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THE SYNOD

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF

Nova Scotia.

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Board of Foreign Missions.—The Presbytery of P. E. Island, the Rev. Messrs. Baxter, Bayne, Waddell, McCurdy, Roy, Watson and Cameron, and John Waddell, M. D., Isaac Logan, Esq., and Mr. J. W. Dawson. Mr. Baxter, Convener. Dr. Waddell, (Truro,) Treasurer. Mr. J. W. Dawson, Recording Secretary. Rev. James Waddell, Corresponding Secretary.

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Committee of Bills and Overtures.—Rev. Messrs. McKinlay, Roy, and Ross. Mr. McKinlay, Convener.

Committee of Superintendence of Educational Seminary.—Rev. Messrs. Ross, McCulloch, Bayne, Christie, McGilivray and Watson, and Messrs. Daniel Cameron, and James McGregor, Mr. McCulloch, Convener.

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Treasurer of Synod.—Mr. J. W. Dawson, Pictou.

Treasurer of Educational Board.—Mr. James Dawson, Pictou.

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FIRST SEDERUNT.

*James' Church, East River, Pictou,
June 26th, 1849, 4 O'Clock, P.M.*

Synod
Constituted.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia met, after a sermon by the Rev. George Christie, the moderator, from Ezek. ch. 21st, v 27th, "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is, and I will give it him" and was constituted.

Members
present.

Were present the Rev. Messrs. John Keir, Thomas S. Crow, Robert Blackwood, Thomas Trotter, William Miller, John McKinlay, Robert S. Patterson, John L. Murdoch, James Smith, David Roy, James Ross, John Campbell, William McCulloch, Peter G. McGregor, George Christie, James Bayne, Andrew P. Miller, James Waddell, John Cameron, James Allan, and James Watson; with Messrs. Archibald Sinclair from the Congregation of Princetown, Adam Dickie from the Congregation of Maitland and Noel, Adam Johnston from the Congregation of Stewiacke, John Fraser from the Congregation of James' Church, Lauchlin McQuarry from the Congregation of St Mary's, David W. Archibald from the Congregation of Truro, John Cook from the Congregation of Shubenacadie, David Fulton from the Lower Congregation of Londonderry, William Brown from the Congregation of Merigomish, Isaac Flemming from the Upper Congregation of Londonderry, Adams Archibald from the Congregation of Musquodoboit, and James McGregor from the Congregation of New Glasgow, Ruling Elders.

Reports of
Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of Pictou reported that since last meeting of Synod they had inducted the Rev. George Walker to the Pastoral charge of the congregation of New Glasgow, and that his name had been added to the Roll of Presbytery. Ordered that his name be added to the Synod Roll, and Mr. Walker being called was found to be present.

Moderator
chosen.

The Rev. James Ross was then unanimously chosen Moderator, and after addressing the Synod, took the chair.

Committees
on Accounts.

The Rev. Messrs. Patterson and Murdoch and Mr. Adam Dickie, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee, to audit the accounts of the Treasurers of the different funds, under the control of Synod—Mr. Patterson Convener.

Pby. Minutes.

The Rev. Messrs. Bayne and Waddell and Mr. John Fraser, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine Presbytery Minutes—Mr. Bayne, Convener.

Statistics.

The Rev. Messrs. A. P. Miller and Allen and Mr. W. Brown, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee to receive and arrange Statistical Returns—Mr. Miller Convener.

Report of Com.
of Bills.

Received the Report of the standing Committee of Bills and Overtures, setting forth the business to come before the Synod, and recommending the order to be followed; and farther recommending that the hours of meeting and of adjournment should be the same as last year. It was moved and seconded that the Report be adopted. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Watson seconded by Mr. Bayne "that the Report be remitted to the Committee, and that they be instructed to determine the day and the Sederunt, at which the different measures shall be brought forward;" and the question being taken "motion or amendment" the motion passed and the Report was adopted accordingly. The Rev. John Keir and Mr. James McGregor were added to the Committee of Bills and Overtures for the present session of Synod.

Hours of
Meeting.

The Clerk requested that his Lecture should not be called

for during the present meeting of Synod and the delay sought was granted. Lecture postponed.

On motion it was agreed that after adjournment, no subsequent Sederunt shall be held this evening, and that a portion of the morning Sederunt shall be spent in devotional exercises, the Moderator to commence, constituting the Synod, with prayer, and to be followed by the Rev. Messrs. Trotter and Smith, with the singing of Psalms at intervals. Devotional Ex. appointed.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, in the Temperance Hall, New Glasgow. Concluded with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

*Temperance Hall, New Glasgow,
Wednesday 27th June, 9 O'Clock, A. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator, who was succeeded in prayer by Rev. Messrs. Trotter and Smith with the Singing of Psalms, during the intervals. Devotional Exercises.

Present, as at last Sederunt, with the Rev. Messrs. Angus McGilivray, John I. Baxter, John C. Sinclair and James Byers; with Messrs. John Douglas from the Congregation of Salem Church, Green Hill, and Jasper Crow from the Congregation of Onslow. The Rev. Robert Sedgewick, and Mr. Daniel McCurdy, being present, were invited to correspond.

The Synod proceeding to business in the order recommended by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, called for the Report of the Committee appointed to superintend the Philosophical department of the Synod's Theological Seminary. The Report not being ready, time was granted for its preparation. Report of Com. on Superintendance.

Called for the Report of the Committee appointed last year to memorialize the Legislature for an alteration in the law of marriage by license. The Clerk reported that the Committee after taking advice were of opinion, that no action should be taken on the subject at present. Their conduct was approved. Report of Com. on Marriage License.

The Report of the Committee appointed last year to mature a plan for the more efficient conducting of Sabbath School Education was then called for and read by Mr. Bayne. Whereupon it was unanimously agreed that the Report be received, and the diligence of the Committee approved; and farther, that the Report be printed in the Appendix to the Synod Minutes, and Presbyteries enjoined to remit the whole subject to sessions for consideration, and to report thereon at next meeting of Synod. Report of Com. on Sab. Schools.

The Synod next called for the Report of the Committee appointed to conduct negotiations with the Free Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, with a view to union between the two bodies. Mr. Trotter the Convener reported verbally—stating that the Committee had been prevented by providential circumstances from meeting with the Committee of the Free Presbyterian Church; but that he as Convener had in the absence of his brethren, held personal intercourse with the members of that Committee at New Glasgow, from which it appeared to him that the prospect of success was not so encouraging as he desired; and recommending that measures be taken to bring the negotiations to a close as soon as possible. The Report having been adopted the Report of Com. on Union. Recommendation.

Committee submitted the following draft of an address to the Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church, embodying these views and expressing the earnest desire of this Synod that the negotiations should be brought, if practicable, to a successful and speedy issue.

To the very Rev. the Moderator and other members of the Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

REV. AND VERY DEAR BROTHERS,—

Address to the Free Pr. Synod.

As there can be but one opinion on the importance of unity among professing christians, we will not trouble you with any observations on that point. Deeply impressed with a sense of its value, and of the obligations we are under to seek it by all proper means, we have sincerely laboured for the last ten years for its attainment, first with your predecessors and subsequently with you; and without meaning any reflection beg leave to say that we exceedingly regret our want of success. Differing in nothing that is essential to religion or calculated to affect its prosperity in this country, our continued separation from one another, appears unreasonable in itself, discreditable to Presbyterianism, and injurious to the prosperity of true religion; and we do not know how we could defend it, before an enlightened public, or venture to excuse it in the presence of our Judge. In order therefore either to bring the pending negotiation, between us to a desirable termination for which we fervently pray, or failing in that to free ourselves from all blame in regard to it, in the sight both of God and man, we earnestly solicit once more your serious attention to its vast importance, and assure you of our readiness to enter into it at once, on the basis already agreed to between our respective Committees; and we trust that you will either meet us in the same spirit or acquit us from all responsibility by acknowledging you have unhappily to contend with obstacles which you cannot overcome.

That the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the Sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, may preside among you and conduct you by his spirit to a conclusion that will advance his own glory and the prosperity of his church in this land is the fervent prayer of your brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia now in Synod convened.

(Signed in our name and by our appointment)

JAMES ROSS, Moderator.

The draft having been approved the Synod adjourned at the usual hour to meet again at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

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

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as at last Sederunt. Read and approved minutes of last Sederunt.

Report on Seminary.

The Report from the Committee of Superintendance of the Philosophical department of the Synod's Theological Seminary was read by Rev. George Christie. The report gave an account of the opening of the classes, the number and the proficiency of the Students, all of which appeared to be highly satisfactory. The Report was adopted and the diligence of the Committee approved.

Memorial from W. River Cong.

Read also a memorial, signed by William McLeod and Edward McLean in the name of the West River Congregation, expressing their willingness that the Rev. James Ross their Pastor should act as the Synod's Professor, and their opinion that his salary should be one hundred and seventy five or two hundred pounds, of which sum they are willing to pay One Hundred pounds, the Synod paying the balance.

Salary of Professor.

The Synod having heard the memorialists in explanation and support of their Paper, it was, on motion, agreed "That the Synod looking to the present state of Educational Institutions in this Province; feel anxious that Mr. Ross should continue his labours as Professor of Philosophy; and with this view would cheerfully accept the proposal of the West

River Congregation to pay One Hundred pounds and do hereby guarantee in addition Seventy-five pound for the present year!"

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, leaving time for the Lecture of Rev. James Watson on Apostolical Succession. Closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, Thursday, 28th June, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as at last Sederunt with the addition of Mr. David Langille, Ruling Elder from the Congregation of River John. The minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the subject of Union with the Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church, when the following Resolutions were adopted for the direction of the Committee in their negotiations, with that body.

Union with Free Pr. Church.

Whereas our brethren of the Free Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia are desirous of knowing to what changes we are willing to submit for the sake of Union:—

Resolved,—1. That being descended from the Secession Church of Scotland, and entertaining in general a high respect for her principles, in which we have been educated, we are not prepared to abandon them; but willingly concede to them the right of entertaining their own views on the few points on which we happen to differ, leaving them as matters of mutual forbearance.

2. That should the two Synods happily unite, we agree to maintain a friendly correspondence, and that upon precisely the same terms, with the United Presbyterian and the Free Churches of Scotland, making no difference between the ministers and brethren, that may come to us from either of them.

3. That a discretionary power be given to our Committee respecting the name to be adopted by the United body.

The former Committee on the Union was reappointed with the same powers.

On motion it was agreed to take up a complaint and Petition from the Session of Noel against the procedure and decisions of the Presbytery of Truro, in reference to a case which had come before them from that congregation. After the reading of papers the Rev. Mr. Crow, Moderator of Noel Session was heard in support of the complaint until the hour of adjournment.

Complaint from Noel Session.

Agreed that the order of the day for the afternoon Sederunt be adhered to, which was to hear the Reports of the Mission Boards. Adjourned till 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Same day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted when the minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

The Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was then read by the Rev. W. McCulloch. Agreed that the Report be received and allowed to lie on the table.

Report of Board of D. Missions.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was then read by the Rev. James Waddell, Corresponding Secretary. Agreed that the report be received and allowed to lie on the table.

Report of Board of F. Missions.

Resumed the consideration of the complaint and petition from Noel Session against the Presbytery of Truro. Mr. Crow was heard in continuation and was followed by Mr. Samuel Densmore, Commissioner of the Session.

Noel Complaint.

The case on the part of the Complainants having been closed, Mr. Murdoch addressed the Synod in defence of the procedure of Presbytery, until the hour of adjournment when the Synod adjourned to meet again at the close of the Synodical Missionary Meeting. Closed with prayer.

Missionary Meeting.

Noel case.

Noel case. Motion.

Amendment.

Motion passed.

Mr. Crow's proposal.

Report of interview.

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SIXTH SEDERUNT.

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

Missionary Meeting.

The Synod at the close of the Missionary Meeting, met *pro forma*, and being constituted, the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved. Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with Prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, Friday, 29th June, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Noel case.

The Synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved. Resumed the consideration of the Complaint from Noel Session. The Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, McGregor, and Christie were heard in defence of the various steps taken by the Presbytery, and Rev. Mr. Cameron in reply to charges against himself. The Rev. Mr. Crow and the Commissioner from Noel having again spoken in reply, the case closed; and after remarks from Mr. Trotter on the general merits of the question, the Synod adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

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

Noel case. Motion.

The Synod met and was constituted. Read and approved the minutes of last sederunt.

Resumed the consideration of the complaint from Noel Session. It was agreed that the parties having been fully heard be now removed, and the parties were removed accordingly. After a very general expression of opinion from members of Synod, it was moved by Rev. John McKinlay—"That the Synod approve of the conduct of the Truro Presbytery, so far as it has come before them, with one exception, the refusal of the minutes; direct that these be now granted; appoint a deputation to meet at Noel as speedily as possible with the Presbytery of Truro and Rev. Mr. Crow's Session, and the disaffected parties; and to endeavour to effect a reconciliation between them; but if not successful, to be prepared to give a report of all the circumstances of the case at next meeting of Synod."

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. James Waddell—"That it is impossible for the Synod to come to a final decision on the merits of the complaint of the Session of Noel against the Truro Presbytery, at this meeting; and that a Committee be appointed to proceed to Noel, meet with the parties, make all necessary inquiries, into the circumstances of the case; if possible make an adjustment of differences, but if unsuccessful, to prepare the whole business for adjudication at next meeting of Synod."

Motion passed.

Both being seconded, and no other proposal submitted and pressed, the question was taken Motion or Amendment, when there appeared—For the Motion 16; for the Amendment 4, and so the Motion passed.

Mr. Crow's proposal.

A proposal was then made by Mr. Crow to meet with the Presbytery of Truro, with the design of effecting an amicable arrangement of the questions in dispute between them. The Synod then adjourned until half past 7 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Report of interview.

The Synod met and was constituted. Read and approved minutes of last sederunt.

Proceeded with the case from Noel Session. The Clerk of the Truro Presbytery reported that the Presbytery had held an interview with the Rev. Mr. Crow, and the Commissioner from Noel, with the following results. Mr. Crow having expressed doubts respecting the motives of members of Presbytery, they individually and collectively declared, that in the measures which they had adopted they had no design to do

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anything prejudicial to Mr. Crow or his congregation.—Whereupon Mr. Crow withdrew the offensive sentiments and expressions contained in the documents sent to the Presbytery and Synod; and acknowledged that the language in which they were couched was wrong, and expressed his satisfaction with the Presbytery to this effect—"that he had conversed with the Presbytery respecting all the matters about which there was a misunderstanding, and that he was perfectly satisfied with the statements which they made," and farther, that neither Mr. Crow nor his Session will now desire the extracts from the Presbytery minutes as mentioned in the deliverance of Synod.

The deputation to Noel being still considered necessary, it was agreed that the Moderator shall nominate the parties of whom it shall consist. The Moderator consented to do this to-morrow morning.

Read a series of Overtures from the Rev. John McCurdy of Miramichi. Agreed to take up the first of these, which was "to grant permission to the Rev. Daniel McCurdy to apply to the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, to take him and his charge under its superintendance, and to grant him the necessary testimonials and recommendations." The Rev. John McCurdy having been provisionally detained from the present meeting of Synod, the Rev. Daniel McCurdy explained the object contemplated by the Overture, and gave an interesting account of his present field of labour; when the Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, Saturday, 30th June, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as yesterday, with the exception of the Rev. Messrs. Crow, McGilvray, Smith, and Walker. Read and approved the minutes.

The Moderator, according to previous arrangement, proceeded to nominate the deputation to Noel; and the Synod having expressed an opinion that it should consist of three ministers and two elders, the following were appointed—The Rev. Messrs. Waddell, Walker, and Allan, and Messrs. John Douglas and John Fraser, Ruling Elders.

It was agreed that as the reconciliation of Mr. Crow with the Truro Presbytery, renders it no longer necessary for that Presbytery to meet with the Synodical Committee, that they be directed to appoint a Commissioner or Commissioners to meet with the Synod's Committee at Noel. And farther, that the Committee and Commissioners receive each in advance forty shillings toward the payment of their expenses, and that Mr. Allan's expenses to and from P. E. Island be defrayed in addition.

Adjourned to meet again on Monday, 2nd July, at 3 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, Monday, 2nd July, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present:—The Rev. Messrs. Keir, Blackwood, Trotter, Patterson, Baxter, Miller, Roy, Ross, Campbell, McCulloch, McGregor, Christie, Bayne, Cameron, Watson and Allan, and Messrs. John Fraser, Archibald Sinclair, and James McGregor, Ruling Elders.

Minutes of last Sederunt being read and approved, Mr. Trotter moved, that the Committee to proceed to Noel be reduced to three members, to consist of Rev. Messrs. Walker and Allan, and Mr. James McGregor, Mr. Walker to be Convener, which being seconded, was agreed to.

Resumed the consideration of the series of Overtures from the Rev. John McCurdy. The first was again read and after reasoning it was agreed not to adopt the Overture.

The second was "to appoint a Committee to superintend the publication of a cheap monthly periodical, to give information respecting our domestic and foreign missions and other matters pertaining to our Church." After an expression of the opinions of Members it appeared that while many were very favourable to the object contemplated in the Overture, they thought the object would be more likely to be secured without the direct interference or decision of the Synod.

Deputation to be Moderator.

Overture from Rev. J. McCurdy

Rev. D. McCurdy heard.

Commissioner from Truro Presbytery.

Expenses to be paid.

Noel Com. Reduced.

Overtures of Rev. J. McCurdy. 1st.

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Rules of Procedure.

The third Overture was "to apply to the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland to take the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia under its superintendance and fostering care. It was agreed that the Overture be not adopted. Mr. Trotter, after leave asked and obtained, moved, That the Synod appoint a Committee to prepare a set of Rules and Forms of Procedure to be laid before the Synod for their consideration at next meeting. The motion was agreed to—and Rev. Messrs. McKinlay, Walker, and A. P. Miller were appointed—Mr. McKinlay Convener. Adjourned to half past 7 o'clock and closed with prayer.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, 7 1/2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as at last Sederunt, with Mr. John Douglas, Ruling Elder. Read the minutes of last Sederunt.

Memorial from Students.

Read a memorial from the Students attending the Philosophical department of the Synod's Theological Seminary, praying for the reduction of the term, and a change in the season of attendance. The change in the season of the year was conceded without opposition. Respecting the duration of the term of attendance, it was moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the term be seven months.

Change of Season.

Length of Term.

In amendment Mr. Baxter moved, Mr. Blackwood seconding, that the term in compliance with the prayer of the memorial be six months.

Another amendment was moved by Mr. Christie and seconded by the Clerk, that the term be eight months.

For the second amendment there were four votes and against it eleven. The question was then taken between the motion and amendment, when the amendment passed, and so the prayer of the memorialists was granted.

Time of opening Classes.

The time when the classes should be re-opened was left to the determination of the Committee of Superintendance, who were re-appointed with the addition of Rev. James Watson and Mr. James McGregor, with power to add two to their number.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, Tuesday, 3rd July, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as yesterday with the addition of Rev. Messrs. McGilivray, Walker, and A. P. Miller, and Messrs. Hugh McLeod from the Congregation of West River, and David McIntosh, from the Congregation of Upper Settlement, East River, Ruling Elders.

Rules of Seminary.

Read and approved minutes of last Sederunt. The Synod directed the Committee of Superintendance to prepare a series of Rules for the regulation of the Seminary under their charge, to be submitted at next meeting of Synod, and for the present year acted upon as interim rules.

Foreign Mission Board.

Resumed the business of the Mission Boards.

Ordination of Mr. Archibald.

Took up the recommendation contained in the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, with respect to the ordination of Mr. Isaac Archibald. After discussion it was agreed "That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary under existing circumstances to effect the ordination of Mr. Archibald, so that he may have the full standing of an ordained Missionary. Should the Board find there are not Presbyterian Missionaries within reach, by whom this resolution may be carried into effect, they are directed to report to Synod and ask further instructions.

Report printed.

Agreed that the Report of the Foreign Board be adopted, printed and circulated under the direction of the Board which is now re-appointed with its former powers. The minutes of the Board were read and countersigned by the Moderator.

Reappointed.

Home Board.

The minutes of the Board of Domestic Missions were then read and countersigned by the Moderator. The Secretary of the Board then read an Appendix to their Report, bringing under the notice of Synod a misunderstanding between the

Board and the Pictou Presbytery in reference to some points of order, which were now in dispute between them, and which the Board, by request of the Presbytery of Truro, brought under the notice of Synod, that the law of the Church may be ascertained and affirmed.

It was agreed to adjourn to 4 o'clock that the Board and Presbyteries may have time for an interview, to secure if possible an amicable adjustment of the matters respecting which a misunderstanding has arisen. Closed with prayer.

FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as in the morning, with the Rev. James Byers. Read and approved the minutes of last Sederunt.

The following Preamble and Resolution submitted by Mr. Murdoch and seconded by Mr. Campbell were then agreed to.

In accordance with the recommendation of Synod the Presbyteries met and entered into mutual explanation of matters in dispute between them, when it was found that there was a misunderstanding as regards the law of the Church, with respect to Probationers, in case of a call being presented and accepted; and referred the matter to Synod for a declaration of its mind in the matter. Whereupon it was resolved that the law respecting the transference of Probationers, enacted by the Synod in 1843 in these words, "All applications for supply are to be made to the Committee of Missions, by whom the Probationers under the inspection of Synod shall be distributed among the several Presbyteries, and in destitute places as they shall deem most expedient and for the edification of the Church," is the law of this Church and enjoined that it shall be adhered to. And in case of a call being accepted and the Presbytery making application to the Board, it shall be the duty of the Board without unnecessary delay to transfer the person called to the Presbytery making such application.

Decision.

The Report of the Board was adopted, and eight hundred copies ordered to be published for circulation, and the Board re-appointed with its former powers.

Report printed.

Reappointment.

Adjourned till half past seven o'clock, to meet in John Knox's Church. Concluded with prayer.

FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

John Knox's Church, Same Day, 7 1/2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as at last sederunt, with the Rev. Messrs. McKinlay and Waddell, and Mr. D. Langille, Ruling Elders.

Heard the Report of the Educational Board. This document stated the action of the Board during the past year, and informed the Synod, that they had received from William Matheson Esq., West River, Pictou, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, being the amount of a Bequest from his late wife to the Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, to be expended in assisting young men of approved talent and piety in preparing for the office of the Holy Ministry in connection with this body. The Synod agreed unanimously to record the deep sense which they entertain for the Christian worth of the late Mrs. Matheson, their respect for her memory, and their gratitude for her liberal bequest; and appoint the Rev. Messrs. McKinlay and Roy to convey an expression of the same to Mr. Matheson.

Report of Ed. Board.

Bequest.

Took up the Reports of Presbyteries on the organization of Congregations. After notice previously given, the following motion, made by the Clerk and seconded by Mr. Campbell, came up for discussion at the same time. "That this Synod, by means of a series of Questions, addressed to the Managers of each Congregation, by a Financial Clerk or Secretary, to be appointed, shall forthwith inquire into Congregational arrangements for the support of the Gospel ministry, the amount of salary, the time and mode of payment, and such other particulars as will contribute to the attainment of system and punctuality in the financial affairs of Congregations; the answers to these questions to be embodied in a return, and laid before the next meeting of Synod."

Organization of Cong.

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Com. appointed. After reasoning from which it appeared that great unanimity prevailed, it was agreed that the whole subject be remitted to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Campbell, Allan, McCulloch, Watson, Mr. Jas. McGregor and the Clerk, with directions to be prepared with a report at the morning sederunt to-morrow.

Report on Pby. Minutes. Received the Report of the Committee appointed to examine Presbytery minutes, from which it appeared that they have examined these Records, and find that they are kept with accuracy, and business regularly conducted.

Widows' Fund. Heard a statement of the amount now in the fund for aiding the Widows of Ministers, from which it appears that the sum in fund amounts only to Nine Pounds, two shillings, and 1½d. Reasons were assigned by several ministers whose Congregations had not yet contributed anything. The Synod renewed the order already given to ministers, and reappointed the Committee of 1847.

Reappointment of Committee. Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, at Temperance Hall. Closed with prayer.

SIXTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Temperance Hall,
Wednesday, 4th July, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Report on Organization of Congs. The Synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of last sederunt were read, and approved.

The Committee appointed at last sederunt to consider the subject of the better organization of Congregations, and in connection therewith the motion of the Clerk, reported the following recommendations for adoption, by Synod.

First. That each Presbytery be directed to obtain, if practicable, the services of a Layman of good business talent, who shall accept the office and discharge the duties of Secretary of Finance or of secular affairs.

Secondly. That it shall be his duty, to address to the managers or Trustees of each Congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery, a series of questions, the answers to which will express the state of the Congregation in reference to finances and general management, and to arrange the information thus obtained in tabular form, to be laid before the Synod annually.

Thirdly. That the Financial Secretary may suggest improvements where these appear necessary or desirable, in Congregational management, in accordance with the following recommendations, for the organization of Congregations.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Recommendations.**
- Title.** 1. That every Building erected for Public Worship, be held as the Property of the Congregation as a body, and not of individuals,—that it be exclusively Presbyterian, and be held by Incorporation where this is practicable.
- Weekly Col.** 2ndly Recommend weekly collections, as a scriptural mode of raising the Pastors' Salary; and, where this mode is considered impracticable, voluntary subscription.
- Managers.** 3dly. Recommend a Board of Managers in every Congregation.
- Meetings.** 4thly. Recommend regular, and if possible, *quarterly* meetings of the managers.
- Report.** 5thly. Recommend that a Report be submitted by the Managers to the Congregation at least annually.
- Treasurer, &c.** 6thly. Recommend a General Treasurer and active Collectors in each Congregation.
- Sectional Congs.** 7thly. Where a Congregation is sectional, recommend sectional Committees of Management and Collectors, but a combined Report from the Treasurer, if possible.
- Young men.** 8thly. Recommend the diligent use of means for enlisting the energies of young men in supporting the Congregation, and in the management of its affairs.
- Vacancies.** 9thly. Recommend that in *vacant* congregations the usual means of providing for the support of religious ordinances be continued in full operation.
- Annual Returns on 1st May.** 10thly. Recommend the Synod to direct the Managers of Congregations to furnish on or before the 1st of May, an annual report to the Financial Secretary, containing answers to the following Questions—

QUESTIONS.

- 1st. What is the name of your Pastor?
- 2d. What is the Locality of the Congregation?

- 3d. By what title do you hold your Church Property?
- 4th. What is the stipend promised to your Pastor?
- 5th. What is the amount paid during the last year?
- 6th. Is any balance due the Pastor at this date? And how much?
- 7th. Have you any surplus funds after paying the Stipend? And how much?
- 8th. What is the termination of your Congregational year?
- 9th. What is your method of raising the Minister's salary?
- 10th. What are the terms and mode of payment?
- 11th. Have you a Board of Managers, and what is their number?
- 12th. Have they stated times of meeting, and how often?
- 13th. Do your managers report annually to the Congregation?
- 14th. Are there any circumstances peculiar to the Congregation which you wish to report?

The Recommendations of the Committee were adopted in full by the Synod; and the Clerk directed to have the Recommendations and questions printed and forwarded to Presbyteries for the use of their respective Secretaries, in their correspondence with Congregations. The Synod further, on motion of Mr. McKinlay, agreed to enjoin ministers to lay the whole subject before their Sessions, that they may as far as possible aid in having the recommendation of the Synod carried out.

On application from the Foreign Mission Board; leave was granted to add two to their number, to supply vacancies caused by the resignation of Rev. George Christie and Mr. Roderick McGregor.

After notice given, the following Resolution was moved by Mr. Murdoch, and seconded by Mr. Waddell—

"That some member of Synod be deputed to visit the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, to solicit aid in Books, Philosophical apparatus and money for the seminary in connection with this Synod." After reasoning the motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Murdoch, seconded by the Clerk, it was then agreed "that the Rev. William McCulloch be appointed to undertake the mission." Mr. McCulloch was directed to draw forty pounds from the funds of the Educational Board, to meet in part his expenses; and the Clerk was directed to correspond with Mr. Charles Robson of Halifax, to ascertain if he intends visiting Scotland this summer in the prosecution of his business; and if he could co-operate with Mr. McCulloch as a deputy from this Synod.

The Synod then took up the Reports of Presbyteries on the Memorial from the Session of Truro, asking the Synod's opinion, First, "How far it is consistent, in this day of light, that those who traffic in ardent spirits should be members of Christian Churches, considering that while they pledge themselves to promote personal and general religion, their calling is one directly injurious to themselves, detrimental to religion, and injurious to immortal souls? and Secondly—"How far a Church Court may go in making those who indulge in drinking, after due warning, subjects of discipline, and in refusing admission to applicants who after proper and faithful dealing, refuse to give assurance that they will abstain?"

The Presbytery of Truro reported, "That this Presbytery have strong doubts as to the propriety of persons engaged in the sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, being recognized as members of the Church."

The Presbytery of Pictou declined giving any deliverance. The Presbytery of P. E. Island reported "That while it is the duty of office-bearers in the Church to be zealous in using means to induce members to practise total abstinence, it would not be, in the mean time, expedient to make it a term of communion." After reasoning, various motions having been submitted and withdrawn, it was agreed that this subject be deferred, and for the present no deliverance given.

The Committee on Statistics submitted their Report exhibiting the Returns, so far as received, carefully arranged, and suggesting that as in a few cases the answers were vague, that the greatest precision should be aimed at in future. The Report was received and thanks given to the Committee for their labour. The Rev. Messrs. Walker, A. P. Miller, and Mr. Jas. McGregor, were appointed a Committee to correspond with such Sessions as have not yet sent in any returns, and to have the table in its perfected state sent to the Clerk for publication.

The auditing Committee reported that they had examined the accounts and find them accurately kept, and that at present there is in

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MINUTES OF SYNOD.

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	Foreign Mission do.	386	8	9	
	Educational Board do.				
	Theological Pro. Fund	£442	11	2	} 1254 14 11¼
	Dick Bequest	163	15	3	
	McCara do.	399	8	6½	
	Mrs. Matheson's Bequest	250	0	0	

Order. The Report was received and the diligence of the Committee approved. It was ordered that in future all sums paid for the support of Philosophical or Theological Education in connection with the Synod be sent to the Treasurer of the Educational Board.

Notice of Mr. Brown's death. On motion of Mr. McCulloch it was agreed "that as no special notice of the death of the Rev. John Brown of Londonderry, has yet been entered on the minutes of Synod, and as the Rev. Mr. Smith is preparing a notice for the Truro Presbytery, he be requested to prepare a suitable statement to be recorded on the minutes of this court."

Thanks to J. Henderson, Esq. On motion of Mr. Trotter it was agreed unanimously "that the thanks of this Synod be presented to John Henderson, Esq., of Park, for his Christian liberality, in furnishing the ministers of this Body with several copies of a series of valuable tracts on "The Sabbath;" and farther, that Mr. McCulloch be requested, when in Scotland, to convey to Mr. Henderson this expression of the Synod's sense of his kindness."

Memorial on Collegiate Ed. Read a memorial from members and others belonging to Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, transmitted through the Presbytery of Truro, praying the Synod to enter their earnest protest against the injustice and hardship sustained by the members and adherents of this denomination, who besides supporting by voluntary contribution their own educational as well as religious institutions, are taxed to maintain various Collegiate Seminaries, which are sectarian in character and instrumental in diffusing doctrines and principles so conflicting, that in some of them at least, they cannot concur, and to adopt some means to bring this injustice and hardship under the notice of the Legislature.

Com. appointed. The subject being thus brought before the Synod, and members having expressed their sentiments, it was agreed "that a Committee be appointed to prepare a memorial setting forth this grievance, to be laid before the Legislature at its next Session; and farther, to bring the subject under the notice of all the congregations in order that the opinion of the Body may be fully expressed to the Legislature." Rev.

Messrs. Trotter, Campbell, A. P. Miller and Walker and Mr. James McGregor were appointed, Mr. Trotter being convener.

On motion of Mr. Baxter it was agreed that the Committee School Lands be instructed to make inquiry and if necessary take some action respecting the Church, Glebe and School Lands throughout the Province."

Adjourned till 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock.

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

The following arrangements were then adopted. It was agreed that the Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary be printed. "That the Committee of Correspondence with the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland be re-appointed."

"That the Synod Clerk notify the Presbytery of P. E. Is-lands, that if an application for aid at the dispensation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, should be made by the Rev. J. McCurdy, the supply will be expected from the Is-lands Presbytery." "That ten pounds be paid to the Professor of Theology, and five to the Synod Clerk, and that the Bill for printing Minutes and other Synodical documents be paid—and farther, that the expense of lighting the house and of attendance be paid."

"That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Proprietors of the Hall, and to Mr. George McKay for his attention."

"That the Rev. Mr. McCulloch and the Clerk deliver lectures at next meeting of Synod, and that the Committee of Bills and Overtures shall see that public notice of the Lectures and of the Missionary meeting be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath which precedes the meeting of Synod. And that the next meeting of Synod be held in Pictou town, on the last Tuesday of June, at 4 o'clock, P. M."

Read the minutes of the present sederunt, and called the Roll, when it appeared that all the members of Synod were present except those who obtained leave of absence. Concluded with praise, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

PETER G. MCGREGOR,

Synod Clerk.

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APPENDIX, No. 1.

Report on Sabbath School Education.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools, agreeably to remit of Synod, beg leave to report as follows—

That they have opened correspondence with a similar Committee of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, with a view to elicit their experience, but regret to add that this important object has not yet been obtained—that the Presbyteries have given in their Reports, and that from this source, as well as the personal information of the several members of your Committee, the following recommendations have been drawn up, and are now respectfully submitted for the consideration of Synod.

I. That a Sabbath School Board be appointed, whose duty it shall be to superintend the general operations of the Church in this department.

II. That a Deputation be appointed by each Presbytery to visit every year the several Congregations under their inspection, and thus enlist united and zealous effort.

III. That a Depository of Sabbath School Books and Libraries be maintained out of a general fund under the control of the Sabbath School Board.

IV. That while the members of your Committee have examined several of the most approved systems of Sabbath School tuition and instruction, they are not prepared to adopt any particular system, farther than that which may be designated the Presbyterian system, to wit, the Confession of Faith, Larger and Shorter Catechisms, with such expositions of these as Brown's Catechisms—and would recommend the Synod to leave more minute regulations to be determined by the practical working in different localities.

V. That whatever mode of tuition and system of instruction be eventually adopted—these should be uniform.

VI. That each Sabbath School be under the direct supervision of the Session in whose bounds it may be placed—that each Session give a general report to their respective Presbytery—that Presbyteries give a similar report to Sabbath School Board, who in like manner shall report to Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES BAYNE,

Convener.

APPENDIX, No. 2.

Report on Seminary.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Philosophical and Classical departments of the Theological Seminary, beg to submit the following Report of their proceedings during

the past year, together with an account of the present state of the Institution.

Your Committee lost no time in attending to the duties with which they were entrusted by the Synod.

They held their first meeting on the 22nd day of August, 1843. At that meeting the Report of the Committee appointed by Synod to co-operate with the Pictou Presbytery in making arrangements with the West River Congregation for securing the services of the Rev. James Ross as the Synod's Professor in Philosophy was received, and being favourable to the views of Synod the Committee proceeded to make arrangements forthwith for the opening of the Seminary; and appointed the first of October for the opening of the class.

On account of a serious derangement of the appointments of the Truro Presbytery, which occurred about this time, the Presbytery, though reluctant, were obliged to send one of its members on a distant mission. And in the circumstances, the appointment of necessity fell upon one of the members of our Committee who happened to be the Convener. On this account the opening of the Seminary did not take place till November.

At the meeting in August, the Secretary of your Committee was directed to correspond with the different Presbyteries in order to ascertain the number of students who might be expected to attend the Logic Class during the year.

It was not to be supposed that for the first year the number of students would be great. In this respect, however, the anticipations of your Committee were more than realized.

The formal opening of the Seminary took place on the 9th day of November, in the Church at the West River, in the presence of a large portion of Mr. Ross's Congregation. The proceedings on the occasion were as follows.—The meeting being opened by the Convener, Rev. Wm. McCulloch, with praise and prayer—Rev. James Ross delivered an Inaugural Address; and was succeeded by the Revd. Messrs. McCulloch and Christie, each of whom addressed the audience, pointing out the object which the Synod had in view in commencing a Theological Seminary, and the manner in which it was proposed that it should be supported.

After singing and prayer for the Divine blessing upon the Institution, as well as the exercises of the day, the Congregation was dismissed, and the Committee held a meeting with the Students, placing them formally under the superintendance of Mr. Ross, and tendering to them advices suited to the occasion and the object which they professed to have in view.

Between the time of this meeting and the 21st inst., the Committee did not succeed in holding any regular meetings. There were two appointed, but the members did not meet—once being hindered by the sickness of the Convener, and at another time by a storm which rendered travelling impossible. This did not however prevent the members of the Committee from watching over the interests of the Institution, and we feel warranted in stating that all was done which could be supposed to contribute to the prosperity of the Institution.

On the 21st inst., your Committee held a meeting in the class room for the examination of the students attending the Seminary; and your Committee would add that the day was to them one of peculiar interest. We were assembled to approve the result of an effort made by the Synod for the accomplishment of an important object—one which our Church frequently makes the subject of their prayers.

The Professor and the Students were in this respect united, and we felt that the day would declare either favourably or unfavourably for the future prospects of our Zion. And now we feel joy in stating to the Synod that the experience of that day has gone far to dissipate the fear which we felt, and to remove discouragements which we in common with many others realized, commencing anew an institution in which our youth may receive that mental culture which is requisite to qualify for public stations in the Church of Christ.

We had not personally indeed the experience of those who at a darker period in the history of our Province had undertaken a similar work. But before us lay open that page of history which reminded us of hopes disappointed and prayers not yet so far as appears to human eye answered. Yet like those who preceded us, who have now ceased from their labours in the Church on earth, we felt confidence that the cause was good, and that though God may try faith until he correct what is wrong in men, he will eventually send that

measure of prosperity which is for his own glory and the good of the Church.

Our meeting of the 21st instant encouraged us to consider such remarks as applicable to the present case.

During the term which has now come to a close there have been twelve students in attendance upon the Seminary. One of them we regret to add was obliged on account of ill health to return home about a month before the close, and whether he will be able still to prosecute his studies is a matter known only to the Disposer of events. The others were all present at the examination.

In addition to Logic, which according to the order of Synod was to be for the first year the more prominent branch of study, the students have all been receiving instruction from Mr. Ross in Greek and Latin, and seven of the twelve have also been studying Hebrew.

Their progress in Hebrew has for the time been considerable. As yet they have only translated three chapters of the Bible. But we found them well acquainted with the Grammar, an essential qualification for future success in the study of the language.

Respecting the proficiency of the students during the term in Greek and Latin, the Committee cannot in all cases speak so positively, not knowing their state of advancement when they entered the Seminary. The majority of the Committee however could speak positively respecting those of the students who came from the bounds of the Truro Presbytery—having assisted in their examination previous to their being certified as students who might join the Logic class.—And respecting them we can freely say that they manifest a considerable degree of improvement—a remark which so far as we could ascertain is equally applicable to the others.

In Logic the students gave very satisfactory evidence of successful application. The questions put to them at the examination might be considered as a summary of the whole course of Logic; and we feel warranted to say that the Professor has not only given a comprehensive view of the whole system, but he has also succeeded in making the students understand the subject.

Each of the students was also required to read one of the first essays which he had written during the term, and immediately after, a part or the whole of one of the last, from which we might judge of the extent of their improvement. From this it was ascertained that while there are great differences among them in point of composition, they have all made considerable progress in this exercise.

The examination lasted seven hours, and the reason for your Committee being so particular was that they might satisfy themselves, and also be able to render a full and satisfactory account of the state of the Seminary to the Synod.

Your Committee also deem it their duty to express strongly their approbation of the diligence, ability, and zeal manifest by your Professor, the Rev. James Ross. He has distinguished himself with much efficiency the duties now immediately imposed upon him by the Synod, and in addition has materially forwarded in other respects the interests of the students.

In conclusion your Committee would remark that from a review of the past, they feel it their duty to thank God and take courage. The Synod's first effort has been followed by results which we believe the most sanguine scarcely anticipated. We do not entertain a doubt but that around your Seminary our Church will rally. Had we no other assurance of this, we would infer it from the fact that the number of students already collected have come from so many different and even distant parts of the Church, viz.: P. E. Island, East River, Middle River, West River, Kempt Bridge, Stew-iacke, Musquodoboit, Economy, and Nine Mile River. If supported by the Synod, it will be acknowledged as the Seminary of the Church, and every year will, while conducted with efficiency, become more an object of interest. And if as a Synod we be faithful to our own interests, the blessing of the Head of the Church will not be withheld. "The God of Heaven he will prosper, therefore we his servants will arise and build."

All which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

GEORGE CHRISTIE, Secretary.

New Glasgow, June 27th, 1849.

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STATISTICS

Of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

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CONGREGATIONS.	EXTENT.	Number of Adherents to the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia within these bounds.	Number of Families.	Number of Churches.	Amount of Church Accommodation.	General Attendance.	Number of Baptisms during the Year.	Number of Communicants.	No. of Accessions to Communion roll during the year.	No. of Communicants removed by death or otherwise.	Number of Elders.	Lord's Supper Dispensed during the Year.	Number of Families who observe Family Worship.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Sabbath School Libraries.	Number of Volumes.	Prayer Meetings.	Average Attendance.	Bible Classes.	Attendance on Bible Classes.	Stipend Paid.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	MISCELLANEOUS.	
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Now Glasgow.	10 5	Not yet known.	35	2	500	265	14	79	13	None	22		All.	1	13	110	1	100	1	50	2	120	10 17 2	3	†48		
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Maitland and Noel.																											
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Stewiacke.	20 miles by 8	1640	244	2	860	700	60	300	24	4	72		220	7		5	220					150	12 11 5½	20	229 8		
Truro.	15 4	980	179	1½	750	400	20	123	11	4	133		80	4	24	180	3	160	3	40	1	35		12	6	45	
Ouslow, Brookfield and Old Barns.	160 square miles.	1800	300	4	1800	200 in ea. place.	18	260	12	10	125		A good proportion.	2	7	60	2	40	1	50	1	20	100	11	2	10	
Upper Londonderry.																											
Lower Londonderry.																											
(Economy).	14 miles by 3 or 4	956	126	2	480	390	7	160	6	2	122		Not ascertained.	1	4	21	2	100	1	40	2	45		6	3	123 10	
Shelburne.	30 35	600	100	3	800	300	12	90	2	2	53		Not many.	2			3		5	15	1	120		4 8	15		
Yarmouth.																											
PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.																											
Princetown.	10 miles.	783	113	1	550	350	27	284	17	1	122	times.	52	3	12	80	3	300	4	75			79 14 9	25	10	40 4 2	
East St. Peters and Bay Fortune.																							About £10				
Cove Head, W St. Peters Cavendish and New London.	50 miles by 20		94	9	600	300		134	4		122			3	6	2		5		5	The whole cong.	About £100	9			4 10†	
Bedeque.	20 10	347	58	1	300	200	26	102	3	5			14½	3	7	76			2	25		80	8	4 2 9	6 16 6		
Richmond Bay.	17 miles.	450	75	2	600	240		117																			
Cascumpeque.	45 to 50.	452	73	2	240	240	23	141	9	9				4	70	1	150	3	10								

*Belonging to several congregations. †New Glasgow.—Besides Bible Class; New Church, £638 10. ‡Return for the Year ending June, 1848.

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