

Mr. D. MacRae, convener, presented the report of the committee on Standing Committees, as follows:

1. STATE OF RELIGION.—J. C. Herdman, convener; W. R. Ross, A. Tait, ministers; A. T. Fortune, J. R. Mitchell, elders.

2. SABBATH SCHOOLS.—J. W. McMillan, convener; Dr. Campbell, J. P. Grant, A. Lee, E. B. Chestnut, A. B. Winchester, ministers; A. Bethune, J. C. Brown, elders.

3. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—C. Stephen, convener; A. Young, T. Scouler, B. K. McElmorn, ministers; T. E. Patterson, J. McQueen, elders.

4. TEMPERANCE.—J. K. Wright, convener; J. M. McLeod, C. McKillop, Dr. A. MacRae, ministers; J. B. Kennedy, R. Erskine, elders.

5. FOREIGN MISSIONS.—P. McF. McLeod, convener; Dr. Campbell, D. MacRae, R. A. Munro, T. Scouler, W. R. Ross, ministers; James McQueen, Dr. Milne, elders.

6. HOME MISSIONS.—E. D. MacLaren, convener; G. R. Maxwell, Thos. Scouler, D. A. MacRae, D. G. McQueen, P. F. Langill, D. MacRae, ministers; Major Walker, J. C. Brydon Jack, elders.

7. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—J. A. Matheson, convener; A. Lee, Jas. Buchanan, T. H. Rogers, G. Murray, J. A. Jaffary, A. B. Winchester, ministers; W. T. Finlay, Thornton Fell, elders.

8. STATISTICS AND FINANCE.—Dr. Campbell, convener; T. Scouler, J. A. Jaffary, Alex. Dunn, J. Fernie, ministers; T. M. Henderson, J. Fullerton, elders.

It was agreed, on motion, to receive the report and consider it seriatim. It was also agreed that the final disposal of the report be deferred till its completion by the addition of the committee on Manitoba College.

Dr. Campbell resumed his address on Mr. McLeod's Prætest and Appeal against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria. Mr. D. A. MacRae also spoke on the same side, vindicating the action of the Presbytery. Dr. Robertson and Mr. A. B. Winchester made some observations as to their positions in connection with this case.

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

#### EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

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

The appeal case of Mr. McLeod was resumed.

Mr. McLeod stated his willingness to waive his right to reply now, provided he was permitted to speak at the close of the case. This was agreed to.

Mr. McQueen moved, seconded by Mr. Matheson, and it was agreed, "That this Synod having heard a full statement from both parties in the appeal of Mr. P. McF. McLeod against the finding of the Presbytery of Victoria to the Synod of British Columbia, and having all the papers in the case before it, it is hereby resolved that the other case of appeal by Mr. McLeod be heard at once before the judgment of the court is given."

The second appeal which took exception to the finding of the Presbytery of