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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—PS. 137: 5

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

Montreal. June 16th, 1875.—St. John, N. B., October 5th, 1875.

MEETING AT MONTREAL.

*At Stanley St. Church, Montreal,
June 16th, 1875, 3 o'clock, p. m. :*

At which time and place the Synod of the Maritime Provinces met by appointment of the General Assembly, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and was constituted by prayer by the Rev. R. S. Patterson, of Bedeque, P. E. I., the senior minister of the Body.

Rev. P. G. McGregor was appointed Clerk *ad interim*.

It was then agreed that the Roll be regarded as read, and the Synod proceeded at once to the choice of a Moderator.

It was moved by the Rev. D. McRae, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Waters, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. R. Sedgwick be chosen Moderator. Mr. Sedgwick having been conducted to the chair, thanked the Synod for this expression of their confidence, and asked the Synod to complete its organization by the appointment of a Clerk or Clerks.

A motion being submitted for the appointment of Rev. P. G. McGregor as Clerk, Mr. McGregor declined to be put in nomination, and assigned reasons for desiring to be relieved. Mr. McGregor's declinature was accepted.

The Rev. C. B. Pitblado moved, and the Rev. D. McRae seconded the motion, that Rev. A. Falconer be appointed Synod Clerk.

It was moved by the Rev. Thomas Cumming, and seconded by the Rev. L. G. McNeill, that Rev. D. McRae be Clerk.

Mr. McRae having expressed an unwillingness to be appointed, Mr. Falconer was chosen unanimously, and having thanked the Synod the interim Clerk retired, and the stated Clerk entered upon the duties of his office.

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Clerk ad interim.*

It was moved by Dr. Burns and seconded by the Rev. G. M. Grant, and heartily adopted, that a Committee be appointed, to prepare a minute, expressive of this Synod's sense of appreciation of the services of Messrs. McGregor and McMillan, the Clerks of the two late Synods. The Revds. Dr. Burns, G. M. Grant, J. McKinnon and D. McKae, were appointed said Committee. The following is the minute as subsequently received :

"The Rev. P. G. McGregor having declined to be elected as Clerk, and the Rev. Alexander Falconer having been appointed to that office, this Synod would take the opportunity of recording on its minutes its high appreciation of the very efficient manner in which Mr. McGregor performed the duties of Clerk in the late Synods of Nova Scotia and of the Lower Provinces during the long term of 30 years. It would specially note his kindness of manner toward all his brethren, his readiness at all times to give them information in all matters connected with his office, and the deep and active interest which he took in all the schemes of the Church.

"It would express heartfelt gratitude to God that these Synods have been privileged to enjoy for so long a time the services of one so eminently qualified for that office.

"It would acknowledge the valuable services which he has rendered to the Church as Agent and Treasurer of her schemes during the last 8 years, and would express the hope that he may be long spared to serve the Master in this department of His work.

"It would also take this opportunity of thanking him for the courteous and efficient manner in which he performed the duties of the Moderator's Chair, in the Synod of the Lower Provinces, during its last three Sessions.

"This Synod would in like manner record the efficiency and satisfactoriness with which the Rev. William McMillan discharged the duties of Clerk in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, during the last two years, and the intention, but for his own declination, of having him elected as one of its Clerks."

It was moved by Dr. Waters, and seconded by Rev. A. McL. Sinclair, and agreed to, that the Synod now proceed to appoint the time and place of the first meetings of Presbyteries, and that the Moderator of Synod nominate the first Moderators of Presbyteries. The Moderator then instructed the several Presbyteries to meet in this Church, and that the oldest ordained minister present, in each case, act as Moderator

The Synod then adjourned for one half hour, that Presbyteries might constitute, make up their roll, and report the same to the Clerk of Synod.

The Synod having resumed, the Rolls of Presbyteries were submitted, and the Synod Roll composed of these was read, and the members present answered to their names. The Roll is as follows, the members present being marked by an asterisk, (*):

1. PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Hugh McLeod, D.D.,..... | Duncan McLellan..... | Mira and Sydney. |
| Matthew Wilson,..... | William Gammell..... | Sydney Mines. |
| *James Ross..... | Donald McKay..... | Grand River & Loch Lomond. |
| Abraham McIntosh..... | | St. Ann's and North Shore. |
| *Alexander Farquharson..... | Angus McPherson..... | Glace Bay Mines. |
| *Donald McDougall..... | Thomas P. Jones..... | Oow Bay Mines. |
| *C. E. McLean..... | | Leitch's Creek. |
| *David Drummond..... | | Boularderie. |
| *Peter Clarke..... | | Cape North. |
| Vacant. | | |
| | Philip McDonald..... | Gabarus and Framboise. |

2. PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS. |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Murdoch Stewart | John Gillies..... | Whycocomagh. |
| William G. Forbes..... | | Port Hastings & River Dennis. |
| *Kenneth McKenzie..... | *David McCurdy..... | Ladlock and Ficks. |
| *Adam McKay..... | | Middle River & Little Narrows |
| *Alexander Grant..... | Hugh Campbell..... | Lake Ainsley. |
| *A. P. Thompson..... | Lewis McKean..... | Mabou. |
| <i>Vacant.</i> | | West Bay. |
| | | Broad Cove. |

3. PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

| | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| John Stewart (Deliberative Member)..... | | |
| George Walker..... | William Mouton..... | New Glasgow. |
| *James Bayne, D.D.,..... | Dr. McKenzie..... | Prince Street, Pictou. |
| A. P. Miller..... | | French River. |
| *D. B. Blair..... | George Bruce..... | Barney's River & Blue Mount. |
| Andrew Herdman, A. M.,..... | | St. Andrew's, Pictou. |
| *George Patterson..... | John T. Arthur..... | Salem Church, Green Hill. |
| *James Thompson..... | John McLellan..... | Central Church, West River. |
| William Maxwell..... | John Dawson..... | Little Harbor & Fisher's Grant |
| *John Lees..... | John Miller..... | Westville. |
| *George Roddick..... | George McConnell..... | West River. |
| *Alexander Stirling..... | George McKay..... | Scotsburn. |
| *John McKinnon..... | Peter Ross..... | Hopewell. |
| *Alexander Ross, A. M.,..... | John Logan..... | Knox Church, Pictou. |
| William McMillan..... | | Salt Springs. |
| *Peter Goodfellow..... | *James Burnside..... | Antigonish. |
| George Coull, A. M.,..... | | St. Andrew's, New Glasgow. |
| *Thomas Cumming..... | William McPherson..... | Stellarton. |
| William Stewart..... | | McLellan's Mountain. |
| *E. A. McCurdy..... | James Arthur..... | James' Church, New Glasgow. |
| *A. McL. Sinclair..... | Finlay Grant..... | Springville. |
| J. W. Fraser, A. M.,..... | | Roger's Hill and Cape John. |
| *J. F. Forbes..... | Hugh McNeil..... | Lochaber and Union Centre. |
| *A. C. Gillies..... | *Henry McLean..... | Sherbrooke. |
| Charles Dunn..... | | Stellarton and Westville. |
| *Robert Cumming..... | Henry Archibald..... | Glenelg, etc. |
| A. J. McKichan..... | Adam McKenzie..... | Barney's River and Lochaber. |
| *Hugh McD. Scott..... | James McDonald..... | Merigonish. |
| <i>Vacant.</i> | | |
| | James Cumming..... | E. & W. Branches, East River. |
| | | Ganloch. |

4. PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| James Watson..... | E. Stewart..... | New Annan and Wentworth. |
| *John Munro..... | James Stewart..... | Wallace and Pugwash. |
| W. S. Darragh..... | W. Mitchell..... | Goose River. |
| *James Murray, A. M.,..... | G. McIver..... | Wallace. |
| *H. B. McKay..... | John McLean..... | River John. |
| *Thomas Sedgwick..... | John Clark..... | Tatamagouche. |
| R. McCunn, A. M.,..... | | River John. |
| James McColl..... | Alexander McLean..... | Earltown. |
| *William Grant..... | Alexander McKenzie..... | Earltown. |
| J. M. Sutherland, A. B.,..... | | Pugwash. |
| C. Naismith..... | | Springhill. |

5. PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| *John I. Baxter..... | *Thomas B. Chisholm..... | Onslow. |
| J. H. Chase, A. M.,..... | | |
| William McCulloch, D. D.,..... | *Andrew Johnson..... | Truro. |

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS. |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| *James Byers, | Joseph Loughhead, | Clifton. |
| Ebenezer Ross, | A. B. Fletcher | Londonderry. |
| A. L. Wyllie, | R. Thompson | Great Village. |
| *J. McG. McKay | *James Hill | Economy. |
| *Alexander Cameron, | B. T. Creelman | Riverside. |
| *John McMillan, B. D., | Donald A. Fraser | St. Paul's, Truro. |
| Duncan McKinnon | William Adams | Parrshorough. |
| *James Sinclair | Hon. S. Creelman | Springside. |
| *Edward Grant | George Forbes | Stewiacke. |
| *Edwin Smith | William F. Hamilton | Middle Stewiacke. |
| *J. Layton | N. K. Dickson | Coldstream. |
| <i>Vacant.</i> | | |
| | William Stewart | Acadia. |
| | William Patrick | Maccan. |
| | J. F. Blanchard | Truro West. |

6. PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *Robert Sedgwick | W. G. Archibald, | Musquodoboit. |
| *P. G. McGregor | | Agent of the Church. |
| Walter Thorburn | | Warwick, Bermuda. |
| *R. F. Burns, D. D., | Dr. Gordon | Fort Massey, Halifax. |
| Professor A. Pollock, | | |
| *James McLean | Thomas McKenzie, | Shubenacadie & L. Stewiacke. |
| Alexander Stewart | George Lloy, | Lawrencetown, etc. |
| *Professor A. McKnight, | | |
| Professor J. Currie | | |
| John Gauld | William Dodds, | Gore and Kennetcook. |
| *George M. Grant, A. M., | *W. F. Knight, | St. Matthew's, Halifax. |
| *Alexander Falconer | Charles Robson | Dartmouth. |
| J. D. McGillivray | Hiram Smith | Newport. |
| J. A. F. Sutherland | John F. Sweet | St. Croix and Ellershouse. |
| *C. B. Pitblado | Robert Murray, | Chalmer's Church, Halifax. |
| *A. J. Mowatt, | W. H. Blanchard | Windsor. |
| *Allan Simpson, | A. McBean | Poplar Grove, Halifax. |
| John Forrest, | W. S. Graham | St. John's, Halifax. |
| *John B. Logan, A. M., | *George A. Blanchard | Cornwallis, South. |
| John Campbell, | John Cook, | St. Andrew's, Halifax. |
| *Samuel Bernard, | Isaac Densmore | Noel. |
| *A. B. Dickie | John P. Hogan, | Sheet Harbor, etc. |
| *J. Fraser Campbell, | James Potter | Richmond & North-West Arm. |
| *L. G. McNeill, A. M., | Frederick Frieze, | Maitland. |
| *James Rosborough | William Anderson, | Musquodoboit Harbor, etc. |
| *David Neish, | James Cruickshanks, | Little River, Musquodoboit. |
| K. J. Junor, | | Hamilton, Bermuda. |
| <i>Vacant.</i> | | |
| | Thomas A. Malcom, | Kempt and Walton. |
| | William J. Burgess, | Cornwallis, West. |
| | John Wardrop | Gay's River and Milford. |
| | John Fisher | Elmsdale & Nine Mile River. |
| | *H. B. Webster | Cornwallis, North. |
| | Charles M. Forbes, | Annapolis and Bridgetown. |

7. PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| *George Christie | Nathan Hilton | Yarmouth. |
| *William Duff | James Eisenbaur | Lunenburg. |
| *Donald McMillan, | Edward Moser, | La Have. |
| *Matthew G. Henry | James Nelson, | Clyde River, etc. |
| *Peter M. Morrison | Andrew Gow | Bridgewater. |
| *Ebenezer McNab, | George Zwicker, | Mahone Bay. |
| John C. Meek, | Samuel Richardson, | Carleton and Cheboque. |
| Ebenezer D. Miller, | John Bower, | Shelburne, etc. |

8. PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| John Brooke, D. D., | Professor Rivet, | Fredericton. |
| Andrew Donald | | Londonderry & Campbell Set't |

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS. |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| James Bennet, A. M., | W. Brown. | St. John's Church, St. John. |
| *Lewis Jack | Edward Hamilton. | Springfield & English Settlement. |
| *William Millan. | | Bocabec and Waweig. |
| *David McLise, D. D., | J. Logan | Calvin Church, St. John. |
| *S. G. Dodd | | |
| *D. McBae | J. Hegan | St. Stephen's, St. John. |
| *Robert Wilson. | *Judge Stevens | St. Stephen. |
| *S. Johnson. | J. Taylor | Harvey. |
| *James Gray, A. M., | James McDiarmid | Sussex. |
| *David Waters, LL.D., | R. Cruikshanks | St. David's, St. John. |
| *William Stuart. | D. S. Blair | Fredericton. |
| *J. D. Murray. | J. McKeswick. | Buctouche and Cocagne. |
| W. Fogo | | Nashwaak and Stanley. |
| *Joseph Hogg | Jonathan Weir. | Moncton. |
| *Robert J. Cameron. | Dr. Waddell | St. Andrew's, St. John. |
| J. K. Bearis. | | Salt Springs. |
| *J. C. Burgess, A. B., | R. S. Cowan | Carleton, St. John. |
| *Kenneth McKay. | John Campbell. | Richmond. |
| *James Quinn | John McLeod. | St. James. |
| Isaac S. Simpson | Thomas Pender | Nepisip, etc. |
| J. Wallace, A. B. | | St. George. |
| M. R. Paradis, (Missionary). | | Grand Falls. |
| <i>Vacant.</i> | | New Kincardine. |
| | | Baillie, etc. |
| | | Chipman. |
| | | St. Andrew's. |
| | | Woodstock & Northampton. |

9. PRESBYTERY OF MIRIMICHI.

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Angus McMaster | | New Mills. |
| James Law, A. M., | John Glendinning | Richibucto. |
| William Murray, A. M., | | Campbelton. |
| John Wells, A. M., | | New Richmond. |
| W. Scott. | | New Carlisle. |
| *James Fowler, A. M., | Thomas Stevenson | Bass River. |
| Thomas Nicholson. | | River Charlo. |
| Peter Gilbrath. | James Smith. | Bathurst. |
| James Anderson | James Flett. | Newcastle. |
| John Robertson. | Alexander McLeod. | Tabusintac & Buret Church. |
| *W. M. Wilson. | *James Edgar | Clatham. |
| Thomas G. Johnstone. | | Blackville and Derby. |
| Samuel Russell | Kenneth McKnight. | Blackriver and Redbank. |
| *John M. Allan, A. M., | *William Gray | Chatham. |

10. PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| *R. S. Patterson, A. M., | Walter Stavert. | Beauce. |
| *Alexander Campbell. | J. McKenzie. | Strathalbyn. |
| James Allan | David Lawson. | Cove Head. |
| *Isaac Murray. | Alexander Simpson. | Cavendish and New Glasgow. |
| Alexander McLean, A. M., | Alexander Dixon. | Belfast. |
| *Alexander Munro. | Donald Bruce. | Valley Field. |
| *Henry Crawford | Archibald Ramsay. | Richmond Bay. |
| John M. McLeod. | *George Walker | Zion Church, Charlottetown. |
| Neil McKay. | Thomas Biehaut. | Summerside. |
| Thomas Duncan. | Peter Gregor. | St. James', Charlottetown. |
| *Robert Laird. | *James Ramsay. | Princetown. |
| Allan McLean | Richard Morson. | Dundas. |
| *W. R. Frame | W. H. Douglass. | Mt. Stewart & W. St. Peter's. |
| John G. Cameron. | Charles Aitken. | Bay Fortune, etc. |
| *S. C. Gunn | Donald McNiven | West and Clyde Rivers, etc. |
| *Charles Fraser. | Archibald Ramsay | West Point, Campbelton, etc. |
| Arthur F. Carr, A. M., | Benjamin Rogers. | Alberton and Tignish. |

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Peter Melville, B.D., | | Georgetown and Cardigan. |
| *John Murray..... | Adam McKay..... | New London. |
| *John Sutherland..... | Rod. Munn..... | Woodville. |
| <i>Vacant.</i> | | Tryon and Bonshaw. |
| | George Bell..... | Murray Harbor. |
| | John A. McLaine | East St. Peter's. |
| | | New London N. & Summerfield. |
| | | Murray Harbor Road. |
| | | St. Peter's & Brackley Point Rd |
| | | De-Sable. |

11. PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

| | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Moses Harvey..... | } | St. John's. |
| Neil Forsythe..... | | |
| Alexander Ross..... | | Harbor Grace. |
| J. D. Patterson..... | | St. Andrew's, St. John's. |

As the Presbytery of Newfoundland was not represented, it was agreed to instruct that Presbytery to meet on the first Tuesday of August, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in St. Andrew's Church, St. John's, Newfoundland, the oldest ordained minister present to be Moderator.

It was agreed that the next regular meeting of Synod be held in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, New Brunswick, on the first Tuesday of October, at 7 o'clock, p. m. The Moderator was authorized, if it should be found necessary to hold another meeting of Synod, before the rising of the Assembly, to request the Moderator of the Assembly to summon the same.

Adjourned with the Benediction.

ALEX. FALCONER,
Clerk.
 Montreal, June 16th, 1875.

ROBERT SEDGWICK,
Moderator.

MEETING AT ST. JOHN, N. B.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

*At St. John, New Brunswick, and within St. Andrew's Church there ;
October 5th, 1875, and at 7 o'clock, p. m. :*

Which day and place the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, and after sermon, preached by the Moderator, the Rev. Robert Sedgwick, from the Epistle to the Romans chap. 13, verse 12, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand ; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light," was constituted.

The following changes affecting the roll, reported by the Clerks of Presbyteries, as having occurred since the meeting of the Synod at Montreal, were read :

REMOVAL BY DEATH.

The Rev. James Salmon, M. D., of Chipman, in the Presbytery of St. John, June 8th, 1875.

DEMISSIONS OF CHARGE.

In the Presbytery of St. John.—The Rev. Robert Wilson, of the congregation of St. Stephen, August 10th, 1875.

In the Presbytery of Halifax.—The Rev. John Gauld of the congregation of Gore and Kennetcook, June 17th, 1875. The Rev. J. Fraser Campbell of the congregation of Richmond and North West Arm, June 17th, 1875. The Rev. David Neish of the congregation of Little River, Musquodoboit, June 17th, 1875.

In the Presbytery of Pictou.—The Rev. A. C. Gillies of the congregation of Sherbrooke, September 30th, 1875.

In the Presbytery of Miramichi.—The Rev. Peter Galbraith of the congregation of Bathurst, August 29th, 1875.

INDUCTION.

In the Presbytery of Sydney.—The Rev. Donald Sutherland to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Gabarus, August 17th, 1875.

TRANSLATIONS.

In the Presbytery of Sydney.—The Rev. A. Farquharson from the congregation of Glace Bay, to the collegiate pastoral charge of St. Andrew's congregation, Sydney, August 25th, 1875.

In the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond.—The Rev. Adam McKay, from the congregation of Middle River and Little Narrows, to the congregation of Ripley, in the Presbytery of Bruce, in the Synod of Hamilton and London, September 30th, 1875.

ORDINATIONS.

In the Presbytery of Halifax.—The Rev. Ephraim Scott to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Milford and Gay's River, September 20th, 1875.

In the Presbytery of Miramichi.—The Rev. James P. Bryant to the pastoral charge of Kouchibouguac, September 28th, 1875.

In the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.—The Rev. William P. Archibald to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Tryon and Bonshaw, September 29th, 1875.

LICENSURE.

By the Presbytery of St. John.—Mr. Alex. Russell, Sept. 10th, 1875.

CONGREGATIONS ERECTED.

In the Presbytery of Sydney.—A new congregation was organized in the town of Sydney, August, 1875.

In the Presbytery of Wallace.—The congregation of Amherst was organized August 31st, 1875.

In the Presbytery of Halifax.—The upper section of the congregation of Musquodoboit was organized into a distinct pastoral charge, October 1st, 1875.

The Roll as affected by these changes was then read, and the members marked 1 answered to their names.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when on the motion of the Rev. J. Bennet, seconded by Rev. D. McRae, it was unanimously agreed, that the Rev. R. Sedgwick be continued Moderator for the present year. Mr. Sedgwick expressed his thanks for this additional mark of confidence.

On the motion of the Rev. G. M. Grant, seconded by Dr. Brooke, it was agreed to express the hearty thanks of the Synod to the Moderator, for the excellent sermon which he preached at the opening of the Synod.

It was moved by the Rev. P. G. McGregor, and seconded by the Rev. T. Sedgwick, and agreed to, that a Committee on Bills and Overtures be now appointed, to prepare the business that may come before Synod, and report to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock; to which hour the Synod shall adjourn, at the close of this sederunt. The Committee were appointed as follows:—Revds. Dr. Bayne, J. Campbell, C. B. Pitblado, R. J. Cameron, E. Grant, J. Forrest, T. Sedgwick and D. McRae, ministers, and Judge Stevens, W. F. Knight and J. K. Blair, elders.

On the motion of the Rev. R. J. Cameron, seconded by the Rev. J. Bennet, it was agreed, "That the Synod hold its usual public meeting for addresses on Home and Foreign Missions, and other subjects connected with the Synod, to-morrow evening, and that the ministers and elders in St. John be a Committee, to arrange with speakers for the occasion."

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with the Benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Same Place, Oct. 6th, 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator, after which a short time was spent in devotional exercises, when Dr. Brooke led in prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt, as also those of the meeting held in Montreal, were read and approved.

Letters were read from Mr. DeBlois, of the Merchant's Reading Room, and Mr. George A. Henderson, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, offering the use of their rooms, &c. to the members of Synod during the present meeting. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge these courtesies.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures submitted an interim report, recommending that the hours of business be from 10 o'clock, a. m. each day till 1 o'clock, p. m., from 3 to 6 p. m., and from 7½ *ad libitum*, and setting forth subjects to be brought before Synod. The report was received and adopted.

Took up a reference from the Halifax Presbytery anent the application of the Rev. J. R. Kean, of the Congregational body, to be received as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. On motion of Rev. N. McKay, seconded by Dr. McCulloch, it was agreed to appoint a committee to examine Mr. Kean's testimonials, and also consider the course that should be adopted in regard to this and similar applications, and report at a future sederunt. The Revds. G. M. Grant, Dr. McCulloch, J. McKinnon, Prof. McKnight and Dr. Patterson, ministers, and Mr. J. K. Blair, elder, were appointed said Committee.

A letter was read from the Rev. A. Ross, of Harbor Grace, stating that on account of the absence from home of certain brethren of Newfoundland, it was found impossible to carry out the appointment of Synod for the organization of the Presbytery of Newfoundland. It was agreed to instruct Mr. Ross, of Harbor Grace, to summon the brethren of Newfoundland for the organization of the Presbytery at as early a day as may be found convenient.

Rev. P. G. McGregor, the Secretary of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, gave a brief statement of Home Mission work during the last few months, and submitted the following reference from that Committee: "The attention of the Board having been called to the plan of procedure in the two Churches in the Maritime Provinces, now happily united, in the management of Home Mission work, and the granting of supplements to weak congregations, it was agreed unanimously to ask the Synod for the appointment of a Committee representing both Bodies, and both departments of the Home Mission work, viz.: Home Mission proper, and Supplementing proper, to prepare and report a plan by which unity of action may be obtained in both of these departments of Home Mission work, and report to Synod."

The reference was sustained and the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions and Supplements in the Maritime Provinces were appointed a committee in terms of the reference—Rev. T. Sedgwick, Convener.

Dr. Burns, Chairman of the Assembly's Board of Superintendence of the Theological Hall, submitted a paper from said Board, containing a statement of the condition of the Hall, and suggesting certain matters for the consideration of the Synod. The paper was received, and it was agreed to take up the subjects referred to *seriatim*.

The Board recommended that, as the Professor supported by the late Synod of the Maritime Provinces was in the receipt of only \$1200 per annum, and as all the other Professors of Dalhousie College would hereafter be receiving \$1500, Prof. McDonald's salary be increased so as to equalize it with those of the other Professors. The recommendation of the Board was accepted.

Entered upon a consideration of the amount necessary to be raised for educational purposes. While this matter was under consideration the hour of adjournment arrived, Dr. McCulloch occupying the floor.

Closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, p. m.

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

Resumed the consideration of matters connected with Theological education, when after a lengthy discussion it was, on motion of Dr. McCulloch, seconded by Rev. N. McKay, unanimously and heartily adopted by a standing vote, "That the Synod, deeply impressed with the good service rendered in the past by the Theological Hall, and its necessity under the existing circumstances of the Church, resolve to aim at giving to it greater efficiency, and as opportunity offers enlarging its range of study."

It was moved by the Rev. John McKinnon, and seconded by Dr. Burns,

"That the Synod agree to raise at least the amount of \$2800 a year, being the sum stated by the Board of Superintendence as being necessary to maintain our Collegiate Institutions in their present efficiency, and would urge upon all our congregations to use ways and means, by collection or otherwise, to raise this amount."

This resolution was unanimously adopted, and so became the judgment of the Court.

It was moved by the Clerk, and seconded by the Rev. C. B. Pitblado,

"That whereas, for the more efficient maintenance of our educational institutions, it is necessary that they be raised above the state of uncertain dependence upon annual collections; and whereas the only satisfactory position is that of securing a sufficient endowment for their support; agree to remit to the Board to consider whether it would in the meantime be advisable to take steps for securing such endowment, and if so, that they be empowered to adopt the necessary means for accomplishing that object."

While this subject was still under consideration the hour of adjournment arrived.

Closed with the Benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 7.30 o'clock, p. m.

The Synod met, and after praise and the reading of the Scriptures was constituted by the Moderator.

Mr. Pelletier and Dr. Burns delivered addresses on French Evangelization. The Synod was then led in prayer by the Rev. G. M. Grant. The subject of Foreign Missions was next spoken to by the Revs. L. G. McNeill and J. Fraser Campbell, after which prayer was offered by Mr. J. K. Blair.

Judge Stevens and the Rev. G. M. Grant then addressed the Court upon the Home Missions of the Church, when the Synod adjourned with the Benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, October 7th, 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Synod met, and after praise and the reading of the Scriptures was constituted. The Revs. T. Duncan and Wm. G. Archibald led in prayer.

The minutes of the two previous sederunts were read and sustained.

The Committee on Business submitted a report setting forth additional subjects to be brought before Synod. The Report was received and adopted.

Resumed the consideration of the subject of Theological Education, when it was moved in amendment to the motion submitted by the Clerk, by the Rev. Geo. Christie, and seconded by the Rev. L. G. McNeill:

"That this Synod consider the time for securing an Endowment Fund for our Theological Institution, as having arrived, and remit to the Board to mature a plan for that purpose, with a view to immediate action."

On a division the motion was adopted by a very large majority.

On the motion of the Rev. L. G. McNeill it was agreed to accept the resolution just adopted as the unanimous finding of the Court.

It was moved by the Rev. D. McRae, seconded by the Rev. J. McKinnon, and unanimously adopted:

"That whereas the Synod has declared its determination to maintain, and if possible increase the efficiency of the Theological Hall in Halifax, and that for carrying out that object an annual sum of not less than \$2,800 must be raised by collections, from the several congregations within its bounds;

"And whereas this Synod has also expressed its firm conviction, of the desirability of inaugurating measures for securing an endowment fund, for the efficient maintenance of the Hall;

"Therefore in order to carry out the objects of these resolutions as effectually as possible: *Resolved*

"1. That the Board of Superintendence be authorized to publish a statement, embodying the resolutions of Synod on this subject, and placing the claims of the Theological Hall before the people of the Church.

"2. That ministers or office-bearers be instructed to bring the claims of the Theological Hall before their people, by sermon or otherwise, with a view of taking up a collection for its support at as early a day as possible, after the meeting of Synod.

"3. That Presbyteries be enjoined to take order that all congregations within their bounds be reminded of their duty, to make contributions for our Theological Institution."

It was unanimously agreed to nominate W. J. Stairs, Esq., of Halifax, to the position of Governor of Dalhousie College, vacated by the death of the late Dr. Forrest.

It was also agreed that after the approaching Session the term of Theological training be lengthened, to commence on the first Wednesday of November, and close on the last Thursday of April.

Attention having been called to the presence of the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell in the Court, it was moved by the Rev. A. McL. Sinclair, and seconded by Dr. McCulloch, and unanimously agreed to,

“That acting in the present case, according to the custom of the late Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, this Synod declares the Rev. Mr. Campbell a member of the Presbytery of Halifax.”

The Revds. Messrs. Begg and Galloway, ministers of this Church, and the Rev. Henry Pope of the Wesleyan Church, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Closed with the Benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Rev. P. G. McGregor, Secretary of the Assembly's Board on Foreign Missions, submitted a brief statement of the work of the Board, and the action taken for the purpose of amalgamating the work of the Boards in connection with the late Synods, and submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted by Synod :

“That as the funds at the disposal of the Board are quite insufficient to provide for the payment of the salaries of our missionaries, a large sum being required on or soon after Nov. 1st, the Synod direct that collections be taken, in all congregations which have not recently sent contributions to this fund, on or shortly after the fourth Sabbath of October, the time at which collections were usually taken in the late Church of the Maritime Provinces.”

The following Committee were appointed on the subject of Synodical expenses, to report, if possible, at the evening sederunt, viz. :—Revds. Geo. Christie, John Campbell, James Sinclair, N. McKay, ministers, and Messrs. J. K. Blair, J. Hegan and J. S. McLean, elders. Liberty was granted to this Committee to retire.

It was agreed to defer the appointment of Committees for the examination of Presbytery Records till next meeting of Synod.

Took up a reference from the Sydney Presbytery, and two protests and appeals of the Rev. C. E. McLean against findings of said Presbytery. It was moved and seconded that these cases be considered by a Committee in accordance with the recommendation of the Business Committee.

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. L. G. McNeil, and seconded by Rev. J. Bennet, that the Synod proceed to hear the cases. On a division the amendment was preferred. On motion it was agreed to consider this reference and these appeals with closed doors.

The Synod was engaged in reading the papers in the case when the hour of adjournment arrived.

Closed with the Benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 7.30 o'clock, p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted by Dr. McCulloch, Moderator *pro tem.* The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

Resumed the consideration of the reference and appeals from Sydney Presbytery, when the remaining papers in the case were read. An additional paper bearing on the case, but not regularly transmitted, was received *ex gratia* and also read.

It was then moved by Dr. Patterson, and seconded by Mr. Pitblado, "That the reference be sustained, and that the Synod proceed to hear the parties."

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. N. McKay, and seconded by the Rev. L. G. McNeill, "That the Synod now proceed to hear parties in relation to the validity of this reference."

A vote being taken the amendment was preferred.

The Synod then proceeded to hear the parties, when the Revds. Dr. McLeod, D. Drummond, D. Sutherland, A. Farquharson, D. McDougall, and C. E. McLean, ministers, and Mr. McLennan, elder, addressed the Court.

It was then moved by the Rev. G. M. Grant, and seconded by Dr. Patterson, and unanimously adopted, that the reference be sustained.

Closed with the Benediction.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, Oct. 8th, 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Dr. McCulloch, Moderator, *pro tem.* The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Rev. George Christie read the report of the Committee on Synodical expenses. The report was received and its recommendations, which are as follows, adopted :

1. That sessions be directed by circular from the Synod Clerk, to meet the expenses of their ministers and elders attending the present meeting of Synod.

2. That the Rev. P. G. McGregor be appointed Treasurer of Synod, and that he be instructed to borrow in the meantime what is needful to meet the other necessary expenses of Synod—this outlay to be met by a Synodical collection in all the congregations, to be taken up prior to next meeting.

3. That any of those who have contributed with the expectation of having travelling expenses paid, shall be at liberty, on the present occasion, to withdraw their collection.

4. That a collection for a Synod Fund be annually taken in all the congregations, to embrace the following objects : (1) Payment of Synod officers, printing, stationary, &c. (2) Payment of travelling fares, and if practicable, all expenses of members, so far as funds will permit.

5. That a Committee, consisting of the Revds. P. G. McGregor and John Campbell, ministers, and Mr. J. Scott Hutton, elder, be appointed to frame regulations for the guidance of future Committees in the management of the Fund.

Entered upon the consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Sydney. The Rev. Mr. Drummond was appointed to represent the memorialists in the case, and was heard by Synod; and the Rev. C. E. McLean addressed the Court in his own behalf. Certain questions were then asked of the parties, when they were removed.

When the case was still under consideration the hour of adjournment arrived.

Closed with the Benediction.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted by Rev. Dr. McCulloch, Moderator *pro tem*. The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

Read a reference from the Presbytery of St. John with respect to Mr. R. H. Taylor, asking Synod to receive him under its supervision, give him employment as a catechist, and prescribe a course of study with a view to licensure when it sees fit. It was agreed to defer its consideration in the meantime.

Resumed the consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Sydney. It was moved by Rev. A. McL. Sinclair and seconded by Mr. McDonald, elder,

“That the Synod having considered the reference from the Presbytery of Sydney sent the Rev. C. E. McLean, find that nothing has been proved against Mr. McLean’s character as a Minister of the Gospel, and that there are not adequate grounds for severing the connection between Mr. McLean and his people.”

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. G. M. Grant, and seconded by Rev. D. Sutherland,

“That the Synod sustain the finding of the Presbytery in the case of Mr. McLean and direct the Presbytery to sever the connection between him and his people.”

It was moved by Rev. T. Sedgwick, and seconded by Dr. Patterson,

“That the matter be remitted to the Presbytery of Sydney, with directions to proceed in the case of Mr. McLean, and his congregation, if they see cause, according to the laws of the Church.”

It was moved by Prof. McKnight and seconded by the Rev. D. MacRae,

“That the Synod find that Mr. McLean has used, on several occasions, incautious and unministerial language, and admonish him to be more careful of his speech in the future, and renew the recommendation of the Presbytery of Sydney to Mr. McLean and his congregation, that all parties should cultivate the things that make for peace”

Messrs. Grant, Sedgwick and Sinclair, with the consent of their seconders, agreed to withdraw their motions, which was accordingly done.

Prof. McKnight’s motion was then put to the Synod and adopted, and so became the judgment of the Court. It was intimated to the parties, and in terms of the same Mr. McLean was accordingly admonished.

Prof. McKnight then led the Synod in prayer.

Took up the protests and appeals by Mr. McLean against decisions of the Presbytery of Sydney, when Mr. McLean, with the consent of the Court, withdrew his first protest and appeal.

The Presbytery of Sydney obtained leave to retire and endeavor to secure an amicable settlement in regard to the second protest and appeal.

Mr. D. McDonald called the attention of Synod to the subject of the Insurance of Church. It was agreed to postpone the decision of this question till next meeting of Synod and instruct the Committee to report.

The Presbytery of Sydney having returned, reported that they had come to the following decision, viz.,

“Mr. McLean had agreed to withdraw the charge of slander against Mr. Drummond and Dr. McLeod, and to express regret for having uttered the same; and with this understanding the Presbytery agreed to withdraw the censure of Mr. McLean, and expunge the same from the records of Presbytery:” which thereupon Mr. Drummond declared had been done.

The Synod expressed itself as pleased with this harmonious termination of the case.

It was agreed that the next ordinary meeting of Synod be held in Halifax, on the 1st Tuesday of October, 1876, in St. Matthew's Church, at 7½ o'clock.

Took up the reference from St. John Presbytery, with regard to Mr. R. H. Taylor. After discussion, it was moved by Rev. G. M. Grant and seconded by Rev. P. G. McGregor,

“That the examination of Mr. Taylor be considered sufficient to entitle him to admission to the Theological Hall, and that the Presbytery of St. John be accordingly empowered to certify him for admission.”

It was moved in amendment by Professor McKnight, and seconded by Dr. McLise,

“That the prayer of the Presbytery of St. John, in the case of Mr. Taylor, be granted, in so far as that the Presbytery be empowered to receive Mr. Taylor as a student Catechist, superintend his studies, employ him in the mission field, and report the whole case to the General Assembly.”

On a division the amendment was preferred.

Dr. McCulloch entered his protest against this finding.

The Rev. G. M. Grant, as Convener of the Board of Superintendence, brought before the Synod the cases of Messrs. Stewart and Carruthers, Catechists from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, and of Mr. Dawson, Catechist from the Free Church of Scotland, requesting permission for them to study their Divinity Course, cotemporaneously with necessary study in Arts. On motion of Mr. Grant it was agreed to refer the matter to the Board of Superintendence, that it may advise them as to the course of study they are to pursue.

The Rev. J. Fraser Campbell having called attention to the Bursary Fund, it was, on motion of the Rev. P. G. McGregor, agreed,

“That the Synod record their sense of the importance of the object, recommend it to the favourable consideration of the congregations, and request collections.”

The Rev. H. B. McKay, on behalf of the Wallace Presbytery, asked for advice in reference to a certain case, when it was agreed to refer the matter back to the Presbytery to be dealt with, according to the laws of the Church.

The Rev. G. M. Grant reported from the Committee on the application of Rev. J. R. Kean ;

“That they had examined Mr. Kean’s certificates and had found them satisfactory ; and recommend that his application be transmitted to the General Assembly in accordance with what is understood as the common practice of Presbyterian Churches, in the case of the reception of ministers from other bodies, and that his name be sent to the Home Mission Board for employment, in the meantime.

“As the general subject of the reception of ministers from other Churches, is at present under the consideration of the General Assembly, the Committee would suggest to the Synod the advisability of recommending the General Assembly that in future the disposal of such cases be entrusted to Synods.”

The report was received and its recommendations and suggestions adopted.

The Committee representing the Home Mission and Supplementing work of the Church, appointed to prepare a plan for unity of action in these two departments, reported, recommending that the supplemented congregations on the Home Mission Board of the former Synod of the Maritime Provinces, and the supplemented congregations of the former Synod of the Lower Provinces, form one list ; and that it be left to the Revds. T. Sedgwick and G. M. Grant to harmonize the terms of payment. The recommendation was adopted.

It was moved by the Rev. R. J. Cameron, and seconded by Dr. Waters, and agreed to, that the Clerks fee be one hundred dollars.

The Revds. J. Campbell and J. Forrest were associated with the Clerk to review the minutes prior to publication.

The cordial thanks of the Synod were given—

1. To the members of the Church and other Christian friends in St. John, Portland and Carleton, for their kind hospitality in entertaining the members of Synod.

2. To the Trustees of St. Andrew’s Church, for the accommodation furnished the Synod.

3. To the various newspapers in the city for their reports of the proceedings of Synod.

The minutes of the present sederunt were read and sustained.

The Moderator *pro tem*—Dr. McCulloch—then briefly addressed the Synod ; the 18th and 19th verses of the 72nd Psalm were sung and prayer offered, when the Synod adjourned to meet in St. Matthew’s Church, Halifax, on the first Tuesday of October, 1876, at 7½ o’clock, p. m.

ALEX. FALCONER,

Clerk.

ROBERT SEDGWICK,

Moderator.

St. John, October 9th, 1875.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

| MINISTERS. | DATE OF ORDINATION. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | POST OFFICES. |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 2 Hugh McLeod, D.D. | Nov'r 1833 | | Mira..... | Sydney. |
| Matthew Wilson | June 1842 | John McInnis | Sydney Mines..... | North Sydney. |
| James Ross | Sep 1st, 1853 | Donald McKay | Grand River..... | Grand River. |
| 2 C. E. McLean | | John Beaton | Loch's Creek..... | Loch's Creek. |
| Abraham McIntosh | Aug. 21, 1856 | | St. Ann's and North Shore. | St. Ann's. |
| 2 Donald Sutherland | June 6, 1860 | John McCormick | Gabarus..... | Gabarus. |
| 2 Alex. Farquharson | Dec. 14, 1864 | 2 D. McLeman | Sydney..... | Sydney. |
| 2 Donald McDougall | Nov. 15, 1865 | T. P. Jones | Cow Bay Mines..... | Cow Bay. |
| 2 David Drummond | June 18, 1872 | Don'd McDonald | Boularderie..... | Boularderie. |
| Peter Clark | Nov. 12, 1873 | | Cape North..... | Cape North. |
| VACANT. | | | | |
| | | A. McPherson | Glance Bay..... | |
| | | F. Falconer | New Congregation, Sydney. | |
| | | | Loch Lomond..... | |

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

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| Murdoch Stewart | 1843 | | Whycocomagh..... | Whycocomagh |
| William G. Forbes | 1852 | | Pt. Hastings & River Denys | Port Hastings |
| Kenneth McKenzie | 1857 | | Baddeck and Forks..... | Baddeck. |
| Alex'r Grant | | | Lake Ainslie..... | Lake Ainslie. |
| 1 A. F. Thompson | Sep'r 8, 1874 | | | Mabou. |
| VACANT. | | | | |
| | | | West Bay..... | |
| | | | Broad Cove..... | |
| | | | Middle River & Lit. Narrows | |

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

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| John Stewart | | | | New Glasgow. |
| George Walker | | 1 Daniel McDonald | New Glasgow..... | New Glasgow. |
| 1 James Bayne, D.D. | 1842 | David Matheson | Prince Street, Pictou..... | Pictou. |
| A. P. Miller | | | French River..... | French River. |
| 1 D. B. Blair | Oct. 26, 1846 | Peter Ross | Barney's River & Blue M'ns | Laggan, Barney's |
| A. W. Herdman | | | St. Andrew's, Pictou..... | Pictou. [River |
| 1 Geo. Patterson, D. D. | Oct. 22, 1849 | 1 J. T. Arthur | Salem Church, Green Hill.. | Green Hill. |
| James Thompson | July 22, 1854 | J. D. Cameron | Central Church, West River | West River. |
| William Maxwell | 1854 | | Little Harbor & Fisher's Grnt | Little Harbor. |
| 1 John Lees | July 10, 1855 | 1 Wm. S. Fraser | Westville..... | Westville. |
| 1 George Roddick | June, 1858 | 1 John McKenzie | West River..... | West River. |
| Alex. Stirling | | | Scotsburn..... | Scotsburn. |
| George Coull | | | St. Andrew's, New Glasgow | New Glasgow. |
| 1 John McKinnon | Sept 29, 1858 | 1 Robert Munroe | Hopewell..... | Hopewell. |
| William Stewart | | | McLellan's Mountain..... | McLellan's M'n |
| 1 Alex. Ross, M.A. | 1859 | John Logan | Knox Church, Pictou..... | Pictou. |
| William McMillan | Dec'r, 1859 | | Salt Springs..... | Salt Springs. |
| Peter Goodfellow | 1862 | John McMillan | Antigonish..... | Antigonish. |
| Thos. Cumming | 1863 | James Fraser | Stellarton..... | Stellarton. |
| 1 E. A. McCurdy | June 20, 1866 | James Arthur | James' Church, N. Glasgow | New Glasgow. |
| J. W. Fraser | | | Roger's Hill & Cape John.. | Scotsburn. |
| 1 A. McL. Sinclair | July 25, 1866 | James Grant | Springville..... | Springville. |
| J. F. Forbes | July 27, 1867 | Hugh McNeil | Lochaber and Union Centre | Up. S. Br., Anti- |
| Robert Cumming | Mar. 16, 1869 | Alex. Fisher | Glenelg, Caledonia, etc..... | Glenelg, g'nish |
| A. J. McKichan | | | Barney's River & Lochaber | Up. Barney's R |
| Charles Dunn | | | Stellarton and Westville.. | Stellarton. |
| 1 H. McD. Scott, M.A., D.D. | June 23, 1874 | Robert Murray | Merigonish..... | Merigonish. |
| VACANT. | | | | |
| | | Dun. McDonald | Shirbrooke..... | |
| | | | St. Paul's Ch, E. Br'ch, E. R'r | |

PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

| MINISTERS. | DATE OF ORDINATION. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | POST OFFICES. |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| James Watson..... | Oct. 15, 1830 | George Langille. | New Annan..... | New Annan. |
| 1 John Munro..... | Nov. 9, 1848 | 1 Wm McDonald. | Wallace..... | Wallace. |
| W. S. Durragh..... | Nov. 12, 1850 | Wm Mitchell.. | Goose River .. | Goose River. |
| 1 James Murray .. | Nov. 3, 1852 | 1 Alexander Ross. | Wallace..... | Wallace. |
| 1 H. B. McKay..... | June 22, 1855 | 1 John McLean .. | River John..... | River John. |
| 1 Thomas Sedgwick.. | Sep. 19, 1869 | 1 James Langille. | Tatamagouche[| Tatamagouche |
| Robert McCunn..... | May, 1861 | ..... | River John..... | River John. |
| James McColl..... | ..... | ..... | Earltown..... | Earltown. |
| 1 Charles Naismith.. | Mar. 27, 1866 | George Fulton. | Springhill..... | Springhill. |
| 5 William Grant..... | Sep. 27, 1869 | John Sutherland | Earltown..... | Earltown. |
| 1 J. M. Sutherland.. | Dec'r 5, 1872 | Charles Oulton.. | Pugwash..... | Pugwash. |
| VACANT. | | David Spence .. | Amherst..... | |

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

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| John J. Baxter..... | 1832 | | Onslow..... | Truro. |
| 1 Wm McCulloch, D. D. | Feb. 14, 1839 | 1 Alex Miller..... | Truro..... | Truro. |
| James Byers..... | 1845 | Jos. Loughead.. | Clifton..... | Clifton. |
| Ebenezer Ross..... | ..... | 1 Chas Morrison .. | Upper Londonderry | Fawleigh. |
| A. L. Wyllie..... | Aug 12, 1852 | 2 D. M. Kent..... | Great Village.. | Great Village. |
| 1 J. McG. McKay..... | ..... | 1 Samuel Lewis.. | Economy..... | Economy. (Col) |
| 2 A. Cameron..... | July, 1856 | J. W. Fulton..... | Riverside..... | Portaupique. |
| 1 D. McKimmon..... | June 4, 1862 | William Adams.. | Farrsborough .. | Farrsborough. |
| 1 John McMillan, B. D. | Mar. 26, 1866 | D. A. Fraser..... | St. Paul's, Truro. | Truro. [Col. |
| 1 James Sinclair..... | Sep. 14, 1867 | Hon. S. Creelman | Springside..... | Cross Roads, |
| J. H. Chase, A. M.,... | May 5, 1869 | D. E. Cutten..... | Onslow..... | Onslow. [Col. |
| 1 Edward Grant..... | Oct. 26, 1869 | 1 R. Frame..... | Stewiacke..... | Up. Stewiacke. |
| Edwin Smith, A. B.,... | Oct. 3, 1871 | 1 Hugh Dunlop.. | Mid. Stewiacke & Brookfield | Mid. Stewiacke. |
| 1 Jacob Layton..... | Nov. 22, 1871 | 1 N. K. Dickson.. | Coldstream..... | Teviotdale. |
| VACANT. | | 1 J. K. Blair..... | West Truro..... | |
| | | Wm Stewart..... | Acadia..... | |
| | | 7 Wm Patrick..... | Maccan..... | |

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

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| 1 Robert Sedgwick..... | Sept. 1836 | John Tupper..... | Musquodoboit.. | Musquodoboit |
| 1 P. G. McGregor..... | Oct. 1841 | | Agent of the Church | Halifax. |
| Walter Thorburn..... | ..... | ..... | Warwick, Bermuda. | Warwick, B'da |
| 1 Robert F. Burns, D. D. | July 18, 1847 | 2 John S. McLean. | Fort Massey, Halifax. | Halifax. |
| Prof. Pollok..... | 1852 | ..... | Theological Hall .. | Halifax. |
| James McLean..... | 1855 | 1 Wm F. Meek..... | Shubenacadie & L. Stewiacke | Shubenacadie. |
| Alex Stuart..... | Oct. 20, 1856 | ..... | Lawrencetown, etc. | Porter's Lake. |
| 1 Prof. McKnight..... | Feb. 26, 1857 | ..... | Theological Hall .. | Dartmouth. |
| Prof. Currie..... | Aug. 13, 1857 | ..... | Theological Hall .. | Halifax. |
| 1 Geo M. Grant, A. M.,... | Dec'r, 1860 | 1 Wm F. Knight.. | St. Matthew's, Halifax. | Halifax. |
| 1 Alex Falconer..... | Aug. 14, 1862 | Henry Waddell.. | Dartmouth..... | Dartmouth. |
| J. A. F. Sutherland .. | May 4, 1864 | Nathan'l Spence. | St. Croix & Eilershouse. | St. Croix. |
| J. D. McGillivray .. | Feb. 7, 1865 | Wm Ingraham .. | Newport..... | Newport. |
| 1 C. B. Pitblado..... | Feb. 15, 1865 | 1 Robert Murray. | Chalmer's Church, Halifax. | Halifax. |
| A. J. Mowatt..... | June 5, 1866 | John Dill..... | Windsor..... | Windsor. |
| 1 Simpson..... | Aug. 7, 1866 | 2 J. Scott Hutton. | Poplar Grove, Halifax. | Halifax. |
| 1 John Forrest..... | Dec. 13, 1866 | John S. Smith .. | St. John's, Halifax. | Halifax. |
| 2 Samuel Bernard..... | 1867 | Alex Hill..... | Noel..... | Noel. |
| 1 John Campbell..... | July 20, 1868 | John Cook..... | St. Andrew's, Halifax. | Halifax. |
| 1 John B. Logan..... | Oct. 1, 1868 | Geo A. Blanchard | Cornwallis South. | Kentville. |
| A. B. Dickie..... | Dec. 22, 1869 | Wm R. Robinson | Sheet Harbor, etc. | Sheet Harbor. |
| 1 L. G. McNeill..... | Nov. 12, 1872 | Edward Lynch .. | Maitland..... | Maitland. (H'r |
| Jas Rosborough..... | July 23, 1873 | Wm Anderson .. | Musquodoboit Harbor, etc. | Musquodoboit |
| K. F. Junor..... | Nov. 30, 1873 | ..... | Hamilton, Bermuda. | Hamilton, B'da |
| 1 Ephraim Scott..... | Sep. 20, 1875 | ..... | Milford & Gay's River. | Milford. |
| 1 J. Fraser Campbell..... | (Missionary) | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| VACANT. | ..... | John Irvins..... | Upper Musquodoboit. | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | Henry Webster.. | North Cornwallis. | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | Daniel Cameron. | Annapolis & Bridgetown. | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | James Potter..... | Richmond, N.W. Arm & Go | odwood. |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | Little River, Musquodoboit | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | Kempt & Walton. | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | Elmsdale & Nine Mile River | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | Gore and Kennetcook. | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | West Cornwallis. | ..... |

PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG & YARMOUTH.

| MINISTERS. | DATE OF ORDINATION. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | POST OFFICES. |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| 5 George Christie | July 22, 1842 | N. Hilton | Yarmouth | Yarmouth. |
| William Duff | June, 1843 | | Lunenburg | Lunenburg. |
| Donald McMillan | Dec. 4, 1861 | | La Have | La Have. |
| Matthew G. Henry | Feb. 3, 1864 | P. Hogg | Clyde | Clyde. |
| Peter M. Morrison | Sept. 1865 | A. Gow | Bridgewater | Bridgewater. |
| Ebenezer McNab | May 19, 1867 | | Mahone Bay | Mahone Bay. |
| John C. Meek | Dec. 20, 1872 | S. Richardson | Carleton & Chebo | Carleton. |
| Ebenezer D. Miller | Oct. 28, 1873 | | Shelburne, etc. | Shelburne. |

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

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|------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 John M. Brooke, D.D. | 1839 | John Edwards | Fredericton | Fredericton. |
| 1 A. Donald | 1842 | Wm Scott | Lundonderry & Campbell St | Lundonderry. |
| 1 James Bennet | 1843 | Walter Brown | St. John's Church, St. John | St. John. |
| 1 L. Jack | 1845 | Charles Stewart | Springfield & English St | Springfield. |
| 1 Wm Millen | 1846 | | Bocabee & Waweig | Bayview, St. Andrews. |
| 1 D. McLise, D.D. | 1848 | 1 James Logan | Calvin Church, St. John | St. John. |
| 1 D. McRae | 1854 | 1 J. Hegun | St. Stephen, St. John | St. John. |
| 1 S. Johnstone | 1856 | John Swan | Harvey | Harvey, York |
| 1 J. Gray, M.A. | 1857 | Jas McDiarmid | Sussex | Sussex. {Co. |
| 9 D. Waters, LL. D. | 1861 | R. Cruickshanks | St. David's, St. John | St. John. |
| 1 J. D. Murray | Feb. 2, 1865 | Obid Chapman | Buctouche & Cocagne | Buctouche. |
| Wm Stuart | May 17, 1865 | | Fredericton | Fredericton. |
| 1 W. Fogo | 1867 | | Nashwaak and Stanley | Nashwaak, York Co. |
| 1 J. Hogg | Oct. 1, 1868 | Jonathan Wier | Moncton | Moncton. |
| 1 J. K. Dearisto | Sep. 30, 1869 | 1 John Robertson | Saltsprings | Saltsprings, King's Co. |
| 1 R. J. Cameron | Dec. 20, 1869 | 1 Dr. Waddell | St. Andrew's, St. John | St. John. |
| 1 J. C. Burgess, A.B. | May 5, 1870 | Geo. McKilgan | Carleton, St. John | Carleton, St. John. |
| 2 K. McKay | Feb. 22, 1872 | Walter Hay | Richmond | Richmond. |
| 1 Isaac S. Simpson | July 16, 1873 | Henry Galbraith | Nerepis, etc. | Nerepis. |
| 1 James Quinn | 1873 | John McLeod | St. James | St. James, Charlotte Co. |
| 1 J. Wallace, A.B. | Feb. 17, 1875 | | St. George | St. George. |
| 2 M. R. Paradis | May 19, 1875 | | Grand Falls | Grand Falls. |
| VACANT. | | William Nichol | Prince William | |
| | | 1 Judge Stevens | St. Stephen | |
| | | Thos Watt | New Keneardine | |
| | | John Simpson | Glassville & Florenceville | |
| | | | Bailie, etc. | |
| | | | Chipman | |
| | | | St. Andrews | |
| | | | Woodstock & Northampton | |

PRESBYTERY OF MIRIMICHI.

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|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Angus McMaster | | Chas McAllister | New Mills | New Mills. |
| Jas Law, A.M. | | J. Glendenning | Richibucto | Richibucto. |
| Wm Murray, A.M. | | | Campbelton | Campelton. |
| John Wells, A.M. | | | New Richmond | New Richmond. |
| W. Scott | | | New Richmond | New Carlisle. |
| Jas Fowler, A.M. | | Thos Stevenson | Bass River | Bass River. |
| Thos Nicholson | | John Cook | River Charlo | River Charlo. |
| Jas Anderson | | William Scott | Newcastle | Newcastle. |
| John Robertson | | Alex McLeod | Tabusintac & Baret Ch | Tabusintac. |
| 1 W. M. Wilson | | James Edgar | Chatham | Chatham. |
| 1 Thos G. Johnstone | | John Mills | Blackville & Derby | Blackville. |
| 1 Samuel Russell, B.A. | | Hugh Cameron | Blackriver | Blackriver. |
| John M. Allan, A.M. | Jan. 22, 1873 | Robert Gordon | Chatham | Chatham. |
| James P. Bryant | Sep 29, 1875 | | Kouchibouguac | Kouchibougu' |
| VACANT. | | | | |
| | | | Dalhousie | |
| | | | Bathurst | |

PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

| MINISTERS. | DATE OF ORDINATION. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | POST OFFICES. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2 R. S. Patterson, A.M. | Mar. 22, 1826 | Robert Cairns... | Bedeque | Bedeque. |
| James Allan | Jan'y, 1846 | | Cove Head | Cove Head. |
| Alex. Campbell | Feb'y, 1846 | | Strathabyn | Strathabyn. |
| Isaac Murray | Jan. 16, 1850 | John Simpson... | Cavendish & New Glasgow | Cavendish. |
| Alex Munro | Nov. 3, 1850 | M. Matheson... | Valleyfield & Brown's Creek | Valleyfield. |
| Alex McLean, A.M. | 1852 | Wm Ross... | Belfast | Belfast. (West. |
| 1 Henry Crawford | Oct. 18, 1853 | 2 Ben'jn Ramsay... | Richmond Bay | Richmond Bay |
| John M. McLeod | Nov. 9, 1853 | Rev D. McNeill... | Zion Church, Charlottetown | Charlottetown |
| 1 Neil McKay | Sep. 19, 1855 | Josh Linkletter | Summerside | Summerside. |
| 1 Thos Duncan | Oct. 23, 1856 | Amb L. Brown... | St. James' Ch, Charlottet'wn | Charlottetown |
| 2 Robert Laird | June 12, 1860 | W. B. Donald... | Princetown | Princetown. |
| Allan McLean | June 19, 1862 | | Dundas | Dundas. |
| Wm R. Frame | Aug. 13, 1862 | Wm L. Douglass | Mt. Stewart & W. St. Peter's | Mount Stewart |
| J. G. Cameron | Mar. 14, 1867 | Charles Aitken | Bay Fortune and Souris... | Souris. |
| S. C. Gunn | Nov. 16, 1870 | Mc'lm McDonald | West River, Clyde River, etc | West River. |
| Charles Fraser | June 7, 1871 | | West Cape and Campbellton | West Cape. |
| 1 Peter Melville, A.M. | Oct. 4, 1871 | J. A. Rutherford | Georgetown and Montague | Georgetown. |
| 2 A. F. Carr, A.M. | Oct. 4, 1871 | | Alberton and Tigash | Alberton. |
| John Murray | Jan'y 2, 1873 | Donald McLeod... | New London and Granville. | N. London S'th |
| John Sutherland | Mar. 18, 1873 | Donald Munn... | Woodville | Woodville. |
| 2 W. P. Archibald | Sep. 29, 1875 | | Tyron and Bonshaw. | Tryon. |
| VACANT. | | | Murray Harbor | |
| | | | East St. Peter's | |
| | | | N. London Nth & Summerfld. | |
| | | | Murray Harbor Road | |
| | | | St. Peter's & Brackley Pt P'd | |

PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

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|-----------------|--|--|--------------|---------------|
| Moses Harvey | | | St. John's | St. John's. |
| James Forsythe | | | St. John's | St. John. |
| Alex Ross | | | Harbor Grace | Harbor Grace. |
| J. D. Patterson | | | St. Andrew's | St. John's |

NOTE.—The figures in the Roll indicate the sederunt at which the members were first present.

THE LATE WILLIAM GORDON, ESQ.

It is with sincere regret that we notice the death of this well-known, honorable and worthy man. Since his demise we can scarcely think of Pictou town and St. Andrew's Church without him, so closely and intimately did he identify himself with them both. As a citizen he was one of the foremost in every good cause, and every true reform had his hearty sympathy and co-operation; while at the same time his balancing regulating caution counteracted in a healthy manner all undue rashness and haste. As a Churchman, however, Mr. Gordon had few equals in his day. From first to last, and through all his troubles he stuck fast to the Church of Scotland. He wisely "despised not the day of small things," and was as zealous and hopeful in days of weakness as in days of strength. From his youth up, having had in early years the blessed privilege of Godly parentage, he grew not only in the Church, but with her; and though modest and retiring in his disposition, his worth made itself felt so that while yet a young man he was sought out and called to the office of the Eldership, which office he adorned till his death by a circumspect life, by a vigilant discharge of his duties, and by a close fellowship with the ministry of the word. In Presbytery and Synod, when by turn elected thereunto, he made the work no sinecure, but entered into it with heart and mind, thus becoming at all times a wise counsellor and a judicious administrator.

Besides, he was ever ready to take the special work of the Church into his hand. When Committees were formed to take the oversight of important schemes he was ready and willing, and always, when solicited, came to the front; and though one of the most energetic and careful men of business, he never permitted his business usurp his whole thought, or prevent him from entering upon the work of the Church. Nor was he an ascetic in his religious life. *His pleasure was to see others around him happy.* In this way his companionship

was sought and enjoyed by the young as well as by the old. His house was one of hospitality to all, especially to those who loved to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

How much he will be missed both in the Church and in the community we have not yet been able to realize; a full apprehension of such a loss will take time to grow upon us.

Many of his good parts and offices are brought out in the following extract from a sermon, delivered in St. Andrew's Church, on the occasion of his death.

IN MEMORIAM.

Funeral Sermon on occasion of the death of W. GORDON, Esq., preached in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, October 10th.

After a brief exposition of 1 Thess. iv. 13-18, the preacher said: 'This day we are called to mourn the loss of one whom we could ill spare, had it been God's will to have continued him here,—one that has served this Church for at least 26 years, and to whose guiding hand it is, that we principally owe, under God, her present prosperity, William Gordon, Esq., descended of a good stock, and who maintained the reputation of his fathers, and of whom we may justly say "having served well his generation by the will of God, he fell asleep." You know the circumstances of his departure, how sudden and affecting these were, how that without any serious illness or apprehension on the part of his family of his approaching end, he fell asleep last Sabbath morning, exchanging the earthly for the heavenly sanctuary, and by a suddenness almost amounting to a translation entering the rest above.

You may justly expect from me, in reference to one who for so lengthened a period occupied so important a position in the Church, a more extended notice. Therefore I (while fully recognizing the services of others as I have formerly done) observe that when he undertook the temporal management of this congregation, things were at a low ebb,—a debt hung over the old church, services were very irregular and payments fluctuating; there was a Sabbath School, but the question of a stated ministry for Pictou was a problem to be solved, and who shall guarantee the stipend? Mr. Gordon stepped forward and undertook the responsibility of services being held fortnightly, and of a minister having his headquarters in this town. O it is a pleasant recollection how the first ten months were spent under his roof, and the

first four years previous to induction! It was then the day of small things with us, but those there are who can remember how that he, whose loss we mourn, threw himself into the breach and retrieved the fortunes of the Church, by his fair and conciliating policy gaining over the disaffected, and getting the timid and unwilling to join the Church; but it is not every one that knows how we found things in some parts of our Parish: baptized children that had been for years unchristened and some of whom were nearly able to answer for themselves; brought to ordinances men whose shadows had not for long years darkened the church door, and succeeded in reviving in dead hearts hope, love and reverence. Difficulties grew, but his faith increased with their growth, for he saw that it was a good cause in which he had embarked, that God was with the minister and the blessing came, and therefore he withheld neither pecuniary, nor moral, nor, I might say, *physical* support. He accepted of the Eldership when it was hard getting any to undertake office, and consented to act as Treasurer, all for the good of the Church. Personal considerations he waved, sacrificed time, means and inclination, and though actively engaged in business, yet on a moment's notice laid aside this to aid the struggling cause. It was conduct like this that made our Church take root, "the little one became a thousand," and manses, after the example set here, were built in different parts of the country; while again a reflex benefit resulted from his generosity, for his health was established, his family prospered, and his life was spared to see the goodly plant which he had a principal hand in raising, expand and become a tree, under whose branches you and your children now shelter yourselves; but, then, should we forget whose hand laid the vessel's keel, and at what a period, too, who first entered the breach and rallied the scattered forces? My friends these 26 years, during which our congregation rose from being a nondescript body to occupy the position it now holds, present a record of unremitting generosity, of continuous labor, anxiety and toil undergone by one—and him not a strong man. Had he been, in 1849, when he began his labors, a retired merchant of affluent means, or had he been a vigorous and robust man to whom work was but play, it had been a different thing; but considering the weak state of his health all these years, and the amount of suffering under which he so frequently labored, you may judge of the sacrifice to which he had to submit: but it was his belief that no man was the loser by what he expends in Christ's cause, hence he never grudged,

never drew back, but seemed always to adopt the Scripture adage, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." But he, whose death we this day lament, maintained a character for liberality far exceeding his legacies to church and manse. When the eye saw him it blessed him, and when the ear heard him it testified to his worth, because he succored the poor and fatherless and caused the widow's heart sing for joy. Mr. Gordon performed an amount of *secret* beneficence which will be fully known only on the day of account. Ministers, Widows, all shared in it; and then he was liberal to all schemes of philanthropy outside the Church,—to Bible Societies, Christian Associations, and to that latest effort for Pietou, "The Young Ladies College," (in which, however, unless something be done without delay, we are likely to be outstripped by another Church.) and then it was not only the amount, but the way he gave it—the *cheerful* giver appeared in all. Indeed, with him the warm shake of the hand, the sparkle of the eye, and the sympathy of the man told as eloquently as some other people's speeches, and I have had occasion to admire how that, in visiting the sick, his kindly enquiries and genuine sympathy exerted an almost magical effect in opening the heart. But I must, above all speak of him as a friend of peace. How he promoted peace in this congregation, and how he staved off many a contention and maintained harmony in all meetings, you yourselves know. In this respect his policy is worthy of imitation—a policy that serves to bind together all interests and make all parties unite for the common good; so long and so successfully maintained, it is now bequeathed to you as a legacy for all time coming. "Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God." So much for the public relations which he sustained to the Church and community, in which he showed himself a wise counsellor, a liberal benefactor, and a promoter of peace. But there are other relations of life in which we might view him. In his own house his light shone purely. Domesticity witnessed it. The same unvarying kindness, the same consideration for others feeling and desire for their happiness characterized him. When was he ever known to speak evil of any one, or to talk disparagingly of the absent? On the contrary he gave credit for good qualities and excused deficiencies. Thus he made to himself no enemies, nor lost any friends. The esteem in which he was held by all classes was seen at his death, when poor and rich mourned him, and many an one gave vent to his sorrow in expressions as these "he befriended me

in distress," and we know he let not his right hand know what his left hand did." It was this solicitude for others, this unobtrusive beneficence that made him so generally beloved, for though justice and integrity are the basis of character, yet benevolence it is that begets love, as the Bible says, "peradventure for a good man some might even dare to die," and he was one of these. A genuine philanthropy, a native benignity was his, diffusing itself through his countenance and showing itself in many graceful acts as those best know who were most familiar with him. But without seeking further to remove the veil, what he was in the more endearing relation of parent and husband, his sorrowing but not disconsolate relatives best know. Happy they that enjoyed his light so long, that can point to no act or time in which he sought not their happiness and that can confidently say their comfort and prosperity were objects of his constant care as his was of theirs. Surely an imperishable monument has been raised in their breast!

However, this sketch I must not conclude without two remarks. (1.) Conceive not of his goodness as existing without grace, as the wild flower growing in the soil of the natural heart. Such has been in several but, we are persuaded, in his case, the merits of the Redeemer, were his trust and his delight was in God. His expressions of religion, though few, were always genuine, and he depended on the Spirit of God as the author of all that is good and pure. His delight in ordinances, from which he was seldom absent, his attendance on week-night prayer meetings and Christian conversions, all showed his heart and his pleasure in our inter-communion, testified his love for God's people to whatever branch of the Church visible they belong. These are the features of a citizen of Zion leading us to infer that he that bore them now dwells in the house of the Lord forever. (2.) Good men have a work to do here and when it is finished they depart. They are immortal till their work is over; then they hear the summons "come up hither." This is the reason why he survived so many previous attacks. His work was not over, his time was not come: there was need for him here, but now the Lord has sent for him, and he has gone suddenly but gently as the babe dismissed to rest; and I pray you to take the lesson of his life home, to imitate his example of liberality, peacefulness and benevolence, and to let his virtues flourish and bear fruit in you and in the Church. In short, let others rise to take his place, to bear aloft the banner that has just fallen from his drooping hand, and to guide the course he has so long and so successfully

steered into the haven, and instead of one, let there be several that, fixing their eye steadfastly on the light of God's word, and possessing dauntless hearts shall helm her through the breakers, her living cargo safe and herself delivered;—then will this death prove revival and our cause, instead of languishing, take root and flourish, and this trial, though meanwhile not joyous but grievous, be overruled for good, and God make it a blessing in disguise, which may He who has hitherto watched over us for good, grant, and to his name be all the glory. Amen.

"Help, Lord, because the Godly man
Doth daily fade away,
And from among the sons of men,
The faithful do decay."

Articles Selected.

(From the *Presbyterian*.)

Story of the Kirk in the Maritime Provinces.

CHAPTER II.—(Continued.)

NOVA SCOTIA.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

ALBION MINES AND WESTVILLE.

The congregation of St. John's Church, an offshot as we have seen from New Glasgow, consists almost exclusively of miners and colliert. Their first minister was the Rev. Wm. M. Phillip, a native of Scotland, ordained to the ministry in 1860, and inducted to this charge in 1863, when there were some eighty families connected with the church. After the lapse of a year and a half, so popular were Mr. Phillip's ministrations, that the families numbered 160. In 1870, Mr. Phillip demitted the charge and returned to Scotland, and is now the parish minister of Skene, in the Presbytery of Aberdeen. New coal mines having been opened at WESTVILLE, in this neighbourhood, a large population was attracted to that place. For their accommodation a church was built in 1869, called St. Phillip's, and from that time the minister of Albion Mines has given half of his time to Westville. The Rev. Charles Dunn was inducted to this united charge in 1871, and he is now the minister. There are about 270 families connected with the two branches of the congregation.

PICTOU.

The town of this name is situated about three miles from the mouth of an arm of

the sea forming one of the finest harbours in Nova Scotia. The surrounding district is exceedingly rich in minerals, and has some of the finest coal mines in the world. The first house in Pictou was erected in 1790. The present population is 3,200.

Although it is an oldish story now, there are those still living who have a pleasing recollection of the first minister of the Church of Scotland who preached in Pictou—a young Highlander who spoke the Gaelic effectually, and whose preaching made a singularly deep impression on the minds of his hearers. This was the Rev. Alexander Fletcher, a native of the Isle of Skye, and a licentiate of the Presbytery of Edinburgh, who arrived in 1816. But he preached only four Sabbaths. Dissatisfied with the existing state of things, he proceeded to Upper Canada, and was ordained to the charge of Martintown, by the then Presbytery of the Canadas, in 1820. He died at Plantagenet, in the county of Glengarry, in 1836, aged 45.

The first minister of St. Andrew's Church was the Rev. Kenneth John Mackenzie, from the Highlands of Scotland, whose memory is still fondly cherished by all the adherents of the Church of Scotland in this Province, and whose distinguished ability placed him in the first ranks of his countrymen. He seems to have been settled here about the year 1823, and here he died in 1838, in the 39th year of his age.

The Pictou paper recording his death says of him:—"The circumstances in which he found the Church of Scotland forced him into controversy; and, to the last hours of his life, he was the advocate of her rights; but his was such an open, manly and generous opposition, that he went down to the grave crowned with the respect even of his enemies. He possessed the finest order of talent, both as a public speaker and writer."

About the year 1841 Rev. Robert Williamson became minister of this charge. He officiated until 1844, when, like a good many others, he returned to the old country and was inducted to the parish of Knockbain, Sutherlandshire. After this there occurred a long vacancy, relieved at different intervals by the two deputations from the parent church and the assiduous ministrations of the late Rev. Dr. McGillivray till 1849, when the present minister, the Rev. Andrew Walker Herdman, M. A., arrived, to find himself the sole Minister of seven congregations. After supplying the vacancies within the bounds for some time, he undertook the charge of St. Andrew's Church, and was inducted thereto in 1853. Since that date the progress of the congregation, as well in spiritual as material prosperity, has been uninterrupted and most

satisfactory. The people commenced by building for their minister a comfortable manse on an elevated site overlooking the harbour, commanding one of the finest views in Nova Scotia. It cost about \$3000. More recently they undertook a great work in the erection of their splendid new church, which is not only an ornament to the town, but one of the finest ecclesiastical edifices in the Province. It is constructed of brick, with stone facings, and flanked with stone buttresses, with a central tower in front, terminating in a spire 120 feet in height. The size of the main body of the building is 78 feet long by 50 feet wide, and it is comfortably seated for one thousand persons. The interior is very tastefully finished, the roof being supported by clustered columns with moulded capitals from which spring groined arches. There is a spacious basement affording ample accommodation for the Sabbath School and occasional meetings. The cost of this structure was about \$25,000 which has been all paid. There are upwards of 200 families connected with the congregation, and above four hundred communicants.

EARLTOWN AND WEST BRANCH RIVER JOHN.

The district over which these congregations extend was first settled in 1819, by emigrants from the north Highlands of Scotland. For years they were destitute of stated religious ordinances, and seldom heard the Gospel preached. But the people did the best they could for themselves by meeting on the Sabbath Day in some central place, joining in prayer and praise, and having a sermon read from some of the "orthodox authors," by the best readers among them. Thus they continued till 1836, when the Rev. William Sutherland came among them and took charge of the joint congregation till 1843, when he confined his labours to Earltown alone. Although licensed and ordained by the Church of Scotland he refused to join any Presbytery in this country. But it is due to him to say that his memory is greatly revered to this day by the people of Earltown, by whom he was esteemed a devout and faithful minister of the Gospel. Indeed it seems questionable whether any other so pious has been settled, before or since, within the bounds of the Presbytery. He had no worldly polish, but in real worth he was every inch a true man. He died in 1848, and the place was again deprived of ministerial services. But the people did not forsake the assembling of themselves together. They met as aforetime for worship and to hear sermon, receiving also occasional services from the Presbytery, until 1852, when

the Rev. Alexander Mackay, M.A., arrived among them.

Mr. Mackay was the first native of Nova Scotia who studied for the Church of Scotland, and returned to labour among his countrymen. He is a graduate of the University of Aberdeen, and received licence and ordination from the Presbytery of the same name. Associated as he was for fifteen years with the trials and hopes and disappointments which chequered the history of the Kirk in the Maritime Provinces, few men are better acquainted with its history, and, certainly, few men have laboured more earnestly and unselfishly in her interests. With the same zeal and fidelity—the heroism it should be called—which he has manifested since he came to Ontario, he began his ministerial work in this corner of the Lord's vineyard, and subsequently laboured throughout the bounds of the Synod in most of its congregations. If further proof is wanted of his earnest desire to promote the interests of the Mother Church in Nova Scotia, it may be found in the voluminous correspondence which he carried on during many years with the Colonial Committee, the Universities, the leading ministers of the Church, and the students of Divinity. If it is asked why he himself abandoned the field, it can only be answered,—he was over-worked. By his removal to Belfast, Earltown became vacant again, and continued so till 1861, when the Rev. William McMillan, also a native of the Province, was inducted, whose name will presently recur as the minister of Saltsprings.

The Rev. James McColl, formerly of DeSable, P. E. I., the present incumbent, was inducted on the 14th November, 1872. Since 1868 two very handsome churches have been built in Earltown, the one at Tatamagouche Falls, the other in Earltown centre. These are *Union Churches*, that is, they were built by the joint efforts of the two branches of the Church, and have since been worshipped in alternately by them. Nevertheless, Earltown and West Branch have as yet declined to be merged in "the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

The congregation are free of debt and are able to pay a stipend of \$1000. The manse, however, is becoming "old and gray." The same may be said of the church at West Branch, which is just a little out of keeping with the other improvements in that locality. There are about 200 families connected with these congregations, well able to keep abreast of the age in style and comfort.

EAST RIVER OF PICTOU :

EAST AND WEST BRANCHES.

There is one of the largest congregations

in the county, or rather, two large congregations in one. The twain Churches of St. Columba at the West, and St. Paul's at the East Branch, eight miles asunder, are respectively twenty and twenty-four miles from Pictou—situated in a district of country singularly beautiful, whose hills abound in coal and iron and other valuable minerals. The inhabitants are all of Highland descent, from Ross, Inverness and Su herlandshires. Yet, even here, "the language of Paradise" is no longer the vernacular. It is fading away before that of the *Sassenach*. But what of that? There remains the ancestral viety of the people, who are said to be more than usually well versed in Scripture, devout, strongly attached to the Church of Scotland; remarkable for uprightness of character and regard for religious ordinances. In both congregations there are about 250 families, of whom about 150 belong to the West Branch. The churches are respectively seated for 750 and 700, and are well attended, not only on Sabbaths, but at the week-day prayer meetings and other occasions also.

Their first pastor was the Rev. John Macrae, now the parish minister of Stornaway, Scotland, who was settled here in 1827. His ministry will not soon be forgotten in Pictou County, for he was a power among the people. During the last months of his ministry he hardly once preached, except in the open air, because no building could contain the thousands that gathered around him.

No people on the face of the earth, it is well known, so instinctively give themselves up to hero-worship as the Highlanders, and of all Highlanders none are more demonstrative than Highlanders in the Colonies. It is superfluous to ask the reason why. With an imperishable love of their native mountains and glens, and an undying memory of sacred scenes and associations in the land where their fore-fathers sleep, how could it be otherwise? As the captive Jews hung their harps on the willow trees and wept by Babel's stream, while they thought on their loved Jerusalem, so the people of East River, and of Pictou county, had accustomed themselves to say, "how shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" And as one and another of their ministers, who had often ceased their heart-strings to vibrate with the rhythm of their dear Gaelic tongue, left them and their desolated sanctuaries, such parting scenes as is now referred to were as true to nature as when the elders of Ephesus in the apostolic days, kneeling on the sea-shore, fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, "sorrowing most of all that they should see his face no more." Independent testimony makes Mr.

Macrae one of the foremost champions of the Kirk in her times of trial and disruption in Nova Scotia. It also tells us how he and the Rev. Mr. McKichan, of Barney's River, threw themselves into the breach, and urged with ability that the impending division and dismemberment of the infant Church should not take place, but that the Colonial Church should declare itself distinct from the Scottish Church, and how this was only carried against them by a small majority.

On his return to Scotland in 1844, Mr. Macrae was inducted to the parish of Killearnan, Ross-shire. Here, with a good stipend, amid delightful scenery, he might have taken his ease, for the people had almost to a man become Free Church. But such terms did not suit his sanguine temper; accordingly, he went to Stornaway, where, although the "living" was about one half of that of Killearnan, there was a fair congregation, and work to do. Mr. Macrae is the only survivor of the pre-disruption ministers in the County of Pictou, who continued in connection with the Church of Scotland.

After an interval of twelve years, he was succeeded at the East River by his son, the Rev. Donald Macrae,—now of St. Stephen's Church, St. John, N. B.,—from 1856 to 1858. The third pastor was the Rev. Simon McGregor—from 1860 to 1869—who now worthily represents the venerable Mother Church in Victoria, Vancouver's Island.

After a sojourn of twelve years in Newfoundland, Mr. Macrae was a second time inducted pastor of his native parish, and so continued during four years, when he received a unanimous call to his present charge. The vacancy caused by his removal is about to be supplied, so far as the West Branch is concerned—the Rev. P. Galbraith, of Bathurst, having accepted a call. The stipend is \$800 and a manse. Considerations, the explanation of which would occupy too much room, have prevented this and some other Pictou congregations from casting in their lot with "the Union"—as yet.

(To be continued.)

The Sabbath School.

LESSONS FOR DECEMBER.

FIRST SABBATH.

SUBJECT:—*Jesus and Mary*, John 20. : 11-18. Golden Text, Mark 16: 9. Par. passages, Matthew 28: 1. Luke 8: 2.

Mary Magdalene derived her name from her birth place, Magdala, a town of Galilee, near to Capernaum. The word *seen* is sometimes used in Scripture for a great or infinite number; and indicates that she was grievously tormented by evil spirits. She is sometimes supposed to be the same as the woman mentioned, Luke 7: 37, who was a person of abandoned character; but for this opinion there is no good foundation.

Of all the followers of the Saviour, Mary seems to have been most distinguished for love and faithfulness. She and her female companions were last at the cross and first at the sepulchre; and when Peter and John, to whom she had brought the startling news that the tomb of Jesus was empty, had come, and seen, and returned to their homes, she could not tear herself away, but remained weeping for her lost Saviour. Stooping, and looking into the tomb, she saw two angels, in white garments, of dazzling brightness, as we may infer from what is said of the angels who rolled away the stone. They sat, one at the head, the other at the foot, in reverent contemplation of the spot in which the body of their Lord and ours had lain. As they waited, the folding of the grave clothes had perhaps been their work. So intense and absorbing was Mary's grief, that she had no room for astonishment or alarm, but replied to their questions as if it had been asked by an ordinary friend. As she turned, she saw Jesus Himself, but, blinded by her tears, and by the darkness of the early dawn, and perhaps from some change in His appearance after His resurrection, she knew Him not. Her answer to His question, why she wept, indicates the sublime affection which filled her heart. Her feeble strength would scarcely avail to take Him away, but she thinks herself fit for anything if she can obtain possession of the beloved object. It is remarkable that Jesus did not first appear to any of His Apostles, but to a woman, and that that woman was not His mother. How does this fact condemn the idolatrous reverence which Romanists pay to the Virgin Mary.

The sound of her own name, pronounced in the ordinary tones of the "voice of the beloved," Song 2, 8, revealed to her the presence of her Saviour. Turning, she would have clasped His feet, as the other women, from whom she had parted when she went to call Peter and John, subsequently did. Commentators differ as to the reason why she was forbidden, while they were permitted to touch Him. Might it not be, that having given her a message to His Apostles which would dispel the sorrow into which His death had plunged them; and fill them with joy, His loving heart would brook no delay; and he dispatched her at once, telling her that as He had not yet ascended, she would have better opportunities to show her affection.

The commission and His message are brief,

but very wonderful. The first is, "Go to my brethren." He is not ashamed to call them brethren, but we do not read of any one who presumed to call Him "brother." First He called them *servants*, John 12, 26, then *disciples*, John 15, 8, next *friends*, John 15, 15. Now He calls them brethren. And yet all these brethren had but just forsaken Him. How undeserved and immeasurable is this condescension. But the message implies His infinite dignity. He says, "My Father and your Father," not *our* Father—"My God and your God," not *our* God. God was *His* Father essentially—*ours* not so; *our* God essentially—*His* not so. His God only in connection with us—*our* God only in connection with Him (Brown's Com. on John).

SECOND SABBATH.

SUBJECT: *Jesus and Thomas*, John 20 : 21-31.

The Resurrection of Christ was an event so important that it had to be confirmed by the very strongest evidence. Such evidence Christ furnished His disciples during the forty days that elapsed between the Resurrection and the Ascension, so that every shadow of doubt was removed. He appeared to them time and again, talked with them, ate before them, &c. The reluctance of the disciples to accept the testimony from heresy and their demand to see for themselves have been overruled for good. This was especially so in the case of Thomas. He was unreasonable in rejecting the testimony of his fellow disciples, and in refusing to believe unless he not only should see Christ, but should see and feel the scars of the nails and spear. Yet this unbelief has accomplished good. If Thomas was convinced, none now can doubt.

V. 24.—This appearance of Christ was on the evening of the first day of the week—the Christian Sabbath. (See v. 19.) Why Thomas was absent we know not. Some think it was through sullen despondency. The fact of the absence is stated "as a loving apology for his slowness of belief." He missed much however by that absence. Let us learn to prize every opportunity of getting spiritual benefit.

V. 25.—Thomas's language is very strong. He does not say, *If I see I will believe*; but, *I will not believe unless I see*. This disciple was inclined to look at the dark side. (See 11 ch., 16 v.)

V. 26, 27.—*After eight days, i. e.*, on the eighth day, the second Sabbath of the New Dispensation. By Christ's thus appearing again on the recurrence of His Resurrection Day, He would give it a special sanctity. *Peace be unto you*. The same salutation as he used at his first appearance to them (v. 19). This was no meaningless greeting. The fact of the Resurrection was the basis truth. How kind in Christ not to upbraid the doubting disciple! "The bruised reed He will not break." Yet He would show

him that he was wrong in doubting. (He purposely uses Thomas's words; and the, "Be not faithless, &c.," was after all a reproof, however gentle.)

V. 28.—Thomas was thoroughly convinced—convinced, it would seem, without the touch; for Christ (v. 29) says, "Because thou hast seen Me thou hast believed." This was a noble confession. At one bound Thomas reached high ground. My Lord and my God. Jesus, then, in the estimation of His disciples, was no more man who died because he could not help himself, but Lord and God. "He is overpowered, and the glory of Christ now breaks upon him in a flood. His exclamation surpasses all that had yet been uttered, nor can it be surpassed by any thing that ever will be uttered in earth or heaven." The Socinian, to get rid of the proof which these words afford of the Divinity of Christ, says that Thomas merely called upon God in a fit of astonishment—thus making him a profane "wearer! Away with such a horrible thought!

V. 29.—Christ shows here that the evidence of the senses is not necessary to beget faith—*testimony* should be accepted. Blessed are they who have accepted the testimony of the Scriptures, and who believe that Christ rose for their justification.

V. 31.—This is the key note of John's Gospel. His grand object in the selection he makes from Christ's words and works is to show that Christ came from God, that He is divine, that He was sent to save sinners, and that whosoever believes in Him shall be saved.

LESSONS.

(1.) How thankful we should all be for the full record of the proof of the Resurrection of Christ. Had there been any lack in the evidence we might ever have been in doubt. But there is no lack. We can confidently say, *Christ is risen*.

(2.) Let us love the Sabbath which commemorates the Resurrection. As often as it returns may we think of the Resurrection and the grand doctrines which it involves.

(3.) Learn how unreasonable it is to demand the evidence of the senses for every thing we are asked to believe. We have never seen Christ, and yet if we accept not the evidence the Bible gives of His person, character, work, death, resurrection and ascension, we sin in shutting our eyes against the light.

(4.) We can be saved only by believing in Christ.

THIRD SABBATH.

SUBJECT:—*Jesus and Peter*, John 21 : 15-22. Golden Text, John 21 : 17.

The disciples had according to Christ's command left Judea and gone to Galilee. And there by the lake side, the old, familiar spot, with boats and all other appliances for fishing at hand, Peter is tempted to resume his former occupation. "I go a fishing"—is his word to his companions. And

