

discontinue her useful and necessary work in certain down-town districts.

Therefore, be it resolved that this Methodist Conference of British Columbia in annual meeting assembled, forward a petition to the Honorable the Premier and the Executive Council of British Columbia, respectfully asking that they have the Statutes so amended that all churches set apart for, and actually in use for public worship of God, together with the sites thereof, be exempt from general taxation, and a copy of this resolution be sent to H. Bose, Surrey, B.C., Secretary of the British Columbia Union of Municipalities, asking for the endorsement of such Union.

S. J. GREEN, Chairman.

Moved by R. H. Cairns and seconded by Rev. W. Bolton, in amendment to report of Memorial Committee, that a committee be appointed to gather data so that next year this Conference may be in a position to cast an intelligent vote on the question of tax exemption of churches. Lost.

Moved by Rev. J. G. Brown and seconded by George Bell, that a committee be appointed by the chair to prepare the statement of the case and to co-operate with all other interested bodies to give effect to the resolution already carried *re* church taxation. Carried.

The following Committee was appointed: Rev. R. F. Stillman, George Bell, William Savage, and Dr. S. S. Osterhout.

MARINE MISSION.

Your Committee beg to report that during the past year the *Thomas Crosby* was chartered to the Dominion Government for four months, the money thus received giving great assistance in meeting some heavy liabilities. During the period Captain Oliver, by launch, supplied the lighthouses and such other work as he was able to reach. During all the rest of the year the boat, with Rev. G. W. Dean on board, has done splendid work in carrying the Gospel to the lonely settlers on the Coast.

We would recommend that the following Committee of Management be appointed for the ensuing year: Dr. Osterhout, President of Conference; Dr. White, Superintendent of Missions; Dr. Sipprell, Rev. E. Thomas, Rev. A. E. Roberts, B. W. Harris, K.C., W. J. Hogg, E. W. Leeson, George Bell, W. N. Mitchell and Captain Oliver, Dr. J. C. Spencer and Rev. J. E. Dimmick.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. WHITE, Chairman
W. J. HOGG, Secretary.