

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At Calgary, and within Knox Church there, the fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine years, and at 10 o'clock in the forenoon,

At which time and place the Synod of British Columbia met, as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises and prayer, led in by Messrs. W. B. Cumming, Moody, and J. P. Grant, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Fifth and Sixth Sederunts were read and sustained.

The fourth report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was submitted by the Clerk, and its recommendations adopted.

The Committee on Church Records reported that they had examined the records of the Presbyteries of Calgary, Edmonton, Kamloops, Victoria, and Westminster, and reported that they were neatly and correctly kept. The reports were received and adopted, and the Moderator instructed to attest them accordingly.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Foreign Mission report, and Mr. A. B. Winchester submitted and read the report of the Chinese Mission, and moved that it be received and its recommendations considered *seriatim*. The motion was seconded by Mr. T. Menzies, and agreed to.

The recommendations are as follows :—

1. That the grant for a site and building in Victoria be and hereby is renewed. 2. That the attention of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee be again respectfully called to the urgent need for a lady worker in Victoria. 3. That a Chinese Evangelist be appointed for the work in the interior of the Province, with salary not to exceed forty dollars per month.

The recommendations, on motion of Mr. J. Knox Wright, seconded by Mr. J. C. Herdman, were received and adopted.

The Synod called for the report on Church Life and Work, which, in the absence of the Convener, Mr. G. A. Wilson, was submitted and read by Mr. J. Knox Wright, who moved its reception. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thos. Menzies, and agreed to. On the consideration of the first recommendation it was, on the motion of Mr. J. Knox Wright, seconded by Mr. W. B. Cumming, agreed that this recommendation, with Assembly's draft report of a form of service and relative documents be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator, which shall report at the afternoon Sederunt. The Moderator accordingly appointed Messrs. Wright, Frew, and Gray. The other recommendations were either rejected or amended and adopted as follows :—

2. That a committee be appointed to take steps to secure, by co-operation with other denominations or otherwise, from the Legislature, a proper Sabbath Law for the Province of British Columbia. 3. That in view of the majority vote in favour of prohibition in this Province, and the unanimous opinion that intemperance is one of the greatest hindrances to the work of the gospel, the Synod urges all the members to persevere in the crusade against the liquor traffic.

The Moderator appointed a committee to arrange for Sabbath supply in the Presbytery of Calgary, said committee to consist of Mr. J. C. Herdman, convener, Messrs. J. A. Jaffary and S. H. Gray.