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ROLL OF SYNOD---1865.

Presbytery of Halifax.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 J. L. Murdoch, Andw. King, Prof. of Theology.	1 James Proctor,	Windsor and St. Croix.
1 James Waddell,	Neil Bulong,	Sheet Harbour, &c.
1 Robert Sedgewick,	2 Welwood Reynolds,	Musquodoboit.
1 Peter G. McGregor,	1 Dr. Hattie,	Poplar Grove, Halifax.
1 William Duff,		Lunenburg.
1 George Christie, Walter Thorburn,		Yarmouth.
1 John Cameron,	2 James A. Scott,	Bermuda.
Moses Harvey,		Nine Mile River, &c.
1 George M. Clark,	Philip Bower,	St. John, Nfld.
1 William Forlone,	John S. Newcomb,	Shelburne.
1 John M. McLeod,	Hiram Smith,	Cornwallis, South.
1 James McLean,		Newport.
1 William Maxwell,	1 Robert Murray,	Shubenacadie, &c.
1 William Murray,	1 Henry B. Webster,	Chalmers' Church, Halifax.
Alex. Ross,		Cornwallis, North.
1 Alex. Stuart,	1 Charles Taylor,	Harbour Grace, Nfld.
1 Howard D. Steele,		Porter's Lake, Musq. Har.
1 Alex. McKnight, Prof. of Hebrew.	1 Edward Taylor,	Cornwallis, West.
1 Donald McMillan,		Dartmouth.
1 John Morton,		LaHave.
1 Donald S. Gordon,	George Runciman,	Bridgewater.
1 Thomas Cumming,	1 James Farquhar,	Annapolis and Bridgetown.
1 Matthew G. Henry,		St. John's Church, Halifax.
1 Edward Annand,		Clyde River, Barrington.
		Windsor and St. Croix.

Presbytery of Cape Breton.

2 Hugh McLeod, D.D.,		Sydney.
James Fraser,		Boularderie.
Matthew Wilson,		Sydney Mines.
Murdoch Stewart,		West Bay.
James Ross,		Grand River.
William G. Forbes,		Plaister Cove.
Abraham McIntosh,		St. Anns.
Kenneth McKenzie,	2 Thomas A. McKeen,	Baddeck.
Vacant.		Mabon.
Donald McKenzie,		Middle River.
Isaac McKay,		Gabarus.
Alex. Farquharson,		Leitch's Creek.

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

James Watson,	E. Stewart,	New Annan.
John Munro,	John McKenzie,	Wallace.
W. S. Darragh,	5 Thomas Mitchell,	Goose River.
H. B. McKay,	1 Wm. Redmond,	River John.
Thomas Sedgewick,	Hon. Arch. Patterson,	Tatamagouche.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

Robert S. Patterson,	Walter Stewart,	Bedeqne.
Alexander Campbell,	Malcolm Gillis,	Strathalbyn.
James Allan,		Cove Head.
Isaac Murray,	Peter Gregor,	Cavendish and N. Glasgow.
Alex. Munro,		Brown's Creek.
Henry Crawford,		E. St. Peter's and Bay Fortune.

1 George Sutherland,	George Henderson,	Free Church, Charlottetown.
1 Allan Fraser,	Robert Gordon,	Cascumpeque and <i>Tiguish</i> .
1 Donald McNeill,	John McDonald,	Woodville and Little Sane's.
3 Alexander Cameron,	2 John Doughart,	N. London & Summerfield.
1 Robert Laird,	Neil Taylor,	Princetown.
William Ross,	Don. McDougall,	W. River and Brookfield.
4 Hugh McMillan,	Donald McLure,	Murray Harbour.
1 Allan McLean,		Dundas.
1 William R. Frame.	Rock. McLean,	Richmond Bay and Summer-
		side.
1 Alex. Falconer,	David Laird,	Queen Square, Ch'town.
1 John D. Murray,	Alexander Ramsay,	Richmond Bay, West.
2 William Stuart,	James Ramsay,	W. Cape, Campbelltown and
		Brac.
Vacant.	William I. Douglas,	West St. Peter's.
Vacant.	Malcolm McLean,	St. John's, New London.

Presbytery of Truro.

Thomas S. Crowe,		Maitland and Noel.
2 James Smith, D.D., Pro.	2 Samuel Creelman, Esq.,	Upper Stewiacke.
Bib. Lit.		
1 John I. Baxter,	2 Alex. Barnhill,	Onslow, &c.
7 William McCulloch,	3 Robert K. Smith,	Truro.
2 James Byers,	1 David Smith,	Clifton.
13 Ebenezer E. Ross,	1 James Crow,	Upper Londonderry.
1 Alex. L. Wyllie,	1 David Fulton,	Lower Londonderry.
1 James McG. McKay,	1 James Hill,	Economy.
1 Samuel Johnston,		Harvey, N. B.
1 John Currie,	2 Robert McLellan,	Maitland, 2nd Cong.
1 Jacob McLellan,	1 James M. O'Brien,	Maitland and Noel, 1st Con.
5 Duncan McKinnon,	5 George Fullerton,	Parshoro'.
1 John D. McGillivray,	1 James Pratt,	M. Stewiacke & Brookfield.

Presbytery of Pictou.

1 David Roy,	1 Alpin Chisholm.	James Ch., New Glasgow.
1 John McCurdy,	Isaac Matheson,	Chatham, N. B.
2 John Stewart,	1 Alex. Campbell,	J. Knox Ch., New Glasgow.
John Campbell,	2 Alex. McDonald,	Sherbrooke.
1 George Walker,	George Murray, M.D.,	Primitive Ch., N. Glasgow.
1 James Bayne, D.D.,	2 George Grant,	Prince St. Ch., Pictou.
Andrew P. Miller,		French River.
4 Alex. Sutherland,		Earltown.
1 Duncan B. Blair,	Wm. Irvine,	Barney's River.
1 George Patterson,	1 Robert Fraser,	Salem Ch., Green Hill.
5 James Thomson,	2 Lawrence Miller,	Central Ch., W. River.
2 George Roddick,	2 Robert Gerrard,	West River.
1 John McKinnon,	James Crockett,	Hopewell.
1 Thomas Downie,	1 N. W. Pushee,	Antigonish.
1 Alex. Ross,	William Ross,	Knox Ch., Pictou.
1 Kenneth J. Grant,	John Thomson,	Merigomish.
1 John A. F. Sutherland,	Simon Fraser,	Little Harbour.
2 Charles B. Pitblado,	1 Henry Archibald,	Glenelg and Caledonia.
Vacant.	John Cameron.	Lochaber and Goshen.
Vacant.		Springville.
John Geddie, Foreign Missionary, Aneiteum.		

The numerals indicate the Sederunt at which the members were first present.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF THE
Lower Provinces of British North America,

Held at Halifax, June and July, 1865.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

*At Halifax, and in Poplar Grove Church,
June 27th, 1865, and at 8 o'clock, p. m.*

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, after a sermon by Rev. D.B. Blair, the moderator, from 2 Cor. v. 20th—"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God,"—met and was constituted.

The following changes were reported as having occurred since last meeting:— Report of Pres-
byteries.

The PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU reported—

That the Rev. Angus McGillivray had demitted his charge of the congregation of Springville, and that his name had been removed in consequence from their roll. Demission of
charge.

The PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON reported—

That the Rev. Alex. McDonald had tendered demission of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Mabou, which had been accepted, and his name removed from their roll.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS

were reported as follows:—

Ordination.

By the PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON—

Mr. Isaac McKay, Probationer, to the charge of the congregation of Gabbarus.—July 18th, 1864.

Mr. Alex. Farquharson, to the charge of the congregation of Leitch's Creek.—Dec. 4th, 1864.

By the PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX—

Mr. Edward Annand, Probationer, to be the colleague and successor of Rev. J. L. Murdoch, of Windsor.—Dec. 13th, 1864.

By the PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND—

Mr. John D. Murray, Probationer, to the charge of the congregation of Richmond Bay West.—Feb. 22nd, 1865.

Mr. William Stuart, Probationer, to the charge of the congregation of West Cape, Campbellton and the Brae.—May 17th, 1865.

By the PRESBYTERY OF TRURO—

Mr. John D. McGillivray, Probationer, to the charge of the congregation of Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield.—Feb. 7th, 1865.

By the PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU—

Mr. Charles B. Pitblado, to the charge of the congregation of Caledonia, Glenelg and East River of St. Mary's.—Feb. 15th, 1865.

LICENTIATES RECEIVED.

Licentiates received.

By the PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU—

Mr. Charles B. Pitblado from the Presbytery of Miramichi in connection with the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick; and Mr. D. W. Cameron from the Presbytery of Boston in connection with the United Presbyterian Church of the United States.

LICENSED TO PREACH THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL.

Licenses.

By the PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND—

Mr. Samuel Bernard.—Feb. 22nd, 1865.

Mr. Donald McDougall.—June 14th, 1865.

Mr. Simon Fraser.—June 14th, 1865.

By the PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX—

Mr. Peter Morrison.—June 7th, 1865.

SUSPENDED

Suspension.

For the present, from the status of a Probationer, Mr. John Lamont, by the Presbytery of Halifax.

NEW CONGREGATIONS FORMED.

New Congregation.

The Stations of West Cape, Campbellton and the Brae, formerly part of the charge of Rev. Allan Fraser of Cascumpcque, P. E. Island, was formed into a separate charge on the 24th Sept. 1864.

The Roll of Synod was then called and names marked, when those marked 1 were present.

Election of Moderator—Mr. Geddie proposed.

The Rev. David Roy moved that the Rev. John Geddie, our respected and beloved Missionary to the New Hebrides, now present among us, be chosen moderator. Rev. James Waddell seconded the motion.

Mr. Christie.

Rev. Dr. Bayne having stated that he was fully aware of the fact that Mr. Geddie was unwilling to accept the office, moved in amendment that Rev. George Christie be moderator. Rev. J. L. Murdoch seconded the motion.

Mr. Geddie being present, and having stated that he had reasons, fully satisfactory to his own mind, for declining the honor intended, requested that his name be withdrawn, which being done at his request by the mover and seconder of the nomination, the Rev. George Christie unanimously chosen, and took the chair accordingly, thanking the Synod in appropriate terms and requesting the co-operation of the brethren in mutual efforts to facilitate the business to come before the Synod.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Maxwell it was then agreed—"That the name of Rev. Mr. Geddie be added to the Roll of Synod, and that he be requested to take his seat as a member of this court."

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, concluding with the Apostolic Benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Same Place, June 28th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod having met, was constituted by the moderator, after praise and the reading of the Holy Scriptures. The moderator was followed in prayer by Rev. Wm. G. Forbes, after which the Roll was called and members present marked.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and corrected, when an opportunity was afforded of remark on the accuracy of the printed minutes of last year.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Maxwell the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the retiring moderator for the excellent discourse preached last evening and for his conduct in the chair.

The report of the committee of Bills and Overtures was then read. The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the committee to audit accounts was then read by Rev. Mr. Walker, as follows:—

Abstract of the Accounts of the Synod Treasurer, with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

FOREIGN MISSION.

Amount collected in the year	- - - -	£957	19	3
“ taken from Schr. Fund	- - - -	622	8	5½
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		£1580	7	8½
Amount expended for outfit of Missionaries				
per Dayspring	- - - -	622	8	5½
for ordinary expenditure during year	- - - -	873	18	3½
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		£1496	6	8½
Received over expenditure	- - - -	84	1	0
Balance in hand June 1864	- - - -	327	0	6
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Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1865	- - - -	£411	1	6

HOME MISSION.

Amount collected in the year	- - -	£457	15	2½
Expended	- - -	602	7	9½
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Expenditure over Receipts	- - -	144	12	7
Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1864	- - -	9	8	3½
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Balance d.c. Treasurer June 1865	- - - -	£135	4	3½

SYNOD FUND.

Amount collected in the year	-	-	-	-	£139 7 6½
Expended	"	-	-	-	108 15 9
					£30 11 9½
Received over expenditure	-	-	-	-	71 19 8
Balance due Treasurer June 1864	-	-	-	-	£41 7 10½

EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

Amount collected in the year	-	-	-	-	£194 1 1
Interest received	"	-	-	-	320 13 9
					514 14 10
Total amount received in the year	-	-	-	-	897 0 11
Amount expended, Salaries of Professors, &c.	-	-	-	-	£382 6 1

CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS.

Amount collected in the year in Treasurer's hands	-	-	-	-	£15 2 9
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MISSION VESSEL.

Amount collected in the year in Treasurer's hands	-	-	-	-	£19 10 3
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SPECIAL EFFORT.

Amount collected in the year	-	-	-	-	£1 0 0
Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1864	-	-	-	-	21 4 0
					£22 4 0
Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1865	-	-	-	-	£22 4 0

RECAPITULATION.

Foreign Mission—bal in Treasurer's hands	-	-	-	-	411 1 6
Christianity among the Jews	"	"	-	-	15 2 9
Mission Vessel	"	"	-	-	19 10 3
Special Effort	"	"	-	-	22 4 0
Educational Board	"	"	-	-	323 7 1
" " Amount invested	-	-	-	-	7998 0 0
					£8789 5 7
Home Mission—bal due Treasurer	-	-	-	-	135 4 3½
Synod Fund	"	"	-	-	41 7 10½
					£176 12 2
Nett balance of funds of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces	-	-	-	-	£8612 13 5

GEORGE WALKER,
 RODERICK MCGREGOR, } *Auditing Committee.*
 J. W. CARMICHAEL,

The following committees were then appointed:—

Committee on Statistics.—Rev. Messrs. Cumming and Grant, and Mr. James Farquhar,—Mr. Cumming convener.

Committee on Presbyterian Records.—Rev. Messrs. Forlong and McGillivray, and Mr. James Hill, to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Pictou and P. E. Island,—Mr. Forlong, convener. Rev. Messrs. Gordon and J.A.F. Sutherland, and Samuel Creelman, Esq., to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Cape Breton and Truro.—Mr. Gordon, convener. Rev. Messrs. A. Falconer, Laird, and Dr. Murray, to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Tatamagouche,—Mr. Falconer, convener.

Committee to examine the Minutes of Boards.—Rev. Messrs. Henry, McNeill, and Mr. Proctor, ruling elder,—Mr. Henry, convener. Committee on Boards Minutes.

Committee on Synodical Expenses.—Rev. Messrs. Downie, Ross, of Pictou, and Messrs. Henry B. Webster and James O'Brien, Mr. Downie, Convener. Committee on Synod expenses.

Blanks were then filled up in the committee on Supplements. Rev. G. Sutherland, for the present year, in place of Rev. Wm. Ross, who had not come forward, with the following Elders: Dr. Hattie and Messrs. Alex. McDonald, Wm. Redmond, J. Doughart, T. H. McKeen and James Pratt. Committee on Supplements.

It was agreed that if Mr. McCulloch should not be present, or be unable to attend the meetings of committee, his place shall be supplied by Rev. J. McG. McKay.

A partial report of the committee on rules of Procedure was read by Rev. G. Patterson, the Convener, who stated that the rules for the conduct of public business in church courts were ready to be submitted to Synod. Report on Rules

The consideration of these was postponed till the copies which the committee had ordered to be printed should be laid on the table. Consideration delayed.

The following resolution, moved by the clerk, was then, after discussion, agreed to: Time of appointing Presbyterial Elders.

"Whereas, there is a great diversity of practice in this church, in the time of appointment of elders representing sessions in Presbytery and Synod, leading to inconvenience, especially at the opening of Synod, therefore resolved that sessions be directed to appoint their respective representative elders to the higher church courts, as soon as practicable after the rising of Synod, with the understanding that the Presbyteries shall have the power, in special cases, of sustaining commissions at other times."

On motion of Rev. Mr. Maxwell it was agreed that the clerks of Presbyteries be enjoined to furnish the Synod clerk with a revised roll of ministers and elders, at least ten days previous to the meeting of Synod. Direction to Clerks.

A question being asked by the clerk of the Presbytery of Truro respecting a paper placed in his hands by the committee of Bills and Overtures, the Presbytery were directed to meet and consider the transmission of the paper. The Synod adjourned, concluding with prayer. Directions to Truro Presbytery.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

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

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

The rules for the transaction of business in church courts were then read by Rev. G. Patterson, and being briefly considered, were adopted as *ad interim* rules, and sent down for the consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions, prior to final adoption by Synod at its next meeting. Rules of business.

Took up the reports of Presbyteries and Sessions on questions to be considered at Presbyterial visitations, when it was moved by Rev. T. Sedgewick. "That these questions, together with the reports of Presbyteries and Sessions thereon, be referred to the committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure." Motion.

Amendment. It was moved in amendment by Rev. J. McKinnon, that a committee of three members be appointed, who shall take the reports of Presbyteries and Sessions, reduce them to form, and report at an early sederunt.

Second amendment. It was further moved in amendment by Rev. G. Patterson, that a committee be appointed to take the replies of Presbyteries and Sessions, and to prepare and to submit an amended set of questions at a subsequent sederunt of this Synod.

Committee appointed. Mr. Patterson's amendment was preferred successively to the first amendment and the resolution, and was adopted accordingly. On motion of Rev. G. Sutherland it was agreed, "That the committee shall consist of the moderators of the different Presbyteries, together with Messrs. Creelman, Webster and R. Murray. Mr. Maxwell, convener.

Rev. M. Stewart was appointed in the room of the moderator of the Presbytery of Cape Breton, who was absent.

Letter on Missions from Canada Presbyterian Church. A letter was read from Rev. Wm. Fraser, clerk of the Canada Presbyterian Synod, covering a series of resolutions passed by that court on the subject of missions. These resolutions were as follows:

"1. That the Synod agree to express, as they hereby do, their gratitude to Almighty God for his great goodness to the missionaries whom they have sent forth, and for the measure of success he has vouchsafed to them in their work.

2. That the committee be instructed to take immediate steps to send one ordained missionary, and an interpreter, to labour among the Cree Indians in the neighbourhood of Fort Pitt.

3. That in view of the account given by Mr. Geddie, of the success of christian missions in the New Hebrides, and the urgent demand for additional labourers there, the Synod resolve to send a missionary thither, so soon as a suitable labourer can be obtained.

4. That in view of the extended field of labour, and the increased expenditure proposed, the Synod would commend the Foreign Mission Fund to the attention and liberality of every congregation and sabbath school."

Referred to Bd of Foreign Missions. It was agreed that the Synod express the high gratification with which they have heard this document read, and refer it to the consideration of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Report of Deputation to Cape Breton. The report of the deputation of Syaod to Cape Breton in 1864, was then read by the Rev. Robt. Sedgewick. The report was received, the thanks of Synod tendered to the committee, and their expenses ordered to be paid. Members of the Presbytery of Cape Breton addressed the Synod on the subject before the Synod up to the hour of adjournment.

On motion it was agreed that in order that the public may have notice of the sederunt at which the state of religion will be taken up, Friday evening shall be set apart for that purpose.

Closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 7.30 o'clock, P.M.

Devotional Exercises. The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, the moderator being followed in prayer by Rev. Messrs. McCurdy and H. B. McKay, with the singing of psalms and the reading of the Word of God. Read the minutes of last sederunt.

Extension of Friday evening Sederunt. Notice of motion was given for the extension of the duration of the sederunt of Friday evening, and that the devotional exercises be dispersed through the evening service at the discretion of the moderator.

Resuming consideration of the report of the deputation to Cape Breton, it was agreed that the report be published, and that during the present season two deputies be sent for three weeks each, to supply and otherwise promote the welfare of the congregation of Whycomoh, and of others contiguous so far as their aid may be desired by the Cape Breton Presbytery. Rev. D. B. Blair was appointed for the last sabbath of August and the first two of September, and Rev. John McKinnon on the last sabbath of September and the first two of October. The Presbytery of Cape Breton were directed to meet and to prepare instructions for the guidance of the deputies. The Pictou Presbytery were directed to provide supply for their pulpits, and to apply for the necessary funds to the board of Home Missions. Adjourned, closing with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, June 29th, 10 o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met and was constituted, when the roll was called and the minutes of last meeting approved.

A communication was read from the clerk of the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in connection with the established Church of Scotland, informing this Synod of the appointment of a deputation to convey to us their fraternal greetings, and requesting, if such visit be agreeable, that this Synod should name the time which would be most convenient.

Rev. Messrs. Bennet, Alves, and McKay, members of the Presby-terian Synod of New Brunswick, having entered, were, by a unanimous vote of Synod, invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion of Rev. J. McCurdy, it was agreed that the clerk be directed to inform the Synod of Nova Scotia, that this Synod will have pleasure in receiving the deputation and would name the hour of four o'clock this afternoon.

It was then agreed that the time of receiving the deputation from New Brunswick be eight o'clock this evening.

An overture from Alexander James, Esq., transmitted by the Halifax Presbytery, was next read, and Mr. James heard in advocacy and explanation. The overture made provision for a more careful supervision of sessional records, and for a more systematic preparation of returns to statistical questions.

On motion it was agreed to take up the recommendations *seriatim*, and after the Synod had spent some time on the first of these, it was agreed that a committee be appointed to consider the recommendations of the overture, and to report during the present Synodical session. The committee to consist of Dr. Bayne and Rev. Messrs. Blair, John Cameron, and Samuel Creelman, Esq., Dr. Bayne, convener.

Adjourned, closing with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

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

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

On motion it was agreed that the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions be taken up to-morrow, immediately after the disposal of the subject of appointing a successor to the late Professor McCulloch. It was further agreed that a public missionary meeting be dispensed with for the present year.

Corresponding Member. Rev. T. G. Johnstone of New Brunswick being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Report of Home Mission B'd. Rev. Professor McKnight then read the Report of the Board of Home Missions, giving a pretty full account of the transactions of the past year, and showing an expenditure

For Supplementing Ministers' Salaries in weak Congregations	-	£309	8	4
Expenses in sustaining Missionaries	-	264	18	9
Gaelic Bursaries	-	20	0	0
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Report received. The Report was received, the diligence of the Board approved, and the thanks of Synod expressed. On motion it was agreed that the synod proceed to take up the suggestions of the report respecting Bursaries to Theological students speaking the Gaelic language.

Deputation of Ch. of Scotland. Before farther progress was made, a deputation entered from the synod of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, connected with the Church of Scotland, consisting of Rev. Messrs Herdman, Philips, and Duncan, and Mr James Thomson, ruling elder. Their commission being read, the different members of the deputation addressed the synod, expressing very fully and in a very cordial manner the fraternal feelings with which they and the synod represented by them, regarded the ministers and members of this body; and their desire to co-operate with us in advancing the glory of the Redeemer, the work of Education and the cause of Missions.

Response. These sentiments were responded to by Rev. Dr. Bayne and Rev. Professor McKnight, Rev. J. Baxter and Samuel Creelman, Esq., who the following motion passed by acclamation. :—

Resolution. "That this synod having heard the sentiments of friendship and fraternal regard, and the desires for mutual co-operation expressed in the addresses of the deputies from the other synod, express satisfaction at their presence among us, and our earnest desires individually, and as a synod, to cherish such fraternal feelings, and to co-operate in such work of usefulness as our brethren have referred to, in the addresses to which we have listened with so much interest and pleasure.

The moderator having read this resolution and briefly addressed the deputation, on suggestion of Rev. Mr. Downie, called on Rev. J. Smith to engage in prayer, after which the deputation retired.

Bursaries. Resumed the consideration of the rules for bursaries to Gaelic speaking students, when the following were adopted :—

- Rules adopted.
1. That Bursaries are not intended for students whose private means are such to render aid from the funds of the Church unnecessary.
 2. Applicants are to be recommended to the Board by their respective Presbyteries and Presbyteries are expected in their letters of recommendation to name the student in which in their judgment ought to be given, if the state of the funds permit.
 3. The Board have authority to examine the applicants if they think fit, and to attach such weight as they think proper to the results of their examination, in determining the scale of payments.

4. In the event of the students receiving aid, accepting an English speaking charge, or going beyond the bounds of this Church, the payment of the money received shall be left to the good feeling of the recipients themselves.

Adjourned—closing with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved, the usual half hour having been previously occupied in devotional exercises led by the moderator and Rev. Mr. Laird.

The deputation from the synod of New Brunswick, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Alves, Bennet and McKay, having presented their commission were introduced to the moderator and addressed the synod, expressing the fraternal feelings of the body which they represented, and their earnest desires that a union between the two bodies may be speedily consummated. Rev. Mr. McKay laid on the table the sum of \$191 as gift from the sister synod to our Foreign Mission Fund. N. Brunswick Deputation.

After the reciprocation of these sentiments by several members of synod, it was agreed unanimously that the synod express the pleasure which the presence of the brethren among them has afforded, the heartfelt satisfaction with which they have received the expression of the fraternal feelings of the body which they represent, their cordial reciprocation of the feelings expressed, and their desire that in the Providence of God, the union may ere long be satisfactorily accomplished. Response.

The moderator communicated this resolution to the deputation in suitable terms. It was farther agreed that the thanks of the synod be given to the synod of New Brunswick, through the deputation, for their liberal contribution to our Foreign Mission Fund.

The moderator communicated this resolution to the deputation, after which the synod adjourned, concluding with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, June 30th, 10 o'clock, A.M.

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

The report of the board of Superintendance being called for, the Rev. Mr. Maxwell, the secretary, expressed regret that the report was accidentally left at his residence, and requested that the subject should be deferred for the present. He however announced to the synod one fact contained in the report, which ought to be officially laid before the synod, the lamented death of the late Professor Thomas McCulloch. The synod appointed Rev. Messrs. Duff, McGregor, and Dr. Murray to prepare and to report at a subsequent sederunt, a suitable minute in reference to this event. Official notice of Professor McCulloch's death.

Rev. Mr. McCulloch, feeling unable from indisposition to remain in attendance on synod, obtained leave to make certain statements, and to

Will of the late Professor McCulloch. submit extracts of the Will of his late brother, Mr. Thomas McCulloch, Professor of Natural Philosophy in Dalhousie College, and a memorial founded thereon.

Said Will, executed in 1857, conveyed certain collections in Natural History to the seminary of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

In 1863 the seminary ceased to exist by amalgamation with Dalhousie College, Halifax, and the Board of Superintendence was discharged, thereby rendering the said bequest of no avail.

Subsequently under date, 1864, and by codicil, the collection (together with any funds of which he might die possessed,) was conveyed to the church as such, to form the nucleus of a Provincial Museum; the interest of the aforesaid funds, after the death of his sisters, to be available for the conservation and enlargement of the collection.

For technical reasons the Court of Probate refused probate of the codicil, thus leaving the collection under the control of the heirs-at-law and the estate to the sisters of the deceased.

The heirs-at-law desirous of carrying out the Will of their late brother had concurred in the appointment of Mr. D. W. McCulloch as administrator "with the Will annexed" with the view of making to the synod substantially, the offer contained in the codicil, offering to put at the disposal of the synod the collection and the reversionary interest of the estate, provided the synod saw fit to enter with the heirs-at-law into arrangements specified in a memorial which he held in his hand.

This memorial from Mr. David McCulloch, was also read setting forth the facts just referred to, and making a tender to the synod of the museum upon certain conditions which were specified, with intimation that if these conditions should be complied with by the synod, the heirs-at-law would be prepared to transfer the property to such agents as the synod might appoint.

On motion it was then agreed unanimously that—

Referred to committee.

The synod express the deep interest with which they have heard the communications, and refer the matter to a committee for consideration with directions to confer with Mr. McCulloch before his departure, and to report at a future sederunt. The following committee were appointed: Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, Waddell, J. Cameron, Dr. McLeod, and H. Webster, Esq.

Appointment of successor.

The synod next proceeded to consider the subject of the appointment of a successor to Professor McCulloch, and, in connection with this subject, an overture was read from the Pictou Presbytery recommending the synod to endeavour to effect an agreement with the governors of Dalhousie College, whereby the patronage of the chair now vacant should be commuted for the patronage of the chair of mental philosophy and metaphysics. The overture was supported by Dr. Bayne and Rev. Ross of Pictou.

Overture of Pictou Presbytery adopted.

On motion it was agreed that the overture be adopted, and a committee appointed to make such inquiry, and such preliminary arrangements as may be necessary for carrying out the object of the overture.

Committee appointed.

The following committee was then appointed:—Dr. Bayne, McLeod, Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Byers, Laird, Watson, and McWebster, Creelman, McKeen, Doughart, Redmond, and Dr. Murdoch. Mr. McGregor, convener.

The committee appointed to meet with Mr. McCulloch, in reference to the Will of his deceased brother, and to the offer contained in the memorial of Mr. D. W. McCulloch, reported that having obtained all the requisite information respecting its object, and the feasibility of the church embarking in the scheme contemplated, they are of opinion that it would not be consistent with the duty of the church, or the success of the object in view, that the collection should be under their charge, and would therefore recommend the synod respectfully to decline the offer of the memorialist, in the hope and belief that the contemplated arrangement of the heirs may be more advantageous to the interests of science than if the museum were under the charge of the church.

Report of committee on Will.

The recommendation of the committee was accepted unanimously, and the clerk directed to acknowledge receipt of the memorial, and to furnish a reply in terms of the preceding resolution.

Recommendation adopted.

Rev. Dr. Bayne read the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, embracing a variety of interesting and important facts and suggestions, and the report having been received, it was agreed that these be taken up in order. The first referred to the presence among us of Mr. Geddie, whereupon the following resolution, moved by Rev. G. Patterson and seconded by Rev. J. McCurdy, was unanimously adopted, the whole synod rising from their seats to express approval:—

Report of F. M. Board.

Reception of Mr. Geddie.

That it is with feelings too deep for utterance, and too varied for description, that the synod behold among them their beloved and honoured first foreign missionary, the Rev. John Geddie, after so long an absence, and so many years onerous labours. The synod have great pleasure in embracing the opportunity now afforded them of recording on their minutes their sense of the zeal and assiduity, the christian heroism and self denial, the perseverance and faithfulness, together with that wisdom from above which he and his devoted partner have manifested during so many years service in the Foreign Mission field. The synod also agree to express their gratitude to Almighty God, for the gifts, natural and spiritual, conferred upon them by which they have been so abundantly qualified for their work, for their preservation amid unnumbered perils, for the providence which has led them in all the way in which they have gone for the goodness and mercy which have constantly followed them, for the abundant grace given them to be faithful throughout, and for the great success which he has vouchsafed to their labours.

That the moderator communicate this resolution to Mr. Geddie, and in the name of the synod welcome him to our midst, and that he be invited to take his seat beside the moderator, during the remaining sessions of this meeting of synod, and that after bearing such statements as he may be pleased to make, two members of synod be appointed to lead the devotions of this synod in expressing our fervent thanksgivings for God's goodness to our missionaries, both personally and in their work, and our earnest prayers for their future welfare, and the success of the cause in which they are engaged, accompanied with the singing of God's praise for the great things which he hath done among the heathen, through their instrumentality.

The moderator having read this expression of the synod's mind and feelings to Mr. Geddie, expressed his own concurrence in the sentiments of the resolution, and invited Mr. Geddie to occupy a chair beside him. Mr. Geddie then addressed the synod at length, thanking the synod, and shewing what the church had been the means of accomplishing, in diffusing the gospel in the New Hebrides, and more especially by provoking others to engage in the work of missions, after which he occupied the chair which had been placed for that purpose beside the moderator. The 126th Psalm was then sung.

Rev. Mr. Sedgewick then, at the request of the moderator, engaged in prayer, giving thanks for all the tokens of divine goodness to our mission, and our missionaries present and on the mission field, and invoking the

continuance of the divine presence and grace upon them. Three verses of the 98th Psalm having been sung, Rev. Mr. Duff addressed the throne of grace in thanksgiving and fervent prayer, and the sederunt closed with the apostolic benediction.

NINTH 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.

Resolution on
Departures
from Synod.

The moderator having called the attention of synod to the subject of members leaving synod without permission, it was agreed to adopt the motion of which Mr. McCulloch had given notice last year,—“That no travelling expenses of members of synod be paid when members leave synod without special permission; and that no expenses be paid unless a collection has been brought up from the congregation which the applicant represents.”

It was resolved that at the close of the first sederunt to-morrow, the synod shall adjourn till Monday at three o'clock.

Foreign Mission
Application of
Synod of
Victoria.

Resumed Foreign Mission business, and took up the application of the Victoria Presbyterian Church for the services of Mr. Geddie in commencing a mission in Western Polynesia, and the recommendation of the Board of Foreign Missions that the application be granted.

After careful consideration of the whole subject it was agreed,—“That while all the feelings of this synod are in favour of retaining the services of Mr. Geddie in connection with our mission in the same way as heretofore, and while they would view with pain the prospect of their being transferred even in the partial manner, and for the temporary purpose proposed, yet considering the important end to be gained by the arrangements, the synod adopt the recommendation of the Board, with the understanding that this shall not sever his connection with this church.”

More Mission-
aries.

The synod next took up the question of sending out more missionaries to Western Polynesia, when it was agreed that the number of missionaries be left to the judgment of the Board, and that the Board be enjoined to exercise the utmost care and caution in their selection of missionaries.

Missionary
from Scotland

In reference to the proposal to transfer to this church a missionary engaged in Scotland, it was agreed that the Board be authorized to accept his services, and that the question of his visiting this country be left to the discretion of the Board.

The Dayspring.

Took up the question of the future maintenance of the Dayspring, when the hour of adjournment arrived, and the synod closed with prayer.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

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

State of Reli-
gion.

The sederunt having been set apart to consider the state of religion

throughout the church, the moderator having introduced the subject, was followed by members of all the different Presbyteries in interesting and edifying addresses, while other brethren addressed the throne of grace in prayer, with the singing of Psalms during the intervals.

The sederunt continued with unabated interest up to 10 o'clock, when the synod adjourned, closing with prayer.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, July 1st, 10 o'clock, A. M.

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

Leave of absence was granted to some members of synod, and Mr. McCurdy desiring permission to leave at the close of the present sederunt, it was agreed to take up a reference from the Presbytery of Pietou in relation to a petition for leave to retain the use of an organ in public worship by St. John's church, Chatham. The papers in the case were read, and after a brief discussion the following resolution was adopted.—“That the reference be returned to the Presbytery with directions to deal with the case according to the laws of the church.” Use of Organ.

Rev. Mr. Maxwell read the report of the Board of Superintendance of the Theological Hall, showing that the attendance of students at the Theological Hall consisted of four of the first year, ten of the second, and six of the third, making in all 20. The report farther showed that the whole pecuniary responsibility of the church for Ministerial Education was as follows:— Report of B'd of Superintendance.

Professorships in Dalhousie College	- - - - -	£600	0	0
Professorships in Theology	- - - - -	610	0	0
Incidental Expenses	- - - - -	50	0	●
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		£1260	0	0
Income from invested Funds	- - - - -	893	0	0
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Balance to be provided by the Church	- - - - -	£367	0	0

Resumed consideration of Foreign Mission business, and took up the subject of the future maintenance of the Dayspring, when it was agreed, —Dayspring. “That the Board be authorized to make arrangements for the future maintenance of the Dayspring with the other churches or societies interested in missionary operations in Western Polynesia, the proportion of this church not to exceed £250 stg. annually, and that the Board be directed to take measures to enlist the youth of this church in annual contributions for this object.”

It was then on motion agreed—“That the subject of a Jewish mission and in connection with it, the subject of an Eastern mission be the order of the day for Monday afternoon.” Jewish Mission.

Rev. Mr. Morton was heard in support of a mission to the Coolies of Trinidad being undertaken by this synod, after which the farther consideration of the subject was deferred to a future sederunt. Mission to Trinidad.

The Board was authorized to procure a paid agent to attend to the business connected with the mission at Sydney, Australia. Agent at Sydney.

The Rev. G. Sutherland read the report of the committee on Popery, from which it appeared that the efforts of the committee led to the cir- Report of committee on Popery.

culatation of a considerable number of Bibles, and a large number of tracts, chiefly by the agency of colporteurs. The report was received and the committee re-appointed. Closed with prayer.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, July 3d, 3 o'clock, P. M.

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

Deputation to Cape Breton paid from H. Mission Fund On motion it was agreed,—That the expense of the deputation of last year to Cape Breton be paid from the funds of the Board of Home Missions. It was farther agreed that the expense of the deputation appointed this year be paid from the same fund, and so soon as the accounts are presented.”

Cor. Member. Rev. Mr. Fowler of New Brunswick, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Jewish Mission The returns from Presbyteries and Sessions on the subject of a mission to the Jews having been called for, reports were read from the Presbyteries of P. E. Island, Pictou, Truro, Tatamagouche, and Halifax, and from the sessions of Lower Londonderry, Shubenacadie, Tatamagouche, New Annan, Windsor, and Princetown, all unfavorable to the undertaking of a Jewish Mission by this church. The following motion was then adopted,—That as the returns of Presbyteries are unanimously against the synod's engaging in a mission to the Jews, the synod agree to drop the subject for the present.

East'rn Mission Correspondence was then read between the Board of Missions and Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., on the subject of missionary effort in the East. After full discussion the following resolution was adopted,—That as the way does not seem to be open for our resuming operations in the East, the matter be deferred in the mean time.

Cor. Member. Rev. Dr. Jennings of Toronto being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Trinidad Mission. Took up the subject of a mission to the Coolies of Trinidad, when it was resolved that the proposal of a mission to Trinidad be referred to the Board of Foreign Missions, with instructions to enquire farther into the subject, and to report to the next meeting of synod.

Remuneration of secretary. The following motion was submitted by Rev. Thomas Sedgewick,—That looking to the great amount of labour that now devolves upon the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, it is desirable in the opinion of this Synod that he receive some yearly remuneration for his services, and that this matter be remitted to the Foreign Mission Board to decide upon the amount of the same.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. J. McG. McKay that the church is not at present prepared to pay a salary to the secretary either of the Home or Foreign Mission Boards. The motion was preferred and passed accordingly.

Board. The Board was re-appointed with the addition of Rev. John A. F. Sutherland and Mr. J. S. McLean, when, instead of making further additions, the synod preferred giving the Board power to add to their number.

Closed with prayer.

THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 7.30 o'clock, P.M.

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

The clerk informed the synod that the commission of Rev. Dr. Dr. Jennings, of Toronto, as a deputy from the Canada Presbyterian Church, was on the table, and moved that he be received to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A.M. The motion was agreed to.

Proceeded to the order of the day, the appointment of the next meeting of synod, when the moderator stated that the report of the committee on union had a direct bearing on that subject, and should be previously received. With consent of synod, the moderator, being the convener of the committee, left the chair, which being occupied by Rev. D. B. Blair, proceeded to read the report of the committee on union. The report gave an account of pleasing intercourse held with the committee of the synod of New Brunswick. It showed that in doctrinal principles the churches are really one, and the committees had agreed to recommend that the union be consummated without unnecessary delay. It further appeared that since the meeting of this synod the joint committees had met and concurred in a proposal for the consummation of the union, and would this synod concur, in St. John on the first week of July, 1866.

Report of Committee on Union.

The moderator resuming the chair the subject was then discussed, the main point under consideration being the propriety or necessity of bringing the question formally before our people before consummating the union.

Discussion.

Rev. J. McG. McKay moved that the synod do not consider it to be necessary to send the subject of the proposed union down to the inferior courts.

First motion.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. E. Ross, seconded by Rev. G. Patterson, That the whole question of union with the synod of New Brunswick be referred to the consideration of the Presbyteries and Sessions during the present year.

Second motion.

Before any vote was taken, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the sederunt closed with prayer.

FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, July 4th, 10 o'clock, A.M.

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

Resumed the subject of union with the synod of New Brunswick, when discussion was continued more especially as respects the time of consummating that contemplated event.

The following motion was then submitted by Mr. Robert Murray, seconded by Rev. J. M. McLeod: The synod approve of the report of the committee with regard to union with the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, adopt the recommendations, appoint the next meeting of synod to take place in St. John Presbyterian church, St. John, on last Wednesday of June, 1866, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of con-

Third motion.

summing the union, and the transaction of ordinary business, re-appoint the committee with instructions to make any necessary preliminary arrangements.

Fourth motion. It was moved by Rev. P. G. McGregor, seconded by Rev. C. Pitblado, that the synod adopt the following resolution: approve of report and of the subsequent proceedings of the committee on the subject of union with the P. C. of N. B., and adhere to our previous expressed desire to consummate a union with our brethren of N. without any unnecessary delay; but in deference to the views of some members of the court as think that the opinions of our people have not been sufficiently consulted, agree to defer the consummation till after the next annual meeting of our respective courts, and in the mean time the opinions of our Presbyteries and Sessions be invited.

Reception of Dr. Jennings. Before any action was taken, the hour arrived for the reception of Rev. Dr. Jennings, and his commission as a deputy from the Canada Presbyterian Synod having been read, he addressed the synod expressing his own gratification in meeting old associates and class fellows of this synod, and in meeting the synod itself, with whose missionary and union movements he so deeply sympathized; and giving interesting information respecting the numbers and operations of the synod which he represented, and whose feelings of affection and sentiments of goodwill, he was authorized and commissioned to carry to this synod.

Response. At the request of the moderator, Dr. Bayne, Rev. R. Sedgewick, Duff, Walker, Patterson, Waddell, M. Stewart and Roy, responded to the sentiments expressed, and the following resolution prepared by the clerk moved by Rev. G. Patterson, and seconded by Rev. James Waddell, was passed by acclamation.

Resolution. "With unfeigned delight the synod would welcome among us Rev. Dr. Jennings of Toronto, long known to us as a faithful friend of this church, and especially of missionary enterprises; and as the Rev. Dr. on this occasion appears among us the deputy of the Canada Presbyterian Church, a body in constitution, doctrine and missionary effort closely allied to our own; this synod would express the warm satisfaction with which they have heard from the lips of their highly esteemed brother and friend, the fraternal congratulations and good wishes of the Synod which represents; and in cordially reciprocating these sentiments and good wishes would give thanks to God for that unity of sentiment, of feeling and of aim which so manifestly prevails among the *three synods* represented here this day, the Canada Presbyterian synod, the synod of New Brunswick and the synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces."

This resolution having passed by acclamation, the moderator, with suitable remarks, communicated this expression of the feeling of the synod to Dr. Jennings, who thanked the synod in his own name and in the name of his synod. The first and second verses of the 133rd Psalm were then sung, when Rev. Mr. Maxwell addressed the throne of grace in thanksgiving to the God of Zion for all his grace and mercy to the church and sister synods in the neighbouring provinces.

Union with N. Brunswick. The synod then resumed consideration of union with the synod of New Brunswick.

Resolutions withdrawn. Rev. Mr. Ross consented to withdraw his resolution in favour of the union proposed by the clerk, and with the same object Mr. Robert Murray withdrew the motion proposed by him, but before the vote was taken the synod adjourned, concluding with prayer.

FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

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

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

Resolved subject of union with the Presbyterian synod of New Brunswick, when Rev Mr. Patterson moved the following resolution—
 Approve of the report and subsequent proceedings of the committee of union with the synod of New Brunswick, and adhere to our previously expressed desire that the union be consummated without unnecessary delay; instruct ministers to bring the matter before their congregations they may see cause; invite expressions of opinion from Presbyteries at their next Sessions, and appoint next meeting of synod on the —— of June, ——, in the expectation that we will then be prepared to arrange for the consummation of the union," when the clerk withdrew his resolution, reading Mr. Patterson's.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. J. McKinnon. seconded
 Rev. D. B. Blair :—"Resolved to adopt the report of the committee of union, and instead of the next annual ordinary meeting of this synod to be held at St. John, N. B., as therein recommended, that it be held at Glasgow on the last Tuesday of June, 1866, for the purpose of settling up all its ordinary business, and that the synod of N. B. be invited to meet with it in that place on the first Tuesday of July 1866, in order to consummate the union as now agreed upon between the two synods; and in the mean time, that such members of this synod as it may expedient be authorized to bring the matter of this union before their respective sessions or congregations with the view of securing their harmonious co-operation."

The motions of Rev. J. McG. McKay and of Rev. Mr. McKinnon, were withdrawn in deference to the wishes of synod in favour of the resolution proposed by Rev. Mr. Patterson, which then *passed unanimously*.
 It was also after discussion agreed unanimously that the place of meeting shall be in St. John Presbyterian Church, in the city of St. John, at 11 o'clock, A.M., on Wednesday of the fourth week in June, 1866.

The committee was re-appointed and instructed to make all necessary preliminary arrangements for carrying out the resolutions just agreed to.

The convener of the committee appointed to make inquiry and to report on the preliminary arrangements necessary to effect the proposed change in the chairs of Dalhousie College, reported, that having first consulted Dr. Lyall, he evinced the utmost readiness to further the design of synod, and cordially consented, should the proposal of synod be adopted by the governors of the college, that his chair should be preferred to one of the chairs connected with this church. The committee reported the cordial concurrence of Dr. Lyall, and having secured a meeting with the governors, submitted the synod's proposal, which was accepted by a resolution expressed in the following terms: Resolved, that the proposal of the synod be gratefully accepted in the terms of the above overture; and that the governors record their appreciation of the liberal and generous sentiments that have actuated the synod in the matter."

The committee had brought to the notice of the governors that the amount due to the synod for apparatus transferred to Dalhousie College,

Fifth motion.

Sixth motion.

Motion withdrawn.

Committee re-appointed.

Report of committee on Dalhousie Professorship

Concurrence of Dr. Lyall and Governors.

remained undetermined, owing to a difference of opinion between appraisers respecting the valuation.

The governors, referring to the fact that so far as the work of appraising had proceeded, the difference amounted to \$300, offered to promise the matter by paying the one half of that sum additional. The committee agreed to recommend the synod to accept this offer and name an appraiser to estimate the value of some remaining apparatus with another person to be named by the governors.

Rep't approved The synod approved of the proceedings of the committee, and directed the clerk to inform Dr. Lyall and the governors, that the transfer question they will regard as accomplished from the first of July of the present year.

Appraiser. Rev. Professor McKnight was appointed to be the synod's appraiser.
Home Mission. Resumed the Home Mission business, and repealed the bye-law which makes a distinction between the allowance to ordained missionaries and that to probationers.

Separate Fund. The subject of a separate fund for aid of weak congregations brought under notice of synod, it was considered inadvisable to make change in the present circumstances of synod.

Remuneration of Secretary. It was moved by Rev. Wm. Murray, "That the Board be authorized to give some suitable annual allowance to their secretary." It was moved in amendment, by Rev. J. McG. McKay, that the synod are not prepared at present to add any salary to the office of secretary for the Home Mission Board. Mr. Murray's motion was agreed to.

Letter from Mr. Carpenter. Rev. Mr. Duff read a letter which he had received from Rev. Mr. Carpenter, Missionary to Labrador from the Canadian Foreign Missionary Society, enquiring if this Church could furnish a suitable person to occupy his post in Labrador, from which failing health would require him to retire partially if not wholly.

Referred to Board. After consideration it was agreed that Mr. Carpenter's letter be referred to the favorable consideration of the Board of Home Missions for such action as it may seem to require and they may be able to take in the matter.

The Board was reappointed with its former powers.

Resumed consideration of report of Board of Superintendence.

Theological Hall. The first reference related to the amount to be made up annually for the church in support of ministerial education. The other related to the practice of a few of the students in theology of neglecting regular attendance on some one or other of the Professors' classes. The first reference was passed over for the present to be brought up on the next meeting of the Educational report. Respecting the other, the recommendation of the committee was adopted—That students be required to attend all the classes forming part of the theological curriculum, unless under peculiar circumstances they have sought and obtained permission from the Presbytery to dispense with some of them.

Directions to Students.

On motion of Professor McKnight, it was agreed to recommend that students who intend to study theology to commence the study of the Hebrew language by attending the junior Hebrew Class on the last year of their attendance upon Dalhousie College.

The Board was reappointed with its former powers.

Report on Widows' Fund.

Rev. Mr. Patterson read the report of the committee on the Widows' Fund.

submitting the act of incorporation, and the rules adopted as amended from last year.

The report was received, when it was moved by Mr. McKinnon, that the rules submitted be approved.

The synod then adjourned, closing with prayer.

SIXTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

The synod met and was constituted, when one half hour was spent in special exercises, the moderator being followed in prayer by Rev. C. Lado, Rev. Neil McKay, of St. John. The minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

The synod, as the attendance at opening was small, delayed the opening of the subject of the Widows' fund.

The committee on Statistics then presented the returns carefully tabulated with a brief report, from which it appeared that there were 12 congregations whose sessions had furnished no returns, while 10 of those sent in were but partially filled up. The report was read, and the diligence of the committee highly approved. The committee were continued and Presbytery clerks directed, on being requested by the convener of those who have failed to comply with the injunction of the church, to notify them of the synod's injunction that their returns be sent to Rev. Mr. Cumming without delay, so that the table may be published by the committee as soon as possible.

Report on Statistics.

It was agreed that for the next year the clerks of Presbyteries be directed to collect the statistical returns of their respective Presbyteries to the end of the calendar year, and to forward them to the same committee by the 1st May.

Order for next year.

The Rev. Mr. Downie next submitted the report of the committee on Synod fund and on travelling expenses of members of Synod, showing receipts £147 13 11; and expenditure for deputation and committee expenses, £154 1 6; leaving a balance against the fund for the present year of £6 7 1. Explanations were given showing that travelling expenses to and from synod were met only in part, and that the old balance against this fund remained unliquidated. Report received and approved of committee highly approved.

Report on Synod Fund.

The report of the committee on Sabbath Schools was then read by H. B. McKay, shewing that the chief work done by the committee consisted in issuing Sabbath School lessons from 1st January 1885, which had been adopted, and were being used already by 25 congregations, and with the lessons published in the *Record* during the last months were proving exceedingly useful throughout the church. The report was received, and the committee, whose diligence was highly approved, reappointed with the addition of Rev. Messrs. Wyllie, Max-son, and T. Sedgewick, and Mr. Charles Robson, in place of Mr. F. George, now of Lunenburg.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

The synod resumed the consideration of rules for the regulation of the Widows' fund, when Mr. McKinnon's motion was adopted, and the rules as amended from last year approved.

Widows' Fund.

Took up the recommendations of the committee, which passed some amendments, and are as follows:—

1. That the number on the committee be increased, it being understood that carrying out of the resolution will be deferred till after the union with the synod New Brunswick.
2. That in the case of foreign missionaries, the amount necessary to place on the highest scale be paid out of the foreign mission fund.
3. That Presbyteries be enjoined at all ordinations and inductions to use diligence that sessions or congregations with their engagements should undertake to pay minister's subscription to the widows' fund, and also by deputation or at Presbytery visitation to use similar measures with other congregations under their charge.
4. That the time of entry and of first payment for those now ministers of body be extended till 1st August, future payments of such, however, to be payable the 1st July, as usual; and that circulars to this effect be forwarded to ministers have not yet communicated their intention to join the scheme.

Conversation arose respecting the fact that only a small portion of the church had as yet contributed to this fund, when the following resolution passed: "That an agency to canvass the church in favour of the widows' fund, is indispensable, and that the matter be referred to the trustees, by which name the committee are in future to be designated, to obtain the services of suitable persons and to report before the rising of synod."

Adjourned, closing with prayer.

SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, July 5th, 9 o'clock, A.M.

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

Rules of Procedure. Resumed consideration of the report of the committee on rules of procedure, when the synod adopted the revised formulas of questions to office bearers to be used *ad interim* for the present year.

Report on Temperance. The report on Temperance was then read by Rev. H. Crawford. The report was received and the diligence of the committee approved. The committee was re-appointed with the addition of Rev. A. K. Cameron of Charlottetown.

Complaint against Presbytery of Truro. A complaint was then read from Mr. George M. Cameron against the Truro Presbytery for not giving him relief in a complaint against the session of the first congregation of Maitland and Noel for refusing to give him a certificate.

On motion it was agreed that the case be referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Duff, Maxwell, Sedgewick, and J. Stewart, and Mr. George Grant, elder, Mr. Duff, convener.

Report of Educational Board. The report of the Educational Board was read by Rev. Dr. Bayly. When the report was received and the diligence of the Board approved. Took up the recommendations of the Board.

Annual Collection. The first part referred to the action necessary in order to raise the requisite sum to carry on the Educational efforts of the church without diminishing the capital fund; whereupon it was agreed that the synod appoint a time at which ministers shall be directed to make collection for ministerial education, with the understanding that this may be dispensed with, when congregations or societies make appropriations for the object otherwise. The month of October was

sen. and the synod orders that collections be taken on that month as soon after as practicable.

A second recommendation was also adopted, viz.: that the Treasurer directed to give no small sums in loan, and that no sums whatever be loaned on personal security or note of hand.

Rev. John I. Baxter then read the report of the committee on Colportage. After discussion the report was recommitted for amendment, and to come up at a subsequent sederunt. Report of Committee on Colportage.

Rev. Robert Laird read the report on Sabbath observance, noticing among other things the gratifying fact that recently the Halifax Fish Market has been closed on the Lord's day. The report touched on various prevalent forms of desecration. Report on Sabbath Observance.

The report was received, the diligence of the committee approved, and the committee reappointed. Closed with prayer.

EIGHTEENTH 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.

After notice previously given, the following resolution, moved by Mr. Murray and seconded by Rev. J. L. Murdoch, passed unanimously:— Resolution on U S. affairs.

This synod thankfully recognize the mercy of Almighty God in the restoration of peace in the United States, and adore the heavenly wisdom which has so controlled and restrained the wrath of man and the horrors of war, as to furnish the occasion for the abolition of African slavery, and for most noble manifestations of christianity and beneficence. The synod express their profound sympathy with their African brethren in their sorrow over the death of President Lincoln, and their deep remembrance of the atrocious crime which caused it; and it is their hope and earnest prayer that the great and sore trials of the last few years, culminating in this deplorable event, may lead to the establishment of true liberty and order, and to the glory of God in the furtherance of the gospel of his Son. This synod rejoice in the friendly relations existing between Great Britain and the United States, and fervently pray for the continuance of such relations. Acknowledging with gratitude to the Head of the Church the high attainments in love and good works of sister churches in the United States, this synod implore for them the continued grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit in going forth to occupy the vast fields of usefulness now open before them.

Rev. John I. Baxter read the amended report of the committee on Colportage, which showed that new energy had been infused recently Colportage.

into the operations of the Board, and several colporteurs engaged in the sale of evangelical works and copies of the Bible and metrical Psalms.

It was agreed that the report be received, the committee reappointed, Mr. James Arbuthart in place of Isaac Logan, Esq., who wishes to resign, and the accounts sent to the auditing committee.

It was agreed that the thanks of synod be communicated to Mr. Logan for his services during many years.

The committee of publication reported that the circulation of the Publication Committee.

Record now amounted to 3200, and that if ministers and agents would be more punctual in paying up the amounts due, the committee would be able to hand over a balance to next synod. The accounts were laid on the table.

It was agreed that in future the accounts be sent to the auditing committee.

Five pounds per annum additional were voted as a remuneration to Mr. R. Murray, one of the editors.

Committee
on Supple-
ments.

Rev. T. Sedgewick read the report of the committee on supplements. The report was adopted, with instruction to Presbyteries to be more stringent in requiring that the congregational payments be made before supplement be paid. And farther, that Presbyteries be directed to deal with such supplemented congregations as are numerous and able to support ordinances, so as to bring them up to the position of self-sustaining congregations.

Systematic
Beneficence.

Rev. Wm. Murray next read the report of the committee on Systematic Beneficence, which was adopted with the following recommendations

1. That Presbyteries enjoin Sessions to bring the whole subject before the congregations under their inspection in such way as they think best.
2. That ministers be directed to preach or lecture on the subject during the year.
3. That the committee be authorized to prepare a small circular stating the principle and method of scriptural proportionate giving, to which subscription lists be attached, and to forward them to sessions for the use of the collectors.

Psalmody.

Rev. Mr. McKnight read the report of the committee on Psalmody shewing that they had under consideration the manuscript copy of a volume of sacred vocal music to be called the "*The Mayflower*," which they considered well adapted to the wants of the church. The committee recommended that attention be called by presbyteries to the state of congregational psalmody in congregations under their charge, at presbytery visitations, and for this purpose that a question be added to those now in use, enquiring how the psalmody of the congregation is conducted, and what means are being used for its improvement. The report was adopted, the question just named referred to the committee having the question in charge, and the committee re-appointed with the addition of Mr. James Hepburn, of Pictou.

Presbyterial
Records,
Truro.

Rev. D. S. Gordon read the report of the committee to examine the minutes of Truro and Cape Breton Presbyteries. The committee pointed out some small omissions in minutes of Truro presbytery, but reported that in general the minutes were correctly kept and business regularly conducted. Ordered that the minutes be attested. The committee further pointed out irregularities in the keeping of the minutes and conducting of business of the Presbytery of Cape Breton. On motion was agreed that the serious attention of the Presbytery be called to these errors, and that for the present they be not attested.

Cape Breton.

Halifax.
Tatamagouche

Rev. W.R. Frame read the report of committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Tatamagouche, shewing that the records of these Presbyteries were accurately kept and business regularly conducted. Ordered that these records be attested.

Pictou.
P. E. Island.

Rev. Mr. Gillivray read the report of the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Pictou and P. E. Island, shewing some omissions of signatures and other small errors in both Presbyteries, but that in general the minutes were carefully kept, and business regularly conducted; exception, however, being taken to one irregularity of some consequence in Pictou Presbytery. Ordered that the minutes of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island be attested. Ordered that notwithstanding the admitted irregularity pointed out, the minutes of Pictou Presbytery be attested.

Boards.

Rev. Mr. Henry read the report of the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Boards of Missions, and of Superintendence, stating that they had examined these records and found them to be correct.

On motion agreed that the resolution adopted last year with respect

missions to the U. P. and Free Church in Scotland be continued in Commission.
 re for the present year and extended to the Canada Presbyterian
 church.

Dr. Bayne, convener of committee on the overture of Alex. James, Mr. James' overture.
 the subject of Sessional Records and Congregational Statistics, reported
 that he had tried to procure a meeting of the committee but failed, and
 therefore that their work was unfinished. Rev. Mr. Maxwell gave the
 explanation in reference to the non-performance of a work entrusted
 to a committee of which he was convener, the revisal of the questions to
 be put at Presbyterian visitations. It was agreed that both the brethren
 held exonerated from all neglect, and the unfinished business referred
 to the committee on rules of procedure.

Proceeded to provide supply for Dr. Smith's pulpit, when it was agreed Supply for Dr.
 to supply the pulpit in the same way as last year. Smith's pul-
 pit.

Rev. Wm. Duff reported from the committee to whom the synod had Complain t
 referred the complaint against the Presbytery of Truro, as follows : against Tru-
 ro Presbytery

The committee, having heard parties, found that the case has never
 been on its merits before any court of the church, and therefore recom-
 mended that the session of 1st congregation of Maitland and Noel be
 directed to meet, not later than five weeks from this date, and take up
 the case to adjudicate upon it.

The report of the committee having charge of the Truro Building was Truro Build-
 ing.
 referred for, but the convener not being present, no report was forthcoming.
 ended with prayer.

NINETEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 7.30 o'clock, P.M.

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

The Rev. G. Patterson read the following overture, signed by himself Historical Re-
 cords.
 transmitted by the Presbytery of Pictou :—

Whereas, the preservation of the records of the church, and other documents illus-
 trative of its history, is a measure of justice to the memory of those who have gone
 before, and is fitted to be useful to succeeding generations, and
 whereas, many such documents have already perished, and others are in danger of
 being so, from want of proper care, therefore
 resolved, That this Presbytery overture the synod of the Presbyterian Church of
 Nova Scotia to adopt measures for collecting, arranging, and preserving in
 some secure place, documents and other memorials of her past history.

On motion it was agreed that the subject be deferred for the present Deferred.

The usual report from the treasurer on the present state of the funds Treasurer's re-
 port.
 referred for, but for reasons given was not on the table. Agreed that
 the report furnished by the treasurer, it be published as an appendix to the

The following overture, transmitted by the Presbytery of Tatamagouche, Ministerial
 support.
 and by Rev. T. Sedgewick :—

Whereas, it is the appointment of Christ that they who preach the gospel should
 be supported by the gospel, and whereas it appears from the statistical returns that many of
 the ministers are receiving incomes altogether inadequate, while the general standard
 of ministerial support is very far from being what it ought to be, and whereas such a
 state of things is in very many ways prejudicial to the best interests of the church,

It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Tatamagouche to the synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, that they take the whole matter of the sustentation of the ministry into their very serious consideration, and adopt such measures with reference thereto as their wisdom may deem most expedient.

After Mr. Sedgewick had been heard on the subject briefly, it was agreed that the matter be deferred till next synod, to come up at an early sederunt.

Division of C.
B. Presbytery

The petition of the Presbytery of Cape Breton for division into two was next read. It was after due consideration agreed that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the Presbytery be divided into two, the Presbytery of Cape Breton, and the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond; the Presbytery of Cape Breton to consist of the congregations of Cape North, St. Ann's, Boularderie, Sydney Mines, Leitch's Creech, Sydney, Gabarus, and Grand River, with all the stations appertaining to these, which is hereby appointed to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, on the 26th day of July 1865, at 11 o'clock, a. m., to be constituted by the senior minister present.

The Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond to include all the other congregations on the island connected with this body, and which is hereby appointed to meet at the Presbyterian Church at Lake Ainslie on the 24th day of July at 4 o'clock, p. m., to be constituted by the senior minister present.

Tribute to Prof.
McCulloch's
memory.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the late Professor McCulloch, submitted the following statement which the synod approved and ordered to be recorded:—

"The synod would record their deep sense of the loss which the church has sustained by the removal in God's Providence of the late amiable and accomplished Professor McCulloch. For many years Mr. McCulloch was occupied in training the students of this church in Literature and Philosophy, and his qualifications for this high and responsible position which he occupied were of the highest order. With great diligence and exemplary fidelity he gave himself to the work to which he was called; and while he proved himself an efficient and successful instructor of youth he retained throughout the full confidence of the church in whose services he labored. His memory will be affectionately cherished by all who enjoyed his valuable preaching, and most deeply venerated by those who were best acquainted with his character."

Agents for Widows' fund.

The convener of the committee on the widows' fund reported that they had not been able from the pressure of synodical business to meet, and that no agents to prosecute the scheme had been secured. Agreed that the synod authorize the trustees to procure the services of suitable agents, and they were directed to give early attention to this matter.

Thanks.

On motion it was agreed that the thanks of the synod be given to the ministers, sessions, and people of our congregations in the city and Dalrymple, for their hospitality and kindness to the members of this congregation, and to the congregation of Poplar Grove for the use of their church.

Close.

The moderator addressed the synod in an appropriate closing address when the minutes of this sederunt were read and corrected, and the proceedings closed by singing four verses of the 122nd Psalm, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction. The synod adjourned to meet in St. John's Church in the city of St. John, New Brunswick, on the fourth Wednesday of June at 11 o'clock, a. m.

PETER G. MCGREGOR,
Synod Clerk

COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

1. *Educational Board.*—Revs. Professors King, Smith, Ross, Lyall and McKnight, Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, J. Stewart, J. Campbell, McGregor, Bayne, Steele and A. Ross, Pictou; Andrew MacKinlay, Robt. Romans, Chas. D. Hunter, James H. Liddell, George Buist, and Alex. James, Esq., Halifax; Abram Patterson, Rodk. McGregor, Anthony McLellan, R.P. Grant, and Howard Primrose, Esrs., Pictou; Adam Dickie, Esq., Maitland; Isaac Logan, Esq., Shubenacadie; John D. Christie, Esq., Truro; Wm. Gammell, Esq., Bras d'Or; James Bearisto, Esq., Prince Town, P.E.I.; and Hon. Kenneth Henderson, Charlotte Town, P.E.I.
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5. *Committee of Superintendance of Theological Hall.*—The Rev. the Professors, with Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Wm. Murray, J. McLean, Maxwell and Cumming, and Messrs. A. James, J. H. Liddell, J. S. McLean and Dr. Forrest.
6. *Committee on Colportage.*—Rev. Professors Smith and Lyall, Rev. Messrs. Baxter, Currie, A. Cameron, J. McKinnon, J. Ross, H. B. McKay, K. McKenzie, and Dr. McLeod, and Messrs. Jasper Crow, R. Murray, Hon. K. Henderson, and Jas. Farquhar. Mr. Baxter, Convener.
7. *Committee on Sabbath Schools.*—Rev. Messrs. H. B. McKay, Bayne, Watson, Allan, Christie, Wyllie, Maxwell, and T. Sedgewick, Hon. A. Patterson, Messrs. J. Stalker, R. Murray, and Chas. Robson.
8. *Committee on Union with other Presbyterian Bodies.*—Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, (Convener,) McCurdy, Sedgewick, J. Cameron, W. Murray, McKnight, Christie, and G. Sutherland.
9. *Committee on Popery.*—Rev. Messrs. G. Sutherland, J. Murray, W. Ross, and their Presbytery Elders, and Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Messrs. Harvey, Downie, J. McKinnon, McCulloch and Bayne. Rev. G. Sutherland, Convener.
10. *Committee on Temperance.*—Rev. Messrs. A. Munro, Crawford, McNeil, Fraser, and A. Falconer, with their Presbytery Elders. Rev. J. Cameron, Corresponding Member. Mr. Crawford, Convener.
11. *Committee on Sabbath Observance.*—Rev. Messrs. R. S. Patterson, Laird and Fraser, with their Presbytery Elders. Mr. Laird, Convener.
12. *Committee on Widows' Fund.*—Rev. Messrs. Roy, J. Stewart, Bayne, Blair, G. Patterson, G. Sutherland, Dr. McLeod, Maxwell, Wyllie, T. Sedgewick, and Messrs. Rodk. McGregor and Howard Primrose.
13. *Committee on Systematic Giving.*—Rev. Messrs. W. Murray, J. Cameron, J. McLean, McLeod, McCulloch, T. Sedgewick, and Messrs. R. McGregor, C. Robson and Adam Dickie. Mr. Murray, Convener.
14. *Committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure.*—Rev. Messrs. G. Patterson, Blair and Walker. Mr. Patterson, Convener.
15. *Publication Committee.*—Rev. Messrs. McGregor, McKnight and C. Robson.
16. *Committee on Bills and Overtures.*—Rev. Messrs. Bayne, Roy, McGillivray, J. Stewart and A. Ross, of Pictou, and Mr. James McGregor. Mr. Bayne, Convener.
17. *Committee to Audit Accounts.*—Rev. G. Walker, and Messrs. Rodk. McGregor and J. W. Carmichael.
18. *Committee on Psalmody.*—Mr. Chas. Robson, (Convener,) Rev. Dr. Bayne and A. McKnight, Messrs. C. Primrose and J. Hepburn.
19. *Committee on Statistics.*—Rev. T. Cumming, (Convener,) and K. Grant, and Mr. James Farquhar.
- General Treasurer for the Funds of the Church, except the Professorial Fund.*—Abram Patterson, Esq., of Pictou.
- Treasurer of Professorial Fund.*—J. H. Liddell, Esq., Halifax.
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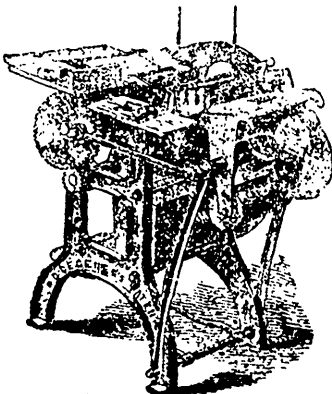
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