

The Synod of British Columbia convened at Calgary, N.W.T., on May 8rd.

The five Presbyteries comprised in the Synod are represented by twenty-four ordained ministers, besides missionaries and elders, distributed as follows:

New Westminster Presbytery—Revs. MacLaren and Reid, Vancouver; Logan, Eburn and Wright, Chilliwack.

Victoria Presbytery—Revs. Winchester, Victoria; Cummings, Nanaimo.

Kamloops Presbytery—Revs. Trow, Nelson; A. Menzies, Kaslo; T. Menzies, Revelstoke.

Edmonton Presbytery—Revs. McQueen, Edmonton; Atkinson, Innisfall; Gallup, Strathcona; Forbes, Saskatchewan; Nal-smith, Olds; Vetter, Josephsburg; Smith, Red Deer.

Calgary Presbytery—Revs. Herdman, Calgary; Morrow, Medicine Hat; H. Grant, Pincher Creek; Jaffery, Macleod; J. Grant, Maple Creek; Scott, Okotoks; Hamilton, Cardston; Gray, Banff.

The Synod was opened by an address from the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. Knox Wright, after which Rev. D. G. McQueen, of Edmonton, was elected Moderator.

Rev. E. MacLaren submitted the report on home missions. The report showed ten new stations had been opened during the past year, of which one is in Westminster Presbytery and the remainder in the Presbytery of Kamloops. The Calgary and Edmonton Presbyteries have each nine congregations and five mission stations. New Westminster has sixteen congregations and four stations; Victoria, eleven congregations and five stations, and Kamloops, twenty-one congregations and eighteen stations. The Presbytery of Victoria applied to have W. E. Knowles ordained. The application was granted. The Calgary Presbytery presented an overture asking that the Presbytery be divided, all west of Alberta and east of Arrow Lakes to be called Kootenay. The Moderator appointed a committee to draft a minute re death of Dr. King.

In the evening a memorial from Dr. Robertson on home missions was read, after which addresses on the same subject were delivered by Rev. J. Reid, J. A. Logan and others, among the most interesting of which was the address of G. Vetter, Swiss minister at Josephsburg, and a song in the native tongue by Axel Linde, Swedish missionary at Wetaskiwin.

Calgary, May 4.—The Presbyterian Synod opened to-day with the question of Sunday school work. The report of the Synod was submitted by Rev. John Logan, of Eburne, and showed there were now in the bounds of the Synod 114 schools, an increase since 1882 of 75; that the number of pupils was 6,420, and the revenue \$4,300. An interesting feature of the work is what is known as the home department, that is, in isolated places, each home becomes a miniature school by aid of lesson helps. Some 50 points had been reached this year.

The Synod overtook the General Assembly to inaugurate a series of children's papers under the control of the church. J. N. Brunton, of Montreal, was granted a license to preach and the standing committees for the ensuing year were appointed and it was decided that the next Synod should be held on the first Wednesday in May, 1900, at St. Paul's Church, Nelson, B.C. During the afternoon many of the visiting ministers were driven out to the Indian Industrial School.

This evening speeches were delivered on social problems by Revs. E. MacLaren, Cummings, Frew, Grant, and Winchester, and Mr. McDonald. These were of a highly interesting and instructive character.

The Synods of Toronto and Kingston and of Montreal and Ottawa are meeting as we go to press—the one in Knox Church, Toronto; the other in St. John's Church, Cornwall. The former has elected as its Moderator the Rev. A. Gilray, minister of College Street Church, in the Queen city; and the latter the Rev. James Hastie, of Knox Church, Cornwall. Full reports of both meetings will be given next week.

The last issue of Life and Work, a quarterly record issued by St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, is a memorial number. Fitting reference is made to a number of prominent men connected with that church, recently deceased, among others, Rev. Dr. King, Principal Kirkland, Mr. J. Y. Reid, who had been a member since 1859, and Rev. Dr. Wm. Ormiston. The death of Dr. Kellogg adds another to the list.

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**WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY, 1899.**

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#### Asylum for Insane, Kingston.

Hard coal, 1,350 tons large egg size, 250 tons small egg size, 20 tons chestnut size, 400 tons hard screenings, 450 tons soft screenings, 20 tons stove size (hard).

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#### Asylum for Insane, Mimico.

Hard coal, 1,550 tons large egg size, 120 tons stove size, 10 tons canal coal, 30 tons nut coal, 100 tons soft screenings, 50 cords green hardwood.

#### Asylum for Idiots, Orillia.

Reynoldsville soft coal screenings or run of mine lump, 1,300 tons; 80 tons stove size, 10 tons Briar Hill coal.

#### Asylum for Insane, Brockville.

Hard coal, 1,700 tons large egg size, 130 tons stove size, 20 tons small egg. Of the above quantity 1,050 tons may not be required until January and March, 1900.

#### Central Prison, Toronto.

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