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FIRST SEREDUNT.

At Halifax, and within St. Matthew's Church there; Tuesday, third day of October, One thousand, Eight hundred and Seventy-six, at half-past Seven o'clock, p. m. :

Which day and place the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, and after sermon, by the Moderator, the Rev. Robert Sedgwick, from the Gospel of John, chap. 4, verse 38, "I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor; other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labors," was constituted.

Changes affecting the roll, which have occurred since the last meeting of Synod were read. These are as follows:— Changes affecting Roll.

DEMISSIONS.

In the Presbytery of St. John :—The Rev. Wm. Stuart, of the congregation of Fredericton, October 7th, 1875. The Rev. A. Donald, of the congregation of Londonderry, &c., October 7th, 1875. The Rev. Isaac Simpson, of the congregation of Nerepis, &c., January 11th, 1876. The Rev. W. Fogo, of the congregation of Nashwaak and Stanley, May 9th, 1876. The Rev. R. J. Cameron, of the congregation of St. Andrew's, St. John, June 30th, 1876.

In the Presbytery of Wallace :—The Rev. Chas. Naismith, of the congregation of Springhill, June 1st, 1876.

In the Presbytery of Truro :—The Rev. D. McKinnon, of the congregation of Parsboro', December 31st, 1875. The Rev. A. L. Wyllie, of the congregation of Great Village, March 31st, 1876. The Rev. Eben E. Ross, of the congregation of Upper Londonderry, April 30th, 1876. The Rev. Jacob Layton, of the congregation of Coldstream, July, 1876. The Rev. John I. Baxter, of the collegiate pastoral charge of Onslow, September 5th, 1876.

In the Presbytery of P. E. Island :—The Rev. Peter Melville, of the congregation of Georgetown, Cardigan, &c., November 17th, 1875.

In the Presbytery of Halifax :—The Rev. J. D. McGillivray, of the congregation of Newport, June 6th, 1876. The Rev. John Campbell, of the congregation of St. Andrew's, Halifax, September 20th, 1876.

In the Presbytery of Sydney :—The Rev. C. E. McLean, of the congregation of Leitch's Creek, on the 30th September, 1876.

In the Presbytery of Miramichi :—The Rev. S. Russell, ordained Missionary, his connection with the congregation of Black River, February 2nd, 1876. The Rev. W. Scott, of the congregation of New Carlisle, Hopetown and Port Daniel, May 1st, 1876.

TRANSLATIONS.

In the Presbytery of St. John :—The Rev. Samuel Johnson, from the congregation of Harvey to that of Chipman, May 24th, 1876.

In the Presbytery of P. E. Island :—The Rev. John Murray, from the congregation of New London and Granville to that of the second congregation, Sydney, in the Presbytery of Sydney, January 26th, 1876. The Rev. S. C. Gunn, from the congregation of West River, &c., to that of East St. Peter's, July 5th, 1876.

INDUCTIONS.

In the Presbytery of St. John :—The Rev. W. P. Begg, into the congregation of St. Stephen, November 25th, 1875. The Rev. Wm. Caven, into the congregation of Fredericton, April 19th, 1876. The Rev. William Richardson, into the congregation of St. Andrew's, April 20th, 1876.

In the Presbytery of Wallace :—The Rev. Thomas Talloch, into the congregation of Amherst, December 25th, 1875.

In the Presbytery of Truro :—The Rev. Andrew Burrows into the congregation of Truro West, July 25th, 1876.

In the Presbytery of Miramichi :—The Rev. S. Houston, into the congregation of Bathurst, February 23rd, 1876. The Rev. Wm. McCullagh, into the congregation of Redbank, &c., June 7th, 1876.

In the Presbytery of Halifax :—The Rev. David Neish, into the congregation of North Cornwallis, August 29th, 1876.

ORDINATIONS.

In the Presbytery of Pictou :—The Rev. E. D. Pelletier as French Missionary, May 16th, 1876. The Rev. Wm. Thos. Bruce, M. D., to the congregation of Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River, September 26th, 1876.

In the Presbytery of P. E. Island :—The Rev. Ernest S. Bayne, to the congregation of Murray Harbor, January 18th, 1876.

In the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth :—The Rev. Thos. Murray, to the congregation of Riversdale, May 25th, 1876.

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MINISTERS.

- H. McLeod, M.A., D.
- Matt'w Wilson, M. A.
- James Ross.....
- Abraham McIntosh
- Donald Sutherland
- * Alex. Farquharson.
- Donald McDougall.
- David Drummond.
- John Murray.....
- Peter Clarke.....

VACANCIES.

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- * Murd'h Stewart, M. A.
- William G. Forbes.
- Kenneth McKenzie.
- Alex. Grant.....
- * A. F. Thompson.....

VACANCIES.

STATIONS.

In the Presbytery of Halifax:—The Rev. Adam Gunn, to the congregation of Gore and Kennetcook, February 8th, 1876. The Rev. D. F. Creelman as Missionary to Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, April 25th, 1876.

In the Presbytery of Miramichi:—The Rev. Alex. Russell, to the congregation of St. John's, Dalhousie, February 22nd, 1876.

LICENSURES.

By the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:—Mr. Thos. Murray, April 20th, 1876.

By the Presbytery of Halifax:—Mr. W. T. Bruce, M. D., January 18th, 1876. Mr. D. F. Creelman, April 25th, 1876.

By the Presbytery of Pictou:—Mr. Wm. Ross, May 2nd, 1876. Mr. F. W. George, September 12th, 1876.

CONGREGATIONS ERECTED.

In the Presbytery of Pictou:—The congregation of Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River, January 18th, 1876.

In the Presbytery of Wallace:—The congregation of Shemogue and Port Elgin, August 23rd, 1876.

MISSION STATION ORGANIZED.

In the Presbytery of Truro:—North River, December 14th, 1875.

The Roll, as affected by these changes, was then read, when the Reading of Roll members present answered to their names.

The Roll is as follows, the members present being marked with an asterisk (*).

1. PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
H. McLeod, M.A., D.D.	Nov., 1833	Neil McOdrom..	Mira	Sydney.
Matt'w Wilson, M. A.	June, 1842	W. Gammell, Esq	Sydney Mines	Sydney Mines.
James Ross	Sep. 1, 1853	.....	Grand River	Grand River.
Abraham McIntosh..	Aug. 21, 1856	.....	St. Ann's, North Shore...	St. Ann's.
Donald Sutherland..	June 6, 1860	Philip McDonald	Gabarus	Gabarus.
* Alex. Farquharson...	Dec. 14, 1864	* D. McLellan	Sydney	Sydney.
Donald McDougall...	Nov. 15, 1865	* T. P. Jones, Esq.	Cow Bay Mines	Cow Bay.
David Drummond...	June 18, 1872	D. McDonald..	Boularderie	Boularderie.
John Murray	Jan. 2, 1873	F. Falconer	2nd Congregation, Sydney.	Sydney.
Peter Clarke	Nov. 12, 1873	.....	Cape North	Cape North.
VACANCIES.	.....	Jas. Johnstone .	Leitch's Creek .....	.....
.....	.....	.....	Loch Lomond & Framboise	.....
.....	.....	.....	Glace Bay Mines .....	.....

2. PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
* Murd'h Stewart, M.A.	Oct. 29, 1843	Hector McDonald	Whycomohah	Whycomohah.
William G. Forbes...	..... 1852	.....	Port Hastings & R. Dennis.	Port Hastings.
* Kenneth McKenzie...	Dec. 2, 1857	* David McCurdy .	Baddeck and Forks	Baddeck.
Alex. Grant	Dec. 6, 1871	Hugh Campbell.	Lake Ainslie & N. Cove, S.	Lake Ainslie.
* A. F. Thompson	Sep. 8, 1874	Lewis McKeen..	Mabou	Mabou.
VACANCIES.	.....	.....	Middle River & Little Nar's	.....
.....	.....	.....	Malagawatch .....	.....
.....	.....	.....	West Bay .....	.....
STATIONS.	.....	.....	St. Peters .....	.....
.....	.....	.....	North East Margaree .....	.....

3. PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
John Stewart.....				New Glasgow.
* George Walker.....	1838	* Dan'l McDonald	United C'h, New Glasgow..	New Glasgow.
* James Bayne, D. D.	Oct. 6, 1842	H. B. Lowden..	Prince St. Church, Pictou..	Pictou.
* A. P. Miller.....	May 7, 1844	Jesse Hingley ..	French River.....	French River.
* D. B. Blair.....	Oct. 2d, 1846	* Chas. McLeane..	Barney's River, Blue Mt., and Garden of Eden..	ney's River.
* Geo. Patterson, D.D.	Oct. 31, 1849	David Miller....	Salem Church, Green Hill..	Laggan, Bar- Green Hill.
* James Thompson..	July 2, 1854	Robert Stewart..	Central C'h, West River...	West River.
William Maxwell....	July 13, 1854	Benj. McLeod ..	Little H'r & Fisher's Grant	Little Harbor.
* John Lees.....	July 10, 1855	Donald McIntosh	Westville & Middle River...	Westville.
* George Roddick.....	May 11, 1858	John McKenzie..	West River.....	Durham.
Alex. Stirling.....			Scotsburn & Salt Springs...	Scotsburn.
* J. h'n McKinnon.....	Sep. 29, 1858	Donald Shaw....	Hopewell.....	Hopewell.
* Alex. Ross, M. A.	Sep. 19, 1860	Alex. McKay....	Knox Church, Pictou.....	Pictou.
Peter Goodfellow....	Jan. 29, 1862	John McDonald.	Antigonish.....	Antigonish.
* Thomas Cumming ..	Aug. 1863		Sharon Church, Stellarton.	Stellarton.
* E. A. McCurdy.....	J'ne 20, 1866	Harvey Graham.	James' C'h, New Glasgow..	New Glasgow.
* A. McL. Sinclair ..	July 25, 1866	* James Cumming	East River.....	Sp'gville, Anp.
* J. F. Forbes.....	July 27, 1867		Union Centre & Lochaber.	Union Centre.
Robert Cumming....	Mch. 16, 1869	Alex. Archibald.	Glenelg, Caledonia & St. Mary's.....	[boro'. Melrose, Guys-
* Hugh McD. Scott, M. A., B. D.	J'ne 23, 1874	* Jas. McDonald..	Merigomish.....	Merigomish.
E. D. Pelletier.....	May 16, 1876		(French Missionary) Stel- larton & Vale Colliery.	Stellarton.
* Wm. T. Bruce, M. D.	Sep. 26, 1876	Daniel Ross.....	Vale Col'y & Sutherl'd's Riv	Vale Colliery.
VACANCY.		J. A. McDonald.	Sherbrooke.....	Sherbrooke.

4. PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

James Watson.....	Oct. 15, 1830	George Langille.	New Annan.....	New Annan.
* John Munro.....	Nov. 9, 1848	* John McKenzie..	Wallace and Pugwash ...	Wallace.
* W. S. Darragh.....	Nov 12, 1850	J. M. Burns	Goose River.....	Goose River.
* James Murray.....	Nov. 3, 1852	* Alex. Ross.....	Wallace.....	Wallace.
* H. B. McKay.....	J'ne 22, 1855	John McLean..	River John.....	River John....
* Thos. Sedgwick.....	Sep. 19, 1860	W. M. Blackwood	Tatamagouche.....	Tatamagouche
Robert McCunn.....	May, 1861			
* William Grant.....	Sep. 27, 1869	* Thos. Gunn....	River John.....	River John.
* John M. Sutherland.	Dec. 5, 1872	John Fraser....	Earltown.....	Earltown.
* Thos. Talloch.....	1867	W. D. Main ...	Pugwash.....	Pugwash.
VACANCIES.		Thos. Davidson..	Amberst.....	Amberst.
		* J.W.P. Chisholm	Springhill.....	Springhill.
			Wentworth.....	Wentworth.
			Earltown.....	Earltown.
		* William Duncan	Shemogue & P't Elgin, N.B	

5. PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

* John I. Baxter.	May 1832		(Retired).....	
* Wm. McCulloch, D.D.	Feb. 14, 1839	* H. Tupper	Truro.....	Truro.
* James Byers	May, 1845	* David Smith....	Clifton.....	Clifton.
* James McG. McKay..	J'ne 26, 1855	James Graham..	Economy.....	Economy.
* Alex. Cameron.....	Sep. 16, 1857	* John Creelman..	Riverside.....	Portaupique.
* And'w Burrows, B. A.	J'ne 29, 1864	* Jas. K. Blair... .	Truro West.....	Truro.
* John McMillan, B. D.	Mar. 26, 1866	* Don'ld A. Fraser	St. Paul's, Truro.....	Truro.
* James Sinclair.....	Sep. 10, 1867	* James Creelman	Springside.....	Up. Stewiacke.
* J. H. Chase, M. A.	May 5, 1869	* Alex. Baird	Onslow.....	Onslow.
* Edward Grant.....	Oct. 26, 1869	* Robert Gammell	Stewiacke.....	Up. Stewiacke.
* Edwin Smith, B. A.	Oct. 30, 1871	* Samuel Ryan. . . .	Md. Stewiacke & Brookfield	Md. Stewiacke.
VACANCIES.		William Adams..	Paraboro'.....	Southampton.
		William Stewart	Acadia.....	West Chester.
		* Daniel M. Kent..	Great Village.....	Great Village.
		* Thos. M. Crowe.	Upper Londonderry.....	Folly Village.
		* Jno C. Archibald	Coldstream.....	Valley.
		William Patrick.	Maccan.....	Maccan.

Mission Station—North River.

MINISTERS

- * Robert Sed
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- * R. F. Burr
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- * James McL
- * Alex. Stua
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- * Prof. John
- * Geo. M. Gr
- * Alex. Falco
- * J. A. F. Su
- * Chas. B. P
- * A. J. Mow
- * Allan Simp
- * John Forr
- * Samuel Be
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- * L. G. McN
- * James Ros
- * Kenneth J
- * David Nei
- * Ephraim S
- * Adam Gun
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- * George Ch
- * William D
- * Donald M
- * Matthew G
- * Peter M. M
- * Ebenezer I
- * John C. M
- * Ebenezer I
- * Thomas M

- J. M. Broo
- * Wm. Cava
- Andrew D
- * James Ben
- * Lewis Jac
- W. Millen
- * D. McLise
- * Donald M
- Samuel Jo
- James Gra
- * D. Waters
- * W. Richar
- * J. D. Murr
- * Joseph Ho
- J. K. Bear
- * J. C. Burg
- * K. McKay

6. PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
* Robert Sedgwick	Sep. 1836	* Wm. McCurdy	Musquodoboit	Musquodoboit
* P. G. McGregor, D. D.	Oct. 1841	.....	Agent of the Church	Halifax (muda)
Walter Thorburn	.....	.....	Warwick, Bermuda	Warwick, Ber-
* R. F. Burns, D. D.	July 18, 1847	* Dr. Gordon	Fort Massey, Halifax	Halifax.
* Prof. A. Pollock, D. D.	Dec. 14, 1852	.....	Theological Hall	Halifax.
* James McLean	Nov. 13, 1854	* A. C. Calder	Shubena'die & L. Stewiacke	Shubencadie.
* Alex. Stuart	Oct. 30, 1856	* Joseph, Conrod.	Lawrencetown	Porter's Lake.
* Prof. A. McKnight	Feb. 26, 1857	.....	Theological Hall	Dartmouth.
* Prof. John Currie	Aug 12, 1857	.....	Theological Hall	Halifax.
* Geo. M. Grant, M. A.	Dec., 1860	* J. J. Bremner	St. Matthew's Halifax	Halifax.
* Alex. Falconer	Aug 14, 1862	* Alex. James	Dartmouth	Dartmouth.
* J. A. F. Sutherland	May 4, 1864	John Dill	St. Croix and Ellershouse	St. Croix.
* Chas. B. Pitblado	Feb. 15, 1865	Alex. McKenzie	Chalmer's Church, Halifax	Halifax.
* A. J. Mowatt	June 5, 1866	* Edward Curry	Windsor	Windsor.
* Allan Simpson	Aug. 7, 1866	* S. Waddell	Poplar Grove, Halifax	Halifax.
* John Forrest	Dec. 13, 1866	* James Farquhar	St. John's, Halifax	Halifax.
* Samuel Bernard	.....	Nat. Densmore	Cornwallis South	Kentville.
* John B. Logan	Oct. 1, 1868	Judge Blanchard	Noel	Noel.
* A. B. Dickie	Dec. 22, 1869	John Hall	Sheet Harbor	Sheet Harbor.
* L. G. McNeill	Nov 12, 1872	* Dunc'n Cameron	Maitland	Maitland. [H'r
* James Rosborough	July 23, 1873	Wm. Anderson	Musquodoboit Harbor	Musquodoboit
* Kenneth Junor	Nov. 30, 1873	.....	Hamilton, Bermuda	Hamilt'n, B'da
* David Neish	Dec. 2, 1873	* H. B. Webster	Cornwallis North	Nth. Cornwall's
* Ephraim Scott	Sep. 30, 1875	Samuel More	Milford and Gays River	Milford.
* Adam Gunn	Feb. 8, 1876	* N. Wier	Gore and Kennetcook	Kennetcook.
VACANCIES.		.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	* Charles Forbes	Annapolis and Bridgetown	Annapolis.
.....	.....	John Hosterman	Richmond, N. W. Arm, &c.	N'th West Arm
.....	.....	* W. G. Pender	St. Andrew's, Halifax	Halifax.
.....	.....	* John Irvin	Upper Musquodoboit	Up. Musquod't
.....	.....	.....	Little River, Musquodoboit	Lit. Riv., Mns-
.....	.....	.....	Kempt and Walton	Kempt. [qudbt
.....	.....	.....	Elmsdale & Nile Mile River	Elmsdale.
.....	.....	.....	West Cornwallis	W'st Cornwall's
.....	.....	Hiram Smith	Newport	Newport.

7. PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH.

* George Christie	July 22, 1842	Nathan Hilton	Yarmouth	Yarmouth.
* William Duff	June, 1843	James Eisenhaur	Lunenburg	Lunenburg.
* Donald McMillan	Dec. 4, 1861	James Crook	LaHave	LaHave.
* Matthew G. Henry	Feb. 3, 1864	Philip Hogg	Clyde and Barrington	Clyde.
* Peter M. Morrison	Sep., 1865	Andrew Gow	Bridgetown	Bridgewater.
* Ebenezer McNab	May 19, 1867	George Zwicker	Mahone Bay	Mahone Bay.
* John C. Meek	Dec. 20, 1872	Sam. Richardson	Carleton and Cheboque	Carleton.
* Ebenezer D. Miller	Oct. 28, 1873	John Bewer	Shelburne	Shelburne.
* Thomas Murray	May 25, 1876	.....	Riversdale	.....

8. PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

J. M. Brooke, D. D.	July 16, 1839	James Campbell	St. Paul's, Fredericton	Fredericton.
* Wm. Cavan	Oct. 26, 1866	.....	Retired Minister	Fredericton.
Andrew Donald	July 25, 1842	.....	St. John's Church, St. John	Campb'l Sett'l't
* James Bennet	Mch 30, 1843	Walter Brown	Springfield & Eng. Sett'lmt.	St. John. (Co.
* Lewis Jack	June, 1845	* David Murray	Bocabec and Naweig	Springfd, K'gs
W. Millen	Jan., 1846	John Orr	Calvin Church, St. John	Bay Sd, St. An-
* D. McLise, D. D.	Nov. 1848	Alex. Stewart	St. Stephen's Ch., St. John	St. John. (d'ws
* Donald McRae, M. A.	Jly 21, 1851	* J. Hegan	Chipman, Queens Co.	St. John. (Co.
Samuel Johnson	May 24, 1856	W. Fowler	Sussex	Chipman, Qu's
James Gray, M. A.	Mch 6, 1857	Jas. McDiarmid	St. David's Ch., St. John	Sussex.
* D. Waters, M. A. LL. D.	Jly 16, 1861	* Rb't Cruikshank	Greenock Ch., St. Andrews	St. John.
* W. Richardson	Mch 3, 1873	David Mowatt	Buctouche, Coccaigne, etc.	St. Andrew's.
* J. D. Murray	Feb. 2, 1865	* James Frier	Moncton	Buctouche.
* Joseph Hogg	Oct. 1, 1868	Alex. Wright	Salt Sp'gs & Hammond Riv.	Moncton. (Co.
J. K. Bearjato	Sep. 30, 1869	.....	Carleton, St. John	Salt Sp'gs, Kgs
* J. C. Burgess, B. A.	May 5, 1870	Robert Lowe	Richmond	Carleton, St Jn
* K. McKay	Feb. 22, 1872	* John Campbell	.....	Richmond.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN—Continued.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
W. P. Begg, M. A.	Jun 23, 1872	Judge Stevens..	St. Stephen.	St. Stephen.
J. Quinn, M. A.	Aug 11, 1873	John McLeod..	St. James.	St. James' Chl.
J. Wallace, B. A.	Feb. 17, 1875	Andrew Maxwell	St. George.	St. George.(Co.
* P. Melville, M.A.B.D., (Ordain'd Mission'y)	Apl. 12, 1870	David Lowe.	New Kincardine.	Nw Kincard'ne
M. R. Paradis (Fr'ch Missionary)	May 19, 1875	.....	Grand Falls.	Grand Falls.
VACANCIES.				
.....	.....	* John McRobie..	St. Andrew's Ch., St. John	St. John.
.....	.....	James McNutt..	Londondy & Campbell Set.	Campbell Set.
.....	.....	.....	Harvey.	Harvey.
.....	.....	.....	Stanley and Nashwaak.	Nashwaak.
.....	.....	.....	Glassville and Florenceville	Glassville.
.....	.....	.....	Woodstock.	Woodstock.
.....	.....	.....	Baillie and Tower Hill.	Baillie.
.....	.....	William Nichol.	Prince William.	Prince William
.....	.....	.....	Pisarino, Nerepsis, etc. . . . .	.....

Mission Stations—Hopewell; Quaco; Black River.

9. PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

Angus McMasters.	Apl. 13, 1842	D. McMillan.	New Mills.	N'w Mills, K'gs
James Law, M. A.	Oct. 14, 1845	J. Giendenning.	Richibucto.	Kingston. (Co.
* T. G. Johnstone.	Jly 21, 1855	W. H. Grindley.	Blackville.	Blackville.
James Fowler, M. A.	Aug 19, 1857	Thos. Stevenson	Bass River.	Bass River.
Thomas Nicholson.	Nov., 1859	John Cook.	River Charlo.	River Charlo.
* James Anderson.	June, 1865	William Scott.	Newcastle.	Newcastle.
* W. M. Wilson, M. A.	Nov. 16, 1865	* Alex. Loggie.	Chatham.	Chatham.
John Robertson.	July 1865	Alex. McLeod.	Tabusintac and Burbet Ch.	Tabusintac.
* Sam'l Houston M. A.	Jan. 19, 1869	* T. Armstrong.	St. Luke's, Bathurst.	Bathurst.
John M. Allan, M. A.	Jan. 22, 1873	James McLean.	Chatham.	Chatham.
J. P. Bryant.	Sep. 29, 1875	.....	Kouchibouquac.	Kouchibou'ac
* Alex. Russell.	Feb. 22, 1876	* Hon. Wm. Ham- ilton.	Dalhousie.	Dalhousie.
* Wm. McCullagh. . . . .	.....	M. McKendric.	Redbank and Whitby	Redbank.
VACANCIES.				
.....	.....	.....	New Carlisle, Hopetown & Port Daniel.	New Carlisle.
.....	.....	Hugh Cameron.	Blackriver.	Blackriver.

10. PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

R. S. Patterson.	Mch 22, 1826	J. Caruthers, Esq	Bedeque.	Bedeque.
James Allan.	Jan., 1846	Wm. Lawson.	Cove Head.	Cove Head.
Alex. Campbell.	Feb., 1846	.....	Strathalbyn.	Strathalbyn.
Isaac Murray, D. D.	Jan. 16, 1850	Wm. S. McNeill.	Cavendish and N. Glasgow	Cavendish.
Alex. Munro.	Nov. 3, 1850	.....	Brown's Creek & Valleyfield	Valley Field.
Alex. McLean, M. A. . . . .	.....	.....	Belfast.	Belfast.
* Henry Crawford.	Oct. 18, 1853	* Hugh Smith.	Richmond Bay.	Port Hill.
* John M. McLeod.	Nov. 9, 1853	Prof. Anderson.	Zion Church, Charlottet'n.	Charlottetown
* Neil McKay.	Sep. 19, 1855	R. McC. Stavert.	Summerside.	Summerside.
* Thos. Duncan.	Oct. 23, 1856	* Alex. McKinnon	St. James' Ch., Charlottet'n	Charlotte town
Robert Laird.	J'ne 12, 1869	Arch'd Sinclair.	Princetown.	Princetown.
Allan McLean.	J'ne 19, 1862	Geo. McKenzie.	Dundas.	Dundas.
Wm. R. Frame.	Aug 13, 1862	James McEwan.	Mt Stewart & W. St. Peter's	Mount Stewart
* J. G. Cameron.	Mch 14, 1867	.....	Bay Fortune and Souris.	Souris.
* S. C. Gunn.	Nov 16, 1870	John A. McLaine	East St. Peter's.	E'st St. Peter's
Charles Fraser.	June 7, 1871	.....	West Cape and Campbleton	West Cape.
A. F. Carr, M. A.	Oct. 4, 1871	Alex. Matthews.	Alberton and Tignish.	Alberton.
John Sutherland.	Mch 18, 1873	John McDonald.	Woodville and Little Sands	Woodville.
* W. P. Archibald, M.A.	Sep. 29, 1875	* Adam Morrison.	Tryon and Bonshaw.	Crapaud.
* E. S. Bayne.	Jan. 18, 1876	* Wm. McLeod.	Murray Harbor.	Murray Harb'r
VACANCIES.				
.....	.....	A. Stewart.	Georgetown, Montague, &c	.....
.....	.....	.....	West Clyde River & Brookfd	.....
.....	.....	Arch'd Ferguson	N'th N. London & Summ'fd	.....
.....	.....	Jas. Henderson.	S'th N. London & Granville	.....
.....	.....	Isaac Thompson.	St. Peters & Brackley P't Rd.	.....

11. PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDEDS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
Moses Harvey.....	St. John's.....	St. John's.
Neil Forsythe.....	Harbor Grace.....	Harbor Grace.
Alex. Ross.....	St. John's.....	St. John's.
J. D. Patterson.....

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when it was moved by Dr. McCulloch and seconded by Dr. Patterson, and unanimously adopted, that the Rev. Thomas Duncan, of Charlottetown, be appointed Moderator.

Mr. Duncan having taken the chair, briefly addressed the Court, expressing his sense of the honor thus conferred upon him.

Dr. Burns moved, and the Rev. G. M. Grant seconded,

"That cordial thanks be tendered to the retiring Moderator, for the efficient manner with which he has discharged the duties of his office; and for the very appropriate sermon, with which he has opened this Synod."

Thanks to the retiring Moderator.

The motion was heartily adopted.

On the motion of Rev. D. McRae, seconded by Mr. James, it was unanimously resolved,

D. D. to be solicited for retiring Moderator.

"That a narrative of the circumstances connected with the Moderatorship of the Rev. R. Sedgwick, be submitted to the Senatus of and that the degree of D. D., be solicited on his behalf."

A Committee, consisting of the mover and seconder of this resolution, together with the Moderator, was appointed for the purpose of carrying it into effect.

A Committee on Business was appointed, consisting of Dr. Waters Convener, Dr. Patterson, Revds. J. C. Burgess, N. McKay, J. McMillan and Dr. Gordon.

Committee on Business.

It was agreed that the hours of meeting, during the Session, be from ten o'clock, a. m., till one o'clock, p. m., from three to half-past five, p. m., and from half-past seven till ten, p. m.

Hours of meeting.

On the motion of Dr. Burns, seconded by the Rev. J. Logan, it was agreed,

Public Missionary Meeting.

"That the Synod hold its usual public meeting for addresses on Home and Foreign Missions, and subjects connected with the Synod, to-morrow evening, and that the Ministers and Elders in Halifax and Dartmouth, be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements."

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, closing with the Benediction.

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 West Cape.
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 Woodville.
 Crapaud.
 Murray Harb'r

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Same place, Wednesday, and at ten o'clock, a. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Devotional exercises.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. McMillan and E. D. Miller.

Report of Com. on Business.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained. Dr. Waters submitted the report of the Committee on Business, setting forth the order of business for to-day, and suggesting the names of the Committees on the Records of Presbyteries and on Synod Finance.

The Report was adopted, and on motion, it was agreed to accept the nominations for said Committees.

Committee to examine Records of Presbyteries.

These Committees are as follows:—

*To examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Sydney, Victoria and Richmond and Newfoundland:—*Revds. John McKinnon, J. McG. McKay and D. McDonald, Elder.

*To examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Pictou and Wallace:—*Revds. John McMillan, Kenneth McKenzie and J. K. Blair, Elder.

*To examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Truro:—*The Revds. J. C. Burgess, S. Houston, and R. Cruikshank, Elder.

*To examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Lunenburg and Yarmouth and St. John:—*The Revds. W. Wilson, Neil McKay, and Hon. W. Hamilton, Elder.

*To examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Miramichi and Prince Edward Island:—*The Revds. Donald McRae, L. G. McNeill, and T. P. Jones, Elder.

Committee on Finance.

*Committee on Synod Finance:—*The Revds. A. McL. Sinclair, Joseph Hogg, James Murray, Edward Grant, and James Farquhar and W. Blackwood, Elders.

Notice of Motion

The Rev. J. Thompson gave notice of motion for the appointment of a standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Communication from Y.M.C.A.

A communication was read from the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in this city, inviting the members of the Synod to the free use of their rooms during their stay in the city. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge this courtesy.

Letter from Rev. W. McMillan.

A letter was read from the Rev. W. McMillan, Clerk of the late Synod of the Maritime Provinces, asking for the payment of his Clerk's fee for the year 1874-5.

Letter referred to Committee.

It was agreed that this letter be remitted to a Committee, consisting of the Moderator, and the Revds. J. Anderson, D. McRae, and G. M. Gant.

Dr. Burns reported from the Committee to make arrangements for the Missionary meeting, to be held this evening. The Report was adopted.

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Dr. McGregor submitted the Report of the Committee on the Hunter Church Building Fund, setting forth that they had expended in loans and grants the sum of seven thousand six hundred dollars, (\$7,600) and also exhibiting the present state of the Fund. It was agreed that the Report be received, and that the Synod proceed to consider it. Report Com. on
Hunter Fund.

The Committee having asked for instructions as to whether they might have liberty to make appropriations from the Fund to churches in others of the Lower Provinces, besides Nova Scotia: it was moved by Rev. G. Christie, and seconded by Mr. James, Application of
the Fund.
Motion.

"That this Synod consider the Bequest referred to, as of right belonging equally to any locality within the bounds of this Synod; and authorize application to the Legislature, for such an enactment as would give legal authority to this view."

It was moved in amendment, by the Rev. J. Thompson, and seconded by the Rev. D. McRae, Amendment.

"That the Trustees of the Hunter Bequest, be directed to administer it, in accordance with the terms of the will."

After discussion, Mr. Christie asked and obtained liberty to draw his motion. Motion withdr'n.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was moved that the Sederunt be prolonged, until this matter be concluded. The motion was not carried, and so the Synod adjourned, closing with the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

Same place and day, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Hunter Church Building Fund, when Mr. Thompson's motion was adopted unanimously. Hunter Fund
Mot'n carried.

On the motion of Dr. Patterson, it was agreed that the regulations be amended, by adding to the *second*, the following words:—"Or in liquidating debt on Churches." Regulations am-
ended.

This regulation, as amended, will read as follows:--

"That the Fund be employed in the following manner:—that one-half be used in loans without interest, on Church buildings, to be repaid in instalments, extending over such a period of years, as may be determined on; and that the other half be kept invested, and the annual income therefrom employed in grants to aid congregations erecting places of worship, or in liquidating debt on Churches."

It was referred to the Committee on this Fund, to consider and decide what proportion of the salary of the Agent of the Church should be levied upon this Fund. Agent's salary.

Read a Memorial from the Presbytery of Truro, and other accompanying papers, anent the transfer of the Theological Hall at Halifax to Truro, as referred to the Synod by the General Assembly. Memorial of Tru-
ro Presbytery.

A Commission was also read, appointing Dr. McCulloch, Rev. J. McG. McKay and J. K. Blair, Elder, to support the Memorial. Commissioners.

Reference from Board of Superintendence. As the Reference submitted by the Board of Superintendence of the Theological Hall would bear upon this matter, it was decided that this reference be read before entering upon a consideration of the Memorial. Dr. McGregor accordingly read said reference.

Reference sust'd. The reference was sustained; and it was agreed that the matters to which it relates, be considered *seriatim*, and that the point bearing upon the subject to which the Memorial refers, be taken up in connection with the Memorial.

Dr. McCulloch, Mr. McKay and Mr. J. K. Blair were heard, in support of the Memorial.

Motion. Mr. Blair moved, and Dr. McCulloch seconded,

"That Whereas, the Buildings now occupied by the Theological Classes are deemed insufficient for the purposes required.

And Whereas, it is proposed to sell the Building in Halifax, and the Building in Truro called the "Seminary Building," the proceeds to go toward the erection of a new building in Halifax.

And Whereas, the Building at Truro is amply sufficient for the present staff of Professors, and if sold now, it must be at a great sacrifice.

And Whereas, considering the depressed state of the country, and that a large amount must be sacrificed by the sale of the Truro Building, and the fact that the schemes of the Church are languishing for funds, it would be imprudent to enter upon such an undertaking now.

Therefore Resolved, That the Board of Education be instructed to sell the property in Halifax, the classes to occupy the Building in Truro, until the matter of education is permanently settled."

Amendment. It was moved in amendment by Dr. Burns, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Forrest,

"That this Synod deems it inexpedient to transfer the Theological Hall to Truro."

After discussion, it was agreed that these resolutions in the meantime lie upon the table, and that the Synod proceed to consider the other matters referred to in the statement of the Board.

The Synod adjourned to meet at half-past seven o'clock, closing with the Benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Same place and day, and at half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Missionary Meeting.

Addresses were delivered by the Revds. P. M. Morrison and D. F. Creelman, on the Home Missions of the Church; by the Rev. E. A. McCurdy on Foreign Missions; by Dr. Waters on French Evangelization; and by the Rev. D. McRae on the Educational Interests of the Church. These addresses were interspersed with devotional exercises, in which the Revds. R. Sedgwick and A. Ross led in prayer.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, closing with the Benediction.

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FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Same place, Thursday, and at ten o'clock, a. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Revds. J. Anderson and N. McKay.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Dr. Waters submitted a report from the Business Committee. Its Report of Business Com. recommendations for the order of business for the day were adopted.

The Rev. J. Anderson reported from the Committee to consider the Report of Com. on Rev. W. McMillan's letter. letter of the Rev. W. McMillan, stating that the members of the late Synod of the Maritime Provinces had engaged to settle the Bill presented. The report was adopted.

Resumed the consideration of the statement of the Board of Superintendence, and the Memorial of the Truro Presbytery. Statement of B'd of Superintendence.

On motion it was agreed to sustain the action of the Board, in declining for the present, on account of the depressed state of business, to take steps to increase the Endowment Fund, and to remit the matter to the Board, to be dealt with by them, as in their wisdom they deem best. Endowment of Hall.

Dr. McGregor reported that the General Assembly had merged the Bursary Fund. Bursary Fund. Bursary Fund in the Board of Superintendence, and that they had appointed a sub-Committee to attend to this matter.

The Rev. J. McMillan presented to the Synod the state of the Bursary Fund, and moved in the following terms:—

"That it is the duty of this Synod to prosecute the Bursary Fund vigorously, to aid deserving Students in their studies for the ministry, in Arts and Divinity, in Institutions within our own bounds; and that the sub-Committee of the Board of Superintendence, entrusted with this matter, be instructed to bring it before the Kirk Sessions of the Church, by circular or otherwise, in order that the amount required may be raised." Motion.

This motion was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Neish and unanimously adopted.

The Board having presented a statement of the condition of Dalhousie Col. Dalhousie Col. housie College, in its relationship to the Synod, as affected by an Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, during its last session; Mr. James submitted the following resolutions, which were seconded by Dr. McCulloch:

1. "That this Synod entered into the arrangement with the Provincial Government for the support of Dalhousie College, without the intention of permanently alienating from the service and control of their church the funds contributed by them, for that purpose." Motion.

2. That the pecuniary aid to the College contributed by the Synod, was given temporarily, with the sincere desire of promoting the permanent establishment by the Government and Legislature, at no distant period, of a public non sectarian institution, such as they declare the College now to be, but maintained out of the public funds or private contributions

3. That the Synod deeply regret the action of other religious bodies in demanding, and of the Provincial Legislature in yielding increased aid to several Denominational Institutions, and leaving the public Unsectarian College to be sustained to an

important extent by the Presbyterian Body—thus fostering rival Institutions, and diminishing the prospect, if not destroying the hope of the maintenance of one efficient Provincial University.

4. That we had a just right to expect that the Legislature would have at least refused to grant larger endowments to these sectarian Institutions than they had previously enjoyed, and devote as much as possible of the public funds to the endowment and improvement of the public Institution in which the whole Province is interested.

5. That the Synod regret that their course and the course of the Government in re-establishing Dalhousie College in its present position, have been sedulously misrepresented, and in consequence largely misunderstood by many of our follow-Christians of other Donominations who have been deceived by those representations; and they feel it to be necessary to take some action to relieve the Presbyterian Body from the unjust and painful suspicions which have been thus engendered.

6. That under the circumstances the Synod, without pledging themselves to any definite course of action, at a period several years distant in the future, deem it to be their duty to inform the Government that it is their present intention, and they anticipate that it will be their duty at the end of the period for which the increased Denomination Grants have been granted by the Legislature, if not at some earlier period, to withdraw from Dalhousie College the funds heretofore contributed by the Presbyterian Body, and to express their hope that the Government will then be in a position suitably to endow and sustain Dalhousie College, either by Legislative grant or private contributions, as a public non-sectarian University, without the aid of the funds at present loaned to the institution by the Presbyterian Body, which are urgently required by them for other educational purposes.

7. That in the event of the Board of Governors of Dalhousie College being able to obtain sufficient endowment to maintain the Institution in its present efficient style, without requiring aid from the funds of this Church, the Synod will be prepared to resign its present connection with the College, and at the same time give to the Institution its hearty support.

8. That the Synod—affirming the foregoing resolutions—would appoint _____ a Committee to prepare a brief history of its connexion with Dalhousie College and the present position of that Institution, and send it down forthwith to the Presbyteries of the Maritime Provinces for their consideration, so that the Synod may be in a position to take final action on the whole subject of higher Education in Arts and Divinity at the next meeting of Synod.

9. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Clerk to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, and the Governors of Dalhousie College."

Notice of Motion.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Rev. Mr. Forrest gave notice that at the commencement of next Sederunt he would move that the order for the day be discharged, and that the Synod proceed with the discussion of this question.

The Synod then adjourned till three o'clock in the afternoon, closing with the Benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Same place and day, and at three o'clock, p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Order of day discharged.

The Rev. J. Forrest moved, in accordance with notice given, that the Order of the day be discharged, and that the Synod continue the discussion of the subject under consideration at the hour of adjournment.

The motion was adopted, and the Synod accordingly resumed the discussion of Dalhousie College.

Corresponding Members.

The Revs. E. E. Ross, W. Stuart, D. McKinnon and I. Simpson were invited to sit and deliberate with the Synod.

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It was moved by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. McGregor, Amendment.

"That the amendments made by the late Synod of the Lower Provinces of B. N. A., and the late Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, with the Governors of Dalhousie College, were entered into with an earnest desire to establish an efficient public Non-Sectarian University, but without the intention of continuing the arrangement longer than was necessary to secure that object.

That the Synod record their dissatisfaction with the action of the Government and Legislature at its last Session, by which the prospect of a Provincial teaching University supported in an efficient manner from public funds, has been seriously impaired, and rival Institutions strengthened.

That this Synod, while recognizing with satisfaction the success which has attended the Institution under the present arrangement, feel it their duty in the view of all the circumstances of the case, to intimate their desire that their connection with that Institution should terminate, as soon as it can be done, with a due regard to all the interests concerned, that this Synod are still anxious for the success of that Institution and will be prepared to give hearty encouragement to its Governors and friends in any effort they may make to maintain it in its present or increased efficiency, as a public Non-Sectarian College.

That the Board of Superintendence be instructed to confer with the Governors of Dalhousie College to consider on what terms, and at what time the present connection of this church may cease, without impairing its efficiency and to report to next meeting of Synod."

It was moved by the Rev. T. Sedgwick and seconded by the Rev. 2nd Amendment. G. M. Grant,

1. "That the Synod sustain the action of the Board of Superintendence with regard to this matter, and express their strong condemnation of the Collegiate Policy of the Government and Legislature, as embodied in the Act of last Session.

2. That the Synod declare as their deliberate policy, that Dalhousie College should be sustained in the future, as in the past, with all their influence, and money if need be, as being the Institution which, in the circumstances, is best suited to serve the interests, not merely of this Church, but of the whole Province.

3. But having respect to the sacrifices which carrying out of the above policy has entailed upon this church, the Synod instruct the Board of Superintendence to confer with the Governors of Dalhousie College with a view to their taking measures to relieve the church, in whole or in part, of the pecuniary obligations which the church has assumed in the matter."

Mr. James asked and obtained liberty to withdraw his resolution.

Motion with-
drawn.

The Synod adjourned, to meet this evening at half-past seven o'clock, closing with the Benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Same place and day at half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Rev. Mr. Milner of the Congregational Church in this city, Rev. Mr. Milner invited to Cor- respond.

Resumed the consideration of the Synod's relation to Dalhousie Dal. College. College.

On motion of Dr. McCulloch it was agreed that a Committee of the movers and seconders of the two resolutions before the House, be instructed to retire, and that these resolutions be committed to them, to

deliberate, for the purpose of preparing a deliverance on this subject, that might be unanimously accepted by the House. The Committee retired accordingly.

Next Meeting of Synod. The Synod proceeded to appoint the time and place of next meeting of Synod; when it was agreed that it be held in Charlottetown, on the first Tuesday of October, 1877, and within Zion Church there.

Application of P. E. I. Presby. An application was submitted from the Presbytery of P. E. Island, asking liberty to certify Mr. Archibald McDougall, as a student to the Theological Classes, although he has not attended an Arts Curriculum. **Motion.** The Rev N. McKay supported the application. It was moved by Dr. Waters, and seconded by the Rev. J. Bennet,

"That the application of the Presbytery be granted, and that the action of the Synod be reported to the General Assembly; and that Mr. McDougall be required to take such additional classes in Dalhousie College, as the Senate of the Theological Hall may deem expedient."

Motion anent Dalhousie College. While this motion was being discussed, the Committee which had retired returned, and submitted the following as their deliverance:

1. "That the Synod sustain the action of the Board of Superintendence with regard to this matter, and express their strong disapproval of the policy of the Government and Legislature, in increasing the grants to the Denominational Colleges, and thereby injuriously affecting the interests of Dalhousie College.

2. That the Synod declare, as their deliberate policy, that Dalhousie College should be sustained in its present or increased efficiency, as a public non sectarian Institution, and as such be supported with all their influence, as being the Institution which, in the circumstances, is best suited to serve the interests, not merely of one particular body, but of the whole Province.

3. But having respect to the sacrifices which the carrying out of the above policy has entailed upon this Church, the Synod instruct the Board of Superintendence to confer with the Governors of Dalhousie College, with a view to their taking measures more effectually to protect the interests of the College, and to relieve this Church, in whole or in part, of the pecuniary obligations which they have assumed in this matter."

It was moved by the Rev. T. Sedgewick and seconded by Dr. Patterson, and unanimously adopted, that this resolution be accepted, as the deliverance of the Synod, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

Transfer of Hall to Truro. The Synod then resumed the consideration of the resolutions lying upon the table, anent the transfer of the Theological Classes from Halifax to Truro. The House proceeded to vote upon the question, when the amendment was preferred by a very large majority. (See Amendment page 14.)

Motion anent Endowment. The Rev G. M. Grant moved, and Dr Waters seconded,

"That the Synod instructs the Board of Superintendence, to take steps for the raising of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the endowment, and full equipment of the Divinity Hall, and for the erection of suitable College Buildings."

The Synod adjourned to meet at ten o'clock to-morrow morning, closing with the Benediction.

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EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

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The Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. E. A. McCurdy and Dr. Patterson,

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Dr. McGregor read a telegram from Dr. Topp, the Moderator of the General Assembly, stating that the Government of Ontario were likely to appoint the second day of November as a Thanksgiving Day, and asking the Synod to take steps, if practicable, to secure the same day for its observance in the several Maritime Provinces. A Committee consisting of the Moderator and Dr. McGregor, was appointed to endeavor to effect this object. Thank'ving Day.

Dr. Waters submitted a report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, setting forth the Order of Business for the day. The Report was adopted. Report of Business Com.

The Reports of the several Committees, on the examination of the Presbytery Records, were read and adopted. These Reports were to the effect, Reports of Com's on Pby. Rec'ds.

1. That the Records of the Presbyteries of Victoria and Richmond, Wallace, Halifax, Lunenburg and Yarmouth, and St. John were accurately kept and the business regularly conducted. It was ordered that these Records be attested.

2. That the Records of the Presbyteries of Picton, Truro, Miramichi, and P. E. Island were correctly kept with the exception of slight inaccuracies which were noted. It was ordered that the Records of these Presbyteries be attested, and that the attention of the Clerks be called to these inaccuracies.

3. That the Records of the Presbytery of Sydney were accurately kept, but the Committee called attention to the fact that the collegiate pastoral charge of Sydney and Mira had appointed two representative elders to the Superior Church Courts. It was agreed that the Records be attested, but that the attention of the Presbytery be called to the unconstitutionality of the appointment referred to.

4. That the Records of the Presbytery of Newfoundland were not presented.

Resumed the consideration of the subject of the endowment of the Theological Hall. Endowment of Theolog'l Hall.

Mr. James moved and the Rev. W. Richardson seconded,

"That the object of the resolution submitted by Mr. Grant be limited to the erection of a Hall, and the amount to \$30,000." Amendment.

The discussion proceeded till the hour of twelve o'clock, the time appointed, in accordance with the order of business, to receive the report of the Committee on Finance.

The Rev. A. McL. Sinclair presented said report. The Report was received and its recommendations adopted. These recommendations are as follows: Report of Com. on Synod F'd.

1. That no travelling expenses be paid to the representatives of congregations which have paid nothing into the fund.

2. To pay in full the ministers and elders of congregations, which have paid into the fund, more than they ask out of it.

2. To pay the ministers and elders of strong congregations, which have paid in less than they ask out, simply what they have paid in.

4. To pay the ministers and elders of weak congregations, which have contributed to the fund, somewhat according to their circumstances, their travelling expenses, but not charges made for incidental expenses of travel.

5. That the Synod authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay the sum due the Clerk.

6. That the Synod urge upon congregations who have contributed nothing to this fund, to send in contributions, so that the debt on the fund may be wiped off.

7. That the account of the Synod Fund, including the sums paid out for travelling expenses, as well as the sums paid in by congregations, be published.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the endowment of the Theological Hall, which was continued till the hour of adjournment.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at three o'clock in the afternoon, closing with the Benediction.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

Same place and day, and at three o'clock p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Endowment of
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The Synod resumed the consideration of the endowment of the Theological Hall. After a lengthened discussion the House proceeded to vote, when the Resolution was carried, only five voting against it. (See Resolution page 18.)

Prayer for Col-
leges.

On motion of Dr. Burns, seconded by the Rev. E. A. McCurdy, it was resolved,

"That this Synod recommends the devoting of the second Sabbath of November to special prayer, in behalf of our Theological Institutions."

Application of P.
E. I. Pres'by.

Resumed the consideration of the Application of the Presbytery of P. E. Island, when the resolution submitted by Dr. Waters was adopted. (See Resolution page 18.)

Report of Com.
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The Rev. C. B. Pitblado read a report from the Committee on Public Education. The report was received.

It was moved by the Rev. L. G. McNiell, and seconded by the Rev. John McKinnon,

Motion.

"That the Report be adopted and printed as an appendix to the Minutes." (See Appendix.)

While this motion was being discussed, the hour of adjournment arrived.

The Synod adjourned to meet at half-past seven o'clock p. m., closing with the Benediction.

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TENTH SEDERUNT.

Same place and day, at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Public Education, when the motion for the adoption of the Report was passed, only four voting against it. Motion on Public Education Carried.

Dr. McGregor presented a statement from the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, setting forth the state of the mission field in Trinidad as presenting an opening for another Missionary, but that the funds of the Church were not in the condition in which the Board were prepared to assume the responsibility of making an appointment, and that they therefore referred the matter to Synod for advice. Statement from Assem's Board of Fore'n Mis-

It was moved by the Rev. T. Sedgwick, and seconded by the Rev. J. Forrest, Motion.

"That the matter be remitted to the Board to be dealt with as in their wisdom they see best."

It was moved by the Rev. E. A. McCurdy, and seconded by the Rev. G. M. Grant, Amendment.

"That the Synod having heard the reference from the Foreign Mission Board, desire to express its deep conviction of the importance of occupying, as soon as possible, the inviting field which has been opened up in Trinidad, directs the Board to endeavor to obtain an additional Missionary, instructs them to take means to secure contributions from all our congregations, and pledges its members to use their utmost efforts to increase the offerings of the Church, for our Foreign Mission work."

On a division the amendment was adopted, only five voting against it. On the motion of Mr. Forrest it was decided to make the motion just adopted, unanimous, which was accordingly done. Amendment adopted.

An overture was read from the Presbytery of St. John, anent Sabbath Desecration on the Intercolonial Railway. Overture of St. John Presby anent Sabbath Desecration.

It was moved by Dr. Waters, and seconded by Dr. Burns, and unanimously adopted,

"That the Synod having heard the overture from the Presbytery of St. John, anent the desecration of the Sabbath on the Government Railway, cordially approves of the object of the overture, and desires to express its disapprobation of the course which the management of the Government Railways has pursued, in permitting the public works of the country to be used in direct violation of the laws of God. The Synod hopes that the Dominion Government may see it to be its duty to discontinue Sabbath traffic upon all the Railways, and other public works under its charge, and further that a copy of the minute in reference to this matter be sent to the Minister of Public Works."

The Rev. J. Thompson, in accordance with notice given, called the attention of the Synod to the propriety of appointing a Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures; but the Synod declined to appoint said Committee. Standing Com. on Bills and Overtures.

Dr. Waters submitted a statement of the Assembly's Committee on French Evangelization. French Evangelization.

It was moved by the Rev. G. M. Grant, and seconded by the Rev. James Anderson,

"That the Synod having heard the statement of Dr. Waters, instructs Presbyteries engaged in French Evangelization to work through the Assembly's Executive Board for the Maritime Provinces, and to see to it, that congregations within their bounds, send their contributions for the French Evangelization Scheme to the Treasurer, Dr. McGregor."

The motion was adopted.

Thanks.

On the motion of the Rev. N. McKay, seconded by Dr. Waters, it was agreed that the cordial thanks of the Synod be given,

1. To the Christian friends in Halifax and Dartmouth for their generous hospitality; and to the Committee of Arrangements for their diligence in providing for the accommodation of the members of Synod.
2. To the Minister and Trustees of St. Matthew's Church, for the accommodation afforded.
3. To the several Railway and Steamboat Companies for their kindness in granting reduced fares.
4. To the Newspapers of the City, for their reports of the proceedings of Synod, and to the *Herald*, for the supply of papers for the use of members of Synod,

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the present Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Moderator then briefly addressed the Synod. The 122nd Psalm, v. 6-9, was sung, and prayer offered, when the Moderator declared the Synod adjourned to meet in Zion Church, Charlottetown, on the first Tuesday of October, 1877, at half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

ALEX FALCONER,

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Halifax, October 6th, 1876.

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APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION.

The Committee appointed to watch over Public Education in the Maritime Provinces, beg leave to report as follows :—

1. That we are glad to learn that the non-sectarian school system in New Brunswick which some time ago met with such strenuous opposition from the Roman Catholic ecclesiastics is now becoming very generally acceptable to the great body of the people, and under efficient administration is successfully promoting the cause of Education in that Province.

2. That it is with great pleasure that we congratulate the friends of free non-sectarian schools in P. E. Island, upon their late triumph in that Province; and think they deserve the commendation of this Synod for working so energetically and unitedly in the contest which has resulted so favourably to the cause of non-sectarian schools.

3. That the special feature in the inefficient administration of the school law in Nova Scotia to which we would call attention is the virtual application of a religious test to the teachers engaged in the common schools in the City of Halifax, and we believe that by the arrangement entered into by the Halifax School Board, not only is an undue advantage given to the sectarian schools, but the law of the land is evaded, if not violated.

4. That this Synod does now declare its most hearty approval of the principle of free non-sectarian common school education, to which it has formerly given utterance, and would hereby strongly express its disapproval of any attempts to thrust Separate schools upon these Maritime Provinces either by faithless administration or new legislation.

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