blair	St. Andrew's	Truro.
6	J. D. McGillivray	Feb. 7, 1865	John Loughhead	Clifton	Clifton.
7	James Sinclair	Sep. 11, 1867	Henry M. Cottan	Upper Londonderry	Folly Village.
8	J. H. Chase, M.A.	May 7, 1869	Alexander Baird	Omslow	Omslow Station.
9	Edward Grant	Oct. 25, 1869	Robert W. Frame	Stewiacke	Stewiacke.
10	S. C. Gunn	Nov. 16, 1870	David Fulton	Springville	Upper Stewiacke.
11	Edwin Smith, B.A.	Oct. 3, 1871	James Kennedy	M. Stewiacke & Brookfield	Middle Stewiacke
12	W. T. Bruce, M.D.	Sep. 27, 1876	Charles Christie	Coldstream	Valley.
13	*J. A. Logan	Aug. 6, 1877	Ebenezer Beattie	Acadia	Acadia Mines.
14	J. F. Dufan	Nov. 11, 1881	John McDonald	St. Pauls.	Truro.
15	VACANCIES.		Thomas McKay	Parrshors	Parrshors.
16			W. Y. Loughhead	1st Presby Congregation	Truro.
17			John McGrath	Economy.	Economy.

J. H. CHASE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

1	A. Donald	May 16, 1842		Retired	Hampton, N. B.
2	J. Bennet, D.D.	Mich. 30, 1843		Clerk	St. John, N. B.
3	L. Jack	June, 1845		Retired	Springfield, N.B.
4	W. Millen	June, 1846		Deceased	St. Andrew's, N.B.
5	*J. McE. McKay	June 20, 1855	Frederick Chapman	Sheelie and Shemogue	Port Elgin, N.B.
6	S. Johnston	May 24, 1856	Wm. Fowler	Chipman	Chipman, N. B.
7	D. Macrae, B.D.	June 21, 1856	Arthur McLean	St. Stephen's, St. John	St. John, N. B.
8	James Gray, M.A.	Mich. 6, 1857	Wm. Morrison	Sussex	Sussex, N.B.
9	J. S. Mullen	Dec. 31, 1861		Nashuaak and Stanley	Stanley.
10	J. A. F. Sutherland	May 4, 1864	John McLeod	St. James	St. James'.
11	J. D. Murray	Feb. 2, 1865	Dr. W. G. Kings	Buctouche	Buctouche.
12	*A. J. Mowatt	June 15, 1866	John Edwards	St. Paul's, Fredericton	Fredricton.
13	J. Hogg	Oct. 1, 1868	Jonathan Wier	St. John's, Moncton	Moncton.
14	*Wm. Stuart	May 17, 1865	J. Wilson	Carleton	Carleton, S. John
15	*Kenneth McKay, B.A.	Feb. 22, 1872	Robert Hay	Richmond	Richmond.
16	*T. F. Fotheringham	July 21, 1875	D. Mitchell	St. John Presb. Church	St. John.
17	G. Bruce, B.A.	Sept. 1, 1875	Andrew Doids	St. David's, St. John	St. John.
18	*Wm. Ross, B.A.	Nov. 14, 1876		Prince William	Prince William
19	Arch. McDougall	Oct. 20, 1879	C. H. Doig	Calvin Church	St. John.
20	G. Shore	May, 1871		St. Stephen	St. Stephen
21	J. K. Bearisto	Dec., 1869	John Simpson	Glasville	Glasville.
22	J. A. McLean	Dec. 9, 1879	A. Coburn	Harvey	Harvey, York Co.
23	A. Gunn, B.A.	Feb., 1876		Greenock, St. Andrew's	St. Andrew's.
24	D. Fluke	May 5, 1885		MISSION STATIONS.	
25	*P. Langille	Oct. 27, 1885		New Kincardine	New Kincardine.
26	J. Ross	May 4, 1886		Hampton, &c.	Hampton.
27	W. C. Calder	May 4, 1886		South Richmond	South Richmond.
28	W. McDonald	May 4, 1886		Pisarinco	Pisarinco.
29	*J. A. Cahill	May 4, 1886		Quaco, &c.	Quaco.
30	R. Haddow	May 4, 1886	John King	Springfield	Springfield.
31	*Thos. Stuart	Jan. 26, 1886		Riverside	Riverside.
32	VACANCIES.			St. George.	St. George.
33			Dr. Jas. Walker	St. Andrew's, St. John	Fairville, S. John
34			Alex. Henderson	St. Paul's, Woodstock	Woodstock.
35	MISSION STATIONS.				
36				Campbell's Settlement, &c.	
37				Londonderry, Mch. Set, &c.	
38				Ballie and Tower Hill	
39				Dorchester, Rockland, &c.	
40				Nerepis and Clarendon	
41				South Richmond	
42				McAdam Junction	
43				Lakeville, &c.	
44				Grand Falls and Van Buren	
				Tobique	
				Golden Grove	

JAMES BENNETT, D. D., *Presbytery Clerk.*

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1	Peter Linds
2	Thos. G. Job
3	Neil McKay
4	Thomas Nicl
5	John McKay
6	Wm. Aitken
7	John Robert
8	A. Ogilvie B
9	F. Wallace G
10	Wm. Handl
11	A. F. Thom
12	*Alex. Russ
13	F. W. Geor
14	J. H. Camer
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25	Wm. Scott
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27	4 Alexander
28	William R
29	Allan MacL
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31	7 John Georg
32	8 Arthur P.
33	9 W. F. Arch
34	10 Alexander
35	11 James Car
36	12 A. S. Stew
37	13 George Mc
38	14 Wm. A. M
39	15 Ewan Gill
40	16 John McL
41	17 Malcolm C
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PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

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1	Peter Lindsay, B.A.	Oct. 12, 1853	John Fallon	New Richmond	New Richmond, Q.
2	Thos. G. Johnstone	June 21, 1855	W. H. Grindley	Blackville and Derby	Blackville, N. B.
3	Neil McKay	Sep. 19, 1855	David McHardy	St. John's, Chatham	Chatham.
4	Thomas Nicholson	Mar. 11, 1858	George White	Retired.	River Charlo.
5	John McCarter	Aug. 31, 1862	Joseph White	Redbank	Redbank, N. B.
6	Wm. Aitken	Aug. 16, 1864	John Nicholson	Newcastle	Newcastle.
7	John Robertson, M.A.	July 3, 1868	Capt. H. Cameron	Black River	Black River.
8	A. Ogilvie Brown	Apr. 13, 1870	P. D. Gerrard	Campbellton	Campbellton.
9	F. Wallace Waits, B.A.	June 13, 1872	James Edgar	St. Andrew's, Chatham	Chatham.
10	Wm. Hamilton	Jan. 13, 1874	James Porteous	Richibucto	Kingston.
11	A. F. Thomson	Sep. 8, 1874	G. M. Duncan, M.D.	Bathurst	Bathurst.
12	Alex. Russell	Feb. 22, 1876	Thomas Reid	Dalhousie	Dalhousie.
13	F. W. George, M.A.	Mar. 15, 1882	James Gillies	New Carlisle, Hopetown, &c.	New Carlisle, Q.
14	J. H. Cameron	June 6, 1882	John Miller	Bass River	Bass River.
VACANCIES.					
15			Joseph Simpson	Tabusintac and Burnt Cl.	Tabusintac.
16			George White	Charlo, New Mills, &c.	River Charlo.
17			James Henderson	Douglastown	Douglastown.
MISSION STATIONS.					
18				Flatlands, Metapedia, &c.	Flatlands.
19				Escuminac	Escuminac, Que.
20				New Bandon	New Bandon.
21				Caraquet and Miscou	Caraquet.
22				Kouchibouguac	Kouchibouguac.

E. WALLACE WAITS, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

1	James Allan	Jan., 1846		Cove Head	Cove Head.
2	Wm. Scott	1853	James Slavert	Belepue	North Belepue.
3	John M. McLeod	Nov. 9, 1853	Samuel C. Nash	Zion Church, Charlottetown	Charlottetown.
4	Alexander Sterling	June, 1857	Donald McLeod	Clifton and Granville	Clifton.
5	Allan McLeod	June 19, 1862	John Meltae	Tryon and Bonslaw	Hampton.
6	William R. Frame	Aug. 13, 1862	Retired.		Charlottetown.
7	John George Cameron	Mch. 14, 1867	John Mills	Souris and Bloomfield	Alberton.
8	Arthur F. Carr, M.A.	Oct. 4, 1871	John Simpson	Alberton and Bay Fortune	Souris.
9	W. P. Archibald, M.A.	Sep. 25, 1875	Isaac A. Bears	Cavendish & N. Glasgow	Cavendish.
10	Alexander Raulston	1878	T. C. James	Murray Harbor	Murray Harbor, N.
11	James Carruthers	July 8, 1878	Donald McLeod	St. James, Charlottetown	Charlottetown.
12	A. S. Stewart	Mch. 26, 1879	George Thompson	Belfast	Belfast.
13	George McMillan, B.A.	June 30, 1880	Archd. Ferguson	Long River & Summerfield	Long Riv., N. L.
14	Wm. A. Mason, B.A.	Feb. 9, 1881	Angus Mathewson	Cardigan and Dundas	Cardigan Bridge.
15	Ewan Gillies	Aug. 24, 1881	John McKenzie	Strathalbyn	Strathalbyn.
16	John McLeod	Aug. 30, 1881	Donald Beaton	Woodville, Little Sands, &c.	Woodville.
17	Malcolm Campbell	Aug. 30, 1881	Henry Douglass	Mount Stewart, &c.	Mount Stewart.
18	A. B. McLeod	Aug. 31, 1882	Isaac Thompson	St. Peter's, &c.	Marshfield, Q'ns.
19	A. W. Mahon	Oct. 4, 1883	Peter Ross	Georgetown & Montague	Georgetown.
20	Wm. H. Spencer	Oct. 2, 1884	Thomas McNeill	Tignish, Montrose, &c.	Montrose.
21	George Fisher	Oct. 6, 1884	Angus Bruce	Valleyfield & Brown's Creek	Valleyfield.
22	Roderick McLellan	Nov. 17, 1885		East St. Peter's	Midgel, s. Peter's
23	James McKenzie	Mch. 16, 1836			
VACANCIES.					
24			Thomas Brehat	Summerside	Summerside.
25			John McDonald	West and Clyde Rivers, &c.	New Glasgow.
26				W. Cape, Campbellton, &c.	
27				Richmond Bay, West.	
28				Richmond Bay, East.	
29				Orwell Head	

JOHN M. McLEOD, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

1	Moses Harvey, M.A.	1843	Retired.		
2	L. G. Macneill, M.A.	Nov. 12, 1872	James Bryden	St. Andrew's, St. John's.	St. John's.

Presbytery Clerk.

CHANGES.

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

DEATHS.

- Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond*: Rev. Wm. G. Forbes, 20th Sept. 1886.
- Presbytery of Truro*: Rev. J. I. Baxter, Onslow, Jan. 1st, 1886.
- Presbytery of Halifax*: Rev. P. G. MacGregor, D. D., Agent of the Church, Halifax, Feb. 5th, 1886; Rev. James Ross, D. D., late Principal Dalhousie College, Dartmouth, March 15th, 1886.
- Presbytery of Miramichi*: Rev. Angus McMaster, formerly of New Mills, at Arran, Scotland, 6th April, 1886.
- Missionary*: Rev. J. W. McLeod, missionary at Princetown, Trinidad, April 1st, 1886.

DEMISSIONS.

- Presbytery of Sydney*: Rev. Hugh McLeod, Mira, November, 1885, retired.
- Presbytery of Pictou*: Rev. Wm. Donald, Prince St. Church, Pictou, May 4th, 1886.
- Presbytery of Truro*: Rev. Alexander Ross, Parrsboro, Sept. 30th, 1885. Rev. William McCulloch, D. D., 1st Church, Truro, Dec. 31st, 1885, retired. Rev. A. F. Thompson, Economy, July 31st, 1886.
- Presbytery of Halifax*: Rev. John Wallace, Warwick, Dec. 31st, 1885. Rev. Edward Thorpe, Noel, Feb. 1st, 1886.
- Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne*: Rev. Archibald Brown, New Dublin, April 20th, 1886.
- Presbytery of St. John*: Rev. G. S. Allen, St. Paul's, Woodstock, May 4th, 1886.
- Presbytery of Newfoundland*: Rev. Richmond Logan, Harbor Grace, June, 1886.

TRANSLATIONS.

- Presbytery of Pictou*: Rev. J. F. Forbes, Union Centre and Lochaber to West River and Green Hill, Jan. 13th, 1886.
- Presbytery of P. E. Island*: Rev. William Grant, West and Clyde Rivers and Brookfield to Cow Bay, Presbytery of Sydney, April 25th, 1886.

INDUCTIONS.

Presbytery of Sydney: Rev. William Grant, Cow Bay, May 11th, 1886.

Presbytery of Pictou: Rev. J. H. Turnbull, M. A., recently of Fall River, Presbytery of Boston, Sharon Church, Stellarton, Nov. 17th, 1885. Rev. J. F. Forbes, West River and Green Hill, Jan. 13th, 1886.

Presbytery of Halifax: Rev. John M. Allen, Richmond, Halifax, Dec. 22nd, 1885. Rev. J. C. Cattanaeh, M. A., St. Andrew's, Halifax, January 15th, 1886. Rev. W. E. Archibald, B. D., Kentville, Aug. 10th, 1886.

Presbytery of Miramichi: Rev. Neil McKay, St. John's, Chatham, Oct. 9th, 1885. Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown, Campbellton, Jan. 5th, 1886. Rev. J. H. Cameron, Bass River, Feb. 4th, 1886. Rev. A. F. Thompson, Bathurst, Aug. 11th, 1886.

Presbytery of P. E. Island: Rev. A. B. McLeod, Mount Stewart and West St. Peters, May 20th, 1886.

ORDINATIONS.

Presbytery of Sydney: Mr. W. R. Calder, Mira, Sept. 29th, 1886.

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond: Mr. Roderick McLeod, Strath Lorne, July 27th, 1886.

Presbytery of Truro: W. L. Macrae, Missionary to Trinidad, July 6th, 1886.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne: Mr. James K. McClure, Oct. 23rd, 1885.

Presbytery of St. John to Mission Fields: Mr. D. Fiske, New Kincaidine, Oct. 8th, 1885. Mr. T. Stewart, Home Mission Field, Jan. 26th, 1886. Mr. J. Ross, South Richmond, May 4th, 1886. Mr. J. A. Cahill, Springfield, May 4th, 1886. Mr. W. McDonald, Quaco, May 4th, 1886. Mr. W. C. Calder, Pisarino, May 4th, 1886. Mr. R. Haddow, Riverside, May 4th, 1886.

Presbytery of P. E. Island: Mr. Roderick McLean, Valleyfield and Brown's Creek, Nov. 17th, 1885. Mr. James W. McKenzie, East St. Peters, March, 16th, 1886.

LICENSURES.

Presbytery of Sydney: Mr. J. P. Gerrior, April, 1886. Mr. W. R. Calder, August 10th, 1886.

Presbytery of Truro: Mr. William M. Fraser, Oct. 5th, 1886.

Presbytery of Halifax: Messrs. W. L. Macrae, J. H. McLennan, and Roderick McLeod, April 28th, 1886.

Presbytery of St. John: Messrs. J. Ross, J. A. Cahill, W. McDonald, W. C. Calder, and R. Haddow, May 4th, 1886.

ENROLMENT.

Presbytery of Halifax: Rev. John Cameron, supplying Bridgetown for a year, May 20th, 1886.

NEW CONGREGATION.

Presbytery of P. E. Island: Orwell Head received from Church of Scotland, July 7th, 1886.

ADDRESS OF RETIRING MODERATOR.

The retiring Moderator after acknowledging the uniform courtesy shown him during his occupancy of the Chair, called upon the Synod to elect his successor.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Clerk read the nominations of Presbyteries to the Moderatorship, from which it appeared that the Presbytery of Pictou had nominated the Rev. A. McLean, of Hopewell, and the Presbytery of Truro the Rev. John McLeod, of Zion Church, Charlottetown.

On motion of Dr. McCulloch, seconded by Rev. T. Cumming, Rev. A. McLean, of Hopewell, was unanimously chosen Moderator. On taking the Chair the new Moderator cordially thanked the Synod for the confidence reposed in him, and spoke with gratitude to God of the growth of the Church since his connection with it, in which growth the honored brethren that went to their reward since last Synod were eminent instruments. He also called attention to the importance of the work to which the Synod has now to address itself.

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Macrae, seconded by Dr. Burns, the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the retiring Moderator for his conduct in the Chair and for the excellent and appropriate sermon with which he opened this Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS.

Rev. A. McLean Sinclair submitted the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, and moved that it be received and its recommendations considered. The motion was duly seconded and passed and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the Synod meet daily from 10 to 12.30; from 3 to 5.30; and from 7.30 to 10.
2. That the first half hour of to-morrow forenoon be spent in devotional exercises.

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3. That the following Committees be appointed by the Moderator :—
- (1) Committee to nominate Standing Committees.
 - (2) Committees on Presbytery Records.
 - (3) Committee on Obituary Notices.
4. That the consideration of the statement anent Ladies' College be the first item of business for Wednesday afternoon.
5. That the subject for consideration on Wednesday evening be Foreign Mission Matters, and the State of Religion.
6. That the subjects for consideration on Thursday evening be Home Mission Matters, Temperance, and Sabbath Schools.
7. That the appointment of the time and place of the next meeting of Synod be the first item of business on Thursday morning, and that the next item of business on the same morning be the Agency Matter.
8. That, with the exceptions noted above, subjects be taken up in the order in which they stand on the docket.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock of which intimation was made, and this sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Truro, and within St. Andrew's Church there, Wednesday the 6th day of October, 1886.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. A half hour was then spent in devotional services.

The minutes of the First Sederunt were read and sustained.

CHANGE IN DOCKET.

On motion of Dr. Burns, seconded by Rev. Mr. Blair, it was agreed to change the order of business so far as to make the Agency matter the second item for this afternoon.

SYNOD COMMITTEES.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees :—

1. TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.—President Forrest, E. Scott, E. D. Millar, George McMillan, A. J. Mowatt, Dr. Kennedy, and Robert Murray.
2. ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS.—(1) *Presbytery of Miramichi*.—H. B. McKay, E. S. Bayne, and Joseph McLean.
- (2) *Presbyteries of Sydney and Victoria and Richmond*.—Wm. Stuart, J. M. Robinson, and T. C. James.
- (3) *Presbyteries of Pictou and Wallace*.—James Sinclair, Wm. Ross and Walter McDonald.
- (4) *Presbyteries of Tyuro and Lunenburg and Yarmouth*.—A. Raulston, Adam Gunn, and Andrew Walker.
- (5) *Presbytery of P. E. Island*.—James McG. McKay, A. F. Thompson, and Jonathan Wier.

(6) *Presbyteries of Halifax and Newfoundland*.—J. F. Fotheringham, J. A. McKenzie, and Robert Fraser.

(7) *Presbytery of St. John*.—Edward Grant, J. W. McKenzie, and G. Mitchell.

3. COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY NOTICES.—Principal McKnight, Dr. Burns, K. McKenzie, Edwin Smith, and J. K. Blair.

HUNTER FUND.

Dr. Burns submitted the report of the Committee on the Hunter Church Building Fund which is appended to the printed minutes. The Report on motion was received and adopted and the names of Dr. Forrest and Mr. J. S. Hutton were added to the Committee in the place of Dr. MacGregor and Mr. C. Robson deceased.

M'LAGGAN TRUST.

Rev. Mr. Bruce* submitted the report of the Committee on the McLaggan Trust, consisting of \$1000 left for specific purposes in charge of the late Synod of New Brunswick and transferred by Act of Legislature to this Synod. The report was received, the committee thanked for their work, and the following committee was appointed to consider the whole question and report to a subsequent sederunt of this Synod:—T. Sedgwick, Convener, N. McKay, E. W. Waits, Geo. Bruce, J. S. McLean, and Geo. Mitchell.

M'LEOD BEQUEST.

The committee appointed at last meeting to consider the destination of the McLeod Bequest, in behalf of weak congregations, reported through Rev. T. Sedgwick, their convener. The Report was received, the Committee thanked for their attention to this business, and the following recommendations adopted:—

1. That, inasmuch as, according to present regulations, there are certain cases of the fund which cannot be dealt with by the Augmentation Committee, and consequently are now dealt with by the Home Mission Committee—the money in question be meanwhile at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee, and be applied by them in behalf of the cases above referred to.

2. That, so far as dealing with this matter is concerned, the Home Mission Committee for the time being, be appointed, and is hereby appointed a Committee of this Synod.

3. That the Agent of the Church, whom the Synod has authorized to receive this money from Mr. McLeod's executors, be instructed and is hereby instructed, in terms of the recommendations of this Report.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFACTENCE.

Rev. M. G. Henry submitted the report of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence. The report was received, and approved, the Committee heartily thanked for their excellent report, and the following recommendations adopted:—

1. That all the members of our Church be earnestly advised to adopt proportionate giving and weekly storing as a principle of their Christian stewardship.

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2. That our congregations be recommended to adopt the weekly offering for religious and benevolent purposes.

3. That congregations which do not feel prepared to rely upon open voluntary offerings be advised to adopt the envelope system of weekly offering for current congregational expenses, and to adopt some definite plan for taking collections through the year for all the schemes of the Church.

4. That each Presbytery be urged to see that every congregation contribute to all the schemes of the Church every year, and that no arrears of pastor's salary be allowed to accumulate.

5. That the Committee consist, besides a convener, of one member from each Presbytery whose duty it shall be to look after the carrying out of the Synod's recommendations in that Presbytery.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place at 3 o'clock of which intimation was made, and this sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

In the same place and on the same day :

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.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Dr. Patterson, and Revs. R. Logan and A. Ross were invited to sit as corresponding members.

LADIES' COLLEGE.

Rev. R. Laing was heard in support of the establishment of a college for the education of young ladies in connection with the Presbyterian Church. He moved, seconded by Mr. J. S. Maclean :—

Whereas, it is proposed to raise in shares of \$25 each a capital sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of establishing in Halifax a Ladies' College in connection with the Presbyterian Church.

And whereas, a Provisional Board has been formed and the sum of over \$11,000 has been subscribed in Halifax, with the prospect of having that sum very considerably increased.

And whereas, there is a most pressing need for such an institution as the one proposed.

Therefore this Synod cordially approves of the proposal to establish in Halifax a Ladies' College in connection with the Presbyterian Church, and of the plan proposed for carrying it into effect. Further this Synod endorses the movement already initiated and pledges itself to give all possible encouragement and assistance in completing the work.

The motion, after deliberation, was unanimously carried.

AGENCY.

The Clerk read an extract minute of Assembly remitting to this Synod to make such arrangements, financial and otherwise, concerning the agency in the Maritime Provinces as may be deemed most advisable.

Rev. Ephraim Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Mason :—

That Miss Helen MacGregor be appointed Agent-Treasurer at the Augmentation salary of \$800.

Moved in amendment by Dr. Forrest seconded by Mr. J. K. Munnis that the Synod do now proceed to the appointment of an Agent.

While this matter was under discussion the hour of adjournment arrived, and it was agreed that it be the order of the day to-morrow after fixing the time and place of next meeting of Synod. The Synod adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church this evening at half-past seven o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At Truro and within the First Presbyterian Church there, Wednesday, the sixth of October, eighteen hundred and eighty-six :

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

The Minutes of the Third Sederunt were read and sustained.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

The Rev. Mr. McKay, Scotland, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Rev. Ephraim Scott, on behalf of the Assembly's Committee on Foreign Missions, presented a statement of the condition of the funds, showing a debt of \$3800.00 at the present time for the work specially under the charge of the eastern division of the Committee. The Rev. E. Smith and the Rev. Joseph Amund, missionary to the New Hebrides, addressed the Court. The latter presented the difficulties in the way of the missionary in the South Sea Islands, and as an off-set the great encouragements as seen in the power of the Gospel unto the salvation of the heathen. He also discussed the prospects of the mission in view of the feared occupation by the French of the New Hebrides group of islands, and in the face of the darkness pledged himself to go forward in the work to any field to which he may be designated.

Moved by Rev. E. Scott, seconded by Rev. Geo. Bruce, and unanimously agreed to :—

The Synod, in view of the fact that the deficit in the Foreign Mission work of the Church at the present time is over thirty-eight hundred dollars, and that

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about the beginning of the ensuing year, a further amount of more than four thousand dollars will require to be sent to the New Hebrides to meet the expenditure in that field for the year 1887, and an equal amount to Trinidad, to meet the expenditure of the first half of the same year in that field, would earnestly urge upon all the ministers of our Church, to bring before their congregations the pressing claims of the Foreign Mission work, and upon all the congregations and mission stations, the necessity of contributing with increased liberality to the fund.

The Synod has listened with deepest interest to the impressive and touching address given by Mr. Annand regarding the work in the New Hebrides, rejoices at the welcome Mr. and Mrs. Annand have received from the Church at home, and at the work they have been enabled to do in visiting the churches and stirring up a deeper interest in the cause; and, in the prospect of their return to the South Seas, would prayerfully commend them to the loving care of Him who has said "Lo I am with you always."

The Synod prays that our missions in the New Hebrides may be preserved from threatened disaster by French occupation, that our beloved missionaries may be able to pursue their work in peace, and that he who has blessed in the past, will, in the future, as in the past, bless richly his work in this field.

Moved by Rev. H. H. McPherson, seconded by Rev. P. M. Morrison, and unanimously passed:—

That inasmuch as the first Sabbath of November is to be observed by Protestant churches in the United States as a day of special prayer for Foreign Missions, this Synod recommends the members of the congregations under its jurisdiction to give special prominence in their supplications at the Throne of Grace on that day to the subject of Foreign Missions.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Rev. A. B. Dickie submitted the Report on the State of Religion, which showed that the past year, on the whole, has been one of much blessing from God on the congregations of our Synod.

Rev. Mr. Hogg moved the reception of the Report and the tendering of the thanks of the Synod to the Committee, especially the convener. The motion was seconded by Rev. J. F. Dustan, and unanimously carried.

The recommendations of the Committee were then adopted as follows:—

1. Seeing that family worship is not observed by many families throughout the bounds of the Church, that church members be earnestly enjoined to give this matter earnest and careful consideration.

2. That as the religious instruction of our youth is in too many cases left in the hands of the Sabbath School the importance of attending to this duty at home be strongly enforced on parents.

3. That special services be held suited to all our congregations and that members of Presbyteries and sessions render assistance in conducting such services.

The Synod adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Truro and within St. Andrew's Church there, Thursday, the seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six:

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.

The Moderator read an invitation from the Young Men's Christian Association to the Synod to make free use of their rooms. The invitation was received with thanks.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

Took up the order of the day, namely, the appointment of the time and place of next meeting of Synod. Moved that the place of meeting be New Glasgow, moved in amendment that it be Sydney. On a division the amendment was carried and it was agreed to meet in Falmouth St. Church, Sydney, on Tuesday, the fourth of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and at half past seven in the evening.

AGENCY.

Resumed consideration of the arrangements to be made concerning the Agency interrupted at the close of yesterday afternoon's sederunt. Moved in amendment to the amendment by Dr. Burns seconded by Mr. Cumming: That an agent be appointed to succeed Dr. MacGregor.

On the matter coming to vote the attention of the Moderator was called to the question as to the competency of the motion when the Moderator ruled that the first matter to be settled in terms of the remit of Assembly is: Shall an Agent be appointed to succeed Dr. MacGregor? with the understanding that the duties of the Agent and the salary be afterwards considered. The vote was accordingly taken on this question when it was unanimously carried in the affirmative.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place at three o'clock of which intimation was made, and this sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

In the same place, and on the same day:

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.

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PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The Committee to revise the Records of the Presbyteries of Miramichi, P. E. Island, Pictou, Truro, Halifax, Lunenburg and Shelburne, St. John, Wallace, Victoria and Richmond, and Sydney reported that these Records are correctly kept, and the business regularly conducted. The report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Records be attested.

AGENCY.

Resumed the consideration of the remit of Assembly anent the Agency unfinished at the close of last sederunt.

Moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Rev. E. Millar :—

That the duties of the Agency be for the present as specified in the Minutes of the Assembly of 1876.

Moved in amendment by Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, seconded by Rev. Jas. McLean :—

That the duties of the Agent shall be all those performed by Dr. MacGregor as Agent, except the secretaryships. The College Board and the various Committees being left free to choose their own secretaries.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. E. Scott, seconded by Rev. J. McGregor McKay :—

That the work of the Agent be the treasurership of the funds of the Church.

On the vote being taken both the amendments were lost and the motion by a large majority was declared to be the judgment of the house.

AGENT'S SALARY.

Moved by Rev. T. Cumming, seconded by Mr. J. K. Munnis, that the salary of the Agent be \$2000, it being understood that he provide a suitable office for the transaction of the business. Moved in amendment by Rev. J. C. Cattanaach, seconded by Rev. James Anderson, that it be \$2000 with office provided. On the vote being taken the amendment was lost. Moved in amendment by Rev. D. B. Blair, seconded by Mr. Mason, that it be \$1500. The vote being taken the amendment was lost. Moved in amendment by Rev. E. D. Millar, seconded by Rev. J. McMillan, that it be \$1750 with office provided. The vote being taken the amendment was lost. Moved in amendment by Rev. T. C. Jack, seconded by Rev. Mr. Laing that it be \$1750. The vote being taken this amendment was carried over the original motion and became the judgment of the house. Rev. E. D. Millar then moved, seconded by Rev. T. Sedgwick, that \$150 be voted for an office. On the vote being taken the motion was lost.

APPOINTMENT OF AGENT.

On motion of Dr. Burns, seconded by Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, the Synod agreed to sit till the Agent should be appointed. Rev. H. H. McPherson moved, seconded by Mr. J. K. Munnis, that nominations for the office be made openly. Moved in amendment by Rev. A. McLean

Sinclair, seconded by Rev. E. D. Millar, that the vote be taken by ballot without nominations. The motion on vote carried and the Synod proceeded to hear nominations duly moved and seconded as follows:—Rev. John McMillan, Rev. P. M. Morrison, Rev. Dr. Patterson, Rev. T. Sedgwick, Rev. E. A. McCurdy, Rev. Dr. Macrae, Rev. E. Scott, Rev. J. Hogg and Rev. Neil McKay. The two latter thanked their friends for their nomination and withdrew.

On motion, President Forrest was appointed to act as clerk while the vote was being taken. Proceeded to elect by ballot.

When the third ballot was counted it appeared that Mr. Morrison had a majority of all the votes cast, followed by Mr. Scott.

Mr. Scott then moved, seconded by Dr. McCulloch, that Mr. Morrison's election be made unanimous.

On this motion being put to the House it was carried—but one member voted in the negative.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place at eight o'clock of which intimation was made, and this sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

In the same place, and on the same day:

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

The Minutes of the Sixth Sederunt were read and sustained.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. James Thompson and Revs. Prestwood and Daniels, of the Methodist Church, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

SYNOD FUND.

Rev. Mr. Carson submitted the report of the Committee on the Synod Fund. There is a small balance in favor of the Fund. On motion the report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee and especially the Convener.

HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. John McMillan, the Convener of the Assembly's Committee submitted a statement in connection with the work and funds of the Committee. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Stuart, of the Presbytery of St. John, who gave a general view of the 18 large mission fields in that Presbytery, and a more particular account of the eight of these occupied by ordained laborers.

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Richmond, addressed the Synod on the work in their respective spheres of labor, in all of which, as in the other fields occupied, satisfactory progress is manifested. Rev. Mr. Bruce followed, speaking of the extent and wants and hopefulness of the work in the whole mission field.

Rev. Edward Grant gave a view of the four mission fields in the Presbytery of Truro, in which, under the labors of excellent catechists self-help is steadily developing.

Dr. Macrae moved :--

The Synod, having heard the reports submitted with regard to the Home Mission work in the Maritime Provinces, resolve :--

1. That they feel it incumbent upon them to offer thanksgiving to Almighty God for the prospects of extension rapidly opening before the Church, and which invite, nay urge our people to greater exertions with the view of fulfilling the commands of her Living Head.

2. They regret, at the same time, that the number of vacancies is so large, and that the immediate hope of supplying those vacancies is so limited.

3. That alike the pressing claims of the new fields opening before the Church, and the clamant wants of our vacant charges demand from our Christian families the consecration, in greatly larger numbers, of their sons to the work of the ministry, and of their substance to the support of missionary effort.

4. That inasmuch as the increased liabilities of the Board during the ensuing year will certainly exceed those of previous years by from at least \$1500 to \$1600, the Synod earnestly urges upon the members of the Church the duty of adding correspondingly to their contributions on behalf of the Home Mission Fund.

He supported the motion in a brief speech, after which it was seconded by Rev. Mr. Munro and unanimously adopted by the Synod.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Rev. Neil McKay submitted the report of the Committee on Temperance.

On motion of Rev. John M. McLeod, seconded by Dr. Burns, the report was received, the recommendations adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their work.

The recommendations are as follows :--

1. The Synod thankfully notes the steady growth of Temperance principles throughout the Church, and gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the press, and of the various temperance societies in forming and educating public opinion on the Temperance question.

2. The Synod, in the line of previous deliverances in reference to the liquor traffic, again declares its conviction that the said traffic, as now existing, is contrary to the Word of God, and to the spirit of the Christian religion, and that it is the duty of the State to prohibit and suppress it.

3. The Synod encourages and enjoins the members and adherents of the Church to guard the purity and consistency of their lives by practising abstinence from alcoholic beverages, and to use their best endeavours for the enforcement of the laws restricting their sale.

4. While we encourage our people to exercise great care in the personal observance and general enforcement of our existing liquor laws, we at the same

time declare that as a Christian community the full measure of our duty, in reference to the liquor traffic, can be discharged only by its general prohibition and effectual suppression.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. W. P. Archibald read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

On motion of Rev. Kenneth McKay, seconded by Rev. J. A. Forbes, the report was received, the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee and especially to the Convener, and the recommendations adopted as follows :—

1. That Presbyteries endeavour to take closer oversight of all the schools within their bounds in such ways as may seem to them most suitable.
2. That Superintendents and Teachers aim more earnestly and constantly to bring the youth under their care to acceptance of Jesus as their Saviour and open profession of His name.
3. That special attention be given to the development of the liberality of our S. S. Scholars to the Schemes of the Church.
4. That the recommendation of the General Assembly be adopted, viz. : That the Synod's Committee on Sabbath Schools consist of the Conveners of Presbytery Committees together with a Convener appointed by Synod and such others as the Synod may see fit to appoint.

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

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

At Truro, and within St. Andrew's Church there, Friday, the eighth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six :

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

The Minutes of the Seventh Sederunt were read and sustained.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

Moved by Mr. Hogg, in accordance with notice previously given, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the time and place of next meeting of Synod be reconsidered. The motion was carried.

Moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Rev. T. Sedgwick, that we accept the invitation to New Glasgow.

Moved in amendment by Rev. T. C. Jack, seconded by Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, that we adhere to the resolution to meet in Sydney.

On the vote being taken the motion was carried and it was agreed to meet in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 4th October, 1887, and at half-past seven in the evening.

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REMIT OF ASSEMBLY ANENT REV. A. A. MCKENZIE.

Read remit of Assembly anent the reception of Rev. A. A. McKenzie as a minister of this Church. On motion a Committee was appointed to consider the application and report. Said Committee to be Dr. Murray, Principal McKnight, and Rev. T. Sedgwick.

M'LAGGAN TRUST.

Mr. Sedgwick reported on behalf of the Committee appointed in the matter of the McLaggan Trust, and submitted the following recommendations which were adopted:—

1. That the present Committee be continued for another year, and be authorized to employ an agent in the management of the Trust.
2. That the Presbyteries of St. John and Miramichi be instructed to confer by Committee or otherwise as to the future management of the Trust, and also to consider whether, in the circumstances, the Trust should not be transferred to parties more immediately interested than this Synod, and in what way this can best be effected, with due regard to the carrying out of Mr. McLaggan's purpose, and report to next meeting of Synod.

SALARY OF THE ACTING AGENT.

Dr. Burns moved, seconded by Dr. Forrest, and it was unanimously agreed:—

That the salary of the Acting Agent be paid in full up to the date of the entrance of the new agent into the office.

The Synod takes this opportunity of expressing much satisfaction with the manner in which Miss MacGregor discharged the duties devolved upon her.

MR. DUSTAN'S OVERTURE.

Rev. J. F. Dustan asked and obtained leave to withdraw his overture anent evangelistic work on the ground that there is not time for its full consideration.

COLLEGE BUSINESS.

On motion of Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. McCulloch:—

The Synod empowered the College Board to pay the retiring allowance of the late Dr. Ross up to the close of the present academic year of Dalhousie College.

Dr. Burns, the Chairman of the College Board, made a statement concerning the College and moved, seconded by Rev. Neil McKay:—

The Synod expresses continued interest in our College at Halifax: remits to the College Board to take such action as may be necessary for the removal of the debt and an equalization in future of the receipts and expenditure. The Synod emphasizes the necessity of the annual collection in behalf of the College on account of the shrinkage in the endowment and the short-coming in the interest derivable from our investments and instructs Presbyteries, to take order that all the congregations and mission stations within their bounds take up the College collection as regularly and generally as that for any of the other Schemes of the Church.

The Synod also recommends that the season of annual prayer for Colleges be taken advantage of not merely for united importunate intercession in behalf of professors and students, but also for bringing the interest of our College before our people, and affectionately urging on our beloved youth the claims of the Gospel ministry.

After discussion the motion was unanimously carried.

BURSARY FUND.

Rev. John McMillan reported on behalf of the Bursary Fund Committee, showing a debt of \$360 at present on the fund.

Moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Rev. J. McMillan, and unanimously agreed :—

The Synod regrets the falling off in our Bursary Fund—at a time when our other Colleges, and those outside our own Church, are doing more than ever to foster this legitimate means of helping hopeful youth in the prosecution of their studies.

The Synod feels that we shall be at a serious disadvantage in this respect unless our Bursary Fund be placed on a more solid and satisfactory basis.

The Synod would express the hope that some of the wealthier members of our Church may feel it to be a duty and a privilege by benefaction or bequest to found scholarships in our College, bearing such names as they desire, and that congregations and Sabbath Schools or Bible Classes devote at least some portion of their proceeds to the Bursary Fund.

The Synod remits to the College Board to consider how far it would be advisable to have the Bursary Committee a distinct Committee rather than a sub-committee of the Board.

THANKS TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

On motion of Dr. Burns it was agreed that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Alumni Association for their help to the College in furnishing means for providing special lectures and otherwise encouraging the students, as reported by their president the Rev. Neil McKay.

AGENCY.

The Synod asked Mr. Morrison if he is prepared to accept the office of the Agency to which he was appointed at yesterday's sederunt. In reply Mr. Morrison thanked the Synod for their confidence in him and accepted the office. Thereupon on motion of Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, seconded by Rev. Mr. Forbes, the Presbytery of Halifax was instructed to dissolve the pastoral tie between Mr. Morrison and his congregation in Dartmouth as soon as convenient, the date of his entrance on the duties of the Agency to be the same as that of his separation from his congregation. On motion of Rev. A. McLean Sinclair it was further agreed that the Finance Committee of the Assembly be appointed a Committee to attend to the transference of the business to the new Agent.

CLERKSHIP.

Mr. Morrison thanked the Synod for their kindness to him during the ten years of his clerkship and resigned the office.

On motion the resignation was accepted to take effect at the close of this Synod.

On motion of Dr. Forrest, seconded by Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, the Rev. T. Sedgwick was unanimously appointed to succeed Mr. Morrison as Clerk of Synod. Mr. Sedgwick thanked the Synod and accepted the office.

RECEPTION OF MR. M'KENZIE.

Dr. I. Murray reported on behalf of the Committee to consider the application of the Rev. A. A. McKenzie, that they had carefully considered all the papers and matters involved, and had agreed unanimously to recommend the reception of Mr. McKenzie as a minister of this Church. On motion the report was received and adopted and it was agreed accordingly to give leave to P. E. Island Presbytery to receive Mr. McKenzie.

FOREIGN MISSION MATTER.

Dr. McCulloch, on behalf of the Foreign Mission Board, expressed the feeling of the Board in reference to French occupation of the New Hebrides, and moved, seconded by Dr. Burns, the following resolution which was unanimously agreed to:—

We, the members of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, have heard with surprise and alarm of the increasing aggressions of the French Government in the New Hebrides by establishing garrisons on several of the Islands.

This they have done in open violation of an agreement with the British Government by which the neutrality of those islands was guaranteed.

This action of the French Government judging from past experience of their proceedings elsewhere will not only throw back those islands to their original barbarism but will ultimately lead to the expulsion of our missionaries from the islands, the destruction of the results of nearly half a century of expensive labor and loss of life, making the future prospect hopeless.

In view of these circumstances and recent developments this Synod expresses its strong indignation at the action of the French, appeals for protection to Her Majesty's Government, and calls upon our people for earnest prayer that our missions may be delivered from this impending danger.

The Moderator and Clerk were authorized to transmit this resolution to the British Government.

AUGMENTATION.

Rev. E. A. McCurdy, Convener of the Assembly's Committee on Augmentation, submitted a full statement of the affairs under the care of that Committee.

Before this business was completed the hour of adjournment arrived, but the Synod agreed to sit and hear the report of the Committee on Standing Committees, which was presented by Dr. Forrest, and adopted as follows:—

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sabbath Observance.—J. D. McGillivray, Convener; A. Russell, J. McG. McKay, T. C. James, C. S. Lord, Edwin Smith, J. S. Carruthers, John Stewart, Hon. D. McCurdy.

Temperance.—Neil McKay, Convener; H. H. McPherson, S. C. Gunn, A. McDougall, R. Cumming, John A. Logan, A. W. Mahon, James Potter, J. D. McGregor, Daniel McDonald, Thomas B. Chisholm.

Systematic Benevolence.—M. G. Henry, Convener; J. Layton, D. S. Fraser, Edward Grant, E. A. McCurdy, John G. Cameron, John Murray, D. McDougall, N. McKay, T. F. Fotheringham, J. M. Robinson, L. W. Johnson, Harvey Graham, Walter McDonald, Frederick Frieze.

Public Education.—Principal McKnight, Convener; Dr. Burns, P. M. Morrison, D. B. Blair, John McMillan, Thomas Cumming, R. Murray, Dr. Macrae, L. G. McNeil, Dr. Walker, A. J. Mowatt, Judge Stevens, Wm. Fraser, J. M. McLeod, A. McKinnon, Wm. Laird. First named in each Province Convener of Sub-Committee.

State of Religion.—A. B. Dickie, Convener; Joseph Hogg, J. F. Dustan, T. A. Nelson, A. F. Carr, E. W. Waits, John Murray, Duncan MacGregor, J. Y. Loughhead, Howard Primrose.

Sabbath Schools.—W. P. Archibald, Convener; the Conveners of Presbytery Committees and James Sinclair, James Rosborough, A. Rogers, W. H. Waddell, Kenneth McKay, James A. Forbes, J. McCarter, James Forrest, George Haddow, Henry Tupper, A. Matheson, W. H. Spencer.

Bills and Overtures.—A. McLean Sinclair, Convener; The Clerk of Synod, J. H. Chase, E. D. Millar, Kenneth McKenzie, George Bruce, George McMillan, D. McMillan, P. M. Morrison.

Synod Fund.—G. S. Carson, Convener; A. McLean Sinclair, J. Hogg, W. Grant, R. D. Ross, and D. McMillan.

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

NINTH SEDERUNT.

In the same place, and on the same day :

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

The Minutes of the Eighth Sederunt were read and sustained.

AUGMENTATION.

Resumed consideration of the unfinished business in connection with the augmentation scheme when the recommendations of the Committee were adopted as follows :—

1. That the amount of \$9000 required for Augmentation for the current year be appropriated as follows :—

Sdney	\$ 450
Victoria and Richmond	250
Truro	900
Pictou	1350
Halifax	2050
Lunenburg and Shelburne.....	370
Wallace	360
St. John	1260
Miramichi	600
P. E. Island	1050
Newfoundland	360
Total	\$9000

2. That Presbyteries appoint an Augmentation Committee to apportion to congregations their share of the amount levied upon them; to visit such congregations as may require such visitation in the interests of the Fund; and to visit all aid-receiving congregations with the view of introducing among them an improved financial system, and of inducing them to increase their contributions for the support of ordinances, and generally to manage within their bounds.

3. That all permanent additions made to their pastors' salaries by aid-receiving congregations after this date be deducted for the current year from the sums apportioned to those congregations by Presbyteries, and from the amount levied on Presbyteries.

4. That Presbyteries when they deem it desirable for the better working out of the scheme, be urged to call for assistance in the form of a deputation from the Board.

5. That all Presbyteries be urged to complete their work and to hand in their returns to the Secretary on or before the 1st of March, 1887, and that all applications for supplement for the year beginning 1st of April, 1887, be made on or before this date, as it will be impossible for the Committee to consider applications made after their meeting in April.

6. That Presbyteries be urged to take immediate steps to work up to the minimum the congregations below that figure owing to their not having fulfilled the conditions of the Augmentation Scheme, and that the Committee be encouraged to correspond with Presbyteries with a view for furthering this object.

The hearty thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their work.

AGED MINISTERS' FUND.

It was agreed that the statement on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund to be made by the Convener of the Assembly's Committee be published in the papers.

REGULATIONS FOR FUND.

The proposed regulations for the management of the Fund were adopted as follows:—

1. The Fund for disabled ministers in the Eastern Section of the Church shall, in the meantime, continue separate, and be managed by a Committee appointed by the General Assembly.
2. The Fund shall be sustained by annual congregational contributions, ministers' rates, donations and bequests.
3. The invested capital shall not be trenched upon for the purpose of paying annuities in full; and all bequests made to the Fund shall be added to the capital, except when otherwise ordered by the testator.
4. Settled Pastors, Foreign Missionaries, Professors in Colleges, and Church Agents shall pay into the Fund an annual rate of \$5.00.
5. When a minister resigns his charge without leave from the General Assembly to retire, but continues in the service of the Church as a preacher, he shall pay into the Fund the sum of \$5 a year, otherwise his annuity shall be only in proportion to the time of his service as a pastor.
6. A minister who resigns his charge and joins another Church, forfeits all claim to the privileges of the Fund. He shall receive back, however, upon application to the Committee, half the amount of the personal rates which he paid into the Fund. Should he desire to retain his connection with the Fund, the Assembly may allow him to do so on condition that he pay an annual rate of \$15, the annuity to be given him, on his becoming aged and infirm, to be in proportion to the length of his services in this Church.
7. The rates shall be paid each year on or before the first of November.
8. Persons joining the Fund shall pay their percentage according to the regulations passed by the General Assembly of 1877, with interest thereon, from the date of their ordination, or of their becoming ministers of our Church. This rule shall not apply further back than 1877.
9. Any of our present ministers who may neglect to connect himself with the Fund before January 1st, 1888, cannot be received into connection with it after that date, except by the special leave of the Assembly.
10. Ministers shall be placed on the Fund only on application of their respective Presbyteries, after they have obtained leave of the General Assembly to retire from the active duties of the ministry on account of age or infirmity.
11. In making application it is required of Presbyteries to state the age of the person in whose behalf the application is made, the date of his retirement from the active duties of the ministry, and the length of time during which he has laboured in this Church. In the case of a person who is under seventy years of age, the application must be accompanied by a satisfactory medical certificate of ill-health.
12. No person can be placed upon the Fund as an annuitant unless he has paid the annual rate required of him.
13. When a minister is allowed by the General Assembly to retire after ten years' service in this Church, he shall receive an annuity of \$150 a year, with \$5 additional for every year's service beyond ten years, up to forty years' service, if the state of the Fund permit.
14. The case of a minister allowed to retire after less than ten years' service in this Church, shall be made a subject of special consideration by the Assembly.

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15. When a minister's strength may be impaired, but not so much as to render him wholly unable to discharge the active duties of a profession, the Committee may grant him half the allowance to which he would be entitled in case of complete disability.

16. In the case of a minister taken upon the Fund for sickness, thought likely to be permanent, and afterwards recovering his strength sufficiently to engage actively in the duties of a profession, the annuity shall be reduced or discontinued.

17. When a minister who has paid rates to the Fund, arrives at the age of seventy years, he may claim the privilege of retiring from the active duties of the ministry and being placed upon the Fund.

18. In the case of ministers who are entirely dependant for their support upon their regular annuity from this Fund the Committee shall have power, after careful enquiry into their circumstances, to grant such an additional allowance to them as the condition of the Fund will permit; such additional allowance in no case to exceed the sum of \$75 a year.

19. When a minister is removed by orderly translation from one section of the Church to another, he shall, from the date of his translation, pay his rate into the Fund of the section to which he is translated, and he shall have claim to an interest in it, on his retirement by leave of the Assembly, to the full extent of the period of his pastoral services in both sections.

20. Annuities shall be paid in quarterly instalments, on the first of July, October, January and April, payments to begin on the first of these dates succeeding the receipt of the Presbytery's application to the Committee.

21. These rules may be revised once in every five years.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Rev. J. D. McGillivray presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

On motion the report was received, the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted as follows:—

That Synod appoint a Committee to co-operate with Committees or leading men of other religious denominations in securing such amendment of the existing Statutes, anent Sabbath desecration, in the several Maritime Provinces, as it may require to render it fully effective in suppressing such forms of Sabbath desecration as may be dealt with under the Provincial Statute; and, further, that it be an instruction to such Committee, that in case it find that good reasons exist for apprehending an arrest of action under a Provincial Statute, through conflict of jurisdiction on account of the existence of a Dominion Statute on the same subject, it will confer with the General Assembly's Committee with a view to securing such legislation by the Dominion Parliament as circumstances require, and that it report the result of its action through this Committee to next Synod.

In terms of this recommendation the following Committee was appointed: Rev. J. D. McGillivray, Convener; James Carruthers, John McLeod, with the Presbytery elders of Charlottetown; H. H. McPherson, Robert Murray, Robert Sedgwick, Geo. Bruce, Dr. Macrae, J. G. Forbes, Mr. Cruikshank and Mr. Willet. The first named in each Province to be Convener of the sub-committee in that Province.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Dr. Patterson submitted a statement of the condition of the Widows and Orphan's Fund, showing total assets of nearly \$68,000, and that

19 widows and 17 orphans receive annually \$3027. The statement was received and gratification expressed with the flourishing condition of the fund.

LEAVE TO LICENSE.

On request of the Presbytery of Halifax leave was granted Presbyteries to license A. P. Logan, James T. Blair, Alex. Campbell, J. R. Coffin, E. M. Dill, John Hawley, Jas. A. Johnson, Donald McDonald, Hector McLean, and John Valentine, students who will complete their theological course next spring.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Dr. McKnight presented the report of the Committee to prepare memorial notices of the brethren who died since last meeting of Synod. It was received and adopted as follows:—

I.—REV. WILLIAM G. FORBES,

of Port, Hastings, died on the 20th September, 1886. From the date of his ordination and induction in 1852, until the infirmities of old age and enfeebled health compelled him, in 1881, to retire from the active duties of the ministry he laboured in Cape Breton. His charge embraced the congregation of Port Hastings, River Dennis, and River Inhabitants, an extent of about twenty-four miles. He was a faithful and earnest preacher of the Gospel, and possessed no small measure of pulpit ability, which his congregation and the Highlanders throughout Cape Breton highly appreciated.

II.—REV. P. G. MACGREGOR, D. D.

The Rev. P. Gordon MacGregor, D. D., was born at East River, Pictou, and died in Halifax, on the 4th February, 1886, aged 60. He was the youngest son of the Rev. James MacGregor, D. D., to whom has been generally accorded the title of "The Apostle of the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia," the centenary of whose arrival in the Province has been so heartily observed during the present year. Our departed friend inherited not a few of the noble qualities of his honored sire. After a brief but successful pastorate over a country charge, in the dew of his youth, he was translated to Poplar Grove church, (now Park St. church,) Halifax, where he made full proof of his ministry. That congregation, which a little previously had been formed, was nurtured into strength under his faithful oversight. He was an able minister of the New Testament. A solid, instructive, and effective preacher, a model pastor, a workman needing not to be ashamed. In 1866 he was selected with much cordiality to be the Agent of the Church and Secretary to her Schemes, and brought to the discharge of the varied and responsible duties of his office a large measure of energy, fidelity and tact. He was in labors more abundant and the extremities of our Home and Foreign Field felt his quiet and pervasive influence. He was a man greatly beloved, a Christian gentleman, marked by unflinching urbanity and courtesy, whose visits to our churches proved ever a benediction, and to work with whom was a joy. We shall miss much his genial presence and wise counsels at our committee meetings and Church Courts. He bore with exemplary Christian courage and composure his protracted sickness, had the work of the Church, which was ever dear to him, on his heart to the last, and having served his generation and Church by the will of God fell on sleep. We would cordially commend the family of this good and faithful servant—so embalmed in our memories and hearts—a family doubly bereaved within so short a time—to the God of all consolation, to the love of the Spirit—the Divine Comforter, and that "Brother born for adversity," who, Himself "acquainted with grief"—hath surely borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

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III.—REV. JOHN I. BAXTER,

died at Truro, 1st January, 1886. He was connected with the early history of Presbyterianism in Nova Scotia, was one of the first to study divinity under the late Dr. Thos. McCulloch, and was one of the first to originate the colportage system in connection with our Church, for which he received public recognition. He was also a firm friend of missions both Home and Foreign. He was settled over the congregation of Onslow, which at that time included the outlying districts of Old Barns and Brookfield, where he labored faithfully and with much acceptance, and the esteem in which he was held was manifested by the celebration of his Jubilee, on which occasion he was presented with a handsome purse. Possessing a robust constitution Mr. Baxter enjoyed vigorous health, and was blessed with length of days, so that for a considerable period he had the unique distinction of being the oldest in the ministry, and the father of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He died in the eighty fifth year of his age and fiftieth of his ministry.

IV.—REV. JAMES ROSS, D. D.,

son of the Rev. Duncan Ross, one of the early fathers of Presbyterianism in the County of Pictou, was born about the year 1812. He succeeded his father as minister of West River congregation. In addition to his work as a pastor he took part in the work of educating young men for the ministry. His department at first was Hebrew. From that subject he passed to the branches of study then comprised in a course of Arts—especially Classics and Philosophy. After a few years he resigned his charge, and gave his whole time to his work as a professor. The seminary thus founded at West River was in course of time transferred to Truro, and strengthened by the addition of other professors. When Dalhousie College was resuscitated in 1862, he came to Halifax as Principal and Professor in Ethics in that institution. His diligence as a student, his assiduity and faithfulness as a teacher, the soundness of his judgment, and his power of lucid exposition, found scope and ensured success in the important work to which he devoted his life. He had a severe illness some years ago, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. He died March 15th, 1886. On his retirement last year the Synod recorded their high estimate of his work and worth. See printed Minutes of 1885, page 25.

V.—REV. ANGUS McMASTER,

laboured for many years at Black River and New Mills, New Brunswick. He was an earnest and faithful minister, unsparing of exertion in his Master's service, and content to toil on in an arduous field of missionary labour, without many of the comforts and conveniences of modern life. He retired from active work in 1871, and died in his native isle of Arran, Scotland, on 6th April, 1886, aged 84 years.

VI.—REV. J. W. McLEOD,

was born at North River, Colchester, N. S., on the twenty-third day of April, 1853, and died at Tunapuna, Trinidad, on the first day of April, 1886. He graduated from Dalhousie College in 1875, and completed his theological studies at the Hall in Halifax in 1880. In May following he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Truro and proved himself in the work of the H. M. field a faithful minister of the New Testament. Having offered his services to the F. M. Board he was ordained and designated as missionary to Princetown, Trinidad, by the Presbytery of Halifax, December 20th, 1880. Immediately thereafter he proceeded to his field of labor where, with zeal and devotion that soon told injuriously on his health, he prosecuted the various departments of a missionary's work for about four years, or until compelled by failing health to resign his position as missionary and confine himself to the instruction of native teachers. In this work he continued to within three weeks of his death. His last hours were cheered by the tidings that the work he so successfully initiated in Princetown would be carried on by a successor soon to arrive from Nova Scotia. Mr. McLeod had many qualities which made him peculiarly adapted for his chosen work, and loving it intensely the Lord used him in laying broad and deep the foundations of the truth in his special field. Others will enter into his labours and the fruits will be gathered to the Master's glory. The Synod commits the widow and orphans to the Divine sympathy and protection.

STATUS OF REV. E. ROSS.

Read remit of General Assembly anent the status of the Rev. E. Ross.

After hearing representatives of the Presbytery of Truro, on motion of Rev. Neil McKay, it was agreed that the Presbytery of Truro have leave to allow Rev. E. Ross to retire and retain his name on their Roll.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Rev. Mr. Hogg called attention to the work done by Women's Missionary Societies for the cause of Christ and the interests of the Church, and moved the following resolution which was duly seconded and agreed to:—

This Synod hereby gratefully recognizes the highly commendable work which has been and is being done by the various Women's Missionary Associations in connection with this Church.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Forbes, seconded by Rev. Mr. Munro, the Synod tendered hearty thanks to the friends in Truro who have so kindly and hospitably entertained the members of Synod; to the minister and manager of St. Andrew's Church for the use of their commodious building; to the Committee of Arrangements and especially the Convener for their courtesy and attention to the wants of members; to the Press for their excellent reports of the proceedings; to the Y. M. C. A. for their invitation to make a free use of their rooms, and to the railway and steamboat companies for reduced rates of travel.

MINUTES READ.

The Minutes of the Ninth Sederunt were read and sustained.

CLOSING OF SYNOD.

The Moderator made a brief address referring to the excellent spirit in which the business had been conducted, and asked the Court to join in singing a portion of the 122nd Psalm. He then led in prayer, after which he said: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and only Head of His Church, and by the authority of the Synod, I now adjourn this Court to meet in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, the fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and at half-past seven in the evening," and pronounced the Benediction.

A. McLEAN, M. A.,

Moderator.

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Report of the Committee

OF THE

HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND,

From Oct. 1st, 1885, to Oct. 1st, 1886.

The applications to the Hunter Church Building Fund during the past year for *Grants*, have been both numerous and urgent; but, on account of want of funds, the majority of them could not be complied with. By direction of Synod, one-half of the funds received is to be used in loans without interest, on Church buildings, and the other half to be kept invested, and *the annual income therefrom employed in Grants* to aid congregations erecting places of worship.

The Committee received \$350 only from the executors of the Hunter Estate during the past year. This, with Bank interest, \$318.72, and interest from Congregations, \$187.81, makes in all \$856.53.

With a balance against the Interest account at the beginning of the year, paying Miss Wier's annuity, Agent's salary, expenses, etc., there was but a small amount of Interest in fund. The Committee, therefore, felt at liberty to make only two grants, as follows, the first of which having been previously promised:

BIG BRAS D'OR, \$150.—This is the second grant of \$150 made to this congregation. The *first* was given in 1884 with a promise of the *second*, for the purpose of finishing the interior of the church. The church is now completed, having cost over \$4,000.

WOLFFVILLE, \$200.—This congregation applied for a grant of \$300, but the Committee, feeling that this was more than they could give, voted them \$200 as a *grant*, with the loan of \$100 at 6 per cent. The removal of the church from the hill into the village, though effected at considerable cost, has been of signal service.

As the Committee could not let the other congregations have the grants asked for, they agreed to let the following have as *Free Loans*, the sums asked as *grants*, for two years, payable in three yearly instalments.

At the beginning of the year there was a balance in fund of principal of \$1034.49. During the year congregations have returned \$2260.07, which made a

total principal of \$3294.56. Of this sum \$1700 have been loaned, free of interest, as follows, and \$100 at 6 per cent., as mentioned above.

FREE LOANS.

(1.) *Lockport, \$500.*—This church was very much needed in Lockport. The ground was a gift and is a most suitable site in the centre of the town.—cost, \$3000. Subscribed by the congregation, over \$2000. Size of the church, 54 ft. by 30 ft.

(2.) *Baldock, \$500.*—The church in which this congregation has been worshipping is quite old, and is outside of the town altogether. They hold their evening service in a hired hall in the centre of the town. They felt that a new church was indispensable, so have made a great effort to build one. It is nearly finished and is a great credit to them. Size, 65 ft. by 38 ft. Cost, about \$7000.

(3.) *Oxford, \$500.*—Church will cost over \$5000, including heating and lighting; is about finished; \$2000 subscribed by people. Size, 72 ft. by 40 ft. Post, 32'. A basement with 12' ceiling, with class-rooms for Sabbath School purposes. Good prospect.

(4.) *Pleasant Bay, C. B., \$100.*—Section of Cape North congregation. This is a most isolated place; so much so that it is almost impossible for the people to go anywhere else to church. The little congregation intended to build the church without any outside aid, but on account of the failure of both fishing and crops last year, were unable to do so. They have been worshipping in a school house, which will not hold nearly all the people.

(5.) *Tatamagouche Mountain, \$100.*—Presbyterians in this district are few in number, and of comparatively small means.

The Committee have again to express regret that several congregations are very far behind as to the payment of instalments due. The operations of the Committee have been seriously crippled thereby.

A business-like promptitude in meeting engagements on the part of the Beneficiaries of the Fund is essential to its proper working.

APPLICATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT NOT YET DISPOSED OF, FOR WANT OF FUNDS.

1st. Request of the Pictou Presbytery, for aid to a church in Glenbard, between Barney's River and Antigonish.

2nd. Request of Victoria and Richmond Presbytery, for aid to a church in Port Hastings.

3rd. Request of Sydney Presbytery, for aid to a church in a section of Boularderie Congregation.

4th. Request of Lunenburg and Shelburne Presbytery, for aid to a church in Shelburne.

5th. Request of Truro Presbytery, for aid to a church in River Hebert.

The Committee would reverentially recognize the Hand of God in the removal, during the year, (so near to one another,) of the Rev. P. G. MacGregor,

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D. D., and Mr. Charles Robson, who, in addition to their close connection with the administration of this Fund, were the Executors of the Hunter Estate.

In the fulfilment of this important trust, Dr. MacGregor manifested the same energy and courtesy, tact and fidelity which he brought to the management of all the varied duties devolved on him by the church. His reports were models of neatness and correctness. In the supervision of this special department of the church's work he ever found in Mr. Robson a "true yoke-fellow," whose genial presence and wise counsels we greatly miss. We would be stimulated by this double dispensation to "Work while it is day, as the night cometh when no man can work."

R. F. BURNS, *Chairman.*

HALIFAX, OCT. 1ST, 1886.

Rules for the Administration of the Hunter Church Building Fund.

"That the Fund be employed in the following manner: That one half be used in loans without interest, on church buildings, to be repaid in instalments, extending over such a period of years as may be determined on; and that the other half be kept invested, and the annual income therefrom, employed in grants to aid congregations erecting places of worship or in liquidating debt on churches."

"That the Fund be administered by the Board under the following regulations:—

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND, in account with Treasurer.

		DR.	Interest.	Principal.
1885.				
Oct. 1.	To Balance		\$542 23	
	Lockeport—Free Loan			\$ 500 00
	Big Bras d'Or—Grant		150 00	
	Wolfville—Loan on Interest			100 00
	" Grant		200 00	
	Baddeck—Free Loan			500 00
	Oxford			500 00
	Pleasant Bay, C. B.—Free Loan			100 00
	Tatamagouche Mt.			100 00
	Insurance on Bedford Church		30 00	
	Miss Wier's annuity		144 00	
	Proportion of Agent's Salary to May 1, 1886.		250 00	
	Printing Report		12 00	
	Stationery, Postage, etc		6 25	
	To Balance			1494 56
			<u>\$1334 48</u>	<u>\$3294 56</u>

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Oct. 1.	By Balance			\$1034 49
	Shediac	\$ 20 00		10 00
	Acadia Mines			527 50
	Onslow (two years)		60 00	
	Debert			175 00
	Carleton, Yarmouth		2 43	127 57
	Harmony		3 75	125 00
	Falmouth St. Church, Sydney		18 00	
	Dartmouth			400 00
	Clifton		30 00	
	Park St. Church, Halifax			400 00
	Amherst			200 00
	Souris, P. E. I.		37 13	175 00
	Coldstream		16 50	120 00
	Dividends, Halifax Banking Co.		72 00	
	" Bank of Nova Scotia		238 00	
	Interest on Dep. Receipt		8 05	
	" Savings' Bank		67	
	Cash drawn from Exrs. of the Hunter Estate.		350 00	
	Balance		477 95	
			<u>\$1334 48</u>	<u>\$3294 56</u>

1886.				
Oct. 1.	By Balance—Principal			\$1494 56
	Over-expenditure from Interest column			477 95
	Balance in Treasurer's hands			<u>\$1016 61</u>

HELEN M. MacGREGOR,
Acting Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

J. S. MACLEAN, }
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PAYMENTS TO CONGREGATIONS.

	Free Grants.	Interest Loans.	Free Loans.	Total.
Reported last year	\$9641 66	\$7600 00	\$15,300 00	\$32541 66
" this "	380 00	100 00	1700 00	2180 00
	<u>\$10,021 66</u>	<u>\$7,700 00</u>	<u>\$17,000 00</u>	<u>\$34,721 66</u>

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CASH REPAID BY CONGREGATIONS.

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	Principal.	Interest.	Total.
Repayments to Oct. 1st, 1885.....	\$13,360 81	\$1526 49	\$14,887 30
" " " 1886.....	2260 07	187 81	2447 88
	<u>\$15,620 88</u>	<u>\$1714 30</u>	<u>\$17,335 18</u>

INTEREST FROM BANKS.

Reported last year	\$2324 37
Received to Oct. 1st, 1886.....	318 72
	<u>\$ 2643 09</u>
Total Receipts from other sources than direct from Executors.....	<u>\$19,978 27</u>

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LIST OF FREE GRANTS TO OCTOBER 1st, 1886.

Riversdale	\$100 00
Little Harbor	500 00
Hillsborough	100 00
River Inhabitants	150 00
Leitch's Creek	100 00
Malagawatch	200 00
Fisher's Grant	150 00
Loch Lomond	100 00
Middle River, Pietou	150 00
Bridgetown	350 00
Spring Hill	100 00
Jeddore	200 00
Riversdale	100 00
Middle River, C. B.	300 00
Isaac's Harbor	200 00
Carleton, Shelburne Co.	100 00
Bedford	250 00
Smithfield, Caledonia	200 00
Country Harbor	250 00
West Bay, Points	100 00
Loch Lomond	150 00
West Bay, Black River	100 00
Leitch's Creek	160 00
Falmouth Street, Sydney	250 00
Shemogue	125 00
Jeddore, 2nd	200 00
Country Harbor	50 00
Isaac's Harbor	200 00
Westville	500 00
Amherst	100 00
Moser's River	100 00
North River, St. Ann's, C. B.	100 00
Lake Ainslie	150 00
Glenelg	166 66
Lake Ainslie	75 00
Moser's River, 2nd	100 00
Maccan	300 00
Bedford	20 00
Maccan, 2nd payment	200 00
Vale Colliery	200 00
Wolfville	900 00
Marble Mountain	150 00
Maccan, 3rd	200 00
Parrsboro'	250 00
North West Arm	200 00
Big Bras d'Or	150 00
Black Rocks and Blue Rocks	150 00
Lake Ainslie	75 00
Moosebrook	100 00
Parrsboro'	250 00
Riversdale (3rd payment)	100 00
Reserve Mine	200 00
Black and Blue Rocks (2nd payment)	150 00
Bedford	20 00
Reported last year	\$10,241 66
Big Bras d'Or	150 00
Wolfville	200 00
Bedford	30 00
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FREE LOANS PAYABLE IN INSTALMENTS TO OCTOBER 1st, 1886.

	Amount.	Payment made.	Due.	Still loaned.
Dartmouth	\$2100 00	\$2100 00	.....	.....
"	2000 00	1600 00	.....	\$400 00
Vale Colliery	800 00	800 00	.....	.....
Yarmouth	1000 00	250 00	\$750 00	750 00
Glenclg	1000 00	1000 00	.....	.....
Jeddore	150 00	150 00	.....	.....
Bridgetown	1000 00	464 15	535 85	535 85
Spring Hill	800 00	800 00	.....	.....
Bridgewater	1000 00	200 00	800 00	800 00
Acadia Mines	600 00	527 50	72 50	72 50
DeBert	500 00	500 00	.....	.....
Falmouth St., Sydney	500 00	500 00	.....	.....
Amherst	1000 00	600 00	.....	400 00
Harmony	250 00	125 00	.....	125 00
Park St., Halifax	2000 00	400 00	.....	1600 00
Lockeport	500 00	.....	.....	500 00
Badleck	500 00	.....	.....	500 00
Oxford	500 00	.....	.....	500 00
Pleasant Bay	100 00	.....	.....	100 00
Tatamagouche Mountain	100 00	.....	.....	100 00
	<u>\$16,400 00</u>	<u>\$10,016 65</u>	<u>\$2158 35</u>	<u>\$6383 35</u>

LOANS ON INTEREST.

Onslow	\$500 00
Clifton	500 00
Falmouth St., Sydney	300 00
Souris, P. E. I.	500 00
Wolfville	100 00
	<u>\$1900 00</u>
Bank of Nova Scotia—17 shares	4624 00
Halifax Banking Co.—20 "	1260 00
Deposited in Savings' Bank	1016 00
	<u>\$8800 00</u>

WHOLE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

RECEIPTS.

From Estate of C. D. Hunter, to Oct. 1st, 1885	\$257 56	55	
" " " " 1886	350 00		
			\$26106 55
Returned Instalments up to Oct. 1st, 1885	\$13360 81		
" " " " 1886	2260 07		
			15620 88
Interest from Congregations up to Oct. 1st, 1885	\$1526 49		
" " " " 1886	187 81		
			1714 30
Dividends to Oct. 1st, 1885	\$2324 37		
" " " " 1886	318 72		
			2643 09
			<u>\$46084 82</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Payments to Congregations to Oct. 1st, 1885	\$32541 66		
" " " " 1886	2180 00		
			\$34721 66
Miss Wier's Annuity, etc., to Oct. 1st, 1885	\$ 1470 25		
" " " " 1886	144 00		
			1614 25
Salary of Agent, 9 years	\$ 2250 00		
" " for the year ending May 1, 86	250 00		
			2500 00
Other Expenses to Oct. 1st, 1885	\$ 330 05		
" " for the past year	18 25		
			348 30
Bank Stock			5884 00
			<u>\$45068 21</u>
Balance on hand			<u>\$ 1016 61</u>

HELEN M. MacGREGOR,
Acting Secretary and Treasurer.

OCTOBER 1ST, 188