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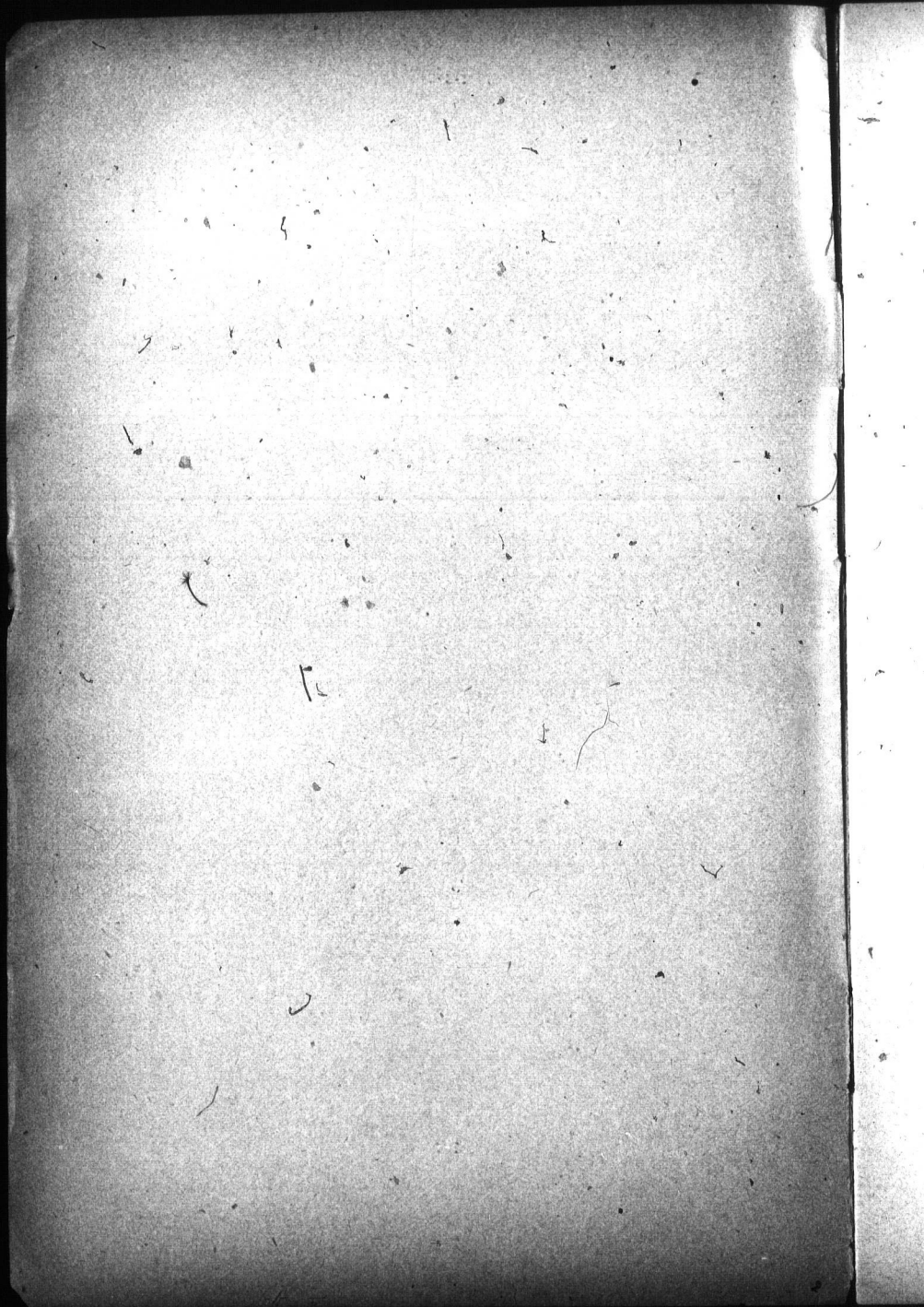
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MODERATOR.

REV. GEORGE A. WILSON, B. A. Mt. Pleasant, B. C.

CLERK.

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

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Home Missions	"	Rev. E. D. MacLaren	Vancouver, B. C.
Augmentation	"	Rev. J. C. Herdman	Calgary, Alberta.
Foreign Missions	"	Rev. Dr. Campbell	Victoria, B. C.
Statistics and Finance	"	Rev. W. Leslie Clay	Victoria, B. C.
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NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

At Vancouver, B. C., and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the first
Wednesday of May, 1901, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

JOHN A. LOGAN, Synod Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	J. C. Herdman, M.A., B.D.	Nov. 6, 1877	J. C. Linton	Knox	Calgary, Alta.
2	Chas. McKillop, B.A.	Sept. 3, 1878	J. W. Higginbotham	Lethbridge	Lethbridge, "
3	J. Morrow, L.L.B.	Dec. 17, 1891	J. Hargrave	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
4	H. R. Grant, B.A.	Sept., 1895		Pincher Creek	Pincher Cr'k
5	J. A. Jaffray, B.A.	July 14, 1885		Macleod	Macleod
6	J. P. Grant	June 10, 1881	J. Lawrence	Maple Creek	Maple Creek
7	G. S. Scott	Oct., 1895		Banff	Banff
8	Gavin Hamilton	May, 1889		Cardston	Cardston
9	Joseph Ball	Sept. 21, 1890	Mr. Findlay	Okatoks	Okatoks
10	J. N. Brunton	May 5, 1890		Without charge	

GAVIN HAMILTON, Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF EDMONTON.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	Jas. Robertson, D.D.	Nov. 18, 1866		Sup. of Missions	Winnipeg
2	D. G. McQueen, B.A.	June 1, 1887	W. J. Walker	Edmonton	Edmonton
AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS.					
1	W. L. Atkinson	Dec. 1, 1896	John Brown, Jr.	Innisfail	Innisfail
2	C. D. Campbell, B.D.	June, 1889	Robert Bisset	Strathcona	Strathcona
MISSION CONGREGATIONS.					
1	M. White, B.D.		G. A. Reid	Lacombe	Lacombe
2	A. Forbes, B.D.	Mch. 6, 1895		F. S'katchewan	F. S'katchewan
3	P. Naismith	Sept. 1, 1896	Edward Baine	Olds	Olds
4	A. Smith, M.A.	Jan. 17, 1890		Red Deer	Red Deer
5	G. Vetter		1896 John G. Becker	Josephberg	Josephberg
STUDENT FIELDS.					
1	W. A. Rothney			Belmont and Home Wood	Edmonton
2	A. S. Reid			Stony Plain and Goshen	Edmonton
3	A. M. Skea			Leduc	Leduc
4	J. G. Hodges			Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
5	A. Linde			Swedish	Wetaskiwin
6	A. Linde			Beaver Lake	Beaver Lake
7	A. M. Ross			Lamerton	Lamerton

A. FORBES, Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF KAMLOOPS.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	J. C. Stewart, B.A.	Sept. 22, 1836	Dr. Proctor	Kamloops	Kamloops
2	T. Geo. MacLeod	Oct. 10, 1833	A. L. Fortune	Spallumcheen	Armstrong
3	Geo. Murray, M.A.	Jan. 18, 1874		Nicola	Nicola Lake
4	P. D. Muir, B.A.			Kelowna	Kelowna
5	W. W. Hardie, M.A.			Lillooet	Clinton
6	V. M. Purdy, B.A.	Dec. 14, 1899		Salmon Arm	Salmon Arm
7	J. F. Evans, B.A.	June 29, 1899			

APPENDIX.

1 Thos. Muir

Vernon

T. GEO. MACLEOD, Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF KOOTENAY.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	D. McG. Gandier, B.A.	Sept. 14, 1897	P. McL. Forin	St. Andrew's	Rosland, B.C.
2	Robert Frow		John Hamilton	St. Paul's	Nelson
3	A. D. Menzies	Feb. 10, 1898	A. McCallum	St. Andrew's	Kaslo
4	John Munro, B.A.	Sept. 14, 1898	A. B. McKenzie	Knox	Slocan
5	M. D. McKee, B.A.	Dec. 23, 1898		Knox	Trail
6	J. G. Duncan, M.A.	Jan. 4, 1882		New Denver, &c	New Denver
7	Joseph McCoy, M.A.	Feb. 3, 1879		First Church	Cascade
8	J. A. Ferguson, B.A.	Aug. 1, 1899		St. Andrew's	Sandow
9	Henry Young, M.A.	Sept. 7, 1898		Ymir	Ymir
10	J. R. Robertson, B.A.	Dec. 20, 1899		Grand Forks	Grand Forks
11	W. A. Alexander	Dec. 20, 1899		Columbia	Columbia
12	D. L. Gordon, B.A.	Jan. 16, 1900	A. K. Farquhar	Knox	Fernie
13	D. Campbell, B.A.	Dec. 30, 1896	(son)	Greenwood	Greenwood
14	Alex. Dunn, B.A.	Oct. 9, 1898		Moyie	Moyie
15	O. A. McRae, Ph.D.	July 19, 1899		Whitewater	Whitewater
16			J. McEachren	St. Andrew's	Granbrook
17	J. M. Wallace, M.A.	Sept. 14, 1898		Without charge	
LICENTIATES, ETC.					
1	J. F. Evans	Sept. 14, 1898		Upp'r Columbia	Peterboro
2	T. F. Heeney, B.A.	Licentiate		Nelson	Nelson
3	J. G. Colquhoun, B.A.	"		Rosland Mines	Rosland
4	G. Sutherland, B.A.	"		Phoenix	Phoenix
5	R. P. Murray, B.A.	"		Midway, &c	Midway
6	H. Mackay, B.A.	"		Eholt, &c	Eholt
7	D. M. Reid, B.A.	"		Fort Steele, &c	Fort Steele
8	A. J. Fowlie	Student		Cp. McKinney	Cp. McKinney
9	G. M. Young	"		Ainsworth, &c	Ainsworth
10	R. W. Crow	"		Fairview, &c	Fairview
11	D. T. McClintock	"		Lardo-Duncan	Argenta

A. D. MENZIES, Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	J. Campbell, M.A., Ph.D.	Apr. 2, 1874	Thornton Fell	First Church	Victoria
2	D. MacRae	Jan. 28, 1878	John Park	St. Paul's	Victoria
3	A. B. Winchester	July 12, 1887		First Chinese	Victoria
4	W. Leslie Clay, B.A.	Nov. 14, 1890	J. A. Thomson.	St. Andrew's	Victoria
5	W. B. Cumming, B.A.	May 10, 1892		St. Andrew's	Nanaimo
6	Alex. Fraser			St. Columba, Knox & St. Aed	Victoria
7	E. G. Taylor	Aug. 14, 1896		St. Andrew's	Alberni
8	E. G. Perry, B.A.	Dec. 17, 1896		Wellington	Wellington
9	W. C. Dodds	Sept. 6, 1896		St. George's	Cumberland
10	Thomas Menzies	June 2, 1897		Comox	Sandwick
HOME MISSIONS.					
1	J. S. Stephen			S. Wellington	S. Wellington
2	D. A. McKeracher ..			Parkville	Parkville
3	S. H. Forsythe			Sooke	Sooke
4	J. Meban			Denman	Denman
5	I. Camp			Chemainus	Chemainus
FOREIGN MISSIONS.					
1	Ng Man Hing			Victoria	Victoria
2	M. Swartout			Ucluelet	Ucluelet
3	J. Russell			Ahousat	Ahousat

D. MACRAE, Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF WESTMINSTER.

NO.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	E. D. MacLaren, B.D.	Sept. 29, 1873	J. J. Logan	St. Andrew's	Vancouver
2	Alex. Dunn, O.M.	June 9, 1875		Wharnock, &c.	Wharnock
3	John A. Logan	Aug. 7, 1877	D. McDonald	Richmond	Eburne
4	J. Knox Wright, B.D.	Aug. 18, 1877	M. McSween	Cookes	Chilliwack
5	John Pringle, O.M.	Nov. 23, 1878		St. Andrew's	Atlin
6	Thos. Scouler	June 7, 1880		Without charge	N. Westminster
7	John Reid, Jr.	Sept. 16, 1880			Vancouver
8	A. Grant, B.D., O.M.	Aug. 6, 1889		Yukon	Dawson City
9	R. G. MacBeth, M.A.	June 24, 1890	W. H. Fraser	First Church	Vancouver
10	Albert Edward Vert	Aug. 1, 1893	J. C. Brown	St. Andrew's	N. Westminster
11	G. A. Wilson, B.A.	May 20, 1894	J. S. Smith	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant
12	J. C. Forster	Sept. 16, 1895	F. Stewart	West Ch. and Sapperton	N. Westminster
13	J. M. MacLeod, O.M.	Nov. 9, 1851		Barnet	Vancouver
14	Thos. Oswald, O.M.			Delta	Ladners
15	W. A. Campbell, O.M.	Aug. 4, 1896	John Gillis	Surrey	Cloverdale
16	Wm. Burton, O.M.	June, 1896	Robt. Wark	Langley	Langley
STUDENT MISSIONARIES.					
1	W. H. Madill			Mission and Agassiz	Mission City
2	T. R. Peacock			Fairview, Cent.	
3	K. C. MacLeod			Pk & Pt. Moody	Fairview
4	J. S. Ferguson			Van Anda	Txada Island
				Mt. Lehman	Mt. Lehman
SUPPLEMENTARY ROLL					
1	G. R. Maxwell, M.P.	Oct. 18, 1889			Vancouver
2	Alex. Magee	Oct. 7, 1882			Ladners
3	J. G. Gordon, B.A.	June 24, 1896			Vancouver

J. M. MacLEOD, Clerk.

CHANGES IN THE ROLL OF THE SEVERAL PRESBYTERIES

RESIGNATIONS—Presbytery of Calgary :

G. S. Scott, Okatoks, Sept. 28th, 1899.

Presbytery of Westminster :

M. H. McIntosh, B.A., Mount Pleasant, Sept. 26th, 1899.

Presbytery of Victoria :

J. C. Forster, St. Columba, Knox and St. Aeden, April 17th, 1899.

Alex. Tait, Comox, June 30th, 1899.

INDUCTIONS—Presbytery of Calgary :

J. A. Jaffray, B.A., Macleod, Feb. 22nd, 1899.

Presbytery of Kootenay :

W. A. Campbell, Camp McKinney.

J. F. Evans, Nakusp and New Denver.

C. D. Campbell, B.D., Rossland Mines.

J. A. Cleland, Sandon, Nov. 28th, 1899.

Presbytery of Westminster :

J. C. Forster, West Church and Sapperton, May 25th, 1899.

Geo. A. Wilson, B.A., Mount Pleasant, Jan. 8th, 1900.

George R. MacBeth, M.A., First Church, Vancouver, March 30th, 1900.

Presbytery of Kootenay :

D. L. Gordon, B.A., Jan. 16th, 1900.

J. R. Robertson, B.A., April 19th, 1900.

NEW FIELDS—Presbytery of Edmonton :

Lamerton, Feb. 21st, 1899.

Presbytery of Kootenay :

Columbia, Oct. 1st, 1899.

Fairview, etc., April 1st, 1900.

Midway, April 1st, 1900.

Eholt, April 1st, 1900.

Fort Steele, April 1st, 1900.

Michel, April 1st, 1900.
Lardo-Duncan, April 1st, 1900.

Presbytery of Westminster :
Barnet, Feb. 28th, 1900.
Van Anda, Nov. 14th, 1899.

CHANGES IN CONGREGATIONS AND MISSION FIELDS :

Presbytery of Edmonton:
Innisfail, from a Mission Station to an augmented congregation,
April 26th, 1899.
Strathcona, from a Mission Station to an augmented congregation,
April 26th, 1899.
Belmont and Stony Plain, divided into two fields, known as Bel-
mont and Homewood, and Stony Plain and Goshen, Feb.
21st, 1900.

Presbytery of Kootenay :
Trail, from an augmented to a self-sustaining charge.
Ferne, from a Mission Field to a self-sustaining charge.
Phoenix, from a Mission Field to a self-sustaining charge.
Cranbrook, from a Mission Field to an augmented charge.
Greenwood, from a Mission Field to a self-sustaining charge.

MISSION STATIONS TO MISSION CONGREGATIONS :

New Denver, Oct. 1st, 1899 ; Ymir, Oct. 1st, 1899 ; Cran-
brook and Fort Steele, July 25th, 1899 ; Moyie, Oct. 1st,
1899 ; Whitewater Mines, July 25th, 1899.

ORDINATIONS—Presbytery of Calgary :

J. N. Brunton, May 5th, 1899.

Presbytery of Kootenay :

J. A. Ferguson, B.A., Aug. 1st, 1899.
J. R. Robertson, B.A., Dec. 20th, 1899.
W. A. Alexander, Dec. 20th, 1899.
D. L. Gordon, B.A., Jan. 16th, 1900.

LICENSURES—Presbytery of Calgary :

J. N. Brunton, May 5th, 1899.

TRANSLATIONS—Presbytery of Calgary :

Joseph Ball, from Presbytery of Winnipeg to
the ordained charge of Okotoks.

Presbytery of Edmonton :

E. C. Gallup to ———
 C. D. Campbell to ———

Presbytery of Kamloops :

Geo. A. Wilson, B.A., to the Presbytery of
 Westminster, Jan. 14th, 1900.

APPOINTMENTS—Presbytery of Calgary :

G. S. Scott, Banff, 1900.

Presbytery of Kootenay :

John G. Duncan, M.A., New Denver.
 J. A. Ferguson, B.A., Sandon.
 Henry Young, M.A., Ymir.
 J. R. Robertson, B.A., Grand Forks.
 W. A. Alexander, Columbia.
 Alex. Dunn, B.A., Moyie.
 O. A. McRae, Ph.D., Whitewater.
 Duncan Campbell, Greenwood.

Presbytery of Victoria :

Alex. Fraser, ordained missionary to St. Colum-
 ba, Knox and St. Aeden, Feb. 29th, 1900.

Presbytery of Westminster :

Wm. Burton, Langley, June 6th, 1899.
 Thos. Oswald, Delta, Feb. 28th, 1900.
 W. A. Campbell, Surrey, Feb. 28th, 1900.
 J. M. MacLeod, Barnet, Feb. 28th, 1900.
 K. C. MacLeod, Van Anda.

DEATHS—Presbytery of Victoria :

Rev. Alexander Young, Sept. 6th, 1899.

RECEPTIONS—Presbytery of Edmonton :

Rev. M. White, from Free Church of Scotland, Feb. 22nd, 1900.

Presbytery of Kootenay :

Henry Young, M.A., Sept. 13th, 1899, from Portage La Prairie.
 Duncan Campbell, B.A., Feb. 27th, 1900, from Kamloops.
 O. A. McRae, Ph.D., May 2, 1900, from Quebec.

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

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At Nelson, British Columbia, and within St. Paul's Church there, the second day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred, 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 Calgary in May, last year.

The Rev. D. G. McQueen, B.D., of Edmonton, and Moderator of the Synod, conducted devotional exercises, and preached a sermon from the words in Eph. i., 4: "According as He hath chosen us in Him, . . . that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love," 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 Fields 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. D. McG. Gandier, seconded by Mr. J. C. Stewart, that the Rev. George A. Wilson, B.A., of Mount Pleasant, be appointed Moderator.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson was then conducted to the chair by Messrs. Gandier and Stewart, thanked the Synod for the honor conferred, and asked the sympathy of fathers and brethren in the discharge of the duties of the position to which they had appointed him.

It was then moved by Dr. Campbell, and seconded by Mr. A. Forbes, that the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the retiring Moderator for the efficient manner in which he performed the duties of the chair, and for the able and appropriate sermon with which he opened this meeting.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the thanks were accordingly communicated to Mr. McQueen by the Moderator.

A letter from Mr. Robt. Frew was read, expressing his regret that on account of ill-health he was compelled to be absent during the meeting of Synod.

It was moved by Mr. D. MacRae, seconded by the Clerk, and agreed, that this Synod desires to record its sympathy with Mr. Frew in his illness, and its regret that he is thus forced to be absent during its sessions.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was submitted, and on motion of the Clerk was adopted, as follows :

1. That the Sederunts of this Synod be from 9.30 in the morning to 12, and from 2.30 to 5.30 in the afternoon, and from 8 to 10 in the evening, and that the first half-hour this afternoon and at the morning Sederunts 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 the Clerks of Presbyteries, the Clerk of Synod, Messrs. John Hamilton, D. McG. Gandier and Geo. A. Wilson.

4. That the committee to nominate Standing Committees shall be : Dr. Campbell, D. G. McQueen, J. C. Stewart, E. D. McLaren, A. D. Menzies and Chas. McKillop.

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

Presbytery of Calgary—E. G. Perry and D. G. McQueen.

Presbytery of Edmonton—D. Campbell and E. G. Taylor.

Presbytery of Kamloops—A. Forbes and J. Munro.

Presbytery of Kootenay—G. A. Wilson and J. C. Stewart.

Presbytery of Victoria—D. McG. Gandier and M. D. McKee.

Presbytery of Westminster—W. L. Clay and J. A. Robertson.

The first name on each committee shall be the convener, who shall report as the first business on Thursday morning.

6. That the Committee on Obituary Notices be : Mr. D. MacRae, conv., and E. G. Perry.

The order of business for the morning Sederunt was also presented and agreed to.

A Press Committee, on motion of Mr. D. MacRae, was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Clay, Wilson, Stewart, Gandier, McKillop and A. Forbes.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Campbell and agreed to.

The Clerk read a letter from Miss Helen King, of Toronto, in which she very gratefully acknowledges the resolution of sympathy received by her last year from this Synod.

The letter, on motion duly seconded, was received.

The Moderator called for the report of the Home Mission Committee. In view of the expressed desire that questions relating to this important subject should be brought before the public meeting this evening, it was moved by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. D. McG. Gandier, and agreed, that the order of business be suspended, that the report of the Home Mission Committee be taken as read, and that the convener now submit the recommendations, and that the reading and consideration of the report be deferred until this evening.

The recommendation of the Committee is : That the Synod overtore the General Assembly in the following terms :

To the Venerable the General Assembly :

Whereas God in His Providence is laying upon the churches of Canada the burden of providing religious ordinances for a constantly increasing number of sparsely settled districts in our widely extended country ;

And whereas, owing to the impossibility of obtaining suitable supply, especially during the winter months, many of our Mission Fields have seriously suffered, and some settlements, in which our

Church only is represented, have been left for months without any religious service ;

And whereas, in order to the most economical use of Home Mission Funds, as well as to the most efficient prosecution of Home Mission work, it is absolutely necessary that each student for the ministry should give at least twelve months' continuous service in some Mission Field, either during or immediately after the conclusion of his college course.

And whereas the General Assembly has recognized the desirability of such continuous service being given, and has endeavored to provide for it by the establishment of a summer session in connection with Manitoba College ;

And whereas students for the ministry are under deep obligations to the Church for the expensive provision the Church has made for their education, as well as for the other ways in which she makes it possible for them to procure the means for prosecuting their studies and preparing themselves for their life's work ;

And whereas, almost every year the great majority of the graduates of the various colleges pay no heed to the appeals addressed to them to give at least a year's service in the vast and needy Home Mission Field before accepting invitations to settle in self-sustaining charges ;

And whereas ministry means service, and candidates for the ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ should be prepared to serve wherever and whenever in the judgment of the Church such service can be most effectively rendered ;

Therefore, the Synod of British Columbia respectfully overtures the Venerable the General Assembly to enact that hereafter no college senate shall certify a student as having completed the prescribed course of study for the ministry until he shall have been certified by the Home Mission Committee as having spent a period of at least one full year in the practical work of the ministry, either as an assistant of some minister of a congregation, or under the direct care of the Home Mission Committee in some Mission Field.

Mr. MacLaren moved that this overture be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly, supporting it by a forcible address.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet at half past two o'clock, and this meeting was closed with the benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

*At the same place, on the same day,
and at half past two o'clock in the
afternoon,*

The Synod met as per adjournment, and was constituted with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

The first half hour was spent in devotional exercises, in which Messrs. Chas. McKillop, E. G. Taylor, E. G. Perry and Dr. Campbell took part.

The minutes of the First Sederunt were read and approved.

Mr. E. D. MacLaren, on behalf of Judge Forin, extended a cordial invitation to the Synod to a reception at his residence this afternoon at half past four o'clock, and moved, seconded by Mr. D. G. McQueen, that the invitation be accepted.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

The Clerk called the attention of the Synod to the presence of Rev. W. C. Calder, of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, and Ng Man Hing, of the Chinese Mission at Victoria, and moved that they be asked to sit and correspond. The motion was seconded by Mr. A. Forbes, and carried.

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

The Synod resumed the consideration of the recommendation of the Home Mission Committee. Mr. Charles McKillop addressed the court, and seconded the motion for its adoption. The discussion was continued by Messrs. D. McRae, Henry Young, Dr. Campbell, D. G. McQueen, D. Campbell and D. McG. Gandier.

After deliberation, it was moved by Mr. D. McG. Gandier, seconded by Mr. E. G. Perry, and agreed, that the recommendation be referred back to the Home Mission Committee to be amended, the Committee to report to-morrow morning.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet this evening at eight o'clock, and this meeting was closed with the benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

*At the same place, on the same day,
and at eight o'clock in the evening,*

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

The minutes of the Second Sederunt were read and sustained.

The meeting being a public one, the Moderator intimated the subjects on which reports would be presented and addresses given; and called for the report on Home Missions, which was given in by the convenor, Mr. E. D. MacLaren, who in a brief address moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. D. McG. Gandier, who spoke with earnestness and power.

The motion was carried.

A discussion on the present state of the Century Fund followed, and strong addresses were delivered by Messrs. D. G. McQueen, Chas. McKillop, A. D. Menzies, E. D. MacLaren and W. L. Clay.

The Moderator called for the report on Sabbath Schools, which was given in by the convenor, Mr. John A. Logan, who moved that it be received and its recommendations considered *seriatim*. The motion was seconded by Mr. E. G. Perry, who emphasized some points in the report, after which it was carried.

The addresses during the Sederunt were interspersed with praise led by the choir of St. Paul's Church.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock, and this meeting was closed with the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At Nelson, and within St. Paul's Church there, on the third day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred, and at half past nine o'clock in the forenoon,

Which time and place the Synod met pursuant to adjournment last evening.

The first half-hour was spent in devotional exercises, in which Messrs. W. C. Calder, M. D. McKee and John A. Logan took part, after which the Synod was duly constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the Third Sederunt were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read, and its recommendations adopted.

Report on the Records of the Presbyteries of Edmonton, Kootenay and Victoria were given in, and the Records were ordered to be attested in terms thereof.

The Moderator then called for the report of the Home Mission Committee on the overture which had been referred back to them.

It was submitted by Mr. E. D. MacLaren, who moved that in its amended form the overture be received and adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chas. McKillop, and being put to the Court was adopted.

The overture is amended by substituting the words: "No licentiate shall be eligible for a call" for the words, "No College Senate shall certify a student as having completed the prescribed course of study for the ministry"; and by adding the words, "this requirement of a year's continuous service prior to settlement in a charge to apply also to licentiates of the American Presbyterian Church, but any Presbytery to be at liberty to ordain a graduate in theology at the beginning of his period of a year's service in the Mission Field."

An amendment, submitted by Mr. D. McRae, and seconded by the Clerk, was afterwards withdrawn, to be presented at a subsequent Sederunt in the form of a motion.

The Moderator then called for the overture from the Presbytery of Victoria re the ordination of Mr. M. Swartout, missionary to the Indians on the west coast of Vancouver.

There was presented and read the overture, the reasons supporting the overture, Mr. A. B. Winchester's reasons for dissent, Mr. Swartout's memorial and petition.

The Presbytery of Victoria was heard, and Dr. Campbell spoke in support of the overture.

Mr. W. L. Clay presented a report on the Record of the Westminster Presbytery, which was adopted, and ordered to be attested in terms thereof.

The Synod adjourned to meet at half past three 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 half past two o'clock in the
afternoon,*

The Synod met as per adjournment, and was constituted with praise and prayer, led in by Mr. D. McRae at the request of the Moderator. The minutes of the Fourth Sederunt were read, amended and sustained.

The following motion, made by Mr. D. McRae, and seconded by the Clerk, was read and agreed to: "In view of the immense extent of territory embraced within the bounds of the Synod of British Columbia, and the consequent great diversity of conditions existing within the Synod, as to climate, peculiarities of work and expense of living, this Synod recommends the General Assembly to give the Home Mission Committee of the Synod discretionary power to increase the present scale of salaries of ordained missionaries to the extent of two dollars per Sabbath, and in the event of this discretionary power being granted, instructs its Home Mission Committee to consider carefully whether or not there are any cases in which this power should be exercised, in preparing their estimates for next year.

The consideration of the overture from the Presbytery of Victoria was resumed, and Messrs. D. McRae, E. G. Taylor and W. L. Clay were heard in its support.

Mr. E. G. Perry spoke on behalf of those who dissented from the overture.

The Moderator called upon the Synod to fix the time and place of the next meeting, when it was moved by Mr. E. D. MacLaren, seconded by Mr. D. G. McQueen, and agreed, that the next meeting of Synod be held at Vancouver, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the first Wednesday of May next, and at eight o'clock in the evening.

The consideration of the overture of Presbytery of Victoria was resumed by Mr. D. McG. Gandier, and discussion was continued by Messrs. D. G. McQueen, E. D. MacLaren, J. A. Logan and Chas. McKillop.

It was moved by Mr. D. McG. Gandier, seconded by Mr. Chas. McKillop, that the Synod transmit the overture of the Presbytery of Victoria, with all relative papers, to the General Assembly *simpliciter*, and requests the General Assembly to grant the petition of Mr. Swartout asking for a thorough investigation.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. D. G. McQueen, seconded by Mr. E. D. MacLaren, that all the words after "*simpliciter*" be struck out.

On being put to vote, the amendment became the finding of the Synod.

The Moderator then called for the recommendations of the Sabbath School Committee's report.

It was agreed that the one relating to the appointment of a Sabbath School missionary be taken up along with the question of Mission Superintendence this evening.

The other recommendations were, on motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. E. G. Perry; amended and adopted as follows:

This Synod recommends:

1. That Presbyteries and Sessions undertake the systematic visitation of their Sabbath Schools.

2. The use of the Home Study, "Lesson Helps," and our own Children's papers by all Sabbath schools.

3. This Synod gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the young people on last Children's Day towards the Century Fund, and commends it for even greater liberality on Children's Day of this year.

4. That this Synod recommends Sessions to appoint annually or quarterly or at such times as they think best—a day, when the matter of personal decision for Christ shall be especially brought to the attention of the young.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Stewart, seconded by Mr. E. G. Perry, it was further agreed that for Sabbath School Convention purposes the Synod be divided into three districts: the first to include the Presbyteries of Victoria and Westminster, the second, the Presbyteries of Kamloops and Kootenay, the third, the Presbyteries of Calgary and Edmonton; and further, that the Provisional President of the Second District be Mr. M. D. McKee and of the Third, Mr. J. P. Grant. It was further agreed on the motion of Mr. W. L. Clay, that the dates for the holding of the Conventions be appointed at such a time as will allow of the Synod's Convener on Sabbath Schools to be present, and that his expenses be paid by the Conventions.

The Moderator then called for the report on Augmentation, which in the absence of the Convener, Mr. J. C. Herdman, was submitted by Mr. E. D. MacLaren, who moved that it be received and its recommendation adopted.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Campbell and agreed to.

The recommendation is as follows:

That in the interests of the Fund, as well as in the interests of the work of the Church in this Synod, Presbyteries are recommended to take a closer oversight of the financial condition of their Mission fields, and encourage them as rapidly as possible to seek the status of Augmented changes.

The Moderator called for the report on the Travelling Expense Fund, which on motion of Dr. Campbell was referred to the Committee on Finance, Mr. W. L. Clay, Convener.

An application from the Presbytery of Calgary asking permission to license and ordain Mr. William Simons, was read. On motion of Mr. D. McRae, seconded by Mr. E. D. MacLaren, it was agreed that the application be referred back to the Presbytery of Calgary with instructions to alter its form, to be again presented this evening.

Applications from Mr. J. C. Stewart and Mr. D. G. McQueen relating respectively to the licensure and ordination of W. D. Turner and H. L. Mackinnon were made, when on motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. D. McRae, it was agreed that the Presbyteries have permission to license and ordain them when satisfied that rules governing such procedure had been complied with.

An application from the Presbytery of Calgary was received asking leave to take on trial for license Mr. R. Ronald, graduate of Knox College.

On motion of the court permission was granted.

Prof. Byrce, of Winnipeg College, having just arrived was welcomed by the Synod and in a few remarks stated that the object of his visit was in the interest of the Century Fund, and invited such of the pastors who needed assistance in regard to the Fund to communicate with him.

Mr. A. Forbes reported that the Committee had examined the Record of the Presbytery of Kamloops and found it carefully and correctly kept, and the Moderator was directed to attest it accordingly.

Mr. W. L. Clay presented his report on the Synod Travelling Expense Fund, recommending that all travelling expenses under \$5.50 be not considered, that from all those whose expenses are over that sum, \$5.50 shall be deducted and the balance paid in full.

The recommendation was adopted.

The hour for adjournment having arrived the Synod adjourned to meet at eight o'clock in the evening, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

*At the same place, on the same day,
and at eight o'clock in the evening,*

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

The Minutes of the Fifth Sederunt were read and approved.

The Moderator called for the Treasurer's report, which, in the absence of Mr. Thos. Scouler, was given in by Mr. D. McG. Gandier, who moved, seconded by Mr. A. D. Menzies, that the report be received and its recommendations considered *seriatim*.

The motion was carried.

The recommendations were adopted as follows:

1. That the collections be made for this fund by each Presbytery.

2. That the salary of the Clerk be increased to \$100 per annum. It was further agreed that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Thos. Scouler, and that he be re-appointed Treasurer.

An application was received from the Presbytery of Kootenay, asking permission to take on trials for license certain students, when, on motion of Mr. A. Forbes, seconded by Mr. J. Ball, it was agreed that the application be granted when the rules of procedure governing such cases are complied with.

The Moderator called for the report of the Committee on Standing Committees, which was submitted by Dr. Campbell, Convener, as follows:

HOME MISSIONS—E. D. MacLaren, Convener, and the Conveners of Presbyteries' Home Mission Committees.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Dr. Campbell, Convener, T. Geo. MacLeod, Thos. Scouler, J. Knox Wright, D. MacRae, A. B. Winchester, W. L. Clay, E. G. Taylor, Chas. McKillop, R. Frew and D. McG. Gandier, Ministers; and Thornton Fell, T. A. Bryden, Elders.

AUGMENTATION—J. C. Herdman, Convener, and the Conveners of Presbyteries' Augmentation Committees.

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

CHURCH LIFE AND WORK—A. Forbes, Convener, J. W. Morrow, T. Menzies, D. McG. Gandier, G. A. Wilson and W. C. Dodds, Ministers; W. Hudson, A. Shaw and P. McL. Forin, Elders.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—John A. Logan, Convener, and the Conveners of Presbyteries' Sabbath School Committees.

MANITOBA COLLEGE—R. G. MacBeth, Convener, A. B. Winchester, M. D. McKee, A. Forbes, G. S. Scott and T. G. MacLeod.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES—W. B. Cumming, Convener, and the Conveners of Presbyteries' Young People's Societies.

On motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. E. G. Perry, it was agreed that the report be received and adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions, which refers to the work done among our Indian and Chinese population, was presented by the Convener, Dr. Campbell, who moved that the report be received and its recommendations considered *seriatim*.

The motion was seconded by Mr. E. G. Taylor and agreed to.

The recommendations are :

1. As Alberni, Dodger's Cove, Eucluelet and Ahousat are now fairly well supplied by our Church, that the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee be recommended to consider the advisability of appointing Mr. Swartout to a field further up the coast of Vancouver Island, as several tribes north of Ahousat are not supplied by any church, and are without the means of grace.
2. That, as a large number of Chinese are in the Kootenay District, a missionary of their own nationality be engaged to work among them there.

On motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. J. C. Stewart, it was agreed that the report and its recommendations be adopted and forwarded to the General Assembly.

The Moderator called upon Prof. Bryce, who addressed the Synod on the work and interests of Manitoba College and the Century Fund.

The following resolution, submitted by the Clerk and seconded by Dr. Campbell, was unanimously adopted :

Having heard Prof. Bryce on the topics presented by him, this Synod desires to express its satisfaction in having with us Prof. Bryce, rejoices in the continued prosperity of Manitoba College, and recommends the claims of the College to all our congregations.

The Synod is pleased to hear of the success of the Century Fund, and recommends to congregations requiring assistance in forwarding the work among them to secure the services of Prof. Bryce, and wishes him the largest measure of success in his efforts to advance the work of the College and the Fund.

Mr. D. McRae, on behalf of the Committee on Obituary notices, presented the following report, and moved that this minute and the obituary notice be adopted and placed on the permanent records.

The motion was seconded by Mr. E. G. Perry and agreed to.

The Synod of British Columbia takes its earliest opportunity of placing on record its appreciation of the Christian character, ministerial fidelity, and abundant labors of the late Rev. Alexander Young, during a ministry of about forty years, in positions of responsibility, not only as pastor of the congregations of St. Thomas, Ontario; Howick, Valleyfield, Calvin Church, Montreal; Napanee, Ontario, and Wellington, British Columbia, but also as Agent in Great Britain, of the French-Canadian Missionary Society; Clerk for many years of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, and of the Presbyteries of Montreal and Kingston; also Chairman for many years of the Board of Management of the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

The closing years of Mr. Young's active ministry were spent within the bounds of this Synod, in rendering excellent service in the organization of the congregation of Wellington, and in superin-

tending the erection of the comfortable Church and Manse there. The closing years of his life were spent in well-earned rest and retirement in the City of Nanaimo, where, until the end, the Presbytery and Congregation of which he was a member, enjoyed the benefit of his Christian influence and wise counsel.

The Synod desires to extend to the widow and other relatives of our departed brother, its sincere condolence in their loss.

The report of the Presbytery of Calgary re Mr. Simons was presented in the form of a memorial to the General Assembly, asking permission to take Mr. W. Simons on trial for license on his present Theological Standing, he having completed his second year in Theology.

On motion of Mr. D. McRae, seconded by Mr. D. Gandier, it was agreed to transmit the memorial to the General Assembly, and also to recommend to the Presbytery of Calgary that Mr. Simons be relieved of his present Mission field, and be permitted to attend the approaching Summer Session of the College.

The Moderator appointed as a Printing Committee, the Clerk of Synod, Convener, Messrs. E. D. MacLaren and Geo. A. Wilson.

The Moderator then called for the report of the Committee on Church Life and Work, which, in the absence of the Convener, Mr. J. A. Jaffray, was presented and read by Mr. A. Forbes.

On motion of Mr. Chas. McKillop, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay, it was agreed that the report be received and its recommendations considered *seriatim*.

The recommendations are :

1. That Synod directs its ministers and missionaries to preach special sermons at least once during the year on Sabbath Observance, Temperance and Religion in the Home, and urges that increasing effort be made to promote these great ends and to permeate business and social life with the spirit of the Gospel of Christ.

2. That ministers and missionaries give at suitable times the fullest information respecting the enterprises of our Church, and commend these warmly to the liberality of our people.

The recommendations were adopted.

The matter of the Superintendence of Home Missions was introduced by Mr. D. G. McQueen, who presented the following motion, which was seconded by Dr. Campbell and adopted :

Whereas, in view of the reduction of Dr. Robertson's labors as Superintendent of Missions, and the General Assembly has instructed the Synods of Manitoba and British Columbia to consider whether any additional work of superintendence would be indispensable or advantageous in the development of their Home Mission fields; this Synod expresses its strong conviction, that if the right man can be secured, such additional superintendence would be most advantageous to the work, and that pending the appointment of such a person, the Conveners of the Presbyteries Home Mission Committees be requested to give more time to the work of visiting Mission fields; and to enable them to do this, that suitable supply for their pulpits be provided by the General Assembly.

Regarding the first recommendation of the Sabbath School Committee's report, the following resolution moved by Mr. E. G. Perry, seconded by the Clerk was adopted :

Whereas, it is desirable that an Assistant-Superintendent be appointed to oversee Home Mission work within the bounds of this Synod,

And whereas it is also desirable that a special Sabbath School Missionary should be appointed for the Synod,

This Synod, therefore, respectfully petitions the General Assembly to appoint one person to discharge the duties of both these departments of work.

The Moderator called for the report of the Committee on Statistics and Finance, which was given verbally by the Convener, Mr. W. L. Clay, and was incomplete on account of the lack of the report from the Presbytery of Kamloops.

On motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. D. Campbell, it was agreed that the statement be received and approved.

It was then moved by Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. D. G. McQueen, and agreed, that the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby expressed to the Session and Trustees of St. Paul's Church for the use of this building for the Sessions of Synod; to the choir for their efficient services at the evening meetings; to the citizens of Nelson, and particularly to Judge and Mrs. Forin, for their hospitable reception of the members of Synod; to the railway and steamship companies for reduced rates of travel; and to the press for accurate reports of the transactions of the Synod.

On motion, duly seconded, it was agreed that the minutes of this Sederunt be held as read and sustained.

The Moderator briefly addressed the Court:

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 in the City of Vancouver, 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.

GEO. A. WILSON, Moderator.

JOHN A. LOGAN, Clerk.

Obituary Notice.

REV. ALEXANDER YOUNG.

Rev. Alexander Young, a native of Inverness, Scotland; educated in Scotland, Toronto University and Knox College; ordained to the ministry in 1857; minister of the congregations of St. Thomas, Ont., Howick, Valleyville, St. Louis de Gonzague and Calvin Church, Montreal, Quebec, Napanee, Ont., and Wellington, B. C.; Chairman of the Board of Management of the Presbyterian College, Montreal; Agent in Britain of the French-Canadian Missionary Society; Clerk of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston and of the Presbyteries of Montreal and Kingston.

Died in the City of Nanaimo, B. C., on the 6th September, 1899, in the 77th year of his age.