

organization of a new congregation in Victoria against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria. The Clerk read the documents in connection therewith.

Mr. McLeod drew attention to an extract minute of the congregation in Victoria appointing him and Mr. Howard Chapman commissioners to attend the meeting of Synod on behalf of the petitioners. A discussion arose as to the competency of Mr. Chapman to appear before the Synod. It was agreed to allow Mr. Chapman to speak. Mr. Chapman then addressed the court in support of the appeal of the petitioners at considerable length.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at two o'clock in the afternoon, and was closed with the benediction.

#### ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod met and was constituted.

The Synod resumed consideration of the appeal of the petitioners. Mr. McLeod spoke in support of the appeal, Messrs. D. A. MacRae, J. B. Winchester and D. MacRae spoke for the the Presbytery of Victoria. Mr. Howard Chapman replied, and this closed the pleadings on both sides. After questions had been asked, it was, on motion, agreed,—“That the Synod meet with closed doors at eight o'clock in the evening.”

The Synod then adjourned to meet at eight o'clock in the evening, and was closed with the benediction.

#### TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

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The matters of the appeals were then taken up. The Moderator requested the members of the Synod to express their opinion in the case individually, which was done. It was then moved by Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Scouler, that the following be the unanimous finding of the Synod :

First—The Synod of British Columbia having heard the pleadings in the appeal east of the Rev. P. McF. McLeod against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria, charging him with irregularity in preaching in the tenth and seventeenth of September last, in the old Methodist Church, in Victoria, decides to dismiss the appeal, and sustains the action of the Presbytery.

Second.—In the case of the appeal of the Rev. P. McF. McLeod against the finding of the Presbytery of Victoria, disapproving of Mr. McLeod's issuing certain certificates to members of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, without consulting the Session and securing its approval at the time, or at some subsequent date, the Synod finds that, while in ordinary cases this is at times done, yet in the peculiar circumstances under which these certificates were issued, the Presbytery was justified in the action taken, and the appeal is hereby dismissed, and the action of the Presbytery is sustained.

Third.—In the matter of the appeal of the petitioners for the organization of a new congregation in Victoria, the Synod hereby dismisses the appeal, and sustains the Presbytery in its action, but expresses to the Presbytery its wish that