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OFFICERS

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Synod of British Columbia, 1897.

MODERATOR:

REV. JOHN CAMPBELL, PH. B. Victoria, B. C.

CLERK:

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

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Synod Trav. Exp. Fund Treas., REV. J. A. LOGAN Union, B. C.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

At Victoria, B. C., and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the first
Wednesday of May, 1898, at eight o'clock p.m.

Synod of British Columbia.

JOHN A. LOGAN, *Synod Clerk.*

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

ROLL OF KAMLOOPS PRESBYTERY.

No	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	P. O. ADDRESSES
1*	J. C. Stewart, B. A.	Sept. 22, 1896.	D. H. Campbell	Kamloops.	Kamloops.
2*	Geo. A. Wilson, B. A.	May 20, 1894.	D. McNair.	Vernon.	Vernon.
	(To end of March then vacant.)				
3	T. Geo. MacLeod.	Oct. 10, 1893.	D. Matheson.	Spallumcheen.	Spallumcheen.
4	T. S. Glassford.	Sept. 23, 1880.		Donald.	Donald.
5	Geo. Murray, M.A.	Jan. 18, 1874.		Nicola.	Nicola Lake.
6*	Thos. Paton.	Sept. 12, 1893.		Kettle River.	Grand Forks.
	Vacant.			Nelson.	Nelson.
	Ordned supply asked.			Rossland.	Rossland.
				Trail.	Trail.
				MISSION STATIONS	
	Jas. Naim.			Kaslo.	
	R. D. Muir.			Revelstoke.	
				Quesnelle.	
				Slocan City.	
				Sandon.	
	A. G. Hutton.			Ashcroft.	
				Shuswap.	
				Okanagan.	
				Upper Columbia.	
				Fairview.	
				Lilloet.	
				Barkerville.	
				Field.	
				Ainsworth.	
				New Denver.	
	Rev. Thos. Muir.			Cold Stream.	
				Midway.	
				Nakusp.	
				North Bend.	
				Salmo.	

T. GEO. MACLEOD,
Presbytery Clerk.

No	MINISTERS
1	Alex. Young
2*	J. Campbell
3*	J. A. Logan
4*	D. MacRae
5*	Alex. Tait, P.
6*	A. B. Winch
7*	W. L. Clay, J.
8*	W. B. Camm
9	J. C. Forster
10	G. E. Taylor
11*	E. G. Perry.

No	MISSION STATIONS
	M. Swartout

No	MINISTERS
1*	J. M. MacL
2*	E. D. MacL
3	Alex. Dunn
4*	Thomas S
5*	J. K. Wrig
6*	Alex. Moge
7*	A. S. Thom
8*	J. S. Gordo
9*	Wm. Meek
10	Adam Jam
	Vacant.
	Student.
	Student.
	Student.

ROLL OF VICTORIA PRESBYTERY.

No	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	P. O. ADDRESSES.
1	Alex. Young	Nov. 9, 1853	Thornton Fell	First Church, Vict	Victoria.
2*	J. Campbell, M. A., Ph. D.	Sept. 2, 1874.	Wm. Mitchell	S. George's, Union	Union
3*	J. A. Logan	Aug. 7, 1877.	John Pork	St. Paul's, Vict.	Victoria
4*	D. MacRae	Jan. 28, 1878		Comox.	Sandwick
5*	Alex. Tait, Ph. B.	May 28, 1878.		Chinese Mission.	Victoria.
6*	A. B. Winchester	July 12, 1887.		St. And., Vict.	Victoria.
7*	W. L. Clay, B. A.	Nov. 14, 1890.	Thos. A. Boyden	St. And., Nanaimo	Nanaimo.
8*	W. B. Camming	May 10, 1892.		Vict. E. & Cr Hill	Victoria.
9	J. C. Forster	Sept. 16, 1895.		Alberni.	Alberni.
10	G. E. Taylor	Aug. 4, 1896.		Wellington.	Wellington.
11*	E. G. Perry, B. A.	Dec. 17, 1896.	D. D. Anderson	Wellington.	Wellington.
MISSION STATIONS.					
	M. Swartout			Metch'n & Sooke Pender Island Denman Island Eng. Man's River Northfield. Indian Missionary	Sooke. Pender Island. Denman Island. Eng. Man's River. Northfield. Dodger's Cove

D. MACRAE,
Presbytery Clerk.

ROLL OF WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERY.

No	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	P. O. ADDRESSES.
1*	J. M. MacLeod	Nov. 9, 1853	S. H. Brown	Zion	Vancouver.
2*	E. D. MacLaren, B.D.	Sep. 28, 1873.	James McQueen	St. Andrews, Van.	Vancouver.
3	Alex. Dunn	June 9, 1875.		Haney, Wharnock	Wharnock.
4*	Thomas Scouler	June 7, 1880	Without charge.		Westminster.
5*	J. K. Wright, B.D.	Aug. 1887.	M. McSween	Cookes Church.	Chilliwack
6*	Alex. Mogee, B.A.	Aug. 7, 1882.		Ladner	Ladner
7*	A. S. Thompson, M.A.	Nov. 18, 1895.		Agassiz & Mission	Agassiz.
8*	J. S. Gordon, M.A.	June 24, 1896.	Alex. Bethune	Mount Pleasant	Mount Pleasant.
9*	Wm. Meeke, B.A.	Oct. 14, 1896.	D. G. McDonald.	First Ch., Vanc'r	Vancouver.
10	Adam Jamieson, B. A.	Oct. 28, 1896.	J. C. Brown	Surrey	Cloverdale.
	Vacant			St. And., New W'r	New Westminster.
	Student		Thomas Mackie	Eburne.	Eburne.
	Student		J. B. Kennedy	Sapp'ton & W. W'r	Sapperton.
	Student		Thomas Black	Langley	Langley.
				Mount Lehman etc	Mount Lehman.

J. W. MACLEOD,
Presbytery Clerk.

ROLL OF EDMONTON PRESBYTERY.

No.	SELF SUSTAINING.	PASTOR.	ELDER.
	Edmonton.....	G. Mequcen, B.A.....	W. J. Walker.....
	MISSION CONGREGATIONS.		
1	Innisfail	W. L. Atkinson.....	W. McLure.....
2	South Edmonton.....	N. F. Jaussen.....	J. J. Ferguson.....
3	Lacombe.....	John Femie.....	H. F. Flewelling.....
4	* Fort Saskatchewan.....	A. Forbes, B.D.....	E. Banne.....
5	Olds.....	P. Naismith.....	F. Vohr.....
6	Josephberg.....	G. Vetter.....	
	MISSION STATIONS.		
		STUDENTS.	
1	Red Deer.....	J. A. Donnell.....	
2	Belmont and Stony Plain.....	Wm. McKay.....	
3	Wetaskwin.....		
4	Leduc.....	S. L. Fraser.....	
5	Beaver Lake.....	Catechist.....	
6	New Lunnon.....	J. J. Ferguson.....	

DR. ROBERTSON.
Ex-Officio.

PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

No	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS. P. O. ADDRESSES
1*	J. C. Herdman, B.D.....	Nov. 6, 1877.....	J. Creighton.....	Calgary..... Calgary.....
2	Charles McKillop, B. A.....	Sep. 3, 1878.....	J. D. Higginbotham.....	Lethbridge..... Lethbridge.....
3	John P. Grant.....	June 19, 1884.....		Pincher Creek..... Pincher Creek.....
4	Gavin Hamilton.....	May 6, 1889.....	Wm. Hudson.....	Macleod..... Macleod.....
5	E. J. Walker, B.A.....	May 2, 1894.....	H. Price.....	Davisburg & Pine Creek..... Pine Creek.....
6	J. M. Morrow, B.A.....	Dec. 17, 1894.....	John Young.....	Medicine Hat..... Medicine Hat.....
7	William Black, B.A.....	May, 1893.....		Banff..... Banff.....
8	G. S. Scott.....	Oct., 1895.....	Mr. Findlay.....	High River..... Okatoks.....
9	J. H. Stewart, B.A.....	Sept. 30, 1896.....		St. Mary's and Carlston..... St. Mary's.....
	CATECHISTS.			MISSION STATIONS.
	D. McKay.....			Maple Creek..... Maple Creek N.W.
	J. McIntosh.....			Banff..... Banff.....
	John Walker.....			Gleichen and Bow River..... Calgary.....
	Mr. Sharpe.....			

GAVIN HAMILTON,
Presbytery Clerk.

CHANGES IN THE ROLL OF PRESBYTERIES.

ORDINATIONS—*Presbytery of Edmonton.*

Peter Naismith, Olds.
W. L. Atkinson, Innisfail.
N. F. Jaussen, South Edmonton.

Presbytery of Victoria.

G. E. Taylor, Alberni, Aug. 4th, 1896.
E. G. Perry, B.A., Wellington, Dec. 17th, 1896.

Presbytery of Westminster.

J. S. Gordon, M.A., June 24th, 1896.
William Meikle, B.A., Oct. 14th, 1896.
Adam Jamieson, Oct. 28th, 1896.
A. E. Camp., B.A., Dec. 2nd, 1896.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

Duncan Campbell, B.A., Jan. 30th, 1896.
J. C. Stewart, B.A., Sept. 22nd, 1896.
W. C. Dodds, Sept. 3rd, 1896.
A. D. McKinnon, May 12th, 1896.

REMOVED—*Presbytery of Calgary.*

Rev. J. A. Jaffery, B.A., removed to Morris, Manitoba, in June, 1896.
Rev. J. H. Stewart, B.A., removed from Cardston to Lanenburg, N.S. (This took place Jan. 1897).
Rev. Gavin Hamilton removed from Macleod to Cardston, April, 1897.
Rev. W. Black removed to Campbell Bay, Quebec, 1897.
L.L.B., Rev. J. M. Morrow removed from Wetaskewin to Medicine Hat where he was formally inducted, April 21, 1897.

RESIGNATIONS—*Presbytery of Victoria.*

Mr. D. A. McRae, B.A., of the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, August 4th, 1896.

Mr. Thos. Rogers, B.A., of the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Wellington, Sept. 1st, 1896.

Presbytery of Westminster.

Mr. G. R. Maxwell, First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, May 7th, 1896.

Mr. James Buchanan, Eburne, May 17th, 1896.

Mr. Thos. Scouler, St. Andrew's, New Westminster, March 2nd, 1897.

Mr. A. E. Camp, Eburne, March 31st, 1897.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

Mr. A. McVicar, B.A., Nelson, Dec. 31st, 1896.

Mr. Geo. A. Wilson, B.A.,*Vernon, March 31st, 1897.

Mr. T. G. MacLeod, Spallumcheen, March 31st, 1897.

Mr. W. C. Doods, Rossland, March 31st, 1897.

LICENSURE and ORDINATION—*Presbytery of Calgary.*

Rev. J. H. Stewart, B.A., 30th September, 1896.

INDUCTIONS—*Presbytery of Victoria.*

Mr. W. B. Cumming, St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, Dec. 1st, 1896.

Mr. E. G. Perry, Wellington, Dec. 17th, 1896.

Presbytery of Westminster.

Mr. J. S. Gordon, B.A., Mt. Pleasant, June 24th, 1896.

Mr. Wm. Meikle, B.A., First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, Oct. 14th, 1896.

Mr. A. E. Camp, Eburne, Dec. 22nd, 1896.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

Mr. J. C. Stewart, B.A., Kamloops, Sept. 22nd, 1896.

TRANSLATIONS—*Presbytery of Edmonton.*

- Mr. D. Spear, from Innisfail to the Presb. of Manitoba
and the N. W. Territories.
Mr. N. F. Jaussen, from South Edmonton to Beaver Lake.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

- Mr. Thos. Glassford, B.A., From Donald to Trail, March
4th, 1897.

RECEPTIONS—*Presbytery of Edmonton.*

- Mr. G. Vetter, from German Reformed Church, United
States to Josephberg.

APPOINTMENTS—*Presbytery of Westminster.*

- Mr. Adam Jamieson, to Surrey, Dec. 22nd, 1896.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

- W. C. Dodds, to Ashcroft.
P. Scott, to Revelstoke.
Thos. Glassford, to Trail.
R. D. Muir, to Revelstoke.
T. Menzies, to Sandon.

LICENSURE—*Presbytery of Westminster.*

- Mr. J. S. Gordon, M.A., May 8th, 1896.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

- W. C. Dodds, Sept. 3rd, 1896.

Presbytery of Edmonton.

- Mr. Peter Naismith.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES—*Presbytery of Edmonton.*

- Wetaskewin and South Edmonton from regular changes to
Mission Stations.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

Vernon and Spallumcheen from Mission Stations to Augmented Congregations.
 Nelson and Rossland to self-supporting Congregations.
 Sandon, Revelstoke, Ashcroft, Trail, Kaslo, to ordained mission Fields.

Presbytery of Westminster.

Central Park united with Zion Church, May 7th, 1896.
 North Bend, united with Mission and Agassiz, March 3rd, 1897.

NEW CHURCHES—*Presbytery of Kamloops.*

Slocan City, Trail.

Presbytery of Westminster.

Central Park.

NEW FIELDS—*Presbytery of Kamloops.*

Midway, New Denver, Salmo, Barkerville, Slocan City, Sandon.

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixth Synod of British Columbia

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Westminster, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on Wednesday, the 5th day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven, and at eight o'clock in the evening, which time and place the Synod of British Columbia met pursuant to appointment of Synod held last year at Vancouver.

The Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., of Vancouver, the retiring Moderator, conducted devotional exercises, and preached a sermon from Luke 18, 8—“When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth,” after which he constituted the Synod with prayer in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church.

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

Mr. McLaren briefly addressed the Synod, thanking the Brethren for their cordial support, and intimated that the time had come to appoint another Moderator to preside over the Synod.

It was moved by Mr. A. B. Winchester, seconded by Mr. J. M. McLeod and unanimously agreed,

That the Rev. John Campbell, Ph. D. of First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, be appointed Moderator of this Synod.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was given by the Clerk of the Synod, and on motion its recommendations were severally adopted as follows:—

- 1.—That the hours of meeting for business be from 9.30 a.m. to 12; from 2 to 5.30 a.m., and from 8 to 10 p.m.

- 2.—That the first half-hour to-morrow morning be spent in devotional exercises.
- 3.—That the several Presbyteries of the Synod have leave to meet for business on the call of their respective Moderator's or Clerks, in the intervals of the Sederunts of Synod.
- 4.—That the following be the Committees to examine the Presbytery Records: Presbytery of Calgary—Messrs. J. K. Wright, J. S. Gordon, Ministers and Mr. M. McSween, elder; Edmonton—Messrs. J. M. McLeod, A. Mogee, Ministers, and Mr. S. H. Brown, elder; Kamloops—Messrs. W. L. Clay, E. G. Perry, Ministers, and Mr. J. B. Kennedy, M.P.P., elder; Victoria—Messrs. Thos. Scouler, A. Forbes, Ministers, and Mr. J. C. Brown, elder; Westminster—Messrs. Alex. Tait, W. B. Cumming, Ministers, and Mr. Thorton Fell, elder.
That the first name on each committee shall be the convenor, who shall report as the first business on Friday morning.
- 5.—That the Committee to nominate Standing Committees shall be—Dr. Campbell (Convenor), Thos. Scouler, A. Forbes, J. C. Stewart and J. C. Herdman.
- 6.—That the Committee on Bills and Overtures shall consist of J. C. Herdman (Convenor), E. D. McLaren, Thos. Scouler, the Clerk of Synod, and the Clerks of Presbyteries.

Dr. Campbell having arrived, intimation was made of his election as Moderator, where he was conducted to the chair and addressed the House, acknowledging the honor conferred on him, and asked the co-operation of the Brethren in the discharge of the duties of the position in which they had placed him.

Mr. J. K. Wright moved, that the thanks of this Synod be given to the retiring Moderator for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office, and for the very excellent sermon preached this evening. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. M. McLeod and carried unanimously.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning in the same place at 9.30 o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At the city of New Westminster, and within St. Andrew's Church there, May 6th, 1897, at 9.30 o'clock in the morning, which time and place the

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

The first half-hour of the Sederunt was spent in devotional exercises, led in by Messrs. E. D. McLaren, J. K. Wright, W. L. Clay, A. B. Winchester and Geo. A. Wilson.

The minutes of the first Sederunt were read and approved.

Mr. Norman H. Russell, Missionary in Central India, being present was invited to sit and correspond.

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

Order of Business for Thursday Forenoon.

- 1.—Application from the Presbytery of Kamloops *re* the licensure of Mr. James Nairn.
- 2.—Overture from the Presbytery of Victoria *re* the licensure and ordination of Mr. M. Swartout.
- 3.—Overture from the Presbytery of Edmonton *re* licensure of Mr. E. C. Gallup.
- 4.—Reference from the H. M. C. of Calgary Presbytery *re* licensure of Mr. D. A. Fowlie.
- 5.—Reference from the Presbytery of Kamloops *re* Presbyterial Certificate of Mr. A. D. MacKinnon.
- 6.—Extract Minute *re* Division of Kamloops Presbytery.
- 7.—Report of Committee on Manitoba College.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

- 1.—Report of Synod Treasurer.
- 2.—Report on Synod Travelling Expense Fund.
- 3.—Petition from the Presbytery of Westminster *re* nomination of the Moderator of Synod.
- 4.—Time and place of next meeting.
- 5.—Report of Committee on Statistics and Finance.
- 6.—Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary *re* Children's Catechism.
- 7.—Report of Committee on Augmentation.

THURSDAY EVENING.

- 1.—Report of Committee on Home Missions.
- 2.—Report of Committee on Church Life and Work.

The Moderator called for the application from the Presbytery of Kamloops referring to the licensure of Mr. James Nairn. An extract minute from the Presbytery there anent was read; and after deliberation it was moved by Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay and agreed, that this application and the papers connected therewith be referred to a Committee composed of the Convenors of Presbyteries, H. M. Committees and the Clerk of Synod, with Mr. E. D. McLaren, Convenor.

The overture from the Presbytery of Victoria *re* the licensure and ordination of Mr. M. Stewartout was called for and read, after which on motion of Mr. A. B. Winchester, in consideration was deferred until after a meeting of the Victoria Presbytery.

The Moderator called for the Overture from the Presbytery of Edmonton *re* the licensure of Mr. E. C. Gallup, which on motion was postponed until to-morrow morning.

The H. M. Committee of the Presbytery of Calgary asked that Synod grant leave to take on trials for license, Mr. D. A. Fowlie, student. Mr. J. C. Herdman explained the circumstances connected with the request, after which, on motion of Mr. McRae, it was agreed that such leave be granted, upon Mr. Fowlie presenting the usual certificate of Graduation from the Senate of Knox College.

The Moderator called for the Overture of the Kamloops Presbytery, asking for a division of the Presbytery, 'the new one,' the boundaries of which were defined, to be called the Presbytery of Kootenay. The Overture was supported by Mr. Thos. Paton, who moved that its terms be approved of by the Synod. After deliberation it was moved by Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. D. McRae, that the Overture be transmitted to the General Assembly, and that this Synod is of the opinion that the contemplated action should be deferred for one year. Mr. G. A. Wilson moved the adjournment of the debate, which was seconded by Mr. J. C. Stewart and carried accordingly.

The Moderator called for the Reference from the Kamloops Presbytery in the matter of their declining to grant a certificate to Mr. A. D. Mackinnon who had not implemented his engagements with that Presbytery, when on motion duly seconded, it was referred with all relative documents to the special committee appointed this morning.

On the report of the Committee on Manitoba College being called for, at the request of the Convenor, its presentation was delayed until the afternoon Sederunt.

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

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At the same place, and on the same day at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod of British Columbia met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer, led in by Mr. James McQueen at the request of the Moderator.

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

Mr. James McQueen was appointed to audit the books of the Synod's Treasurer.

The consideration of the Overture re the ordination of Mr. Swartout was resumed, and the papers connected with it read. It was supported by Mr. A. B. Winchester, and after mature deliberation it was moved by the Clerk of Synod, seconded by Mr. J. S. Gordon and unanimously agreed that the Overture be received and adopted, and transmitted to the general assembly, and the Presbytery of Victoria instructed to prescribe for Mr. Stwartout a course of study in Theology for one year, at the end of which time they shall be at liberty to take him on trials for license and ordinations.

Rev. Dr. Reid of the Reformed Episcopal Church of this City, being present was invited to sit and correspond.

The Committee to which the Reference of the Kamloops Presbytery re the case of Mr. A. D. McKinnon had been referred, reported as follows: "That the Synod express its approval of the action of the Presbytery of Kamloops in declining to certify Mr. McKinnon to the authorities of his college on the ground of his having failed to give the year's continuous service promised at the time of his appointment."

It was moved by Mr. G. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. A. B. Winchester and agreed that the report be received and adopted.

When the matter of the division of Kamloops Presbytery was again called Mr. J. C. Stewart on behalf of the Presbytery asked permission to withdraw the Overture, which on motion was granted.

Mr. A. B. Winchester presented his report on the Manitoba College and on motion, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay and agreed, that it be received and its recommendation considered seriatim. They were adopted as follows:

1.—That the Synod express its thankfulness for, and satisfaction with, the work being done by Manitoba College, both for our church and in the interests of christianity and higher Education in Western Canada.

2.—Synod records its gratification, that the senate of Manitoba College, though seeking at last General Assembly release from the added heavy burdens which the summer session has imposed, and for which the church had failed to give promised support, nevertheless in obedience to the express wish of the Supreme Court of our Church, the Senate has decided to continue the Summer Session in Theology, trusting in the promised liberality for the needed financial support.

3.—This Synod recommends that at least one month before the day set apart by the Assembly for the Collection on behalf of Manitoba College, each Presbyterian Convener notify every Congregational and Mission Station within their respective bounds, and urge our special obligation to this fund.

4.—That Presbyterian Conveners be enjoined to send their reports to Synods Convenors not later than the 15th of March. On motion of Mr. J. C. Herdman it was agreed that the Synod Clerk notify Sessions and Mission Stations which have not paid in the Manitoba College Fund during the past year.

Mr. James McQueen reported that he examined the Synod Treasurer's accounts and found them correct.

Mr. Thos. Scouler presented the Treasurer's report which on motion was received and adopted.

The report on the Synod Travelling expense Fund was given in by the Treasurer, J. A. Logan who stated that 80 per cent. of the travelling expenses of members would be paid this year. On motion the report was received and adopted.

The petition from the Presbytery of Westminster, asking that Presbyteries be instructed to make nominations for Moderator of Synod was read, and on motion to adopt, was rejected by the Synod.

The Synod then proceeded to fix the time and place of the next meeting, when it was moved by Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. D. McRae and agreed, that this Synod hold its next meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, on the first Wednesday of May next at 8 o'clock in the evening.

At the call of the Moderator Mr. W. L. Clay presented the report on Statistics and Finance, when on motion duly seconded the report was received and the following recommendation adopted: That Presbytery Clerks be enjoined to forward the Convenor of the Committee on Statistics and Finance a copy of their Presbyterial reports on the above subject not later than March 16th of each year.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the same place at 8 o'clock this evening of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

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

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with praise and prayer led in by Mr. Wm. Meikle at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Third Sederunt were read and sustained.

Rev. Norman H. Russell, now returning from his mission field in Mhow, India, was introduced by the Moderator and addressed the Synod regarding the work carried on by himself and associates detailing their methods and the encouragements attending their efforts.

After his address, the following motion made by Mr. A. B. Winchester, seconded by Mr. J. K. Wright was unanimously adopted:

"That the Synod having heard with sympathetic interest and pleasure the Rev. N. H. Russell and his work at Mhow, Central India, would express gratification to the great King and Head of the Church for the safe arrival in Canada of our Missionary and his family, and would wish for Mr. Russell, a happy, restful and useful furlough, and that when the time comes for his return to distant populous India, it may be with invigorated body and mind, and with the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ."

The Moderator called for the report of the Home Mission Committee which was submitted by Mr. E. D. McLaren.

It was moved by Mr. D. McRae, seconded by Mr. A. Forbes and agreed, that the report be received and its recommendation considered. The Motion was carried and the recommendation adopted as follows:

1.—That each Presbytery be instructed to arrange, at as early a date

as possible, for a conference with representatives of the Young Peoples Societies with its bounds, and to urge very strongly that each Society pledge itself to contribute annually a definite sum towards the Home Mission Fund.

2.—That whenever practicable ministers of Congregations in which no Young People's Societies have yet been formed, be instructed to organize Young People's Home Missionary Societies.

The Moderator called for the report of the Committee on Church Life and Work which was given in by Mr. G. A. Wilson.

It was moved by Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. James McQueen that the report be received and its recommendations adopted.

The hour for adjournment having arrived while the report was under consideration, it was on motion agreed that the time be extended until the consideration of the report be completed.

The motion referring to the report on Church Life and Work was adopted along with the following recommendations :

1.—That the Synod urge upon all ministers and missionaries to place upon their congregations the necessity of greater attention being paid to family religion and the discharge of parental duties, in order that a higher attainment in spiritual life may be reached by our people.

2.—That all the Ministers and Missionaries be instructed to preach at least once a year on the subject of systematic beneficence, laying stress on the claims of the local Church, and the various schemes of the Church.

3.—That this Synod, deprecating the desecration of the sacred day of rest by so many of our people and corporations, recommend the members of this Church co-operating with the members of other Churches to take such measures as shall prevent the violation of the present Sabbath law, and also as shall secure for us by legislation the proper observance of the Sabbath.

4.—That this Synod, recognising the liquor traffic to be a great curse of our race, the direct cause of the majority of the heinous vices practised in our land, and the greatest hindrance to the progress of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, would record its emphatic protest against the countenancing of the system in any form whatever, and would hail with delight the utter extermination of the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage, by the power of example, public opinion, and the strong arm of the law. That in view of the approaching Dominion plebiscite this Synod enjoins upon all ministers and missionaries by every lawful means, to bring such influence to bear upon our members and adherents, as shall induce them to record their votes in favor of prohibition.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 9.30 o'clock in the morning, of which intimation was given, and this Sederunt closed with the Benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At the City of New Westminster and within St. Andrew's Church there the 7th day of May, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven and at half past nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Which time and place the Synod of British Columbia met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer offered by Mr. W. L. Clay at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the fourth Sederunt were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the third report and its recommendations were adopted as follows :

FOR FRIDAY MORNING SEDERUNT.

1.—Reports of Committees on Church Records.

2.—Unfinished business.

(a.) Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary *re* a Children Catechism.

(b.) Report of Committee on Augmentation.

(c.) Report of Special Committee *re* licensure of James Nairn.

* 3.—Overture from Kamloops Presbytery *re* salaries of ordained Missionaries.

4.—Reference from the Committee on Bills and Overtures *re* the securing of reports from Presbytery Committees by the corresponding Committees of Synod.

5.—Overture from the Presbytery of Edmonton *re* licensure of Mr. E. C. Gallup.

6.—Report of Committee on Standing Committees.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

1.—Overture from the Presbytery of Westminster *re* retaining the name of Mr. Thos. Scouler on their roll.

2.—Overture from Presbytery of Calgary *re* additional Member on Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

3.—Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary *re* Female education.

4.—Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

FRIDAY EVENING.

1.—Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

2.—Report of Committee on Y. P. Societies.

The Moderator called for the Reports of Committees on Presbytery Records.

Mr. A. Tait reported that they have examined the Record of the Westminster Presbytery and found it very carefully and correctly kept except that certain of the minutes had not been signed by the Moderator. On motion it was agreed that the report be received and that the Record be attested in terms of the report.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Calgary and Kamloops not being to hand the Committees had no reports to submit.

The Moderator called for the Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary, which asks that the General Assembly provide for the use of the children of the Church a suitable catechism.

The Overture was supported by Mr. J. C. Herdman.

It was moved by Mr. James McQueen, seconded by Mr. J. K. Wright and agreed that the Overture be received and transmitted to the general Assembly, and that Mr. W. L. Clay be appointed to co-operate with Mr. Gavin Hamilton, the commissioner from Calgary Presbytery, in presenting it to the Assembly.

The report of the Committee on Augmentation was given by Mr. J. C. Herdman one of the Convenors of that Committee.

On motion of Mr. W. L. Clay, duly seconded, it was agreed that the report be received and the following recommendation adopted:

1.—That Presbyteries be urged to use influence to bring their non-ordained mission fields up to the status of augmented congregations.

2.—That it be an instruction to Presbyteries to make careful enquiry into the circumstances of each augmented congregation before making application for a grant from the Augmentation Fund, and especially before recommending.

The Moderator called for the Reference from the Committee on Bills

and Overtures, which was supported by Mr. J. C. Herdman. It was on motion agreed that the matter be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator, who shall report this afternoon. The Moderator appointed Messrs. J. C. Herdman (convenor), W. L. Clay, and A. B. Winchester.

Mr. E. D. McLaren on behalf of the special committee appointed to consider the application from the Kamloops Presbytery reported that they find Mr. James Nairn has completed his second year in Theology, and agrees to remain twelve months in the mission field, and beg to recommend to the Synod as follows: That the Synod grant permission to the Presbytery of Kamloops to license and ordain Mr. James Nairn on the conditions specified in the application.

On motion of Mr. J. M. McLeod, duly seconded, the report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The Moderator called for the Overture from the Kamloops Presbytery *re* salaries of ordained missionaries, when Mr. J. C. Stewart, on behalf of the Kamloops Presbytery, asked leave to withdraw the overture, which leave was granted by the Synod.

An application from the Presbytery of Edmonton was read, asking permission to take Mr. E. C. Gallup, student of Queen's College, on public trials for license.

On motion of Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. J. K. Wright, it was agreed that the application be granted.

The report of the Committee to appoint Standing Committees was submitted by Mr. Thos. Scouler. On motion, duly seconded, it was agreed with certain amendments to adopt the report as follows:—

HOME MISSIONS.—E. D. McLaren, convenor, the Convenors of the Presbyteries Home Mission Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Dr. Campbell, convenor, J. M. McLeod, J. K. Wright, D. MacRae, A. B. Winchester, W. Meikle, ministers; F. Fell and J. C. Brown, elders.

AUGMENTATION.—J. C. Herdman, convenor, Convenors of Presbyteries' Home Mission Committees.

STATISTICS AND FINANCE.—W. L. Clay, convenor, E. G. Perry, ministers; J. A. McBrydon, elder.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—J. A. Logan, convenor, Convenors of Presbyteries' Committee on Sunday Schools, J. C. Forster, A. Tait, J. S. Gordon, ministers; Geo. Hay, James McQueen, elders.

CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.—G. A. Wilson, convenor, Convenors of

Presbyteries' Committee on Church Life and Work, with E. Stewart Wood, T. D. Higginbotham, S. H. Brown, elders.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.—A. B. Winchester, convenor, T. G. McLeod, W. L. Atkinson, E. G. Perry, J. S. Gordon, ministers; J. J. Ferguson, J. McKenzie, elders.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.—Thos. Paten, convenor, J. M. McLeod, W. B. Cumming, J. A. Logan, A. Forbes, ministers; Geo. McKenzie, Geo. Reid, elders.

Mr. J. M. McLeod and Mr. Scouler presented their reports on the records of the Presbyteries of Edmonton and Victoria respectively, that the records were neatly and correctly kept.

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

On motion of Mr. W. L. Clay, duly seconded, it was agreed that the Committee on Statistics and Finance be instructed to add to the amounts of their allocation to congregations and stations the sum of sixteen dollars to enable the Synod to print the minutes of their First Session.

On motion of Mr. J. K. Wright, seconded by Mr. T. Paton, it was agreed that Mr. A. Tait and the Clerk of the Synod be a Committee on Printing Synod Minutes.

The Synod adjourned to meet at two o'clock in the afternoon, of which intimation was given, add this Sederunt closed with the Benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place on the same day and at two o'clock in the afternoon the Synod of British Columbia met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with payer, led in by Mr. A. Mogeé at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Fifth Sederunt were read and sustained.

An Overture was presented from the Presbytery of Westminster, asking that the assembly give permission to place on the roll of said Presbytery the name of Mr. Thos. Scouler, who recently has been appointed Chaplain to the Penitentiary.

It was moved by Mr. D. McRae, seconded by Mr. A. B. Winchester

that the Overture be received, and transmitted to the General Assembly, with the most hearty endorsement of this Synod.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Moderator called for the Overture from the Presbytery of Calgary asking that the General Assembly appoint an additional member on its Home Mission Committee who shall represent the Territory of Alberta.

The Overture was supported by Mr. J. C. Herdman. After deliberation it was moved by Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. D. McRae and agreed that the Overture lie on the table, and that it be an instruction to members of this Synod who go down as representatives from their respective Presbyteries to the ensuing General Assembly, to take such steps as shall be in their power to ensure that adequate representation upon the leading Committees of Assembly be accorded to this Synod.

An Overture from the same Presbytery in reference to Female education was presented and its contents explained by Mr. J. C. Herdman.

After deliberation it was moved by Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. J. C. Stewart and agreed that the Overture be received and transmitted to the General Assembly with our cordial endorsement, and it was further agreed that Mr. W. Leslie Clay be associated with the Commissioner from the Presbytery of Calgary charged with this matter to support the Overture before the Assembly.

The Report of Sabbath Schools was given by the Convenor Mr. John A. Logan.

Mr. A. B. Winchester moved, seconded by Mr. J. M. McLeod that the report be received and its recommendations considered seriatim.

The motion was carried and the recommendations subsequently adopted as follows:

I.—That Schools be urged to use the "Home Study" series of Lesson Helps prepared by our Assembly's Committee, and that parents be enjoined to assist their children in home study.

II.—That Teachers be encouraged to meet weekly for the study of the Lesson, and that S. S. workers endeavor to secure more efficient instruction and training for Teachers, whereby they may be fitted for this important work.

III.—That Parents and Teachers be enjoined to use diligence in securing the regular attendance of the Young at the diets of public worship.

IV.—Attention is also directed to the need of a careful attention to the

study of the S. Catechism, and of the need of increased liberality to the schemes of the Church.

V.—That this Synod approves of the plan of establishing a Board of S. S. Publication and the appointment of an Editor.

The Moderator then called for the report of the special Committee appointed *re* securing reports from Presbyteries' Committees, which was submitted by Mr. J. C. Herdman.

It was moved by Mr. D. McRae, seconded by Mr. A. Forbes that the report be received and its recommendations adopted.

The motion was carried. The recommendations are :

1.—That a circular letter be sent by the Synod Clerk to all the Presbyteries within the bounds, timed to reach them at least two weeks before the Spring meeting.

2.—That the circular be addressed to the Presbytery Clerks, and that it ask that a report be sent up from the Convenors of the corresponding Committees of Synod.

3.—That the circular give the names of the subjects upon which reports are desired, which are as follows: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Augmentation, Manitoba College, Statistics and Finance, Young People's Societies, Church Life and Work, Sabbath Schools.

4.—That the Circular also give the names of the respective Convenors of the Committees of Synod to whom it is desired that the Presbytery reports be sent, and that it further contain the suggestion that Convenors of Presbytery Committees on these subjects should make out two copies of their reports as finally adopted by their Presbyteries, one for Synod's Conventor, and one for Assembly's Conventor.

5.—That a sufficient number of circulars be sent, to enable the Clerks of Presbytery to send one to each local Conventor in advance of the meeting of Presbytery, and that Presbytery be asked in an accompanying letter from the Synod Clerk to give the reading of the Circular a place on its Docket, and to see that its requests are carried out.

6.—That the expense of printing hereby incurred be met out of the Synod Fund which is to be enlarged to cover such additional outlay.

It was brought to the notice of Synod that no official notice had been received of the foundation of the Presbytery of Edmonton. Mr. A. Forbes, Clerk of that Presbytery, produced the official notice sent from the Assembly, when the Moderator of Synod directed that the Presbytery of Edmonton be added to the roll of Synod.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the same place at 8 o'clock in the evening, of which intimation was made, and this Sederunt closed with the Benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

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

The minutes of the Sixth Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Moderator, who is convener of the Foreign Mission Committee presented his report, giving in detail the work done among the Indians and Chinese.

Mr. A. B. Winchester, superintendent of the Chinese Work in Western Canada, delivered a Missionary address referring chiefly to the Chinese work in this Province, and moved that the report be received and the recommendations severally considered. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. M. McLeod.

The recommendations are :

1.—That the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee be urged to send a lady Missionary to Victoria, who shall visit at the evening schools, and work among the Chinese Women and Children, of whom probably, over a hundred woman and one hundred and fifty children are in this city, for whom very little is being done in the way of Education and instruction in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2.—That a lay-worker, a Christian Chinaman, be engaged and stationed at New Westminster, and devote his time mainly to the Mission Work there, and at the Canneries, when during the canning season a large number of Chinese are employed.

3.—That as Industrial training is very essential in order to raise the Indians above their present level, that the Foreign Mission Committee be asked to consider the advisability of introducing more industrial training into the Indian Mission.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. J. A. Logan it was agreed, that the first recommendation be transmitted to the General Assembly simpliciter, and that the second and third recommendations be adopted as amended, and transmitted.

The hour of adjournment having arrived it was on motion agreed to remain in Session until the business of Synod was completed.

The Moderator called for the report of the Committee on Young People's Societies which was given in by Mr. Thos. Paton, the Convener, who submitted the following recommendations :

1.—That the adoption of the plan of study, prepared by the General Assembly be general all over the Synod.

2.—That an endeavor be made to form Presbyterian Societies in our bounds.

It was moved by Mr. G. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. T. Scouler that the report be received and the recommendations adopted. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. A. B. Winchester and agreed that the Salary of the Clerk of Synod be increased to seventy five Dollars per annum, if the state of the finances permit.

It was moved by Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. D. McRae and resolved :

That the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the Managers of St. Andrew's Congregation, in placing this commodious church at our disposal ; to Mr. T. Scouler for the arrangements which he made for our comfort as a Synod ; to the railway and steamboat lines for the reduced rates of travel accorded to members of Synod, and also to the kind friends of New Westminster who have given us such a warm welcome to their homes and have entertained us so hospitably during our stay in this city.

The Minutes' of the present Sederunt were read and sustained.

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

JOHN CAMPBELL, Moderator.

JOHN A. LOGAN, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

SYNOD TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Churches and Mission Stations have paid into the Synod Fund during the past year as stated below :

For 1895-6.

St. Georges, Union.....	\$ 4.00
St. Pauls, Victoria.....	4.00
Comox.....	4.00
Surrey.....	2.60

For 1896-7.

Knox, Calgary.....	5.00
St. Andrews, N. Westminster.....	10.00
Knox, Sapperton.....	3.00
St. Georges, Union.....	4.00
Kamloops Presbytery.....	23.00
West Church, N. Westminster.....	1.50
Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.....	2.00
South Edmonton, ".....	1.00
Olds, ".....	50
St. Andrews, Vancouver.....	15.00
Eburne, Eburne.....	5.00
Mt. Pleasant, Vancouver.....	5.00
Sooke.....	50
St. Andrew's, Victoria.....	12.00
Comox.....	4.00
First Church, Vancouver.....	6.00
Ladner.....	3.00

Total.....\$115.10

THOMAS SCOULER,
Synod Treasurer.

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