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appropriate remarks, and an hymn having been sung by the congregation, Rev. A. M. Sanford, B.A., of Sander, was called upon. His speech also was interesting and practical and brightened by several touches of humor. He spoke earnestly on the necessity of an educated Christian ministry and addressed his remarks first to the clergy and then to the laymen.

At this point the offering was taken up and the choir of the Church sang the cantata, "Jairus' Daughter," under the direction of Mr. T. R. Pearson. Miss Gertrude Robson, soprano; Rev. Wm. Hicks, bass, and Mr. J. F. Collister, tenor, took the leading parts, and their respective solos, duets, etc., as well as the well balanced choruses, were heartily applauded.

Then followed the ceremony of ordaining into the ministry the first full blooded Indian by the laying on of hands according to the Methodist ritual. This ceremony was performed by Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., B.Sc., President of Conference; Rev. Dr. Sutherland, the veteran General Secretary of Missions, and Rev. T. Crosby, a pioneer in the B. C. mission field; Rev. Mr. Barraclough presenting the candidate from China Hat, B. C.

The meeting then closed with singing the Doxology and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Session opened at 9.30.

The President in the chair. The following Conference Fund Treasurers were appointed: General Conference Fund, Rev. A. E. Green; Union Church Relief, S. J. Thompson; Sunday School Aid, E. Manuel; Temperance, S. J. Thompson; Educational Fund, J. Calvert; Superannuation, Jos. Hall; General Epworth League, R. Wilkinson.

The report of the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund of the Conference was presented by Rev. S. J. Thompson, showing a gratifying work accomplished by the fund in aiding several embarrassed Churches and in the building of parsonages.

The Stationing Committee reported that they recommended the formation of a new circuit, consisting of Mount Sicker and lumber camps adjacent; that Denman be dropped from the list of missions. A discussion showed that the Church property was still there, out of debt, and it was inadvisable to drop it. From the Kootenay District, Cranbrook was enlarged to include Kimberley and Mogle. That the Wellington Mission include Extension, Oyster Bay and other

places. That Van Anda be constituted a new mission to take the place of Texada Island. These items were carried.

In answer to the question, "What ministers have died?" in grateful recognition of God's care in preserving the lives of all the brethren, the Conference rose and sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

The Sustentation Fund Committee reported that they had received the sum of \$315, with which they had been enabled to assist a number of very needy cases.

A vote was taken to elect a representative of this Conference to the General Board of Missions, when Rev. R. Whittington was chosen on the second ballot. The Conference adjourned.

A short session of the ministers was then held to allow the pastoral address to be read. Rev. J. P. Hicks and Rev. W. H. Barraclough had prepared a very able and eloquent address, which is to be read in all the Churches throughout the Conference. The address was ordered to be printed in the Methodist Recorder.

The Stationing Committee further recommended that permission to employ Alfred E. Stevenson, Charles Whittaker, T. W. Hunter and A. Seymour, with a view to entering the work of the ministry. This was carried, and the minutes of the Ministerial sessions read and confirmed.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The first order of business, after the reading of the minutes, was the report of the committee on the "State of the Work." The report was followed by a general conversation, in which most of

the ministers participated. A number of them reported having experienced blessed revivals of religion during the past year, and the report showed that the Church had had a net increase of 4,396 members during the year.

The recommendation of the Stationing Committee, that the Chinese missions be placed under the superintendence of the Chairman of the Indian Mission Work, caused a good deal of discussion, but was finally adopted.

The resolution of Rev. W. W. Baer on the question of the large and constantly increasing immigration of Asiatics into this Province, constituting as it does a grave menace to the Anglo-Saxon population, and the various industries of the Province, was then taken up, and brought about the liveliest debate of the Conference. The Conference was divided as to the advisability of placing on record any expression of opinion on so grave a political question, as it was entirely out of the regular course of business coming before it. But the general sentiment was clearly expressed as one of sympathy with the industrial classes of the Province in their struggle against the incoming tide of cheap labor.

Rev. Goro Kaburagi, the Japanese missionary, of Vancouver, made a speech that pretty thoroughly convinced the Conference that the reason of the rush of his fellow countrymen to this land was not any desire on their part to cut down the price of labor, but that his people were deceived by employers of Japanese labor. These Japanese, he declared, had been induced to come to this country by men engaged in making mer-

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