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man, but that a motion had been passed that he should "sit and correspond." This was the case, as Rev. Mr. Craig had early in the meeting made that suggestion (or motion?), which was passed in the usual matter of course way. As there were other elders present, however, it may be a fair question to ask why only one elder, not representing his congregation, should be invited to "sit and correspond," especially when a matter was coming before the Presbytery in which he was otherwise officially interested. After some challenging of votes the Clerk called for a standing vote and made the voters call their own muster roll, with the result that the vote was then declared as standing 19 to 18 in favour of both names being passed to the Board of Management of the College.

**Elders' Rights and Privileges**

It was notable that Mr. Gibson seemed to assume that Mr. Craig's proposal that he should "sit and correspond" not only conferred the right to vote, on the first occasion at least, on this important question, but also the privilege of making a motion in connection with another matter—which he did unchallenged. Perhaps it was just his practical and commendable interest in church business which led to that action.

Apart from any difference of opinion as to men and methods it might be in place to suggest that, whether or not Elders are to be eligible for the General Assembly Moderatorship, all "Elders" of the church who may attend Presbytery meetings should be asked to "sit and correspond." It goes without saying that there are men in the eldership, as there are laymen and churchmen connected with most churches, whose interest in church work and experience of men and affairs are not secondary to that of fully trained ministers.

**Who Dare Ask for a Receipt?**

The Presbytery clerk is a gentleman genuinely respected and liked for his gracious manners and unaffected kindness but it is reasonable to assume that he unintentionally viewed

the request for a receipt for a congregational petition in a one-sided way when he questioned the right of anyone to ask for "a receipt" for a document handed to him as clerk. The Moderator supplemented the clerk's statement by expressing the hope that "it would not occur again," and capped his remarks by saying that he wondered what Dr. Robert Campbell, clerk of General Assembly, would say to such a request.

Anyone who has met and conversed with that stalwart Canadian Assembly veteran (as the writer was privileged to do at the Edmonton Assembly of 1912) will hold that he would wish things done in due form—"decently and in order."

**A Slight?—or Commendable Care?**

Apart from the fact that the Kitsilano session clerk afterwards took an opportunity of explaining that in asking for a receipt for the document no disrespect was intended towards the Presbytery or its officials, it might be pointed out that such an attitude on the part of the Presbytery's representatives may inadvertently give excuse for criticisms made about ministers and business. After all, if any clerk received any official document by mail, even though it were much less important than a congregational petition, he would (or should), as a matter of elementary courtesy, acknowledge receipt of it in that way. That would be practically giving a receipt for it, and as documents, no less than men, are liable to go astray, objection can hardly be taken to any official wishing to have evidence that he has handed a document over to another.

**Business Training Valuable**

All genuine experience counts for service, and perhaps if business training in the way of giving receipts and being otherwise methodical, were valued as they should be as part of a man's equipment for congregational supervision and ministerial work, less criticisms would be heard of ministers as business men, and it would not be possible for a convener to report, as we heard Mr. Woodside do at a Presbytery meeting some years ago, that, as convener, he had written six or seven times to some of the brethren before he received replies.

**College's First Foreign Missionary**

Especially to those who know him, it must have been pleasing to hear mention made in public of the high opinion of the church authorities concerning Rev. William Scott, B.A., of Korea, a Westminster Hall graduate of 1913, who might, we believe, be listed with Rev. A. O. Paterson (one of the first graduates in 1910), as the brightest students who have passed through the Hall—and remained in the ministry.

**Addresses by Returned Members**

One feature of the meeting which should call for special attention was the warm welcome given to Messrs. Alver Mackay and Petrie, who had recently returned from service overseas. Those acquainted with Rev. A. Mackay, who formerly officiated at West Vancouver, must have been agreeably impressed by the manner as well as the matter of his address. He spoke with freedom as well as with force. Rev. Mr. Petrie, who was formerly in charge at New Westminster, also spoke in a purposeful way. The hope may be expressed that both these gentlemen shall be retained in service in British Columbia, and, if possible, in the Coast Presbytery.

**An Evening Sederunt**

The Presbytery met again at eight o'clock. The writer was engaged at another meeting between eight and ten, but on passing the church at ten o'clock he found the Presbytery still sitting, although the number in attendance had dwindled to a mere handful. These continued in session for another half hour, and, with less than "a baker's dozen" present, the Presbytery discussed such important questions as religious education and literature, and "heard from" two gentlemen welcomed into the Presbytery that day from other churches. By the way, was a Presbyterian "Blue Book" reception not necessary?