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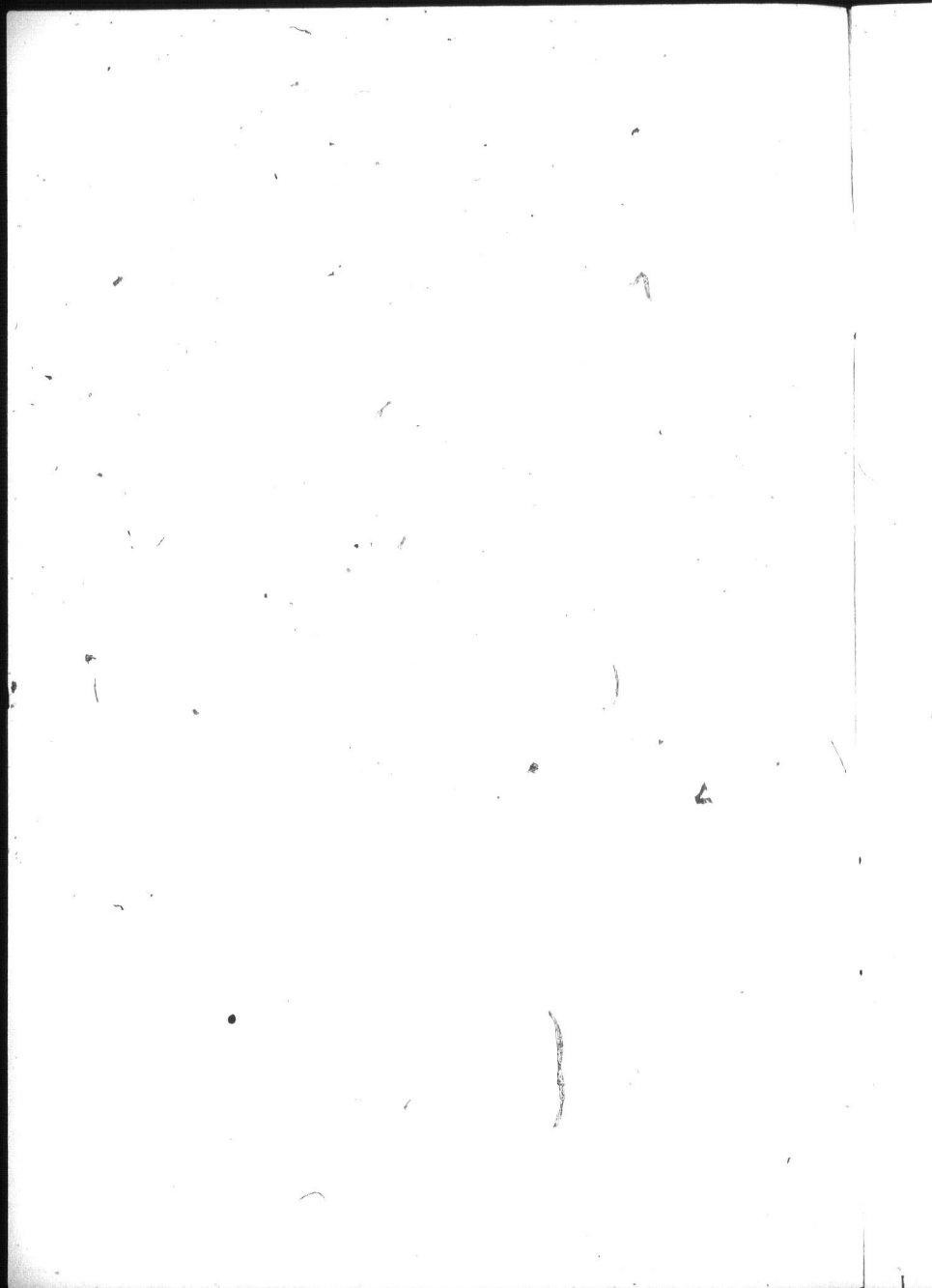


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OFFICERS

OF THE

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1899.

MODERATOR :

Rev. D. G. McQUEEN, B.D. Edmonton, N.W.T.

CLERK.

Rev. JOHN A. LOGAN Eburne, B.C.

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Augmentation	"	Rev. J. C. Herdman...	Calgary, Alberta
Foreign Missions	"	Rev. Dr. Campbell.....	Victoria, B.C.
Statistics and Finance	"	Rev. W. L. Clay	Victoria, B.C.
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Manitoba College	"	Rev. T. Menzies.....	Revelstoke, B.C.
Young People's Societies	"	Rev. W. B. Cumming,	Nanaimo, B.C.
Synod Treasurer	"	Rev. T. Scouler,	New Westminster, B.C.
Synod Trav. Exp. Fund, Treas.		Rev. John A. Logan.....	Eburne, B.C.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

At Nelson, B.C., and within St. Paul's Church there, on the first Wednesday of May, 1900, at 10 o'clock a.m.

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

JOHN A. LOGAN, Synod Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
1	J. C. Herdman, M.A., B.D.	Nov. 6, 1877	Hugh Neilson ..	Calgary	Calgary
2	Charles McKillop.....	Sept. 3, 1878	J. W. Higginbotham.....	Lethbridge	Lethbridge
3	J. Morrow, L.L.B.	Dec. 17, 1894		Medicine Hat ..	Medicine Hat ..
4	W. R. Grant, B.A.	1898		Pincher Creek ..	Pincher Creek ..
5	J. A. Jaffray, B.A.	July 14, 1885	Wm. Hudson ..	Macleod	Macleod, N.W.T.
6	J. P. Grant	June 10, 1884		Maple Creek ..	Maple Creek ..
7	G. S. Scott, B.A.	Oct., 1895	N. McInnis.....	Okatoks	Okatoks
8	Gavin Hamilton	May, 1889		High River.....	High River.....
9	S. H. Gray, B.A.	June, 1898		Cardston	Cardston, N.W.T.
				Banff	Banff, N.W.T.

CATECHISTS.

F. A. McRae	Mountain View Mountain View, via Cardston, N.W.T.
J. N. Brunton	Gleichen
A. F. Smith	Davisburg
T. O. Miller	Wellington P.O. Swift Current... Swift Current, N.W.T.
C. A. McRae	Foot Hills

G. HAMILTON, Presbytery Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF EDMONTON.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
1	James Robertson, D.D.	Nov. 18, 1869		Sap. of Missions	Winnipeg
2	D. G. McQueen, B.A.	June 1, 1887	A. Taylor	Edmonton	Edmonton
MISSION CONGREGATIONS.					
1	W. L. Atkinson.....	Dec. 1, 1896.	W. McLure.....	Innisfail	Innisfail
2	E. C. Gallup.....	June 29, 1897	G. Bissett.....	S'th Edmonton	S'th Edmonton
3			Geo. A. Reid ..	Lacombe	Lacombe
4	A. Forbes, B.D.	Mar. 6, 1895.		F. S'katchewan	F. S'katchewan
5	P. Naismith	Sept. 1, 1896	— Anderson ..	Olds	Olds
6	G. Vetter	1896	G. Becker	Josephberg	F. S'katchewan
7	A. Smith, M.A.	Jan. 17, 1899	— McCartney ..	Red Deer	Red Deer
MISSION STATIONS.					
1	F. Gooftellow			Bel't & Stony Pl	Edmonton
2	V. M. Purdy			Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
3	J. G. Stephens			Leduc	Leduc
4	J. E. Hogg			Beaver Lake ..	Beaver Lake
5	A. Linde			Swedish	Wetaskiwin

A. FORBES, Presbytery Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF KAMLOOPS.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGA- TIONS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
1	J. C. Stewart, B.A.	Sep. 22, 1896	Dr. Proctor.....	Kamloops	Kamloops
2	G. A. Wilson, B.A.	May 20, 1894	Thos. Crowell...	Vernon	Vernon
3	T. Geo. MacLeod	Oct. 10, 1893	A. L. Fortune ..	Spallumcheen ..	Armstrong
4	Geo. Murray, M.A.	Jan. 18, 1874		Nicola	Nicola Lake
5	Robt. Frew, B.A.			Nelson	Nelson
6	D. McG. Gandier, B.A. Sep. 14, 1897		M'Nish.....	Rossland	Rossland
7	A. D. Menzies	Feb. 10, 1898		Kaslo	Kaslo
8	J. A. Cleland.....	Feb. 9, 1898		Sandon	Sandon
9	D. Campbell, B.A.	Dec. 30, 1896		Quesnelle	Quesnelle
10	P. D. Muir, B.A.			Ashcroft.....	Ashcroft
11	W. W. Hardie			Lillooet	Lillooet
12	J. G. Duncan			Fernie	Fernie
13	Thos. Menzies, B.A.	June 2, 1897.	Dr. McKechnie	Revelstoke	Revelstoke
14	J. Monroe, B.A.	Sept. 14, 1898		Golden	Golden
15	M. D. M'Kee, B.A.	Dec. 28, 1898		Slocan City	Slocan City
16	W. A. Campbell.....			C'mp M'Kinney ..	C'mp M'Kinney
17	W. Burton.....			Donald	Donald
18	Alex. Dunn, B.A.			Shuswap	Shuswap
19	T. S. Glassford.....				
20	T. Oswald				
21	W. R. Wright, B.A.	July 6, 1898.			
22	J. M. Wallace, B.A.	Sept. 14, 1898.			

MISSION FIELDS.

Upper Columbia
 Okanagan
 Barkerville
 Field
 Ainsworth
 Ymir
 Clinton
 Illecillewaet
 Horse Fly
 Shuswap
 North Bend.....
 Moyie
 Rossland Mines.....
 Whitewater Mines...
 Nelson Mines.....
 Summit camp.....
 New Denver
 Kelowna

T. GEO. MACLEOD, Presbytery Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
1	Alex. Young	Jan. 28, 1857		Retired	Nanaimo
2	J. Campbell, M.A., Ph.D.	Sept. 2, 1874	Thornton Fell	First Ch., Vic.	Victoria
3	D. McRae	Jan. 28, 1878	W. D. Mackintosh.....	St. Paul's, Vic.	Victoria
4	Alex. Tait, Ph.B.	May 28, 1878		Comox	Sandwich
5	A. B. Winchester.....	July 12, 1887		First Chinese Church, Vic.	Victoria
6	W. L. Clay, B.A.....	Nov. 14, 1890	Jas. Hogarth.....	St. Andrew's, V.	Victoria
7	W. B. Cumming, B.A..	May 10, 1892		St. Andrew's, Nanaimo	Nanaimo
8	J. C. Ferster.....	Sept. 16, 1895		St. Colum. Knox and Ced'r Hill	Victoria
9	E. G. Taylor.....	Aug. 4, 1896		Alberni	Alberni
10	W. C. Dodds.....	Sept. 6, 1896		St. George's, Cumberland ..	Cumberland
11	E. G. Perry, B.A.....	Dec. 17, 1896	D. Munro	Wellington	Wellington
	HOME MISSIONS.				
	G. H. Menzies, B.A.			Northfield	Northfield
	T. W. Goodwill, B.A....			Denman.....	Denman Island
	J. R. Brown			Parkville	Parkville
	J. Burkholder.....			Sooke and Col- wood.....	Sooke
	J. Melan			Pender.....	Pender Island
	FOREIGN MISSIONS.				
	Ng. Man Tong.....			F'st Chinese, V.	Victoria
	M. Swartout.....			Dodger's Cove..	Dodger's Cove
	J. Russell.....			Ahousat	Ahousat

D. MACRAE, Presbytery Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF WESTMINSTER.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
1	J. M. MacLeod	Nov. 9, 1854	John M. Gillis..	Surrey, B.C.....	Cloverdale
2	E. D. MacLaren, B.D.	Sep. 28, 1873	J. J. Logan	St. Andrew's, V.	Vancouver
3	Alex. Dunn, M.A.....	June 9, 1875..		Whar'k. Haney	Wharneck
4	John A. Logan	Aug. 7, 1877	Thomas Mackie ..	Richmond.....	Eburne
5	J. K. Wright, B.D.....	Oct. 18, 1877	Mal. M'Swain ..	Chilliwack ..	Chilliwack
6	John Pringle	Nov. 26, 1878		Yukon	
7	Thomas Scouler.....	Nov. 7, 1880	Without charge		N. Westminster
8	Alex. Mogge	Aug. 7, 1882			Ladners
9	Andrew S. Grant, B.D.	Aug. 6, 1889		Yukon	
10	A. E. Vert		J. C. Brown.....	St. Andw. N. W.	N. Westminster
11	John Reid		D. M. Fraser ...	First Ch., Vanc.	Vancouver
12	R. M. Dickie	Sep. 16, 1897		Yukon	
13	M. H. McIntosh, B.A.	Dec. 28, 1897	William Little..	Mount Pleasant	Mt. Pleas., Van.
14	Vacant		J. B. Kennedy ..	W. Ch. & Sap'n	N. Westminster
15	"		A. N. Wark	Langley	
16	"			Delta	
	Students			Mis'n & Agassiz	Mission City
	"			Mt. Lehman.....	
	"			Fairview, Cen'l Pk., P. Moody	
	"			Texada Island..	

J. MACLEOD, Presbytery Clerk,

CHANGES IN THE ROLLS OF PRESBYTERIES.

DEMISSIONS—Presbytery of Calgary :

S. G. Lawson, Maple Creek.

J. P. Grant, Pincher Creek.

Presbytery of Victoria :

Mr. J. C. Forster, Knox Church, Spring Ridge and St. Columba, April 19, 1899.

Presbytery of Westminster :

Mr. William Meikle, B. A., First Church, Vancouver, Oct. 15, 1898.

Mr. Alex Mogee, Delta, Dec. 31, 1898.

INDUCTIONS—Presbytery of Calgary :

Mr. J. P. Grant, at Maple Creek

Presbytery of Edmonton :

Mr. M. White, B. D., at Lacombe.

Mr. A. Smith, at Red Deer, Jan. 17, 1899.

Presbytery of Victoria :

Mr. W. C. Dodds, at St. George's Church, Cumberland, June 2, 1898.

Presbytery of Westminster :

Mr. M. H. McIntosh, B. A., Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 27, 1898.

ORDINATIONS—Presbytery of Calgary :

Mr. S. H. Gray, B.A., June, 1898.

Presbytery of Edmonton :

Mr. A. Smith, Jan. 17, 1899.

Presbytery of Kamloops :

Mr. W. S. Wright, B. A., July 6, 1898.

Mr. J. M. Wallace, B. A., and John Munro, B. A., Sept. 14,
1898.

Mr. W. D. McKee, B. A., Dec. 28, 1898.

APPOINTMENTS—Presbytery of Calgary :

Mr. J. P. Grant to Maple Creek.

Mr. H. R. Grant to Pincher Creek.

Mr. S. H. Gray to Banff.

Presbytery of Edmonton :

Mr. A. Smith, to Red Deer, Jan. 17, 1899.

Presbytery of Westminster :

Mr. John Reid, Jr., to First Church, Vancouver, Dec. 6, 1898.

TRANSLATIONS—Presbytery of Westminster :

Mr. John Reid, Jr., from Zion to First Church, Vancouver,
Dec. 6, 1898.

Mr. M. H. McIntosh, B.A., from West Church and Sapperton
to Mt. Pleasant charge, Dec. 27, 1898.

RECEPTIONS—Presbytery of Calgary :

Mr. H. R. Grant, from the Presbytery of Winnipeg

RESTORATIONS—Presbytery of Kamloops :

Mr. Peter Scott, B. A , suspension removed.

CHANGES IN CONGREGATIONS AND MISSION FIELDS—

Presbytery of Edmonton :

Belmont and Homewood formed by a rearrangement of Belmont, Stony Plain and South Edmonton.

Stony Plain and Goshen formed by rearrangement of Belmont and Stony Plain.

Innisfail, from a Mission Station to an augmented charge,
South Edmonton, from a Mission Field to an augmented charge.

Presbytery of Westminster :

Zion and First Church united, Dec. 6, 1898.

Delta, from a Mission Field to an augmented charge, Feb. 28,
1899.

Langley, from a Mission Field to an augmented charge, Feb.
28, 1899.

Texada Island transferred from the Presbytery of Victoria.
Fairview, Central Park and Port Moody formed into a Mission
Field by a rearrangement of stations.

NEW FIELDS—Presbytery of Edmonton :

Lamerton.

Presbytery of Kamloops :

Horse Fly, Cascade City, Brooklyn, Moyie, Rossland Mines,
Whitewater Mines, Nelson Mines and Summit Mines.

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTH SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At Calgary, and within Knox Church there, the third day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Which time and place the Synod of British Columbia of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met, pursuant to the appointment of Synod, held in the City of Victoria, in May last year.

The Rev. John Knox Wright, B.D., of Cooke's Church, Chilliwack, and Moderator of the Synod, conducted devotional exercises, and preached a sermon from the words in Ps. viii., 4 : "What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?" after which he constituted the Synod with prayer.

The roll of Synod was called, the attendance of members marked, and the changes in congregations and Mission Stations read.

The Moderator then stated that the time had come to appoint one to be his successor in the chair, when it was moved by Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. A. Forbes, that Rev. D. G. McQueen, B.D., of Edmonton, be appointed Moderator.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. McQueen was then conducted to the chair by Messrs. Herdman and Forbes; thanked the Synod for the honor conferred, and asked the support and sympathy of fathers and brethren in the discharge of the duties of the position to which they had appointed him.

The clerk presented the report of the committee on bills and overtures which recommended :

1. That the hours of business be from 9.30 a.m. to 12, from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30, and from 8 to 10 o'clock in the evening, and that the first half-hour each morning be spent in devotional exercises.

2. That the several Presbyteries of the Synod have leave to meet for business in the intervals of the Sederunts of Synod, at the call of their respective Moderators or Clerks.

3. That the Committee on Bills and Overtures shall consist of Messrs. J. C. Herdman, A. B. Winchester, the Clerks of Presbyteries and the Clerk of Synod.

4. That the committee to nominate Standing Committees shall be Mr. E. D. McLaren, conv., Messrs. A. B. Winchester, Thos. Menzies, Gavin Hamilton, and A. Forbes.

5. That the following be the Committees to examine the Presbytery records:

Presbytery of Calgary—W. B. Cumming and A. D. Menzies.

Presbytery of Edmonton—J. A. Jaffary and John Reid, Jr.

Presbytery of Kamloops—J. Knox Wright and H. R. Grant.

Presbytery of Victoria—A. Forbes and G. S. Scott.

Presbytery of Westminster—A. Smith and P. Naismith.

That the first name on each committee shall be the Convenor, who shall report as the first business on Friday morning.

On motion of the Clerk, seconded by Mr. J. C. Herdman, the recommendations were received, and being taken up *seriatim*, were adopted.

It was then moved by Mr. J. A. Jaffary, and seconded by Mr. A. B. Winchester, that the thanks of this Synod be given to the retiring Moderator for the courteous and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair, and for the able and appropriate sermon preached this forenoon. The motion was carried unanimously, and the thanks were accordingly communicated to Mr. Wright by the Moderator.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 2.30 o'clock p.m., of which intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction, pronounced by the Moderator.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day,
and at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

The minutes of the First Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Clerk presented the second report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures. On motion, duly seconded, its recommendations were adopted.

Mr. J. C. Herdman, on behalf of the Provisional Committee, appointed to make arrangements for evening services, presented a report, giving in detail the subjects and speakers for each evening. The report was adopted.

The Moderator then called for the report on Home Missions, which was given in by the Convenor, Mr. E. D. MacLaren. On motion of Mr. R. Frew, seconded by Mr. J. Reid, it was agreed that the report with its recommendation be received and adopted.

The recommendation is as follows:—That the Moderator of Synod be requested to prepare a very brief, but very pointed letter, to be read at as early a date as possible in every congregation and mission station within the bounds, urging upon all the necessity of increased liberality in the support of our Home Mission work, and that ministers or missionaries, with the assistance of their elders, be instructed to follow up this appeal by a personal canvass of their congregations or mission fields.

An application from the Presbytery of Victoria, asking permission to take Mr. W. E. Knowles, graduate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, on probationary trials for license and ordination, was presented and read. On motion, duly seconded, the prayer of the application was granted.

On the motion of Synod, Mr. A. Forbes was appointed Auditor of the Synod Treasurer's books. Thereafter he reported that the vouchers and balance-sheet were examined and found correct.

In the absence of the Treasurer (Mr. Thos. Scouler), Mr. A. Forbes was appointed to read the report, which, on motion of Mr. Knox Wright, seconded by Mr. G. Vetter, was received and adopted, and the Treasurer thanked for his diligence.

* The Moderator then called for the request of the Calgary Presbytery, asking that the Report of the Synod Funds be printed in the Minutes of Synod. The request was read, and on motion of Mr. Robert Frew, seconded by Mr. S. H. Gray, was agreed to.

An overture was presented from the Presbytery of Kamloops, asking the General Assembly for a division of that Presbytery, the new one to be known as the Presbytery of Kootenay, and bounded as follows:—1. The eastern and southern boundary to be concurrent with the eastern and southern boundaries of the Province of British Columbia. 2. The northern boundary to be a line passing due west from the eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia, at about latitude 50½ deg. north, extending to the Arrow Lakes, and thence in a direct line to Penticton. 3. The western boundary to be a line running due south from Penticton to the international line. The overture was supported by Messrs. A. D. Menzies and R. Frew. On motion of Mr. J. Knox Wright, seconded by Mr. J. C. Herdman, it was agreed that the overture be received and adopted, and be transmitted to the General Assembly. It was further agreed that Messrs. D. G. McQueen and E. C. Gallup be appointed to support the overture in the Assembly.

The Moderator then called for the overture from the Presbytery of Victoria, which asks the General Assembly for reasons set forth in detail to take such steps as, in its wisdom, it may deem best:—1. To impress upon the Dominion Government the obligation devolving upon it to educate its Indian Wards on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and thus qualify them to bear the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. 2. That a firm protest be made against the injustice of discriminating in favour of any particular religious organization. 3. That the grant primarily and secondarily given to the Ahousat Indians for the education of the youths, and which we earnestly avow was unjustly alienated from them to the education of another tribe, be immediately restored to its original destination; also, that the grant since the third quarter of 1896, when it was taken from our Church, up to the present time, be paid to the Presbyterian Church in Canada for efficient services, continuously rendered from that time to the present.

It was moved by Mr. A. B. Winchester and seconded by the Clerk, that the overture be received and transmitted to the General Assembly, *simpliciter*. The motion was carried.

The Clerk read a communication from Dr. Robertson, received in reply to a telegram sent last year by the Synod expressing sympathy with him in his severe and prolonged illness.

Mr. J. Knox Wright directed the attention of the Synod to the loss sustained by the Church in the removal by death of the late Dr. King, Principal of Manitoba College, and moved that the Moderator appoint a committee to frame a suitable minute relating thereto. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Reid and agreed to, and Messrs. J. A. Jaffary, J. Knox Wright, and A. B. Winchester were appointed.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock in the evening for public service, of which intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction, pronounced by the Moderator.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day, and at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The Synod met as per adjournment, and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, led in by Mr. W. B. Cumming, at the request of the Moderator.

It was, on motion, agreed that the reading of the minutes of the Second Sederunt be deferred until to-morrow morning.

The Moderator read a communication from Dr. Robertson, who regretted his inability to attend the meetings of this Synod, and referred to matters relating to our Home Mission work, which were also strongly emphasized in a few observations made by the Moderator.

Excellent addresses on different phases of Home Mission work were given by Messrs. John Reid, W. L. Atkinson, G. Vetter, Thos. Menzies, and J. Morrow, interspersed with praise, which was led by the choir. Rev. F. Langford, on the invitation of the Moderator, engaged in prayer.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this meeting was closed with the benediction, pronounced by Mr. E. D. MacLaren.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At Calgary, and within Knox Church there, the fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine years, and at half-past 9 o'clock in the morning.

Which time and place the Synod of British Columbia met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, led in by the Moderator.

The first half-hour of the Sederunt was spent in devotional exercises, in which Messrs. John Reid, Hudson, and J. A. Jaffary took part.

The minutes of the Second and Third Sederunts were read and sustained.

The Presbytery of Calgary asked permission to take J. N. Brunton, of the Presbyterian College of Montreal, on trials for license.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. A. D. Menzies, the request was granted.

The Moderator then called for the Report on Sabbath Schools, which was given in by the Convener, Mr. John A. Logan.

On motion of Mr. John Reid, seconded by Mr. J. P. Grant, it was agreed that the report be received, and its recommendations considered *seriatim*.

The recommendations are:

1. That this Synod reaffirms its recommendations of former years regarding the use of the "Home Study Series;" the teaching of the Shorter Catechism in Sabbath Schools, and the need of increased liberality to the schemes of the Church.

2. That this Synod expresses its approbation of the plan of instruction known as the "Home Department" of Sabbath School work.

3. That the Synod overture the General Assembly in the following terms:—To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This overture of the Synod of British Columbia humbly sheweth—(1) That the Children's Papers used in nearly all

our Sabbath Schools are published abroad. (2) That many of these papers contain objectionable features, which tend to create false impressions. (3) That it is most desirable that publications for the young should be such as will cultivate sentiments of loyalty for our own Church and country. (4) That it would be a commendable act to emphasize Sabbath School work at the beginning of another century by the inauguration of a series of Sabbath School Papers for the Young of our Church and Country. The Synod of British Columbia, therefore, respectfully overtures the General Assembly, through its Sabbath School Committee, to take this matter into consideration, and to devise ways and means of giving effect to the prayer of this overture.

4. That the General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee be requested to take such steps as will restore the Higher Religious Instruction Scheme to its former working basis as soon as possible.

It was moved by Mr. E. D. McLaren, seconded by Mr. John Reid, and agreed, that the recommendations be adopted, and the overture transmitted to the Assembly. It was further agreed that Dr. Campbell and Mr. Chas. McKillop be appointed to support the overture at the meeting of the Assembly.

The report on Young People's Societies was presented and read by Mr. W. B. Cumming, the Convener, when it was moved by Mr. Gavin Hamilton, seconded by Mr. A. Forbes, that the report be received and the recommendations severally considered. The motion was carried. The recommendations are the following:—1. That while it seems impossible, owing to the scattered field, to have Presbyterian Unions, that we take every advantage of the "Denominational Rally," to be held during the Convention of the C.E., to be held at Victoria, 3rd to 5th October of this year, when the special work of our own Church may be defined and emphasized, and that at least one afternoon session at each subsequent convention be secured for that purpose. 2. That wherever it is possible, a Y. P. Society be organized in every congregation and mission station.

On motion of Mr. Gavin Hamilton, seconded by Mr. J. P. Grant, it was agreed that the recommendations be adopted.

The Moderator then called upon the Synod to fix the time and place of the next meeting, when it was moved by Mr. Robert Frew, seconded by Mr. A. D. Menzies, and carried unanimously, that the next meeting of Synod be held at Nelson, B.C., and within St. Paul's Church there, on the first Wednesday of May next, at ten o'clock in the morning.

Mr. E. D. McLaren submitted the report of the Committee to nominate Standing Committees, which recommended that these Committees be constituted as follows:—

HOME MISSIONS—E. D. McLaren, convener, and the Conveners of Presbyteries Home Mission Committees.

AUGMENTATION—J. C. Herdman, convener, and the Conveners of Presbyteries Home Mission Committees.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Dr. Campbell, convener, T. Geo. MacLeod, J. Knox Wright, D. McRae, A. B. Winchester, W. L. Clay, Chas. McKillop, R. Frew, and D. G. McQueen, Ministers; T. Fell, and T. A. Bryden, Elders.

STATISTICS AND FINANCE—W. L. Clay, convener, and Conveners of Presbyteries Committees on Statistics and Finance.

CHURCH LIFE AND WORK—J. A. Jaffary, convener, J. W. Morrow, A. Forbes, T. Menzies, D. McG. Gandier, M. H. McIntosh, and E. G. Perry, Ministers; W. Hudson and A. Shaw, Elders.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—J. A. Logan, convener, J. P. Grant, E. C. Gallup, A. D. Menzies, J. C. Stewart, and W. B. Cumming, Ministers; J. D. Higginbotham, G. A. Reid, and J. McQueen, Elders.

MANITOBA COLLEGE—T. Menziés, convener, E. G. Perry, A. E. Vert, M. D. McKee, G. S. Scott, and W. L. Atkinson.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES—W. B. Cumming, convener, J. C. Forster, G. A. Wilson, J. A. Clelland, H. R. Grant, and A. Smith.

On motion of Mr. H. P. Grant, seconded by Mr. W. B. Cumming, it was agreed that the report, as a whole, be adopted.

The report on Statistics and Finance was read by Mr. E. D. MacLaren, in the absence of the Convener, Mr. W. L. Clay, and on motion of Mr. J. P. Grant, seconded by Mr. A. Forbes, it was agreed that it be received, and the recommendations considered.

The recommendations are :—1. That Presbyteries be enjoined to secure from all congregations and mission stations, whether settled or vacant, full returns on statistics and finance. 2. That Presbyteries have reported to them at their March meetings, all congregations and mission stations that have failed to make their proper returns.

On motion of Mr. A. Forbes, seconded by Mr. A. Menziés, the report, as a whole, was adopted.

Mr. J. A. Jaffary, on behalf of the committee appointed to prepare a minute relating to the loss sustained by the Church on the removal by death of the late Dr. King, reported as follows :—“ This Synod, with profound sorrow, makes reference to the death of Rev. J. M. King, D.D., late Principal of Manitoba College. The whole Church has been deeply moved by that event, but the Western Section of the Church has, perhaps, the deepest sense of sorrow and loss. If we were to speak of Dr. King's pastorate, in Toronto, we could show that he had a large share in forming the character of many of those who have become our most faithful and successful pioneer missionaries in the west. Dr. King's work in connection with the Manitoba College was of such a nature that on account of it his praise is in all the churches. We heartily acknowledge its value and importance in the Home Mission operations of our Church in this great country. Years to come will show more and more how much we owe to the eminent piety, conscientious, scholarly, faithful, and unremitting service of our distinguished father, the late Principal of Manitoba College. Whilst recognising the unique and invaluable service which he rendered to the ministers, and missionaries, and students of our Church within the bounds of the Synod, and of the eminently wise, judicious, and inspiring counsels in the courts of our Church, we desire also to recognize the splendid contributions which, by the grace of God, he was able to make to the entire educational and religious life—in an important formative period—of the great west. We all esteemed him as a servant of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ—a faithful steward of the manifold grace of God in the gospel. Those who knew him best esteemed and loved him as a wise counsellor and trusted friend. This Synod desires to place on record its high estimate of Dr. King's character, work, and influence, and to express its sincere sympathy with his family in their very sad bereavement; and with the Faculty of Manitoba College, in the very great loss it has sustained. And that copies of this minute be sent to Miss Helen King and to the Senate of Manitoba College.”

On motion of Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. W. B. Cumming, it was agreed that the report be received and adopted.

Mr. J. C. Herdman stated that a number of friends had proposed to give the members of Synod a drive through the town and vicinity this afternoon. The proposition was thankfully accepted.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was agreed that this Synod adjourn to meet at four o'clock in the afternoon, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day,
and at 4 o'clock p.m.,

The Synod met, as per adjournment, and was constituted with praise and prayer, led in by Mr. Robt. Frew, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Fourth Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Moderator called for the report of the Special Committee on Temperance and Sabbath Law, which, in the absence of the convener, Dr. Campbell, was read by Mr. E. D. MacLaren, who moved, seconded by Mr. J. Reid, that it be accepted. the convener thanked, and the committee reappointed, with the addition of Messrs. R. Frew and D. McG. Gaudier. The motion was carried.

A petition from the Presbytery of Kamloops was presented, asking the Synod to take into consideration such arrangements as will render unnecessary travelling on Sunday trains or steamboats on the part of our missionaries; it also asks that this matter be brought to the attention of the General Assembly.

After deliberation, it was moved by Mr. J. Knox Wright, seconded by Mr. A. Forbes, and agreed, that this Synod sympathizes very much with the Presbytery of Kamloops in its desire and efforts to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day within their bounds, and agrees to refer the petition of the Presbytery to the Synod's Home Mission Committee, with instructions that it should ascertain whether or not there be any unnecessary use of trains in the carrying on of the Home Mission work of our Church, and that it should caution all our missionaries to guard against anything which might seem like carelessness in this matter.

The Moderator called for the report on Foreign Missions, and in the absence of the Convener, Dr. Campbell, it was given in by Mr. A. B. Winchester, who moved that the report be received and its recommendations severally considered. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thos. Menzies, and carried. While the first recommendation was under discussion the hour of adjournment arrived, when it was moved by Mr. R. Frew, seconded by Mr. A. D. Menzies, and agreed, that the debate be adjourned, the time of this Sederunt extended, and that Mr. A. Linde be invited to address the Synod on the Scandinavian Mission.

Having heard Mr. Linde, the following motion, made by Mr. Robt. Frew, seconded by Mr. J. C. Herdman, was adopted,—That the Synod express its pleasure and satisfaction at the work being carried on by Messrs. Linde and Vetter; that the Clerk be instructed to send a communication to each field, expressing the goodwill of the Synod.

The report of the Synod Travelling Expense Fund was given by the Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Logan. On motion of Mr. A. B. Winchester, seconded by Mr. P. Naismith, it was agreed that the report be received, the Convener thanked and reappointed, and that the report be referred for consideration to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator, which shall report at this evening's Sederunt.

The Moderator appointed as that committee, Messrs. W. B. Cumming, A. Forbes, G. Hamilton, and J. C. Herdman.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet at eight o'clock in the evening, for public service, of which intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day,
and at 8 o'clock p.m.,

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer, led in by Mr. J. C. Herdman, at the request of the Moderator.

On the motion of the Clerk, seconded by Mr. J. Knox Wright, it was agreed that the reading of the minutes of the Fifth Sederunt be deferred until to-morrow morning.

The Moderator announced the topic of discussion for this meeting—"Christianity in Relation to Social Problems." Eloquent addresses were delivered by Messrs. E. D. MacLaren, W. B. Cumming, James Short, Robt. Frew, F. MacDonald, H. R. Grant, and A. B. Winchester. The addresses were interspersed with the singing of appropriate hymns.

The hour for adjournment arrived, and it was agreed that the Synod remain in session until eleven o'clock.

The Moderator then called for the report of the Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Travelling Expense Fund, which was submitted by Mr. W. B. Cumming, and recommended that the expenses of each member of Synod present up to five dollars be not considered, and the amount in fund be divided *pro rata* of the balance of expenses. On motion of Mr. W. B. Cumming, duly seconded, the report was, as a whole, adopted.

The Synod then resumed the discussion of the recommendations of the Foreign Mission report, which are—1. That a man be employed as an industrial instructor at Allerni, whose duty will be to teach practical farming, gardening, and other industries that may be practically useful for the Indian boys. 2. That the General Assembly be and hereby is recommended to secure for our school at Ahousait the usual Government grant, and also more liberal support for our work at other points, as the financial aid we receive from the Government is less in proportion to the work we do than that given to other churches. 3. That the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee be recommended to settle Mr. Swartout in some one place, so that his work may be more permanent.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was agreed that the first recommendation be transmitted to the General Assembly through the Foreign Mission Committee *simpliciter*; that the second one be adopted, and the third rejected.

On motion of Mr. A. B. Winchester, seconded by Mr. W. B. Cumming, it was agreed that the report of the Indian work and recommendations as passed be adopted as a whole.

On motion, the time of the Synod was further extended to hear Mr. Gavin Hamilton on his work and prospects among the Mormons. At the close of his address the following resolution, moved by Mr. Robt. Frew, and seconded by Mr. W. Hudson, was adopted:—The Synod has heard with much interest and satisfaction the statement of the Rev. Gavin Hamilton in reference to his work, and desires to assure him of their deep and continued interest in the work of his mission among the Mormons.

On motion, duly seconded, the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction, pronounced by the Moderator.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At Calgary, and within Knox Church there, the fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine years, and at 10 o'clock in the forenoon,

At which time and place the Synod of British Columbia met, as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises and prayer, led in by Messrs. W. B. Cumming, Moody, and J. P. Grant, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Fifth and Sixth Sederunts were read and sustained.

The fourth report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was submitted by the Clerk, and its recommendations adopted.

The Committee on Church Records reported that they had examined the records of the Presbyteries of Calgary, Edmonton, Kamloops, Victoria, and Westminster, and reported that they were neatly and correctly kept. The reports were received and adopted, and the Moderator instructed to attest them accordingly.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Foreign Mission report, and Mr. A. B. Winchester submitted and read the report of the Chinese Mission, and moved that it be received and its recommendations considered *seriatim*. The motion was seconded by Mr. T. Menzies, and agreed to.

The recommendations are as follows :—

1. That the grant for a site and building in Victoria be and hereby is renewed. 2. That the attention of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee be again respectfully called to the urgent need for a lady worker in Victoria. 3. That a Chinese Evangelist be appointed for the work in the interior of the Province, with salary not to exceed forty dollars per month.

The recommendations, on motion of Mr. J. Knox Wright, seconded by Mr. J. C. Herdman, were received and adopted.

The Synod called for the report on Church Life and Work, which, in the absence of the Convener, Mr. G. A. Wilson, was submitted and read by Mr. J. Knox Wright, who moved its reception. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thos. Menzies, and agreed to. On the consideration of the first recommendation it was, on the motion of Mr. J. Knox Wright, seconded by Mr. W. B. Cumming, agreed that this recommendation, with Assembly's draft report of a form of service and relative documents be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator, which shall report at the afternoon Sederunt. The Moderator accordingly appointed Messrs. Wright, Frew, and Gray. The other recommendations were either rejected or amended and adopted as follows :—

2. That a committee be appointed to take steps to secure, by co-operation with other denominations or otherwise, from the Legislature, a proper Sabbath Law for the Province of British Columbia. 3. That in view of the majority vote in favour of prohibition in this Province, and the unanimous opinion that intemperance is one of the greatest hindrances to the work of the gospel, the Synod urges all the members to persevere in the crusade against the liquor traffic.

The Moderator appointed a committee to arrange for Sabbath supply in the Presbytery of Calgary, said committee to consist of Mr. J. C. Herdman, convener, Messrs. J. A. Jaffary and S. H. Gray.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at half past two o'clock this afternoon, of which intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place, and on the same day, at 2.30 p.m.

The Synod met, as per adjournment, and was constituted with praise and prayer, led in by Mr. A. Forbes, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Seventh Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. J. Knox Wright, on behalf of the committee appointed to consider the first recommendations of the report on Church Life and Work, Assembly's Committee's draft of "Aids for Social Worship," and relative documents, submitted a report, recommending—1. That this Synod expresses very cordial approval of the proposal as a whole. 2. That it declares a preference that the book should have one form of service in full, with materials for additional services. 3. That an affirmative answer be given to the four questions in the circular issued to members of the General Assembly's Committee. 4. In answer to the additional questions asked by Professor Ross, we would say that services have been conducted in places where there was no missionary, and we believe that such a manual would not only be a help but a stimulus to the holding of such services.

On motion of Mr. J. Knox Wright, seconded by Mr. A. Forbes, it was agreed that the recommendations be adopted, and that they take the place of the first recommendation of the Church Life and Work report.

Mr. W. B. Cumming moved that the report, as a whole, be adopted as amended. This was seconded by Mr. J. Knox Wright, and agreed to.

It was further agreed that the recommendation referring to the Sabbath law be referred to the Special Committee on Sabbath Law and Temperance.

The Synod then called for the report of the Committee on Augmentation, which was presented and read by the Convener, Mr. J. C. Herdman. Mr. A. B. Winchester moved, seconded by Mr. Thos. Menzies, and agreed that the report be received and considered. After deliberation on the report, the following recommendations were received and adopted:—1. That more efforts be made in Presbyteries to get a selected class of Home Missions on the augmented list. 2. That this Synod approve of the proposal of the Assembly's Augmentation Committee, that Dr. Robertson be appointed Superintendent of Missions and General Secretary for Augmentation and Home Missions.

The Synod then called for the overture from the Presbytery of Edmonton, relating to the Synod's Travelling Expense Fund. On the motion of Mr. W. B. Cumming, seconded by Mr. A. D. Menzies, it was agreed that the overture be received and considered. After deliberation, in which the diligence of the Presbytery of Edmonton was warmly commended, the overture, with the consent of the Synod, was withdrawn.

The Moderator then called for the overture of the Presbytery of Calgary *re* travelling expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly, recommending that it adopt a similar scheme to that now in force in the Synod of British Columbia. The overture was supported by Mr. G. Hamilton, who moved its reception. This was seconded by Mr. A. B. Winchester, and agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. J. Morrow, it was agreed that the overture be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly for its favourable consideration, and that Mr. McQueen and Dr. Campbell support it before the Assembly.

Mr. J. C. Herdman, on behalf of the Augmentation Committee, reported on the application from the Kaslo congregation on the proposal of the Augmentation Committee to lessen their grant as follows:—That this Synod, understanding that the congregation of Kaslo is rated higher in its contributions for support of ordinances than its own agreement with the Presbytery warrants, requests the Augmentation Committee not to put into force the proposed reduction of the grant from its present amount to the figures of \$150 per annum until, at the date of the meeting of Synod's Augmentation Committee in Vancouver next September, facts connected with its ability to give, and with the cost of living at Kaslo, come up for fresh consideration, and come up also under the additional influence of the pressure of a convener from the anticipated Presbytery of Kootenay.

It was moved by Mr. A. B. Cumming, seconded by Mr. A. D. Menzies, and agreed, that the recommendation be received and adopted, and a copy sent to the Board of Managers of Kaslo congregation.

The Synod then called for the report of the Committee on Manitoba College, which was presented by Mr. A. B. Winchester, the Convener, who moved that it be received and its recommendations considered *serialim*. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The recommendations are:—1. That the Synod express its regret that, notwithstanding its repeated recommendations to Presbyterial Conveners to send in their respective reports to the Synodical Convener in time for him to prepare his report for Synod, no report has been received from Westminster, Kamloops, and Calgary Presbyteries. 2. That Synod hereby enjoins upon Presbyterial Conveners to send their respective reports to Synod's Convener not less than one month prior to meeting of Synod. 3. That Synod again expresses its high appreciation of the good work done in the College, both in the interests of higher education, and as a valued auxiliary in the increasingly important mission work of our Western Synod. 4. That the Synod express its sympathy with the Senate and Faculty of Manitoba College in the inestimable loss they have sustained in the demise of the late lamented Principal King; assure them of the Synod's continued sympathy and support; and respectfully submit that in its judgment a successor to Principal King should be appointed as early as possible. 5. That the nomination of Dr. Geo. Adam Smith would have the Synod's cordial approval.

On motion of Mr. John Reid, Jr., seconded by Mr. J. Morrow, it was agreed that the report with its recommendations be adopted.

The Synod called for the extract minute from the Presbytery of Edmonton, relating to the application of Mr. T. A. Patterson, to be received into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. On motion of Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. R. Frew, it was agreed that the request be granted.

A communication was received from Mr. A. Philip, of Vancouver, containing a proposition for the publication of a weekly paper in the interests of the work of the Church within the bounds of the Synod. After deliberation, the following resolution was moved by Mr. A. B. Winchester:—That this Synod expresses its commendation of the scheme proposed; appoints as a Publishing Committee, Messrs. Logan, Philip, and Jas. McQueen, of Vancouver; and a preliminary Editorial Committee, consisting of Mr. J. A. Logan, Conv., Messrs. D. McG. Gaudier, A. B. Winchester, E. C. Gallup, and S. H. Gray. The Synod demands full oversight on the part of the Committee, as well of the advertising as of the literary matter; and that it refuses to accept any financial obligation in connection with the scheme. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thos. Menzies, and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Robt. Frew, seconded by Mr. Gavin Hamilton, it was agreed that the Printing Committee shall consist of the Clerk, with Messrs. E. D. MacLaren and A. E. Vert, and that 400 copies of the minutes be printed.

The Synod then adjourned to meet this evening at the hour of eight o'clock, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place, on the same day,
and at 8 o'clock p.m.,

The Synod met, as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises and prayer, led in by Rev. Mr. Langford of the Methodist Church, and the Moderator.

On motion of Mr. A. B. Winchester, seconded by Mr. J. Knox Wright, it was agreed that the minutes of the Eighth and Ninth Sederunts be taken as read.

The Moderator announced that the topic for discussion this evening is—"The Sabbath School and Other Religious Influences among the Young."

Stirring addresses were given by Messrs. A. B. Winchester, J. A. Logan, W. H. Moody, J. P. Grant, and W. Hudson.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was, on motion of Mr. R. Frew, agreed to sit until the business of the Synod is completed.

The Synod, on motion, requested the retiring Moderator, Mr. J. K. Wright, to furnish a copy of the sermon with which he opened the Synod, for the press.

It was moved by Mr. J. Knox Wright, seconded by Mr. R. Frew, and agreed, that the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the Session and Managers of Knox Church, Calgary, for placing their commodious building at its disposal; to the choir of the church for their attendance and valuable help; to the friends who have so kindly opened their homes for the entertainment of members; to the friends who arranged and made provision for the very enjoyable drive about the city and into the country; to the Editor of the *Herald*, for his excellent reports of proceedings; and to the transportation companies, for the courtesy extended in reduced rates of travel; to Principal Hogbin, for courtesies extended to members while visiting the Indian Industrial School; also, to Revs. J. C. Herlihan and S. H. Gray, and those asso-

ciated with them, for all the work done and pains taken to make this meeting pleasant and successful.

The Moderator briefly addressed the Court ; the audience joined in singing Hymn 501 ;

After which

He said,—“ In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, I now adjourn this Court, and appoint its next meeting to be held at Nelson, B.C., and within St. Paul's Church there, on the first Wednesday of May next, and at ten o'clock in the forenoon,” and pronounced the benediction.

D. G. McQUEEN, Moderator.

JOHN A. LOGAN, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1ST MAY, 1898.

Victoria Presbytery	\$52.80
New Westminster Presbytery.....	53.30
Kamloops Presbytery	24.00
Calgary and Edmonton Presbyteries.....	25.15
Balance from last year.....	86.55
Total	\$241.80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing Minutes	\$40.22
Clerk's Salary.....	75.00
Mr. Ross, late Clerk, Back Salary.....	25.00
Printing Cards, Slips, Etc.....	3.75
Caretaker, St. Andrew's Church, Victoria	5.00
Express Packages	4.25
Receipt Book, Exchanges, Etc.....	0.76
Total	153.98

THOS. SCOUTER,

Treasurer.

SYNOD TRAVELLING EXPENSE FUND.

Presbytery of	Assessed.	Receipts.	Expenses.	Paid to Members.	No. Ministers Present.
Calgary.....	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$32.45	\$8.55	8
Edmonton.....	34.00	33.00	41.65	15.05	7
Kamloops.....	82.00	76.50	53.00	39.95	3
Victoria	68.00	52.00	70.20	61.60	2
Westminster	50.00	40.00	126.30	108.90	4
Balance from 1898..	\$274.00	\$241.50	\$323.60	\$234.05	
	...	4.00	
Total Receipts		\$245.50			
Incidental Expenses	3.45	
				\$237.50	

Balance on hand, \$80.00.

N.B.—In disbursing this fund the expenses of members up to \$5 was not taken into account, by direction of Synod.

JOHN A. LOGAN,

Treasurer.