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OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF THE  
*Lower Provinces*

OF  
BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

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HELD AT CHARLOTTETOWN JUNE & JULY, 1863.

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## NOTICE.

On the Synod Committee on Statistics handing in their report, it was found that 30 congregations had made no return. The Synod resolved that the return should not be published till it was more complete, and Presbyteries were enjoined to exercise discipline upon delinquents. I therefore give below a list of those Sessions which have yet sent in no return, to which I request the attention of Presbytery Clerks.

In the Presbytery of Halifax, Clyde River and Barrington, Lunenburg, South Cornwallis, and West Cornwallis.

In the Presbytery of Truro, Harvey, N. B.

In the Presbytery of Pictou, Eartown, French River and Little Mabou.

In the Presbytery of Tatamagouche, Goose River and Wentworth.

In the Presbytery of Richmond, Plaister Cove and Grand River.

In the Presbytery of Victoria, St. Anns, Whyocomañ and Cape North.

In the Presbytery of Cape Breton, Harbour Grace and St. John, N. F.

In the Presbytery of P. E. Island, Cove Head and Cavendish.

GEORGE PATTERSON, *Clerk pro tem.*

## ANOTHER MISSIONARY.

We are happy to announce that the Board of Foreign Missions are likely to obtain the services of a third Missionary to go out in the Missionary vessel. At a late meeting of the Board, a letter was read from Mr. William McCullagh, at present Rector of the New Glasgow Academy, tendering his services to the Mission in the South Seas. Mr. M. is a native of Belfast in Ireland, where he studied at Queen's College. He had nearly completed his Theological course before he came to this country. He is now about to be taken on trials for license before the Presbytery of Pictou. As a scholar Mr. M. occupies a very high position, and as an educationist he has proved himself fitted to occupy the first rank. He is a man of extensive general attainments and of devoted piety. We need not say that such a man is regarded as quite an accession to the Mission. He has already attended to the study of medicine, so that there need be no

delay in his going out. Thus we trust the breaches in the New Hebrides Mission will be supplied, but no more. Shall there be no increase upon what our band was four years ago?

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

*Educational Board.*—Revs. Professors.

King, Smith, Ross, Lyall and McKnight, Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, J. Stewart, J. Campbell, McGregor, Bayne, Steele, and A. Ross, Pictou; Andrew McKinlay, Robt. Romans, Chas. D. Hunter, James H. Liddell, George Bust, and Alex. James, Esq., Halifax; Abram Patterson, Rodk. McGregor, Anthony McLellan, R. P. Grant, and Howard Primrose, Esqrs., Pictou; Adam Dickie, Esq., Maitland; Isaac Logan, Esq., Shubenacadie; John D. Christie, Esq., Truro; William Gammell, Esq., Bras d'Or; James Bearisto, Esq., Prince Town, P. E. I.; and Hon. Kenneth Henderson, Charlotte Town, P. E. I.

*Board of Foreign Missions.*—Rev. Messrs.

Roy, J. Stewart, Bayne, Blair, G. Patterson, Walker and A. Ross, and Mr. Roderick McGregor with Rev. John I. Baxter, of Onslow; Rev. John McCurdy, of Chatham, N. B.; and Rev. I. Murray, of Cavendish, P. E. I.; and Rev. James Waddell, of Sheet Harbour, as Corresponding Members. Rev. J. Stewart, Chairman; Rev. J. Bayne, Secretary.

*Board of Home Missions.*—Rev. Professor

King, Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, McKnight, Cameron, McGregor, Mr. C. Robson and Mr. J. Barnes. Rev. P. G. McGregor, Chairman, and Rev. A. McKnight, Secretary.

*Committee on Colportage.*—Rev. Profes-

sors. Smith and Lyall, Rev. Messrs. Baxter, E. Ross, Wyllie, J. Cameron, A. Sutherland, McKay, Currie and W. Murray, and Messrs. Robert Smith, David McCurdy Isaac Fleming, Wm. McKim, Fleming Blanchard, Adam Dickie and James McKay. Rev. Mr. McCulloch, Convener; Rev. E. Ross, Secretary.

*Committee on Supplementing Stipends.*—

Dr. McLeod, Convener, Rev. Messrs. McCulloch, Blair, Christie, James Ross, Alex. McDonald, Thos. Sedgwick, and William

Ross, ministers, with the Presbytery elders of Onslow, James's Church, N. G., Poplar Grove, Halifax, Sydney Mines, Grand River, Whyecomah, New Annan, and Casampeque.

*Committee on Bills and Overtures.*—Rev. Messrs. Bayne, Roy, McGillivray, J. Stewart and A. Ross of Pictou, and Mr. James McGregor. Mr. Bayne, Convener.

*Committee on Popery.*—Rev. Messrs. G. Sutherland, Allan, J. Murray, W. Ross, and their Presbytery Elders, and Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Messrs. Harvie, Downie, J. McKinnon, McCulloch and Bayne. Rev. G. Sutherland, Convener.

*Committee on Temperance.*—Rev. Messrs. A. Munro, Crawford, McNeil and Fraser, with their Presbytery Elders, Rev. J. Cameron, Corresponding Member, Mr. Crawford, Convener.

*Committee on Sabbath Observance.*—Rev. Messrs. R. S. Patterson, Laird and Fraser, with their Presbytery Elders. Mr. Laird, Convener.

*Committee on Union with other Presbyterian bodies.*—Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, (Convener) McCurdy, Sedgwick, J. Cameron, W. Murray, McKnight, Christie, and G. Sutherland.

*Publication Committee.*—Rev. Messrs. McGregor, McKnight and C. Robson.

*Committee to audit Accounts.*—Rev. G. Walker, and Messrs. Rodk. McGregor and Alex. Fraser.

*General Treasurer for the Funds of the Church except the Professorial Fund, and the funds invested in Halifax.*—Abram Patterson, Esq., of Pictou.

*Receivers of Contributions to the Schemes of the Church.*—James McCallum Esq., of P. B. Island; Robt. Smith, Esq., Merchant, Truro; A. K. McKinlay, Esq., Halifax.

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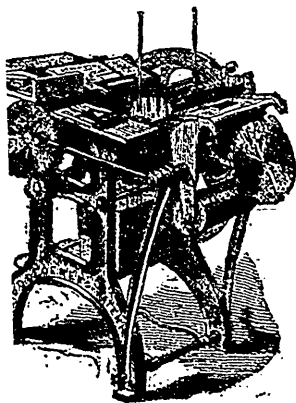
*Committee on Scheme for Widows' Fund.*—Rev. Messrs. Bayne, J. Stewart, Blair, A. Sutherland, G. Patterson, G. Sutherland and Dr. Murray. Mr. Bayne, Convener.

*Committee on Systematic Giving.*—Rev. Messrs. W. Murray, J. Cameron, J. McLean, McLeod, McCulloch, T. Sedgwick, and Messrs. R. McGregor, C. Robson and Adam Dickie. Mr. Murray, Convener.

*Committee of negotiation with Governors of Dalhousie College.*—Rev. Professors King and Ross, and Rev. Messrs. McCulloch, McGregor, G. Patterson and Bayne, and Mr. C. Robson, with power to add to their number. Rev. P. G. McGregor, Convener.

*Committee on the subject of Marriage Licenses.*—Rev. Professor King, Rev. Messrs. McCulloch, McKnight, Murdoch, McGregor and Cameron. Mr. McCulloch, Convener.

*Committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure.*—Rev. Messrs. G. Patterson, Blair and Walker. Mr. Patterson, Convener.



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1 John I. Baxter, <i>a</i>	1 John Dickson,	Upper Stewiacke, Onslow,
1 James Ross, Prof. <i>no v</i>		
1 William McCulloch, <i>m</i>	1 J. F. Blanchard,	Truro,
1 James Byers, <i>m</i>	1 Mat. A. McCurdy,	Clifton,
1 Ebenezer E. Ross,		Upper Londonderry,
1 Alex. L. Willie, <i>m</i> .	Thomas Davison,	Lower Londonderry,
1 James McG. McKay, <i>m</i>	1 Charles Hill,	Economy,
Samuel Johnston,		Harvey, N.B.,
1 John Currie, <i>m</i>	1 Adam Dickie,	Maitland,
7 Alexander Cameron, <i>m</i>	7 John Smith,	Mdle Stewiacke & Brookfield
1 Jacob McLellan,		Maitland,
Duncan McKinnon,		Parrsborough.

## Presbytery of Pictou.

1 Angus McGillivray,		Springville,
1 David Roy, <i>a</i>	1 John Fraser,	James Church, N.G.,
1 John McCurdy,	5 John Hardie, <i>m</i>	Chatham, N.B.,
7 John Stewart, <i>a</i>	1 William Morton, <i>a</i>	<del>Miramichi</del> <i>N. Glasgow</i>
John Campbell,		Sherbrooke,
George Walker,	1 Rod. McGregor,	Primitive Church, N.G.,
1 James Bayne, <i>a</i>	1 James Stalker,	Prince St. Church, Pictou,
7 Andrew P. Miller, <i>a</i>		French River,
1 Alex. Campbell, <i>a</i>	Neil Gunn,	Lochaber,
7 Alex. Sutherland,		Earltown,
1 Duncan B. Blair,	1 Hugh Ross, <i>a</i>	Barney's River, &c.
1 George Patterson, <i>a</i>	1 Robert Fraser, <i>a</i>	Green Hill,
1 James Thomson, <i>m</i>	John Miller,	Central Church, West River
1 George Roddick, <i>a</i>	Harop McKeand,	West River,
1 John McKinnon, <i>a</i>	7 William S. Fraser, <i>a</i>	Hopewell,
Thomas Downie,	Alex. Grant,	Autigonish,
1 Alex. Ross, <i>a</i>	1 Alex. McKay, <i>a</i>	Knox's Church, Pictou.
2 Kenneth J. Grant,	1 David Smith,	Merigonish,
Vacant,		Glencelg and Caledonia,
Vacant,	Hugh McNeill,	Goshen,
Vacant,	Simon Fraser,	Little Harbour, &c.

## Presbytery of Halifax.

1 John L. Murdoch, <i>m</i> .	1 W. H. Blanchard,	Windsor,
1 Andrew King, <i>a</i>		Halifax,
1 James Waddell		Sheet Harbour, &c.
1 Robert Sedgewick, <i>a</i>	1 Wellwood Reynolds, <i>a</i>	Musquodoboit,
P. G. McGregor,	1 Alex. James,	Poplar Grove, Halifax,
William Duff,		Lunenburg,
1 George Christie, <i>m</i>		Yarmouth,
Walter Thorburn,		Bermuda,
1 John Cameron, <i>m</i>		Nine Mile River, &c.
3 George M. Clarke,		Shelburne,
1 William Forlong, <i>a</i>	7 John S. Newcomb,	S. Cornwallis,
1 John McLeod,	Archibald Smith,	Newport,
1 James McLean, <i>a</i>	David More,	Shubenacadie,
1 William Murray, <i>a</i>	John Burgess,	N. Cornwallis,
1 Alex. Stuart, <i>a</i>	1 George Sellars, <i>a</i>	Porter's Lake, &c.
1 Alex. McKnight,	1 Alex. Farquharson,	Dartmouth,
Howard D. Steele,	Stephen Burgess,	W. Cornwallis,
1 Donald McMillan, <i>a</i>		LaHave,
1 John Morton, <i>a</i>		Bridgewater,
1 Donald S. Gordon, <i>m</i>	Elias Tupper,	Annapolis, &c.
Vacant,	1 Robert Murray, <i>a</i>	Chalmers Church, Halifax.
Vacant,		Clyde River and Barrington,

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**Presbytery of Cape Breton.**

5	1	Hugh McLeod, D.D., James Fraser, Mathew Wilson, Moses Harvey,	Sydney, Boularderie, Sydney Mines, St. Johns, N.F., Harbor Grace, N.F.,
	1	Alex. Ross, <i>a</i>	

**Presbytery of Richmond.**

3	1	Murdoch Stewart, <i>a</i> William G., Forbes, James Ross,	West Bay, Pinister Cove, Grand River.
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**Presbytery of Victoria.**

5	7	Abram McIntosh,	St. Anns,
	1	Kenneth McKenzie, <i>a</i>	Thomas A. McKeen, Baddeck,
	7	Charles L., Ross, Donald Sutherland,	Whyecomagh, Cape North,
	1	Alex. McDonald, <i>a</i>	Mabou.

**Presbytery of Tatamagouche.**

6		James Watson,	Robert Byers, New Annan,
	7	John Munro, <i>a</i> William S. Darragh,	Andrew Redpath, Wallace, Goose River,
	1	Hector B. McKay, <i>m</i> Thomas Sedgewick, <i>a</i>	George Tattrie, River John, Tatamagouche,
	1	Vacant,	John Henderson, Wentworth.

**Presbytery of P. E. Island.**

19	1	Robert S. Patterson, <i>i</i>	1	Willam Murray,	Bedeque,
	1	James Allan, <i>a</i>	1	G. Brodie,	Covehead,
	1	Isaac Murray, <i>m</i>		Wm. McNeill,	Cavendish,
	1	Alexander Munroe, <i>a</i>	1	Sween Campbell.	Brown's Creek,
	1	Henry Crawford, <i>no v</i>	1	Hon. Dr. Jardine,	E. St. Peter's, Bay Fortune.
	1	George Sutherland, <i>a</i>	1	Hon. Kenneth Henderson	Free Church, Ch'Town,
	1	Allan Fraser, <i>a</i>	1	Robert Gordon, <i>m</i>	Cascumpeque,
	1	Donald McNeill, <i>a</i>		Donald Munn,	Woodville,
	1	Robert Laird, <i>no v</i>		Benjamin Thomson,	Princetown,
	1	William Ross, <i>a</i>	1	Ewen McMillan,	West River and Brookfield,
	1	Hugh McMillan,	1	Johnston Aitkin,	Murray Harbour,
	1	Allan McLean, <i>a</i>		William Hunter,	Dundas,
	1	William R. Frame,		John McKinnon,	Richmond Bay, East,
	1	Alex. Falconer, <i>m</i>	1	William Mutch, <i>m</i>	Queen Square, Ch'Town.
		Vacant,	1	Malcolm Gillis, <i>a</i>	Strathalbyn,
		Vacant,	9	John Doghart,	New London, North side,
		Vacant,		William L. Douglass,	West St. Peters,
		Vacant,		Adam McKay,	St. John, New London,
		Vacant,		Alex. Ramsay,	Richmond Bay, West.

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FIRST S E D E R U N T.

*At Charlotte Town and within the Church at the head  
of Prince Street, the 24th day of June, 1863.*

Which place and day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America met, and was constituted, after a sermon by the Rev. Hugh McLeod, D.D., Moderator, from Eph. iv. 12, middle clause—"for the work of the ministry."

The Moderator read a letter which he had received from the Rev. P. G. McGregor, the Clerk of Synod, stating that in consequence of the state of his health, he had been advised to relinquish his labours for a time, and that his congregation having generously provided the means, and the Session of his congregation and the Presbytery concurring, he had resolved to visit Britain, and would therefore necessarily be absent from this meeting of Synod. On motion it was agreed, that the Synod express their sympathy with him in his present affliction, cordially sustain his reasons for absence, and approve of his diligence in preparing for the business of the present meeting of Synod.

The Rev. George Patterson was elected clerk pro tempore. Clerk, pro tem.

It was reported that the following changes affecting the roll of Synod had occurred since last meeting. That the following inductions had taken place.

Rev. James Waddell to the pastoral oversight of Sheet Harbour and Tangier, 8th November, 1862. By Induction.

Rev. Hugh McMillan to the pastoral oversight of Murray Harbour, December 17th, 1862.

That the following probationers having accepted calls have been ordained and inducted, and their names added to the rolls of Presbyteries. By Ordination.

Rev. W. R. Frame to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Richmond Bay East, in the Presbytery of P. E. Island, on the 13th August, 1862.

Rev. Alex. Falconer, to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Queen Square, Charlotte Town, in the same Presbytery, on the 14th of August, 1862.

Rev. Kenneth J. Grant, to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Merigomish, in the Presbytery of Pictou, on the 18th November, 1862.

Probationers  
Licensed.

It was also reported that the following probationers have been licensed, By the Presbytery of Pictou, Mr. Thomas Cumming and Mr. William L. Campbell.

By the Presbytery of Halifax, Mr. William Stuart, Mr. John Lamont, and Mr. James D. Gordon.

New Congrega-  
tions.

It was also reported that the Presbytery of Pictou had divided the congregation of St. Mary's, Rev. John Campbell retaining the charge of the congregation of Sherbrooke, while Glenelg and Caledonia had been erected into a separate congregation, and also that they had organized the people of Little Harbour and adjacent settlements into a separate congregation; and that the Presbytery of Halifax had erected a new congregation at the North End of the city of Halifax.

New Moderator

Proceeded to the election of a Moderator. The Rev. James Waddell proposed the Rev. George Christie, and the Rev. John McKinnon proposed the Rev. Robert S. Patterson. Both being seconded a vote was taken, when Mr. Patterson was elected.

Dr. McLeod having thanked the Synod for the courtesy extended to him while Moderator of Synod, left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Patterson who briefly addressed the Synod, thanking them for the honour conferred upon him.

Adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

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## S E C O N D S E D E R U N T .

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Moderator.

Minutes Read.

The Minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

Thanks to retiring Moderator

The Rev. John Morton moved that the thanks of Synod be tendered to Rev. Dr. McLeod, retiring Moderator, for the highly satisfactory and efficient manner in which he presided over this Synod, and for the very appropriate and masterly discourse with which he opened this present Session, and that he be requested to furnish the Synod with a copy for publication.

The motion passed, and the Moderator in terms thereof communicated the thanks of the Synod accordingly.

Report of Com.  
on Bills and  
Overtures.

The Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted as follows.

*James' Cottage, New Glasgow, June 15th, 1863.*

The Committee of Bills and Overtures met this day, in this place, and agreed that the following subjects be taken up in the order, and at the times after specified, by the Synod, at its ensuing meeting at Charlottetown:

1. The Synod after the first sederunt shall meet at 10 o'clock, a.m., and adjourn at 1, p.m., recommence at 3 o'clock, p.m., and adjourn at 6 p.m., again in the evening

commence at 7½, and adjourn at 9 o'clock, except on the last evening, when the sederunt may be protracted *ad libitum*.

2. Devotional Exercises.
  3. Report of Committee on Popery.
  4. Report of Committee on Temperance.
  5. Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance.
  6. Report of Committee on Widows' Fund.
  7. Report of Committee on Rules of Procedure.
  8. Reports of Presbyteries and Sessions on questions for Presbyterial visitations.
  9. Reports of Presbyteries and Sessions on formulas sent down for consideration.
  10. Reports of Presbyteries anent the mode of ordination of Elders and Deacons.
  11. Report of Home Mission Board, to be given in at the first Sederunt on Thursday.
  12. Report of Foreign Mission Board to be given in at the evening Sederunt on Thursday.
  13. Report of Committee anent Dalhousie College, the subject to be considered on Friday morning.
  14. Report of Board of Superintendence of Educational Institutions.
  15. Report of Educational Board.
  16. Report of Committee on Title Deeds.
  17. Report of Committee on Colportage.
  18. Petition of Truro Presbytery.
  19. Notice of a motion anent the reading of discourses by Students on trial before Presbyteries.
  20. Reasons of dissent and complaint against the decision of the Tatamagouche Presbytery anent the settlement of the Rev. William S. Darragh, at Goose River.
  21. Report of Committee on union with other Presbyterian bodies.
  22. Report of Committee on the subject of Marriage Licenses.
  23. Report of Publication Committee.
  24. Next meeting of Synod, to be appointed at the second Sederunt on Monday.
  25. Report of Committee on Systematic giving.
  26. Supply of Professor Smith's pulpit during the Session of the Hall.
  27. Report of Committee on Statistical Returns.
  28. Report of Committees on minutes of Presbyteries and Boards.
  29. Report of Auditing Committee.
  30. Report of General Treasurer.
  31. Synodical Expenditure.
  32. Appeal of John Grierson against the deliverance of the Presbytery of Halifax with relative documents.
  33. Reference from the Presbytery of Victoria.
- The Committee recommends to the Synod that one half hour be spent in Devotional Exercises at the commencement of each business sederunt in the evening.
- The Missionary Meeting to be held on Friday evening, at 7½, when the Report of the Home Mission Board shall be first read, next the Report of the Foreign Mission Board, and lastly the Report of College and Seminary Board.

DAVID ROY,

*Clerk of Committee of Bills and Overtures.*

Remarks having been called for on the Minutes of the last meeting of Prof. Ross' dissent. Synod, the Rev. Professor Ross respectfully requested, that being necessarily absent from the meeting at the time when the resolution passed declaring that only "Professors of Theology, ordained ministers having pastoral charges, and Representative Elders are constituent members of Presbytery" his dissent be now marked on the Minutes of Synod. On motion it was agreed that the request be granted in the peculiar circumstances of the case. The Rev. Professor Ross then requested, that as he considered that by said resolution he only held his seat in Synod by courtesy, he be relieved from farther attendance upon its meeting, so soon as the business on which he is engaged by appointment of Synod shall be transacted. As the Synod deemed Mr. Ross's view a misconstruction of the meaning of said resolution, the Revd. Professor King and George Com, appointed Prof. Ross' request. Christy were appointed to prepare a resolution on the subject to be submitted at a subsequent sederunt.

- Com. on Statistical Returns** The Revds. John McKinnon, James McG. McKay, and Mr. Alex. James, ruling elder, were appointed a Committee to receive and arrange statistical returns.
- Com to examine Pby Minutes** The following Committees were appointed to examine Presbyterial Minutes, Rev. Messrs. McCurdy and Blair and Hon. Kenneth Henderson, those of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Truro; Rev. Messrs. Currie and Byers and Mr. W. H. Blanchard, ruling elder, those of the Presbyteries of Pictou and Tatamagouche; Rev. Messrs. Christie and John Cameron and J. F. Blanchard, ruling elder, those of the Presbyteries of P. E. Island and Richmond; Rev. Messrs. Allan Fraser, and William Ross and Mr. Roderick McGregor, ruling elder, those of the Presbyteries of Cape Breton and Victoria.
- Committee on Minutes of Boards.** The Revds. Alex. Campbell and Alex. Munroe and Mr. Robert Murray, ruling elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the various Boards of the Church.
- Com. to audit Treasurers Accounts.** It having appeared that the Treasurer's accounts had not been audited in consequence of the absence of the Rev. Mr. Walker and the illness of Alex. Fraser, Esq., two of the members of the standing Committee for that purpose, it was agreed that the Rev. John M. McLeod and Mr. Alex. Farquharson, ruling elder, be appointed to act with Mr. Roderick McGregor, the remaining member of Committee in auditing the accounts of the past year.
- Address to the Queen, &c.** On motion of Dr. McLeod, it was agreed that addresses be presented from the Synod to Her Majesty the Queen, and to the Prince of Wales on the auspicious occasion of the marriage of the latter, and also to the Governor of P. E. Island.
- Com. appointed** The Revds. Professor Ross and George Sutherland, and Alex. James Esq., ruling elder, were appointed a committee to prepare said addresses. Mr. James, Convener.
- Adjourned to meet again at 7½ o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

### THIRD SEDERUNT.

*Same Place and Day, 7½ o'clock, P.M.*

- Devotional exercises.** The Synod met and was constituted. The first half hour was spent in devotional exercises, commenced by praise, prayer and the reading of the Scriptures by the Moderator, who was followed in prayer by the Revds. Professor King and Dr. McLeod, with the singing of Psalms at intervals.
- Minutes Read.** The Minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.
- Com. on Synod Account.** The Rev. William Murray and Messrs. Roderick McGregor and Matt. A. McCurdy were appointed a Committee on the Synod account and the travelling expenses of members of Synod.
- Miss. Meeting.** On motion it was agreed that the Missionary meeting on Friday evening be held in Queen Square Church.
- Com. on Rules and Forms.** The Report of the Committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure being called for, the Convener stated verbally, that having learned just after the meeting of Synod that such a work was in course of publication under the authority of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, the Committee deemed it prudent to delay further proceedings, till they should obtain a copy of it. The Synod approved of the discretion exercised by

the Committee, and authorized them to proceed in the work as speedily as possible, in the manner resolved on at the last meeting of Synod.

The Rev. Dr. McLeod, laid before the Synod the following documents which had been addressed to him as Moderator of Synod, viz., 1st, Letter from Earl Mulgrave, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, acknowledging the receipt of the Synod's address of condolence to the Queen on the death of her Royal Consort and also of the address of the Synod to himself, and thanking them for the same. 2ndly, Copy of a despatch from His Grace, the Duke of Newcastle, intimating that the address of condolence from this Synod to the Queen had been laid at the foot of the throne, and stating the gratification which Her Majesty had derived from their expressions of sympathy. 3rdly, Letter from the private Secretary of His Excellency conveying the copy of said despatch. These documents were read by the Clerk.

Dr. McLeod also laid before the Synod a letter which he had received from the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in reply to the letter of this Synod. The said letter was read, when on motion of Professor King, seconded by Dr. McLeod, it was unanimously agreed, that the Synod record the satisfaction with which they have received this letter and the gratification which its statements have afforded them, and that the same be inserted in the Minutes of Synod.

To the Very Reverend, the Moderator, and Remanent Members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

*Edinburgh May Sth, 1863.*

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,—

Your fraternal and very welcome letter of July, 1861, was read to the Ministers and Elders of our Church in Synod assembled, at their meeting held in Edinburgh in May, last year; and we were appointed to express to you the gratification which its perusal afforded to them, and to respond on their behalf to its gratifying statements and christian and appropriate sentiments. The notice it contains of the intimate connection which subsisted between your ancestors and our own, was observed with peculiar interest; and we cherish the memory of that connection as a happy illustration of the fraternal and expansive power of the principles which have actuated the Church of our fathers, and as one of the earliest manifestations of the missionary character. While the memory of our own fathers is held in devout remembrance, we do not fail to revere those of your Church, whose character and labours we feel assured you have not exaggerated. We have read, and our fathers have told us of the apostolic Dr. McGregor, and his immediate co-adjutors and successors, and some of us can well remember the able and energetic Dr. McCulloch, and his associates, some of whom remain, but the most part have fallen asleep. In the enlargement, stability and enterprise of your Church now, we gratefully recognise the successful result of many efforts and prayers, during years of, to it, not unmixed privation.

The accomplishment of the union which has so auspiciously taken place among you, we hail with no common satisfaction. In it we realize an effect of our Saviour's prayer that his disciples might be one, and a happy omen and harbinger of the time when the watchmen shall see eye to eye, and when "Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim," and there shall be nothing to hurt nor destroy in all God's holy mountain.

Of this union, the results which you communicate to us are such as rejoice our hearts, and as we think might have been anticipated in answer to your prayers, and we fervently trust that the gracious Head of the Church will continue increasingly to cause its good fruits to be enjoyed by yourselves, and realized by the whole of your population.

Your efforts in the cause of education, both in the Sabbath School and in the Seminary, furnish another cause for gratulation. We cannot doubt that while the former will prove more and more valuable as an evangelistic institution, the latter will approve itself eminently conducive to the promulgation of sound opinions, and the formation of character, at once intelligent and virtuous both in the church and in the general community.

It is gratifying to us to observe the number of Professors and Theological Students, and we are persuaded that your school of the Prophets will prove a great instrument in the hands of our Divine Master of perpetuating and extending his church in your ample territory, and making the moral wilderness to "rejoice and blossom as the rose."

The Home and Foreign Missionary efforts which you have made, give us yet farther reason to expect good things for your church. In this going forth to the world without, we would see evidence that your own spiritual growth is advancing; and in the sweet converse which is held in foreign lands from time to time between Missionaries sent out from different countries, we recognise the oneness of that principle which animates and supports the whole army of the faithful.

We see with satisfaction that you are so fully alive to the responsibilities that rest upon you, and notice the determination you cherish, in dependence on Divine aid, to endeavour to act answerably to them. We readily understand that the character of your population is such as to render your Missions in some respects peculiar and very arduous, but we need hardly to remind you that endeavouring to cultivate the field of labour in which Providence has placed you, you are warranted to expect, as well needed strength, as great results.

We are happy to find that you appreciate the blessings which have flowed, and continue to flow from unions in this land, as in your own. As time rolls on we see more and more cause to be thankful for the results which have attended the secessions from the Established Church, in pursuing the light of our common faith and the warmth of vital christianity. And it is perhaps not easy to overrate the blissful consequences that have attended, and may be expected to follow, the gathering into one of those who, in their separate states, did good service to the common cause, by presenting one aspect to the christian world, and one front to the common foe—the estrangements of the past merging into the harmonies of the present, and the feelings and energies which were wasted by division combining into unity of purpose, counsel and action.

It will interest you to be informed that the United Presbyterian Church now comprises 551 congregations, and 167,558 members, being an increase during the past Synodical year of 4000 members. The number attending prayer-meetings is 52,119. Of Sabbath School Teachers, there are 9214, and of scholars, 71,635. During our last financial year there has been liquidated £33,514 of Debt which rested upon congregations, and the sum of £42,679 has been raised among us for Missionary and benevolent objects. For all purposes of an ecclesiastical and missionary character there has been contributed during the year the sum of £205,167, being an average of 24s. 5½d. per member. We are happy to add that the attendance at the Theological Hall amounts to 163 Students, of whom 31 have entered for the first year, giving us cause for present thankfulness, and of humble hope that the Lord has farther work and blessing in store for our Church, not in our own country only, but also in other lands.

In these tokens of Divine favor to the Church of our common Fathers, and of the perpetuation and extension of our common faith and polity, and in the hopeful dawn of a brighter and more blissful day than we have yet seen, we know that you will rejoice with us.

We cannot close this letter without expressing our belief that union has not yet with us been carried out to its full practicable extent, and that ere long in the good Providence of God, the Free Church and ourselves will be one. In the meantime, you will be glad to know that the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" is being strengthened, that pulpits are freely interchanged, that mutual prejudices are lessening, and that, as we believe, the fellowship already existing is progressing towards final union.

And now, Dear Brethren, may the God of love and peace be with us both. May He establish the work of our hands upon us, yea the work of our hands may He establish it.

Signed in name, and by appointment of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church.

DAVID SMITH, D.D., Moderator.  
WILLIAM BECKETT, Synod Clerk.

The Rev. Neil McKay, of St. John, N. B., laid on the table of Synod <sup>Delegate from</sup> a commission from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick to represent that body in this court, which was as follows:— <sup>N. B., Synod.</sup>

*At St. John, the 20th day of June, 1863, which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick met, and was constituted.*

*Inter alia*,—the Synod resolved that the Rev. Messrs. McKay, Nicholson and Elder, be a deputation to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, to convey our fraternal greetings, to give an account of the state of our Church, and to convey the amount raised on behalf of Foreign Missions to that Synod. It was also moved that the funds raised for Foreign Missions for the ensuing year be appropriated to the same object. Extracted &c.

JAMES SALMON, *Moderator.*  
JAMES BENNET, *Clerk of Synod.*

The Commission was received, and Mr. McKay addressed the Synod, stating the reasons for the absence of the Rev. Messrs. Nicholson and Elder, the other members of the deputation, and conveying to this Synod in the name of the Synod of New Brunswick, the fraternal regards of that body. Mr. McKay also presented to the Synod the sum of \$217 as the contributions of the body he represented for the Foreign Missions of our Church, and intimated that sums would also be paid in for the Mission Vessel and the Professorial Fund of this church.

Mr. McKay's  
Address.

On motion it was agreed that the Synod express to Mr. McKay the <sup>Synod's expres-</sup> gratification which his presence among us as a deputy of the Synod of New Brunswick afforded us, and the pleasure with which we have received the friendly communications of that body, and our cordial reciprocation of the fraternal regards expressed in their name by Mr. McKay. <sup>Moderator's Re-</sup> The Moderator accordingly addressed Mr. McKay, communicating the <sup>ply.</sup> mind of the Synod as expressed in this resolution.

The Rev. Donald Morrison, Missionary to the South Seas was invited <sup>Corra. member.</sup> to correspond, and took his seat accordingly.

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

#### FOURTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, Thursday 24th, 10 o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted.

Read and approved the Minutes of last sederunt.

Minutes Read.

Appointed the consideration of the appeal of Mr. John Grierson against <sup>Time of hearing</sup> a decision of the Presbytery of Halifax for the second sederunt to-morrow. <sup>Cornwallis ap-</sup>

The Rev. Mr. Crawford read the Report of the Committee on Tem- <sup>peal.</sup> perance. On motion the Report was received and the diligence of the <sup>Report on Tem-</sup> Committee approved, and they were re-appointed, with the addition of the <sup>porance.</sup> Rev. Allan Fraser.

The Rev. John L. Murdoch, from the Committee on union with other <sup>Rept. on union</sup> Presbyterian bodies, reported that while they had had the subject before <sup>with other</sup> them, they had not seen an opportunity of taking any decided action on <sup>bodies.</sup> the subject. The Report was received, the diligence of the Committee approved, and the Committee were re-appointed with the addition of the Rev. George Christie.

The Rev. Alex. McKnight read the Report of the Home Mission <sup>Report of Bnd.</sup> Board, from which it appeared that fifteen congregations had received <sup>of Home Mis-</sup>



supplement during the past year, that five probationers had been settled in pastoral charges, and five probationers licensed,—and that there were now eight probationers at the disposal of the Board.

The Report was received and the diligence of the Committee approved.

Treasurer's Acct.

The Treasurer's account of the Home Mission Fund, and also of the Matheson Bequest were read, from which it appeared that there had been expended during the year the following amounts:—

Supplements to congregations . . . . .	£258 6s 4d.
Supply of Mission Stations . . . . .	171 13 7.
Gaelic Catechists . . . . .	48 0 0.
Miscellaneous. . . . .	9 12 9.

Supplement to Wallace.

The Board brought before the Synod an application for supplement to the congregation of Wallace, which they had agreed to recommend to the Synod. After reasoning, it was agreed that a standing committee, consisting of a minister and elder from each Presbytery, be appointed to consider the cases of congregations receiving supplement, and all applications for supplement.

Board on supplements.

The following Committee was appointed, Dr. McLeod, Convener, Rev. Messrs. McCulloch, Blair, Christie, James Ross, Alex. McDonald, Thos. Sedgewick and William Ross, ministers, with the Presbytery elders of Onslow, James' Church, N. G., Poplar Grove, Halifax, Sydney Mines, Grand River, Whycomoh, New Annan, and Cascumpeque.

Adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock, P.M.

## FIFTH SEDERUNT.

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

Minutes Read.

The Synod again met, and was constituted by the Moderator.

Add'n. to Com. on union.

Read and approved the Minutes of last sederunt.

The Rev. George Sutherland was added to the Committee on union with other Presbyterian bodies.

Contributions to Home Missions.

Resumed consideration of the Home Mission business. Entered upon the consideration of means to increase the interest of the people in the Home Mission operations of the church. After considerable discussion, and the making of several propositions, it was finally resolved unanimously, That ministers and sessions be enjoined to use their best efforts to encourage the people to increased contributions to the Home Mission Fund, and that Presbyteries be enjoined to enquire into their diligence.

Gaelic Preachers.

The deficiency in the number of Gaelic speaking preachers and students being brought under the notice of the Synod, it was agreed to appoint a Committee to consider the subject and report at the present meeting of Synod. The following Committee was appointed, Rev. Dr. McLeod, Messrs. McKinnon, Cameron and Sutherland, ministers, and Hon. Kenneth Henderson and T. A. McKeen, ruling elders.

Addresses to Queen, &c.

The Board was re-appointed  
The Committee appointed to prepare addresses to the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of P. E. Island,

submitted the following drafts of such addresses, which were approved, and ordered to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Synod.

*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, now assembled at Charlottetown in the Colony of Prince Edward Island, beg to approach your Majesty with our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the auspicious marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales with the Princess Alexandra of Denmark. With deep gratitude to that God in whose hand are the hearts of Princes, and who rules among the inhabitants of the earth, as well as in the army of Heaven, we recognize in your Majesty the Sovereign of a mighty and widely-extended empire, ruling her subjects in the fear of God, and exercising the great influence of your exalted position for the support and defence of religion. Enjoying, as we do, under your Majesty's Government, to the fullest extent the inestimable blessing of civil and religious liberty, we cannot but be actuated by feelings of sincere affection and loyalty to your Majesty's person and government; and we rejoice in an event which has added so largely to your Majesty's domestic happiness, while it has given such unbounded and just satisfaction to all classes of your Majesty's subjects.

We beg to assure your Majesty that our fervent prayers, and those of the Church which we represent, shall continue to be offered to the Throne of Grace, that your Majesty may long be spared as the Queen of this great people whom God has placed under your Majesty's free and happy government, endowed with all needful wisdom and strength to preserve and defend their liberties and happiness, and encouraged and comforted in the discharge of the elevated and important duties entrusted to your Majesty by the Divine Ruler, by abundant evidences of his continued favor and blessings.

Signed in name and by order of the Synod,

R. S. PATTERSON, Moderator.  
GEORGE PATTERSON, Synod Clerk.

*To His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—We, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, now assembled at Charlottetown, in the Colony of Prince Edward Island, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, to tender our sincere congratulations on the auspicious union which has taken place between your Royal Highness and the illustrious Princess Alexandra of Denmark.

An event which so nearly concerns the happiness of your Royal Highness; which adds lustre to the Royal Family, and strength to the Throne; which contributes so largely to the domestic felicity of our beloved Queen, and has given such just and sincere satisfaction and joy to all classes of our fellow-subjects, throughout the widely extended Empire to which we belong, cannot fail to be deeply interesting to us. And our interest and pleasure in this happy event are deepened by the pleasing recollection of the visit of your Royal Highness to these Provinces.

We assure your Royal Highness that our prayers, and those of the Church which we represent, shall continue to ascend to the Giver of all good, that your Royal Highness, and your illustrious Consort, may long be spared to enjoy the blessings, and fulfil the duties, of your elevated station,—that you may be endowed by the Holy Spirit with all heavenly wisdom and strength, and that by Divine aid you may be instrumental in promoting in a very large degree the welfare and prosperity of the nation,—and as well by influence as example, the extension and purity of the religion of our Blessed Saviour.

Signed in name, and by order of the Synod.

R. S. PATTERSON, Moderator.  
GEORGE PATTERSON, Synod Clerk.

*To His Excellency George Dundas, Esq., Lieut. Governor and Commander-in-chief, in and over the Island of Prince Edward, and its dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—We, the Moderator and Remnant Members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, being convened for the first time within the Colony of Prince Edward Island, beg to approach your Excellency with assurances of our high respect and esteem.

Entertaining sentiments of sincere loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and highly appreciating the blessings of civil and religious liberty which are so freely enjoyed under Her Majesty's Government, we congratulate Your Excellency, as the Representative of so wise a Sovereign and so great a nation, as well as the Governor of one of the most interesting, attractive and fertile portions of the Empire.

We rejoice to believe that Your Excellency's administration of the affairs of this Province has been productive, in a great measure, of its peace and prosperity; and we pray that Divine Grace may sustain you in the faithful discharge of all your high and honorable duties, to the approbation of our Sovereign, and the lasting good of the inhabitants of this Colony. We tender to you our cordial wishes for the continued happiness of Your Excellency and Mrs. Dundas, and crave the transmission of the accompanying address to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Signed in name and by order of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

R. S. PATTERSON, Moderator.  
GEORGE PATTERSON, Synod Clerk.

Com. to wait on  
Lieut. Governor The Rev. George Sutherland and Hon. Kenneth Henderson were appointed a Committee to ascertain at what time His Excellency would be prepared to receive the address.

Adjourned to meet again this evening at half-past 7 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

## SIXTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place and Day, half-past 7 o'clock, P.M.*

Devotional ex- The Synod again met, and was constituted by the Moderator, who was  
ercises. followed in prayer by the Revds. Robt. Sedgwick and Neil McKay, with praise and reading of the Scriptures.

Report of Fgn. The Rev. James Bayne, Secy. of the Foreign Mission Board, read the  
Mis. Board. Report of the Board for the past year, detailing the principal events that had befallen our Mission during the past year, and the action of the Board on the various matters entrusted to them.

On motion the Report was received, and the diligence of the Board approved.

Minute on the The Rev. George Roddick and Mr. John Hardie were appointed to  
death of Mr. prepare a minute in relation to the death of Mr. and Mrs. Matheson.

and Mrs. Matheson. Adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

## SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

*Friday, 26th, 11 o'clock.*

The Synod met, and was constituted.

Minutes Read Read and approved the Minutes of last sederunt.

Com. on Dal- The Report of the Committee on Dalhousie College being called for,  
housie College the Rev. Professor Ross in the absence of the Convener, the Rev. P. G. McGregor, read the minutes of the several meetings of the Committee, with various accompanying documents, and gave a full verbal statement of the action of the Committee.

Report Rec'd. On motion it was agreed that the Report be received and the diligence of the Committee approved. The farther consideration of the matter was deferred.

On motion it was resolved unanimously, That this Synod would cordially welcome a deputation from the Wesleyan Conference of Eastern British America, now in session in this city, conveying the fraternal salutations of that body to this Synod—and that this deputation be received at 4 o'clock of this afternoon's sederunt, or at any time thereafter convenient to the Conference.

Deputation fm.  
Wesleyan  
Conference.

The Committee appointed to ascertain at what time His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of P. E. Island would be prepared to receive the address of this Synod, reported that they had received intimation that he would be happy to receive it at 1 o'clock, on Monday next.

Time of waiting  
on Governor.

Adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

## EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place and Day, 3 o'clock.*

The Synod met, and was constituted.

Read and approved the Minutes of last sederunt.

Minutes Read

Took up the appeal of Mr. John Grierson against a decision of the Presbytery of Halifax. All the papers in the case were read, viz., Sentence complained of, Reasons of appeal, Minutes of Presbytery, Evidence taken before the Presbytery, and various accompanying documents.

Mr. Grierson's  
Appeal.

Papers Read.

The hour for the reception of the deputation from the Wesleyan Conference of British North America having arrived, the farther consideration of the case was postponed.

Case postponed

The Revds. T. H. Davies, J. R. Narraway, and John Brewster, the said deputation being introduced, were cordially welcomed by the Moderator in the name of the Synod, and laid before the Synod a letter from the Wesleyan Conference as follows:—

Deputation fm.  
Wesleyan  
Conference

*To the Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British America.*

Letter from  
British America.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—

The Conference of the Wesleyan Church of Eastern British America hails with pleasure this auspicious opportunity of evincing our essential unity in Christ Jesus, the only foundation and living Head of the Church of God, and in accordance with your polite and cordial overture has appointed as a deputation to wait upon your Reverend body, the Rev. T. H. Davies, Co-delegate of our Conference, the Rev. James R. Narraway, A.M., and the Rev. John Brewster, who will convey to you our fraternal regards.

The Conference will have great pleasure in receiving any deputation or communications from your Synod in return.

By order, and on behalf of the Conference.

JOHN McMURRAY, *Secretary of the Conference.*

Charlotte Town, 26th June, 1863.

On the invitation of the Moderator, these brethren severally addressed the Synod, expressing the friendly feelings, and christian good wishes of that body towards this Synod, and were responded to in similar terms by the Moderator, and other members of Synod, whereupon it was agreed unanimously,

Addresses by  
Deputation.

That the Synod record their heartfelt pleasure, in welcoming among them their brethren representing the Wesleyan Conference of Eastern British America, and in receiving the Christian salutations of the body, which they represent, and rejoice in the opportunity of cordially reciprocating these expressions of Christian respect and affection.

Synod's Resol-  
tion.

- Moderator's reply** The Moderator having communicated to these brethren the mind of the Synod, the Rev. T. H. Davies at his request, engaged in prayer, after which the deputation withdrew.
- Deputation to Wesleyan Conference.** On motion it was agreed that a deputation be appointed to convey to the Wesleyan Conference of Eastern British America now in session in this city, our expression of our sincere Christian affection for them as a portion of the church of Christ, our esteem for them as zealous fellow-labourers in the promotion of the "common salvation," and our earnest desires that the blessing of the God of all grace, and the power of his Spirit may rest yet more abundantly upon them.
- The Revds. John McCurdy, James Bayne and George Sutherland, ministers, and Messrs. Roderick McGregor and W. H. Blanchard, ruling elders were appointed the deputation for that purpose.
- Mr. Grierson's appeal.** Resumed consideration of Mr. Grierson's appeal. Mr. Grierson as appellant was heard at length. The hour of adjournment having arrived, the farther consideration of the case was deferred.
- Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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### NINTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, Saturday, 27th, 9 o'clock*

- The Synod met, and was constituted.
- Minutes Read.** Read and approved the Minutes of last sederunt.
- Mr. Grierson's appeal.** Resumed consideration of Mr. Grierson's appeal. Rev. John McLeod and Mr. J. S. Newcomb were heard in support of the Presbytery, and Rev. William Forlong on his own behalf, and Mr. Grierson in reply, after which various questions were put to the parties by members of court.
- Parties heard.** Adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock, P.M.

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### TENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place and Day, 3 o'clock.*

- The Synod met, and was constituted.
- Minutes read.** Read and approved the Minutes of last sederunt.
- Report of Deputation to Wesleyan Conference.** The Deputation appointed to wait upon the Wesleyan Conference, reported that they had fulfilled the duty assigned them,—that they had been most cordially received, and that the President of the Conference had requested them to express to this Synod the pleasure which they had in receiving a deputation from this Synod.
- Mr. Grierson's Appeal.** Resumed consideration of the appeal of Mr. John Grierson. After questions to the parties, and explanations given, the parties were removed, and the Synod proceeded to give judgment.
- 1st Resolution.** It was moved by the Rev. James McG. McKay, That the Synod having heard all parties on Mr. Grierson's appeal, decide that in view of the confused character of the evidence respecting the matter, the whole case be remitted to the Presbytery of Halifax for their full consideration and investigation.
- 2nd Resolution.** Moved by the Rev. George Patterson, That while the proceedings of the Presbytery exhibit irregularity in form, yet having heard the state-

ments of all parties, and all the documents presented, the Synod find that much time and labour were spent by the Presbytery to ascertain the truth and arrive at a righteous decision; and on the case as presented, sustain the decision of Presbytery, but as this decision did not involve suspension from church privileges, nor allege malice on Mr. Grierson's part, find that he is entitled to a certificate of church membership.

The Rev. D. B. Blair moved, That that part of the sentence of Pres-<sup>3rd Resolution</sup> bytery, declaring the charges made against Mr. Forlong to be groundless, be allowed to stand, but that the part declaring Mr. Grierson liable to reprehension be rescinded, inasmuch as it does not appear from the evidence before the Synod, that Mr. Grierson was actuated by malice.

A vote was taken between the second and third resolutions, when the second was preferred. A vote was then taken between the first and second, when the second was preferred, and was accordingly adopted as the decision of Synod. <sup>Decision in favour of 2nd</sup>

Parties being called in, the decision was intimated to them by the Moderator, when they severally craved extracts, which the Clerk was instructed to furnish.

On motion it was resolved that the Synod will be prepared to hold a Meeting with other bodies. united meeting with the two other religious bodies now in session in this city on Monday next from 3 to 4 o'clock.

The Revds. R. Sedgwick, G. Sutherland and Falconer, and Hon. K. Henderson, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for that purpose. <sup>Committee</sup>

Adjourned to meet again on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

## ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, Monday 29th, 10 o'clock*

The Synod again met, and was constituted.

Read and approved the Minutes of last sederunt.

Minutes Read.

The Committee on the Synod Fund reported that a little over £100 had been received from which the old debt of £36 remained to be deducted, and made a variety of suggestions, as to the disposal of the balance. <sup>Rept. of Synod Fund.</sup>

The Rev. William McCulloch moved, That the Synod abide by their former resolution, and that the matter be remitted to the Committee to deal with it according to their best discretion. <sup>Motion.</sup>

Rev. Ebenezer Ross moved in amendment, That the Report be received, and the recommendations of the Committee adopted. <sup>Amendment.</sup>

On a vote being taken, the amendment passed.

On the reference from the Presbytery of Victoria being called, the Presbytery instead thereof presented a request, that the Synod appoint assessors to sit in Presbytery in a case of difficulty. <sup>Reference from Victoria Presbytery.</sup>

The request was granted, and the following were appointed according-ly, viz., Revds. John Stewart, Bayne, Blair, McCulloch, Alex. Munroe and John Cameron, ministers, and Mr. Roderick McGregor, ruling elder; and the Presbyteries to which these brethren belong were directed to supply their pulpits during their absence. <sup>Assessors appointed.</sup>

The Revds. Professor King and J. L. Murdoch were appointed a deputation to wait upon the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, at its next meeting, to convey to them an expression of the friendly regards of this body. <sup>Deputation to N.B., Synod.</sup>

Report on Minutes of Presbytery Halifax and Truro

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Truro, reported that they found the business regularly conducted, with the exception of some minor points to which they directed the attention of Synod. These points were referred to the Presbytery Clerks for correction, and the Moderator was directed to sign the Minutes.

The Treasurer reported the following as the state of the accounts at this date:—

*Abstract of Treasurer's Accounts, 29th June, 1863.*

		FOREIGN MISSION.	
1863, June 1.	By balance at date,	- - - - -	£491 2 11
" 29.	Amount received,	- - - - -	248 0 3
	Forwarded by F. M. Board for building Mission Schr.	- - - - -	500 0 0
			£1239 3 2
		HOME MISSION.	
June 1.	By balance at date,	- - - - -	£46 4 9
29.	Amount received to date,	- - - - -	192 5 10½
			£238 10 7½
Less paid out,			152 15 0½
			£85 5 7
		SYNOD.	
June 30.	By amount received,	- - - - -	£100 11 6
	To balance due 1st June,	- - - - -	36 25 6
			£63 17 0
		MISSION SCHOONER.	
June 1.	By amount received to date,	- - - - -	£284 11 11
30.	" " " " " " " "	- - - - -	183 14 10
			468 6 9
June 10.	Paid to Receivers Halifax and Truro,	- - - - -	383 15 3
			£852 2 0
		EDUCATIONAL BOARD.	
June 1.	By balance at date,	- - - - -	£38 18 0
30.	Amount received to date,	- - - - -	82 13 6
			£121 11 6
June 1.	Demerdish Building Fund balance,	- - - - -	124 13 0
	Turkish Mission Balance,	- - - - -	54 0 10
			ABRAM PATTERSON, Treasurer.

29th June, 1863.

Report of Com. on Union meeting.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for a united meeting with the other religious bodies now in session at Charlotte Town, reported a programme of proceedings, which was adopted.

Adjourned to allow the members to proceed to Government House, to present the Address to His Excellency, and to meet again after the united public meeting. Concluded with prayer.

## T W E L F T H S E D E R U N T .

*Same Day and Place, 4 o'clock.*

The Synod again met and was constituted.

Minutes read.

Read and approved the Minutes of last Sederunt.

Next meeting,

Proceeded to decide on the place of the next meeting. A vote was

taken between Truro and Pictou, when the latter was chosen, the meeting to be held in Prince St. Church, on the Fourth Tuesday of June, at 7 o'clock, p.m.

The Rev. A. Falconer was appointed to assist Rev. John McCurdy in the dispensation of the Sacrament of the Supper, on the 4th Tuesday of July. Assistance to  
Rev. J. McCurdy.

The Clerk read the reply of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of P. E. Island, which was ordered to be published in the appendix to the minutes. Lieut. Governor's Reply.

Resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Dalhousie College. While the discussion was going on the hour of adjournment arrived. Concluded with prayer.

### THIRTEENTH S E D E R U N T .

*Same Day and Place, half-past 7 o'clock.*

The Synod again met and was constituted.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the moderator, and Messrs. Rod. McGregor and Robert Gordon. Devotional exercises.

The Revds. Alex McDonald and John McKinnon, were appointed to act on the committee for supplementing stipends, for the present meeting of Synod, in place of Dr. McLeod, and D. B. Blair, who have returned home. The Rev. Mr. Christie was appointed Convener, pro tem. Supplementary Board.

Resumed consideration of the report of the committee on Dalhousie College. Report on Dalhousie College

Moved by the Rev. George Christie, seconded by the Rev. Isaac Murray. Mr. Christie's motion.

"That this Synod is deeply sensible of the importance of a Provincial University, and would cordially unite with the other denominations of Christians in the Lower Provinces, to establish such an Institution at Halifax, N.S. And so soon as it may be found that other denominations are willing to unite in the support of a University, this Synod will be prepared to carry out in good faith, the arrangements of their committee, and give them their hearty support, to the extent of endowing at least two Professorships."

Moved in amendment by the Rev. Professor King, seconded by the Rev. James Bayne. Prof. King's amendment.

"That the Synod approve of the basis of arrangements submitted by the committee, find that the act passed by the Legislature in its late session for the resuscitation of Dalhousie College, has placed that institution on such a footing that the Synod in availing itself of the opening now presented will secure great advantages for a more extended preparatory education of their own students than at present possessed, will at the same time aid in the establishment of a Provincial Institution, which is much needed, and the attainment of which must be indefinitely postponed if the present opportunity be thrown away; re-appoint the committee with powers to complete the necessary arrangements for the transference of the Classes from Truro to Halifax, with all convenient speed."

While the discussion was going on, the hour of adjournment arrived. Concluded with prayer.



## FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, Tuesday 30th, 10 o'clock.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Moderator.

Minutes read.

Read and approved the Minutes of last sederunt.

Report on Dalhousie College

Resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Dalhousie College. The discussion continued till the hour of adjournment. Concluded with prayer.

## FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place and Day, 3 o'clock.*

The Synod again met and constituted.

Minutes read.

Read and adopted the Minutes of last Sederunt.

Rept. on Gaelic Preachers.

The report of the committee on a supply of Gaelic speaking preachers, reported. The report was received, and the diligence of the committee approved. The first recommendation of the committee, viz: that a sum of about £30 be appropriated out of the Home Mission Board in four bursaries, for Gaelic speaking students, was adopted.

Recommendation adopted.

Report on Dalhousie College

Resumed consideration of the report of the committee on Dalhousie College. After discussion a vote was taken between Mr. Christie's motion and Professor King's amendment, when there appeared for the motion 17, for the amendment 41, Non liquet 3, so the amendment passed.

Vote Journalized.

On motion it was agreed that the names be journalized, as follows:

FOR THE MOTION.—*Of the Presbytery of Truro.*—Revs. Messrs. McCulloch, Byers, Wyllie, J. M. McKay, Currie, and Alex. Cameron, Ministers.*Of the Presbytery of Pictou.*—Rev. J. Thomson, and J. Hardie, Elder.*Of the Presbytery of Halifax.*—Revs. Messrs. Murdoch, Christie, J. Cameron and Gordon, Ministers.*Of the Presbytery of Tatamagouche.*—Rev. H. B. McKay, Minister.*Of the Presbytery of P. E. Island.*—Rev. I. Murray, and Falconer, Ministers, and Messrs. Gordon, and Mutch, Ruling Elders. Total 17.FOR THE AMENDMENT.—*Of the Presbytery of Truro.*—Rev. John I. Baxter.*Of the Presbytery of Pictou.*—Revs. Messrs Roy, J. Stewart, Bayne, Miller, A. Campbell, G. Patterson, Roddick, John McKinnon, A. Ross, Ministers, and Messrs. Morton, Ross, R. Fraser, N. S. Fraser, and McKay, Ruling Elders.*Of the Presbytery of Halifax.*—Rev. Professor King, Messrs. R. Sedgewick, Forlong, Jas McLean, W. Murray, A. Stuart, D. McMillan, and Morton, Ministers, and Messrs. Reynolds, Sellars, and Murray, Ruling Elders.*Of the Presbytery of Cape Breton.*—Rev. Alex. Ross.*Of the Presbytery of Victoria.*—Revs. Messrs. McKenzie, and McDonald, Ministers.*Of the Presbytery of Richmond.*—Rev. Murdoch Stewart.*Of the Presbytery of Tatamagouche.*—Revs. J. Munro, & T. Sedgewick.*Of the Presbytery of P. E. Island.*—Revs. Messrs. Allan, A. Munroe, G. Sutherland, A. Fraser, McNeill, W. Ross, and A. McLean, Ministers, and Hon. K. Henderson, and M. Gillis, Ruling Elders. 41.*Non liquet*, Revds. Professor Ross, Crawford, and Laird. 3.

Adjourned to meet again at half-past 7 o'clock.

## SIXTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, half-past 7 o'clock.*

Synod met and was constituted. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, and Revds. J. Bayne and K. McKenzie. Devotional exercises.

Resumed consideration of Dalhousie College.

Dalhousie College resumed.  
Professors.

Agreed that the Synod appoint two Professors in connexion with that Institution, that their salaries be £300 each. That the Rev. Professor Ross be the Professor of Moral Philosophy, and that Professor McCulloch be our second Professor, the branches to be taught by him to be left at the discretion of the committee.

Agreed that the subject of fees, both as to the amount and the appropriation of them be left to the discretion of the committee, it being understood that this Synod desire that they be as low as possible. Fees.

Agreed to recommend Professor Lyall to the Governors of Dalhousie College, as Professor of Logic. Prof. Lyall.

Agreed to nominate Messrs. Andrew McKinlay and Charles Robson, as the Governors to represent this Synod at that Board, and should either or both of them decline to act, that the committee have power to nominate others being in communion with our church, to fill their places. Governors.

The committee were appointed to negotiate with the Governors of Dalhousie College, regarding the disposal of the Apparatus belonging to our Institution. Apparatus.

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries of Cape Breton and Victoria, reported that they had examined the minutes of said Presbyteries and found them accurately kept, with slight exceptions, which were referred to the Clerk for correction. The committee also called attention to the fact that the Presbytery of Cape Breton had met on the 5th August, 1862, after being defunct, in consequence of there not being a quorum at the previous meeting. Agreed that notwithstanding this irregularity the proceedings of this Presbytery be sanctioned by the Synod, and the moderator was directed to sign the minutes of both Presbyteries. Com on minutes of Victoria and Cape Breton.

The Rev. G. Sutherland read the report of the Committee on Popery. Rept on Popery

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

## SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 1st July, 10 o'clock.*

The Synod again met and was constituted.

Read and approved the minutes of last Sederunt.

Minutes read.

The Rev. James Bayne was added to the committee on Dalhousie College. Add. to Com. on Dalhousie College.

Resumed the consideration of Foreign Mission business.

The committee appointed to prepare a statement relative to the death of Mr. and Mrs. Matheson, submitted the following, which was approved and ordered to be engrossed on the minutes of Synod:— Foreign Mission.

That this Synod record their high appreciation of the services, in the cause of their Divine Master, of the late lamented Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Matheson, and while they regret the early removal of these devoted servants of Christ, yet they desire humbly to acquiesce in the will of the

great Head of the Church, "all whose ways are truth and paths judgment."

"They desire also to express their deep sympathies with the relatives of the deceased, and pray that grace sufficient may be imparted to comfort and sustain them under their trying dispensations."

**Salaries.**

Took up the various subjects of reference. First, the Board recommend that the salaries of Missionaries be raised to the amount paid by the London Missionary Society, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, viz., £120 sterling, to include all contingencies and incidental expenses, to commence from their landing on the Island. The recommendation was adopted.

**Income of Missionaries.**

Secondly.—What means should be taken to increase the number of Missionaries? That the matter be remitted to the committee.

**Time of sailing of schooner.**

Thirdly.—The time of the sailing of the Mission Schooner. The matter was remitted to the Foreign Mission Board.

**Thanks to Mr. Tucker.**

Fourthly.—Agreed unanimously that the Synod record their thanks to — Tucker, Esq., Lloyds agent, for his kindness in gratuitously surveying the Mission Schooner, and granting a certificate with the view to her being classed at Lloyds, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate this resolution to him.

**Greek Mission.**

Fifthly.—On the subject of re-commencement of the Greek Mission, it was agreed that the matter be remitted to the Board.

The Board also submitted the following minute of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, which was ordered to be entered in the minutes.

**Minute of Reformed Presbyterian Synod**

"It was moved, seconded and agreed to that the thanks of Synod be recorded to the brethren of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces for their generous conduct in reference to the portion of the grant made by the B. and F. Bible Society."

**Board re-appointed.**

The Board was re-appointed with the addition of the Rev. Alex. Ross Pictou, and with Rev. James Waddell, as a corresponding member.

**Report on Popery.**

Resumed consideration of the report of the Committee on Popery. The Rev. William Murray moved, and Professor King seconded,

**Motion.**

That the Report be received, and the diligence of the Committee approved: that the Synod while expressing their approbation of the grand object of Protestant organizations in general, do not express any opinion, as to the nature or character of any organization in particular; and instruct the Committee to prosecute their efforts for the evangelization of Romanists.

While the discussion was going on the hour of adjournment arrived. Concluded with prayer.

## E I G H T E E N T H S E D E R U N T .

*Same Place and Day, 3 o'clock.*

The Synod met, and was constituted.

**Minutes read.**

Read and approved the minutes of last sederunt.

**Report on Educational Institutions.**

Rev. E. Ross read the Report of the Board of Superintendence of Educational Institutions which was received, and the diligence of the Committee approved.

**Com. on Popery**

Resumed consideration of the Report on Popery. Mr. Murray's motion passed.

Revs. Messrs. Waddell, Allan, McCulloch and Thomas Sedgwick requested that their dissent from this resolution be marked on the minutes. Request granted.

The Committee was re-appointed with the addition of the Revs. J. McKinnon, McCulloch and Bayne.

It was agreed that the Presbytery of Victoria shall have power to meet without their bounds at such a place as they may deem proper, in the matter on which Assessors have been appointed.

The Rev. John L. Murdoch, according to notice given, moved the following resolution,

That in order to the greater efficiency of the gospel ministry, it is the opinion of this Synod, that students of divinity attending our Theological Hall should be early trained in the habit of public speaking by the delivery of their exercises. And Presbyteries are hereby instructed to require of all applicants for admission to the office of the ministry the delivery of those of their exercises of a popular character, without the use of Manuscript.

It was moved in amendment, That the subject be deferred till next meeting of Synod.

On a vote being taken, the amendment passed.

Adjourned to meet again this evening at 7½ o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

## NINETEENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, half-past 7 P. M.*

Synod met, and the Moderator being absent at the commencement of the sederunt, the Rev. Geo. Christie was appointed Moderator *pro tempore*, and constituted the Synod with prayer.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. Jas. Bayne and Kenneth McKenzie.

The Clerk being absent at the commencement of the sederunt, Rev. William Murray was appointed Clerk *pro tempore*.

The Minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

The Rev. James Bayne read the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Scheme for the support of the Widows and Orphans of Ministers. Report was received, the diligence of the Committee approved, the recommendations of the Report adopted, and it was remitted to the same Committee to carry them out.

Resumed the consideration of the Report of Board of Superintendence of Education. The Board was re-appointed.

The Rev. W. Murray read the Report on Systematic Beneficence. On motion the Report was received and adopted. The Committee was re-appointed with addition of Rev. Messrs. McCulloch and Thos. Sedgwick and Rod. McGregor, ruling elder, with instructions to carry out the scheme.

Report of the Auditing Committee was read by Mr. Roderick McGregor, shewing the following:

*Abstract of Synod Accounts. June 1863.*

### FOREIGN MISSION.

Amount collected in the year, - - - - -	£1144 13 4½
Expended,* - - - - -	1227 14 1
Expenditure over receipts, - - - - -	£83 0 8½
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1862. - - - - -	574 3 7½
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1863. - - - - -	£491 2 11

\*£500 of this loaned on Mission Schooner.

Dissent.

Com. re-appointed.

Presbytery of Victoria, pwr. to meet without bounds.

Mr. Murdoch's on reading discourses by Students of Theology.

Amendment to defer.

Amendmt. passed.

Devotional exercises.

Clerk, pro tem.

Minutes read.

Com. on widows fund.

Report of Com. on Educational Institutions

Report on systematic beneficence.

Com. report.

Rept. of Auditing Com.

HOME MISSION.		
Amount collected in the year, - - - - -		£376 6 11
Expended, - - - - -		379 14 3
Expenditure over receipts, - - - - -		£3 7 3½
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1862, - - - - -		49 12 1
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1863. - - - - -		£46 4 9½
EDUCATIONAL BOARD.		
Amount received in the year, - - - - -		£944 10 0½
Expended, - - - - -		945 8 10
Expenditure over receipts - - - - -		£0 18 9½
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1862. - - - - -		39 16 9½
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1863. - - - - -		£38 18 0
SYNOD FUND.		
Amount collected in the year, - - - - -		£112 1 1
Expended, including last year's balance, - - - - -		148 16 7
Balance due the Treasurer, - - - - -		£36 15 6
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.		
Amount collected in the year and paid Educational Board, -		£279 18 3
THE LATE MR. MATHESON'S LEGACY.		
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1862, - - - - -		£64 12 9
Loan to Student repaid, - - - - -		7 0 0
Expended in the year, - - - - -		£71 12 9
SPECIAL EFFORT.		
Amount in Treasurer's hands, June 1862, - - - - -		£144 13 10½
Collected during the year, - - - - -		58 7 6
Paid Educational Board, - - - - -		£203 1 4½
DEMERDESH BUILDING.		
Amount collected to June 1861, - - - - -		£40 0 1½
Balance due, June 1862, - - - - -		117 5 9
Paid H. L. Dickie, money returned, - - - - -		£157 3 11
22 10 0		
Balance in Treasurer's hands, June 1863. - - - - -		£134 13 11
TURKISH MISSION.		
Balance in Treasurers hand, June 1862. - - - - -		£54 0 10
CHRISTIANITY AMONG JEWS.		
Amount collected in the year, - - - - -		£10 7 6
Sent Rev. W. McCulloch, to remit to Edinburgh, - - - - -		10 7 6
MISSION SCHOONER.		
Amount paid to Treasurer to 1st June, 1863, - - - - -		£234 11 11
Monies in charge of Educational Board, - - - - -		4222 5 0
Annual Interest, - - - - -		253 6 5
Professorial Fund in Halifax. - - - - -		7275 0 3

The total amount collected last year for the different Schemes of the Church, including £266 4s. 6d. Interest, £2582 18s. 5d., besides interest on Professorial Fund in Halifax.

The Report was received, the diligence of Committee approved, and the thanks of the Synod conveyed to them.

The Report of the Synod Fund Committee was submitted by Mr. Com. on Synod Fund.

Roderick McGregor. The Report was received and adopted, and the diligence of the Committee approved.

The Rev. Mr. Baxter read the Report of the Committee on Colportage. Report on Colportage.  
On motion the Report was received, and the diligence of the Committee approved. The Committee was re-appointed.

The Petition of the Presbytery of Truro was read by the Clerk, and the case stated by the Rev. W. McCulloch. Petition from Presbytery of Truro.

On motion of Rev. W. McCulloch, it was agreed, that Presbyteries be enjoined to give strict attention to instructions of Synod in reference to the employment of students of Theology as Catechists only. Resolution of Synod.

After discussion it was agreed that the Presbytery of Truro have leave to withdraw the second matter referred to in their petition. 2nd part withdrawn.

Took up the supply of Professor Smith's pulpit. It was moved that it be supplied by Presbyteries as formerly. It was moved in amendment, that it be supplied by probationers. On a vote being taken, the amendment passed. Prof. Smith's Pulpit.

Notice was given of a motion to rescind, to-morrow morning.  
Adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Notice to rescind.

## T W E N T I E T H S E D E R U N T .

*Same Place, 2nd July 6 o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted.

Read and approved the Minutes of last sederunt.

Minutes read.

On motion it was agreed that members of Synod leaving its meetings without special leave of absence shall not be entitled to any part of their expenses out of the Synod Fund. Mem. absent without leave

Agreed that arrangements as to the building in Truro be left to the Committee on Dalhousie College. Truro building.

The Rev. George Christie read the Report of the Committee on supplementing Stipends. The Report was received, adopted, and referred to the Board of Home Missions to be carried out. Report on supplementing stipends.

On motion it was agreed that no supplement be granted unless the congregation fill up the statistical Return. It was also agreed that such congregations are expected to take collections for the schemes of the church, and that the Committee shall every year examine the Statistical Returns, as to how far this duty has been discharged before granting supplement. Congregations receiving supplement.

On motion the decision of last night as to the supply of Professor Smith's pulpit was rescinded, and it was resolved that it should be supplied by the following Presbyteries to the following amount and in the following order, viz. Pictou 4, Truro 4, Halifax 3, and Tatamagouche 2, but that Presbyteries shall have the privilege of supply by probationers if they see fit. Prof. Smith's pulpit.

Deferred the consideration of the reports of Presbyteries and Sessions on questions at Presbyterial visitation till next meeting of Synod. Report on questions at Presbyterial Vis.

The Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Professors King and Ross, McCulloch, McKnight, Sedgwick, and Mr. Chas. Robson were appointed a Committee to consider the various reports of Presbyteries and Sessions anent the Formulas of questions to Probationers at licensure, and to Ministers, Elders, and Deacons at ordination, and prepare revised formulas to be submitted at next meeting of Synod. Com to revise formulas.

- Mode of ordain- ing Elders.** The consideration of the reports of Presbyteries and Sessions on the mode of the ordination of Elders and Deacons was deferred till next meeting of Synod.
- Com. on Mar- riage Licenses** The Committee on Marriage Licenses reported that they had not been able to accomplish anything. The Report was received, and the Com- mittee re-appointed.
- Com. on Sab- bath obser- vance.** The Report of the Committee of Sabbath Observance was called for, when Mr. Laird stated verbally that they had had the subject before them, but the only point which they deemed worthy of notice was the discontinuance of the Saturday market in Charlotte Town. The Com- mittee was re-appointed, Mr Laird convener.
- Rules on evi- dence.** On motion, the Committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure were directed to prepare a section on evidence.
- Church prop- erty.** The Committee on the Security of Church property, reported that they had fulfilled the duty of publishing the act of the Legislature with ex- planations. The report was received, and the Committee discharged.
- Report of edu- cation board** The Report of the Educational Board was read, and the diligence of the Committee approved.
- Adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

## T W E N T Y - F I R S T S E D E R U N T .

*Same Place and Day, 9 o'clock.*

- The Synod met, and was constituted.
- Minutes read.** Read and approved the Minutes of last sederunt.
- Com on minutes Presbytery of Pictou and Tataouche.** The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Pictou and Tataouche, reported that they had discharged that duty, and found the business regularly conducted and minutes accurately kept.
- Com on minutes of Board.** The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the various Boards of the church reported that the minutes were correctly kept and business regularly conducted.
- Publi'n. Com.** The Report of the Publication Committee was read and adopted.
- Power to Pres- bytery of Vic- toria.** Agreed that the Presbytery of Victoria shall have power to proceed in the case in which assessors have been appointed on to final judgment notwithstanding any appeals on preliminary points.
- Corrs. member.** The Rev. A. Blaikie of Boston being present, was invited to corres- pond and briefly addressed the court.
- Pictou Presby- tery to meet.** The Presbytery of Pictou was appointed to meet in Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on Thursday, 9th July.
- Com on Statis- tical retu. ns.** The Committee on Statistical Returns reported, submitting a table of returns, but stating that there were still 30 blanks. The Report was re- ceived and the diligence of the Committee approved. Presbyteries were enjoined to enforce the order of Synod upon delinquents, and it was agreed that the table be not published till it shall be in a more complete state.
- Thanks to Capt. Evans, &c.** On motion it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Synod be given to Capt. Evans and the proprietors of the Steamer Westmorland, to Mr. Hyde, and to the managers of the Nova Scotia Railway, for the accommodation afforded to members of Synod attending this meeting by reduced fares.
- Congregations in Ch'Town.** Also to the congregations of the Free Church and Queen Square for the accommodation afforded to the Synod during its present Session.
- People of Char- lottetown.** Also to the members of those two congregations and other friends in

Charlottetown and neighbourhood, for their very great hospitality toward the members of Synod during its present Session.

The Committee appointed to prepare a statement regarding Professor Ross's position, submitted a paper on the subject, which was deferred till next meeting of Synod. Prof. Ross' position.

Resumed consideration of the Report of the Board of Superintendence of the Synod's Educational Institutions. On the subject of the grant of £250 from the Government of Nova Scotia, it was moved by the Rev. William McCulloch, seconded by the Rev. William Murray, That the sum of £150 be paid to Mr. George in view of the withdrawal of this grant from the Free Church Academy. Report on Educational Institutions.  
Govt. grant.  
Motion.

Moved in amendment by the Rev. George Patterson, seconded by the Rev. James Bayne, That as the Institution known as the Free Church Academy, had been in receipt of this grant at the time of the union, the grant be allowed to continue to it during the present year, but that in view of the importance of the principles involved, and the bearing of the matter upon the public policy on Education in the Province of Nova Scotia, the question as to the future be deferred for full consideration at the next meeting of Synod. Amendment.

A vote being taken, there appeared for the motion 20, for the amendment 20, and the Moderator decided in favour of the motion. Decision.

The Revds. Professor King and J. Stewart craved that their dissent from this resolution should be marked in the Minutes. Leave granted. Dissent.

Read the Minutes of this sederunt.

Minutes read.

The Moderator having briefly addressed the Synod, closed its present Session with praise, prayer, and the apostolical benediction, and declared the Synod adjourned to meet again in Prince Street Church, Pictou, on the 4th Tuesday of June, 1864, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Concluding exercises.

GEORGE PATTESRON, *Clerk.*



## APPENDIX.

COPY.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, HALIFAX, 22nd August, 1862.

Reverend Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of an address of condolence to Her Majesty, passed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, at its late annual meeting, and I have to inform you that I have forwarded the same to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, with a request that it may be laid at the foot of the throne.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of an address to myself passed at the same time, and I have to request that you will convey to the Synod my sincere thanks for the kindly feelings expressed in it towards myself and family; and I fervently unite with you in those prayers which you assure me will be offered up to Almighty God for his support in my administration of the Government of this Province.

I have the honor to be,  
Reverend Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
(Signed) MULGRAVE.

The Rev. Dr. HUGH McLEOD.

COPY.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 2nd October, 1862.

Reverend Sir,—

I have been requested by his honor, the Administrator of the Government, to forward to you a copy of despatch No. 198, 8th September, received by last mail from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, in which he states that the address of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen, from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of British North America, has been received and laid by him at the foot of the throne.

I have the honor to be,  
Reverend Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
(Signed) WILLIAM HICKMAN,  
Private Secretary.

COPY. No. 198.

DOWNING STREET, 8th September, 1862.

My Lord,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 77, of the 30th ultimo, together with an address of condolence to the Queen from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, and I have to request that you will acquaint that body that I am commanded by the Queen to express the gratification which she has derived from their sympathy.

I have the honor to be,  
My Lord,  
Your obedient Servant,  
(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

THE EARL OF MULGRAVE, &amp;c., &amp;c.

To the Moderator and Remnant members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

GENTLEMEN,—

I am happy to welcome you as the members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, convened for the first time within this Island.

You have availed yourselves of an opportunity of expressing your sincere loyalty to the Queen, and your appreciation of the blessings of civil and religious liberty which are enjoyed under Her Majesty's Government. It will afford me much satisfaction to forward to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, your congratulatory address to Her Majesty, and to His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales.

I accept with pleasure your congratulations on my being entrusted by our Gracious Queen with the Government of so fertile and so attractive a portion of the Empire.

I am gratified by the statements, which your address contains, respecting my administration of the affairs of this Colony. I trust that under the Divine blessing I may be sustained in the faithful discharge of the important duties of my office.

I thank you in Mrs. Dundas's name and my own for the cordial wishes for our happiness which you have expressed.

(Signed) GEORGE DUNDAS,  
Lieut. Governor.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 29th June, 1863.