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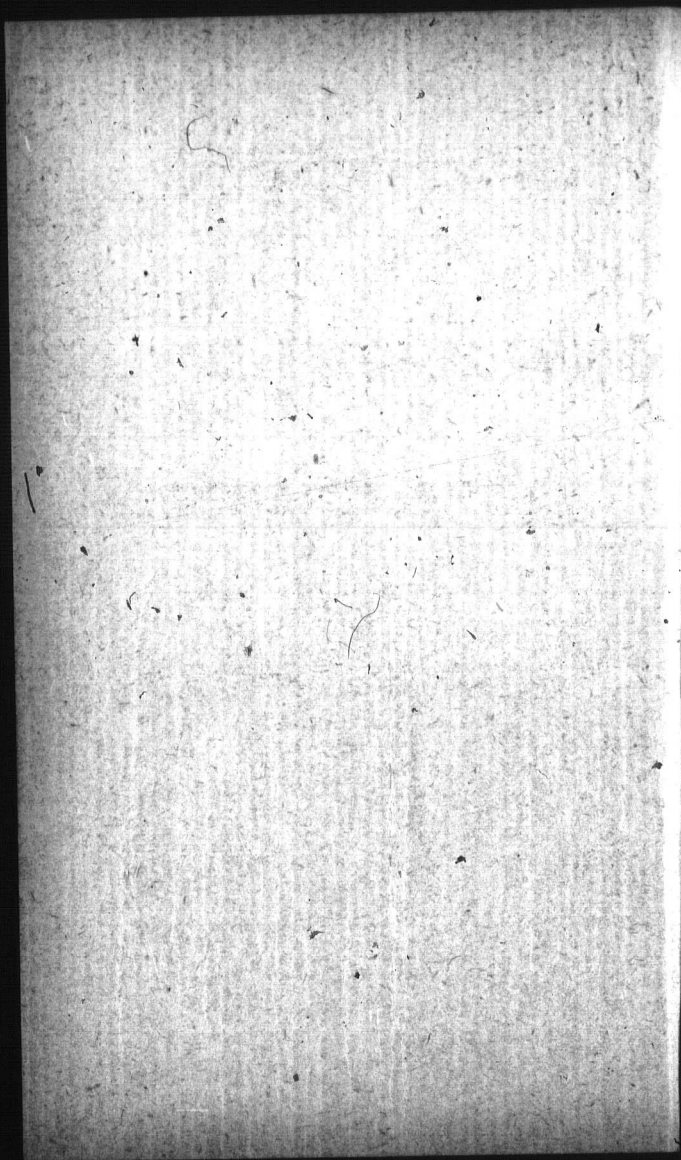
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MODERATOR OF SYNOD

REV. J. C. HERDMAN, B. D., Moderator.

CLERK OF SYNOD

REV. WALTER R. ROSS Synod Clerk.

PRESBYTERY CLERKS

1. CALGARY Charles Stephen, M. A.
2. KAMLOOPS John Knox Wright, B. A.
3. WESTMINSTER G. K. Maxwell
4. VICTORIA D. Macrae.

CONVENERS OF PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSION COMMITTEES

1. CALGARY D. G. McQueen, B. A.
 2. KAMLOOPS Paul. F. Langill, B. A.
 3. WESTMINSTER E. D. Maclaren.
 4. VICTORIA
- REV. JAMES ROBERTSON..... Superintendent of Missions.

ROLL OF SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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

Dr. Robertson, Dr. Bryce, Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, and some Student Missionaries were also present, as well as Church workers of different denominations.

PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES
1	*J. C. Herdman, B. D.	Nov. 6, 1877	*J. R. Mitchell	Knox Ch., Calgary	Calgary
2	*C. McKillop, B.A.	Sept. 3, 1878	J. D. Higgin	Knox Ch., Leth'bg	Lethbridge
3	J. P. Grant	June 19, 1884	[botham]	Pincher Creek	Pincher Creek
4	*J. A. Jaffary, B. A.	June 21, 1885		Banff and Canmore	Canmore
5	*D. G. McQueen, B. A.	June 21, 1887	Alex. Taylor	Edmonton.	Edmonton
6	Gavin Hamilton	May 6, 1889	T E Patterson	St. And., Macleod	Macleod
7	*Robt. A. Munro	Dec. 4, 1889		S. Edmonton.	S. Edmonton
8	*J. A. Matheson, B.D.	June 25, 1890		Dewdney-High R.	Dewdney
9	*Chas. Stephen, M. A.	June 1, 1891	W. T. Finlay	St. Johns, Med Ht	Medicine Hat
10	*Arch. McKenzie, B.D.	Nov. 24, 1891		Mormon Settlem't	Cardston
11	David Spear, B.A.	May 30, 1892		Innisfail	Innisfail
12	*John Fernie	Sept. 17, 1892		Lacombe	Lacombe
13	*E. G. Walker	May 3, 1894	Henry Brice	Davisburg-Pine C.	Davisburg
MISSION STATIONS:					
Under Student or Catechists.					
	J. R. Elmhurst			Swift Current	Swift Current
	R. A. Mitchell			Gleichen	Gleichen
	G. S. Scott			Bow River	Calgary
	George Scarr			Maple Creek	Maple Creek
	T. A. Sadler			Red Deer	Red Deer
	P. W. Anderson			Ft. Saskatchewan.	Ft. Saskatchewan
	P. Naismith			Olds	Olds
	Jas. Morrow			Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
	H. S. Ferguson			Beaver Lake	Beaver Lake
	J. S. Shortt			Foot Hills.	Calgary
	N. Wilshere (German settlement).			Beaver Hills.	Edmonton

CHARLES STEPHEN, M.A.,

Presbytery Clerk.

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PRESBYTERY OF KAMLOOPS.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES
1 *Walter R. Ross.	Feb. 16, 1858	Donald.	Donald	Donald
2 Geo. Murray, M. A.	Jan. 18, 1874	Nicola	Nicola Lake	Nicola Lake
3 John K. Wright, B. D.	Oct. 18, 1880	A. L. Fortune	Spallumcheen	Spallumcheen
4 Arch. Lee, B. A.	June 17, 1884	E. S. Wood.	Kamloops	Kamloops
5 P. F. Langill, B. A.	Oct. 27, 1885	J. McElvie	Vernon	Vernon
6 Wm. Black, B. A.	May 1893	Cpt. M'Morris	Nelson	Nelson
7 Thos. Paton	Sept. 12, 1893	Kettle River	Kettle River	Kettle River

MISSION STATIONS:—

Students and
Catechists.

J. C. Baylis.	Revelstoke	Revelstoke
D. M. Martin	Kaslo	Kaslo
	Ashcroft	Spencer's Bge
	Shuswap	Ducks
	Columbia River	Lardeau City
	Okanagan	Kilowna
	Fairview	Fairview
	Field	Field

JOHN KNOX WRIGHT, B.D.,

Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WESTMINSTER.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS	POST OFFICES
1 J. M. McLeod	Nov. 9, 1853	S. H. Brown	Zion Ch., Vanc'er	Vancouver
2 *E. D. McLaren, B.D.	Sept. 28, 1873	I. McQueen	St. And., Vanc'er	Vancouver
3 Alex. Dunn	June 9, 1875	Warnock	Warnock	Warnock
*Thos. Scouler	June 7, 1880	James Lord	St. And. N. West'r	N. Westmin'r
Thos. Glassford, B. A.	Sept. 28, 1880	Delta	Ladner's Ldg	2.00
6 G. R. Maxwell	Oct. 8, 1880	John McKie	1st Ch., Vancouver	Vancouver
7 Jas. Buchanan	June 1892	Thos. Mackie	Richmond	Richmond
8 J. W. McMillan, B.A.	Feb. 1, 1892	A. C. Stirrett	Mt. Pleasant	Vancouver
9 E. B. Chestnut, B.A.	Aug. 1887	A C Hender'n	Chilliwack	Chilliwack
10 E. B. McElmon	Aug. 7, 1887	J. B. Kennedy	Sapperton	N. Westmin'r
11 G. B. Greig	Aug. 7, 1887	A. H. Menzies	West Church	Cloverdale
12 A. Moge, B. A.	Aug. 7, 1882	J. M. Johnston	Langley	N. Westmin'r
13 R. McCullough	1891	Mission City	Mission City	2.00
MISSION STATIONS:—				
		Mt. Lehman	Mt. Lehman	
		Mud Bay		
		Upper Chilliwack	Chilliwack	

G. R. MAXWELL,

Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES
1	Alex. Young	Jan. 28, 1857	Retired	Nanaimo	
2	*J. Campbell, Ph. D.	Sept. 2, 1874	Thornton Fell	1st Ch. Victoria	Victoria
3	*D. MacRae	Jan. 28, 1874		St. Pauls, Victoria	Victoria
4	Alex. Tait, B. D.	May 28, 1878		Comox	Comox
5	*A. B. Winchester	July 12, 1887		Chinese Mission	Victoria
6	*D. A. MacRae, B. A.	Oct. 11, 1888	Alex Shaw	St. Andrew's Ch.	Nanaimo
7	T. H. Rogers, B. A.	April 29, 1891	Alex Sharpe	Wellington	Wellington
8	.....	.....	J. T. Bethune	St. Andrew's Ch.	Victoria
9	.....	.....	Mitchell	Union Mines	Union Mines
	Minister without charge				
	*P. McF. McLeod				Victoria
	Minister temporary supply				
	J. H. Higgins				Union Mines.
	STUDENTS:				
				Cedar Hill, Spring	
				Ridge and East	
				Fairwood	Victoria
	A. Chisholm Ross			Northfield	Northfield
	Thos. Morrison			Alberni	Alberni
	C. A. Colman			Ass. Chinese Missionary, Victoria.	Victoria

D. MACRAE,
Presbytery Clerk.

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THIRD SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

FIRST SEDERUNT

At Calgary and within Knox Church there, Wednesday, the second day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, at ten o'clock in the morning :—

The Synod of British Columbia met. —

The Rev. Thomas Scouler, retiring moderator, after the usual devotional exercises, preached an appropriate sermon from the First Epistle of Timothy, first chapter, and twelfth verse, "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." Mr. Scouler then constituted the Synod with prayer.

The Roll was then called and the names of those present marked.

It was then moved by Mr. E. D. McLaren, seconded by Mr. D. MacRae and agreed, that Mr. J. C. Herdman be elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Mr. Herdman thanked the Synod for the honor done him, and feelingly made reference to the death of the late Rev. Robt. Jameson, of New Westminster.

It was then on motion by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Jaffary agreed,—"That the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Scouler for his dignified conduct in the chair, and his excellent sermon."

Mr. Scouler replied in suitable terms.

The hours of meeting were then fixed, and it was agreed that a portion of the morning sederunts be spent in religious exercises.

The Clerk of Synod, Clerks of Presbyteries, and Messrs. MacLaren, Scouler, Jaffary and Winchester were appointed a Committee on Bills and Overtures, with Mr. Stephen, Convener.

The Clerk read a letter from the General Secretary of the V.M.C.A. offering

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the use of their rooms to the members of Synod. The offer was accepted, and the thanks of the Synod given to the Association through Mr. Joseph Ball, who was present.

It was agreed that Presbyteries be allowed to meet between the sittings of the Synod.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at two o'clock in the afternoon, of which public intimation was given, and was closed with the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes were read and sustained.

Leave was granted the Committee on Bills and Overtures, on request, to continue its sitting.

The following Committees were appointed to examine Presbytery records, namely:—The Presbytery of Calgary, Dr. Campbell and Mr. D. A. MacRae; the Presbytery of Westminster, Messrs. Matheson and McQueen; the Presbytery of Kamloops, Messrs. Winchester and Munroe; the Presbytery of Victoria, Messrs. McLaren and Jaffray.

On motion, it was agreed to tender the thanks of the Synod to J. T. Morton, Esq., London, England, for the case of excellent literature forwarded by him for distribution in the Missions and Congregations of the Synod. It was agreed at the same time to so extend the motion as to include St. Andrew's Church, Toronto; Zion Church, Brantford; and Knox Church, Dundas; and that a committee consisting of Dr. Campbell and Mr. Munro be appointed to draw up a suitable deliverance in the matter, and report at a future sederunt.

An invitation to a drive through the city and its environs having been given to the Synod, the same was accepted, and it was agreed to adjourn till four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Synod was closed with the benediction.

After recess the Synod resumed business.

Mr. Scouler, convener, read the report of the Committee on Statistics and Finance. It stated that only one report had been received. A discussion arose as to who should furnish reports to this Committee, when it was finally agreed:—“That we receive the report of the Committee on Statistics and Finance, and, that in future, the Clerks of Presbyteries be instructed to furnish the Synod's convener with copies of their reports.”

The Treasurer of the Synod also read his report, when it was agreed, “That the Treasurer's report be received, and that Messrs. Jaffray and D. MacRae be a committee to audit the same and report.”

Dr. Campbell read the report of the committee appointed to draw up a suitable deliverance on the gifts of literature received for distribution from Mr. Morton, London, England; St. Andrew's Church, Toronto; Zion Church, Brantford; and Knox Church, Dundas. The cordial thanks of the Synod were given to each, and the Clerk was instructed to convey the same to the several donors.

Mr. Matheson, convener, presented the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. The following are the recommendations:

1. That every Congregation or Mission Station be urged to contribute to the schemes of the Church.

2. That every Sabbath School, however small, be urged to contribute to the Home Mission Fund.

3. That every Minister should have a stated salary from his Congregation or Mission field, wherever practicable.

4. That the principle of systematic giving should be clearly expressed by the pulpit.

The report was adopted as a whole, and the thanks of the Synod given to the convener for his excellent report.

Mr. Stephen, convener, presented the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, recommending the following as the order of business:

For Wednesday afternoon and evening: 1. The nomination of a committee to strike Standing Committees. 2. Reading the report of the Home Mission Committee, with addresses from the convener, Messrs. Scouler and McKenzie, and Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions.

For Thursday morning: After devotional exercises, the Protest and Appeal against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria in the matter of Mr. P. McF. McLeod's preaching in the old Methodist Church on the tenth and seventeenth of September last.

For Thursday afternoon: After the Court is constituted, an address on Manitoba College from Dr. Bryce. Thereafter appeal aforesaid to be continued (if not disposed of).

For Thursday evening: Reading of the Report on the State of Religion, with addresses by the convener, and Messrs. D. A. MacRae and Fortune. Reading of the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, with addresses from the convener, and Messrs. Ross and McKillop.

For Friday morning and afternoon: Protest and Appeal of Mr. P. McF. McLeod against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria in the matter of his issuing fifty-nine demits of membership. Protest and appeal of Mr. J. H. Falconer against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria regarding the petition of Mr. Lorimer and others for organization of a new congregation in Victoria.

For Friday evening: Reading of Report on Foreign Missions, with addresses from the convener, Messrs. J. K. Wright, J. B. Winchester and J. Fraser Campbell.

On motion, Messrs. D. MacRae, Scouler, Ross and Stephen, were appointed a committee on Standing Committees.

Mr. Jaffray, convener, presented the report of the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts. The same were found to be correct with a balance of nineteen dollars and sixty cents (\$19.60).

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the evening at eight o'clock, and was closed with the benediction.

THIRD SEDIERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day at eight o'clock in the evening, the Synod met for the transaction of business and was duly constituted.

It having been agreed at last year's Synod that the reading of reports should

be deferred during the present sitting till the evening to give the local congregation and the public at large an opportunity to hear them read and to listen to the addresses thereon, a good congregation had assembled.

The Moderator then called upon Mr. MacLaren to read the report of the Home Mission Committee. The report had two recommendations: First, that ministers, and especially ministers of self-sustaining congregations, be urged to press upon the people the necessity of much greater liberality in the support of Home Missions. Second, that conveners of Presbyterial committees be instructed to prepare and forward to the convener of the Synod's committee at least a month before the annual meeting of the Synod, summaries of the reports submitted to them by their missionaries and catechists for the previous twelve months. He then addressed the congregation, and was followed by Messrs. Scouler and McKenzie.

The report was adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given the convener for his excellent report.

The two hundred and forty-eighth hymn was then sung, and then Dr. Robertson addressed the meeting.

On motion it was agreed as follows: "That a vote of thanks be given to Dr. Robertson for his eloquent and instructive address."

After singing the two hundred and nineteenth hymn, the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, and was closed with the benediction.

FOURTH SIDERUNT.

At Calgary and within Knox Church there, Thursday, the third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, at ten o'clock in the morning, the Synod of British Columbia met and was duly constituted.

A letter was read from Mr. J. K. Wright expressing his own regret and that of other members of Kamloops Presbytery at their unavoidable absence from the meeting of the Synod.

Dr. Bryce being present was asked to sit as a corresponding member.

The Synod then took up the Protest and Appeal of Mr. McLeod against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria, in the matter of his preaching in the old Methodist Church, Victoria, on the tenth and seventeenth days of September last. The Clerk read the documents connected therewith.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at two o'clock in the afternoon, and was closed with the benediction.

FIFTH SIDERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod met and was duly constituted.

Dr. Bryce addressed the Synod on Manitoba College. He entered fully into its condition, its numbers, and the standing of its students, many of whom were studying for the ministry, and doing good work in the mission field. He also touched on the matter of the summer session, showing its advantages to the church. The Theological department, he said, was in a healthy condition, no fewer than thirty students attending. The

finances also were in a satisfactory state, and all the indebtedness would be wiped out in the near future. He also dwelt upon the necessity of liberal support of the chair in Divinity.

Mr. D. MacRae moved, seconded by Mr. Winchester, and it was agreed: "That the Synod express its pleasure at the presence of Dr. Bryce, and tender him its cordial thanks for his address on behalf of the interests and claims of the College on the sympathies and support of the Synod, and that a small committee be named by the Moderator to draft a suitable deliverance."

The Moderator then nominated Messrs. McLaren, D. MacRae and McKillop.

The Synod took up the Protest and Appeal of Mr. McLeod against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria, in the matter of his preaching in the old Methodist Church on the tenth and seventeenth days of September last.

Mr. McLeod addressed the Court in his own behalf, and was followed by Mr. D. MacRae on behalf of the Presbytery.

A discussion arose as to whether other members of the Presbytery of Victoria should be allowed to address the Synod.

An extract minute of the Presbytery of Victoria was read, wherein it was stated that Dr. Campbell, Messrs. D. MacRae, D. A. MacRae, and A. B. Winchester had been appointed to speak in the case.

It was agreed that they should be heard.

Dr. Campbell then addressed the Synod on behalf of the Presbytery.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at eight o'clock in the evening, and was closed with the benediction.

SIXTH SIDERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day at eight o'clock in the evening, the Synod met, and was constituted.

Mr. Scouler took the chair at the request of the Moderator.

Mr. Herdman, convener, presented the report of the committee on the State of Religion. The report was a full one, and submitted the following: 1. As to paucity of material for a report. It is recommended that the attention of the Presbytery of Victoria be called officially to the fact, that no report on the State of Religion had been sent up from that Court to the Synod. Also that the Synod transmit to the Presbytery of Kamloops an expression of regret, that such a small percentage of its congregations made reports upon the State of Religion. Also that it be chronicled in the minutes of the Synod, (in the event of their being printed as in former years,) that all charges within the bounds of the four Presbyteries of Synod are both enjoined and expected to make up returns in the future upon this most important department of the Church's work. 2. As to the whole subject of the State of Religion, it is recommended: First, that wherever practicable, and to a much larger extent than is apparently the case at the present time, pastors and missionaries arrange to meet at times with the elders and other church workers in their fields of labor for conference and prayer. Second, that more information, both from the pulpit, and if possible, through the press, be given to our congregations respecting the condition and progress of the different departments of mission and evangelistic work, in which the Church is engaged. Third,

that pastors and elders be asked to interest themselves personally in the various societies of their congregations, especially in those which are concerned in the work of the young. Fourth, that faithfulness in private dealing with the individual conscience and directness of inculcation of gospel duties in pulpit discourse, be recommended to all who labor in word and doctrine. Fifth, that attention be paid by ministers and catechists, as well as our Christian people, so far as they can be reached for this purpose, to the other nationalities to be found in some of our towns and settlements, not enjoying the ordinances of religion in their own language, nor connected with any church in the community, such as Icelanders, Swedes, Germans, Russians, and so forth not excluding the Chinese. Sixth, that our people be admonished from the pulpit, and in pastoral visitation in reference to their duties in their own homes, as to family worship, the training of their children in the truths of God's word, and the importance of vital Godliness and of steadfastness in moral principle.

Addresses were then delivered by the convener and Messrs. D. A. MacKae and Fernie, and the report adopted, and thanks given to the convener for his elaborate and valuable report.

The Moderator again took the chair.

Messrs. Swan and J. Fraser Campbell, foreign missionaries of the Church of England and our own, and laboring in Japan and Central India respectively, at the invitation of the Moderator, gave interesting addresses.

The two hundred and fifty-second hymn was now sung.

Dr. Campbell, convener, presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. The following recommendations were submitted: First, that the Sabbath Schools be strongly recommended to use the class register prepared by the General Assembly, and the Sabbath School hymnal. Second, that congregations as such, be urged to more liberally support their respective Sabbath Schools, so that most of the Sabbath School contributions may be applied to missions, and thus be a means of stimulating a missionary spirit in the minds of the pupils. Third, that the subject of missions be brought as prominently as possible, before the schools, so that the pupils may become well posted in missions, and especially the missions of our own church. Fourth, that where practicable, an annual Sabbath School convention be held in each Presbytery, under the supervision of the Presbytery. Fifth, that a weekly teacher's meeting be held, where practicable, in each school for the study of the lessons.

Addresses were delivered by the convener and Messrs. Ross and McKillop.

The report was then adopted, and thanks given to the convener for his excellent report.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, and was closed with the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At Calgary and within Knox Church there, Friday, the fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, at ten o'clock in the morning, the Synod met and was duly constituted.

On the suggestion of the Moderator some time was spent in giving

short addresses tending to edification.

Mr. McLeod spoke feelingly of the affliction which had overtaken Messrs. Macdonnell and Milligan, of Toronto.

Dr. Bryce spoke of the benefit brethren received in fraternal intercourse, especially those who lived in the remoter parts.

Mr. Seouler said that he tried to realize the truth of Christ's presence and help.

Mr. McKillop spoke on the Master's work.

Mr. Dean, pastor of the Methodist Church in Calgary, spoke of the need of greater spiritual power in the country. One hopeful feature was the interest taken by the young in the Church's work. He asked God's blessing on the Synod.

Business being resumed, Mr. Stephen, convener, presented the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, recommending that the following business be taken up after the unfinished business has been disposed of :

First Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance.

Second Report on Temperance.

Third Overtures from the Presbytery of Calgary re Mr. Scott, student, and Representation of Synod in General Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

Fourth Date and place of meeting of next Synod.

Fifth Printing the minutes of Synod.

Sixth Thanks to Pastor and Kirk Session of Knox Church for the use of the Church.

Seventh Thanks to the Pacific Railway Company and Steamboat Companies.

The report was adopted.

Mr. D. MacRae presented the report of the committee appointed to draft a resolution anent Manitoba College. It is as follows :

To the Reverend the Synod of British Columbia.

Your committee appointed to frame a deliverance in regard to the claims of Manitoba College upon the sympathy and support of the Synod, beg to submit the following : The Synod desire to place on record their sense of the important services rendered by Manitoba College to the cause of Presbyterianism in the Western part of the Dominion, and their cordial recognition of its strong claims upon the sympathy of all the congregations within the bounds. They regret to learn that these congregations have fallen so far short of the measure of support expected from them, and they instruct the clerk to communicate with the congregations that have failed to contribute to this important object, informing them of the Synod's disappointment at their failure in this regard, and of the necessity of contributions being forwarded as speedily as possible. They beg to assure the authorities of the College of their readiness to co-operate with them in any plan that may be adopted for promoting the welfare of the College or increasing the interest in its work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. MACLAREN, Convener.

The report was adopted.

Mr. D. MacRae, convener, presented the report of the committee on Standing Committees, as follows:

1. STATE OF RELIGION.—J. C. Herdman, convener; W. R. Ross, A. Tait, ministers; A. T. Fortune, J. R. Mitchell, elders.

2. SABBATH SCHOOLS.—J. W. McMillan, convener; Dr. Campbell, J. P. Grant, A. Lee, E. B. Chestnut, A. B. Winchester, ministers; A. Bethune, J. C. Brown, elders.

3. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—C. Stephen, convener; A. Young, T. Scouler, B. K. McElmorn, ministers; T. E. Patterson, J. McQueen, elders.

4. TEMPERANCE.—J. K. Wright, convener; J. M. McLeod, C. McKillop, Dr. A. MacRae, ministers; J. B. Kennedy, R. Erskine, elders.

5. FOREIGN MISSIONS.—P. McF. McLeod, convener; Dr. Campbell, D. MacRae, R. A. Munro, T. Scouler, W. R. Ross, ministers; James McQueen, Dr. Milne, elders.

6. HOME MISSIONS.—E. D. MacLaren, convener; G. R. Maxwell, Thos. Scouler, D. A. MacRae, D. G. McQueen, P. F. Langill, D. MacRae, ministers; Major Walker, J. C. Brydon Jack, elders.

7. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—J. A. Matheson, convener; A. Lee, Jas. Buchanan, T. H. Rogers, G. Murray, J. A. Jaffary, A. B. Winchester, ministers; W. T. Finlay, Thornton Fell, elders.

8. STATISTICS AND FINANCE.—Dr. Campbell, convener; T. Scouler, J. A. Jaffary, Alex. Dunn, J. Fernie, ministers; T. M. Henderson, J. Fullerton, elders.

It was agreed, on motion, to receive the report and consider it seriatim. It was also agreed that the final disposal of the report be deferred till its completion by the addition of the committee on Manitoba College.

Dr. Campbell resumed his address on Mr. McLeod's Prætest and Appeal against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria. Mr. D. A. MacRae also spoke on the same side, vindicating the action of the Presbytery. Dr. Robertson and Mr. A. B. Winchester made some observations as to their positions in connection with this case.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at two o'clock in the afternoon, and was closed with the benediction.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod met and was duly constituted.

The appeal case of Mr. McLeod was resumed.

Mr. McLeod stated his willingness to waive his right to reply now, provided he was permitted to speak at the close of the case. This was agreed to.

Mr. McQueen moved, seconded by Mr. Matheson, and it was agreed, "That this Synod having heard a full statement from both parties in the appeal of Mr. P. McF. McLeod against the finding of the Presbytery of Victoria to the Synod of British Columbia, and having all the papers in the case before it, it is hereby resolved that the other case of appeal by Mr. McLeod be heard at once before the judgment of the court is given."

The second appeal which took exception to the finding of the Presbytery of

Victoria against the issuing of fifty-nine certificates of disjunction from the membership of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, during the month of August, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, by Mr. McLeod after his resignation had been laid upon the table of the Presbytery, was then taken up.

The Clerk read all documents relating to the case.

Mr. McLeod then spoke in support of his Protest and Appeal, and was followed by Dr. Campbell for the Presbytery.

Mr. McLeod then replied.

The Moderator stated that it was competent for any member to put questions.

The Court then proceeded to consider the evidence in the case.

It was agreed, on motion, that the parties in the case now leave the room, which having been done, after deliberation, it was agreed that a committee consisting of Dr. Pryce, Messrs. McKillop, Scouler and McQueen be a committee to bring in a deliverance in the matter.

The committee shortly after reported through its convener.

It was finally agreed that the decision of the court be not rendered till the third appeal is heard.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at eight o'clock in the evening, and was closed with the benediction.

NINTH SEDIERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day at eight o'clock in the evening, the Synod met, and was constituted.

A large assemblage was present.

Mr. McLeod presented the report of the Foreign Mission Committee. The report was a very full one, and submitted the following recommendations:

First. That the Foreign Mission Committees of the Presbyteries should give attention to receiving contributions to the Foreign Mission Fund from all our congregations and mission stations.

Second. That special efforts should be made to interest all our congregations in the Foreign Mission work at our own doors, and that they should be encouraged to engage actively in the work of reaching the Chinese and Indians who may be within their reach.

The convener and Messrs. McQueen and Winchester then delivered addresses.

The report was adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given to the convener for his large and interesting report.

The two hundred and sixty-second hymn was now sung, and Mr. McDougall, of the Methodist Mission to the Indians of Morley, Alberta, engaged in prayer.

It was agreed, on motion, to extend the sitting beyond the hour of adjournment to give Mr. J. Fraser Campbell an opportunity of addressing the audience.

Mr. Campbell spoke and commended the work of the Synod, both Home and Foreign, as being a work that will tell upon the prosperity of the country. Foreign Missions will also have their harvest.

Mr. Campbell, on motion, was thanked for his interesting and instructive address, and assured that his presence gave much pleasure to the Synod.

Dr. Campbell moved, and it was agreed, "That the hearty thanks of the Synod are due, and are hereby tendered to the friends in the city for their hospitality."

The two hundred and sixty ninth hymn was sung, and the congregation dismissed.

Dr. Robertson engaged in prayer.

It was agreed that the sitting of the court be continued without naming an hour for adjournment.

Dr. Robertson then spoke, presenting the claims of the Church and Manse Building Fund, when it was, on motion agreed, "That in view of the valuable help given to the work of building Churches and Manses within the bounds of the Synod by the Church and Manse Building Board in the past, and the need by the Board of funds for the further prosecution of its work, Presbyteries be recommended: First, to take the necessary steps to expedite the repayment of loans by such congregations as have borrowed money from the Board. Second, to encourage congregations to give a collection every year for this fund."

The Clerk read an extract minute from the Presbytery of Victoria, asking leave to take on probationary trials for license, Mr. R. G. Murison, B. A., who at his own request had been transferred from the Presbytery of Toronto, to that of Victoria. Leave was granted.

It was also agreed, on motion, to grant leave to the Presbytery of Kamloops to take Mr. G. A. Wilson, designated to Cariboo, on trials for license.

Mr. D. MacRae, convener, presented the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, recommending that the following be the committee on Manitoba College, namely: J. A. Jaffary, P. F. Langill, J. Buchanan and D. MacRae, and with this addition to the list the report previously presented by the committee on Standing Committees was formally adopted.

The conveners of the committees appointed to examine Presbytery Records, reported that the same were carefully and correctly kept, and it was ordered that the same be attested.

A resolution was laid on the table by Mr. Howard Chapman, passed by the new congregation in Victoria seeking organization. It having been read, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. D. MacRae, D. A. MacRae and A. B. Winchester objected to its reception on the ground that it introduced new matter in the appeal case now before the court.

After some discussion, Mr. Chapman on his own request was permitted to withdraw the document.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, and was closed with the benediction.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

At Calgary and within Knox Church there, Saturday, the fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four, at ten o'clock in the morning, the Synod met and was duly constituted.

A brief period was spent in religious exercises.

The Synod took up the matter of the appeal of the petitioners asking for the

organization of a new congregation in Victoria against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria. The Clerk read the documents in connection therewith.

Mr. McLeod drew attention to an extract minute of the congregation in Victoria appointing him and Mr. Howard Chapman commissioners to attend the meeting of Synod on behalf of the petitioners. A discussion arose as to the competency of Mr. Chapman to appear before the Synod. It was agreed to allow Mr. Chapman to speak. Mr. Chapman then addressed the court in support of the appeal of the petitioners at considerable length.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at two o'clock in the afternoon, and was closed with the benediction.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod met and was constituted.

The Synod resumed consideration of the appeal of the petitioners. Mr. McLeod spoke in support of the appeal, Messrs. D. A. MacRae, J. B. Winchester and D. MacRae spoke for the the Presbytery of Victoria. Mr. Howard Chapman replied, and this closed the pleadings on both sides. After questions had been asked, it was, on motion, agreed,—“That the Synod meet with closed doors at eight o'clock in the evening.”

The Synod then adjourned to meet at eight o'clock in the evening, and was closed with the benediction.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day at eight o'clock in the evening, the Synod met, and was constituted.

The matters of the appeals were then taken up. The Moderator requested the members of the Synod to express their opinion in the case individually, which was done. It was then moved by Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Scouler, that the following be the unanimous finding of the Synod :

First.—The Synod of British Columbia having heard the pleadings in the appeal case of the Rev. P. McF. McLeod against the decision of the Presbytery of Victoria, charging him with irregularity in preaching in the tenth and seventeenth of September last, in the old Methodist Church, in Victoria, decides to dismiss the appeal, and sustains the action of the Presbytery.

Second.—In the case of the appeal of the Rev. P. McF. McLeod against the finding of the Presbytery of Victoria, disapproving of Mr. McLeod's issuing certain certificates to members of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, without consulting the Session and securing its approval at the time, or at some subsequent date, the Synod finds that, while in ordinary cases this is at times done, yet in the peculiar circumstances under which these certificates were issued, the Presbytery was justified in the action taken, and the appeal is hereby dismissed, and the action of the Presbytery is sustained.

Third.—In the matter of the appeal of the petitioners for the organization of a new congregation in Victoria, the Synod hereby dismisses the appeal, and sustains the Presbytery in its action, but expresses to the Presbytery its wish that

the petitioners have liberty to hold services as they are at present doing in the old Methodist Church, until the expiration of their present lease of the building, which takes place on or before September the first, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four; and further, that the Synod expresses the hope that the appellants should then, or at some previous time, make application in proper form to the Presbytery for organization in James' Bay, South Victoria.

Fourth. In agreeing upon this deliverance on these three appeals, the Synod wishes further to recognize on Mr. McLeod's behalf the exceptionally difficult conditions through which he has been passing, and is therefore disposed to view leniently, irregularities, which in other circumstances, would appear more grave; and the Synod further informs the Presbytery that the insertion of the below quoted clause in the preamble to the findings of the Presbytery from which appeal was taken by the petitioners for organization of a new congregation, does not meet with its approval, namely: "Whereas the Rev. P. McE. McLeod is at present under the censure of this Presbytery, and therefore cannot be appointed by this court."

The doors of the court were then unclosed. Parties appeared and the decision of the court was read.

The Presbytery of Victoria asked leave to retire, which was granted.

Mr. Stephen presented an overture from the Presbytery of Calgary in the matter of Mr. G. S. Scott, student in Theology, who had agreed to remain in his mission field during winter provided the Presbytery brought his case before the General Assembly, with a view to allow him to take extra-mural work for his second year in Theology. The overture prayed the Synod to make the following application to the General Assembly: That the Senate of Manitoba College be requested to prescribe for Mr. Scott second year work, and examine him in the same with the understanding that Mr. Scott take his third year in Theology. It was agreed, on motion, to transmit the overture to the General Assembly.

Mr. McQueen presented an overture from the Presbytery of Calgary in the matter of the representation of Synods in the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee. The following is the overture:

First.—The General Assembly's Home Mission Committee (Western Section) shall consist of eight representative members, namely, two from each of the Synods of Montreal and Ottawa, Toronto and Kingston, Hamilton and London, and one from each of the Synods of Manitoba and Northwest Territories and British Columbia, to be nominated annually by such Synods, and appointed by the General Assembly.

Second. The General Assembly shall appoint a convener and secretary for its Home Mission Committee in addition to such representatives.

Third.—The two Superintendents of Home Missions shall, ex-officio, be members of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

Fourth. There shall be a Synodical Committee for Home Missions in each Synod (Western Section), to consist of Home Mission Conveners of Presbyteries.

(a). The Principals of the Theological Colleges within the bounds of each Synod, shall be ex-officio members of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod.

Fifth.—The decision of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee

on matters of administration shall be final, except that any three of its members in a minority may appeal to the General Assembly.

Sixth. The functions of the Synodical Home Mission Committee shall be purely advisory.

Seventh. The Assembly's Home Mission Committee shall meet at such places as shall be chosen by the committee.

It was agreed, on motion, to transmit the overture to the General Assembly with the approval of the Synod, and ask commissioners from the Presbyteries of the Synod to take care of it before the Assembly.

Mr. Stephen, convener, read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The report was adopted and the thanks of the Synod given to the convener for his excellent report.

The Presbytery of Victoria at this stage entered, and the Synod immediately took up the matter of the appeals.

The Moderator asked the Presbytery of Victoria whether it acquiesced in the finding of the Synod in the case. The Presbytery replied through its clerk as follows: "That the Presbytery acquiesces in the said findings as a whole, and agrees to conform to the Synod's wish expressed in the finding and craves extracts."

Being asked, Mr. McLeod said he acquiesced in his own behalf, and in that of the new congregation.

Mr. Chapman also declared his acquiescence in the finding of the Synod.

The appeal cases being disposed of, the Synod proceeded to appoint the time and place of next meeting of the Synod.

It was agreed, on motion, that the next meeting of the Synod of British Columbia be held at Nanaimo, and within St. Andrew's Church, on the first Wednesday in May, at eight o'clock in the evening.

Mr. Scouler, at the request of the Moderator, took the chair.

Mr. Herdman, in the absence of the convener, presented the report of the Committee on Temperance. It submitted two recommendations: First, that Sessions be urged to adopt, wherever possible, the Assembly's plan of Temperance work. Second, that Ministers be enjoined to continue giving due prominence to the question of Temperance in their preaching.

Mr. Scouler was appointed Treasurer of the Synod for the ensuing year.

The Clerk of the Synod and Messrs. Herdman and Jaffray were appointed a committee on printing.

It was agreed that Messrs. D. A. MacRae, D. MacRae and T. G. Rogers be a committee to make arrangements for evening meetings during the sitting of the Synod next year.

It was also agreed that the Synod stay over Sabbath in the City of Nanaimo.

It was finally agreed that the thanks of the Synod be, and are hereby given to the Pastor and Session and Managers of Knox Church, Calgary, for the use of the Church during the meeting of the Synod; to the Canadian Pacific and other Railways and Steamboat Companies, for reduced fares; to the Press for reports of the proceedings of Synod; to Mr. Heroman, Major Walker and Mr. Creighton for their services in attending to the comfort of the members of Synod,

and to those who gave their services free to the members of Synod in the pleasant drive around the picturesque City of Calgary.

The minutes of the present sederunt were read and sustained.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod shortly, and after the singing of the doxology, he announced that the next meeting of the Synod of British Columbia would be held in St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, on the first Wednesday in May, at eight o'clock in the evening. He then closed the Session with the Apostolic benediction.

