

MINUTES AND REPORTS

—OF THE—

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WESTERN SYNOD OF MANITOBA

—AND THE—

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

—OF THE—

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

—HELD IN—

KNOX CHURCH, WINNIPEG.

—ON—

the 15th, 16th and 17th, 1889.

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# ROLL OF THE SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

## I. PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICERS.
1*	John M. King, D.D.	Oct. 27, 1857		Principal Man. College	Winnipeg, Man.
2*	James Douglas	Aug. 2, 1865		Blytheheld, &c	Starbuck, "
3*	Joseph Hogg	Oct. 1, 1868		St. Andrew's, Wpg.	Winnipeg, "
4*	George Bryce, L.L.D.	Sept. 9, 1871		Prof. in Man. College.	Winnipeg, "
5*	Thos. Hart, B.D.	July 30, 1872		Prof. in Man. College.	Winnipeg, "
6*	F. B. Duval, D.D.	May 17, 1875	*Jas. D. Conklin.	Knox Ch. Winnipeg.	Winnipeg, "
7*	Alex. McFarlane	Oct. 31, 1875	*Geo. McClure	Greenwood, &c	Balmora, "
8*	John Pringle, B.A.	Nov. 20, 1878	Robert Maitland.	St. Paul's, Pt. Arthur.	Pt. Arthur, Ont
9*	C. W. Bryden, B.A.	May 24, 1880	*P. R. Young	Selkirk & Little Britain	Selkirk, Man.
10*	And B. Baird, B.D.	Aug. 10, 1881	*John McKinnon.	Augustine Ch. Wpg.	Winnipeg, "
11*	Robt. Nairn, B.A.	Dec. 16, 1882	Angus Carmichael	Rat Portage, &c	Rat Portage, O.
12*	James Lawrence	Mar. 16, 1883	D. McArthur	Emerson	Emerson, Mar.
13*	W. H. Spence	June 15, 1884	*Robt. McBeath.	Kildonan	Kildonan, "
14*	Jas. Hamilton, B.A.	Sept. 9, 1886		Millbrook, &c	Sunnyside, "
15	Hugh W. Fraser	Mar. 29, 1888		China	Tung-cho China
VACANT.					
			G. H. Johnston	Stonewall	Stonewall, Man
			*J. S. McLeod	Springfield, &c	Springfield, "
				Fort William	Ft. William, O.
MISSION STATIONS.					
			*N. Agnew, M.D.	North Ch., Winnipeg.	Winnipeg, Man.
				Clearsprings	Clearsprings, "
				Dominion City, &c	Don'n City, "
				Fort Frances, &c	Ft. Frances, O.
				Ignace	Ignace, Ont.
				Murillo, &c	Murillo, "
				Schreiber	Schreiber, "
				Gretna	Gretna, Man.
				Meadow Lea, &c	Marquette.
				Morris	Morris, Man.
				Man. College Mission	Winnipeg, "
				Candeloys	Selkirk E., "
				Niverville, &c	Niverville, "
				Stony Mountain, &c	Stony Mtn, "
				Suthwyn & Pra' Grove	Suthwyn, "

WINNIPEG, April, 1888.

ANDREW B. BAIRD, *Pres. Clerk.*

## 2. PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	Malcolm McKenzie	Feb. 13, 1862	James H Fraser	Morden	Morden
2	John Brown	Feb. 13, 1862		Antlers	Sourisford, Nelson.
3	Samuel Polson	Jan. 14, 1860		Lintrathen	Nelson.
4	Jas. Farquharson, BA	Jan. 4, 1882	James Murdoch	Pilot Mound	Pilot Mound.
5	John Cairns	Feb. 2, 1882		Marringhurst	Marringhurst.
6	John A. Townsend	July 19, 1882	Chas. Strachan	Manitou	Archibald.
7	John K. Welsh	Dec. 13, 1887	John Linklater	Boissevain	Boissevain.
8	Donald Munro	Sept. 12, 1888	John Cram	Deloraine	Deloraine.
	VACANT.				
9			John H. Haverson	Carman	Carman.
	MISSION STATIONS.				
1	Student			Ravenswood	Campbellville.
2	"			Darlingford	Calif Mountain.
3	"			Swan Lake	Swan Lake.
4	"			LaRiviere	LaRiviere.
5	"			Clearwater	Clearwater.
6	"			Cartwright	Cartwright.
7	"		James Rankin	Killarney	Killarney.
8	"			Riverside	Langvale.
9	"			Waskada	Waskada.
10	"			Pelican Lake	Killarney.
	WITHOUT CHARGE.				
	H. J. Borthwick, M.A.				
	David Lantrow				

PILOT MOUND, March 7th, 1889.

JAMES FARQUHARSON, *Pres. Clerk.*

No.	MINIS
91	James Rob
92	Wm. Hodn
93	George Flet
94	A. T. Colte
95	Daniel Sta
96	John Mow
97	James Tod
98	Alex. McTa
99	Alex. Urqu
100	Solomon Tu
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12	S. C. Murr
13	Alex. McD.
14	W. McK. C
15	D. Anderso
16	D. H. Hod
17	Alex. Cur
18	John McA
19	Robert Gow
20	Geo. A. La
21	I. L. Harg
22	T. Collins
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30	Catechist
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## 3. PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.

POST OFFICES.	No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
Morden.	1	*James Robertson, DD	Nov. 18, 1869		Supt. of Missions	Winnipeg.
Sourisford.	2	Wm. Hodnett	June, 1869		Birtle	Birtle.
Nelson.	3	George Flett	Aug. 10, 1875		Okanase Reserve	Elphinstone.
Pilot Mound.	4	A. T. Colter	Dec. 11, 1878	H. C. Ross	Rapid City	Rapid City.
Marringhurst.	5	*Daniel Stalker, B.A.	July 24, 1881	James Broadfoot	Gladstone	Gladstone.
Archibald.	6	*John Mowat	Dec. 15, 1882	M. Thompson	Newdale	Newdale.
Boissevain.	7	*James Todd	May 4, 1884	Hugh Steele	Minnedosa	Minnedosa.
Deloraine.	8	Alex. McTavish, B.A.	Aug. 12, 1884	James Cumming	Chater	Chater.
	9	Alex. Urquhart	May 14, 1884	John T. Arthur	Brandon	Brandon.
	10	Solomon Uncansuicnye			Absent on Leave	
	11	*W. L. H. Rowand, B.A.	April 14, 1885	Hugh Grant	Burnside	Portage la P.
Carman.	12	*S. C. Murray, B.A.	Oct. 13, 1885	Geo. O. Clare	Neepeawa	Neepeawa.
	13	Alex. McD. Hing, B.A.	July 14, 1886	R. S. Thompson	Cypress and Glenboro.	Cypress River.
	14	*W. McK. Omand, B.A.	July 14, 1886	Robert Douglas	Souris	Souris.
	15	D. Anderson, B.A.	July 14, 1886	Joseph Thompson	Carberry	Carberry.
	16	D. H. Hodges	Aug. 10, 1886	James Scott	Oak Lake	Oak Lake.
Campbellville.	17	*Alex. Currie	Aug. 10, 1886	James Elder	Virden	Virden.
Calf Mountain.	18	*John McArthur	Sept. 21, 1886		Beulah	Beulah.
Swan Lake.	19	Robert Gow, B.A.	Sept. 21, 1886	J. O. Fraser	Oak River	Hamista.
LaRiviere.	20	Geo. A. Laird, B.A.	May 24, 1887		Cote's Reserve	Kausack, NWT
Clearwater.	21	I. L. Hargrave, B.A.	Aug. 3, 1888		Rosedale	Neepeawa.
Cartwright.	22	T. Collins Court	July 24, 1888		Montrose	Montrose.
Killarney.		VACANT.				
Langvale.	23			W. W. Miller	Portage la Prairie	Portage la P.
Waskada.	24			John Beaton	High Bluff & Prospect.	High Bluff.
Killarney.	25			R. D. Coulter	Binscarth	Binscarth.
	26	Catechist		J. L. Gould	McGregor	McGregor.
	27	Student			Lakeside	Weslbourne.
	28				Arden	Arden.
ON, Pres. Clerk.	29	W. Rogerson (licentiate)			Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake.
	30	Catechist		D. McKerchar	Strathclair	Strathclair.
	31	Student			Elton	Douglas.
	32				Elkhorn	Elkhorn.
	35			Thomas Bullock	Pipestone	Pipestone.
	34				Trerherne	Trerherne.
	35				Tiger Hills	Tiger Hills.
	36			George Stewart	Stratherne	Stratherne.
	37				Alexander	Alexander.
	38				Orrwold	Orrwold.
	39				Roseland	Roseland.
	40				Whitewater	Hartney.
	41				Minniska	Minniska.
	42				Shellmouth	Shellmouth.
	43	*Alex. Smith	Sept. 27, 1866		Retired	Cadurcis.
	44	S. C. Fraser, M.A.	March, 1844		Retired	Brandon.
	45	J. M. Wellwood, M.A.	Sept. 16, 1872		Retired	Minnedosa.
	46	F. McRae, M.A.	Dec. 1877		Without Charge	McGregor.
	47	John McKay	May 28, 1859		Without Charge	Strathclair.

\* Died June 3rd, 1880.

NEEPAWA, May 12th, 1889.

S. C. MURRAY, Pres. Clerk.

4. PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	R. Jardine, D. Sc.	Jan. 5, 1870		Prince Albert	Prince Albert.
2*	Alex Campbell, M.A.	Oct. 5, 1873		File Hills	Ft Qu'Appelle.
3*	Hugh McKay	July 11, 1877		Round Lake	Whitewood.
4	John McKay	May 8, 1878		Mistawasis' Reserve	Prince Albert.
5	S. J. Taylor, B. A.	July 25, 1880		Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw.
6	John Geddes	Oct. 11, 1882		Carlyle	Carlyle.
7	John*Ferry	July 15, 1884		Indian Head	Indian Head.
8	Alex. Robson	Sept. 15, 1885		Fort Qu'Appelle	Ft. Qu'Appelle.
9*	Alex Hamilton, B. A.	Sept. 29, 1885		Whitewood	Whitewood.
10	John Hogg			Battleford	Battleford.
11	Wm. Nicholl	Aug. 10, 1886		Broadview	Broadview.
12*	W. S. Moore, B. A.	Nov. 2, 1886		Muscowpetung's Rs'vs.	Balgoinie.
13*	D. McMillan	Sept. 14, 1887		Cathcart	Wapella.
14	James M. Douglas		John Mitchell	Moosomin	Moosomin.
	VACANT.				
			John McCaul	Regina	Regina.
			A T Fotheringh'm	Grenfell	Grenfell.
	WITHOUT CHARGE.				
	John Fotheringham				Grenfell.

WHITEWOOD, April 18, 1889.

ALEX. HAMILTON, *Pres. Clerk.*

5. PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	James Herald	July 30, 1857	James Hargrave	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat.
2	J. C. Herdman, B. D.	Nov. 6, 1877	Alex. McBride	Calgary	Calgary.
3	Chas E. McKillop, B.A.	Sept. 3, 1878	John Duff	Lethbridge	Lethbridge.
4	Angus Robertson	May 25, 1883		Donald	Donald.
5	D. G. McQueen, B.A.	June 21, 1887	W. J. Walker	Edmonton	Edmonton.
6	A. J. McLeod, B.A.	May 30, 1888		Banff	Banff.
7	Vacant			High River	High River.
8	Vacant			Pincher Creek	Pincher Creek.
9	A. H. Cameron	Nov. 12, 1874		Without Charge.	
	Student			Fort Saskatchewan	Edmonton.
	"			Revelstoke	Revelstoke.
	"			Upper Kootenay	Golden.
	"			Gleichen	Cochrane.
	"			Bow River	Calgary.
	"			Maple Creek	Maple Creek.
	"			Red Deer	Red Deer.

CALGARY, N. W. T.

J. C. HERDMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*



## PRESBYTERY CHANGES, &amp;c.

## PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

DEMISSIONS—Arch. McLaren, M. A., Springfield, Nov. 13th, 1888. Hugh W. Fraser, Fort William, Dec. 29, 1888.  
 TRANSLATIONS—James Lawrence, Stonewall to Emerson, 28th Aug., 1888. Isaac L. Hargrave, B. A., Dominion City to Presbytery of Brandon, Sept. 30th, 1888.  
 INDUCTIONS—Joseph Hogg, St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, July 2nd, 1888. Frederic B. Duval, D. D., Knox Church, Winnipeg, Aug. 3rd, 1888.  
 ORDINATION—Isaac L. Hargrave, B. A., Aug. 3rd, 1888.  
 RECEPTION—Frederic B. Duval, D. D., Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, Aug. 3rd, 1888.  
 MISSION STATIONS ERECTED—Ignace, Clandeboye, Manitoba College Mission, Winnipeg, Niverville and Radford, Stony Mountain and Little Mountain, Suthwyn and Prairie Grove.

## PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.

DEMISSION—Walter R. Ross, Carman, Feb. 1st, 1889.  
 ORDINATION—Donald Munro, placed in charge of Deloraine as ordained missionary, Sept. 12th, 1888.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.

DEMISSIONS—Allan Bell, Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, Sept. 19th, 1888. John L. Simpson, Binscath and Silver Creek, Feb. 28th, 1889. Hugh McKellar, High Bluff and Prospect, March 12th, 1889.  
 LICENSURES—T. Collins Court, July 26th, 1888. A. R. Barron, July 26th, 1888.  
 ORDINATION—T. Collins Court, July 26th, 1888.  
 INDUCTIONS—T. Collins Court, Montrose, Jan. 3rd, 1889. Isaac L. Hargrave, B. A., Rosedale, Jan. 4th 1889. Alex. Urquhart, Brandon, May 1st, 1889. A. T. Colter, Rapid City, May 21st, 1889.  
 RETIREMENT—Alex. Smith, September 30th, 1888.  
 SUSPENSION—James Duncan, May 3rd, 1889.  
 TRANSLATIONS—J. M. Sutherland, to Halifax Presbytery, May, 1888. Hugh McKellar, to Saugeen Presbytery, March 12, 1889.  
 RECEPTIONS—Alex. Urquhart, from Regina Presbytery, April 30th, 1889. A. T. Colter, from Owen Sound Presbytery, May 1st, 1889. Isaac L. Hargrave, B. A., from Winnipeg Presbytery, Sept. 30th, 1888. George A. Laird, B. A., from Winnipeg Presbytery, Sept. 30th, 1888.  
 CHANGES IN FIELDS—Lakeside and Orzwood, organized as mission fields. Arden divided into Rosedale and Arden, and Rosedale advanced to the status of an augmented congregation. Montrose (formerly Auburn) advanced to status of an augmented congregation. Rapid City, advanced from mission to self-sustaining congregation. Neepawa, Gladstone, Minnedosa and Virden, from augmented to self-sustaining congregations.

## PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.

TRANFERENCE—James Halliday to Presbytery of Brandon.  
 TRANSLATION—Alex. Urquhart to Presbytery of Brandon.  
 DEMISSION—P. F. Langill, Qu'Appelle Station.  
 RECEPTIONS—John Ferry, from Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne. James M. Douglas, from Presbytery of Brandon.

## PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

DEMISSION—A. H. Cameron, ordained missionary, Donald, &c., May 30th, 1888.  
 LICENSURE—A. J. McLeod, B. A., May 30th, 1888.  
 ORDINATION—A. J. McLeod, B. A., May 30th, 1888, with designation to Banff.  
 INDUCTION—J. C. Herdman, B. D., Knox Church, Calgary, Sept. 5th, 1888.  
 BUILDINGS—Manse completed at Lethbridge, May 19th, 1888. Union Church secured at Revelstoke, July 1888. Church completed at Banff, and opened August 26th, 1888. Indian Industrial School commenced at Stony Plain.



## PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

DEMISSIONS—J. Cormack, M. A., Richmond, June 6th, 1888. H. R. Fraser, B. A., Agassiz, Dec., 11th, 1888. G. C. Patterson, M. A., Chilliwack, Dec. 11th, 1888.

TRANSFERENCE—A'ex. Dunn, from Alberni to Agassiz, April 1st 1889.

RECEPTIONS—W. R. Ross, Feb. 13th, 1889. J. K. Wright, March, 1889.

INDUCTION—E. D. McLaren, B. D., St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, Feb. 13th, 1889.

LICENSURE AND ORDINATION—H. R. Fraser, B. A., licensed and ordained June 6th, 1888.

CHANGES IN FIELDS—St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, organized Sept. 20th, 1888. Richmond became an augmented charge, March 6th, 1889. Mud Bay Station connected with the Delta, instead of Langley, April 1st, 1889. The Delta, including Mud Bay, Ladner's Landing and Westham Island, mission charge, Mar. 7th, 1889. Grand Prairie, Okanagan and Vernon, removed from Spallumcheen to form part of a charge for a travelling missionary, March 7th, 1889.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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Sixth Synod of Manitoba and the  
Northwest Territories.

FIRST SEDERUNT—TUESDAY EVENING.

At Winnipeg and within Knox Church, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine years. At which place and time the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories met and was constituted. Rev. Alex. Smith, retiring Moderator, conducted Divine service, preaching a sermon from Matthew v. 14, "Ye are the light of the world." Mr. Murray was appointed clerk *pro tem*. The roll of Synod was then called, after which it was agreed that the rolls sent up by Presbyteries be accepted in the meantime, but inasmuch as the names of some persons appear on these rolls who are no longer residing within the bounds of the Synod, that a committee be appointed by the Moderator to consider the rolls sent up by Presbyteries and report to Synod. The Rev. Prof. Hart, B. D., was then unanimously elected Moderator of the Synod for the ensuing year. The permanent Clerk having tendered his resignation of the clerkship, it was agreed to accept the same and tender to Mr. Ross the thanks of the Synod for his valuable services. Mr. Murray was then appointed permanent Clerk. The thanks of the Synod were then tendered to Mr. Smith for his conduct in the chair during the past year and for the sermon with which he opened this Synod. A Committee on Bills and Overtures was then appointed with Mr. Baird convener. The hours for the opening and adjournment of the sederunts were fixed, and it was further agreed that one hour to-morrow morning be spent in devotional exercises. Mr. Joseph Hogg, on behalf of the ladies of St. Andrew's congregation, invited the members of Synod to take tea at Selkirk Hall to-morrow evening. The invitation was accepted and it was further agreed that the sederunt to-morrow evening be held in Selkirk Hall. It was agreed that the Committee on Bills and Overtures arrange the order of business for to-morrow evening, and have the programme published in the morning papers. Agreed that all Presbyteries have authority to meet at the call of their respective moderators. The Synod then adjourned with the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Synod was constituted. The minutes were read and sustained. The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported and the report was adopted. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Regina was read, requesting homologation of irregularity in calling meeting of Presbytery at a different hour from

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that agreed upon by the Presbytery. A similar request for homologation of irregularity was made by the Winnipeg Presbytery, and granted. Instructions were given the Committee on Standing Committees to nominate a Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures. Committees for examination of Presbytery Records were then appointed, viz. :—For Winnipeg Presbytery, Townsend, A. Hamilton and W. W. Miller. Rock Lake—Joseph Hogg, Moore and P. R. Young. Brandon—A. Campbell, Cairns and Dr. Agnew. Regina J. Todd, Lawrence and C. H. Campbell. Calgary—Pringle, Rowand and Conklin. Columbia—Dr. Robertson, J. Hamilton and McKinnon. Leave was granted the Regina Presbytery to license Messrs. W. J. Hall and Isaac McDonald. Messrs. Dr. Robertson, Dr. King and J. Todd were appointed a committee to consider the roll of Synod. Mr. C. H. Campbell submitted an audited report of the Synod fund, which was received and adopted and Mr. Campbell thanked. The Synod then adjourned with the benediction.

#### THIRD SEDERUNT—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Synod was constituted. The minutes were read and sustained. The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was submitted and adopted. The following committee to strike Standing Committees was appointed :—Dr. Bryce, convener, Messrs. Farquharson, Rowand, Hamilton, Jaffray and Pringle. An overture from the Presbytery of Brandon, requesting the division of the Presbytery, with extract minutes anent the case, was read. After hearing Messrs. Todd and Currie in support of the same, it was agreed that the overture in principle be adopted by the Synod, but that it be remitted to the Presbyteries of Brandon and Regina for the modification and perfecting of the details. Mr. Farquharson read a memorial from Rock Lake Presbytery anent the refusal by the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee to grant the full supplement to missionaries accepting settlement within two years after their appointment to fields in this Synod. It was agreed that Synod approve of the object of the memorial, remit it to the Synod's Home Mission Committee, with recommendation that it be transmitted to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee. Agreed that the next meeting of the Synod be held in Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, also that the time of meeting be the third Tuesday in May next and at eight o'clock in the evening. Dr. Robertson submitted the report of Nisbet Academy. The report was received and the following committee appointed to consider the same and report at a future sederunt, viz. :—Dr. Robertson, convener, Dr. Duval, Joseph Hogg, Dr. Agnew and Prof. Hart. The Synod adjourned with the benediction.

#### FOURTH SEDERUNT—WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Synod met in Selkirk Hall and was constituted. The minutes were read and sustained. Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland, of St. John Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The order of business having already been agreed upon, Mr. Moore gave an address on Indian missions. He was followed by Messrs. Hugh McKay, Alex. Campbell and John McArthur. The Moderator then gave verbally a report of the finances of the foreign missions of the Synod. Whereupon the following motion was adopted :—The Synod having heard the interesting addresses, begs to express its appreciation of the self-denial and earnestness of these brethren and their co-

workers in the trying field of Indian missions throughout the Synod, and the Synod desires to declare its growing belief in the possibility of reaching the Indians both by educational efforts, especially in the boarding schools, and by the direct preaching of the Gospel, and commends the work among the Indians to the sympathy of our people and to an increasing place in the attention of the General Assembly's Committee. Mr. Farquharson submitted the report on Sabbath Observance, which was received and the recommendations adopted. The report on the Synod Roll was submitted. It was agreed that the report lie on the table. Mr. Pringle gave notice that to-morrow afternoon he would introduce a resolution on the Jesuit question. The Synod then adjourned with the benediction.

#### FIFTH SEDERUNT—THURSDAY MORNING.

The Synod met in Knox Church and was constituted. The minutes of the previous sederunt were read and sustained. The report on Bills and Overtures was adopted. Mr. Todd submitted the report on Temperance, which was received, considered and the recommendations adopted. It was further agreed that the Committee on Temperance take such steps as may be necessary to have these recommendations carried out, as far as the interests of the Synod are concerned, in the Provinces and Territories within the bounds. The Synod then adjourned with the benediction.

#### SIXTH SEDERUNT—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Synod met and was constituted. The minutes were read and sustained. The report on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted. Dr. Bryce submitted report of Committee on Standing Committees. The report was received, considered and adopted:—

I. HOME MISSIONS.—Dr. Robertson, convener; Dr. King and the conveners of the Home Mission Committees of the several Presbyteries.

II. STATE OF RELIGION.—J. Pringle, convener; Dr. King, E. D. McLaren, A. Urquhart, the conveners of the committees of the several Presbyteries, and Messrs. J. Eider, J. Pirrett, J. C. Brown, R. McBeth, H. Steele, James Thomson and W. Butchart.

III. SABBATH SCHOOLS.—W. D. Russell, convener; D. Anderson, D. Munro, the conveners of the several Presbyteries, ministers, and G. H. Johnston, P. Strong, C. Waters, R. H. Myers, W. W. Miller, J. J. Campbell, G. McCuaig, J. C. Flett, A. McDougall and T. Young, (Winnipeg) elders.

IV. FINANCE AND STATISTICS.—S. C. Murray, convener; the conveners of committees of the several Presbyteries and the clerks of Presbyteries.

V. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Messrs. J. Farquharson, convener; C. W. Bryden, R. Nairn, J. K. Welsh, A. McTavish, A. J. McLeod, D. Stalker, A. Campbell, C. McKillop, P. McF. McLeod, and the conveners of the committees of the several Presbyteries, ministers; John Paterson, H. Grant, J. B. McLaren, James Broadfoot, Dr. Gillies, and J. Linklater, elders.

VI. TEMPERANCE.—James Todd, convener; Wm. McK. Omand, J. Lawrence, A. Robertson, Joseph Hogg, John Hogg, D. Fraser, Wm. Holnett, J. C. Hurdman, J. McArthur, A. McD. Haig, A. Robson, M. McKenzie, James Douglas, W. H. Spence, J. A. Jaffray, T. G. Thomson, J. K. Wright, and conveners of the committees of the several Presbyteries, ministers, and Messrs. Thorburn, H. M. Campbell and C. J. Atkinson, elders.

VII. CHURCH LAW AND PROPERTY AND VITAL STATISTICS.—Hon. G. McMillen, convener; Prof. Hart, Dr. King, W. L. H. Rowand, J. Herald, ministers; Hon. Chief Justice Taylor, Dr. Agnew, C. H. Campbell and J. B. McLaren, elders.

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VIII. MAINTENANCE OF THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT OF MANITOBA COLLEGE.—Dr. Bryce, convener; Messrs. J. Pringle, D. Anderson, J. Farquharson, A. McFarlane, J. Mowat, S. J. Taylor, A. McTavish, J. C. Herdman, W. L. H. Rowand, E. D. McLaren, A. Urquhart, A. T. Colter, T. Scouler, P. McF. McLeod, A. Hamilton and J. Todd, Duncan McArthur, J. B. McLaren, G. R. Crowe, R. S. Thompson, A. Bethune, H. C. Ross, A. Dawson, P. R. Young and Robert Crawford

IX. CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING BOARD.—Chief Justice Taylor, chairman; Dr. Robertson, Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Duval, Joseph Hogg, Dr. Warden, J. Farquharson, J. M. Douglass, I. C. Herdman, James Todd, A. Urquhart, G. D. McVicar, C. H. Campbell, W. J. Ptolemy and D. M. Telford. (Recommended for appointment by General Assembly.)

X. BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF MANITOBA COLLEGE.—Chief Justice Taylor, chairman: Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne, Dr. King, Prof. Hart, Dr. Bryce, A. B. Baird, Dr. Duval, Joseph Hogg, J. Pringle, D. Stalker, Dr. Robertson, James Farquharson, A. Urquhart, D. Fraser, (Victoria); Hon. G. McMicken, Sir D. A. Smith, D. McArthur, W. D. Russell, John Sutherland, Alex. Dawson, James Fisher, M. P. P., W. B. Scarth, M. P., A. McDonald, C. H. Campbell and K. McKenzie (Winnipeg) (Recommended for appointment by General Assembly.)

XI. FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Prof. Hart and A. B. Baird joint conveners; Principal King, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Duval, Joseph Hogg, D. Munro, D. Stalker, A. Urquhart, D. G. McQueen, Hugh McKay and G. Flett, ministers; C. M. Copeland, J. McLeod and W. W. Miller, elders. (Recommended for appointment by the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee.)

XII. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Dr. Duval, convener; W. L. H. Rowand, A. McTavish, S. C. Murray, S. J. Taylor, C. E. McKillop, R. Jamieson, W. K. Ross, S. Poleson, and the conveners of Presbyteries' committees; H. C. Ross, J. Kirkwood, R. Richards, J. McCaul, A. McBride and T. Henderson, elders.

XIII. BILLS AND OVERTURES.—Clerk of Synod, convener; the Moderator, Clerks of Presbyteries, with one member to be chosen by each Presbytery, and the minister of the congregation in whose church the Synod may meet.

Dr. Bryce submitted the report on the Maintenance of Theological Education. After full consideration it was agreed that the clause asking the College Board to pay \$350 to the fund of the Theological department, be deleted from the report, and that the report as thus amended, be adopted. Dr. King made a general statement in regard to the work being done, whereupon the following motion was passed:—That the Synod has heard with much satisfaction the statement made by Principal King in regard to the present state of Manitoba College, is gratified to find that the attendance is so numerous and thankful to God that so large a proportion of the young men attending the College have the ministry in view. The Synod is also pleased to learn that the income, although smaller than last year, has yet been equal to the expenditure, and that a balance, though small, is reported on the right side; further the Synod would put on record its appreciation of the service rendered to the work of the Church in the Northwest by the College, and would assure Principal and Professors of the cordial support of the Synod in every effort to increase still more the equipment and efficiency of the institution. Reports were submitted by the respective committees that the records of the Presbyteries of Regina, Rock Lake, Calgary and Winnipeg were carefully kept. Dr. Robertson submitted report on report of Nisbet Academy, which was recommended, and the names of Dr. Bryce and C. H. Campbell were added to the committee. The Synod adjourned with the benediction.

#### SEVENTH SEDERUNT—THURSDAY EVENING.

The Synod met and was constituted. The minutes were read and sustained.

Mr. Jaffray addressed the Synod on Home Mission work in British Columbia. Home Mission addresses were also given by Dr. Robertson and D. McMillan, the latter dwelling on the work among the Crofters.

Mr. Pringle submitted report on State of Religion, which was received, considered, the recommendations adopted, and the following motion passed: That the Synod recognize with gratitude to God the real advance in spiritual life indicated by the returns of the majority of the sessions. Encourage special evangelistic services, where the circumstances in the providence of God seem to demand them, and especially where ministers can obtain the help of their brethren in conducting such services, and would recommend that Presbyteries hold a special conference on the state of Religion within the bounds when the Presbytery's report on the subject is submitted; hold presbyterial visitation as far as it is possible to overtake the work in each congregation, and would urge upon the families in connection with the Church the importance of family worship, and the religious home training of the young.

Dr. Robertson gave notice of a motion that hereafter Synod meet on Thursday evening and continue in session till Wednesday or Thursday of the week following, in order that more time may be at its disposal for the transaction of the important business with which it is entrusted. The Synod then adjourned with the benediction.

#### EIGHTH SEDERUNT—FRIDAY MORNING.

Synod met and was constituted. The minutes were read and sustained.

Mr. Johnson, of the Scandinavian Lutheran Church, being present, was asked to sit as corresponding member.

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

An overture from the Brandon Presbytery anent the conduct of foreign missions within the bounds was read, with extract minutes anent the matter. Dr. Robertson and Mr. Stalker were heard in support of the same. The Synod adjourned with the benediction.

#### NINTH SEDERUNT—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Synod met and was constituted. The minutes were read and sustained. The report of Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted.

Discussion on the Brandon overture was resumed and the following deliverance arrived at:—That the overture be remitted to the Synod's Foreign Mission Committee for consideration, that Messrs. Todd and Rowand be invited to meet and confer with the Committee on the matters embraced in the overture, so as to promote the increase of interest in the mission work among the Indians of the Presbyteries within whose bounds this work is conducted, and to secure for them the largest amount of co-operation in and supervision of the work, consistent with the chief responsibility and ultimate control being in the hands of the executive committee of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee.

Dr. Robertson submitted the following report of the Committee on the Nisbet Academy:

1st. Your Committee is pleased to find that Dr. Jardine was so successful in his canvass for funds for the erection of suitable buildings for the purposes of the Academy, that he was able to hand over to the Trustees of the institution the sum of \$8,214.

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2nd. That with the money thus collected buildings have been erected and furnishings procured that are valued at \$8,747. The Board, however, reports a debt of \$1,298.

3rd. That the school was opened in the new buildings after the Christmas holidays, and that there was an attendance of twenty pupils after that date. The school fees amounted to \$261.

4th. That the Board of Trustees contemplate having a staff of at least three teachers—the principal, a male assistant teacher and a lady teacher.

5th. That while a salary for the Principal is provided in the meantime by the congregation of St. Paul's Church, of which Dr. Jardine is pastor, and by the grant made to the congregation from the augmentation fund of the General Assembly, no provision is made of a permanent nature for the salaries of the other teachers as far as disclosed by the report. It is known to your Committee, however, that arrangements have been made for this summer by which the missionary in charge of Colleston may undertake the duties of teacher in the Academy.

6th. That in the opinion of your Committee some steps should be taken to place the financial affairs of the institution on a more satisfactory basis without delay, that the future of the school may be the better assured.

Your Committee would recommend :

1st. That the Board of Trustees of the Nisbet Academy take steps with as little delay as possible to wipe off the indebtedness reported, so that financial embarrassment may not be allowed to interfere with the progress of the school.

2nd. That the Synod respectfully ask the General Assembly to instruct its Home Mission Committee in arranging for the supply of Colleston with the Presbytery of Regina, to appoint a missionary who may act after the expiration of the present summer as teacher in the academy, and that the Assembly also instruct the F.M.C. of the Assembly and the Board of French Evangelization to pay each the amount of \$300 per annum for the support of such teacher, in view of the work to be done in connection with the school to maintain the interests of Protestantism, and also to advance the education of the Indian population on the Saskatchewan. (This recommendation was afterwards defeated, and the following amendment by Dr. King carried in its place.)

That as the report contains no statement as to the plan which the Trustees have in view for paying the salaries of teachers and the other expenses connected with the institution, the Synod does not feel itself in a position to make any recommendation to the Assembly in the matter, and that the Trustees be informed at once of this resolution.

3rd. That the following be the Board of Trustees for the coming year, viz :—Rev. Dr. Jardine, Dr. Bain, Lieut.-Col. Sproat, James MacArthur, John Stewart, John M. Campbell, John McTaggart, Wm. Craig, all of Prince Albert; James Clinksill, of Battleford; Rev. S. J. Taylor, of Moose Jaw; Rev. Prof. Hart, of Winnipeg; and Robert Crawford, of Indian Head.

4th. That the by-laws in the report be approved, but that it be suggested that a later date be fixed for the meeting in July than that mentioned in the by-laws, so that persons who may attend the meetings of the Supreme Court of the Church may be able to return to Prince Albert before the day of meeting.

5th. That the Synod convey to Dr. Jardine its appreciation of the diligence shown by him in soliciting funds for the institution and the success that has crowned his efforts; and further, that the Synod prays that the Nisbet Academy may be the means in God's hands of advancing the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in the important district in which the institution is planted.

6th. That since clause 6 of the Act of Incorporation reads: "The Board of Trustees \* \* shall at all times and in all things observe and obey the orders and instructions of the said Synod" that the Synod appoint a committee and clothe it with full powers to act in the name of the Synod, to guard all the interests of the Synod and of the Church that may be involved in connection with this institution, and advise and co-operate with the Trustees of the Academy in making the institution more efficient in the prosecution of the work for which it was established.

After amendment of 2nd recommendation the report was adopted as a whole.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by Mr. Pringle, received and adopted with its recommendations. Further agreed that the Synod thank the Committee and especially the convener, express gratification, and its gratitude to God for the encouraging statements it contains respecting this highly important part of the work under the supervision of the Synod, would urge upon the management in all our schools a careful attention to the recommendations contained in the report, and would recognize with special thankfulness to God the evidence of the power of the Holy Ghost accompanying the work of our devoted Sabbath School teachers, in that so many of the accessions to full communion in the Church are from the Sabbath Schools.

The report of the Committee on Synod Roll was again taken up. It was agreed that the Committee be re-appointed and instructed to enquire further into the law and practice of the Church in this matter, and report to next Synod, and that Messrs. Farquharson and Rowand be added to the Committee.

The overture anent division of Brandon Presbytery was again introduced and again remitted for greater definiteness.

Dr. Robertson submitted report of Home Mission Committee, which was received. Synod then adjourned with the benediction.

#### TENTH SEDERUNT—FRIDAY EVENING.

The Synod met and was constituted. The minutes were read and sustained. The Home Mission report was considered and with its recommendations adopted.

The overture on division of Brandon Presbytery was again taken up, and it was agreed to transmit the same to the General Assembly with the recommendation that the prayer thereof be granted.

In the line of one of the resolutions of the report on Nisbet Academy the following committee was appointed, viz.:—Joseph Hogg, convener; Dr. Robertson, Mr. C. H. Campbell, Mr. Farquharson and Mr. S. J. Taylor.

Remits on supply of vacancies from the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee were then taken up. It was agreed to consider the same *seriatim*, each being adopted by the Synod and the following added.—That in cases where presbyteries deem it necessary in the interests of the work, they be permitted to appoint to weak vacancies for three or more months, missionaries serving under appointment made for two years by the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

Mr. Murray submitted report of the Committee on Finance and Statistics, which was received and adopted. It was further agreed that the Committee on Finance and Statistics be instructed to take measures to send blank forms to student missionaries, so that statistical and financial statements in regard to their summer work may be procured.

Leave was granted the Presbytery of Calgary to take R. Johnston on trial for license.

The General Assembly's remitted anent Female Education in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories was considered. Agreed that the Synod express its sympathy with the purpose contemplated, yet neither the funds of the Church nor the constituencies from which the contemplated schools might draw their pupils, warrant the Church in view of the educational work it has already in hand, in undertaking any further responsibilities in such a direction, and

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It was agreed to appoint a small committee to prepare for publication the minutes of the Synod, and that all conveners be instructed to prepare synopses of reports and forward the same to this committee with the view of their being published with the minutes of the Church for circulation within the bounds of the Synod and also in other parts of the Church, and that the committee print a large number of the reports for general distribution. The following committee was appointed—A. B. Baird, Dr. Bryce and the Clerk of the Synod.

Dr Robertson then submitted the report of the Church and Manse Building Board. Agreed that the Synod, having heard the report, would express its satisfaction at the prosperous state of the fund and its sense of the important end it is fitted to serve and which it has served within the bounds of the Synod, and would recommend it anew to the liberality of the members of the Church.

Mr. Pringle submitted a resolution anent the Jesuit Estates Act, which was adopted by the Synod, and reads as follows:—

That the Synod enters its emphatic protest against the Jesuit Estates Act recently passed by the Legislature of Quebec and allowed by the Parliament of Canada, because—

1. It recognizes as established in Canada an order which has always been the enemy of civil and religious liberty and dangerous to the foundations of public order.
2. It recognizes in the bestowal upon the Society of Jesus of a large sum of money a principle which is not in harmony with the constitution of our country, viz.:—that of bestowing upon a religious body as such funds drawn from the public treasury of the province and the diversion of them from the purpose for which they were set apart in perpetuity.
3. In the initial proceedings, preceding the passage of the act, in the act itself, and in the arrangements formally made in the act itself for the distribution of the money, there is recognized the right of the Pope to interfere in our civil affairs in direct contravention of imperial statutes and in derogation of the supremacy of the Queen.

Furthermore, the Synod recommends all ministers and missionaries within the bounds to do all in their power to instruct and establish their people in Protestant principles, and to warn them of the subserviency of politicians to the Church of Rome as led by the Society of Jesus, a society which, incorporated in Quebec, is steadily gaining place and influence in the provinces, though it has been expelled from the lands which were its birth-place because of the willingness it had ever shown to be the enemy of the country to serve its own purposes.

Leave was granted the Presbytery of Winnipeg to take Mr. Neilly on trial for license, and to Brandon Presbytery similar leave was granted in regard to Mr. Shearer.

Agreed that in the event of any of the General Assembly's Standing Committees failing to issue questions on the subject under its care before the first of January, the Synod instruct the Corresponding Synodical Committee to prepare questions on each subject, have them printed and distributed among congregations and mission fields.

It was agreed that the thanks of the Synod are due and are hereby tendered

1. To the ladies of St. Andrew's Church for their kind entertainment.
2. To the managers of Knox and St. Andrew's Churches for the use of their churches.
3. To the railway companies for their courtesy to members.
4. To the several families and friends for their generous hospitality.
5. To the press for their full reports.

The minutes of the present sederunt were read and sustained and the Synod adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, on the third Tuesday in May next, at eight o'clock in the evening.

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

### *Synopses of Reports presented to the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories at its annual meeting in Winnipeg, May 14th to 17th, 1889.*

#### **REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.**

The six presbyteries that compose the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories contain within their boundaries two-thirds of the total area of Canada, and in this territory for an undefined period must be found the Home Mission field of the Church. Already 41 per cent. of the mission fields of the western section of the H. M. C. are under the care of these presbyteries. In this part alone in all Canada are to be found free grant lands suitable for settlement, and such lands will prove a strong attraction to immigrants. The resources of the country are yet undeveloped, but they are known to be vast and varied. The western seas and rivers and the inland lakes swarm with fish of the best quality. The rocks of northwestern Ontario and British Columbia are veined with silver and gold. Immense deposits of iron, copper and lead are awaiting capital and enterprise. The rough country of Lake Superior and the Lake of the Woods and the numerous valleys of British Columbia are covered with valuable timber. In the centre lies about 600,000 square miles of excellent arable and pasture lands, the western portion of which rests on extensive coal fields. Here are all the conditions of successful settlement. The climate, it is true, is cold in winter, but very salubrious as the last 20 years have abundantly proved.

Into this country a steady stream of immigration is flowing. In 1888 about 17,000 are said to have found a home in the country, and never since 1882 was the influx so large as this spring. Of the present white population about 28 per cent. is Presbyterian, and hence it is imperative that the Church should exert herself to provide for the moral and spiritual welfare of these people.

Of the activity of the Church in the past and her success under God the list of mission stations and congregations and the communion rolls bear abundant evidence. The census taken by the Dominion Government in 1885 and 1886 bears corroborative testimony, for while the population of Manitoba increased in five years 74.5 per cent., the Presbyterian population increased 104.4 per cent.

To overtake the present wants of the work a number of ordained missionaries are required. The lack of supply in winter is always attended with loss. When faithful service by our missionaries during the summer months has quickened the dead and arrested the careless others are ready to come in and garner what we have gathered. Last winter nearly 40 mission districts were without supply and many others had only partial supply. The expenditure of more means at this juncture of mission work here would be economy in the end. A larger revenue is the great need.

Hitherto the maintenance of Home Mission work in the Northwest has fallen chiefly on Ontario. The churches of the mother land have sent contributions from year to year, but they have not been large. The people of the Maritime Provinces have given almost nothing. Thousands of their children are in the Northwest, and surely it is not asking too much that the people of the east assist in giving them the Gospel. And all the more inasmuch as the rate per communicant for Home Missions in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces is only 15 cents per communicant, while the rate in the western section is 34 cents per communicant. Let the eastern Synod share the burden and the honor of this new work.

Scotland and Ireland have sent us many excellent settlers and the churches of these countries have given us aid in planting ordinances among them. But the aid has been small in proportion to the needs. No doubt Australia and New Zealand, the West Indies and the



The Church and Manse Board reports that aid was given to 24 congregations to build churches and manses since the date of the last report. The Board has now helped to erect 133 church edifices. It is impossible to estimate the value of this aid in advancing the Church.

Sabbath School work was prosecuted with much zeal and no small success. The closing of the country Sabbath Schools, however, during the winter, is felt to be a serious hindrance. The number of pupils enrolled was about 8,500 and the average attendance about 7,000.

To all the Crofter settlements Gaelic-speaking missionaries have been sent and their work is much appreciated. The Crofters are making satisfactory progress and are proving good settlers. Their circumstances are improving and they now contribute for the support of their pastor.

The Icelandic mission in Winnipeg has been most successful. A congregation was organized during the year, and 71 communicants joined, the most of them on profession of faith. A church 24x36 was built, and it is already too small and it is being enlarged to twice its present size. A second missionary is travelling through the country, visiting Scandinavian and Icelandic settlements, and doing much to encourage and sustain the people till better measures can be devised for their religious wants. There is a rare field for the labors of a German missionary, but a man of the right spirit to give his life to the work, seems difficult to procure. At several points along the railway Chinese Sabbath Schools are being conducted, and the results are encouraging. It is not creditable to us as a Church that we have not a missionary giving his whole time to this work of evangelizing the Chinese in the cities on the western coast and along the railway.

The Church is much indebted to a number of her members in the east, to missionary associations and congregations for assistance in the support of special missions. Excellent service has been rendered in the same way by the Students' Missionary Societies of Knox, Queen's and Manitoba Colleges. But for the timely assistance thus given several fields would have been apt to be without supply this season.

Your Committee would recommend that the Convener and Secretary be instructed to prepare a statement to be forwarded to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, and also to the Conveners of the Colonial Committees of the Irish Presbyterian Church, the Established Church of Scotland, the Free Church of Scotland and the United Presbyterian Church, setting forth the needs of the wide mission field in this Synod, and its claims on the sympathy and support of these Churches, and that the action of the Synod, should this recommendation be adopted, be reported to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, and its approval obtained in the preparation of such statement.

JAMES ROBERTSON,  
Convener.

## MISSION TO THE INDIANS OF THE NORTHWEST.

*Following is the report presented to the General Assembly:—*

Our mission work among the Indians of Manitoba and the Northwest has, during the past year, made steady progress. In some reserves the growth has been more marked than in others; but in all, the past year has been one of advancement, not indeed as great as our wishes, but as great as from our experience we had any reason to expect. In some cases it has been beyond our expectations; in all it has been full of encouragement to our faithful and devoted missionaries, to be "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," as they have been taught by experience, "that their labor is not in vain in the Lord."

While the spiritual necessities of the adult Indians have occupied the time and thoughts of our missionaries to as great an extent as ever before, our chief work has been with the young. Our confidence in the wisdom of the course indicated a year ago has been deepened. It is in the school, and especially in the industrial school, that the great work of the Church for the elevation of the Indian must be done. In the industrial school the children are withdrawn for long periods—and the longer the better—from the degrading surroundings of their pagan homes, and placed under the direct influence of all that is noblest and best in our Christian civilization. They are taught the elementary branches of an English education, and in addition, the boys are trained in farm work, tilling the ground, and caring for cattle, and in some instances in the elements of carpentry and smithing, and the girls in knitting, sewing, baking, cooking, and general house-work, and all are taught to sing the psalms and hymns

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An important feature of our mission work during the past year has been the extension of our industrial school system to fields where no such schools previously existed. And this will naturally occupy an important place in our report. Three of these schools were opened during the past year at Birtle, the Crow Stand and the File Hills, respectively. The first of these was opened early last October, in the town of

#### BIRTLE.

This town is beautifully situated on Bird Tail Creek, an affluent of the Assiniboine. It is at a convenient distance from a number of reserves under the care of our Church, such as Okanase, Bird Tail, Way-Way-Sce-Cappo's, and Silver Creek. A very suitable building for the school was found in the Birtle public school, which was, with the assistance of the Rev. Wm. Holmest, secured at a reasonable rent. Your committee was successful in securing the services of Mr. G. G. McLaren as principal of the school, and of his sister, Miss A. McLaren, as matron. Under their care the school has met with gratifying success. The average attendance last quarter was twenty-five. Owing to the establishment of the Birtle school we have closed the day school on the Bird Tail reserve, which was so long and so well conducted under Mr. J. G. Burgess. It is considered advisable in the meantime to continue the Okanase school. The other reserves mentioned had no schools.

#### THE CROW STAND SCHOOL.

This school is adjoining Cote's reserve. It was opened in January last. A new building was erected last summer on a beautiful site near the old mission house. The school is under the care of our missionary, the Rev. Geo. A. Laird, and Mrs. Laird. It, too, thus far has been very successful. The average attendance is twenty-seven. The day school has been discontinued, and the teacher, Mr. John Black, has been transferred to the new school. The building in which the day school was carried on—the old, substantial log school house in which the late Cuthbert McKay and D. H. McVicar did so much good work—was burned in one of the most destructive prairie fires seen for years. The stables of the old mission were also destroyed and the new school was with great difficulty saved. The trees of the beautiful grove in front of the new school were all killed.

Mr. Laird conducted services at five different points on his reserves. The number of families in his mission is forty-six, and the total population under his care about 500. The number of communicants on the roll is twenty-eight. There were eight added during the past year. The number of baptisms was nine. There are two prayer meetings with an attendance of about twenty-five, and a good Sabbath school attended by about thirty pupils. Mr. Laird reports that the work is hopeful. The attendance at the different points is regular, and a spirit of inquiry exists; opposition to the Gospel is giving way. The people are learning civilized modes of life, and improving socially. The new industrial school has given an impetus to the work all round. The people are rallying about the schools and are greatly pleased at having their children taken care of and taught. These reserves were visited last August by the Conveners of your Committee, and the Rev. George Flett. A number of interesting meetings were held with the Indians, several children were baptized, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered to a good congregation of attentive and earnest worshippers.

#### FILE HILLS.

A substantial and commodious stone building was erected for an Indian school last summer, at a convenient point for this group. The hearty thanks of the Committee are due to the Rev. A. Robson, of Fort Qu'Appelle, for the time and trouble expended by him in taking charge of the erection of this building. Your Committee was fortunate in being able to secure the services of the Rev. A. Campbell for this mission. The school was opened in February last. The Indians of this group are in a very backward state, and as was expected, there has been great difficulty in inducing them to send their children to school. The difficulty has been increased by the efforts of the Roman Catholics to attract the children to the industrial school near Fort Qu'Appelle. A beginning, however, has been made, and we are hopeful of better things. The number of families under Mr. Campbell's care is sixty. The conclusion of his report is given in full: "So far, our work has been rather discouraging, but I am in good hope that the favourable turning point has arrived for our school. I have the promise now of four more pupils, and have secured an interpreter who is popular with the Indians, and highly spoken of by others. He is himself the son of a Cree missionary,

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well known to old timers in the Northwest, Mr. Pratt, of the Church of England, at Touchwood, who died about a year ago. If ever a people needed the Gospel these pagans need it. They are slaves of bodily appetite and of avarice. Suniah (money) will buy anything from them but gratitude. Polygamy, with all its abominable consequences, is general. Sunday is the day for the dance. Considerable improvement is being made, however, in industry and self help. They are now busy getting the ground ready for the seed. I could get any amount of wood and hay from them for ready money. They don't like steady work, nor are able to wait long for results. But this is not surprising. They are fond of music, although anything more dreary than their own performances of this kind can hardly be imagined. I sing Cree hymns to them, rather than *teach* them at our Sabbath afternoon service. They seem to appreciate the *music* at least. This is one channel by which seeds of divine truth may get into their hearts. Here, as everywhere, our main hope is with the children. Let us bring them to Jesus, and soon all will be won over. At our service on Sabbath we take up the International Sabbath lesson for the benefit of our own people, as well as the Indians."

#### ROUND LAKE.

The Rev. Hugh McKay, the pioneer in the establishment of these industrial schools, has been carrying on his work in the same self-denying and unostentatious manner that has made it such a power during the last four years. He has been assisted, as formerly, by Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and had in addition, his niece, Miss McKay, as a teacher. The average attendance at the school for the past quarter was twenty-five, and the sabbath school has an average attendance of forty. There are ten communicants on the roll of the mission. Services are held at three points on the group of reserves, and some 200 families are brought more or less directly under Christian influences. It is still the time of sowing here, and, as in other missions, there is much need of faith that the clouds which seem to the sowers to hang low and dark over them, are the clouds which bring refreshing rain.

#### MUSCOWPETUNG'S RESERVE.

Northwest of Round Lake lies the group of reserves to which the Rev. W. S. Moore ministers. The school adjoining Muscowpetung's reserve, which he has carried on during the year, has been very successful. For the last quarter it had an average attendance of twenty-seven. At the close of the quarter an examination was held, and one boy repeated the ten commandments without a mistake; two others almost as well. They had been stimulated by a prize offered by the daughter of the Indian Agent. There are three places where services are held, and Mr. Moore reports that during the year he formed a communion roll which has now nineteen names upon it. The Sunday school has an attendance of thirty-two. The missionary makes special mention of the clothing sent by the ladies of the W.F.M.S., and asks urgently for an additional building to accommodate the increasing attendance.

In addition to these five schools, in which all the pupils are boarded, there are two, those on Piapot's reserve, and that at Portage la Prairie, at which the two systems are combined, and in addition to the boarders, day pupils who live near by are taught.

Miss Rose's school on

#### PIAPOT'S RESERVE.

has had an up-hill career. This band was one of the last to settle down on a reserve, and for years has kept up an evil reputation for turbulence and heathenish practices. Difficult and discouraging as the work still is, it may at least be said that the past winter's work was much more encouraging than anything that preceded it. The last report says: "Three girls were boarded throughout the term, a fourth missed only three school days; three boys were here more than half the time, yet the average attendance is little more than seven. We gave dinners to many, but so cunning have they become that, as soon as lessons begin they run away." There is certainly much to try the faith and patience of a teacher in work such as this. But whatever view may be held about the educational effect of this school, there can be no difference of opinion in regard to its value as a missionary agency. Officers of the government, and visitors, who have had an opportunity of noting the course of events on the reserve, bear united testimony to the high value of Miss Rose's work among the Indians, especially among the women.

The School, which has been maintained with the assistance of the ladies of Portage la Prairie among the straggling Sioux Indians about

#### PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE,

is doing useful work under the care of Miss Walker. The average attendance for the last quarter was ten. A Sabbath service is held among the Indian lodges, and an afternoon of each week is spent in teaching the Indian women in them to sew and knit. During the year

the building occupied as a school was purchased, with the assistance of the Portage auxiliary of the W.F.M.S.

In the remaining four schools no attempt is made to board children, although in all, the elements of an industrial education are given. This is in the highest degree necessary. Indian children require to be taught in school many things that come to white children from their home environment. What the teacher of an Indian school requires is not to be able to follow the niceties of a Normal school time-table, but to bring all available influences of Christianity and civilization to bear on a child of savage parentage, who has lived from the hour of birth in a degrading atmosphere of superstition and barbarism, and who, forced to live upon a reserve, has probably no opportunity of seeing any better way, except during the hours he is under the eye of the mission teacher.

#### STONY PLAIN.

The school has been kept up as formerly with a varying attendance, reaching as high as an average of twenty-one for the last quarter. As usual, prominence was given to industrial pursuits. Very creditable specimens of sewing and knitting are shewn by the girls. Mrs. Anderson also went to the homes of some of the Indian women and taught them the art of butter-making. Mr. Anderson, with the assistance of some of the boys and men, who show decided aptitude for such work, has done a considerable amount of carpenter and blacksmith work for the agent. A prairie fire in April—which did a great deal of damage to the property of the Indians—destroyed the school house having been built by the Indians, with a small belonging to the government, and by the kindness of the Rev. D. G. McQueen, one of his elders, they are being conducted almost free of cost to the Committee. The Indians had often asked to have such services, and doubtless they will be productive of much good.

Mr. John McLean, teacher on the

#### ASSINIBOINE

Reserve, near Indian Head, reports that the attendance for the last quarter has been fifteen, more than twice the number reported for the same time last year, that the prejudices of the parents against the school are fast dying out, and the children themselves are taking more interest in their studies. He has secured the services of Mr. John Thunder, a Christian Sioux from the Bird Tail reserve, and by his aid several young men have learned to read and write their own language, a class for that purpose meeting in the evening in the house of one of them. Sabbath services, with an attendance of about forty, are held. Mr. McLean says: "Those who attend behave well and are very attentive. The children help in the singing, with their willingness to be taught, but more than this I cannot say. None are yet decided Christians, as far as I know." The Rev. John McArthur, of Beulah, in addition to his home mission work, has charge of the Sioux Indians on the

#### BIRD TAIL.

He reports twenty-seven communicants, nine of them added during the year. There were nine baptisms, four of those baptized being adults. The prayer meeting and Sabbath school, Young Men's Christian Association and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are kept up mainly by the Indians themselves, Mr. McArthur, on account of the distance of his home, and the pressure of Home Mission Work, being able to give but limited assistance. The Indian congregation contributed \$51 to the Schemes of the Church during the year, \$20 of this being given by the Women's Society. A considerable proportion of the Indians on this reserve are still heathen, but the missionary has been much encouraged by the friendliness of their attitude during the past year, to believe that the time will soon come when they too will acknowledge the supremacy of the Gospel. As already indicated, the day school on this reserve has been merged in the recently established industrial school at Birtle, twelve miles distant.

The Mission at

#### OKANASE

is manned by Mr. Geo. Fleit as missionary, and Mr. D. H. McVicar as school teacher. The school has an average attendance of seventeen, although some of the children from this reserve are attending the industrial school at Birtle. Services are held at three places.

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#### MISTAWASIS.

Mr. John McKay reports that his new church is well filled at both morning and afternoon services. There are fifty-six communicants, six having been added during the year; sixteen were baptized, three of whom were adults. In the school taught by Miss McKay the average attendance is seventeen. The organ presented to the mission by the W.F.M.S. has proved a great attraction to the Indians. A number of families of white settlers have taken land near the reserve, and these also receive the benefit of Mr. McKay's services.

Concerning the industrial school to be built by the government at Regina, and put under the care of the Presbyterian Church, and for which Parliament voted an appropriation more than three years ago, there is nothing to report except that your Committee has received a renewal of the oft-repeated promises that work on the building is to commence at once.

All the missionaries make appreciative references to the boxes of clothing, and other useful articles sent by the auxiliaries of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Great care is evidently taken in most cases to send articles that are appropriate and of good quality.

There are seven missionaries who have charge of nineteen reserves and who preach regularly at twenty-three places. There are about 3,500 souls, more or less, directly under their care. There are 178 communicants, of whom forty-seven were added during the year. There are eleven mission schools with fourteen teachers, including assistants in the boarding schools. Of these schools five board all their pupils, four are day schools, and two combine the two systems. There were 307 enrolled pupils and an average attendance of 193 for the quarter ending with the close of March.

The report shows that the work is far from being over, and yet there are distinct indications of improvements which call for great thankfulness. The Indians were never before so ready to send their children to school. The Government is supporting our boarding schools with twice as much money and with a more active sympathy than ever before, and above all, God is evidently moving in the heart of the red man to turn him from his superstitious incantations and to dispose him to receive the light and liberty of the blessed Gospel.

## REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The fullest possible report on the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod must be incomplete and to some extent unsatisfactory. We cannot measure the work of God. We observe and note a few of the fruits of the Spirit in the faithful, earnest efforts of ministers and people, in the quickening of their spiritual life, in the salvation of sinners, and in the general influence of the truth upon the population of provinces and territories. We observe, also, often with undue depression and sometimes irritation in consequence, the efforts of evil men, and the seeming triumph of evil principles. But there are quiet undercurrents of spiritual life which we cannot observe, which constitute a mighty power whose influence we cannot measure. Thus it may be that under conditions which seem to indicate a low state of spiritual life, there may be gathering and working forces which shall turn our and upside down.

As a Synod and as individual Christians it ought to give us a lift to learn as we do from these reports of our presbyteries that there has been progress all along the line from White River to Victoria. Slow it may be, but under God sure and permanent. We are without doubt not merely holding our own, but are yearly pressing our boundaries in upon the territory of the enemy.

Columbia Presbytery gives four congregations as non-reporting; Calgary, 1; Regina, 6; Winnipeg, 15; Rock Lake, 12; while Brandon reports a larger number sending in answers than ever before. The reports are on the whole very cheering.

1. The Eldership.—Few Elders take part in Christian work. They generally attend the prayer meetings, but very few lead in prayer or help otherwise in it. In one presbytery (Brandon) there are fields in which the elders conduct service in the absence of the minister. The words "fairly well" are, however, oftenest used to describe the way in which the elders perform their duties.

2. Attendance on Ordinances.—Here the reports are very cheering, except in regard to the prayer meeting. Our people seem to regard it as of small importance, for a very small

percentage of them attend. There is large room for improvement here. Sabbath services and the Communion service are well attended and highly prized as means of grace.

3. Religious Life in the Family and Congregation.—Family worship is terribly neglected. Only one session in one of our presbyteries reports family worship as at all general in the congregation. All the reports concur in testifying to a widespread neglect of this privilege.

There is noted a general improvement in the observance of the Sabbath. Mr. Whyte, general superintendent of the western division C. P. R., has done much to lessen Sabbath desecration along his lines.

The Shorter Catechism is in general use in Sabbath Schools, but not in families. The Bible is memorized in such parts as are comprised in the so-called memory verses of the S. S. Lessons.

The liberality of our people is said to be increasing, though one presbytery says that the financial returns do not indicate it. The dissemination of information about our work and the statement of the highest motives are depended upon largely to stimulate our people to greater liberality.

4. Evangelistic Services.—These have been held in a few congregations, always with good results. In most cases neighboring ministers have gone to each other's help. The majority of our professing Christians seem not to busy themselves much to bring the unconverted to Christ.

5. The Young.—Sabbath Schools, personal dealing, young peoples' meetings, occasional sermons, are the means commonly employed to lead the young to their Saviour. The Confession of Faith is evidently unknown except by name to our young Christians.

6. Hindrances.—The world, the flesh and the devil, want of organization, scepticism, prejudice, abuse of the "permit system," 4 per cent. beer, Sabbath desecration by railway and mining companies, lack of home life and influences, *wheat*, intemperance, worldliness, the do-nothingness of professing Christians, and the effects of railway construction, these are the most prominent of the hindrances to progress in the religious life of our people.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Synod expresses its gratification at the favorable reports as to the attendance throughout its bounds upon the Sabbath, prayer-meeting and communion services.

2. That the Synod would express its approval of evangelistic services conducted at times by ministers with such aid as is available, when the religious condition of a congregation seems to suggest the expediency.

3. That the Synod would earnestly recommend to pastors and elders in their visitation to call attention to the importance of family worship, to earnestly emphasize the importance of instructing the children and youth in our homes in the truth of God's Word and in the system of doctrine so clearly given in the Shorter Catechism.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PRINGLE,  
*Convener.*

### REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

This year, four out of the six presbyteries within the bounds reported to your Committee. A hopeful tone pervades every report, and this hopefulness springs in large measure from the marked improvement in Sabbath observance that has taken place in almost every part of the country during the last two or three years. To the east of the Rocky Mountains open Sabbath desecration is becoming rare; the making of social visits is less general than formerly; the railway company seems to be making an earnest effort to reduce the amount of Sabbath work on their line; and, from the fact that attendance upon God's house is everywhere said to be improving, there is good reason to hope that the spiritual advantages they afford are becoming ever more highly prized.

But, notwithstanding these signs of improvement which encourage every laborer in the Lord's vineyard to greater faithfulness, every presbytery calls attention to the evils which still prevail, such as the making of social visits on the Sabbath, during which the conversation is altogether of the world; freighting, chiefly in localities far from railway facilities, and in some localities hunting and fishing. By far the most discouraging report is that from the Presbytery of British Columbia. There indifference with regard to Sabbath observance is said to be common, while work and amusements of all kinds are carried on by many on the Sabbath as on other days. In conclusion, your Committee beg to recommend:—

1. That the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to Mr. Whyte, Superintendent of this division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, for his efforts to reduce the amount of Sabbath

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2. That the Synod instruct its Committee on Sabbath Observance to enquire into the state of the Sabbath law in the several provinces and territories within the bounds with the view of discovering whether amendments be needed to render the law more effective.

3. That all ministers and missionaries within the bounds be instructed to preach one sermon during the year on Sabbath observance.

4. That the Moderator of Synod be asked to prepare a pastoral letter on the Sabbath question; and that all ministers and missionaries within the bounds be instructed to read the said letter to their congregations.

5. That the Synod express its regret that in the Province of British Columbia there is no Sabbath law; and that throughout that province generally the sanctity of the Lord's Day is so little regarded; and its deep sympathy with the brethren in the said province, who, under such adverse circumstances, are striving to bring about a better state of matters. Further that the Synod exhort all our ministers, office bearers and people in the said province to exert themselves to disseminate correct views with regard to the Sabbath, and to co-operate with other denominations in securing the speedy enactment of a law to provide for the better observance of the Sabbath.

JAMES FARQUHARSON,  
*Convener.*

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The reports received from the four presbyteries reporting are most encouraging, and show a wholesome temperance sentiment indicating material progress in the great work of temperance. The tone of the reports justify the belief that the Christian people in this new country will never rest until the liquor traffic is wholly suppressed. The replies to the questions submitted show that only a small percentage of the congregations are in the habit of using liquor and very few are addicted to drink.

Unanimous testimony is borne to the advancement of temperance principles of late years. Many hotels have been closed. Three sessions report the existence of prohibitory laws in their neighborhoods, which are vigorously enforced, and drunkards have been reclaimed. Thus it is evident that society is not so much under the curse of the liquor traffic as formerly.

These changes for the better are ascribed to temperance organizations, the tendency in favor of prohibitory laws, personal dealing with the fallen, and the faithful preaching of the Gospel.

In the Northwest Territories the prohibitory law is disregarded, and nearly all the reports complain of the laxity with which the laws regulating the liquor traffic are enforced, and ascribe this as the chief reason for the partial or total failure of the prevailing laws. Nothing special is being done to train the children in the principles of temperance, and only three sessions report that temperance is taught in the public school. The majority report that the country is not yet ready for prohibition. The following recommendations were submitted with the report and adopted:

1. That since Christ is the great uplifter of the fallen and the Redeemer of men, the Synod directs that all its ministers and missionaries give themselves with renewed consecration to the preaching of the Gospel, and that they hold up Christ in the pulpits, Sabbath Schools and families as the only Saviour from sin, and the true character builder who alone can make people temperate in all things.

2. That this Synod calls upon the pastors, missionaries, elders, superintendents and teachers of Sabbath Schools, and members of the Presbyterian Church within its bounds to use their utmost influence against the power of the liquor traffic by their public utterances and private lives; by personal effort and example on behalf of temperance, and by a watchful care of the young, so as to save the fallen, awaken the indifferent and protect the homes of the people from the evils of intoxicating drink.

3. That this Synod petition the boards of education within the bounds to introduce systematic instruction in scientific temperance into the public schools, and allow value to the pupils for the examination on this subject.

4. That the Synod declares its belief that the liquor traffic is contrary to the Word of God, that total prohibition is the only effective form of legislation, and that the friends of temperance should never relax their efforts until it is obtained, and directs that all right means be used to secure this desired end.

JAMES TODD,  
*Convener.*

## SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The Rev. John Pringle presented the report of the Sabbath School Committee. Returns had been received from every Presbytery, though in some instances these were very incomplete. In many cases conveners were obliged to use old reports or get verbal statements from missionaries in charge. This shows a lack of efficiency in the system we use or in the officers who manage the delinquent schools. It is a pity any school should fail to report. The exercise is equivalent to a good bath for a man. It cleanses and freshens and makes one feel good, and no progressive or wide awake school would think of ignoring such a duty. To help matters your Committee propose that the General Assembly's Committee prepare and forward to clerks of presbyteries all statistical blanks as soon as possible after meeting of Assembly, and that the clerks in turn send them under one cover to the congregations and mission fields, requesting those schools that close in winter to report through the missionary before he leaves his field. Like most recommendations of value, however, it is probable no action will be taken and nothing further heard of the matter.

The Committee are pleased to know that such an active interest is being taken in Sabbath School work throughout the whole country. Even in remote and sparsely settled districts Christian men and women are devoting much time and energy in this department of their work. In our cities and towns nearly every school is efficiently equipped and managed, and thoroughly abreast of the times. The most encouraging feature of this work is the number who, year by year, are led into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many of our teachers have unmistakable evidences that their labors are not in vain. The more we invest in this work the more we shall gain by it.

W. D. RUSSELL,  
*Convener.*

## REPORT ON FINANCE AND STATISTICS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1888.

This report has been compiled from answers given by congregations to the questions prepared on this subject by the General Assembly's Committee. It is much fuller than last year, though there are still about thirteen non-reporting congregations. Many of the congregational reports are imperfect, and a summary of them is at best an approximation only to the actual state of affairs. On many of the more important points, however, the figures given must be a pretty close approximation. There are at least 520 preaching stations within the bounds of the Synod. Sitting accommodation for 27,247 persons is provided for the 6,113 families and the 2,131 young people of our church. From these families and young persons there are 8,275 communicants. Religion is taking a deeper hold on the people. The number of communicants is increasing much more rapidly than the number of families. There were added during the year on profession of faith, 989 persons and 871 on certificate, while 822 removals are reported, making a net increase of 1,038. There were 1116 children and 62 adults baptized. The number of elders is 282 and other officers 811. A number equal to about one-fourth of the membership of the church attend the weekly prayer-meetings. Spirituality is evidently lower than it should be.

The reports show that 7,924 children are receiving instruction in Sabbath Schools at the hands of 899 teachers, with library aid to the extent of 9,467 volumes. The missionary associations number 19 and W. F. M. societies 13. There are 30 manse, 4 of which were built during the year. There are 2 rented houses provided by congregations in addition to the manse. Beyond these, so far as the reports show, ministers make provision for themselves in the matter of houses. During the year 16 churches and 1 schoolhouse were erected.

The financial side of the sheet shows encouraging progress. Exclusive of salaries of Indian missionaries \$75,307 were paid from all sources in salaries. Of this amount \$62,389 were paid by the congregations. Arrears of salary still exist, but during the year Brandon and Rock Lake Presbyteries have reduced the amount of arrearage each about \$1,000. Regina and Columbia have made the small arrearage of last year a little less, while in Calgary and Winnipeg there has been a very small increase. The next item may not be as reliable as is desirable. From the almost universal practice of borrowing money for church erection here is \$57,184, while for incidental expenses there were paid \$19,568, making a total for strictly congregational purposes of \$139,151. The Schemes of the Church were supported as follows:

College Fund .....	\$2,133
Home Missions .....	2,705
Augmentation .....	1,240
French Evangelization .....	499
Foreign Missions .....	1,494
Aged and Infirm Ministers .....	331
Widows and Orphans .....	247
Assembly Fund .....	45

Total to Schemes .....

\$8,703

Of this amount \$1,007 were contributed by the Sabbath Schools, and of the amount raised for foreign missions, \$294 were raised by the W. F. M. societies. To the Synod and Presbytery funds there were \$612 contributed and \$2,712 for all other benevolent purposes.

The total for all purposes foots up to \$158,678. This is a very large advance upon the total of last year. The gifts of the people are proportionately larger, showing an increased liberality. It will be seen by the figures above given that our people have contributed for all purposes at the rate of \$19.17 per communicant and \$25.95 per family, making the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories the most liberal Synod of the Church.

S. C. MURRAY,

Convener.

### Statement by Principal King with regard to Manitoba College.

The College, as at present wrought, has three departments, that of theology, that of arts and one of a preparatory kind. The number of students enrolled in the first or theological department was eighteen; two in the third year, four in the second and twelve in the first. This is a much larger attendance than that during any previous session. The diligence, moreover, and attention to the work of the session on the part of the students has been such as to give promise of a large and efficient addition being made to the ministerial and missionary staff of the Northwest from this source. The theological class had the great benefit of Mr. K. V. Thomson's services during the months of November and December. Mr. Baird also continues to give his valued assistance to Dr. King throughout the session, while Mr. Spence kindly took up the part of the work which had been hitherto discharged by Mr. McLaren.

The arts classes were attended by a little over sixty students. In addition to the more general work prescribed by the University, teaching was given in the whole five special courses—Classics, Mathematics, Natural Science, Mental and Moral Science and Modern Languages—which it recognizes for a degree. It was necessary to employ for an hour a day Mr. George Patterson, a distinguished graduate of the University of Toronto, to give instruction in the higher mathematics. All the other teaching required to cover so wide a field was given by the ordinary staff of the College, aided by some of the senior students. It must be evident that this implies an amount of teaching by the individual professors that must over-task their energies, in order to make it even moderately efficient.

The remaining pupils were found in the preparatory department. Here the attendance was not quite as large as in some previous years. As high schools are multiplied and the public schools become more efficient, the attendance in this department of the College may be expected to be stationary or to decline, while that in the other departments increases. It still serves an important purpose, especially as furnishing an elementary training accompanied by efficient moral supervision for boys whose homes are distant from good public schools.

The whole expenses of the Institution have been met once more without any deficit. Towards meeting the expenses of the College \$3,907.58 have been contributed by congregations in the east, and \$1,313.11 by Presbyterian churches across the Atlantic. A large sum, probably not much under \$2,000, has been realized from fees. The invested money now yields a small annual sum, but for the past two years the most of this has been appropriated to the Theological Education Fund, so as to lighten somewhat the work of raising the salary of the Principal, undertaken by the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The debt which six years ago amounted to \$42,000, is now \$10,000; the amount of it having been reduced by \$1,000 during the past year. There is now to the credit of the College \$12,000, most of it invested at 8 per cent.

The whole situation, while not free from difficulties, is well fitted to encourage the church in its educational efforts. To God, whom it is our privilege and duty to serve, be all the glory.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MAINTENANCE  
OF THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT OF  
MANITOBA COLLEGE.  
1888-9.

*To the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories :*

Your committee beg to report that in order to meet the amount required for the Synod year now closing, they issued, in July, 1888, a circular to all the ministers and missionaries in the Synod. It was estimated that, to meet the debt of \$244, from the preceding year, to pay Dr. King's salary, and necessary expenses of the Committee, the sum of \$3,300 would be required.

The request for the interest on endowment, which the Committee was authorized by the Synod to make, came before the Manitoba College Board. It was granted by the Board, and the amount of \$459.53 has been paid over to the Committee by the Treasurer of the College. On account of changes in investment, the interest from endowment was more than \$100 less than that received by the Committee in the preceding year, and this has made some difference in the calculations of the committee. The several Presbyteries have taken up the matter of collections with commendable vigor, and in three out of the six Presbyteries the amounts of congregational contributions have exceeded those of the preceding year.

The following is a table of the number of families in the several Presbyteries, the amounts obtained from collections and subscriptions, and the averages per family:

PRESBYTERY.	NO. OF FAMILIES.	COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.	AVERAGE PER FAMILY
Winnipeg . . . . .	1628	\$1513 06	93c.
Rock Lake . . . . .	542	314 80	58
Brandon . . . . .	1660	389 85	24
Regina . . . . .	944	124 05	13
Calgary . . . . .	325	46 50	14
Columbia . . . . .	498	191 00	38

By a reference to the appendix it will be seen that Winnipeg Presbytery, has, in congregational collections, exceeded the preceding year by \$96.86 raising in all \$1513.06; Rock Lake by \$83.80, raising \$314.80; and Columbia by \$40, raising \$186. Much credit is due for the faithful work of conveners in these Presbyteries, and the generous response to their requests. In Brandon Presbytery there has been a considerable falling off. It is not easy to account for this. The Convener has pressed the matter upon congregations, but it is somewhat remarkable that, while some of the congregations have fully maintained their previous record, a considerable number have diminished to fifty or sixty per cent of the givings of the previous year. The suggestion that it is on account of the failure of crops in some districts from frost, hardly explains it, when in Rock Lake Presbytery, which suffered quite as seriously, the amount raised is ahead of that of the previous year. Regina is less by \$15.65, raising \$124.05, while the Presbytery of Calgary has reached nearly the amount of the previous year, raising \$46.50; yet, the table in the appendix shows the blanks to be about double the places contributing. This, surely, need not be. A collection might be taken up in every place. If this were done, the amount asked from Calgary Presbytery would

certainly be obtained. During the present year twelve more congregations have reported than in the preceding year.

The Committee is again able to report that Dr. King's salary has been paid in full, though, somewhat to the regret of the Committee, there remains as debt the sum of \$250.14, due in August next, and the case would have been much worse had not the Convener been compelled, during the past week, to raise from friends in Winnipeg, upwards of \$200. The Committee begs to return its warmest thanks to the Board of Manitoba College for its timely assistance.

NOTE.—The debt was all covered by private subscriptions at the Synod. The Committee would ask the Synod—

- (1) To instruct Presbyteries to take up the matter at the July meetings, appoint Presbytery Committees, and allocate sums considered necessary, from the several congregations and mission stations.
- (2) To urge every congregation and mission station in the Synod to take up a collection,—however small in some cases—during the year.

The Committee is grateful for the amount of sympathy it has received from the brethren during the past year, and believes no scheme of the church is more popular throughout the bounds of the Synod. In the appendix will be found the audited financial statement, and contributions in detail.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE BRYCE,  
Convener

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Presbytery of Winnipeg, collections and subscriptions.....	\$1513 06
“ Rock Lake, “ “ .....	314 80
“ Brandon, “ “ .....	389 85
“ Regina, “ “ .....	124 05
“ Calgary, “ “ .....	46 50
“ Columbia, “ “ .....	191 00
Interest from endowment .....	459 53
	<b>\$3038 79</b>

### EXPENDITURE.

Paid amount due Convener May, 1888 .....	\$ 244 00
Dr. King's salary .....	3000 00
McIntyre Bros., printing account.....	17 58
Interest .....	17 35
Telegrams, postage and sundries .....	10 00
	<b>\$3288 93</b>
Amount due Convener.....	250 14

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## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NISBET ACADEMY, PRINCE ALBERT.

### *To the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories:*

The Trustees of the Nisbet Academy, in presenting their first annual report to the venerable the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, desire to acknowledge the goodness of an over-ruling Providence, by whom, they believe, the movements leading to the final establishment of this institution have been guided. It was in the year 1884 that the first steps were taken in Prince Albert for the purpose of securing the benefits of higher education to the town and district. One step after another was taken since then, until about a year ago the institution was incorporated under the name of "The Trustees of the Nisbet Academy." As soon as this was done the Rev. Dr. Jardine, who had been authorized by the General Assembly to raise funds for the erection of a suitable building, handed over to the Trustees the amount which he had secured, and steps were immediately taken to erect a building. The work progressed so favorably that the building was occupied for educational purposes in the beginning of the present year.

Sec. 9 of the Act of Incorporation reads thus:—"The Synod may, from time to time, make rules or by-laws, for the government of the corporation, and for the guidance of the Board of Trustees, and may alter, amend and annul the said rules and by-laws from time to time, provided that such rules or by-laws are not contrary to this Act or repugnant to the laws in force in the Northwest Territories."

Inasmuch as the Trustees named in the Act of Incorporation required to act in the capacity of Trustees before the Synod could make the needful rules or by-laws, the following regulations were adopted for their guidance, pending the action of the Synod:—

1. The office-bearers of the Trustees of the Nisbet Academy shall be a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. There may also be appointed a corresponding secretary if and when deemed necessary.
2. In the absence of the chairman and secretary at any meeting the Trustees present shall appoint a chairman and secretary *pro tem*.
3. These office-bearers shall be appointed annually at the first regular meeting of the Trustees, after the meeting of the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and their duties shall be those usually assigned to their respective offices.
4. There shall be two regular meetings of the Trustees every year, one upon the last Wednesday in March, and the other upon the first Wednesday in July, for the transaction of the business of the Academy.
5. Those Trustees who are resident in the town of Prince Albert and its immediate vicinity shall constitute the Local Committee of the Board of Trustees, and shall be intrusted with the carrying out of whatever instructions may be given by the Board, and with the executive administration of the affairs of the Academy. All meetings of the Local Committee to be called by the secretary at least one week before the time when the meeting is to be held. The Local Committee shall report its proceedings to the general meeting of the Board to be held in March preparatory to sending the annual report to the Synod of the bounds.
6. In accordance with the terms of the charter, the Trustees shall appoint annually three of their members to act, along with the Principal and first male assistant of the Academy, in the scholastic administration of the institution.
7. The office-bearers of the general Board of Trustees shall occupy the same offices in the Local Committee.
8. These regulations, being provisional, shall be observed by the Provisional Board of Trustees and Local Committee until they have been submitted to the Synod for ratification or change.

At the first regular meeting of the Trustees after this incorporation, held upon the 23rd of May, 1888, the Rev. Alex Campbell, B.A., was appointed Principal of the Academy, and continued, in the old mission church, to perform the duties of that office until the close of September. Upon the 25th of that month he gave to the chairman of the Board his resignation, couched in the following terms:—

"I hereby tender to you my resignation of the office of Principal of the Nisbet Academy, as I feel that I do not possess that cordial support on the part of the Board which is essential to the successful discharge of the duties of the office."

At a meeting of the Local Committee of the Trustees held on the 5th October, 1888, this resignation was submitted, when it was moved by Col. Sproat, seconded by G. W. Stewart, and agreed, That the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Campbell be accepted, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

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At a subsequent meeting of the Local Committee of the Trustees held on 13th Nov., 1888, it was moved by Col. Sproat, seconded by Mr. Macarthur, and agreed, That the Rev. Dr. Jardine be asked to accept the Principalship of the Nisbet Academy. Dr. Jardine having signified his acceptance of the position, has performed its duties from that time.

At the same meeting, held 13th Nov., 1888, Miss Jessie F. Hill, of Brandon, was appointed teacher of music and drawing, at a salary of \$600 per annum, her duties to commence upon the 1st of January, 1888.

In addition to the Principal and Miss Hill, Miss Baker, who has been long engaged in educational work in Prince Albert, as an agent of the Foreign Mission Committee, has given her services in the new building as the teacher of French, and assistant teacher in the general branches.

The classes were opened in the new building after the Christmas holidays, and there have been in attendance since that time twenty pupils. Seventeen of these have been taking the general branches, thirteen music and two painting.

The Trustees, however, feel that the teaching staff of the Academy is not yet in a satisfactory condition. Although the number of pupils is not large, the range of subjects requiring to be taught is wide, and the Principal requires to spend all the teaching hours of every week-day in educational work. And since, in addition to this, he is the pastor of St. Paul's Church, and, since Mr. Campbell's departure, has taken regular charge of the mission station of Colleston, it is manifest that his duties are too numerous and varied, to be all of them satisfactorily performed. The Trustees, therefore, express a hope that soon assistance may be secured.

Along with this report there is transmitted for the information and guidance of the Synod, a copy of the Act of incorporation, which governs the Trustees of the Nisbet Academy and the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories in their mutual relations.

There is transmitted also a book in which there may be entered the rules and by-laws sanctioned by the Synod for the government of the Trustees of the Academy.

The following is the Trustees' financial statement:—

#### TREASURER'S GENERAL ABSTRACT STATEMENT, MARCH 26TH, 1889.

BUILDING ACCOUNT.		BUILDING ACCOUNT.	
Expenses incurred.—		Payments as per vouchers.—	
A. and W. B. Goodfellow, contract price .....	\$4620 00	To A. and W. B. Goodfellow .....	\$4833 75
Thomas R. Powers, contract price .....	246 75	“ Thomas R. Powers .....	2834 01
Extras as per statement .....	2000 00	“ William Knox .....	200 00
Thomas R. Powers, contract price .....	250 91	“ Adam McBeth .....	21 00
Extras as per statement .....	309 00	“ Amount held by clerk of works from contractors for work to be finished in spring .....	58 00
Wm. Knox, clerk of works .....	21 00	“ Balance due Wm. Knox .....	100 00
Grading by Adam McBeth .....	21 00		
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#### TREASURER'S CURRENT CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
School fees .....	\$ 146 16	Deposited in Bank .....	\$ 264 19
Proceeds from entertainment .....	103 94	Paid squaw cleaning Academy .....	50
Money refunded by Dr. Jardine .....	22 60	“ Primeau cutting wood .....	6 00
K. T. Goodfellow's subscription .....	25 00	“ Dr. Bain's lights .....	3 75
		“ Stamps and stationery .....	3 00
		“ Shore as voucher .....	5 80
		Cash on hand .....	11 46
	<u>\$ 297 70</u>		<u>\$ 297 70</u>

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Building .....	\$7747 00	Miss Hill's salary .....	\$ 150 00
Furnishings .....	1000 09	Macarthur & Knowles' note .....	1000 00
Fees unpaid (for spring) .....	115 25	3 months' interest .....	30 00
Balance in Bank .....	82 74	Balance due Mr. Knox .....	109 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands .....	11 46	Balance due Goodfellow .....	25 00
		Balance due Powers .....	9 30
		Thos. J. Agnew's account .....	120 98
		J. R. McPhail's account .....	55
		J. L. Johnson & Co. ....	4 00
		W. B. Goodfellow .....	17 55
		Thos. R. Powers .....	9 00
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## TREASURER'S GENERAL BANK STATEMENT, MARCH 26TH, 1889.

BANK ACCOUNT.		VOUCHER.	
Deposited by Dr. Jardine .....	\$8214 13	Thomas R. Powers .....	\$2334 91
Deposited by John Stewart .....	204 19	A. and W. B. Goodfellow .....	4808 75
Note discounted by McA. & Knowles .....	1000 00	Peter Robertson .....	1 00
Interest up to Dec. 31st, 1888. ....	98 07	D. T. Ainsb .....	7 25
		Adam McBeth .....	20 00
		P. G. Laurie .....	14 00
		H. W. Newlands .....	20 50
		William Knox .....	200 00
		E. J. Rankin .....	3 75
		William Dickson .....	2 25
		Prince Albert Times .....	14 00
		William H. Hutchieson .....	96 90
		Robert Buckley .....	24 00
		Map and School Supply Co. ....	60 60
		Thompson & Nelson .....	99 42
		R. B. Way .....	18 60
		Richard C. Wigmore .....	275 00
		Thomas Craig .....	12 00
		George Gibson .....	9 00
		D. H. Macdowall .....	16 58
		F. B. Gullet .....	50 25
		T. N. Campbell .....	161 50
		John A. McTaggart .....	3 00
		Commission on drafts .....	2 20
		Rev. Dr. Jardine .....	50 00
		Drafts returned .....	66 94
		Dr. Jardine, cheque .....	571 00
		Times account, paid by Dr. Jardine. ....	21 75
		J. L. Johnson & Co. ....	23 10
		J. B. Milliken .....	9 75
		William Bird, per S. McLeod .....	5 40
		Commission on drafts, Ainsb Map & School Supply Co., &c. ....	25
		To balance in bank in favor of Academy .....	82 74
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H. W. NEWLANDS,  
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