

MINUTES OF SYNOD

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

HELD IN

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

SAINT JOHN, N. B.,

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday

JUNE 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 & 25, 1861.

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Andrew Donald,	Campbell Settlement.
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James Bennet,	St. John.
James Baird,	Carleton, St. John.
William Alves,	St. John.
James Gray,	Norton.

ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERY.

John Turnbull,	St. James.
William Millen,	Bailie Settlement.
William Elder,	St. Stephens.

YORK PRESBYTERY.

Alexander Smith,	Prince William.
James Salmon,	Woodstock.
Alexander Stirling,	Fredericton.
C. G. Glass,	Woodstock.

MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY.

Angus McMaster,	New Mills.
James Law,	Kingston, Kent Co.
Thomas Johnston,	Blackville.
James Fowler,	Konchibouqua.
Thomas Nicholson,	Campbelton, Restigouche.

CATECHISTS—John Sutherland, Salmon River; T. Canning,

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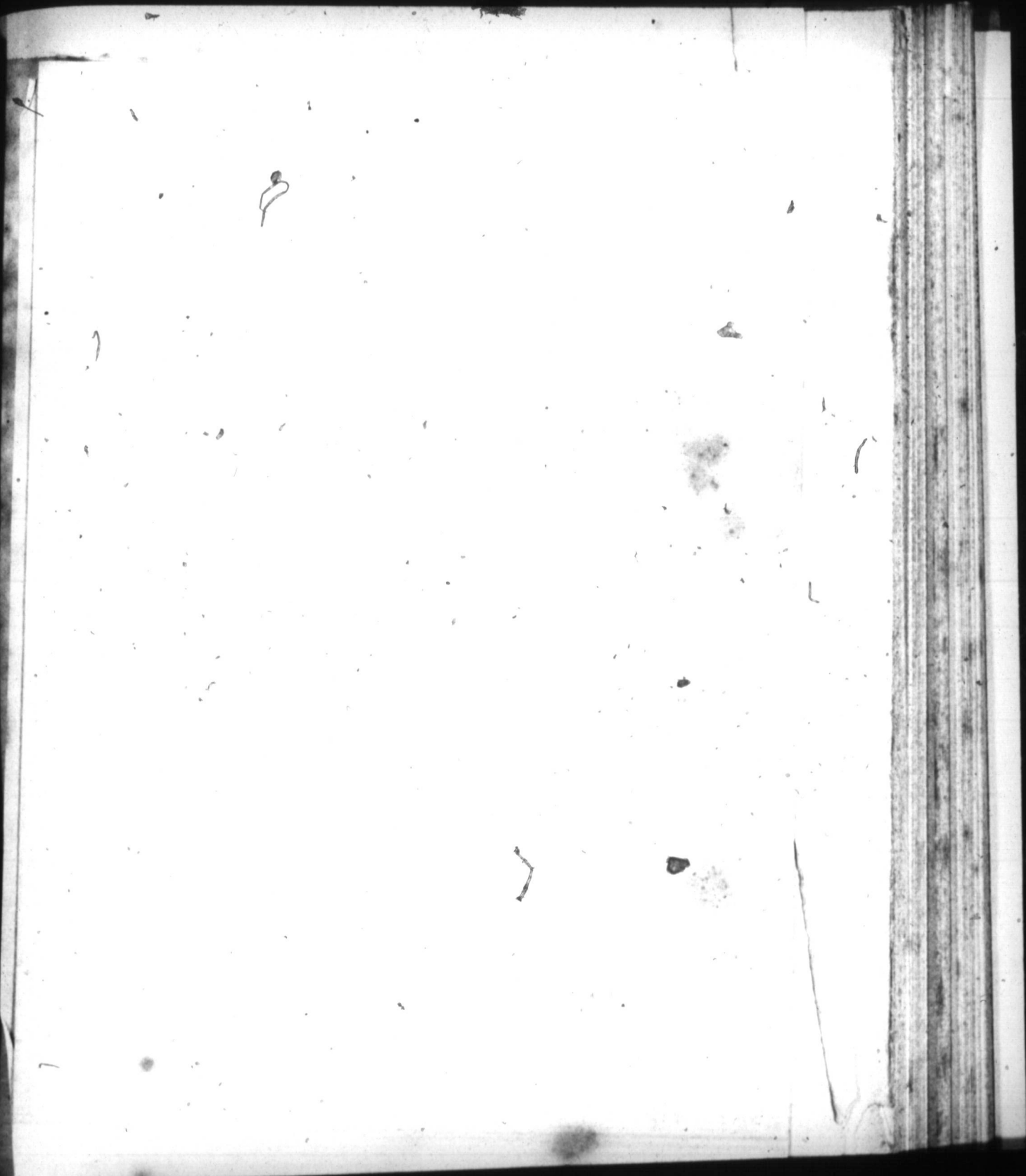
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MINUTES.

SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, N. B.

SAINT JOHN, 1861.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 19th June, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

At which day and hour the Synod of the Church known Meeting as the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, met according to adjournment in St. David's Church, St. John, when the retiring Moderator, the Rev. John Turnbull preached from 1st Cor., 15th chap., 58th verse, and constituted the Synod, after which the Roll of Synod having been made up, the Rev. Wm. Alves was unanimously chosen Moderator for the ensuing year, who, having taken his seat, addressed the Court.

The following Ministers and Elders attended:—

SAINT JOHN PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Andrew Donald,	William Scott,	Londonderry and Roll.
Lewis Jack,	Peter Ogilvie,	Cambell's Set.
James Bennet,	John McKean,	Springfield.
James Baird,	R. Kedey,	St. David's Church.
William Alves,	Adam McAfee,	Saint John Pr. Ch.
James Gray,	Thomas Purves,	Carleton.
		Calvin Church.
		Norton, &c.

SAINT STEPHEN PRESBYTERY.

John Turnbull,	Peter Morrison,	Saint James.
William Eider,		Saint Stephens.
William Millen,	James Milligan,	Baillie Settlement.

YORK PRESBYTERY.

Alexander Smith,	Alex. Moody,	Prince William.
Alexander Stirling,		Fredericton.
J. G. Glass,	James Savage,	Richmond.

MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY.

J. G. Johnston,	Blackville.
James Fowler,	Kouchibouquac.
Angus McMaster,	New Mills.
Thos. Nicholson,	Campbelton.

Times of Meeting.

It was resolved that Synod should have devotional exercises from 9 till 10 o'clock each day ; that Synod should meet for the despatch of business at 10 o'clock, adjourn at 1 P. M., meet at 3 P. M., adjourn at 6 P. M., meet at 7½ P. M., adjourn at 10 P. M.

Committee of Bills and Overtures was appointed, consisting of the Moderator, the Clerk of Synod, and Clerks of Presbyteries, and Conveners of Committees, Clerk of Synod, Convener, to meet immediately at close of present session of Synod.

The Rev. G. Brown, Missionary to the Province, and the Rev. Neill McKay, of Nova Scotia, being present, were invited to sit and deliberate during the meetings of Synod.

It was also resolved that various Missionary stations near St. John, be supplied with preaching on Sabbath first.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

St. David's Church, Thursday, }
20th June, 1861, 10 A. M. }

Missionary Supply.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer. The Moderator was thanked for his earnest and Scriptural sermon. Mr. McKenzie was requested to sit and deliberate as an Elder. Minutes were read and sustained ; and order of business, as submitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, was adopted by Synod. Missionary supply was then arranged for the following Sabbath, in the City and Missionary stations, viz :—

St. David's to be supplied by Messrs. Brown & Nicholson.
St. John Pr. Ch. " " McKay & McMaster
Calvin Ch. " " Stirling & Brown.
Carleton, " " Jack & Smith.
Golden Grove, " " Mr. Millen.
Red Head, Quaco, &c., " " Alves.
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Maces Bay, to be supplied by Mr. Sutherland.
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 Norton & Sussex, " " Fowler.

The Minutes of last year's Synod were then considered and approved. The Synod then proceeded to hear reports of Presbyteries. Minutes.

The Presbytery of Saint John 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; that they submit an overture relative to the Act of Incorporation; that the Church of Norton has been finished and was opened for public worship shortly after last Synod; that through the exertions of the people of the District it is almost free of debt, and that the Rev. Mr. Gray conducts divine service in it with a good attendance of people once a fortnight; that the erection of a new Church at Sussex is recommended to the liberality of the congregations of the Presbytery at large; that the Presbytery has suffered the loss of one of its members by the translation of the Rev. Wm. Ferrie to New York, by which the Church of Saint David's has become vacant; and, finally, that in most of the congregations the collections for the Synod's schemes have been made with great regularity, although one or two are deficient in this respect. Report of St. John Pres.

The Presbytery of Saint Stephen begs leave to report to the Reverend the Synod as follows:—

The Presbytery has with much regret been called upon to dissolve the pastoral connexion between the Rev. Wm. Bennet and the congregation to which he ministered, which though heartily attached to their late pastor, was unable to provide an adequate support; the consequence has been that the adherents of the Church at Saint George, Bocabec and Waweig have suffered much religious privation. A call to the Rev. Wm. Millen from a section of the same charge, has been prepared and is under the consideration of the Presbytery. Missionary labour has been performed at Tower Hill and the Brand by Mr. Millen, and by Mr. Elder at Little Ridge, at which place a new Church has been partly erected which at least will always be open to Presbyterian Ministers. Religious services have also been frequently performed by Mr. Turnbull in the same comparatively destitute neighbourhood. A new and very beautiful and commodious Church has been erected at St. Stephen, and a very capacious and tasteful manse at St. James, almost finished. In that congregation all the collections ordered by Synod have been made. At St. Stephen the collections have been generally made; but this year, owing to building efforts, they are smaller in amount than heretofore. At Baillie the collections have not been made, owing to causes orally stated by Mr. Millen. The Presbytery had one student under its care whose tickets of attendance in his classes have always been very satisfactory. Report of St. Stephen Pres.

The Reports of these Presbyteries were received and approved.

Presbyteries
of St. Stephen
& Miramichi
leave to meet:

The Presbytery of St. Stephen received leave to meet previous to next Sederunt to elect members to serve on the various Committees.

The Presbytery of Miramichi received leave to meet at 2½ o'clock in the vestry.

Report on union with the Church in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland was then submitted by Mr. Elder, Convener, viz:—

To the Reverend the Synod of the Church known as "The Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick," the Committee on Union begs leave to report as follows:

1. That at the last meeting of Synod the following Resolutions were adopted:

Report on
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"Resolved—I. That this Synod in terms of its resolution of last year, heartily recognizes the duty and advantage of promoting and effecting a Union of Presbyterian bodies, when this can be done on Scriptural grounds and without compromise of principle.

"II. That it appears to this Synod that the basis of Union agreed upon by Presbyterian bodies in Australia, now constituting the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, is well adapted to the purposes of such union.

"III. That this Synod appoint a Committee, consisting of the Moderator, Messrs. Elder, McKay, Law, J. Bennet, Alves, and Gray, Ministers, with W. Parks, Peter Morrison, and J. Main, Esqrs., Elders, (Mr. Elder, Convener), on the subject of union, whose duty it shall be to correspond with other Presbyterian bodies in this Province, with a view to union, should their views on this matter be found to correspond with those of this Synod."

2. Your Committee were much gratified to learn that soon after the adoption of said resolutions by this Synod, the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, in the City of St. John, took action in regard to them, and had itself represented in Synod by an influential deputation favourable to a union of the two Synods, on some such basis as that proposed.

3. That immediately after the rising of the Synod, your Committee caused a copy of the aforesaid resolutions to be printed, and also, that no information on the subject might be concealed, of the reasons of dissent therefrom, and of the reply thereto, which appear on the minutes of the Synod, as also of the Articles of Union agreed upon in Australia, referred to in the resolutions of this Synod. Your Committee caused the copies of the several documents thus printed to be placed in the hands of the ministers and influential laymen of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland in this Province, as well as of various members of our own body.

4. That in particular a copy of the said documents was forwarded to the Clerk of the Synod in connexion with the Church of Scotland, with a letter from the Convener of this Committee, of which the following is a copy:—

ST. STEPHEN, July 5, 1860.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—In accordance with the instructions of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, I beg to fur-

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nish you with a copy of the Resolutions adopted by it, at its recent meeting, on the subject of Union with other Presbyterian bodies (which I enclose), and I beg leave most respectfully to crave your best attention thereto, and to request that you will take a fitting opportunity of submitting them to the consideration of your Synod, at its meeting, now about to be held, with a view to the expression of its judgment in regard to them, and to such other action in the premises as it might see fit to take. In order that your Synod may be furnished with documentary evidence of the favourable feeling, as regards Union, which exists in our body, and made fully acquainted with our entire proceedings in the matter, I beg also to transmit to you a copy of the Reasons of Dissent from the finding of the Synod, and the Synod's answer thereto, which amendment and reasons found only two supporters in our Synod. I can, therefore, most cordially assure you that, save as regards the parties to the reasons of dissent, who, it is to be observed, object not to the principle, but to the proposed basis, of Union, the ministers and elders composing our Synod are heartily in favour of Union. They are alive to the evils incident to the divided state of Presbyterian bodies in this Province generally, and especially of the two leading Synods, both as regards those who are within and those who are without, and they are most anxious that these evils should be obviated. The entire documents transmitted, taken in connexion with the standards to which they refer, leave no doubt as to the tenets of our Synod on certain cardinal doctrines, on which differences of opinion have sprung up among Presbyterians themselves, such as the exclusive Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ in and over His Church, and the Church's entire independence of the civil power; and should our views on these points be found to coincide with those of your Synod, as I have no doubt that they will, I can further assure you that I am only doing justice to the sentiments entertained by the members of our Synod, when I say that they would heartily rejoice in a union of the two Synods, on some such basis as that proposed, feeling, as they do, that the members of Presbyterian bodies whose lot has been providentially cast in the same field of labour, and who are one in heart and mind, ought to be *formally united* in contending against common enemies, and engaged in common labours, with a view to the advancement of the Redeemer's glory.

It may, I trust, be hoped that present indications in Canada and Nova Scotia, to say nothing of the union so happily consummated in Australia, are favourable to the renewed consideration of this subject, and that, forgetting any past occasions of irritation or misunderstanding on either side, we shall all be found alive to those considerations of duty which the circumstances of the case suggest, and which the exigencies of a common cause eloquently enforce.

The members of our Synod are well aware that certain practical difficulties in the way of union exist, arising, among other things, from the dependent condition of many of the congregations under the care of both Synods; but, looking at all the circumstances of the case, and especially at the favourable manner in which the union of Presbyterian bodies in the Colonies appears to be viewed by the several Parent Churches in Scotland and Ireland, they see no reason to infer that these obstacles would prove insuperable, should the advantages of Union in consolidating Presbyterianism, and extending its moral and beneficent influences, be heartily recognized, and corresponding efforts with a view to Union put forth.

Again craving your own personal attention to the subject matter of this communication, and praying that the members of both

Synods may be richly endued with the wisdom that cometh down from above, and filled with the spirit of Him who, in his closing intercessory pleadings on behalf of his people, prays that "they may all be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee; that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me."

I am, Rev. and dear sir,

Most-truly yours,

WILLIAM ELDER,
Convener of Committee on Union.

To the Rev. John Brooke, D. D., Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of N. B. in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

5. Your Committee further report that a communication from the Synod in connexion with the Church of Scotland, was received, soon after the meeting of that Synod, in the shape of extracts from minutes made in regard to this matter. Owing to some cause which does not appear on the face of the minutes, it is directed to be addressed to the Convener in his private, rather than in his official capacity. It is as follows:—

"The question of union with other bodies of Presbyterians in this Province was then taken up, when certain papers, received by the Clerk from the Rev. William Elder, of Saint Stephens, on the same subject, were produced and read.

"Whereupon the Synod, after due deliberation, and, referring to their resolution in former years, expressive of their views on the subject of a union of all Presbyterians in the Province, again

"Resolve to express and record their strong sense of the desirableness of such a union: but as, in the meantime, there are certain practical difficulties in the way, appoint a Committee to take the whole subject into consideration, and to report to next ordinary meeting of Synod; instructing the Committee to acknowledge the receipt of the papers which had been transmitted by the Rev. W. Elder; and, farther, as tending towards the object contemplated, recommend to all ministers and office-bearers of congregations belonging to this Synod, and request of those belonging to other Presbyterian bodies in the Province, mutual forbearance and co-operation in common objects.

"A Committee, in accordance with the foregoing Resolution, was then appointed, consisting of Dr. Brooke, Mr. Ross, Mr. Keay, Mr. Donald, and the Hon. John Robertson. Dr. Brooke to be Convener."

"Extracted, etc."

"JOHN M. BROOKE, D. D.,

"Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of N. B., in connexion with the Church of Scotland."

6. Your Committee feel a measure of regret that no action can be taken in the matter of Union until after the meeting of the Synod in connexion with the Church of Scotland, in the second week of August; but, looking at the cordial support and countenance which the two great Scottish Assemblies have resolved to continue to the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, they feel that there are no practical or other difficulties in the way of Union which may not easily be surmounted, if there is an earnest desire for union on the part of both Synods. Your Committee feel that by the resolutions of this Synod, and the letter of the Convener of this Committee which accompanied them, they have not been backward in expressing their sentiments in favour of union, and they would only further recommend in the matter, that the subject be brought before our several congregations, and an opportunity given them to express

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their views by petition for or against; that this Synod shall cordially reciprocate the desire expressed by the Synod in connexion with the Church of Scotland, for mutual forbearance and cooperation in common objects; that a copy of the deliverance of this Synod be forwarded to that Synod; and a Committee appointed to confer, if desired, with its Committee on Union, to receive the deliverance of the Synod, and take such action in the matter as to it may seem best.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Committee,
WILLIAM ELDER, Convener.

After reading Report it was moved by Mr. Turnbull, seconded by Mr. McMaster, and unanimously agreed, that the Report be received and approved, the Convener thanked for his diligence and prudent zeal in the matter, that the Committee be re-appointed, consisting of Messrs. Turnbull, Elder, Law, J. Bennet, Alves and Gray, Ministers, with Messrs. Wm. Parks, Peter Morrison, and J. Main, Elders (Mr. Elder, Convener), with instructions to carry out the recommendations contained in the Report.

Union with the Synod of the Church of the Lower Provinces was then brought before the Court. Letter on Union to the Moderator of Synod was submitted from Committee on Union of the Church of the Lower Provinces, affirming generally the advantages of Union and requesting communications to the Synod of the Church of the Lower Provinces to meet next Wednesday on the subject. Subject of letter occupied the consideration of Synod till near the hour of adjournment, when it was resolved to take up same subject at next Siderunt.

Union with
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Provinces.

Mr. Gray was appointed Convener of Committee on Statistics.

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Mr. Turnbull was also appointed Convener of Foreign Missions Committee.

Synod adjourned with the Benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

St. David's Church, 20th May, 1861, }
3 o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Minutes were read and sustained.

The subject of Union with the Synod of the Church of the Lower Provinces was again taken up, when it was moved by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Elder:

Ecclesiastical
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continued.

WHEREAS, The doctrines and Church Government of

the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces are the same as those held by the Presbyterian Church of N. B. ; and whereas, the basis of the Union recently formed appears to be very satisfactory ; and whereas, the formation of a General Assembly would be desirable ; therefore

RESOLVED, That the articles of this basis be sent down to Presbyteries for their consideration and to report to next general meeting of Synod ; also, that the judgment of Presbyteries be taken on the subject of a scheme of Union with a General Representative Assembly, and Synods with co-ordinate jurisdiction of which this Synod shall be one, and meanwhile, that a fraternal letter in these terms be prepared and transmitted to the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces in reply to the letter received from that body and read in this Synod.

It was moved as an Amendment by Mr. Bennet, seconded by Mr. Millen :—

That a Committee be appointed to reply in fraternal terms to the communication from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, responding heartily to the sentiments on Union therein expressed, and indicating that we are desirous of forming a Union with every branch of the Presbyterian Church with which we agree in principle, and which, geographically, may add to the strength of the Church ; that we do not see that without due precaution the union of Churches in different Provinces can add greatly to the strength of the united body, but that we are ready to meet a Committee of the Synod of the Church of the Lower Provinces to consider on what terms an appropriate Union may be formed.

The vote having been taken, there were for the motion, ten ; for the amendment, seven. The motion was therefore carried.

Against this decision Mr. Bennet and Mr. Millen gave notice of dissent, and craved leave to assign reasons in due time. Leave granted.

It was further moved and agreed to, that Messrs. Turnbull, Jack, Fowler and Elder be a Committee to write the fraternal letter referred to in the foregoing resolution.

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FOURTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, 20th June, 1861, }
 7½ o'clock, P. M. }

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

The Report of Presbytery of Miramichi was then submitted, viz :—

The Presbytery of Miramichi report that they have had four regular meetings during the past year, but that owing to a succession of heavy storms in March, they have been prevented from meeting according to last appointment. The Presbytery can report no addition to their numbers since last meeting of Synod; on the contrary, their strength has been weakened by the departure of the Rev. Adam G. Forbes, their excellent missionary, for another field of labour; consequently, Buctouche and the adjoining settlements have been destitute of supply since last October. Rev. Alex. McDonald, who left this Province in May, 1860, has not returned, having accepted a call in Cape Breton. Mr. Farquharson has arrived at Carlisle. Since last meeting of Synod very unpleasant circumstances have arisen in the congregation of New Mills which have called for the action of Presbytery. No satisfactory result, however, has been arrived at, and the Presbytery respectfully request this Synod to investigate the case, and counsel the Presbytery how to act respecting it.

Consideration of the report of the Presbytery of Miramichi was deferred till a future Sederunt, when other documents connected with the reference contained in the report might be brought in through the Committee of Bills.

Overture from Presbytery of St. Stephen on ministerial support was moved by Mr. Elder, viz :—

WHEREAS, Several of our congregations have recently been left vacant, and others are in a weak and perilous condition, and ministers are struggling with very serious difficulties, and our Church is in danger of retrograding instead of advancing,—It is humbly overtured to the Synod by the Presbytery of St. Stephen, that a conference be held on this subject, at which the opinions of the brethren may be freely elicited and some suitable measures of relief devised.

The overture was adopted, and conference asked for was deferred till some future Sederunt.

Overture from Presbytery of Saint John, relative to Act of Incorporation, was then introduced, viz :—

To appoint a Committee to enquire whether the congregations belonging to the Synod have come under the

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Act of Incorporation, and to take steps to facilitate that object.

Moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the overture do pass, and that a Committee consisting of the Moderator, Mr. Elder, Mr. Gray, with Mr. J. G. Stevens, Elder, be appointed to carry out the intent of the overture.

Synod then adjourned to give time for the Committee of Bills and Committee on Education to meet for despatch of business.

Closed with the Benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, 21st June, 1861, }
10 o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met and was opened with devotional exercises. Minutes of previous meeting were read and sustained.

Refer'ce from
Presby'try of
Miramichi.

Documents relative to the case of reference, presented by the Presbytery of Miramichi, were then read, detailing the circumstances of the case, viz: 1st. Letter from certain of the disaffected to the Moderator of the Presbytery with reply of the Moderator. 2nd. Memorial of the disaffected to the Presbytery and record of action of Presbytery relative to the case. And 3rd. Memorial signed by above 70 names, praying the Presbytery to acknowledge them as a separate congregation with two preaching stations, and to grant such supplies of preaching as they may be able. It was also stated that the Presbytery of Miramichi were unable to consider said memorial in consequence of their failing to meet for sufficient reason, when it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to sustain the reference of the Presbytery of Miramichi.

Parties were then called for. There appearing to be three parties in the case. 1st, The Presbytery. 2nd, The Representatives from the parties whose complaint is embodied in the documents. And 3rd, The Minister of New Mills—It was resolved to hear each of the parties in the foregoing order.

The Synod proceeded with the hearing of parties up till the hour of adjournment.

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SIXTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, 21st June, 1861, }
3 o'clock, P. M. }

Synod resumed hearing of the parties in the reference from the Presbytery of Miramichi. Parties having been fully heard and removed from the Bar, it was moved and unanimously resolved as follows :

1st. That Synod has heard of the troubles which have arisen in the congregation of New Mills with much sorrow, fearing, as it does, that through the machinations of the evil one the cause of Christ in that congregation and elsewhere may be seriously injured by the present differences.

2nd. That nothing prejudicially affecting the character and ministerial usefulness of the Rev. Angus McMaster has been brought forward ; but considering that great dissatisfaction evidently exists, the Synod feels bound to enquire more fully into the nature of the case, and, if possible, to apply a remedy.

3rd. That in the hope that by the blessing of God upon their efforts, the unhappy differences which have arisen between Mr. McMaster and a portion of his congregation, may be removed, and a more happy state of affairs brought about, this Synod appoints the Rev. John Turnbull and the Rev. Alexander Stirling to visit the congregation with all convenient speed, to learn the nature of the case, effect a reconciliation if possible, and give to the Presbytery of Miramichi the advice and direction which it craves from this Synod.

4th. That the members of the deputation shall be at liberty to administer Baptism in the case of proper applicants, among the parties among whom dissatisfaction has sprung up, and that efforts shall be made to give supplies to the congregations of these brethren during their absence.

Synod closed with the Benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, 21st June, 1861, }
8 o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met and was opened with prayer. Minutes of

Mr. Turnbull's
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previous meeting were read and sustained, when Mr. Turnbull wishing to bring forward a complaint against the Presbytery of St. Stephen impugning the accuracy of the minutes of that Presbytery, it was moved that he be heard. It was also moved as an amendment, that the Committee of Bills should meet to receive Mr. Turnbull's memorial, that his complaint might be heard. Amendment having been carried, Committee of Bills met, and having read said memorial, transmitted it to Synod. Memorial was then read by the Clerk, and Mr. Turnbull heard in support thereof, when, after considerable discussion, and it appearing evident to the Court that the charge could not be maintained, it was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. McKeen, that Mr. Turnbull be at liberty to withdraw his memorial, which was carried, Mr. Turnbull cordially assenting thereto, and withdrawing memorial accordingly.

Mr. Turnbull then gave notice that he would at some future Sederunt of the present meeting of Synod, move that this Synod disapproves of Instrumental Music in the public worship of God in this Church.

Synod closed with the Benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, 22nd June, 1861, }
10 o'clock, A. M. }

Instrumental
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Synod met and was constituted. Minutes of previous Session were read and sustained, when Mr. Turnbull brought forward the motion of which he had given notice at last Sederunt, viz—That this Synod disapproves of Instrumental Music in the public worship of God in this Church. Motion having been seconded by Mr. Donald, it was moved by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Johnston, that it is inexpedient to agitate this question at the present time. After discussion occupying the Court till time for adjournment, the vote was taken by a shew of hands, when there appeared for the amendment, seven— for the motion, eleven, which was therefore carried.

It was then arranged that the several Standing Committees of the Church should meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Monday, to prepare reports for Synod, which was appointed to meet for business at 11 o'clock.

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Committee of Books, consisting of Messrs. Nicholson and Jack, was also appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries.

Synod adjourned with the Benediction.

NINTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, 23rd June, 1861, }
11 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met and was opened with prayer. Minutes of previous Session were read and sustained, when Mr. Donald gave notice of motion :

That in pursuance of the foregoing resolution or declaration of Synod, instructs its several Presbyteries to enquire whether Instrumental Music be used in any of their congregations, or whether there appears any danger of its being introduced, and to report to the Synod at its next meeting ; meanwhile endeavoring with discretion in the spirit of meekness and brotherly love, to convince any who may have departed, or may appear in danger of departing from the practice of our Church in the public ordinance of God's praise, that they have erred, and induce them without delay to conform to the usage of our Church ; and the Synod further declares, that if any Presbytery should fail to attend to the foregoing instructions, it shall be competent to any member of such Presbytery to do so in his individual capacity.

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Report of the Home Mission was then read, when it was moved that Report do lie on the table ; that Committee do meet to make allocation of claims on the Fund, and that Report be completed by statement of said allocation previous to its final passage.

Report of Committee on Free Church Grants was then submitted by the Convener, viz :

Report anent grant of £200 stg. made by Colonial Committee of Free Church to the Synod of New Brunswick in June, 1860 : F. C. Grant

1st. The Synod appointed Messrs. Ferrie, Bennet and Alves, a Committee on this subject, Mr. Alves Convener, to draw the money and distribute it on the principles formerly agreed to by the Synod.

2nd. Committee met and found that Colonial Committee desired £35 stg. of the grant, to be reserved for Port Daniel, and herefore

3rd. Proceeded to distribute the remainder.

(Minute of distribution.)

Saint John, 13th August, 1860.

The which day the Committee met consisting of the Rev. Wm. Alves, Wm. Ferrie and James Bennet, and took into consideration the most appropriate and equitable division of money granted by the Free Church of Scotland—found that the sum of £165 stg. was to be divided—whereupon it was resolved that the division be as follows: To sixteen claimants £13 cy.; each amounting to £208 cy.

The Committee do not see that any others have any claim upon the grant.

Signed.

WILLIAM FERRIE,
JAMES BENNET,
WILLIAM ALVES, Convener.

4th. After transmitting to all those parties their share of the grant, and deducting expenses, the Convener handed over the balance to the Rev. James Bennet as Convener of the H. M. Com. for the behoof of Port Daniel, of £42 cy.

5th.		STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.	
Free Ch. Grant,	£243 4 3	Distributed,	£208 0 0
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		Expenses,	0 0 10½
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WILLIAM ALVES, Convener.

Soved that Report be laid on the table.
Synod adjourned with the Benediction.

TENTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, 24th Juue, 1861, }
3 o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met and was constituted. Minutes of previous Session were read and sustained, when Mr. Donald withdrew his notice of motion relative to Instrumental Music. Mr. Elder also craved and obtained authority to have extracts of the action of Synod relative to alleged inaccuracy of the Minutes of St. Stephen Presbytery, that it might be entered on the books of that Presbytery.

Com. on F. C.
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re-appointed.

It was then moved and agreed that a Committee on distribution of Free Church Grants be re-appointed, consisting of Revds. J. Bennet, Elder, and Wm. Alves, Convener, and instructed to allocate funds equitably, according to principle formerly adopted and acted on the like case.

The Committee of Books report that :

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The above Report, after explanations of various Presbyteries, was received and adopted.

The Presbytery of York then submitted their Report, viz :

That during the past year, the regular work of the Ministry has been prosecuted by the ministers of their bounds, that a good deal of missionary labor has been performed ; that a new church is in process of erection at Prince William, that a new church is well nigh finished at Lake George which would be highly creditable to any of our country congregations. Very little business of any importance has been transacted during the past year, on account of some of our members being absent from us—Mr. Glass in Scotland, and Mr. Salmon a part of his time in the United States. We beg to report further, that we sustained a loss in the removal of Mr. McKay from Salmon River, who was Clerk of our Presbytery, and likewise took an important part in business of the various Church Courts ; but we are happy to say that his place is at present supplied by the Home Mission.

Pres. of York
Report.

Report on the Widows' Fund was submitted :

Your Committee are glad to inform the Synod that considerable progress has been made in regard to the Widows' Fund. Up till this year there was comparatively little or no interest manifested in the matter, but from information received on the subject, it would appear that most of the congregations have had an opportunity of contributing of their substance to this most laudable object. If there are any of the congregations within the bounds of the Synod who have not manifested their christian liberality to this fund, your Committee earnestly hope that the injunction of the Synod may be carried out to the letter. It is evident that death will break in upon our ranks some day or other not far distant, and if no provision is made, what will the result be with many of our families ? Your Committee earnestly trust that this scheme may be pressed on the attention of the various congregations and that sufficient interest may be awakened in regard to its support. Could this Fund arise to a proportionate bearing it would certainly operate in relieving a minister's mind from much anxiety in regard to the future temporal well-being of his wife and children. He would then have something tangible to look forward to for the support of his family, after he himself is removed from this world of toil.

Widows' Fund
Report.

A. SMITH, Convener.

A further statement of the progress made in drawing up a plan for the management of the Fund was made by the Clerk, when it was moved that the Report be received, the Committee reappointed, with instructions to pursue their labors in completing draft of regulations for the management of the Fund and submit same to next meeting of Synod.

Resolved also, That it be compulsory for all the ministers of this Synod to pay one pound cy. per annum to the Widows' Fund, and that all congregations be invited to contribute liberally thereto.

Synod then adjourned to give time for various Committees to meet.

ELEVENTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, 24th June, 1861, }
7 o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met and was constituted. Minutes of previous Sederunt were read and sustained.

It was then resolved that the times for making the various collections shall be the same as last year, viz :

Collections.

- 1st. Sustentation Fund, 2nd Sab. in August, 1861.
- 2d. Widows' Fund, 2nd Sab. in October, 1861.
- 3rd. Home Mis. Fund, last Sab. in Nov., 1861.
- 4th. Jewish and For. Miss., 2nd Sab. in Feb., 1862.
- 5th. Incidental Fund, 3rd Sab. in May, 1862.

The Sustentation Fund giving an account of all the monies received and paid, was then submitted, when it was moved and agreed that the Report be approved and Committee be re-appointed to take charge of the Fund for another year. (Mr. Bennet, Convener.)

Mr. Glass then submitted his Report on Education, giving a general account of the monies subscribed for the Woodstock College in this Province and in Great Britain and Ireland; the monies paid in, the monies expended, the outstanding subscriptions, the present state of the building at Woodstock, with suggestions relative to the carrying forward of the building.

Education Report.

The Education Committee also presented their Report, viz :

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at £1402 cy.; charges himself with having received £805 of said subscriptions, and £300 stg. from England, Scotland, and Ireland, after paying expenses, and goods from same source valued at £100 stg.; that he has expended £1086 on the building at Woodstock; that there still remains of the New Brunswick subscription list unpaid, £608, of which sum a great part is available. Committee report further, that the amounts are very voluminous; that the Committee recommend Synod to reappoint Committee to examine the accounts and compare them with the vouchers, and take such action relative to the publication of the accounts as they may think necessary. Also, they recommend that Committee should proceed to Woodstock to know the present state of the building and make such arrangements regarding the completion of such portion of the building as they may deem necessary; also, to take such other steps in connection with the institution as may be necessary.

It was then moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that Mr. Glass's Report be received and approved, and that he be thanked for his pains-taking exertions in the cause of the Educational Institution at Woodstock. The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Synod in suitable terms.

It was also moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed, to adopt Report of Committee on Education, and reappoint said Committee to carry out recommendations of the Report submitted by them. (Mr. Alves, Convener.)

Resolution introduced by Mr. Glass was adopted, viz: That the Synod enjoins the Moderator, in the event of the Institution being opened in the Fall, to petition the Legislature for an Educational Grant.

The Clerk, as Treasurer of the Incidental Fund, then made a detailed statement of the Monies received and expended during the previous year, also, at next Sederunt for 1861, copy of which is here inserted.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF INCIDENTAL FUND FOR 1861.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.		Incidental Fund.
Richibucto,	£2 3 0½	Bal ag't fund from '59,	£1 0 4	
Blackville,	1 2 0	Clerks fees,	10 0 0	
Springfield,	1 0 1	Printing Minutes,	5 0 0	
Carleton,	0 15 0	Officer of Court,	1 5 0	
St. Stephen,	2 10 0	Synod Book Records,	1 5 0	
New Mills,	0 10 0	Mr. Johnston, exp's,	2 2 0	
Londonderry,	0 16 0	" Jack, do	0 5 1	
Prince William,	2 10 6	" Elder, do	0 15 0	
Richmond,	1 0 0½	" McMaster, do	3 0 0	
Saint John Pres. Ch.,	5 16 0	" Donald, do	0 6 0	
Carried forward,	£18 2 8	Carried forward,	£24 18 5	

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Salmon River,	0 5 0	" Nicholson, do	3 0 0
Kouchibouquac,	1 0 0	" Turnbull, do	0 15 0
Campbelton,	2 0 0	" Gray, do	0 5 1
St. James,	0 19 4	" Savage, do	1 1 0
Norton, &c.,	1 8 7½	" Moody, do	0 18 0
Calvin Church,	2 0 0	" Purvis, do	0 3 0
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TWELFTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, 25th June, 1861, }
10 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met and was constituted with prayer. Minutes were read and sustained, when the Clerk reported that, after paying Clerk of Synod for defraying balance against fund from past year and paying expenses of printing Minutes, &c., there remained over £13 to meet travelling expenses,—that the claims for travelling expenses amount to about £25. The Clerk recommended that three-fifths of these claims be paid, which would exhaust the fund available and leave a balance due against the fund. Recommendation was adopted, and the Clerk instructed to liquidate the claims according to the three-fifths proportion (See preceding account.)

It was then agreed that the Home Mission Committee should supply the pulpits in Saint James and Fredericton as far as possible, during absence of ministers at New Mills.

Conference was then entered into relative to Ministerial support, which occupied the attention of Synod till the hour of adjournment.

Closed with the Benediction.

THIRTEENTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, 25th June, 1861, }
3 o'clock, P. M. }

Ministerial
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Synod met and was constituted. Minutes were read and approved, when the Conference on Ministerial Support Overture, from Presbytery of St. Stephen, was resumed. Messrs. Nicholson, Smith, Fowler, Johnston,

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Turnbull, McKenzie and others having been heard in support of it, and Mr. Mackay having favored the Synod with a statement of the system of Presbyterial visitation as practised in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, and Mr. Brown having detailed the nature of successful efforts made in the way of increasing the sums contributed towards Ministerial support in Jamaica, the Synod resolved:—

1st. That Presbyteries be recommended to see that a reasonable prospect of Ministerial support is held out, before settling Ministers in vacant charges.

2nd. That as Visitation Presbyteries are provided for by the code of laws adopted by this Church, and have been found beneficial elsewhere, Presbyteries be recommended to hold such meetings, and that such of the questions ordinarily put on such occasions, as to the Presbytery may seem expedient, be addressed to the Elders and office-bearers, or special representatives of the congregations, on such occasions, in order that the Presbytery may, if possible, by its advice and influence, strengthen the hands of the local office-bearers interested in promoting the spiritual and temporal interests of the Church.

3rd. That all Minister- be enjoined to do what in them lies to increase the contributions to the Sustentation Fund, and in particular, that the claims of this Fund be pressed upon the notice of the more affluent members of our congregations.

4th. That a full and accurate representation of the circumstances of this Church, and of the difficulties encountered in providing an adequate Ministerial support, be supplied to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland and to the Secretaries and Directors of the Colonial Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, in the hope that such information may lead to the continuance and increase of the pecuniary aid now derived from the Parent Churches, and that the Home Mission Committee take charge of this matter.

It was moved by Mr. Nicholson that a Conference on the subject of Religion should be held with special reference to the revival of the same in the North of the Province. Agreed to take up subject in the evening.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Fund having been given in by Mr. Turnbull, it was moved and agreed that the Report be sustained and the money transmitted to the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces for their Foreign Mission, as heretofore; also, that Mr. Alexander Stirling be Convener of this Committee for the ensuing year.

Report on Temperance was then submitted by Mr. Fowler, viz:—

Report on
Temperance

As no instructions of any kind were given by the Synod for the guidance of this Committee, great difficulty has been felt as to the matters respecting which information should be collected.

As to the general subject, your Committee feel that it is unnecessary to dwell at any length upon the evils that result from Intemperance. Every minister has more or less opportunity for observing the social and moral degradation of individuals and families who have become the victims of this meanest and most debasing of the vices. Every Parish of our Province furnishes its quota of evidence in support of the fact, that of all the agencies in operation for counteracting the progress of Civilization and Christianity, Intemperance is the greatest. It is the fruitful source of almost every vice, and contributes more to swell the calendar of crime than all other vices united. Were Intemperance banished from our Province the statistics of crime would be reduced three-fourths, our Penitentiary would be almost emptied, and Alms houses, Poor-houses, and even the Lunatic Asylum would exhibit but a mere fraction of the squalor and wretchedness they now present. It may be well to remark that nearly all the murders committed in our Province during the last five years have been the result of Intemperance. Your Committee regret that as the statistics of crime in this Province have never been authoritatively compiled, they cannot present accurate information respecting the relation that exists between the Rum-shop and the Prison, or how far the former acts as a feeder to the latter. It was not only computed, but scientifically demonstrated, that between the ages of 21 and 30, the mortality of the drunkard is five times greater than that of the rest of the community; that between 30 and 50, it is twice as great. The drunken man at the age of 20, may expect to live 15 years, and the sober man 44; at 30, the drunkard may expect to live 13 years, and the sober man 36; at 40, the drunkard may expect to live but 11 years, and the sober man 28. These surely are facts that need only be known to make a powerful impression on the minds of all.

By an examination of the Custom House Returns for the past financial year, it appears that there were imported 366,175 Gallons of Spirits and Malt Liquors of various kinds, at a cost of £79,170, 3s. 10d. If from this we deduct £9,170 for medicinal and mechanical purposes, there remains no less than £70,000 spent during the past year for the gratification of a very questionable appetite. During the same period the imports of flour amounted to 2,165,356 Barrels, valued at £233,685 16s., thus showing that the drinking customs of society are sustained at a cost equal to about one-third of what is necessary to provide bread for our Cities and Towns, lumbermen, fishermen, squatters, &c.

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Your Committee beg leave to present the following queries, 1st. How far should those who engage in the traffic in ardent spirits be deemed eligible to Church privileges?

2nd. How far, and by what means, should Ministers endeavor to establish habits of total abstinence among their people?

After discussion upon the preceding Report, it was resolved to adopt the Report, reappoint the Committee and instruct them to endeavor to obtain further information relative to the various topics embodied in the Report.

The Synod then adjourned to give time for the Home Mission Committee to complete their Report.

Synod resumed when the Report of H. M. Committee was finally submitted.

REPORT

Of Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, June, 1861.

Your Committee beg to lay before you a very brief Report of the Home Mission Report. labours which have been engaged in by Missionaries, of the outlay of Monies, and of the present state of the Fund.

The Missionary labour done in the Province during the past year, has been probably less than usual. This is the more to be regretted, as there is more need of such labour now, in consequence of the resignation of charges by several Ministers,—Mr. W. Bennet having left his congregation in this Province to labour in Canada, Mr. H. McKay for a charge in Nova Scotia, Mr. Forbes to pursue studies in Princeton, while Mr. McDonald declined to accept call from the congregation of New Carlisle, he having received and accepted call from a congregation in Nova Scotia. The removal of these brethren is the more to be regretted, as the insufficiency of support is the chief cause of the departure of them from our midst. In regard to present situation of New Carlisle, we rejoice to say that another labourer, Rev. Mr. Farquarson, has proceeded to that congregation, and who, it is expected, will shortly be settled there. The cause of Mr. Forbes' leaving Buctouche, was the insufficiency of ministerial support. The Synod at its last Annual Meeting, having decided that it should be left to its own resources, and these resources having been greatly diminished by the withdrawal of Messrs. Morrison from that locality, and the stoppage of the mills, from which several of the adherents of the congregation of Buc-

touché drew their support. Mr. Forbes having asked advice of the Convener, with his consent withdrew from that field for the purpose of pursuing certain studies in which Mr. F. considered himself defective in Princeton College.

As to the Missionary operations at present being carried on, your Committee may state, that they are dependent first, on the labours of Ministers of Synod in their several localities; second, on the Students of Halifax College who are employed, by direction of Committee, both in the bounds of the Presbytery of York: and third, on the Rev. Mr. Brown, who comes to us from the Free Church of Scotland, but whose recent field of labour was in Trinidad. The salary of the last named gentleman is guaranteed by the Free Church of Scotland, but according to previous rule on this subject, his travelling expenses should be borne by the Mission Fund; salaries and travelling expenses of the two Catechists are also chargeable on this fund, and certain sums hereto appended have been allocated for Missionary work done by Ministers. The congregations enjoying the services of the Catechists are expected, at least, to provide for their board, and to contribute liberally to the Mission Fund. The time they have been employed has been yet so short, that probably they will not have any very extended report to submit of their labours. With regard to the labours of Mr. Brown since he arrived, now four weeks since, your Committee may state that he has preached in each of the City Churches, the Ministers of said Churches having severally preached in Missionary stations around St. John, and made arrangements for further supply, if Synod should permit, by Mr. Brown. Probably, as another Presbytery has the services of Catechists, and as the needs of various stations around St. John are very great, Synod may see fit to allow Mr. Brown to make St. John the centre of his Missionary operations for some time, that the spiritual wants of the various stations around the City may be supplied. Their stations are principally Golden Grove, Red Head, Ten Mile Creek, Quaco, Musquash, Lepreaux, Nerepis, and Jerusalem.

The state of the Fund is satisfactory. On the present Convener coming into office, he received from Ex-Convener the sum of £42. At the same date there was also in the hand of the Treasurer, J. C. Stevens, ——. Since that time the sum of £150 sterling has been received from the Irish Presbyterian Church, £50 of which is payable on account of Fredericton. These sums, deducting certain payments which have since been made, are at present in Bank and available for the purpose of the Mission. There have also been received the following sums, from the various Churches, for the present year:—

Springfield.....	£2 11 7½
Prince William.....	1 0 0
Derby.....	0 18 9
Blackville.....	1 3 10½
Mr. Stirling.....	1 0 0
Richibucto.....	4 0 0
Messrs. J. Kerr, Nappan, (per Rev. W. Elder),	2 5 0
Londonderry.....	1 1 2½
Campbelton.....	1 5 0
St. John Pres. Church.....	7 0 0
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The following Communication from Mr. T. Canning, Catechist, is of considerable interest:—

HARVEY, June 17th, 1861.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Laboring as I am for a short time within the limits of your Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction without any official directions for my guidance, I scarcely know whether I am expected to appear personally or by letter at your approaching meeting of Synod.

Presuming, however, that the former is unnecessary and that the latter will be satisfactory, I transmit a brief account of my proceedings to you, as Clerk of Synod, to make what use of it you may deem proper.

On my arrival here, an entire stranger, my first care was to determine the number, situation, and numerical strength of the places where I was expected to officiate.

The result of this enquiry was, that there were four preaching stations demanding a portion of my services, viz: the Acton, Harvey, Brockaway and Tryon Settlements, all situated on the Fredericton and St. Andrews' main road, extending over a distance of some thirty miles. In the Acton Settlement there are sixteen Protestant families,—of these, however, two call themselves Congregationalists and one Episcopalian. These three families are occasional attendants and have expressed their willingness to cooperate with us. In Harvey there are about seventeen thorough Free Church families who highly appreciate and regularly attend the Ordinances of the Sanctuary. In the Brockaway Settlement there are eight. In the Tryon Settlement ten or eleven Protestant families who anxiously look to us for supply. One-third of my time is given to Harvey, one-third to Acton, the remaining third to Brockaway and Tryon—two services being held every Sabbath Day. Two Sabbath Schools have been organized, which, all things considered, may be said to be in a very prosperous condition. One of them is conducted by John Hood, Student.

I have recommended Prayer Meetings in all the places of worship, but it was considered not advisable to commence them during the busy season of spring. Two are now on the eve of commencement, and I expect soon to have a third.

No regular steps have yet been taken to procure contributions

to the Home Mission Fund on account of the busy season of the year, but the people generally have expressed their readiness to do as they did last year, and I entertain no doubt but they will.

My impression of all these places in which I hold services is very favorable. The people received me with great kindness.

T. CANNING.

Mr. Sutherland also reports :—

June 24th, 1861.

To the Rev. the Convener of the Home Mission Committee.

DEAR SIR,—According to appointment I proceeded in the first week in May to Salmon River, Queen's County, in the congregation of which place I have since been laboring. In this congregation there are five preaching stations, viz: Redbank, where quite a respectable Church stands, Ironbound Cove, Upper Mills, Forks and Salmon Creek. At Redbank, services are held fortnightly; at each of the other stations, once in four weeks, so that on two Sabbaths out of every four, twice is service held. I have also been enabled to visit upwards of thirty families connected with the congregation, and to conduct a prayer-meeting at some one of the preaching places on each week. Two Sabbath Schools are in operation in connection with our Church at Salmon River; one of these is, however, in its infancy.

I am thankful that I have also to state that harmony, if not wholly, yet almost entirely pervades the congregation.

As to pecuniary matters, it is believed that the amount required by the Home Mission Committee will be raised with little difficulty.

I am, &c,

JOHN SUTHERLAND.

The foregoing Report of Home Mission Com. is respectfully submitted.

JAMES BENNET, Convener.

It was then moved and seconded, and unanimously agreed, that the Report be sustained, the Convener reappointed and thanked for his services.

It was moved by Mr. Nicholson, and unanimously agreed :—

Resolution
on Travelling
Expenses.

That the Minister and Elder sent by any particular congregation, receive no more out of the Incidental Fund for travelling expenses than the congregation contributes towards that Fund, except the Ministers and Elders of those congregations which are 150 miles distant from the place of sitting of the Synod, who shall in any case receive only half more than the congregation contributes. The surplus to go to pay the expenses of the Synod.

It was moved and seconded that Synod's next Meeting be held in Woodstock on the third Wednesday in June

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next ; moved and seconded as an amendment, that the Synod meet in the St. John Presbyterian Church on the third Wednesday in June next, at the usual hour. On motion and amendment being put, the former was carried by a large majority.

Synod adjourned to meet in Evening.

FOURTEENTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, 25th June, 1861.

7½ o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met and was constituted. Minutes were read and sustained, when Mr. McMaster gave a highly interesting account of the origin of the revival of religion in his congregation. Mr. Brown also gave an account of a similar revival which he had witnessed in the West Indies. Messrs. Stirling, Smith, Turnbull, and others expressed their views. After long and interesting conference it was moved and agreed :—

Revival in
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That the deeply interesting statements made on the subject of revival influences calls for fervant gratitude to Almighty God, for earnest prayer for the continuance and extension of revival influences, and are calculated to increase our faith in the power of this divinely appointed instrumentality, and of the reality and the importance of unseen and spiritual things.

That a day of special humiliation and prayer be appointed with special reference to the revival of religion in our several congregations and throughout the Province, and that this day be the 3rd day of July, 1861.