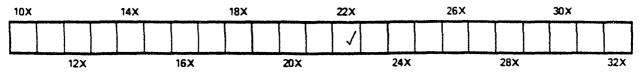
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MINUTES, OF THE SYNOD

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF THE

Lower Provinces of British North America.

Held at St. John, N. B., June-July, 1866.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At St. John's Church, in the City of St. John, N. B., on the 27th day of June at 11 o'clock, a.m.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, after a sermon from the Rev. George Christie, Sermon. the moderator, from the first general epistle of John, chap. ii. vor. 15, more especially from the words "Even now there are many Antichrists," met and was constituted.

The following reports from Presbyteries were received and read, inti-Reports of mating changes affecting the Roll of Synod, and in connection therewith, Presbyteries. The additions made to the number of Probationers and of congregations laring the past year.

DEMISSION OF CHARGE

In Pictou Presbytery by Rev. Alex. Sutherland—of the congregation Demissions. * Earltown and West Branch of River John.

In Halifax Presbytery by Rev. J. Cameron-of Gore, and Kennetcook, extions of his congregation. By Rev. A. Stuart-of Musquodoboit Rarbor. Clam Harbor and Meagher's Grant, being sections of his congregation.

In Prince Edward Island Presbytery — Rev. Hugh McMillan of Intray Harbor congregation.

INDUCTION.

By Picton Presbytery, on the 4th day of June, Rev. Alexander Suberland to the charge of the congregations of Roger Hill and West match of River John, now united.

ORDINATIONS WITH INDUCTION

By the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond: --- Mr. William Orthination, Medair, licentiate, to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Mabou, Swember 7th, 1865. By the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island:—Mr. Donald Mac Dougall, licentiate, to the charge of St. John Church, New London. Nov. 15th, 1865. Mr. Daniel W. Cameron, licentiate, to the charge of West St. Peters, 22nd Nov. 1865.

By the Presbytery of Pictou :-- Mr. A. J. Mowatt, licentiate, to the charge of Albion Mines, on the 5th day of June, 1866.

By the Presbytery of Halifax :-- Mr. Edward McCurdy, licentiate, 16 the charge of Musquodoboit Harbor and Meagher's Grant, now united June 20th, 1866.

Licensures.

LICENSED TO PREACH THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL.

By the Presbytery of Halifax—

- Mr. John Forrest and Mr. Edward Archibald, on the 6th day of September 1865.
- Mr Archibald Glendinning, Mr. Joseph Hogg, and Mr. A. R. Garvie, on the 23rd day of May 1866.

By the Pictou Presbytery—

Mr. Donald Stewart, A. J. Mowatt, A. McLean, Sinclair.

By the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island-

Mr. Allan Simpson.

LICENTIATE RECEIVED.

By Pictou Presbytery from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey, Mr. J. G. Cameron.

RESTORATIONS.

Rev. John Sprott of Musquodoboit to his former position as a minister of this church, and Mr. John Lamont to his status as a Probationer, both by the Presbytery of Halifax.

NEW CONGREGATIONS.

The Presbytery of Halifax reported that they had organised the Gore, Kennetcook, and Rawdon, into a pastoral charge; also Musquodobout Harbor, Clam Harbor, and Meagher's Grant.

The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island reported that the station of Tryon had been organized as a congregation Aug. 2nd, 1865.

The Presbytery of Picton reported that a congregation had been organized at the Albion Mines, over which the settlement of a pastor has already been reported.

Rev. James Bayne, D. D., was unanimously chosen moderator, and having addressed the Synod in an appropriate speech, took the chair accordingly.

Report of Com. on bills.

Report of the committee of Bills and Overtures was read, naming the hours of business and of adjournment, and the list of subjects arranged for the present Synodical session. On motion the report was adopted, subject to change as the Synod may see cause. Adjourned to 3 o'clock, concluding with prayer.

Moderator chosen.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

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

The Synod met and was constituted by the moderator, who was followed in prayer by the Rev. Messrs. J. Stewart and R. S. Patterson, with the singing of psalms during the intervals.

The minutes of last sederunt were then read and approved. On mo-Moderator's tion of Rev. J. Stewart the thanks of Synod were then tendered to the Sermon. moderator for his excellent and appropriate discourse, with request that it be published in the *Record*, with an additional issue of several hundred copies. Mr. Christie returned thanks to Synod for their courtesy, and engaged to furnish the manuscript.

Remarks having been made on the printed minutes the following Printed Mincommittees were appointed :--utes.

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE MINUTES OF PRESBYTERIES.

Of Cape Breton, and Victoria and Richmond, Rev. A. Cameron and pointed. Mr. R. Murray.

Prince Edward Island, Rev. Wm. Murray and Mr. James Stalker.

Truro and Tatamagouche, Rev. A. Farquharson and Dr. Mitchell.

Pictou, Rev. Messrs. Isaac McKay and D. W. Cameron.

Halifax, Rev. Messrs. J. A. F. Sutherland and William Stuart.

Committee to examine minutes of Boards :- Rev. Donald McNeil and Committees. Rev. A. Falconer.

Committee on Synodical expenses:-Rev. Messrs. Isaac Murray and D. B. Blair, and Henry Webster, Esq. Mr. Webster, convener.

Rev. G. Patterson read the report of the committee on Rules and Report of Com-Forms of Procedure, showing how far they had travelled in the matter. mittee on rules of pro-The report was received, and the thanks of Synod tendered to com-cedure. Agreed that the portions prepared be forwarded to the Revising mittee. committee, with directions that they be published, and placed in the hands of members of Synod, before next meeting. The committee were re-appointed, and directed to prosecute the work.

Rev. R. Laird read the report of the committee on Sabbath Observ- Report of Com. ance. The report was received and approved, when the following reso-Observance. lution was unanimously adopted :--- "The attention of Synod having been called to the desecration of the Lord's day in the city of Halifax, by the running of street cars on that day, it was resolved unanimously to appoint the ministers and elders in the city of Halifax, a committee to take such steps, in connection with other christian bodies in the city, as may be necessary to put a stop to such desecration."

The committee was re-appointed with the addition of Dr. McLeod, Com. enlarged. Rev. J. Stewart, Messrs. J. F. Blanchard and R. Murray.

The report of committee on the Overture of Alex. James, Esq., on Committee on Statistics and the improvement of Financial arrangements of congrega-Statistics. tions, having been called for, the convener of committee on Rules of Procedure stated that they did not understand that they were to take any separate action on this document; but to incorporate what they approved of in the rules which they were preparing. The Synod approved of this course.

Took up the overture anent the preservation of the historical records Historical 'Reof the church, when it was agreed that the clerks of Presbyteries be a cords.

Committee ap-

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on Sabbath

Overture on Professor Smith's pul-

committee,-Rev. G. Patterson, convener,-with instructions to collect manuscripts and documents of interest, to be placed for the present in charge of the convener, and to report to Synod at its next meeting.

An overture from the Presbytery of Tatamagouche in reference to the mode of supplying Professor Smith's pulpit, during his attendance on the Theological Hall, was read and Mr. T. Sedgwick heard, when it was agreed, "To adopt the general principle, and to remit to that Presbytery to devise a practical measure to carry out the object of the overture."

On motion the Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, that members may have an opportunity of attending the opening of the Synod of New Brunswick. Closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

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

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

The following changes were made in the committee on Supplements-Com. on Sup-Rev. Isaac McKay, A. L. Wyllie, G. Sutherland, were appointed for pluments. this session, instead of Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Messrs. McCulloch and Wm. Ross, with the addition of Rev. D. McKenzie, elders Messrs. L. Miller, D. McCurdy, H. Webster, A. McCurdy, Robert Smith and J. Doughart.

It was agreed that the committe on Union be enlarged by the addition Com. on Union of Rev. Messrs. Wyllie, Blair, Farquharson, K. McKenzie, and Munro, enlarged. with Messrs. Stalker, M. McCurdy, and J. Fisher, elders.

The moderator announced that the members of Synod were invited Reading Room. to use the public Reading Room in Prince William Street during their stay.

On motion of the clerk, after notice given, it was agreed that a com-Claim of Professor Ross. mittee be appointed to consider the losses sustained by Professor Ross by removal by Synodical appointment from Truro to Halifax. The Rev. Messrs. J. Cameron, Blair, Wyllie, A. Ross, Downie, with Henry Webster, Esq., and Dr. Mitchell, elders.

The report of the Auditing committee was next read, giving the Report of Audting Commit-following exhibit of the state of the funds: tee.

> Abstract of the Accounts of the Symod Treasurer with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

FOREIGN MISSION:

Amount collected in the year	£1849 . 1443	2_0	4 51			
" Received over Expenditure Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1865 Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1966	. 381	1	6	£787	3	41
HOME MISSION:						
Amount collected in the year " Expended in the year	.£1149 52 9	3 9	6 11			
Received over expenditure Balance due to Treasurer June 1865 Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1866	135	4	31	£493	9	31

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EDUCATIONAL BOARD:
Ordinary collections in the year
Total receipts
Receipts over expenditure £421 8 10 Loaned money paid in 310 0 0 Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1865 323 7 1
Balance in Treasurer's bands June 1866£1054 15 11
STNCD FUND:
Amount collected in the year
Expenditure over receipts
Balance due to Treasurer June 1866 £48 14 7
CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS:
Amount collected in the year
In Treasurer's hands June 1866£19 6 1
MISSION VESSEL:
Collected in the Year
In Treasurer's hands June 1866£19 15 \$ RECAPITULATION:
Foreign Mission balance in Treasurer's hands. £787 3 44 Home """"""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""
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GEORGE WALKER, ROD'K. McGREGOR, J. W. CARMICHAEL, Auditing Committee.
Conversion Statement of Collections for the against schemes for the user 1965 and 1965
Comparative Statement of Collections for the various schemes for the year 1865 and 1866. Foreign Mission collected 1865£1580 7 81 " 1866
Increase in 1866 £268 14 71 Home Mission collected 1865 £457 15 21 " 1866 1149 2
Educational Board " 1865£514 14 10 " 1866
Synod Fund " 1865 £189 7 6½ " 1865 150 10 0½
GEORGE WALKER, ROD'K. McGREGOR, J. W. CARMICHAEL,

Bequests of Mrs of the late Mrs. Christy McKenzie, widow of John McKenzie, Esq., formerly of New Glasgow, informing the Synod of the following bequests:—

To the	Synod	s Home Mission Fund -	-	-	-	-	_	£200
"	"	Foreign Mission Fund						
"	"	Widow's Fund						
For but	saries 1	to encourage students pre	par	ing	fo	r tl	he	
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Acknowledgement.

The sum last named being under control of the Pictou Presbytery. On motion it was agreed that the receipt of this letter be acknowledged, that the report of the auditing committee be received, and their diligence approved, and that the Synod express on their minutes their sense of the liberality of our people in support of the public funds, and their gratitude to God for these results.

Reference from Read extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery of Cape Breton. Presbytery of asking synodical advice respecting an application from Mr. C. L. Ross. C. Breton. for restoration to the status of a minister in this church, when after consideration it was moved,—" That the paper laid before the Synod cannot be entertained in the present circumstances of the case; and that any farther application for restoration be made to the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond, who are hereby authorized, should they see cause, to call in the aid of the assessors who were formerly associated with the Presbytery of Victoria in the matter, and that such application in the meantime be considered, only so far as refers to restoration to the communion of the church."

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment "That in respect to the reference to the Presbytery of Cape Breton anent the application of Mr. C. L. Ross. the Synod direct that Presbytery to proceed according to the rules of the church upon his acknowledgment and confession, and after consultation with the assessors formerly engaged, *quo ad* his restoration to the communion of the church, but reserve the question of restoration to the ministry for future consideration."

Motion passed. The question being taken between the motion and amendment, there appeared for the amendment 37, for the motion 39, which therefore passed, and the Synod decided accordingly.

Adjourned, closing with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

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

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

Rev. D. B. Blair read the report of his visit as a deputy of this Synod to Cape Breton in August last. The report was received and the , diligence of the deputy approved, and thanks expressed to the ladies of Knox church, Pictou, for their liberality in paying Mr. Blair's expenses. Box Mr. McKinnon not heir arcount no propert of his visit was laid

Rev. Mr. McKinnon not being present no report of his visit was laid Reference from before. Synod, except the fact that he had fulfilled his appointment.

Pictou Pres- Read a reference from the Pictou Presbytery, as embodied in a minute bytery.

Report of Mr. Blair. in which the Presbytery agree "To report to Synod their proceedings in the case of the introduction of an organ into public worship in St. John's church, Chatham, and ask for further instructions."

Rev. Dr. Bayne, the moderator, being one of the members of Presbytery who had acted in the business under consideration, retired from the chair, which was occupied by the late moderator.

Rev. Dr. Donald being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Rev. Mr. Alves being present was also invited to correspond.

Rev. George Patterson, clerk of Presbytery, read from the minutes of Presbytery and from other papers, an account of their procedure in the rase up to the present time. It having appeared that the moderator and session withdrew, without permission from the Presbytery, before the case under their consideration was decided, explanation on that subject was required from Dr. McCurdy and his session elder. These explanations were followed by replies from different members of Presbytery, which continued up to the hour of adjournment. Closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, at 71 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. G. Christie, in the Devotional Exabsence of the moderator, who was followed in prayer by Rev. Professor ercises. McKnight and Rev. Edward McCurdy, with the reading of the Divine Word and the singing of Psalms.

Rev. Messrs. Fowler and Law being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Resumed consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Pictou. Reference Parties being removed, members of Synod expressed their views at some Chatham case. length, when on motion of Rev. Professor King, seconded by Rev. Isaac Murray, it was agreed, "That having heard the explanation of the Rev. Dr. McCurdy, and the Synod elder of Chatham congregation, and the replies of the Presbytery, find that there was no ground to warrant the disrespectful withdrawal of Dr. McCurdy and session from the Presbytery, while the business was *sub judice*." It was agreed that the sederunt be prolonged till 10 o'clock. On motion of Rev. G. Christie, ecconded by Rev. S. Johnston, the following resolution was then agreed to,—"That this Synod having heard the report of the Presbytery of Pictou anent their dealings with the session of St. John's church, Chatham, considering that substantial justice has been done in the case, approve of the procedure."

The moderator resumed the chair, and the Synod closed with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

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

The Synod met and was constituted by the moderator, when the Chatham case. minutes of last sederunt were read and approved. Dr. McCurdy then laid on the table a protest against the decisions of Synod at the last sederunt.

It was moved and seconded "That this protest cannot be received in

its present form." It was moved in amendment "That this protest is incompetent from Dr. McCurdy as a party, and be not received," when the question being taken after discussion, the amendment passed, and the paper was returned to Dr. McCurdy.

General Question of instru- especially with reference to the instructious to be given for their future mental music. guidance in the matter. Various motions were moved and seconded. and the discussion on these continued up to the hour of adjournment. The sederunt closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

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

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

Resumed consideration of the subject under discussion in connection with the following motions. Moved by Rev. R. Sedgewick, seconded by Rev. R. S. Patterson :---

"The Synod having approved of the procedure of the Presbytery of Pictou anent the introduction of instrumental music in the public worship of God, in the congregation of Chatham, hereby still further declares that such an innevation is unwarranted by the supreme and subordinate standards, and contrary to the consuetudinary practice, of this church, and enjoins the session of Chatham congregation to return to the usual method of conducting the praise of God in public worship, and instructs the Presbytery to see that this injunction is carried out."

Moved by Rev. Thos. Sedgewick, seconded by Rev. C. B. Pitblado:-

"That as inasmuch as the use of instrumental music in public worship is contrary to the uniform practice of this church, and of the other Presbyterian churches with which we are more intimately connected, and would seriously disturb the peace of the congregations under the inspection of this Synod,—the Synod enjoin the removal of the organ from St. John's church, Chatham; and at the same time instruct the Presbytery of Pictou to see that this decision be carried into effect."

Before the question was taken the hour of adjournment arrived, when the sederunt was closed with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 71 o'clock, P. M.

Ex. The Synod met and was constituted by the moderato., who was succeeded in prayer by Rev. Dr. McCurdy and Rev. J. Morton, with the singing of psalms and the reading of the Divine word.

Minutes were then read and approved.

ion It was then moved by the Rev. G. Sutherland and seconded by Rev. Allan McLean, "That as instrumental music in the worship of God, is not required by the New Testament church, and is contrary to the usage of this church, in past generations, and is moreover inexpedient as tending to disturb the harmony and peace of this church,—therefore resolved

Organ Case.

Devotional Exercises.

Organ. Motion

that the session of St. John, Chatham, be enjoined to remove instrumental music from their church, at an early day, by the substitution of purely vocal music, and that the Presbytery be directed to see to the carrying out of this decision."

Moved by Rev. Wm. Murray, seconded by Rev. D. B. Blair :--- "The Amendmentuse of instrumental music in the public worship of God, not being in accordance with the simplicity and spirituality of the christian worship, as unfolded in the New Testament scriptures, exhibited in the practice of the apostolic church, the church of the first six centuries, and the purest churches of the Reformation, and especially of the Presbyterian churches of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British North American Provinces; it being also not in accordance with the subordinate standards of the Presbyterian church,--the Synod therefore enjoin the Kirk session of St. John's church to return to the use of vocal music only, in the public worship of God."

After further discussion the Synod proceeded to vote upon these several resolutions. A vote was first taken between Mr. Sutherland's and Mr. Murray'r, when the latter was preferred by a vote of 30 to 18. A Vote taken, vote was then taken between Mr. Murray's and Mr. T. Sedgewick's, when the former was preferred by a vote of 43 to 12. A vote was then taken between Mr. Murray's and the original motion, when the latter was adopted 63 to 1. The Synod adjourned, closing with prayer.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

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

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

Read an overture from the session of Onslow for the appointment of Overture from a committee, authorized to adopt measures for the opening of a seminary for the promotion of female education, in the building in Truro owned by this Synod. It was agreed that the overture lie on the 'able, and that the following committee be appointed to consider the subject and to report to Synod next week : Rev. Messrs. Baxter, Wyllie, Byers, I. Murray and A. Cameron, and Mr. Robert Smith and Dr. Hattie.

In the absence of Rev. Mr. McCulloch, convener of committee in charge of Truro building, Robert Smith, Esq., reported verbally that the Report on Trubuilding was kept in good order, and that a sum of between $\pounds 25$ and ro Buildings. $\pounds 30$ had been expended on it during the past year.

Rev. J. I. Baxter then read the report of the committee on Colportage, Colportage, which detailed the operations of the colporteurs under charge of the committee, and showed that the work was prosecuted on a limited scale, on account of the want of pecuniary support from our congregations. The report was received.

The convener of the committee on Union asked and received instructions from Synod.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, closing with prayer.

TENTII SEDERUNT.

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

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

Colportage.

Resumed consideration of the subject of colportage. On motion of Rev D. Laird it was agreed, "That the Synod re-appoint the committee, cordially encourage it to prosecute its work, authorize a member of committee from each Presbytery to act as agents in procuring funds to carry on the scheme, and recommend it to the favourable consideration of the people."

The committee was re-appointed accordingly, with some changes, and now stands as follows :- Rev. Mr. Baxter, convener; Rev. Drs. Smith, Lyell, and McLeod, Rev. Messrs. Currie, J. McKinnon, J. Ross, H. B. McKay, K. McKenzie and Laird, and Mr. Jasper Crow. R. Murray and J. Farquhar, elders.

The committee on Union presented and read the minutes of their meetings as embodying the whole of their proceedings. These minutes shewed that all the preliminaries for consummating the union had been agreed upon. The report was received and the diligence of the committee approved.

The joint committee of the two Synods having agreed to recommend Monday evening at 7 o'clock as the hour, and St. David's church as the place for the consummation of union, the Synod acquiesced in the arrangement. A draft of the final minute was read and approved.

Adjourned, closing with prayer.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, July 2, 10 o'clock, A. M.

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

Rev. Professor McKnight then read the report of the Board of Super-Report of Board intendence, showing that the late session of the Theological Hall had of Superinbeen well attended, and was in every way successful. It appeared that ten students had completed their course, but that the smaller number of students of the first and second years afforded no prospect of an adequate supply for the church. The accounts were also read. The report was received, and it was agreed that the Board be directed to bring under the notice of the people the state of the church as respects the deficiency in the number of students and the probable cause. It was further agreed that the accounts of the committee who superintended the erection of our Seminary building at Tiuro be procured and examined by the committee. The Board was re-appointed.

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Report on

In reply to enquiry made it was agreed that the Board be entrusted with the whole management of our educational institutions and efforts

Rev. G. Patterson read the report of the trustees of the fund for the Widows' Fnud. Widows of Ministers, and laid on the table full and accurate accounts prepared and submitted by the treasurer. The report was received, the diligence of the committee approved, and cordial thanks ordered to be communicated to the treasurer for his valuable services.

Instructions to Committee on Union.

On motion it was agreed that members of Synod who have not enter-Widows' scheme. ed the scheme may be allowed to avail themselves of the advantages by paying the rate for the past year as well as the present,—this privilege to be kept open till the 31st day of August.

That the fund he held open to the members of the Synod of New Branswick, subject to such regulation as may be adopted by the united body.

As only a few of the congregations as yet have contributed to raise Capital Fund. the capital fund, it was agreed that the trustees, during the present year, should prosecute the work and complete it if possible.

On motion agreed that the trustees be directed to try and secure the co-operation and active services of our elders, in the visitation of congregations which have not yet contributed.

Rev. H. B. McKay read the report of the committee on Sabbath Sab. School. Schools. The report was received, adopted, and ordered to be printed. The committee was re-appointed.

Rev. Wm. Murray read the report of the committee on Systematic Systematic Beneficence. The report was received and the committee re-appointed, Beneficence. and their expenses directed to be paid.

Overtures from the Presbytery of Tatamagouche on the better support Support of of the ministry, and from the Presbytery of Halifax on a sustentation fund, being called for and presented, it was agreed that these be deferred at present and brought before the united body.

Rev. Thomas Sedgwick reported that the Presbytery of Tatamagouche Supply of Dr. had agreed to recommend that Dr. Smith's pulpit be supplied in future Smith's pulduring his attendance on the Theological Hall, by one or more probationers, to be appointed by the Home Mission Board, and paid out of the Home Mission Fund and out of the funds of the Educational Board, in equal proportion.

Rev. K. Grant read the report of the committee on Statistics, and Statistics. submitted the statistical table. The report was received, and it was agreed that the Presbyterics should take order to have the returns in the hands of the committee by the 1st May. Rev. Professor McKnight, Messrs. J. Farquhar and R. Murray to be the Statistical committee, with directions to publish the table for this year, so soon as it has been completed. The Synod further enjoin Presbyteries to deal with delinquents. Concluded with prayer.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

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

The Synod met and was constituted by the moderator. Minutes being Application read, a paper was read from the Presbytery of Richmond and Victoria, requesting that the decision of Synod referring the application of Mr. C. L. Ross to them, be rescinded and the matter referred to the Presbytery of Cape Breton. The Synod refused to make the solicited change.

Rev. John I. Baxter submitted the report of the committee appointed Seminary tor to consider the subject of a seminary for the education of young women in the Synod's building at Truro. The report was re-committed to come up before the united body. Reports on minutes of Presbyteries.

Report of Educational

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Reports from the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Pictou, Halifax, Prince Edward Island, Truro, Capres. Breton, Victoria and Richmond, and Tatamagouche, were received, and with the exception of a few small errors were found to be correct. In appeared, however, that the minutes of Cape Breton Presbytery had not been forwarded. It appeared further that the minutes of the Boards

are accurately recorded.

The report of the Educational Board was read and received. (In motion agreed that the Educational Board be directed to separate from the general fund, such amounts as according to the intentions of the donors are applicable to the aid of young men preparing for the ministry, and that the Board of Superintendence be authorized to employ such amounts for this object, in the way that they may deem advisable.

Report on Supplements. T. Sedgwick.

> The report was received, adopted and referred to the Home Mission Board to carry it out.

The committee appointed to consider losses sustained by Professor Ross by removal to Halifax, reported that after considering the whole state of the case they had agreed to recommend that the sum of \$400 be paid to him in lieu of all such claims.

Moved and seconded, that the recommendation of the committee be adopted.

Moved and seconded on amendment that the claim be not entertained. A vote being taken, the amendment was preferred.

eemnts. Ordered that the Clerk's Fee, Printing and other expenses and allowance to janitor be paid.

Adjourned to meet at a quarter to seven o'clock, and when constituted to proceed to St. David's church in a body to consummate union with the Presbyterian Synod of New Brunswick. Closed with prayer.

THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, $7\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock, P. M.

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

The thanks of Synod were tendered to the moderator for his impartiality and courtesy in fulfilling the duties of his office.

The following resolution was then unanimously adopted :---

"The Synod of the Lower Provinces of British North America, considering that the Synod of New Brunswick have intimated their readiness to accept simpliciter the basis of union on which this Synod was constituted as a united body in October, 1860, and to unite with this Synod on said basis; and considering that the prospect of this union with the sister church in New Brunswick was partly contemplated in adopting the title of the Synod of the Lower Provinces as the designation of this body, and is now happily on the eve of its realization, as the result of communications held with the said church through a committee of this Synod appointed to correspond with them and others on the subject of union; and considering that the necessary arrangements of a preliminary kind have been completed; DO NOW, with fervent gratitude to God for

Losses of Dr. Ross

Pisburseemnts.

Last Minute.

his goodness to them as a church, and for the peace and prosperity enoved by them since the period of their union aforesaid, and with humble lependence on his gracious blessing in consummating this further union, and with carnest prayer that he would pour down the rich influences of his spirit on the united church, and would enable her ministers, elders ind people to improve the privileges they enjoy, and discharge the obliations devolving upon them, -RESOLVE, and hereby record their resohtion, forthwith to repair as a constituted Synod to St. David's church in this city, in order that they may there, as arranged, unite with the Irethren of the Synod of New Brunswick, and form one Synod to be hown by the title of this present Synod, as the Presbyterian Church of he Lower Provinces of British North America; and that they may lenceforth walk together in the fear of God and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, striving for the faith of the gospel, for the purity of divine ardinances and for the enlargement of the church of Christ. And this synod declare that the united church shall be considered as identical with this Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, and shall be entitled ω and vested in all the suthority, rights and benefits to which it is now or may become entitled : it being understood and provided that the Synod of New Brunswick as now constituted shall in the mean time retain, and continue responsible for, whatever civil rights, powers, privileges, liabilities, dues and obligations may now belong to it as a body politic and corporate, and that its members shall be at liberty to meet, deliberate and act as heretofore in reference to the exercise of said civil rights and privileges, or the discharge of said civil obligations, as circumstances may require."

The Synod then in accordance with this resolution walked in procession to St. David's church, where they met on a common platform with the Synod of the Presbyterian church of New Brunswick.

PETER G. McGREGOR,

Synod Clerk.

St. David's Church, St. John, July 2nd, 1866.

ROLL OF SYNOD-1866.

Presbytery of Cape Breton.

ELDERS.

CONGREGATIONS.

Sydnev. Boularderie. Sydney Mines. G. Riv. and Loch Lomord.

St. Anns.

Gabarus.

MINISTERS.
Hugh McLeod, D. D.,
James Fraser,
Matthew Wilson,
James Ross.
Abraham McIntosh.
1 N Toppo Mollow

- p Isaac McKay,
- 1 p Alex, Farquharson, Vacant,

Murdoch Stewart, Wm. G. Forbes,

- 3 p Kenneth McKenzie,
- 3 p Donald McKenzie,
- 3 p William Sinclair,
 - Vacant,

John Campbell, 3 p David McCurdy, Wm. Dupbar, Benjamin Smith, Malcolm McLeod,

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond. West Bay. Plaister Cove. Baddeck. Middle River. Mabou. Whycocomah.

Leitch's Creek.

Cape North.

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

3 p James Watson, 3 p John Munro, W. S. Darragh,

- 3 p H. B. McKay,
 - p Thos. Sedgwick,

Gavin Bell, J. McKenzie, D. Mitchell, James Lauder, John Clark, John Henderson, New Annan. Wallace. Goose River. River John. Tatamagouche. Wentworth.

Bedeque.

Strathalbyn.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

- 1 p Rev. R. S. Patterson, Alexander Campbell, 1 p Malcolm Gillis, James Allan,
- 1 p Isaac Murray,
- 3 p Alex. Munro,
- 1 p Henry Crawford,
- 1 p George Sutherland,
- 1 p Ahan Fraser.
- 1 p Donald McNeill,
- 1 p Alexander Cameron,
- l p Robert Laird,
- 7 p William Ross,
- 1 p Allan McLean,
- 1 p W. R. Frame,
- 1 p Alex. Falconer,
- 1 p John D. Murray,
- 1 p William Stuart,
- 1 p Donald McDougald,
- 1 p David W. Cameron,

Benjamin Thomson, David Auld, William Bernard, Charles Dingwell,

George Walker, Alex. Matthews,

- 1 p John Doughart,
- 1 p James Henderson,
- 3 p Don. McDougail, William Hunter, Hugh Carr, David Laird, Alex. McArthur, John Miller, Malcolm McLean, Benjamin Coffin,

Cove Head. Cavendish and N. Glasgow. Brown's Creek. E.St. Peters & B. Fortune. Free Church Charlottetown Cascumpeque and Tignish. Woodville and Little Sands. N. London & Summerfield. Princetown. W. River and Brookfield. Dundas. Richmond B. and Sum'side. Queen Sq. Charlottetown. Richmond Bay West. W. Campbellton and Brae. St. Johns New London. West St. Peters. Murray Harbor. Tryon.

Presbytery of Truro.

Thos. S. Crowe, 3 p James Smith, D. D..

- 3 p John I. Baxter,
- William McCulloch,
- 3 p James Byers, Ebenezer E. Ross,
- 3 p Alex. L. Wyllie,
- 3 p John Baird,
- 3 p Robert Smith, Esq.,
- 3 p Matthew McCurdy,
 - John Cottom, James C. Fulton,

Maitland and Noel. Upper Stewiacke. Onslow. Truro. Clifton. Upper Londonderry. Lower Londonderry. Alex. C. O'Brien,

Presbytery of Pictou.

Alex. Campbell, jr.,

George Murray, M. D.,

David C. McKeen,

Wm. McKenzie,

Robert Stewart,

James Crockett,

Putnam Smith,

James Patterson,

1 p John Mitchell, M. D.,

James Arthur,

2 p Isaac Matheson.

1 p James Stalker,

John Ross,

1 p Thos. Kennedy,

1 p Lawrence Miller,

John Grant,

James McKay

3 p John Fisher,

John Taylor,

3 p James Putnam,

3 p John Hanning,

- 3 p James McG. McKay, 3 p James Hill,
- 2 p Samuel Johnston,
- 3 p John Currie, Jacob McLellan,
- 2 p Duncan McKinnon,
- 3 p John D. McGillivray. 3 p Robert Frame,
- 1 p David Roy,
- 3 p John McCurdy, 1 p John Stewart, John Campbell, George Walker,
- 1 p James Bayne, D. D., Andrew P. Miller,
- 1 p Alex. Sutherland,
- i p Duncan B. Blair,
- 1 p George Patterson,
- 1 p James Thomson,
- 2 p George Roddick, John McKinnon,
- 3 p Thomas Downie,
- 1 p Alex. Ross,
- 1 p Kenneth J. Grant,
- 1 p J. A. F. Sutherland,
- 1 p C. B. Pitblado,
- 2 p A. J. Mowatt, Vacant, Vacant, Vacant,
- 1 p J. L. Murdoch,
- p Prof. Andrew King,
- 3 p James Waddell,
- ip Robert Sedgewick,
- 1 p Peter G. McGregor,
- 1 p George Christie. William Duff, Walter Thorburn,
- p John Cameron,
- 1 p George M. Clarke, Moses Harvey,
- 1 p William Forlong, Wm. Maxwell
- p John McL. McLeod,
- 3 p James McLean,
- 1 » William Murray, Alex. Ross,
- p Alex. Stewart,
- 5 p Howard D. Steele,
- 3 p Prof. A. McKnight,
- 1 p Donald McMillan,
- 3 p John Morton,
- 1 p Donald S. Gordon, Thomas Cumming,
- 5 p Matthew G. Henry,
- 3 p Edward Annand,
- 3 p Edward McCurdy,

- Donald Sinclair, Finlay Grant, Presbytery of Halifax. 3 p W. H. Blanchard,
 - William Hall,
- 3 p Alex. McCurdy,
- 3 p Dr. Hattie, Robert Black.

3 p John Fisher,

- J. S. Newcomb,
- 1 p Robert Murray,
- 3 p Hiram Smith,
- 3 p David Moore,
- 1 p Henry B. Webster,
- 3 p Charles Taylor,
- 5 p William Marchant, Edward Taylor,

Abram Hebb, 1 p George Runciman, Alex. Forrest, M. D., Gabriel Robertson, 6 p Monson H. Goudge,

Wm. Anderson, Joseph McLaren,

James Church, E. River. Chatham, N. B., J. Knox Church, N. G. Sherbrooke. Primitive Church, N. G. Prince St. Church, Pictou. French River. R. Hill and W. B. R. John. Blue Mounts. and B.'s R. Salem Church, Green Hill. Central Church W. River. West River. Hopewell. Antigonish. J. Knox. Charlottete wu. Merigomish. Little Harbor. Glenelg, Caledonia, &c Albion Mines. Goshen and Lochaber. Springville. Earltown.

Economy.

Parrsboro.'

Harvey, N. B.

Maitland 2nd congregation.

Maitland and Noel 1st con.

M. Stewiacke & Brookfield.

Windsor.

Sheet Harbor, &c. Musquodoboit, Poplar Grove Church, Hx. Yarmouth. Lunenburg. Hamilton, Bermuda. Nine Mile River. Shelburne. St. Johns Newfoundland. South Cornwallis. Chalmers Church Halifax. Newport. Shubenacadie and G.'s Riv. North Cornwallis. Har. Grace Newfoundland. Lawrencetown, &c. West Cornwallis. Dartmouth. Lower La Have. Bridgewater. Annapolis, &c. St. John Church Halifax. Clyde and Barrington. Windsor. Musquodoboit Harbor, &c.

Kennetcook, Gore, &c.

Rev. Jo'n Geddie, D. D., Foreign Missionary, New Hebrides.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD

OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Held at St. John, Jnne and July 1866.

FIRST SESSION.

St. David's Church, June 27th, 1866, 7 1-2 P. M.

At which place and time the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, met according to adjournment, when the moderator, the Rev. Lewis Jack, having preached from Phil. 1 chap. 15 and 18 verses, synod was constituted. The Roll of Synod was then formed when the Rev. James Gray was nominated and unanimously appointed moderator. The newly elected moderator having shortly addressed the court, synod proceeded with its usual business.

The following is the Roll of Synod distinguishing the ministers who were present at annual meeting, from those who did not attend any of the sederunts.(*)

Presbytery of St. John.

MINISTERS.	EEDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
* p Andrew Donald,		Campbell Settlement.
* p Lewis Jack,	* p D. McLaughlan,	Springfield.
* p James Bennet,	* p Robert Kedey,	St. John Pres. Church
* p James Band,		Carleton.
* p William Alves,	* p Adam McAffee,	Calvin Church.
* p James Gray,	* p James Stark,	Norton, &c.
* p Neil McKay,	* p James Allen,	St. David's Church.
	Prochastown of St Ston	

Presbytery of St. Stephen.

Presbytery of York.

Presbytery of Miramichi.

* p Alexander Moodie,

* p P. Morrison,

* p John Fraser,

- * p John Turnbull, * p William Millen,
- * p P. Morrison,
- *p* 1. monison,
- * p Alexander Smith,
- * p James Salmon,
- * p Alexander Stirling,
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 - A. McMaster,
- * p James Law,
- * p Thos. G. Johnston,
 - p James Fowler, Thos. G. Nicholson,

St. James. Bocabec. St. Stephen.

- Prince William. Salmon River. Fredericton. Richmond.
- New Mills. Richibucto. Blackville. Bass River. River Charles, &c.

Meeting.

Roll.

The clerk then reported that an informal meeting of several members Order of Erreof the business committee had been held when it was agreed to adopt ness. the Order of Business of last synod, subject to such modifications as might from time to time be found necessary, Education committee report to have preference when J. G. Stevens, Esq., M. P. P., could be present to give advice.

Order of Business adopted as follows :

1. Consideration of minutes of last Synod.

2. Reports of Presbyteries.

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Reports of standing committee, viz: 1 Home Mission; 2 Sustentation; 3 Grant from Free Church; 4 Foreign Mission;
5 Education; 6 Union Committee; 7 Incidental Fund; 8 Widow's Fund; 4 Overtures and Appeals.

Synod then agreed to adopt the same hours of meeting and adjournment as at former meetings of synod.

On consideration of minutes of last synod it was agreed to approve of them as printed.

Synod then adjourned to meet on Thursday the 28th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m.

Session closed with the benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

St. David's Church, St. John,

June 28th, 1866, 10 o'clock A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and being constituted, minutes Moderator's were read and approved, when Rev. Mr. Alves moved and Mr. Donald Sermen. weonded a vote of thanks to the Rev. Lewis Jack the late moderator, for his excellent evangelical discourse at the opening of synod. Thanks were accordingly returned through the moderator.

It was then agreed that Messrs. Law and Baird, (Mr. Law convener,) is the committee to examine and report on the records of Presbyteries.

The reports of Presbyteries were then called for, when the St. John Reports of Presbytery reported,-

1. That nine regular meetings have been held since last Synod.

2. That the Presbytery has visited all the churches within its bounds with the exception of that of Mr. Donald, during the past year, and recorded the results in tech case.

3. A new church is being crected in Salt Springs, which is contracted for to be St. Johr.

4. The Presbytery appointed the following members for Synod's committees, in: Home Mission—Rev. W. Alves, Mr. James Allen; Sust. Fund—Rev. Andrew Donald, Mr. McLaughlin; Foreign Mission—Rev. L. Jack, Mr. James Stark; Inc. Fund—Rev. James Bennet, Mr. Kady. WM. ALVES, Pby, Clerk.

Moved and agreed that the report be received and approved. The Presbytery of St. Stephens reported.

St. Stephen.

1. That eight ordinary meetings have been held during the year.

2. That a call was presented, by the congregation of St. Stephen, to Mr. P. M. Morrison, licentiate of the Presbytery of Halifax, which he in due time accepted; and that he was accordingly ordained, after having undergone the prescribed trials, indinducted to the pastoral charge of the said congregation in regular form, on the 91st Sept 1865.

^{3.} That the recommendation of Synod in reference to visitation Presbyteries, has ^{leen} cord ally adopted by this Presbytery; and that the congregation of St. James,

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Baillie, Bocabee, and St. Stephen, have already been visited, in all of which, except the second, the regular preaching of the gospol and the dispensation of ordinances have been attended to during the year.

4. That in the congregation of Baillie and Tower Hill, Mr. Robert Cumming, catechist, has been labouring, with much acceptance since the middle of April; and that in the congregation of St. George the same can be said of Mr. Lawson.

5. That they agree to nominate the following members of Presbytery for the different synodic committees, viz.: Sust Fund-Rev. Mr. Millen, and J. G. Stevens, Incidental-Rev. —, and P. Morrison; Foreign Mission-Rev. Mr. Turnbull and Boyd; Home Mission-Rev. Mr. Morrison and P. Morrison. Id Boyd; Home Mission-Rev. Mr. Monison and Presbytery, All of which is respectfully submitted, per order of Presbytery, P. M. Morrison,

Clerk, Pby.

Moved and seconded that the report be received and approved. The Presbytery of Miramichi reported :----

That during the past year they have held five meetings-that the administration of the ordinances and the preaching of the Gospel have been regularly conducted in all the congregations—that Presbyterial visitations were held in the congregations of River Charles, Derby, and Kouchibouguae, but the ministers of the two remaining

congregations were opposed to having any visitation in their congregations at present. The following members have also been appointed to the different committees.-Home Mission-Mr. Law; Sustentation Fund-Mr. Johnstone; Incidental Fund-Mr. Fowler; Foreign Mission-Mr. Nicholson.

The synod Received and approved the report, and enjoined the Presbytery of Miramichi to visit the congregations not yet visited by them with the least possible delay.

The Presbytery of York reported :---

That the Rev. Alexander Stirling is their moderator-that they have held seven regular meetings during the past year-that the preaching of the gospel and the administration of ordinances have been regularly conducted in all the congregations, that the Presbytery has held a meeting for Presbyterial visitation in all the congregations.

The Presbytery have also to report that the following members were appointed to act as the standing committee of Synod,-1st, for the Foreign Mission, the Rev. A. Sterling, with Thomas Stewart, elder; 2nd, for the Home Mission, the Rev. James Salmon, and John Fraser, elder; 3rd, for the Sustentation Fund, the Rev A. Smith and Alex. Moody, elder. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. SMITH, Clerk.

It was moved and agreed that the report be received and approved. It was then moved and agreed that the Rev. Mr. Fowler be appointed to receive returns from Presbyteries, and make out a schedule of statistics, and that Clerks of Presbyteries be instructed to hand in their returns without delay for publication.

Synod then allowed conveners of committees to receive monies for the various funds of the church.

Synod after agreeing on order of business for the next session was closed with the benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

St. David's Church, St. John, 28th July, 1866, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met and was constituted, minutes were real and approved when the Home Mission report was read, viz.:

> The Home Mission committee report that during the past year services of mission aries have been maintained in Woodstock and Richmond during the winter as well as the summer; in Glassville, Florenceville, Baillie and Acton, during the summer of 1865, and thus far in 1866; in Albert County, viz.: at Hopewell, the Lake, the

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Maes, &c., in Westmoreland County at Salisbury, in Charlotte County at St. Gorge and Baillio, &c., and in St. John County at Saltsprings and Golden store, &c.-That besides transient service of some ministers from Nova Scotia, al of Rev. Mr. Stirling; we have this year missionary catechists in the fol-bring places, viz. : in Glassville and Florenceville, Mr. Chase, in Baillie, i.e., Mr. Cumming, in St. George, Mr. Lawson, in Albert Co., Mr. Sinclair, ral in Acton Mr. Hood; that visits of the convener, Mr. McNab and others Salt Springs, Golden Grove, and, various stations in Albert were made, and is hoped have been productive of considerable permanent advantage; that in Gassville a church is being erected, one also at Salt Springs is in progress, and the reople of Hopewell have commenced a subscription for the purpose of building one; tat the Irish General Assembly has granted renewal of vote of former year, and hat the funds of the mission are in a healthy state, but that our liabilities this year nill be large; these liabilities are doubtful depending on the amount subscribed by the congregations to which missionary services are rendered; that the general conand of the districts will be best known from the letters of missionaries which the ammittee would beg to submit in connexion with this report, that the congregations Richmond and Woodstock are seeking to have the Rev. Mr. Simpson as their gmanent minister, and asking supplement from the Home Mission Fund, that the ation of the districts of Golden Grove and Saltsprings has been delayed but should kept in view; also that of Nerepis and Jerusalem as soon as a favorable opportunity insents. Committee further report that Mr. Dunlap not feeling at liberty to accept my of the proposals made by the committee to him regarding fields of labour, withdew from the mission, and at his own request received certificate of demission.committee would recommend that a separate field should be set apart on which to apend the liberality of the Irish Presbyterian Church, as they wished to know secially how their monies are expended. Such special field would form matter of interest for the Irish church colonial report, and probably give permanence to their Eberality.

Letters from the several missionaries were then read, and discussion I the report was proceeded with, when the following resolution was moved and seconded:—That the report be received and approved, the digence of the committee commended, and its convener re-appointed, that the attention of the committee should be directed to the desireableacts of fostering missionary fields into regular charges; that Albert, Fredericton, Glassville, with other districts at the discretion of the committee be associated for a time more definitely and specially with the hish church, and that full reports be sent to the Irish Board with regard w these localities.

Synod proceeded with the consideration of this motion till the hour of adjournment. Session closed with the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, St. John, 28th June, 1866, 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and being constituted minutes Home Mission. Were read and sustained, when motion on Home Mission report was again brought under discussion. After consideration motion was put and carried unanimously.

It was then moved that the case of Mr. Donald's labours at Salt prings be remitted to the St. John Presbytery for consideration of his daims on Home Mission funds.

Convener of committee of grant from Free Church stated that he had received a remittance of $\pounds 100$ sterling from the Free Church, and that in answer to a letter written asking a continuation of the grant it had been replied that continuance of grant had been reserved for future

The convener having asked and obtained leave to apportion and deduct the extra expenses which might be deficient from the various funds of the church, it was moved and agreed that the report be received and approved and convener re-appointed. Synod adjourned with the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

St. David's Church. St. John. 29th June, 1866, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted, minutes Widows' Fund. were read and sustained when the convener gave in a report on the Widow's fund to the effect that a few small sums from congregations had been handed in with some subscriptions of ministers, but that generally there is not that support given to the fund which it merits and that synod should enjoin ministers to bring claims of this fund before their congregations every year, and take collections in its aid.

It was moved to receive and approve the report, continue committee and convener, and enjoin ministers according to recommendation.

Mr. Stirling stated that in respect to the Foreign Mission he had no report to make, but that he was receiving the various collections and subscriptions to this fund, account of which would be published with the other accounts, and that the proceeds would be allocated as directed on former years.

The report was received and approved.

Mr. Stirling having stated that it was his impression that the scheme of constitution for the confederate Provinces might not contain a recog-Constitution. nition of the Divine Existence, and Providence, it was moved and agreed that Rev. Messrs. Bennett and Alves be appointed to make enquire relative to this matter, and if the scheme be so defective that they present a memorial to the delegates who may be appointed from this Province to mature the scheme, calling their attention to the omission, and praying that they use all their influence to have such recognition of God and his government embodied in the future constitution of these countries. Synod adjourned with the benediction to meet at 7 1-2 o'clock, p.m.

SIXTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, St. John, 29th June, 1866, 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted, minutes were read and sustained, when only a few members being present, synod adjourned to meet on Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m.

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SEVENTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, St. John, 30th June, 1866, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted, minutes Union. were read and sustained, when Mr. McKay gave in report on union, viz. :-

That your committee have given their careful attention to the important matter entrusted to them. They held a joint meeting with the Committee on Union of the Halifax, and finding that all things seemed to warrant the belief that Union might be consummated at the then next meetings of the respective synods, your committee argenetic to the committee of the sister church, the desirableness of consummating the union in this city. The synod of the sister church entertained and adopted this aggestion, and are consequently now in session in this city. Several meetings have been held by the respective committees jointly and separately, and your committee have great pleasure in being able to report that all things are now arranged, and that t only remains to carry out this most desirable object. All which is respectfully N. MCKAY, Con. submitted.

Report on union having been read Rev. J. Bennet presented the following motion which was seconded by Rev. William Salmon, viz:-

That the Synod of the church of the Lower Provinces having by their vote of last night relative to instrumental music in the public worship of God, adopted a new erm of communion in their church not warranted by the Word of God or the stanlards of this church, and designed to suppress the exercise of a legitimate christian liberty. Therefore *Resolved*, that the consummation of the proposed union between the Synod of the church of New Brunswick and the Synod of the church of the Lower Provinces be not proceeded with at present.

To the motion Mr. Alves moved, and Mr. McKay seconded the previous question as an amendment.

The vote being called, sixteen were found to have voted for the amendment and four for the motion.

It was then moved and unanimously carried :----

That the report be received and approved, and that the committee be instructed in mnjunction with the committee of the other Synod, to take what steps may be necesmry to the consummation of the union of the two Synods.

Synod adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 o'clock, a. m.

EIGHTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, St. John, June 2nd, 1866, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met and was constituted, when Mr. Bennet gave in a verbal report on Education. It was then agreed to re-appoint the committee and remit the matter of Woodstock seminary to them, with instructions Woodstock Seto act under the best legal advice with regard to the whole case.

Committee on Education now consists of Messrs. Bennet, (Convener) llcKay, Alves, Salmon, and I. G. Stevens, Esq.

It was then moved, seconded, and unanimously adopted :----

That inasmuch as Mr. Glass has now ceased to fulfil the duties on the ground of which the Synod permitted the Presbytery of York to retain his name on their roll as member, his name be now erased from the roll of Presbytery, and also from the roll of Synod.

The clerk requested that Mr. Alves be appointed as clerk of the Afternoon sederunt. The request was acceeded to, and Mr. Alves appointed clerk, pro tem.

It was then agreed that the conveners of the various committees of

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this Synod be requested finally to arrange their business as soon as possible; and in any matter which may be of such secular kind as may be contemplated in the charter, they report to the next annual meeting of this Synod convened in its secular capacity.

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The committee appointed in relation to Presbytery Records reported that they have examined the different Presbytery Records, and having found them substantially correct recommended that they be attested.

Synod adjourned with the benediction.

NINTH SESSION.

St. David's Church, St. John,

2nd July, 1866, 3 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Next Meeting.

Last Minute.

Synod met and was constituted. Minutes were read aud approved. The Synod appointed its next annual meeting to take place in St.

David's church, on the third Wednesday of June, 1867, at 7 1-2 p. m. Synod adjourned to meet in Calvin church at 6 1-4 p. m. Closed with benediction.

TENTH SESSION.

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Calvin Church, Eodem die, 6 1-4 P. M.

Synod met ,and was constituted by Rev. L. Jack, as moderator.

Minutes were read and approved.

The arrangements for union with the other church being reported as complete, on motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Synod :---

WICK, considering that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, have intimated their readiness to unite with us upon the basis adopted by that body in October, 1860, and that the union is now happing on the eve of its realization, as the result of communications held with the said churd. through a committee of this church appointed for this purpose, and considering that the necessary arrangements of a preliminary kind have been completed; DO NOW, with fervent gratitude to God for his goodnes to them as a church, and with humble dependance on his gracious blessing in the solemn and interesting step they are about to take, and with earnest prayer that he would pour down the rich influences of h Spirit on the United Church, and would enable her ministers, elders and people to improve the privileges they enjoy and discharge the duties devolving upon them,-RESOLVE and hereby record their resolution forthwith, to repair as a constituted Synd to St. David's church, in this city, in order that they may there as arranged, unit with the brethren of the Synod of the Lower Provinces of British North America, AND FORM ONE SYNOD, to be known by the title of 'The Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America,' and that they may henceforth walk together in the fear of God and the comforts of the Holy Ghost, striving for the faith of the gospel, for the purity of Divine Ordinances, and for the enlargement of the Church of Christ. And this Synod declares that the United Church shall, for all ecclesiastical purposes, be considered as identical with the Synod of the church known as the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, and shall be entitled to and vested in all the authority, rights and benefits to which it is now or may become entitled; it being, however, understood and provided that this Synod as now constituted shall in the meantime retain, and continue responsible for whatever civil rights, powers, pr vileges. liabilities, dues and obligations which may now belong to it as a body politir and corporate; and that its members shall be at liberty to meet, deliberate, and act as heretofore in reference to the exercise of said civil rights and privileges, or the discharge of said civil obligations and circumstances may require."

Calvin Church, St. John, July 2, 1866.

JAMES BENNET, Sunod Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF THE

Lower Provinces of British North America.

Held at St. John, N. B., July 1866.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

St. David's Church, St. John, N. B., July 2, 1866 years, and at 7 o'clock, P. M.

At which time and place, the two synods of the Presbyterian Church Union meeting. If the Lower Provinces and of New Brunswick met in their constituted capacity, their respective moderators occupying chairs placed side by side on a common platform, and in the presence of a large congregation.

Rev. Dr. Bayne the moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of the Praise. Lower Provinces, then read the 100th Psalm which was sung by the choir and the whole assembly.

The last minute of the Synod of the Lower Provinces, was then read Last minutes. by Rev. P. G. McGregor, the clerk of that body, as already recorded.

The last minute of the Synod of New Brunswick was then read by their clerk, Rev. James Bennet, as already recorded.

The rolls of the two Synods were then called in succession and the Rolls called. names of members present marked p.

The basis of union, engrossed on a large Parchment roll, was then Basis read. read by Rev. James Bennet, Clerk of the Synod of New Brunswick, all the members of both synods standing.

The moderators, Dr. Bayne and Rev. Mr. Gray then subscribed the Subscribed. basis when the rolls were again called, and all the members of both synods present expressed their assent audibly when their names were called.

The moderators in succession then declared the union consummated, Union consumand the Synod with which they had been connected now merged in ONE, mated.

• to be known by the designation of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

The moderators then joined hands, in which action they were followed by the ministers and ruling elders generally, in joyful congratulations, the choir meanwhile singing the 133rd Psalm; members of Synod and the people generally, while joining in this appropriate psalm, realizing eminently the joys of christian and fraternal fellowship.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Bayne, seconded by Rev. Wm. Gray, Rev. New Modera-Jas. Bennet of St. John's Church, St. John, was chosen moderator and tor. took the chair accordingly, constituting the united Synod by prayer. Olerk

On motion of Rev. G. Christie, seconded by Rev. Neil McKay, Rev. P. G. McGregor was chosen clerk, and thanked the Synod for this mark of their confidence.

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Rev. Mr. Alves then read the first eight lines of Psalm 147, which Reading. were sung with great animation, after which he read a portion of the Prophecies of Ezekiel, contained in chap. 37, v. 15, to the end, and a Singing. portion of the 17th chap. of St. John's Gospel, from v. 20 to v. 26, inclusive.

Prayer - Dr. Smith.

Moderator's speech.

Rev. Dr. Smith addressed the Throne of Grace in prayer.

The moderator next addressed the Synod in terms of acknowledgment for the honor conferred upon him by his election to fill the chair of the united body, and having given an interesting sketch of the past history of the church of Christ, expressed his conviction that our age is one of revival, and of union, ascribing all the glory to the Lord Jesus, the church's Great Head and King.

Professor King next addressed the Synod when Psalm xlviii. from Prof. King's verse 12 to 14 inclusive was sung, and prayer offered by Rev. John speech. Turnbull.

Rev. Neil Mc-Kay.

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Rev. Neil McKay being then called upon delivered an address when Rev. G. Patterson read verses 16th and 18th of Psalm cii. L. M., which were sung with deep emotion.

Rev. R. Sedgewick next addressed the Synod. Rev. R. S. Patterson Rev. R. Sedgewick. read Psalm lxxii. verses 18th and 19th, which were sung with emotions of joy and thanksgiving.

Rev. Mr. Stirling delivered the closing address. Rev. Mr. Law read, Rev. Mr. Sterand the whole Synod and assembly sang, the closing verses of Psalm exxii.

> The synod adjourned to meet in the same place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, when the moderator pronounced the Benediction, and the deeply interesting proceedings of the evening terminated.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

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

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

Rev. Messrs Grav and Patterson were appointed to take charge of the Parchment roll so that the signatures of members present may be appended according to ecclesiastical seniority.

Rev. Dr. Bayne read the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, giving an account of Rev. John (now Dr.) Geddie's visitation of our congregations and of his departure for the New Hebrides; of the publication of the Book of Psalms in the language of the Aneiteumese and of the state of the mission generally, as respects laborers, funds, agency at Sydney, and Dayspring; with extracts from letters of missionaries and from Captain Fraser, respecting the management, expense and usefulness of our mission vessel.

The report further contained the most recent intelligence from all our missionaries, Messrs. Morrison, McCullagh, and Gordon, on the islands of Fate, Aneiteum, and Erromanga.

The report further shewed that all the expenditure had been amply met by the contributions of the people.

Basis signed.

Report of B'rd of Foreign Missions.

The report was received and the diligence of the Board approved. Report received The attention of Synod having been called to the expression of the Board's strong disapproval of the conduct of the missionaries in asking the interference of British power to punish offences of natives of Tana and Erromanga, the following resolution, moved by Rev. T. Downie, and seconded by Rev. D. McMillan, was agreed to :-- "That in reviewing the report. the Synod do not, in the meantime, express concurrence in the opinions contained in it, regarding the conduct of the missionaries, in invoking the interference of the civil power, as the Synod are not in possession of all the facts of the case, so as to enable them to pronounce a deliverance upon it."

It was agreed that the thanks of Synod he expressed to the British Thanks to Bible Society. and Foreign Bible Society, for their liberality and kindness in defraying the expense of the publication of the book of Psalms, as well as for other acts of a similar kind.

On motion it was agreed that the Board be authorized to bear onefourth of the expense incurred in the maintenance of the Dayspring, Support of Dayspring. the money to be drawn from the special fund raised in support of that ressel, and any balance required to be drawn from the general fund.

Took up the question of engaging other missionaries, when it was Additional Misgreed that the Board be authorized to engage other missionaries, regard being had to the resolution of Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the lower Provinces last year, as to the care and caution to be exercised in the selection of agents. Rev A. Ross of Pictou, and Rev. J. Waddell, sked to be relieved from their position as members of the Board. Their request was granted. The Board was re-appointed, with the addition of Rev. Neil McKay, and Rev. Mr. Stirling, with power to add to their numbers. The sederunt closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

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

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

Moved by Rev. G. Christie and seconded by Rev. Wm. Murray and General agency agreed, "That the syuod are of opinion that an agent for the schemes of the church is desirable, and that steps should be taken to secure the services of such an agent."

It was also agreed—"That a committee be appointed to define the duties of such an agent, and to ascertain the practicability of obtaining the services of the Rev. P. G. McGregor for this purpose, and on what lerms,"

Rev. Messrs. Christie, J. Cameron, W. Murray, Alves, Dr. Hattie and H.B. Webster, Esq., were appointed said committee.

Moved by Rev. Wm. Murray and seconded by Rev. Donald McKen-Committee of is-"That the synod appoint a committee to correspond and co-ope-Correspondence. rate with a committee of the synod of Nova Scotia in connection with be church of Scotland on matters of common interest; and that they he also authorized to correspond with any committee of a similar charscier, which may be appointed by the synod of New Branswick in conberiou with the same body."

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	Revds. W. Murray, P. G. McGregor, Prof McKnight, Wm. Maxwell.
	Wm. Alves and Neil McKay, Mr. Charles Robson, and Dr. Hattie, were
	appointed a committee for that purpose.
sion to	On motion it was resolved." That the synod direct the Foreign
rinidad.	Mission Board to consider the necessities of the island of Trinidad as a
	sphere of Foreign Mission operations for this church and report at next
	meeting of Synod."
ale Semi-	The committee on the overture from Ouslow session anent a female
iry.	seminary reported, recommending to the Synod the following resolution:
	"That a committee be appointed to collect information, and, if possible,
	to devise a practical scheme for such an institution in the seminary build.

to collect information, and, if possible, such an institution in the seminary build. ings at Truro, and to report at next meeting of Synod." The resolution was adopted, and the following were appointed the Committee apcommittee :- Revds. J. I. Baxter, Wm. McCulloch, Isaac Murray, A. L.

> Wyllic, Jas. Byers, J. D. McGillivray, E. E. Ross, Alex. Cameron, and Messrs. Robt. Smith, Dr. Hattie, John B. Dickie, and H. B. Webster. Rev. Henry Crawford read the report of the committee on Temper-

> ance. The report was received. Moved and seconded,-"That this committee be re-appointed with instruction to use diligence to enlighten the public on the evils of the use of tobacco, as well as of ardent spirits."

Moved in amendment, That the committee be re-appointed.

On a vote being taken the motion was preferred.

The report of the Board of Home Missions was then read by the Rev. Home Missions Prof. McKnight. The report was received and the diligence of the Board approved.

On motion it was agreed that the probationers receive at the rate of six dollars per week, clear of all expenses for board.

On motion it was agreed that the Board be re-appointed, and that the committee of the Synod of New Brunswick be added, and be a subcommittee to superintend Home Mission operations in New Brunswick. The committee appointed to define the duties of an agent for the

schemes of the church, and to confer with the Rev. P. G. McGregor The report was received. reported.

Moved by Rev R. Sedgwick, and seconded :- "That having received the report of committee, that it do lie on the table till next meeting of Synod, when the whole subject will be fully determined."

Moved in amendment and seconded :-- "That the report be adopted and remitted to the Halifax Presbytery to deal with the congregation of Poplar Grove church, with the view of carrying out the object, and should they not succeed in effecting the measure, that arrangements remain as previously."

While the discussion was going on, the hour of adjournment arrived when the Synod adjourned, concluding with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

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

The synod again met and was constituted. Resumed consideration Agency vote. of the report of the committee on an agent for the schemes of the church.

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Board appointed.

Committee on Agency.

Motion.

Amendment.

A vote was taken between the motion and amendment, when there appeared for the motion 22; for the amendment 32. Non liquet 11.

On motion the vote was journalized as follows :---

For the Motion :--Rev. Messrs. G. Sutherland, A. Fraser, D. McNeil, R. Laird, W. Ross, W. R. Frame, Falconer, Dr. Smith, McGilvray, J. Stewart, Dr. Bayne, R. Sedgewick, Henry, Donald, Baird, Miller; Messrs D. McCurdy, M. McCurdy, Stalker, Dr. Mitchell, and A. McCurdy.

For the Amendment: — Rev. Messrs. I. McKay, K. McKenzie, D. Mc-Kenzie, J. Munro, H. B. McKay, R. S. Patterson, I. Murray, Crawford, Baxter, Wyllie, Currie, D. McKinnon, G. Patterson, Thompson, Roddick, Waddell, Christie, J. Cameron, Clarke, McLeod, W. Murray, A. Stuart, McKnight, D. McMillan, D. S. Gordon, Annand, A. Smith, Law; Messrs. W. H. Blanchard, Dr. Hattie, R. Murray, M. H. Goudge, John Fraser.

Declined voting:-Rev. Messrs. T. Sedgewick, W. Stuart, Blair, A. Ross, Grant, Pitblado, Forlong, Steele, Alves, Turnbull, Morrison, Sterling.

So the amendment was carried.

Took up the overtures from the Presbyteries of Tatamagouche and Support of of Halifax anent the sustentation of the ministry. The overtures were ministry. read and Rev. T. Sedgewick and Rev. H. B. McKay were heard in support of the former, and Rev. Wm. Murray and Rev. K. Sedgewick in support of the latter.

Committee,—Rev. Professor King, Rev. Messrs. Maxwell, W. Murray, Committee. R. Sedgewick, Alves, N. McKay, Isaac McKay, Isaac Murray, Wm. Ross, H. B. McKay, Hon. A. Patterson, Dr. Hattie, Rodk. McGregor, R. Murray, H. B. Webster and W. H. Blanchard, Esquires. Rev. Wm. Maxwell, convener.

Explanations were given to the united Synod respecting the Widows fund of the former Synod of the Lower Provinces, when it was agreed Scheme. that the scheme remain open, for ministers of the Synod of New Brunswick, till next meeting of Synod.

Agreed that the next meeting of Synod be held in New Glasgow and Next meeting. in Primitive church, on the fourth Tuesday of June, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

The committee on Psalmody was re-appointed, with the addition of Committee on Rev. Messrs. William Stuart, James Bennet and George Clarke. Psalmody.

Professor McKnight read the report of the Publication committee, Report of Pubwhich was approved. The committee was re-appointed, and directed to lication Comconsider what improvements may be made in the form of the *Record*. ^{inittee.} On the recommendation of the committee it was agreed that an additional editor from among the brethren in New Brunswick be appointed. On motion of Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Law, the Rev. Mr. Alves was chosen.

The publication of Mr. Christie's sermon was referred to the committee.

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The thanks of the Synod were then tendered to the joint committees on Union; and Presbyteries were directed to consider what change may be necessary in the arrangement of Presbyteries, and to report at

next meeting of Synod. On motion it was unanimously agreed :---" That the cordial thanks of this Synod be given to the ministers, sessions, and people of our congregations in the city of St. John, and in Carleton, for their great hospitality to members of this Synod; and to the congregations of St. John's and St. David's, for the use of their churches; also to the managers of the St. John's Reading Room for the privileges of the room; and to the owners and managers of the steamers and railways, for the accommodation afforded by them."

Agreed further that the thanks of Synod be given to Wm. Wedder-'in Mr. Wedburn, Esq., barrister, for advice given to the joint committee on union and for the interest manifested by him in the questions on which he was consulted.

> The moderator then read the 122d Psalm, of which the three closing verses were sung. Rev. George Christie, by request, offered prayer, The moderator pronounced the benediction, having previously declared the Synod adjourned, to meet on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1867, and at 7 o'clock, P. M., in Primitive Church, New Glasgow, in Nova Scotia,

> > PETER G. McGREGOR, Synod Clerk,

St David's Church, St. John, N. B. July 3rd, 1866.

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