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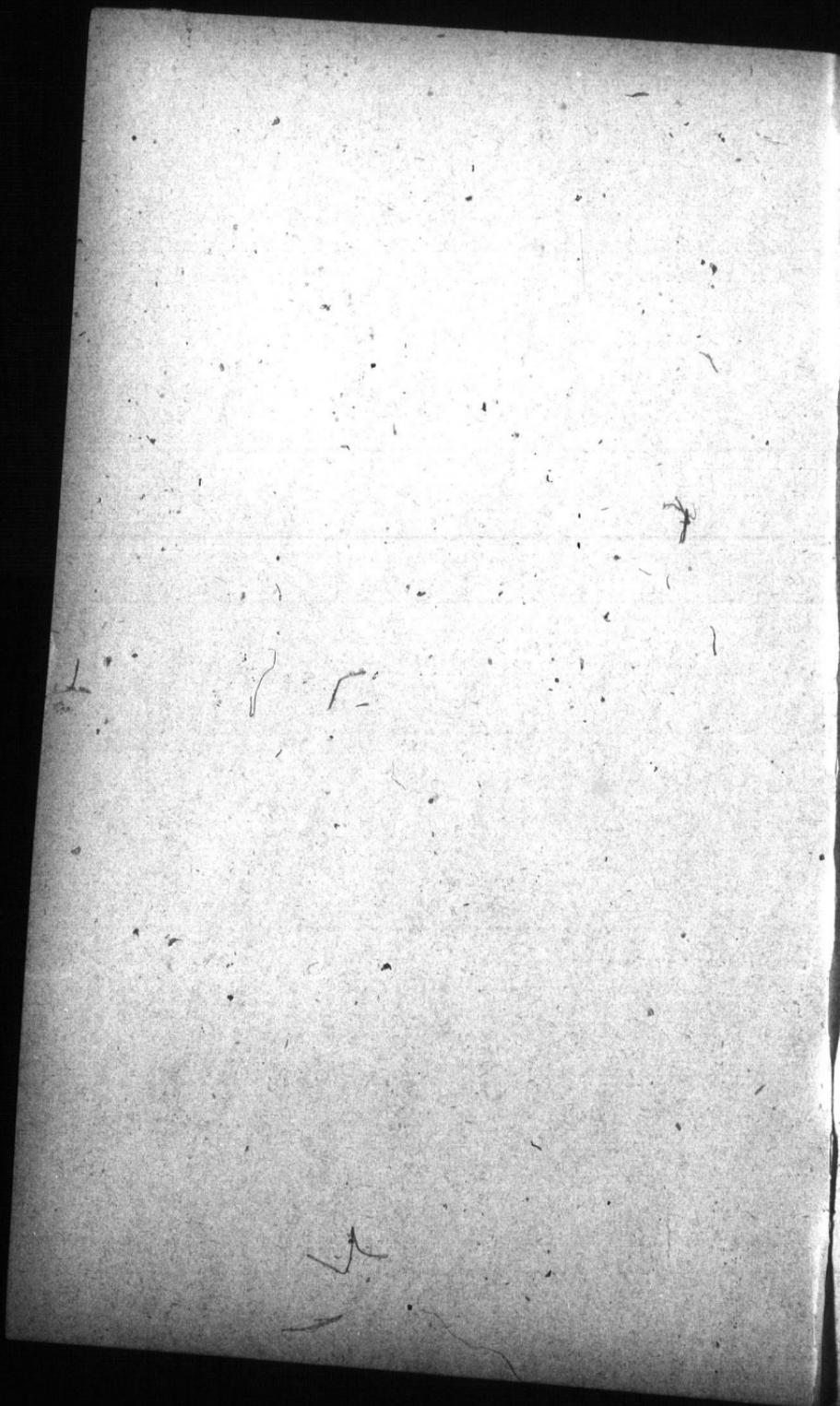
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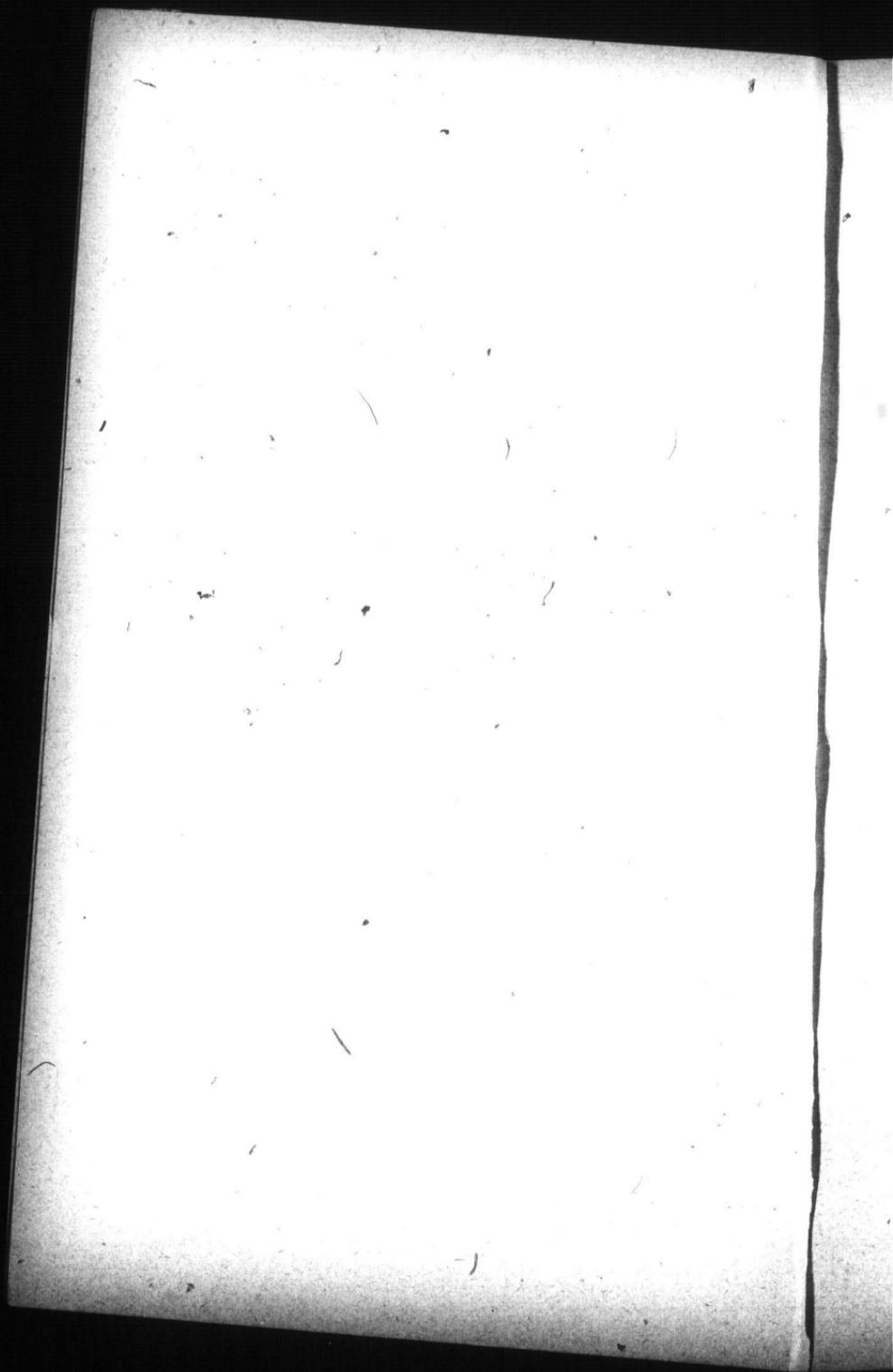
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OF THE

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1896.

MODERATOR:

REV. E. D. McLAREN, B.D. Vancouver, B. C.

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NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

At New Westminster, B. C., St. Andrew's Church, first Wednesday of
May, 1897, at 8 p.m.

Synod of British Columbia.

JOHN A. LOGAN, *Synod Clerk.*

*Members present at Vancouver meeting are marked with an asterisk.

PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

NO	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POSTOFFICES.
1	J. C. Herdman, B. D.*	Nov. 6, 1887	John Creighton	Knox, Calgary	Calgary
2	Chas. McKillop	Sept. 3, 1878	J. Higginbotham	Knox, Lethbridge	Lethbridge
3	J. P. Grant	June 19, 1894		Pincher Creek	Pincher Creek
4	W. Black*	May 1893		Banff & Canmore	Canmore
5	D. G. McQueen	June 21, 1887	A. J. Walker	Edmonton	Edmonton
6	Gavin Hamilton	May 6, 1887	Wm Hudson	St. And. McLeod	MacLeod
7	G. S. Scott, B. A.	October 1895	N. McInnes	Dewd. and High R	Dewdney
8	J. A. Jaffray, B. A.	July 14, 1885	W. Cousins	St. John's, M. Hat	Medicine Hat
9	David Spear, B. A.	May 30, 1892	— McClure	Innisfail	Innisfail
10	John Fernie	Sept. 7, 1892	W. Reid	Lacombe	Lacombe
11	E. G. Walker, B. A.	May 2, 1894	Henry Brice	Dav'g & Pine Ck	Pine Creek
12	J. W. Morrow, B. A.	Dec. 17, 1894		Port Saskatche'n	Medicine Hat
13	Alex. Forbes, B. D.	March 6, 1895			Port Saskatche'n
MISSION STATIONS:—			J. Ferguson	South Edmonton	South Edmonton
				Maple Creek	Maple Creek
				Swift Current	Swift Current
				Leduc & Stony P	Leduc
				Gleichen	Gleichen
				German Settlem't	Josephsburg
				Bow River	Calgary
				Red Deer	Red Deer
				Penhold	Penhold
				Olds	Olds
				Beaver Lake	Beaver Lake
				Foot Hills	Calgary
				Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
				Mormon Settlem't	Cardston

GAVIN HAMILTON,

Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KAMLOOPS.

No	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POSTOFFICES.
1	Vacant		D. H. Campbell	Kamloops	Kamloops
2	George Murray, M. A.	Jan. 18, 1875	Donald Matheson	Nicola	Nicola Lake
3	Vacant		J. A. McKelvie	Spallumcheen	Spallumcheen
4	Geo. A. Wilson, B. A.*	May 29, 1894	Vernon	Vernon	Vernon
5	Thos. Glassford	Sept. 28, 1890	Donald	Donald	Donald
6	Archd. McVicar, B. A.	Sept. 3, 1895	Nelson	Nelson	Nelson
7	Thomas Paton*	Sept. 12, 1893	D. C. McMorris	Kettle River	Kettle River
8	J. E. Wallace	Dec. 4, 1895	Rossland	Rossland	Rossland
	STUDENTS.			MISSION STATIONS	
	Merioth McKee			Revelstoke	
	G. W. Pack			Kaslo	
				Ashcroft	
				Shuswap	
				Okanagan	
				Upper Columbia	
				Fairview	
				Lac la Hache	
				Barkerville	
				Field	
				Ainsworth	
				New Denver	
				Trail Creek	
				old Stream	
				Midway	

GEORGE A. WILSON, B. A.,
Presbytery Clerk, *pro tem.*

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

No	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POSTOFFICES.
1	Alex. Young	Jan. 28, 1857		Retired	Nanaimo
2	J. Campbell, M.A., Ph.D.*	Sept. 2, 1874	Thornton Fell	First Church, Vict	Victoria
3	John A. Logan*	August 7, 1877	William Mitchell	S. George's, Union	Union
4	D. McRae*	Jan. 28, 1878	John Park	St. Paul's, Vict.	Victoria
5	Alex. Tait, Ph B*	May 28, 1878	John Mandell	Comox	Sandwick
6	A. B. Winchester*	July 12, 1887		Chinese Mission	Victoria
7	D. A. McRae, B. A.*	October 11, 1888	John O'Dell	St. Andrew's	Nanaimo
8	W. L. Clay, B. A.*	Nov. 14, 1890	J. A. Thompson	St. Andrew's	Victoria
9	T. H. Rogers, B. A.*	April 21, 1891		Wellington	Wellington
10	J. C. Forster	Sept. 16, 1895		Vict. E. & O'r Hill	Victoria
	MISSION STATIONS:— (Under Catechists)				
	J. Berkholder			Northfield	Northfield
	Thomas Menzies			Alberni	Alberni
	J. Brandon			Sooke & Metch'n	Sooke
	G. H. Menzies			Pender Island	Pender Island
	Ng Man-Hing			Chinese Mission	Victoria
	M. Swartout			Indian Mission	Ucalet
	W. G. Russell			Denman & Hornby	Denman Island

D. McRAE,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WESTMINSTER.

No	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POSTOFFICES.
1	J. M. MacLeod*	Nov. 9, 1853	D. Fraser	Zion, Vancouver	Vancouver
2	E. D. McLaren, B. D.*	Sept. 28, 1873	J. T. Brown*	St. Andrew's, Van	Vancouver
3	A. Dunn*	June 9, 1875		Wharrock	Wharrock
4	Thomas Scouler*	June 7, 1880	Alex. McDougal*	St. And. New W'r	New Westminster
5	G. R. Maxwell*	October 8, 1890	D. G. McDonald	First Ch. Vanc'r	Vancouver
6	B. Buchanan*	June 1, 1891	Thomas Mackie	Richmond	Eburne
7	B. K. McElmon*	August 1877		Surrey	Cloverdale
8	J. Knox Wright, B. D.	August 1877	M. McSween	Cookes Church	Chilliwack
9			A. Bethune*	Mt. Pleasant	Vancouver
10			J. B. Kennedy	Knex	New Westminster
11			J. Scott	West Church	"
12	A. Magee, B. A.*	August 7, 1882	Thomas Black	Langley	Langley
13	J. C. Cameron	June 25, 1895		Ladner	Ladner
14	A. S. Thompson*	Nov. 18, 1895		Agassiz & Mission	Mission City

J. M. McLEOD.

Presbytery Clerk

CHANGES IN THE ROLL OF PRESBYTERIES.

RESIGNATIONS—*Presbytery of Kamloops.*

- Rev. Chas. Stephen, Medicine Hat, Sept., 1895.
Rev. J. A. Matheson, Oct., 1895.
Rev. Arch. McKeen, B.D., in Dec., 1895.

Presbytery of Victoria.

- Rev. P. McF. McLeod, Central Church, Victoria. May,
1895.

Presbytery of Westminster.

- Rev. E. B. Chestnut, Knox, Sapperton, Oct. 1st. 1895.

INDUCTIONS—*Presbytery of Victoria.*

- Rev. D. McRae, to St. Pauls, Victoria, West, 1895.
Rev. Alex. Tait, Comox, May 23rd, 1895.
Rev. J. A. Logan, to St. George's, Union, Feb. 19th, 1896.

Presbytery of Westminster.

- Rev. J. Knox Wright, B.D. to Cookes Church, Chilliwack, April, 1896.

Presbytery of Calgary.

- Mr. G. S. Scott, to Dewdney, Oct., 1895.

TRANSLATIONS—

- Rev. W. Black, from Presbytery of Kamloops, to Presbytery of Calgary, March, 1896.
Rev. J. A. Munroe, from the Presbytery of Calgary, September, 1895.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

- Rev. Arch. Lee, B.A., from Kamloops to St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, Presbytery of Regina, March 5th, 1896.

Rev. J. K. Wright, B.D., from Spallumcheen, to Cookes Church, Chilliwack, Presbytery of Westminster, April 15th, 1896.

Rev. J. E. Wallace, to Rossland, on April 15th, 1896.

Presbytery of Westminster.

Rev. J. W. McMillan to Lindsay, Ontario, Aug. 5th, 1895.

Rev. J. A. Logan, to Union, in Presbytery of Victoria, Feb. 9th. 1896.

ORDINATIONS—*Presbytery of Victoria.*

Mr. J. C. Forster, Sept. 16th, 1895.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

Mr. A. McVicar, B.A., Sept. 3rd, 1895.

Mr. J. E. Wallace, Dec. 4th, 1895

Presbytery of Westminster.

Mr. J. C. Cameron, June 25th, 1895.

A. S. Thompson, Nov. 18th, 1895.

Presbytery of Calgary.

Mr. G. S. Scott, Oct. 1895.

APPOINTMENTS—*Presbytery of Kamloops.*

Mr. A. McVicar, B.A., to Nelson B.C. Sept. 3rd, 1895.

Mr. J. E. Wallace, to Rossland, B.C. Dec. 4th, 1895.

LICENSURES—*Presbytery of Victoria.*

Mr. J. C. Forster, Sept. 16th, 1895.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

Mr. A. McVicar, B.A., Sept. 3rd, 1895.

CHURCH ERECTIONS—*Presbytery of Victoria.*

St. George's, Union B.C.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

At Lumby, at Rossland, at Golden.

Presbytery of Westminster.

Galt Church, at Chilliwack Central.

NEW FIELDS—*Presbytery of Kamloops.*

- New Denver, March 5th, 1896.
 Midway, March 5th, 1896.
 Coldstream, April 15th, 1896.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES—*Presbytery of Victoria.*

- St. Paul's Church, Victoria West, from a Mission Station to an Augmented Charge.
 St. George's, Union, from a Mission Station, to an Augmented Charge.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

Kamloops becomes self-supporting.

Presbytery of Westminster.

Cookes Church, Chilliwack, becomes self-supporting.

REMOVALS—*Presbytery of Calgary.*

- Rev. J. A. Matheson, Oct. 1895.
 Rev. Arch. McKenzie, Dec. 1895.
 Rev. J. A. Munroe, Sept. 1895.
 Rev. Chas. Stephens, Dec. 1895.

Presbytery of Victoria.

Mr. D. McIntyre, M. A., Sept. 1895.

Fifth Synod of British Columbia

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Vancouver, and within First Presbyterian Church, there, the sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and at eight o'clock in the evening, the Synod of British Columbia of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met pursuant to appointment of Synod held last year at Nanaimo.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Archibald Lee, B.A., divine service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Herdman, B.D., of Calgary, who preached a sermon from a text in II. Corinthians, 3rd chap. 8th verse: "How shall not the ministration of the Spirit be rather glorious," after which he constituted the Synod with prayer in the name of the only King and Head of the Church.

The Roll of Synod was called, the attendance of members noted, and the changes in the congregations and stations read.

Mr. Herdman announced that the time had come to appoint another Moderator to preside over this Synod, when it was moved by Mr. D. McRae, and seconded by Mr. T. Scouler, and unanimously agreed that the Synod appoint Rev. E. D. MacLaren, B.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, to be their Moderator.

Mr. MacLaren was then conducted to the Moderator's chair, and in a few well chosen words acknowledged the honor conferred upon him, and asked the co-operation of the brethren in the discharge of the duties of his office.

Dr. Campbell moved, seconded by Mr. James Buchanan and agreed to, that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. A. Lee, the retiring Moderator for his conduct in the chair, and to Mr. Herdman for the appropriate sermon which he delivered this evening.

The thanks of the Synod were then presented to Mr. Herdman and suitably acknowledged, and the Clerk instructed to convey the same to Mr. Lee.

The Clerk of Synod on behalf of the Committee on Bills and Overtures submitted the following recommendations which were on motion adopted.

- 1.—That the Synod meet daily from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30; from 2 p.m. to 5.30, and from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- 2.—That the first half-hour on Thursday forenoon be spent in devotional exercises.
- 3.—That the following Committees be appointed by the Moderator :
 - (a) Committee to nominate Standing Committees.
 - (b) Committee on Presbytery Records.
 - (c) Committee on Bills and Overtures.
- 4.—That the business on Thursday forenoons be taken up in the following order.

Report of the Synod Treasurer.

Report on Manitoba College.

Overtures from the Kamloops and Calgary Presbyteries on Home Mission Work.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Bills and Overtures as follows :

The Clerk of Synod, the Clerks of Presbyteries, Messrs. J. C. Herdman, Conv., W. Black, George A. Wilson, Thos. Scouler, and Dr. Campbell with J. A. Thompson and J. T. Brown, elders.

It was moved by Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. G. R. Maxwell and agreed, That Presbyteries be permitted to call meetings during the sittings of the Synod.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 for devotional exercises and at 10 o'clock for the transaction of business of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT:

At Vancouver and within First Presbyterian Church there, the seventh day of May, and at half-past nine o'clock in the morning, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

At which time and place the Synod of British Columbia met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer, conducted by the Moderator.

The first half-hour of this Sederunt was spent in devotional exercises-

led in by Messrs. D. McRae, Alex. Tait, J. Buchanan and A. B. Winchester.

The minutes of the first Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Clerk presented the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, and on motion its recommendations were adopted as follows :

- 1.—That a Committee on Church Life and Work be appointed on Thursday forenoon.
- 2.—That business be taken up on Thursday afternoon in the following order—
 - (a) Report on Statistics and Finance.
 - (b) Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary re the application of Peter Naismith.
 - (c) From the Presbytery of Victoria, asking leave to license Mr. J. C. Stewart.
 - (d) From Presbytery of Victoria re application of Mr. Taylor.
 - (e) From Presbytery of Kamloops asking leave to license Mr. A. D. McKinnon.
 - (f) From Presbytery of Calgary re application of Rev. Mr. Vetter.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was amended to permit the presentation of the Foreign Mission Committee's report in order to afford an opportunity to Mr. A. B. Winchester to speak to its recommendations.

The Moderator then called for the report of the Committee on Foreign Mission Work, which was read by Mr. T. Scouler, convenor, who moved that it be adopted and the recommendations considered seriatim.

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay and after discussion was adopted.

The recommendations are :

- 1.—That the General Assembly's F. M. Committee empower the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Victoria to secure more suitable premises for the work in Victoria either by lease or purchase.
- 2.—That some aid be given for rent of Mission premises in New Westminster and Vancouver—say one hundred dollars per year for each place.
- 3.—That Mr. Hall be appointed to Union Mines and that a grant of \$50 be asked to paint the Mission House at Union.
- 4.—That a Chinese preacher be secured for service in New Westminster and to assist at the canneries in the summer season.
- 5.—That a lady missionary teacher be appointed for Chinese work among women and children at Victoria.

The Moderator appointed the Committee to nominate Standing Committees as follows: Dr. Campbell, convener, Messrs. J. C. Herdman, Geo. A. Wilson and Thos. Scouler.

Committees on Presbytery Records: Calgary—Messrs. A. Dunn and T. H. Rogers; Kamloops—Messrs. J. M. McLeod and W. Black; Westminster—Messrs. W. L. Clay and A. Tait; Victoria—Messrs. J. Buchanan and A. Mogee.

On motion, duly seconded, it was agreed to receive the Home Mission and Sabbath School reports at the evening Sederunt.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at three o'clock in the afternoon, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod of British Columbia met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer led in by Rev. W. L. Clay at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Second Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. T. Scouler, Treasurer, presented the report on the Synod Fund, which was audited and found correct.

Mr. D. McRae moved, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay, and agreed that the report be received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, especially to the Convener.

The matter of arrears to Mr. Ross, the late clerk of the Synod, was taken up, when Mr. J. K. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay and agreed, that the Synod Treasurer be instructed to ascertain from Mr. Ross the exact amount of his claim, or the amount which would satisfy him, and that provision be made in the estimates and assessments of the ensuing year for the raising of the required amount.

The Moderator then called for the report on Manitoba College which was given in by Mr. J. Buchanan, Convener, who moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Mr. B. K. McElmon and it was agreed to.

The recommendations were taken up seriatim and adopted as follows:

1.—That every congregation and Mission Station within the bounds be enjoined to send a contribution to this Fund.

2.—That Presbyterial Committees urge congregations to do this work

—that their reports be forwarded to Synod's Convenor, as soon as they have been received by Presbyteries as is convenient.

3.—That Synod expresses its thanks to God for the good work done for the Church by the College.

4.—That this Synod deprecates the ending of the summer session in Theology ; expresses its belief that for some years the summer session is a necessity to the Church, and pledges itself to do its utmost to bear its proportion of the necessary expenses to continue unimpaired the good work done by Manitoba College.

It was also agreed that the recommendation referring to the summer session be sent to the Presbyterian papers at Toronto for publication.

Dr. Campbell, Convenor, presented the report of the Committee on Statistics and Finance, which on motion of Mr. W. L. Clay was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly.

The Moderator called for the overture from the Presbytery of Kamloops, anent the salaries of home missionaries, which was introduced by Mr. G. A. Wilson. The overture asks that the General Assembly again place married and unmarried men on an equal footing at \$1000 per annum, at any rate so far as Kamloops is concerned. The overture was supported by Mr. J. K. Wright and others. On the motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. J. A. Thompson, it was agreed that the overture be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly.

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

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day at eight o'clock in the evening, the Synod of British Columbia met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with praise and prayer led in by Mr. J. Knox Wright at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Third Sederunt were read, amended and sustained.

The Home Mission report was presented by Mr. E. D. McLaren, Convenor of the Home Mission Committee, who moved that the report be received and its recommendations considered seriatim, which was seconded by Mr. B. K. McElmon and agreed to.

The recommendations are :

1.—That Presbyteries encourage Mission Stations to aim at becoming augmented charges as speedily as possible.

2.—That Ministers and Missionaries be enjoined to see that contributions to the Home Mission Fund are sent in from every field.

3.—That wherever practicable Young People's Missionary Societies be formed.

Addresses on Home Mission work were delivered by Messrs. W. Black, Geo. A. Wilson, Thos. Paton and J. Buchanan.

The Moderator called for the report on Sabbath Schools which was presented by the Convenor, Mr. J. A. Logan, who moved, seconded by Mr. B. K. McElmon and agreed that the report be received and the recommendations considered seriatim.

Recommendations :

1.—That the "Home Study" series of lesson-helps for teachers and scholars, and the class and school Registers, prepared by the General Assembly's Committee, and authorized by the General Assembly be introduced into all our schools.

2.—That Superintendents be urged to use great care and diligence in recording the statistics of their schools, and in making reports to their respective Presbyteries.

3.—Special attention to the study of the Shorter Catechism is recommended, especially in connection with the Higher Religious Instruction scheme, as also the observance of "Children's Day."

4.—That Schools be instructed to send delegates, if possible, to the Synodical S. S. Convention.

5.—That teachers be encouraged to meet weekly for the study of the Sabbath School Lesson.

6.—That Schools be enjoined to increase in liberality toward the Schemes of the Church.

The Presbytery of Victoria asked liberty of the Synod to take on trial for license Mr. J. C. Stewart, who had completed his literary and theological courses.

The Presbytery of Westminster asked leave to take on trial for license Mr. John Simpson Gordon, who had completed his college course, and was certified by the Presbytery of Montreal.

The requests were on motion granted.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at half-past nine o'clock on Friday morning, of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Vancouver, and within the First Presbyterian Church there, the eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and at half-past nine o'clock in the forenoon.

At which time and place the Synod of British Columbia met, and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer led in by Mr. Geo. A. Wilson at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Fourth Sederunt were read and approved.

The Clerk presented a report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, which on motion was adopted as follows. The Synod will take up the remaining business in the order here recommended.

- 1.—Unfinished Business.
- 2.—Appointment of Committee on Church Life and Work.
- 3.—Overtures on Home Mission Work.
- 4.— " re Peter Naismith.
- 5.— " re Application of Mr. Taylor.
- 6.— " re licensure of Mr. A. D. McKinnon.
- 7.— " re application of Mr. Vetter.
- 8.—Report of the Committee on Standing Committees.
- 9.— " " Church Life and Work.
- 10.— " on Young Peoples Societies.
- 11.—Overture re Division of Presbytery of Calgary.
- 12.— " " Consolidation of Church Work from the Presbytery of Westminster.
- 13.—Report on Synod Travelling Expense Fund.
- 14.— " of Committees on Presbytery records.
- 15.—Time and place of next meeting.
- 16.—Addresses by Messrs. Sewartout and Coleman.
- 17.—General business.

The Moderator appointed as a Committee on Church Life and Work : Messrs. J. Buchanan, Convener, A. Tait, and A. Dunn.

The Moderator then called for the Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary regarding certain anomalies and inequalities in the management of the Home Mission work of the Church as compared with the Foreign Mission work.

The Overture was presented and explained by Messrs. W. Black and J. C. Herdman.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Westminster relating to the Consolidation of Church work was presented by Mr. J. Buchanan.

It was moved by Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. J. Buchanan and agreed, that the Overtures from the Presbyteries of Kamloops, Calgary and

Westminster relating to Home Mission work be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator to report at a subsequent Sederunt.

The Moderator appointed on this committee, Messrs. J. C. Herdman, Convener, Thos. Scouler, W. L. Clay, George A. Wilson and D. McRae.

Dr. Campbell reported on behalf of the committee to nominate Standing Committees as follows:—

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—John A. Logan, Convener; T. H. Rogers, J. P. Grant, Ministers, J. A. McKelvie, and J. Creighton, Elders.

STATISTICS AND FINANCE.—W. L. Clay, Convener, J. K. Wright, J. A. Jaffray and Alex. Tait, Ministers; A. Bethune and J. C. Brown, Elders.

AUGMENTATION.—J. C. Herdman and E. D. McLaren, joint conveners; D. McRae, Chas. McKillop, T. S. Glassford, Presbyteries' Home Mission conveners, Ministers; Donald Matheson and J. A. Thompson, Elders.

CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.—Geo. A. Wilson, Convener; J. M. McLeod, Gavin Hamilton, Thos. Glassford, Alex. Dunn, Alex. Tait, W. Black and T. H. Rogers, Ministers; and J. D. Higginbotham and D. A. Campbell, Elders.

HOME MISSIONS.—E. D. McLaren, Convener; and the Conveners of the Presbyteries' Home Mission Committee, Thos. Scouler, W. L. Clay, Ministers; J. A. Thompson and Major Walker, Elders.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Dr. Campbell and Thos. Scouler, joint conveners; W. L. Clay, D. McRae, J. M. McLeod, C. McKillop, J. K. Wright, A. B. Winchester, A. McVicar and Alex. Moge, Ministers; and T. Fell and J. C. Brown, Elders.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.—A. B. Winchester, Convener; A. S. Thompson, Dr. Campbell, D. G. McQueen, J. K. Wright, Geo. Murray and J. A. Jaffray, Ministers; A. L. Fortune and J. B. McKilligan, Elders.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.—Thomas Paton, Convener; E. D. McLaren, J. Jaffray and R. B. MacMicking.

Mr. J. C. Herdman gave notice of a motion to reconsider the Fifth recommendation of the Foreign Mission Committee as adopted by this Synod.

The Moderator then called for the Overture of the Presbytery of Calgary asking for the licensure and ordination of Peter Naismith. The Overture was supported by Mr. J. C. Herdman who moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tait and agreed that it be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at a quarter of an hour past two o'clock in the afternoon of which intimation was given and this Sederunt closed with the Benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place and at quarter of an hour past two o'clock in the afternoon the Synod of British Columbia met and was constituted with prayer, led in by Mr. J. M. McLeod at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Fifth Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. J. M. McLeod on behalf of the Committee, reported that the records of the Presbytery of Kamloops with the exception of six months not read, not sustained, and not signed by the Moderator are neatly and correctly kept, and the business regularly transacted.

Mr. W. L. Clay reported that the Records of the Presbytery of Westminster were neatly and carefully kept.

Mr. J. Buchanan reported that the Records of the Presbytery of Victoria were correctly kept, and that the Records of last year were attested by the Clerk instead of the Moderator of Synod.

It was on motion agreed that the reports be adopted, and the records attested in terms of the reports by the Moderator of Synod.

The Moderator called for the report on Church Life and Work which was presented by Mr. J. Buchanan, who moved that it be adopted and transmitted to the Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Church Life and Work. The motion was seconded by Mr. T. Paton and carried.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary re the Rev. Gottfried-Vetter, of the German Reformed Evangelical Church, asking permission to receive him into regular ministerial standing in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The overture was supported by Mr. W. Black, who moved that it be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. C. Herdman and became the mind of the Synod.

Mr. George A. Wilson on behalf of the Presbytery of Kamloops, asked permission of the Synod to take Mr. A. D. McKinnon, who has completed his second year in Theology, on trials for license and ordination, on condition that he take his third year extra murally.

It was on motion agreed to grant the request.

The Clerk presented the report of Young People's Societies, and on motion of Mr. J. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. T. Paton, it was agreed that it be transmitted to the Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies.

Mr. Geo. A. Wilson, on behalf of the Presbytery of Kamloops, called attention to the desirability of having Mr. A. D. McKinnon's licensure and

ordination take place before he left for his field of labor in Cariboo. He informed the Synod that Thursday, the 14th instant, was the only day on which it would be possible for Presbytery to meet without serious inconvenience and expense, and requested that the Presbytery be permitted to hold a special meeting on that day for the purpose above mentioned.

On motion duly made and seconded, the permission was granted.

Mr. Thos. H. Rogers reported on the records of the Presbytery of Calgary that they are neatly and correctly kept, and pointed out some omissions of a formal character. It was on motion agreed that the report be received and the Moderator instructed to attest them accordingly.

The Moderator called for the Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary, praying the General Assembly to divide the Presbytery of Calgary, the new Presbytery to be called the "Presbytery of Edmonton." The Overture was supported by Mr. J. C. Herdman, who moved that it be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly. The motion was duly seconded, and became the mind of the Synod.

Mr. J. C. Herdman moved and Mr. G. A. Wilson seconded, and it was agreed that the Synod now reconsider the finding anent the employment of a lady missionary at Victoria.

After discussion it was moved by Mr. J. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay, and agreed that the fifth recommendation of the Foreign Mission Committee be rescinded.

The Clerk presented the report on the Synod Travelling Expense Fund, when on motion of Mr. T. Scouler, duly seconded, it was agreed that the report be adopted; that the Ministers be paid pro rata of expenses, the Treasurer thanked and continued in charge of the fund.

The Moderator asked the Synod to fix the time and place of the next Synod. It was moved by Mr. T. Scouler, seconded by Mr. J. M. McLeod, and agreed that the Synod meet at St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, on the first Wednesday of May next, and that the local ministers be appointed a committee of arrangement.

Mr. J. C. Herdman, on behalf of the committee appointed to consider the Overtures of the Presbyteries of Calgary, Kamloops and Westminster, on certain phases of Home Mission Work, presented a report, and moved, seconded by Mr. J. Buchanan and agreed to, that the Overtures be received and transmitted to the General Assembly *simpliciter*. It was further agreed on motion of Mr. Herdman that an overture be forwarded to the General Assembly embodying the mind of the Synod on the financial aspect of Home Mission Work.

An overture from the Presbytery of Victoria was presented by Mr. W. L. Clay, praying the General Assembly to grant to Mr. E. G. Taylor the status of a second year student in theology, and give that Presbytery per-

mission to take him on trial for license and ordination, who moved that it be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Mr. D. McRae and became the mind of the Synod.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at eight o'clock, and this meeting was closed with the Benediction. 7

SEVENTH SEDERUNT

At the same place and at eight o'clock in the evening the Synod of British Columbia met and was constituted with praise and prayer led in by Mr. T. Rogers at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the sixth Sederunt were read, amended and adopted.

Mr. M. Swartout addressed the Synod giving an account of his own work and that of his co-laborers among the Indians at Ucalet and other points on the West coast of Vancouver Island.

Mr. Coleman, Missionary to the Chinese, followed with an address on Chinese work in Vancouver and Westminster.

It was then moved by Mr. J. M. McLeod, seconded by Mr. J. Buchanan, and agreed :

That this Synod is pleased to have our missionaries with us and to hear the account of their work ; is gratified to learn of the measure of success attending their labors among the Indians and Chinese, and assures them of our sympathy and prayers.

Mr. J. C. Herdman presented a report from the committee appointed to consider matters relative to the futherance of Home Mission Work, and read an Overture thereanent to the General Assembly which was on motion adopted and ordered to be transmitted.

It was further agreed that Messrs. Herdman and Wilson be appointed to support the Overture before the General Assembly.

On motion it was agreed that the Clerk of Synod and Rev. A. Tait be a committee on the printing of the minutes of Synod.

Mr. J. C. Herdman moved, seconded by Mr. J. A. Logan, and agreed that the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the authorities of First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, for placing their commodious and convenient building at their disposal ; to the Railway and Steamboat companies for reduced rates ; to the press for their reports of proceedings of Synod ; and to the kind friends, who so hospitably entertained the members of Synod during the sessions held in this city.

The minutes of the present Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Moderator addressed the Court and led in prayer, after which he said—In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, I now adjourn this Court, and appoint the next meeting to be held at New Westminster, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the first Wednesday of May next, and at eight o'clock in the evening: and pronounced the Benediction.

E. D. MACLAREN, Moderator.

JOHN A. LOGAN, Clerk.



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