

**SYNOD OF THE CHURCH**

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**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

OF

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT WOODSTOCK,**

**IN JUNE, 1862.**

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LIST OF MINISTERS  
OF THE  
Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick.  
1862.

ST. JOHN PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers.*

ANDREW DONALD,  
LEWIS JACK,  
JAMES BENNET,  
WILLIAM ALVES,  
JAMES GRAY,  
GEORGE BROWN,  
JOHN I. DUNLOP,

*Address.*

Campbell Settlement.  
Springfield.  
St. John P. Church.  
Calvin Church.  
Norton, &c.  
Nerepis, &c.  
Shediac.

ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERY.

JOHN TURNBULL,  
WILLIAM MILLEN,  
WILLIAM ELDER,

St. James.  
Baillie Settlement.  
St. Stephen.

YORK PRESBYTERY.

ALEX. SMITH,  
JAMES SALMON,  
ALEX. STIRLING,  
C. G. GLASS,

Prince William.  
Richmond.  
Fredericton.  
Woodstock.

MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY.

A. M<sup>r</sup>MASTER,  
THOMAS G. JOHNSTON,  
THOMAS NICHOLSON,  
JAMES LAW,  
JAMES FOWLER,

New Mills.  
Blackville, &c.  
Campbelton.  
Richibucto.  
Kouchabouquac.

MISSIONARIES.

G. FARQUHARSON,  
G. BROWN,  
J. I. DUNLOP,  
T. CUMMING, Catechist,

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# MINUTES OF SYNOD.

## FIRST SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, WEDNESDAY, 18th June, 1862. }  
8 o'clock, P. M. }

At which place and time the Synod known as "The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick," met, according to adjournment, in the Hall of the Presbyterian Academy, when the Moderator the Rev. Wm. Alves, having preached the opening sermon from Eph. I. 22, constituted the Synod. The Roll of Synod having been made out, as far as circumstances permitted, the Moderator proposed the Rev. James Salmon as his successor, which motion was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Salmon, on taking the chair, shortly addressed the Court.

Moderator chosen.

The Rev. Mr. Crawford was invited to sit and aid Synod in its deliberations.

Honorary Members.

By motion, the Rev. J. Irvine Dunlop's name was added to the Roll of Synod; also that of Rev. G. Brown, which had been accidentally omitted in published minutes of last year.

Synod agreed to meet and adjourn at the periods of the day observed on former years, viz.: For Devotional Exercises, from 9 till 10 a. m. For Public Business, from 10 till 1, and from 3 till 6, and from 7½ till 10 o'clock, of each day.

Times of Meeting.

Committee, consisting of Moderator (Convener), Clerk of Synod, Clerks of Presbyteries, and Conveners of Committees, was appointed to meet on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, to receive bills and prepare programme of business for Synod, to meet at 11 o'clock.

Committee of Business.

Synod adjourned, the Moderator having pronounced Benediction.

## SECOND SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, 19th June, 1862. }  
11 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met according to adjournment, and having been constituted, minutes were read and approved.

Elders having handed in their commissions, the Roll of Synod was again called and approved.

The following Ministers and Elders attended:—

SAINT JOHN PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATION.
Andrew Donald, Lewis Jack, James Bennet, William Alves, James Gray, George Brown, John I. Dunlop,	Peter Ogelvy, (Hon.)  Elijah Baxter, (Hon.)	Campbell Settlement. Springfield. St. John P. Church. Calvin Church. Norton, &c. Nerepis, &c. Shediac.

SAINT STEPHEN PRESBYTERY.

John Turnbull, William Millen, William Elder,	Peter Morrison,  Robert Clark,	Saint James. Baillie Settlement. St. Stephen.
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YORK PRESBYTERY.

Alex. Smith, James Salmon, Alex. Stirling, C. G. Glass,	Edward Charters, James Savage,	Prince William. Richmond. Fredericton.
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MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY.

A. M'Master, Thos. G. Johnston, Thomas Nicholson, James Law, James Fowler,	Mr. Joiner, (Hon.)	Greenfield. New Mills. Blackville, &c. Campbelton. Richibucto. Kouchabouquac.
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The Moderator was then thanked for his excellent sermon, and requested to publish it should he see fit.

Statistics by  
Mr. Gray.

Synod appointed Rev. Mr. Gray to collect statistics of Synod, and to prepare schedule of same for publication.

Book Com.

Committee of Books was appointed, consisting of Revs. Messrs. Jack, Turnbull, M'Master, and Smith—Mr. Jack Convener.

Minutes of 1861  
reviewed.

Minutes of Synod of last year were then reviewed, and the various matters arising out of them, requiring action, were remitted to their proper heads.

Reports of Presbyteries were then taken up.

Report of St.  
John Presby-  
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Report of the Presbytery of St. John was read, viz.: The Presbytery of St. John begs leave respectfully to report to the Synod, that the principal circumstances connected with its proceedings during the past year, are the following:

1. The Rev. George Brown, Missionary of the Free Church of Scotland, laboring in connexion with the Committee of the Home Mission, at Nerepis, Golden Grove, Musquash, and Lepreaux, &c., being joined with

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2. The Rev. ray Harbour of St. David sustained by pastoral charge May last.

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2. The Rev. Neil McKay, formerly minister of Murray Harbour, P. E. I., being called by the congregation of St. David's, in St. John, and the call having been sustained by the Presbytery, was duly inducted into the pastoral charge of St. David's congregation on the 29th May last.

3. The Presbytery adopted overtures, (1) On Instrumental Music in the worship of God. (2) On Union with Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, with modification, which is also sent in.

4. The Presbytery appointed the following members to act on Committees. [See list of committees.]

5. The Rev. Mr. Gray reported at Presbytery meeting, that progress is being made in the erection of a new church at Sussex Valley, near Railway Station, to accommodate about 300, and that he expects it will be ready for public worship on the 1st January next.

W. ALVES, Py. Clerk.

It was then moved and agreed that the Report of the Presbytery of Saint John be received and approved.

The Report of the Presbytery of St. Stephen was also read, when the hour of adjournment having come, the Moderator closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Report of St. Stephen Presbytery.

### THIRD SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, 19th June, 1862, }  
8 o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Minutes were read and sustained. Report of the Presbytery of St. Stephen was again read.

The Presbytery of St. Stephen begs respectfully to report to the Synod as follows:

The Presbytery have had six meetings. The Rev. William Millen, now Moderator of the Presbytery, has been inducted over the congregations of Bocabec and Waweig, and the congregation of Baillie has received occasional supplies from the Presbytery of St. Stephen. A district of missionary labor assigned to the Rev. Wm.

Millen at Tower Hill, has been cultivated. This claim for missionary labor is commended to the inquiry and consideration of the Home Mission Committee. Missionary work has been performed at Little Ridge by two other members of Presbytery, but no claim will be made on the Committee in reference to it. The new Manse at St. James has been nearly completed, and adds much to the comfort of the Minister as well as to the strength of the congregation. The Presbytery have to refer the following cases to the Presbytery for advice.

1st. A dissent and appeal of the Rev. John Turnbull, the particulars of which are recorded in the Presbytery minutes.

2d. A case of the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, to a sick person at St. James, under circumstances stated in the Session Records of that congregation.

3d. A case of the celebration of the Lord's Supper at St. Stephen, without dispensation of tokens to the members of the congregation, as usually done.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order.

WM. ELDER, Clerk.

Finding relative to St Stephen Presbytery report.

1st. The first point referred, viz., the dissent and appeal of the Rev. John Turnbull against decision of the Moderator in not putting a motion of his which was not seconded, and against the Clerk for not recording said motion on same ground, was taken up. Presbytery record on the subject was read, and Mr. Turnbull's protest, when it was moved and agreed to, to dismiss the complaint against the Presbytery of St. Stephen.

Mr. Elder craved extracts of this finding, which was granted.

2d. Reference relative to the dispensation of the Lord's Supper to a sick person, was then considered, when it was moved and agreed to, that this Synod, while no feeling warranted in censuring the conduct of the session of St. James, in the case now under consideration, yet at the same time declares that the law and practice of the Presbyterian Church is against private communion and hereby expresses its decided disapprobation of the practice.

3d. Reference relative to distribution of tokens was then taken up, discussion upon which was proceeded with till the hour of adjournment.

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## FOURTH SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, 19th June, 1862, }  
7½ o'clock, P. M. }

Synod was opened with prayer. Minutes were read and sustained; when reference relative to distribution of tokens was again taken up. It was moved that the Synod do not find it expedient to take any action upon the reference.

It was also moved as an amendment, That the Synod recommend to all the congregations within its bounds, to use tokens at the communion according to the usual practice of the Presbyterian Churches.

The motion and amendment having been put to the Court, the amendment was carried by a majority of seven to six.

Objections having been taken to concluding paragraphs of St. Stephen Presbytery report, it was moved and carried that they be omitted; whereupon it was moved and agreed that the report be approved.

Overture from St. John Presbytery, calling for enquiry relative to the allegation that the use of Instrumental Music was still persisted in by the congregation of St. Stephen, notwithstanding the disapproval of such form of public worship, expressed by last Synod; also petition from the congregation of St. Stephen, setting forth that Instrumental Music has been in use among them for some time past, that from it they have received much aid in the service of praise; that there is not in the congregation a dissentient from the practice; that their practice they feel convinced is scriptural and right, though not in accordance with the practice of several Presbyterian Churches; that the manner of praise does not require strict uniformity; and praying that the manner of conducting praise may be left to the sessions and congregations of the body, or at least to appoint a commission to enquire into the circumstances; also Mr. Turnbull's reasons of dissent from the decision of the Presbytery of St. Stephen, viz., that permission should have been asked by the congregation of St. Stephen for the use of Instrumental Music; that it was a novelty and that no new law should be enacted, &c., were read.

When Mr. Elder proceeded to move that the prayer of the congregation of St. Stephen be granted, viz., That the manner of conducting the Psalmody may be left to

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the session and congregation of St. Stephen; or should the Synod decide otherwise, that before any Ecclesiastical action is taken in the matter, the Synod may direct that a suitable commission may enquire into and report upon the circumstances of the congregation of St. Stephen.

The motion was seconded pro forma, when the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod was dismissed with the Benediction.

### FIFTH SESSION.

Woodstock, 20th June, 1862, }  
10 o'clock, A. M. }

1st amendment  
on Instrumental  
Music.

Synod met according to adjournment, and being opened with prayer, Minutes were read and sustained; when Mr. Elder having claimed to make some additional remarks in support of his motion, it was moved and agreed that Mr. Elder be further heard ex gratia. Mr. Elder having concluded, and his motion having been put to the house, it was moved as an amendment by the Rev. Mr. Stirling and seconded by Mr. Turnbull, That the prayer of the petition of St. Stephen congregation be rejected. Discussion upon the subject was proceeded with till the hour of adjournment, when the Moderator dismissed the court with the Benediction.

### SIXTH SESSION.

Woodstock, 20th June, 1862, }  
3 o'clock, P. M. }

2d amendment  
on Instrumental  
Music.

Synod met, and being opened with prayer, the Minutes were read and sustained, when discussion upon the motion and amendment relative to the use of Instrumental music in the congregation of St. Stephen was proceeded with. After much discussion, Mr. M'Master moved and Mr. Donald seconded, a second amendment, viz.:

That the first prayer of the petition be not complied with, inasmuch as the granting of it would unduly commit the Synod, and that a committee be appointed to advise with the congregation of St. Stephen as to the impropriety of using Instrumental Music, contrary to the general usage of the Parent Presbyterian Churches, and likewise of this Church.

Discussion was proceeded with up till the hour of adjournment, when the Moderator dismissed the court with the Benediction.

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SEVENTH SESSION.

Woodstock, 20th June, 1862, }  
6 o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met and was opened with prayer. Minutes were read and sustained, when commission from session of Richmond in favor of Mr. Savage, as representative Elder, was read and sustained, and his name ordered to be placed on the Roll of Synod.

Mr. Savage on Roll.

Discussion on Instrumental Music was then proceeded with, when a third amendment was moved by Mr. Alves, viz.:

That considering the circumstances of the congregation of St. Stephen, and the alleged excessive difficulty of conducting the praise of God without the aid of an instrument of Music, the Synod, while reasserting its disapproval of Instrumental Music in the worship of God, agrees to permit in the meantime the use of said instrument in the St. Stephen congregation; at the same time exhorting the congregation and its office-bearers to use all endeavors to train the people in the practice of sacred music, so that they, as soon as possible, may dispense with such aid.

3d amendment on Instrumental Music.

Debate having been concluded—first amendment, viz.: That the prayer of the petition of the congregation of St. Stephen be rejected—was, by leave of Synod, withdrawn, when the vote was taken first between the remaining two amendments; a majority of votes appearing in favor of the former of the two, viz., that moved by Mr. M'Master, it was put in opposition to the original motion, when there again appeared a majority in its favor.

2d amendment on Instrumental Music, carried.

Motion by Mr. M'Master, to appoint a committee to advise with the congregation of St. Stephen, having been declared to be carried, it was also moved and carried to appoint the Revds. Messrs. Donald and Alves as a committee to advise with the congregation of St. Stephen as to the impropriety of using Instrumental Music, contrary to the general usage of the Presbyterian Church and of this Church.

Committee to advise St. Stephen congregation.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Woodstock, 21st June, 1862, }  
10 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met according to adjournment and was opened

with prayer. Minutes were read and sustained, when the report of the Presbytery of Miramichi was read, viz.:

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The Presbytery of Miramichi have to report that they have held eight meetings during the past year, but that little important business has been transacted; that shortly after last meeting of Synod, Mr. Fowler received a call from Bass River—a portion of Mr. Law's congregation—and has settled in that locality; that several efforts have been made to terminate the difficulties at New Mills, but without success, and that Mr. Farquharson has been laboring as a missionary at New Carlisle and vicinity during the past year.

The remit of Synod on the subject of Union with the Church of the Lower Provinces, was taken up at meeting of Presbytery in January, and the following resolution adopted. "That the basis of Union proposed is perfectly satisfactory, and touching that part of the resolution which refers to a general representative Assembly and Synod with co-ordinate jurisdiction, the Presbytery are unanimous that such a scheme is altogether unnecessary, and that the pressing of it would only frustrate the union desired; and moreover the Presbytery express their solemn conviction that such a union would be advantageous to the interests of both Churches, and earnestly hope that it might be consummated with the least possible delay." The members of the different committees were re-appointed.

JAMES FOWLER, Py. Clerk.

Case of New  
Mills.

It was then moved to read the documents bearing on the case of the congregation of New Mills, referred to in the report. Memorial from a portion of the congregation, signed by 99 persons, praying to be acknowledged as a separate congregation with two preaching stations, one at Jacquet River and the other at River Charloe, and assigning reasons for such prayer, was first read; Minutes of Presbytery relative to the case were then read. Deputation appointed by Synod of last year were heard, when a committee consisting of Messrs. Law, Elder and Stirling (Mr. Stirling, Convener), was appointed to confer with Mr. M'Master relative to the case, and report at next sederunt.

Conference.

Synod adjourned to meet on Monday, 23d June, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

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## NINTH SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, 23d June, 1862, }  
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Synod met according to adjournment, and having been constituted and Minutes read and approved, committee appointed at last sederunt gave in their report, which after detailing the various modes proposed for settling the congregation of New Mills, indicated that they had been unable to agree on any specific recommendation.

Synod proceeded in conference relative to the case, but were unable to come to any finding up till the hour of adjournment.

## TENTH SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, 23d June, 1862, }  
3 o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met and being constituted, Minutes were read and sustained, when Mr. Elder was appointed to take charge of the monies of the Sustentation Fund for the present year.

Mr. Elder  
charged with  
Sustentation  
Fund.

Committee of New Mills was taken up, when after various suggestions, it was moved and unanimously agreed to—

That the Report of the Presbytery of Miramichi be received and approved; that having considered the case of New Mills referred to in that Report, and minutes of Presbytery bearing on that point; also having read the petition of memorialists, instructs the Presbytery of Miramichi to erect the petitioners into a separate congregation, with stations at Jacquet River and River Charloe, and to appoint them such supply of preaching as they may find available; the newly erected congregation being advised that they will be expected to contribute all the expenses of said supply.

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Resolved, also, that the congregation thus erected be instructed that they should be ready to discharge any pecuniary obligations, under which they may be, to the Rev. Mr. M'Master, in conjunction with the remaining portion of the congregation.

The Committee of Books then reported, that all the books of Presbyteries were handed in, were duly examined and found correct, and that the several books should be attested.

Com. of Books  
Report.

Moved and agreed that the report of the Committee of Books be received and approved, and that the Books of the several Presbyteries be attested.

The Report of the Presbytery of York was then read, viz.:

Report of Presbytery of York

The Presbytery of York beg leave to report that during the past year they have held the usual number of meetings, that they have elected representatives for the several committees of Synod, and that a considerable amount of missionary labor has been done by its various members throughout the bounds of the said Presbytery. Mr. Salmon has been preaching at Glassville and other stations during the past year. Mr. Stirling and Mr. Smith have been supplying stations in the same way. The Presbytery are glad to be able to state that prayer meetings in some of the congregations are on the increase, that Bible classes are being taught, and that a greater interest is manifested in such classes and meetings than last year. A new church has been opened at Tay Creek by Mr. Stirling, which will tend much to the comfort of the people there. Two churches are being erected at Prince William for the permanent worship of God. The house at Prince William, which was owned by Mr. Glass, has been bought by the congregation, and efforts are being put forth to liquidate the debt remaining upon it. The collections ordered by the Synod have been made with great regularity in the various congregations. All which is respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER SMITH, Py. Clerk.

Finding on Presbytery of York report.

After some conversation relative to the procurement of the services of Mr. Cumming at Salmon River, it was moved and agreed to receive and approve of the report of the Presbytery of York.

Mr. Alves then read the report of the Education Committee, which was laid upon the table for consideration. Synod adjourned to meet in the evening.

### ELEVENTH SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, 23d June, 1862, }  
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Education report.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted, Minutes were read and sustained, when it was moved and agreed that the Education Report be received

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It was also moved that a Committee, consisting of Revds. Mr. Alves (Convener,) Mr. Elder, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Smith, with J. G. Stevens, Esq., Elder, be reappointed.

It was then moved and agreed that the committee be instructed.

1st. That they take such measures for the recovery of subscriptions and the obtaining of additional subscriptions, as they may judge expedient. Instructions to Committee.

2d. That they take measures to secure a suitable grant from the Government.

3d. That they shall agree as soon as possible as to the internal management of the Institution.

4th. That as soon as the state of the funds permit they take the necessary steps towards putting the building in a state of security against the weather, and increasing the accommodation for pupils.

5th. That they see that the past accounts be duly audited.

The Synod adjourned with the Benediction.

#### TWELFTH SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, 24th June, 1862. }  
10 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met according to adjournment, and having been constituted, Minutes were read and approved, when a communication from the Synod of the Canadian Presbyterian Church relative to the Union effected between the Free Church and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, enclosing a copy of basis of Union, was submitted; when it was moved and unanimously agreed, that Synod record its gratification on account of the happy union effected, and appoint the Moderator, Clerk, and Rev. Mr. Alves, as a committee to answer said communication.

Union Presby-  
terian Church,  
Canada.

Report of Widows' fund was then submitted by Mr. Bennet, viz.:

That the following principles may be adopted relative to the fund and its management.

I. That the object of the fund shall be to provide a support for the Widows and Orphans of ministers of the Presbyterian Church of N. B. Widows' fund report.

II. That for the creation and increase of the fund,

each minister be required to subscribe the sum of £ annually, and that each congregation be requested to give an annual collection thereto.

III. That the sums thus raised shall be duly invested on sufficient securities, and that the interest shall also be invested till such time as there may be Widows or Orphans of Ministers claiming support from the fund.

IV. That only the annual interest arising from the fund shall be devoted to the support of the claimants, and that an equitable division of same shall be made.

V. That Widows of Ministers shall have claims on the annual proceeds of the fund, but their claim shall cease on re-marriage.

VI. When there is no Widow, but children under eighteen years of age remain, the guardians of said children shall receive a Widow's share, till they arrive at that age.

VII. That upon the re-marriage of any minister he shall pay a fine of £ , or forfeit all claim upon the fund.

VIII. That Treasurer and Secretary be appointed annually by the Synod, who shall also render to it annual report of state of the fund.

IX. That these rules may be modified, repealed, or added to, at any regular meeting of this Synod, by a vote of not less than two thirds of the members in attendance.

X. That any minister retaining his status, upon leaving New Brunswick, and uniting with any other Presbyterian church of recognized standing, shall have the option of claiming the sums paid in by him without interest, or of continuing his claim by paying £ . per annum.

The Widows' fund committee present the following financial report.

That the following sums have been lodged with the Convener for Treasurer :

From Mr. M'Master, per Mr. B.,	£2	0	10
Per Rev. Mr. Ferrie, St. James' congregation,	1	3	4
Ditto Black River,	1	4	4
Per J. Livingston, Blackville and Derby,	1	19	8
Per Rev. W. Elder, St. Stephens,	1	10	4
Per Mr. Smith, 1861, viz :—Andrew Donald,		7	6
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	Present amount of fund, July 1862,	£26 8 9

It was then moved and agreed that the draft of principles submitted, be embodied in the minutes, that Synod may have opportunity of judging of them. Finding on W. F. report.

It was also moved and agreed, that the report of the financial state of the fund be received, approved, and entered on the minutes.

It was also enjoined, that ministers do see that collections to this fund be duly made.

Widows' Fund Committee were then re-appointed, with instructions to have the monies lodged in name of Synod's Secretary, and Treasurer, in Saving's Bank.

Mr. Alves then gave a report of distribution of monies from the Free Church of Scotland, when it was moved and agreed that the report be received and adopted, subject to reservation in the case of Mr. Salmon. The committee were re-appointed. F. C. monies, distribution of.

It was also agreed, that for the present year Mr. Glass receive a share of any grant that may be obtained from the Free Church.

The Convener of the Home Mission committee read the report for the past year, including reports from Messrs. Brown and Dunlop, viz.:

Home Mission Committee beg leave to report—That during the past year Missionary operations have been carried on through the students who have acted as Catechists, by Rev. Mr. Brown, and by Rev. John I. Dunlop. H. M. report.

There is at the present only one Catechist who came to the Province in April last, at the instance of the York Presbytery, but whose expenses are chargeable on the H. M. Fund. As part of this report we beg to submit reports from the Rev. Messrs. Brown and Dunlop, from which the nature of part of the missionary operations carried on by our Synod, may be better understood.

*To the Convener of the H. M. Committee.*

"In presenting a brief report of our labors during the past year to your committee, we at once recognize the goodness of God in restoring our health, and enabling us to fulfil our duties to those stations to which we were

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appointed, in as far as preaching and but a partial visitation of the several families in those districts are concerned.

"We entered upon our labors immediately after the last meeting of Synod. We began with Golden Grove, where there is a church and the attendance encouraging—about fifty. Their interest in the ordinances of the church seems unabated as regards regularity of attendance, but their appreciation of religious privileges is very small, judging from the smallness of the contribution—collections and contributions for the year \$19 63. A Sabbath School has been in active operation throughout the winter, which promises to be a blessing to the locality, with about sixty volumes of interesting religious reading in circulation, as a nucleus of a library for the school. There is nothing in this district peculiar unless it be the want of professed family religion—a state of things only to be improved by the more frequent means of grace and a more pastoral oversight.

"Lepreaux and Musquash are the next stations which we have visited monthly. The former has but four Presbyterian families who attend, and the little congregation which meets in the Temperance Hall is made up of all denominations. We have a more favorable impression of the moral worth of the Presbyterians at Lepreaux, than at some places. They give cheerfully their contributions to the Home Mission. We had hoped to have the Lord's Supper administered to those of them who are members of the Presbyterian Church, and a few others who would have united with us for the first time; and thus have kept them in connexion with the great Presbyterian family scattered over the country. But the circumstance of the absence of some members of their families (being engaged in lumbering), prevented the necessary intercourse to so desirable an end.

"At Musquash the Presbyterians are few, and are not so much interested in the services held in the school house at Lancaster Mills, as might be expected. Local jealousies have some influence on this state of things, still generally the average attendance is encouraging—about forty. Their contributions are generous, being chiefly from those not Presbyterian. These stations visited the same Sabbath, have contributed this year \$56 87.

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"At Nerepis, the last of the four stations, we have held more services than at any of the other places. The cause is hopeful in some aspects. With the concurrence of your Committee, a church membership has been organized, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper been dispensed twice. On the first occasion, the 10th Dec., twenty-six sat down, many for the first time, and on the second occasion, forty-seven joined in the commemoration of the Lord's death—many of them being from the Old Kirk. There are no Elders appointed, and I do not think that the mind of the congregation is yet prepared to choose any of their number to that office.

"Contributions to the H. M. Funds for this year, has been \$39 83.

"Enclosed is a full financial statement of the whole receipts and expenditure of these stations for the year ending June, 1862.

"GEORGE BROWN, Missionary."

MR. DUNLOP'S REPORT.

Shediac Missionary Station takes in the increasing population at the Terminus, the Village, and Cape, and the Scotch Settlement. This might be enlarged at pleasure by comprehending Irish Town and Buctouche.

The Mission was commenced in October last year. A room called the Masonic Hall was rented, in which divine service is conducted generally twice on the Sabbath day, and other places as I can. The attendance, when the weather and other circumstances have permitted, during the winter, has rated from 100 to 200, and on some occasions there appeared to have been as many as 250. A Sabbath School has also been commenced, which promises to be very useful; and a Bible-class has been conducted during the winter, of from 10 to 20 persons, from 50 to 14 years of age, male and female, married and single. The other preaching places are all well attended, according to their respective population. The congregations are composed of nominal Presbyterians, and others in some way or other connected with Episcopalians, Wesleyans, Baptists, Congregationalists, Universalists, Infidels, and occasionally a few Papists. Ungodliness fearfully abounds. Profane swearing, Sabbath breaking, and drunkenness prevail to a very great extent. The people receive and treat me with kindness and

respect. They are not offended to be told their faults; and, on the whole, there is much to interest and encourage.

The hesitation manifested by the committee, with regard to the carrying on of the mission, the unwearied annoyance and opposition of the Bend Kirk minister, and other things, together with the badness of the times, have all militated against the success of the mission; and the fact that it has succeeded as well as it has, amid all these discouragements, is a strong reason for its prosecution with energy and decision.

To do so, in my opinion, it will be necessary for the committee to place the missionary independent of the people; to get them to help the missionary funds as much as possible; the erection of a new church as soon as practicable; and to restore confidence to the neighborhood with regard to the determination of the Synod to carry it on.

In a few years, with the divine blessing, there is every reason to think that a nice little congregation would be raised at Shediak, and a station formed in a very important locality for meeting the wants of the surrounding settlements. But should the mission be allowed to drop now, it is the opinion of many that the Synod need never attempt to renew it.

I generally preach three times on the Sabbath, and as often during the week as I can.

JOHN IRVINE DUNLOP.

There can be no doubt regarding the importance of Shediak as a missionary station. Prior to entering upon it as a field of labour, our attention was drawn to it by a letter received by one of the members of the committee from a member of the Prince Edward Island Presbytery, intimating that if the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick had no objections, the Presbytery of P. E. Island would establish a mission in Shediak. Your committee had previously had an eye on Shediak as an important field, and believing that the church would be unwilling to have it supposed that she was less zealous for the common cause than any other neighbouring church, resolved, if possible, to take up Shediak as a missionary station. Convener of committee made a visit to the place, preached in it, and found several people

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generally favourable to the establishment of a missionary among them. Shortly after, the Rev. J. I. Dunlop arrived in this province, and, as an eminently suitable person, was engaged to labour among the people of Shediak. He has since been employed there with, your committee believe, excellent results. We believe that nothing should deter the Synod from endeavouring to establish a permanent missionary station at Shediak. It is a rising and rapidly increasing village. At the same time, should a missionary be established there, great efforts will require to be made to increase the Home Mission funds.

Your committee regret that intimation has been received by the Convener to the effect that the donation given by the Irish Church will likely be withdrawn, though it is to be hoped that the Convener's remonstrance sent forward may yet have the effect of procuring its continuance. Still, the Synod must in the meantime look to the prospect that we may be cast on our own resources for missionary operations, at least for the present. Appended to this report is a financial statement of receipts and expenditure, from which it appears that, after liquidating present liabilities, the Home Mission Committee have only to look with certainty to the congregational collections of the present year for means to carry on their operations. These were more than swallowed up last year by claims for special missionary labour. Reverting to Shediak, the people there sent a memorial to the Home Mission Committee, praying that Mr. Dunlop might be continued among them, and promising to contribute to his support to the amount of \$170. Your Committee would say that, if possible, the mission at Shediak ought to be supported; but stringent measures alone will raise the funds required. The principal points on which Synod will require to decide are:

- 1st. How to raise the necessary funds.
- 2d. Where missionaries should be located during the present year.

Herewith is submitted a treasurer's account of the Fund.

JAMES BENNET, Convener.

RECEIPTS.	
Former Convener, balance,	\$168.00
Irish Col. Missions,	702.84
Collections, 1861—	
Prince William,	4.00
Springfield,	10.31
Derby,	3.75
Blackville,	4.70
Mr. Stirling,	4.00
Richibucto,	16.00
Mr. J. Kerr, Napan,	} 2.00
Per Rev. W. E.,	
Londonderry,	4.23
Restigouche,	5.00
St. John P. Church,	28.00
Norton,	2.50
2d July, 1862—	
Mr. Alves, for Pt. Daniel,	84.00
Balance against Fund,	44.09
	<u>\$1099.92</u>

PAYMENTS.	
	Paid Rev. A. G. Forbes, \$27.72
	W. Morrison, Bursar, 20.00
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July 8.	Rev. W. Elder, 45.00
	Postage, 00.70
	J. G. Sutherland, ex. 4.00
	Mr. Baird, 4.00
	J. Bennet, wag. hire, 12.30
	Mr. Smith, 30.00
	Mr. Grey, 1.00
Oct. 14.	Mr. Dunlop, 25.00
	Mr. Stirling, 237.50
Oct. 31.	Mr. Sutherland, 46.80
Nov. 5.	T. Cumming, 28.00
Nov. 21.	J. I. Dunlop, 24.00
	Mr. Moody (order), 40.00
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	Mr. Nicholson, } 84.00
	for Pt. Daniel,
March.	J. I. Dunlop, 100.00
April.	J. I. Dunlop, 48.00
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THIRTEENTH SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, 24th June, 1862, }  
3 o'clock, P. M. }

Finding F. M. report.

Synod met and was constituted. It was then moved that the report be received and approved, and the Committee reappointed, with instructions to make strenuous exertions to have the funds of the Home Mission enlarged to meet the requirements, and that the members of the Synod aid them by collecting cards and otherwise, as they may see fit, and that the Home Mission collection be taken at an early date, and remitted to the Convener; also, that a strong representation be made to the Irish Presbyterian Church, urging them to make a large grant to the Home Mission of the Church.

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into account the nature of the arrangements made for holding the meeting of Synod at Woodstock, Resolved—

Thanks for attention to Synod.

1st. That the arrangements made for the reception of ministers and elders attending Synod, reflect the highest credit on the local ministers and elders.

2d. That the thanks of the Synod are due and hereby tendered to the Presbyterian families in Woodstock, and to a still greater extent to the families not connected with the Presbyterian Church, whose kind hospitalities have been so generously extended to the members of the Synod.

3d. That these resolutions be offered for insertion in the Woodstock papers and in the "Colonial Presbyterian."

Mr. Stirling then gave in a verbal report of the Foreign Mission, stating that £42 1s. 8d. had been raised during the past year for this object, viz. :

Foreign Mission report.

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Mr. Stirling having urged the claims of the Foreign Mission, Mr. Alves moved, and Mr. Donald seconded, that the report be received and approved, and that the Convener be thanked for his exertions and reappointed, and that the Synod, encouraged by the returns already reported, authorize Mr. Stirling to visit congregations, and with the consent of the office-bearers to form associations to carry out the foreign scheme.

Finding F. M. report.

Several members of Synod addressed the court on the subject, when the hour for adjournment having come, the consideration thereof was postponed till next sederunt.

FOURTEENTH SESSION.

Woodstock, 24th June, 1862, }  
 7½ o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met and was constituted. Minutes were read and approved; when it was moved as an amendment to Mr. Alves' motion, by Mr. Elder, seconded by Mr. Bennett:—That, while voluntary donations to the Foreign Mission Fund shall be gladly received by the Synod, the

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The amendment being put to the court was lost, and the original motion carried by a vote of eight to six.

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distribution.

Sustentation fund was then collected and distributed by Mr. Elder, according to principles of distribution adopted on preceding years.

Synod adjourned with the Benediction.

### FIFTEENTH SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, 25th June, 1862, }  
10 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met and was constituted. Minutes were read and sustained.

Convener H.  
M. authorized.

When it was moved and unanimously agreed that the Convener of the Home Mission Committee be authorized to visit congregations, and with the consent of the office-bearers, to form associations for the purpose of raising funds for the Home Mission scheme.

Information to  
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es on state of  
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Moved and agreed that the Convener of the Committee on Grants do furnish information from statistics and other sources to the parent churches in England, Scotland, and Ireland, relative to the very inadequate support received by the ministers, and the need of additional funds in sustaining missionary labour, particularly in view of the immigration to the Province from time to time.

It was also moved and agreed that Mr. Elder be appointed Convener of the Sustentation fund, also to visit congregations, with the consent of the office-bearers, to form associations for the purpose of raising funds for this scheme.

Collections—  
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It was then moved and agreed that collections for the various funds be taken on the following days:—

For Home Mission, 2d Sabbath in August, 1862.

Sustentation Fund, last Sabbath in October, 1862.

Foreign Missions, last Sabbath in November, 1862.

Widows' Fund, 3d Sabbath in February, 1863.

Incidental Fund, 3d Sabbath in May, 1863.

Mr. Elder then submitted Report of the Committee on Union.

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The Committee on union of Presbyterian bodies beg  
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Committee on  
 Union report.

1st. That the resolution of the Synod held in 1860  
 had been communicated to the Synod of the Presbyte-  
 rian Church of N. B. in connexion with the Church of  
 Scotland, prior to the meeting of the Synod of this  
 Church in June, 1861.

2d. That the answer of that Synod was subsequently  
 received, with the letter accompanying the same, is  
 subjoined.

3d. That your Committee recommend to the Synod  
 the following resolutions upon this matter:—

I. That the Synod receive with much satisfaction the  
 assurances of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of  
 N. B., in connexion with the Church of Scotland of a  
 desire to cultivate friendly and christian intercourse, with  
 this Synod, not only in relation to the matter of union,  
 but as an obvious christian duty.

II. That this Synod is not impressed with the exis-  
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 between the principal Presbyterian bodies in New Bruns-  
 wick, and would be pleased to confer upon this subject  
 with bodies favourable to union.

III. That the Committee on Union be re-appointed,  
 and desired to prosecute its labours.

IV. Your Committee would refer the Synod to the  
 Presbytery reports on the subject of union with Nova  
 Scotia. But while the Committee are of opinion that  
 this matter should not be lost sight of, they do not find  
 it expedient, in the present circumstances of the church,  
 to come to a hasty decision in a matter which requires  
 so much consideration.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELDER, Con. of Com.

It was then moved and agreed that the report be re-  
 ceived and adopted, and the Committee be reappointed,  
 with instructions to carry out the views of the Synod in  
 the matter of union.

Resolution on  
 Union Com.  
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It was then moved and agreed, that an address of con-  
 dolence be written to Her Majesty, relative to her late  
 bereavement, and also an address to His Excellency the  
 Lieutenant Governor, congratulating him on his appoint-  
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Address to her  
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Mr. Elder, be a committee to draw up said addresses.  
(Moderator Convener.)

Thanks for  
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It was also moved and agreed, that the thanks of this Synod are due and hereby given to those members of the Legislature who, during the last session of Parliament, so ably advocated our claims for a provincial grant towards the Woodstock Seminary; to our esteemed Moderator, the Rev. William Alves, for his faithful exertions in the same case; and likewise to the Editor of the "Colonial Presbyterian," for the very energetic manner in which he advocated our claims in his excellent journal.

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Com. Report.

Mr. Fowler, Convener of Committee on Temperance, read the report; when it was moved and agreed that the report be received and approved, and Mr. Fowler thanked and reappointed to prosecute his labours in the cause of temperance.

Mr. Alves  
Com. In. fund.

It was then proposed and agreed, that the Rev. Mr. Alves be appointed Convener of the Incidental fund; and that, in order to raise this fund to the necessary amount, the various funds of the church be taxed proportionally.

Time of next  
meeting.

It was then moved and unanimously agreed, that the Synod adjourn, to meet in St. John Presbyterian Church, St. John, on the third Wednesday of June, 1868, at 7½ o'clock, p. m.

JAMES BENNET,

*Clerk of Synod.*

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## SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. ELDER, CONVENER,

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## FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

Rev. A. STIRLING, CONVENER,

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