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Fifteenth Synod

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Manitoba and the North-West Territories,

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN CANADA.

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Knox Church, Winnipeg,

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Of Manitoba and the North-West Territories

HELD IN WESTMINSTER CHURCH, WINNIPEG, ON
THE 9TH, 10TH, 11TH AND 12TH DAYS
OF NOVEMBER, 1897.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

*At Winnipeg, and within Westminster Church,
there, on Tuesday the ninth day of November,
1897, and at eight o'clock in the evening.*

At which time and place the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories met.

Divine service was conducted by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Joseph Hogg, who preached a sermon based on Phil. 2: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name." The Moderator then led the Synod in prayer, after which he declared the Synod constituted for the transaction of business.

It was agreed on motion of Mr. Rumball, seconded by Mr. Bryce, that the calling of the roll be omitted and that members of Synod hand their names to the clerk of the Synod that their attendance may be recorded. (For Roll see Appendix.)

The retiring Moderator intimated that his term of office had expired, thanked the Synod for the honour conferred upon him in calling him to the chair, for the courtesy shown him during the year, and the cordial support given throughout his term of office, and requested the Synod to proceed to the appointment of his successor. On motion of Dr. King, seconded by Mr. Farquharson, it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Duval be Moderator of Synod for the ensuing year. Dr. Duval, on being conducted to the chair, thanked the Synod for the confidence expressed by appointing him to the Moderatorship. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Murray, seconded by Prof. Hart, that the thanks of the Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Joseph Hogg for his conduct in the chair during the year, and for the sermon with which he opened this Synod. It was agreed on motion of Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Rumball, that the time of sederunts be as follows:

From 10 a.m., to 12 m.
 " 2.30 p.m., to 5.30 p.m.
 " 8 p.m., to 10 p.m.

And it was further agreed that the first hour to-morrow morning be spent in devotional exercises. The Clerk reported that the Committee on Bills and Overtures had not been able to meet and that no docket had been prepared, but that the Committee would report at the beginning of the next sederunt. Mr. Pitblado, convener of the Committee on Arrangements, reported that the Committee had arranged that Home and Foreign Missions would be considered Wednesday evening and Church Life and Work would be taken up Thursday evening, and that popular addresses on these subjects would be delivered. The Synod adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At the same place as above, the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories met pursuant to adjournment, with Mr. Joseph Hogg presiding in the absence of the Moderator.

After one hour spent in devotional exercises, the Synod was declared constituted by the Moderator, who at this point entered and took the chair.

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During the hour devoted to devotional exercises Mr. Gordon called attention to the illness of Dr. Robertson, which detains him in Toronto, and requested special prayer for him in his present sickness.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained. Mr. Rumball presented the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures which was received and adopted. It was agreed on motion, duly seconded, that Presbyteries be granted leave to sit in the intervals between sederunts, at the call of their respective moderators or clerks. A communication from Dr. McLaren was read acknowledging receipt of resolution conveying to him the thanks of the Synod for services rendered Manitoba College. The communication was received and ordered to be placed on file. Extract minutes from the records of the General Assembly were read conveying its finding on the appeal of Mr. Hodnett from the decision of last Synod, also the finding of the Assembly anent the request of Synod to grant further aid from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund to Rev. John Geddes. These extracts were received and placed on file. A request was read from the Presbytery of Glenboro asking Synod to condone their action in inducting Mr. Wells before the receipt of his Presbyterial certificate. The request was granted. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. John Hogg, that the following letter be wired Dr. Robertson :

Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions,
62 Admiral Road, Toronto.

The Synod unitedly prays that the God of all comfort may be with you and restore you to us soon.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Nisbet Academy was read, including a financial statement. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Joseph Hogg, duly seconded, that the report be referred to a committee consisting of the members of the Trustee Board present at this Synod with Messrs. McBeth, Carmichael and Dr. Bryce.

The report of the Committee on Church Law and Property was read, together with a resolution submitted by the Committee. Mr. Colin H. Campbell, convener of the Committee, was heard in explanation and support of the resolution. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Joseph Hogg, duly seconded, that the report be received and the resolution adopted. The resolution is as follows :

Whereas, Robert Anderson, late of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, deceased, departed this life and made the following bequests, namely :

1. I hereby will and bequeath the sum of two thousand dollars, currency, to be paid over to the Presbytery of Manitoba, of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, and to be divided as such Presbytery may consider most required for the erection of Presbyterian church buildings or assisting in their erection, where most required in the destitute parts of Manitoba or the North West ; said sum to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being of said Presbytery.

2. I hereby will and bequeath the sum of two thousand dollars, currency, to the Missionary Society of the Canada Presbyterian Church, in said Manitoba Presbytery, to be invested under the direction of said Presbytery in good securities for the annual income and revenue thereof, to be applied by the said Presbytery for the purposes of said Missionary Society ; said sum to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being of said Presbytery.

And whereas the Synod of Manitoba and the North West are the proper persons to receive the bequests above set out.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Treasurer, James Robertson, D. D., of the Synod of Manitoba and the North West Territories, be, and he is hereby authorized to receive of and from the executors of the last will and testament of said Robert Anderson, the above bequests, and to give to them all required receipts, discharges, releases and acquittances and to execute the same either in his own name or in the name of the Synod of Manitoba and the North West Territories or in the name of the Presbytery of Manitoba, named in the first mentioned bequest or the Missionary Society named in the second bequest above set out, as may be required by said executors.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At the same place as above, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted by prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the preceding sederunt were read and sustained.

The following committees on Presbyterian Records were nominated by the Moderator, and accepted by the Synod, viz :

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2. *Winnipeg*—Messrs. T. C. Court and W. McK. Omand.
3. *Rock Lake*—Messrs. J. M. Gray and John Patterson, elder.
4. *Glenboro*—Messrs. McBeth and G. A. Young, elder.
5. *Portage la Prairie*—Messrs. D. Robertson and R. H. Ferguson, elder.
6. *Brandon*—Messrs. C. W. Gordon and J. L. Small.
7. *Winnedosa*—Messrs. Alex. Campbell and W. R. Ross.
8. *Melita*—Messrs. J. H. Cameron and E. F. Stephenson, elder.
9. *Regina*—Messrs. Rumball and J. B. Mitchell, elder.

The following committee was also appointed to consider the Synod Roll, viz : Dr. Bryce, Prof. Baird and the Clerk of Synod. A further committee was appointed to nominate standing committees, viz : Messrs. T. R. Shearer, Andrew Chisholm, Robt. Patterson, James Hood, J. H. Cameron, and Elders G. L. Patterson, Robert Montieth and J. C. Fraser.

Dr. King then submitted the report of the Committee on the Maintenance of Manitoba College by the Synods of Manitoba and the North West Territories and British Columbia. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Joseph Hogg, seconded by Mr. Reddon, that the report be received and adopted, and that a Committee be appointed to draft a resolution expressing the views of the Synod with regard to the report and statement of Dr. King ament the college. The following committee was appointed : Messrs. Carmichael, McBeth, Joseph Hogg and McNaughton. Discussion of the interests of the college was continued by Messrs. Gordon, McRae, Lee, Farquharson, Whyte, Cameron, Profs. Bryce and Baird. An appeal by Mr. Hodnett against the finding of Rock Lake Presbytery in the case of Mr. Hodnett vs. the Killarney Congregation was read, with reasons in support of the same. Extract minutes from the records of Rock Lake Presbytery were also read, appointing Messrs. Rumball, Farquharson and Bowman to defend the Presbytery before the Synod.

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Pitblado, seconded by Mr. Hogg, that the reasons submitted by Mr. Hodnett be returned to Rock Lake Presbytery, that the Presbytery may

formulate answers to these reasons and submit the same to the Synod.

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Rumball, seconded by Mr. Pitblado, that the minutes of this Synod be printed and that the following committee be appointed to attend to the same, viz : The Clerk, Messrs. McBeth and D. Munro.

The Moderator requested Mr. Joseph Hogg to occupy the chair while he submitted the report of the Committee on Church Life and Work. The report was read, after which it was agreed, on motion of Mr. Pitblado, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the report be received and considered. During discussion the time for adjournment arrived and the Synod adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock in the evening, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place as above, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. Alexander Campbell occupying the chair in the absence of the Moderator. After praise and reading of the word the Synod was constituted by prayer by Dr. King at the request of the acting Moderator.

As agreed upon, the sederunt was devoted to the interests of Home and Foreign Missions. Mr. Gordon submitted the Home Mission report, and addresses were delivered on Home Missions by Dr. King and Mr. Farquharson. Prof. Baird then presented the Foreign Mission report, after which an address on Foreign Missions was delivered by Mr. W. S. Moore. The Synod then adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

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FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place as above the Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, with Rev. Joseph Hogg in the chair in the absence of the Moderator. After praise and reading of the word, the Synod was constituted by prayer by Mr. Kemlo, at the request of the acting Moderator.

The minutes of the two preceding sederunts were read and sustained. The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted. Mr. McBeth submitted the report of the committee appointed to draft resolution anent Manitoba College. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. John Hogg, seconded by Mr. F. McRae, that the report be received and adopted and the committee thanked for its diligence. The report is as follows:

1. The Synod has heard with great interest and pleasure the report of Manitoba College and the address made by the Principal in presenting the same.

2. The Synod desires to record its gratitude to God for the continued health and strength of the Principal (whom we are glad to welcome back after his well earned and helpful holiday), and of his staff, and especially expresses gratification and thankfulness at the return of Professor Hart with restored health to the work to which he has so unsparingly devoted himself for the past twenty-five years.

3. The Synod receives with much pleasure the information as to the excellent financial position of the College, regretting, however, that in some cases Presbyteries have this year fallen below the amount contributed by them in the preceding year. The Synod commends the College to the increased liberality of the members and adherents of the Church within the bounds and trusts that all our ministers will publicly and privately press all its interests upon the attention of their several congregations.

4. The Synod gratefully places on record its sincere appreciation of the services cheerfully and efficiently rendered during the summer session by Revs. Drs. McLaren, Scrimger, Beattie and Mr. Wright, and expresses deep and heartfelt sympathy with Dr. Beattie and his children in the sore affliction through which God has called them to pass.

5. The members of Synod have listened with interest to the testimonies given by one and another as to the helpful and uplifting character of the daily devotional exercises, when all the students of the institution who are due for the opening classes of the day are present, to hear the scriptures read and expounded and prayer offered before the

throne of grace. Such exercises as those conducted give christian tone to the institution and do much to create that quickening atmosphere in which the best types of manhood and womanhood thrive. Realizing how much the future greatness of this new country depends on the men and women who shall shape its destinies, the Synod rejoices in the existence of such a training school as Manitoba College, and invokes upon the institution and those who have it in charge the gracious favor of Almighty God.

At this juncture the Moderator entered and took the chair. Mr. Farquharson then read the recommendations of the Home Mission report, which were received and considered. After discussion it was agreed, on motion of Mr. Rumball, duly seconded, to refer the report to the Home Mission Committee with request to embody the points adduced in the discussion in their recommendations. The time for adjournment having arrived it was agreed to extend the time sufficiently to hear the report on Young People's Societies by Mr. McBeth. The report was received and adopted. The thanks of the Synod were tendered the convener for his diligence. The following are the recommendations :

1. That conveners of Presbyterial Committees on Young People's Societies, take deep interest in the societies that exist within the bounds, keeping in touch with them by correspondence and doing what they can, subject to the sessions of the congregations, to stir up and guide their life and work and liberality.
2. That Presbytery conveners, by such means as are fitting, should secure some form of Young People's Society, to be organized in every possible congregation and mission station in their respective Presbyteries.
3. That the Assembly's plan of study be generally adopted, and that ministers and session give loving encouragement and counsel to the Young People's organizations with a view of strengthening their attachment to the doctrine, polity, and enterprises of our own church.
4. That Presbyterial societies or unions be organized wherever practicable for mutual help and profit in the work.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at half-past two o'clock, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place as above, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted by prayer by the Moderator.

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sider the report on Nisbet Academy was presented by Mr. Lee. The report was received and adopted and is as follows :

1. That the request of the trustees of the Nisbet Academy, Prince Albert, that Rev. R. H. Warden, D. D., pay over to them one hundred dollars for the payment of taxes on the Academy property be granted, and that the receipt of the convener and the secretary-treasurer of the Board be a sufficient discharge to Dr. Warden. Further, that in future, when necessary that part of the interest required be available to the trustees for the payment of taxes and incidental expenses.

2. The committee recommend that Rev. Dr. Warden be asked if possible, to seek an investment for the monies of the Nisbet Academy that will bring a higher rate of interest than three per cent., and that the principal be invested for a period not exceeding ten years.

Extract minutes from the records of Rock Lake Presbytery were read embodying answers to Mr. Hodnett's reasons for appeal. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. John Hogg, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that all the papers in the appeal case be referred to a committee to determine what matters in the appeal are relevant and further to bring in a recommendation anent the case to the Synod. The following committee was appointed, viz : Mr. Carmichael, convener, Dr. King, Messrs. J. E. Munro, John Hogg and John Patterson. The Committee were given leave to retire and take the case into consideration. Prof. Baird then presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Statistics. It was agreed on motion of Mr. John Hogg, duly seconded, that the report be received and the recommendation adopted and the convener thanked for his diligence. The recommendation is as follows:

That the clerk of Synod be instructed to write to the clerks of the Presbyteries of Glenboro, Portage la Prairie and Melita, pointing out that they have neglected to add up the columns in the financial and statistical returns as they are asked to do by the General Assembly.

Mr. Pitblado submitted the report of the Committee on Obituary Notices, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows :

1. Robert Crawford, elder, of the congregation at Indian Head, was born on the 11th day of August, 1834, at Port Glasgow, Scotland, and died September 23rd, 1897. He came to Canada in 1845. He was for many years a trusted and honoured officer of the Hudson Bay Co., whose interests he efficiently represented at various posts. He was an enthusiastic church worker, efficiently superintending the Sabbath school, leading the Psalmody of the church and often preaching with great acceptance by the people. He represented the district of Indian Head for one term in the House of Assembly. He was a regular, conscientious and useful member of our church courts, and did much by his attention, wisdom and means to further the

interests of Christ's cause in this new land. Wherever he was known he was held in high esteem for his genial disposition, his great liberality and his sterling christian character. He was an honoured member of the Masonic fraternity, by whom he was interred at Brockville, Ontario, his former home.

2. Rev. W. K. McCulloch died on the 13th June, 1897. He had retired as one of the beneficiaries of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund for about one year before coming to Manitoba. He was minister of Kinneaur Mills, Quebec, for about eight years, and for about one year at Hawkesbury in the Presbytery of Ottawa. Then for a time he was in the Kingston Presbytery, whence he removed to Oshawa. He supplied Alexander in the Brandon Presbytery for about five months, but his health gave way, and he was obliged to return to Oshawa, where he died in the 45th year of his age.

3. Rev. Duncan Campbell, B.A., was born at Barrie, Ont., in May, 1858, receiving his elementary education in the public and high school of that town. Coming to Manitoba he entered Manitoba College, from which he was graduated in Arts in 1888 and in Theology in 1891. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Winnipeg in May, 1891, and ordained and inducted at Holland, Man., August 11th, 1891. He remained in his first and only pastorate till November 1st, 1896, when he resigned owing to impaired health, largely due to overwork. His Sabbath duties during the five years of his ministry consisted of preaching three times, teaching two bible classes and superintending a Sabbath school. After taking a much needed rest it was his purpose to resume the work of the ministry, but the Master had ordered otherwise. After a brief illness he was called away March 8th, 1897, leaving a widow and two small children. Mr. Campbell was first clerk of Glenboro Presbytery, holding the position till the time of his resignation. Large-hearted, kind and sympathetic, he made friends of all whom he met. As student and preacher he was faithful and earnest.

4. The Rev. George Flett, Okanase Mission, died on the 27th of Oct. last, in his 81st year. He was born near the site of the town of Prince Albert on the Saskatchewan, on the 10th of February, 1817. When about seven years of age he came with the rest of the family to the Red River settlement where he grew up to manhood. After spending a number of active, useful years, mainly in trading with the Indians, in wandering over the vast area between the Red River and the Rocky Mountains, when he acquired that thorough acquaintance with the Indian character and knowledge of the Indian tongues which were so useful to him in after life, he entered the service of the church in 1866, in connection with our first Indian mission under Mr. Nisbet at Prince Albert. He was ordained as missionary to the Indians by the Presbytery of Manitoba in 1874, and after spending 21 years of active missionary life, chiefly at Okanase, he resigned his charge in 1895. From Okanase, as a centre, he made for many years frequent visits to Crow Stand, Rolling River, Lizard Point, etc., and took an active part in founding and assisting most of our Indian missions. The church is deeply indebted to Mr. Flett for the good work which under God he was enabled to accomplish among our Indians, by whom he will be long remembered as their missionary and friend.

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Mr. Farquharson submitted the report of the Home Mission Committee as revised. The report was received and adopted, as follows :

1. That Presbyteries be enjoined to make an earnest effort to have contributions from congregations and mission fields towards the Home Mission and Augmentation funds increased.

2. With a view to the better support of these funds, as of the other missionary and educational funds of the church, the Synod earnestly recommends the organization in the various congregations and mission stations, of missionary societies (when these do not already exist), the duty of whose office bearers it should be to see that an opportunity is given the people to contribute at stated intervals for these funds.

3. That Presbyteries arrange for visitation of mission fields, within their bounds, with a view, if possible, to reduce the amount of aid required from the Home Mission Fund.

4. That Presbyteries be required to meet immediately and to take prompt action in this matter and report to the Synod's committee next spring upon forms to be furnished the various mission fields by the committee.

It was moved and seconded, that the Moderator appoint a committee to draft a resolution expressive of our sympathy with Dr. Robertson in his present illness and to forward Dr. Robertson a *resume* of the work of this Synod. The Moderator appointed Messrs. Gordon and Farquharson.

On motion of Prof. Baird, duly seconded, it was agreed that the next meeting of the Synod be held in St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, on the second Tuesday of November, 1898, and at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Prof. Baird referred again to the Foreign Mission report submitted last evening. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Murray, duly seconded, that the report be remitted to a committee consisting of Messrs. Farquharson and McRae, to consider the same and draft a suitable resolution anent the subject of Foreign Missions.

The report of the Committee on Standing Committees was submitted by Mr. Cameron, received and considered *seriatim*, and adopted as a whole, as follows :

1. *Home Missions*.—Dr. Robertson, Convener, Dr. King, Messrs. C. W. Gordon, P. Wright, and the Conveners of the several Presbyteries.

2. *Church Life and Work*.—Dr. Duval, Convener, John Hogg, P. Wright, E. A. Henry, A. Lee, A. Chisholm, John Patterson, A. Stewart, W. Rothwell, Robert Hogg, W. Wilson, Neil Fox, and the Conveners of the committees of the several Presbyteries.

3. *Sabbath Schools*.—A Hamilton, Convener, J. L. Small, Dr. Bryce, T. R. Scott, J. W. Muirhead, A. McTavish, W. D. Russell, D. McNaught, W. W. Miller, R. Beale, D. Forrest, W. H. Irwin and the Conveners of the committees of the several Presbyteries.

4. *Finance and Statistics*.—Prof. Baird, Convener, the Synod Clerk, the Clerks of the several Presbyteries, Dr. Robertson, and the Conveners of the committees of the several Presbyteries.

5. *Church Law and Property*.—C. H. Campbell, Convener, Dr. King, Dr. Robertson, R. G. McBeth, Sir Thomas Taylor and J. H. Haversen.

6. *Foreign Missions*.—Profs. Hart and Baird, Joint Conveners, Dr. King, Dr. Duval, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Robertson, Joseph Hogg, John Hogg, Hugh McKay, A. J. McLeod, D. Carswell, C. W. Whyte, J. A. Fraser, A. D. Mackay and Robert Montieth.

7. *Maintenance of Manitoba College*.—Dr. King, Convener, Prof. Bryce, Prof. Baird, Dr. Robertson, C. B. Pitblado, J. L. Small, Thomas Beveridge, R. Patterson, J. A. Carmichael, T. C. Court, P. Wright, J. McArthur, P. Fisher, S. Polson, K. A. Gollau, Sir Thos. W. Taylor, G. A. Young, Alex. McDonald, Geo. R. Crowe, W. G. Craig, John Murray, E. F. Stephenson, John Craig and D. McKay; the Winnipeg members of the committee to form the executive.

8. *Board of Trustees of Nisbet Academy*.—A. Lee, Convener, Dr. Robertson, Joseph Hogg, John McTaggart, D. C. McLellan, J. A. F. Stull, H. J. Montgomery, C. H. Campbell and J. B. Kernaghan.

9. *Bills and Overtures*.—Clerk of Synod, Convener, the Moderator, Clerk of Presbyteries, one member chosen by each Presbytery and the minister of the church in which the Synod meets.

10. *Obituary Notices*.—C. B. Pitblado, Convener, Dr. Robertson, Prof. Hart, Dr. Duval, James Farquharson and J. A. Reddon.

11. *Young People's Societies*.—E. A. Henry, Convener, R. G. McBeth, J. H. Cameron, S. W. Thompson, J. E. Munro, T. R. Shearer, J. A. Bowman, D. Munro, W. A. McLean, Isaac Pitblado, R. Fairley, John Fleming and J. L. Logie.

12. *Synod Arrangement*.—The pastor of the church in which the Synod is held, Convener, the other city pastors with representative elder from each of the city congregations.

13. *Equalization of Expenses*.—M. C. Rumball, Convener, R. G. McBeth, Joseph Hogg, Joseph Whyte, D. M. Telford, D. McCuaig and J. Elder.

Dr. Bryce presented the report of the committee on the Distribution of Probationers, which was received, considered and adopted. (See Appendix.)

On motion of Mr. Joseph Hogg, seconded by Mr. Farquharson, Mr. Bowman and Mr. John McTaggart were appointed to audit the books of the Synod treasurer.

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Mr. Gordon, presented the report of the committee appointed to draft resolution of sympathy with Dr. Robertson, which was received and adopted, and is as follows :

The Synod of Manitoba and the North West Territories learns with deep regret of the serious illness of the Superintendent of Missions by which he is prevented from attendance at this meeting, expresses its warm sympathy with Dr. Robertson and his family in his affliction, and urges him to take such complete rest from all work as may serve to hasten his recovery.

The Synod prays, as it has already joined in praying, that Almighty God may comfort and sustain Dr. Robertson in his affliction and bless the means employed for his speedy recovery.

Mr. Farquharson presented the report of the committee appointed to consider the Foreign Mission report. Their report was received and adopted, and is as follows :

That the Synod express its gratitude to God for the success that has attended the labours of our missionaries among the Indians, as shown in the marked improvement in their life and character, and especially in the good conduct of those from our schools who are in service, as reported to the convener by their employers. That the Synod commend the Foreign Mission work to the liberality of our people.

Mr. Hamilton presented the report of the committee on Sabbath Schools, which was received, considered and adopted with its recommendations. The recommendations are as follows :

1. That Presbyteries be urged to see that the information regarding our Sabbath School work required by the Assembly be obtained from all schools, and that conveners of Sabbath School committees forward reports for Synodical use.

2. That deeper interest be taken in the plans of the General Assembly to stimulate study, and recommend for use especially the series prepared for home study, and unify the work.

3. That our elders be affectionately urged to take greater responsibility in attending to the interests of the young.

4. That the claims of our own schemes be brought more fully to the attention of the scholars.

The following telegram addressed to the clerk of Synod was then read :

"A grateful heart thanks Synod for message of sympathy. Condition slightly improved. May Synod's deliberations be abundantly blessed." J. ROBERTSON.

Mr. Rumball, convener of the Committee on Equalization of Expenses, reported that the average expense of each mem-

ber attending this Synod was six dollars, and that a larger number were present from distant Presbyteries than usual. The report was received and adopted.

It was agreed, on motion of Prof. Hart, seconded by Prof. Baird, that the scheme of Equalization of Expenses be continued for one year. The Synod then adjourned to meet at eight o'clock, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place as above, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted by prayer by Mr. Carmichael at the request of the Moderator.

The Moderator then requested Mr. Hogg to occupy the chair while he introduced the discussion on Church Life and Work. After an address by Dr. Duval, a hymn was sung and further addresses on the various aspects of the subject were delivered by Dr. Bryce, Messrs. McKenzie and Whyte. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Joseph Hogg, seconded by Mr. Lee, that this Synod re-affirming the opinion of past Synods regarding the nature of the general liquor traffic and its evil effects on individual, family and social life, and the necessity of the faithful preaching of the gospel to effectually overcome these evils and build up a temperate, prosperous and Godly nation, asserts its conviction that in the matter of legislation, nothing short of prohibition rigidly enforced by the proper authorities should ever be accepted as final or satisfactory, and further, it hereby expresses its approval of the action in this direction promised by the Dominion Government, and further, the Synod would urge upon all those under its jurisdiction, when the proposed plebescite is submitted, to vote for the enactment of a prohibitory liquor law. And it expresses the hope that the question of prohibition will be submitted to the vote of the people untrammelled by any other consideration.

It was moved by Mr. J. C. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Alex. Campbell, that this Synod expresses itself as strongly disapproving of the great amount of unnecessary work that is being done by the railways in Manitoba and the North West Territories, especially at divisional points, on the

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Lord's day, and that a committee be appointed to interview the railway authorities of the various lines of railways in the west.

It was agreed on motion; duly seconded, that the discussion on the above motion be arrested until to-morrow morning. It was moved by Mr. John Hogg, seconded by Dr. King, that Synod continue in session for at least one hour for the further transaction of business, and that the report of the committee appointed to examine the papers in the appeal case of Mr. Hodnett be the first order.

The report was presented by Mr. Carmichael and supported by Dr. King. The first question arising out of the report was: Shall the whole question be re-opened? Mr. Hodnett was heard in support of the claim to re-open the case, after which Messrs. Rumball and Farquharson were heard to the contrary. It was then agreed to adopt the recommendation of the committee, that the whole case be not re-opened.

The first recommendation of the committee was then considered and the finding of the committee sustained.

The second recommendation was, after discussion, withdrawn by the committee by permission of the Synod,

The third recommendation was then considered.

New evidence arising, which the committee claimed had not been before it, the case was referred back to the committee. Dr. King explained that he could not be present when the committee would be in session, and Mr. Whyte was appointed to take his place. The Synod then adjourned to meet at ten o'clock to-morrow morning, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place as above, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the two preceding sederunts were read and sustained. The discussion on Mr. Cameron's resolution

on Sabbath observance was resumed. It was agreed, after deliberation, to remit the whole matter to a committee to consider the matter in the light of the discussion and to bring in a finding issuing the case.

The Moderator appointed the following committee, viz : Messrs. Gordon, Cameron, Campbell and Messrs. J. B. Mitchell and Hogg, elders. The committee were given leave to retire and take the subject into consideration.

An overture from the Presbytery of Winnipeg was read anent the extra-mural session. The overture was received and adopted and the clerk instructed to transmit the same to the General Assembly. Mr. Joseph Hogg was appointed to support the same before the Assembly. The overture is as follows :

Whereas, the General Assembly at its meeting in Kingston in 1891, provided for the ordination of students appointed to Home Mission Fields after having completed their second year in theology, it being understood that such men are not eligible for settlement in pastoral charges until they shall have completed the examination of the third theological year, and

Whereas, such regulation was evidently adopted to meet the exigencies of the Home Mission Field in the North West, and

Whereas, the increased supply of ordained ministers and the larger number of students in theology who are free for Home Mission work in winter because of the summer session in Manitoba College, make such a regulation now unnecessary, and

Whereas, an extra-mural session cannot in ordinary circumstances be as beneficial to the student as an ordinary session,

Therefore, the Presbytery of Winnipeg humbly overtures the General Assembly to consider whether the time has not come to declare that the regulation that provides for the ordination of students after having completed their second year in theology, shall no longer be in force.

Reports from the several committees appointed to consider the records of the several Presbyteries were read, declaring that the records of the several Presbyteries, Superior, Winnipeg, Rock Lake, Glenboro, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Minnedosa, Melita and Regina, had been carefully and correctly kept. The Synod ordered that the several records be attested accordingly.

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1. That the Rev. G. C. Little is on the roll of the Presbytery of Melita as minister of Pierson, and also under the care of the Presbytery of Rock Lake. It is recommended that this name be removed to Melita Presbytery.

2. Rev. A. W. Lewis is under the care of the Presbytery of Regina although his name is also on the roll of the Presbytery of St. John, N.B. It is recommended that his name be dropped from the roll of Regina Presbytery.

3. Rev. Ewen McKenzie was appointed missionary to the Hurricane Hills Indian Mission last year, but his name does not yet appear on the roll of the Presbytery of Regina. It is recommended that his name be added on receipt of his certificate by Regina Presbytery.

4. The committee notes that there is considerable diversity in the use of Academic degrees in these rolls, and recommend that Academic degrees be attached to name on roll.

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Farquharson, that the resolution of last Synod be reaffirmed, authorizing the Committee on Arrangements to spend up to fifty dollars in having the reports, or such of them as may seem necessary, printed in time for the meeting of Synod, and to arrange for railway rates, and the Committee on Equalization of Expenses issue a circular to all members of Synod explaining the Equalization Scheme, and giving assurance that it has been definitely adopted for next Synod.

It was agreed on motion of Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Ewan McKenzie, that the thanks of the Synod are due and are hereby tendered :—

1. To the authorities of Westminster congregation for the use of their church during this Synod.

2. To the friends in Winnipeg for their kindness in entertaining the members of Synod.

3. To the press for the full reports given of the proceedings of this Synod.

4. To the Canadian Pacific, the Northern Pacific and the Manitoba and North West Railway Companies for half-fare permits to ministers and missionaries of this Synod during the year, for reduced rates to elders attending this Synod, and for their general kindness and courtesy to ministers when travelling on their lines of railway.

It was agreed on motion of Mr. Farquharson, seconded by Mr. McRae, that the Synod appoint a committee to confer with the committees that have been or may be appointed by other churches, with a view of seeing whether something

more might not be done to secure larger attention being given to religious teaching in the public schools of the Province. The following committee was then appointed: Dr. King, convener, Drs. Bryce and Duval, Messrs. Wright, Joseph Hogg and J. B. Mitchell.

Upon request, the Presbytery of Minnedosa was granted leave to withdraw for the transaction of important business.

Mr Gordon reported for the committee appointed to consider the Sabbath question in connection with Mr. Cameron's motion. The report was received and considered, and on motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Campbell, adopted, as follows:

The Synod of Manitoba and the North West Territories call the attention of the railroad authorities of the various lines operating within the bounds, to the fact that a great amount of work is being done upon the Lord's day along the line, and especially at divisional points. The Synod deprecates this state of matters as having a most injurious effect upon public morality, in breaking down in the minds of the people the feeling of reverence for the Lord's day, in seriously interfering with attendance upon public worship, and in rendering it difficult for christian employees to maintain their conscientious convictions in regard to the performance of work upon the Lord's day.

That a committee be appointed to have this whole matter in charge, consisting of an executive, resident in Winnipeg, with the ministers at divisional points as corresponding members.

The duty of this committee to be as follows: To receive detailed information in regard to work being done upon the Lord's day, and to take such immediate action as emergency may seem to demand, and to bring this resolution to the notice of the railroad authorities. The following committee was appointed, viz: Messrs. McBeth, Pitblado, Gordon and J. B. Mitchell.

The Treasurer reported that after all accounts rendered had been paid, there was a balance of (\$97.26) ninety-seven dollars and twenty-six cents in the treasury.

The Auditors reported that the accounts were carefully kept, and that vouchers for all amounts paid out had been presented. The reports of Treasurer and Auditors were adopted.

The committee on the appeal case reported that they had carefully gone over Mr. Hodnett's account with his congregation and compared his acknowledgments of receipts with the congregation's figures, and had found that with the exception of one or two small sums (about which even Mr. Hodnett

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The following is the full text of the recommendations of the committee adopted by the Synod in the case :

1st. That the claim for interest on amounts due to Mr. Hodnett at successive periods by the Killarney congregation be not entertained on the ground that any such claim is unusual if not absolutely without precedent in the church.

2nd. That in view of the fact that the condition on which Mr. Hodnett offered to remit \$30.00 of his claim was not met, the Synod finds him entitled to this amount.

The minutes of this sederunt were then read and sustained.

The Moderator requested the Synod to join in singing the 460th hymn. He then declared the Synod adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, on the second Tuesday of November, 1898, and at 8 o'clock in the evening.

After leading the Synod in prayer, the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

S. C. MURRAY,
Synod Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Synopsis of the Reports of Standing Committees presented to the Fifteenth Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NISBET ACADEMY.

Archibald Lee, Chairman.

The trustees of the Nisbet Academy beg respectfully to report that nothing was done during the past year in the way of re-opening the Academy.

The trustees consider it useless to make any beginning, until they can do so without some assurance of success, and one essential they consider is a suitable building, and another, a properly qualified teacher or teachers. The capital at their disposal, some \$7,000, is insufficient to build a school and provide an endowment to enable the trustees to carry on the institution successfully, and therefore they wish in the meanwhile to allow the money to remain invested until such time as they believe will be more opportune than the present for the re-opening of the school.

The trustees, however, wish to have the money now in trust in Toronto to be placed subject to their order, so that if an opportunity of investment in approved securities should arise, the trustee board may be able to take advantage of such opportunity. This action of the trustees is only asking the Synod to help them carry into effect the resolution of the General Assembly agreed to at Brantford in 1893.

The trustees also beg to report that they have at present no funds in hand. The taxes for the present year and also for part of last year are yet unpaid and the lots we own liable to be sold for taxes. On the instructions of the board at Prince Albert, the convener wrote to Rev. R. H. Warden, D.D., requesting him so send \$100 (one hundred dollars) to pay taxes. The Rev. R. H. Warden, in reply, asked for information regarding the memorial referred to in minutes of Assembly of 1893, the names of the trustees, and when and by whom appointed. He said, "Until I receive this and have authority to pay the money, I am not in a position to do so."

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The information asked for has been sent to Dr. Warden and we trust the money will be forwarded immediately. Should, however, Dr. Warden for any reason be unwilling to forward the one hundred dollars, we look to the Synod to give the necessary authority to him to pay to us the money now needed for the payment of our taxes.

The following is a statement of the finances :

RECEIPTS.

Nov. 7, 1896. To Cash on hand	\$ 2 08	
Aug. 29, 1897. To Cash, Jno. McTaggart, note. 25 00		\$27 08

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Taxes 1896 by Treasurer	\$57 13	
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ASSETS.

Lots unsold	\$2390 00	
Note, D.C. McLellan, and Int. 2 yrs.	80 00	
Note, John McTaggart, and Int. 3 yrs.	25 00	
Cash in bank	2 08	

LIABILITIES.

Due Treasurer on Taxes, 1896	\$32 13	
Due A. W. Newlands	9 25	

REPORT ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

Thomas Hart, B.D., and Andrew B. Baird, B.D., Joint Conveners.

The Executive Committee, which has had charge of Indian mission work within the bounds of this Synod, begs to report that the past year has been marked by faithful work on the part of the missionaries carried on along lines which have already been approved by the Synod. No considerable expansion has been possible on account of lack of funds, and indeed for the first time in the history of the Committee it found its estimates cut down by the General Assembly's Committee so as to avoid a prospective increase of debt.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.—It is difficult to describe in general terms and within the limits of a paragraph, work which is in such various stages as that carried on in the different reserves under our care. Some, such as Mistawasis, Okanase, and Bird Tail, have more or less fully organized congregations with sessions, boards of management, and in some cases with Christian Endeavor Societies and Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliaries. In other fields where our work is still in its infancy as at Hurricane Hills and Moose Mountain, the hostility of the Indians to Christianity has not yet been overcome and some of them will

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BUILDINGS.—A frame mission house has been erected at Okanase at a cost of a little more than \$1000 to replace the log building erected 22 years ago. Owing to scarcity of funds the erection of much needed buildings at Lizard Point and Bird Tail has had to be postponed. The Government has built a new school house at Okanase and has made an addition to the schoolroom at File Hills.

ADMINISTRATION.—As in former years the Executive Committee has held fortnightly meetings which have been fully occupied with the concerns of the various departments of the work. In addition to visits paid by Professor Baird in September to the recently appointed missionaries at Moose Mountain and the Hurricans Hills, Mrs. Jeffrey, of Toronto, the North-West Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, visited most of our missions in June and July and her report was of much value to this Committee.

The General Assembly has made a new departure by appointing a member of this Committee as a member of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee and the result is likely to be of value in keeping the work of this Committee in close touch with the other departments of the Foreign Mission work of the Church.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

J. Robertson, D.D., Convener.

MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

Your Committee beg to report that during the year 118 missions were on the rolls of the nine Presbyteries comprising the Synod. Of these forty-two were supplied by ordained and seventy-six by unordained missionaries. The number of Sabbaths supply was about the same as for 1895-96, viz., 5065.

NUMBER THAT BECAME CONGREGATIONS.

Of these missions Austin has become a self-supporting congrega-

tion ; and Rosedale, St. Luke's, Douglas, Roland, Thornhill, Whitewood and Wolseley have been augmented charges, of which four have already called pastors.

NEW MISSIONS.

Nine new missions have come on the lists, with the prospect of more next spring. One of these may admit of special mention. There are two colonies of Finlanders in the neighborhood of Port Arthur ; and, to the number of forty families and forty single men not belonging to these families, they petitioned the Presbytery of Superior for recognition, and assistance to maintain ordinances, offering themselves to contribute \$40.00 a month for the purpose. The petition was laid before your Committee, forwarded to the Assembly's Committee, with the recommendation of Presbytery and your Committee ; and \$20.00 a month was cheerfully voted as asked by the petitioners, by the Executive of the General Assembly's Committee.

EXPENDITURE FOR 1896-97.

The expenditure for the year ending March 31st, 1897, amounted to \$17,416.25, being \$666.25 in excess of the vote of the Assembly's Committee in March, 1896. Presbyteries in the Synod raised specially about one-half of the extra vote.

FINANCES, 1897-98.

For the current year the Assembly's Committee voted \$16,500, twenty-one per cent less than the estimated cost by your Committee for full supply for the whole year. The claims for the first half-year amounted to \$8,932.50 ; and, after reducing grants to such an extent as seemed prudent for the current half year, your Committee found that between \$1,100 and \$1,200 more than the balance at their disposal would be required to carry on the work. The facts were set before the Executive of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, and a request laid the request on the table for the action of the whole Committee in spring. Last year closed with a deficit of \$4,000 in the Assembly fund, and the receipts for the current year are not satisfactory ; hence it is doubtful whether the Assembly's Committee could help if it would. It is consequently submitted to your Committee whether the Synod itself should not take some action to raise the amount specially, so as to save disappointment and loss next spring. An average contribution of eight cents per communicant would meet the deficit. This, of course, in addition to the amount asked for the H.M. fund by the General Assembly's H.M.C.

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It should be reported the General Assembly's H. M. C. is not satisfied with the contributions of this Synod to the H.M. fund. Last year we received \$17,416.25 from the fund and contributed \$4,181.75, or about an average of twenty-nine cents per communicant. Arguments or explanations do not do away with these figures—and they are too low, let us frankly confess.

SUPPLY OF MISSIONARIES.

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NEED OF MORE ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.

The only satisfactory remedy for this need of missionaries for winter is a large number of permanent ordained missionaries. The vacancies left in the two synods in the autumn are too numerous to be provided for by present methods; inferior supply is consequently apt to be employed; and, to save travelling expenses, the inexperienced and untrained missionary is apt to be retained in the field for a year. But, until the H.M. fund is in a more satisfactory state this remedy is beyond reach. Missions, however, are getting weary of the constant change, and of the supply sometimes provided, and are asking for ordained missionaries, and offering to increase contributions generously for this end. There is hope here.

Moreover, it is a mistake not to man outposts like Ft. Frances, Schreiber, Estevan, Kinistino, Beaver Lake, Ft. Steele, Fairview, Greenwood and the rest with ordained missionaries—men of experience, mental training, and fully qualified to discharge all the functions of the Christian ministry.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF MISSIONS.

Your Committee regret to be unable to present a statement showing the proportion between the contributions of the missions for the support of ordinances and the grants voted by the Assembly's Committee, but the returns are so incomplete that any comparison would be misleading. It is safe to say, however, that sixty-three per cent of the cost of maintaining ordinances in the matter of salaries, is met by the contributions of the people.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Alexander Hamilton, B.A., Convener.

Your Committee beg to report that, notwithstanding the fact that the statistics of 1896, compiled for the General Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Schools, have been used, no reports are to hand for this Synod from the Presbyteries of Superior, Glenboro, Brandon and Melita. This renders the report necessarily incomplete and unsatisfactory. Notice has been sent to each of our Presbyteries. We have responses from five of these. The Synod is therefore in the position of depending on the statistics collected by the clerks of Presbytery and compiled in the minutes of Assembly. These appear to be incomplete also, in some cases the numbers being left unadded. We cannot expect to keep track of the work being done, and to know well what we are doing as a Synod, except Presbyteries see that this state of matters is changed.

According to Assembly minutes the non-reporting Presbyteries of Superior, Glenboro, Brandon and Melita have 46 schools, with 525 teachers and officers, and 3715 scholars. Besides, 3 schools each in the Presbyteries of Winnipeg and Minnedosa do not report. This means a serious shortage in the report as a whole. From the reports sent by clerks of Presbyteries to the Assembly it would appear also that in the five Presbyteries which have reported to your Committee there is a reported total of 124 schools in their bounds whilst according to the reports of the S.S. Conveners of these Presbyteries there are 187 schools in the same. This is a difference of 63 schools. This difference is found distributed—the Presbytery of Rock Lake having a difference of 14, Portage la Prairie of 5, Minnedosa of 16, Regina of 27, and Winnipeg of 1. Not so much diversity appears in the number of teachers or in the number of scholars.

There are in our Synod (including all Presbyteries) according to Assembly's minutes, at least 170 schools, with 1746 teachers and officers and 13,403 scholars. Compared with our report of last year this means an INCREASE of 12 schools, of 487 in the number of teachers and officers, and of 2538 in the number of scholars.

Of the schools this year 28 are reported non-denominational in character.

It is a singular statistical freak that we have from the reports of the 5 Presbyteries to hand 5 more schools, 38 less in the number of teachers and officers, and 1177 less in the number of scholars than the totals of last year which included all the Presbyteries but one.

Some 109 schools are conducted during the whole year, 31 for varying periods between 6 and 12 months, 39 are 6 months' schools, and 16 are for shorter periods.

In the report of schools from the five Presbyteries reporting the average attendance of officers and teachers is 994 out of 1166 on roll, and 6937 out of 9991 scholars on roll.

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In church relations 1143 scholars are communicants, 223 becoming such during the year, 4133 attend church services, and 156 elders are engaged in the work.

Contributions are \$6,541; of this \$4,756 have been expended in the schools, \$1,322 have been contributed to the schemes of the church, and \$656 to other benevolent objects. Contributions have contributed to the support of schools \$375.

Included in these are 6 Indian schools with 15 officers and teachers, and 223 scholars who have contributed \$12 to support their schools, \$89 to the schemes of the church, and \$20 for other benevolent objects.

The encouraging features of this report are the evident increase in schools, teachers and officers and scholars; the increasing amount devoted to schemes of our own church; and the slight increase in amount contributed in congregations for the support of schools.

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REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

R. G. MacBeth, M.A., Convener.

Reference has already been made at the present meeting of Synod to the work and worth of Young People's Societies, as the subject came very appropriately into notice in connection with the report on Church Life and Work. There may be difference of opinion as to the best form of organization by which to band the young people of one church together in active service for God and humanity, but there can be no two opinions as to the importance of having them organized in some form in every congregation in which they are found in sufficient numbers to warrant the hope of continuance. The amazing growth of the Christian Endeavor Society within the last decade and a half has stamped it as thus far, the form that meets with most general acceptance, but the reports in this Synod and elsewhere, show that amongst the young people other societies exist with much the same ends in view and differing from the Christian Endeavor mainly, in that they have not in their conditions of membership the much-discussed and variously estimated pledge. Touching more closely on matters contained in the Presbyterian reports, we find 62 societies reported as against 54 last year, an increase scarcely commensurate with our expectations and what is more important with the needs and demands of the work in this great mission field. From the personal experience of many who are here, as well as from the reports, we know that the presence of an organized band of active young men and women has proved an almost inestimable boon to districts where settled and regular services were not possible throughout the year and hence renewed effort in the direction of organization is urged. The total number of members this year is 1800, being some 250 more than formerly, and the proportion of men to women is about 1 to 3. In some societies the number of men and women is nearly equal, but in view of the average over the whole Synod the question as to whether we have or have not secured the best form of organization to reach the young men will occur to all earnest minds as one requiring deep study. Discussion and suggestion on this point may well engage our most eager and prayerful efforts. When we turn to the matter of raising money we find the total amount to be \$1428 as against \$1199 last year, and a look at the manner of its expenditure is interesting at first glance. The most disappointing feature of it is that less was given this year than last year to the schemes of the church—\$639 this year, against \$693 last year, a difference of \$54, though this may be partially accounted for by the fact that the societies gave this year \$365 as against \$208 last year, *i. e.* \$57 more to congregational objects. In distributing to the schemes, Foreign Missions get the largest amount this year, receiving \$346, as against \$142 last year. Home Missions received this year \$174, being \$12 less than last year, while the giving to French Evangelization has doubled, being \$100 for this, as against \$50 last year.

The running expenses of the societies consumed \$344, and the sum of \$198 was given to objects outside the schemes of the church. Figures here are indices of the arts from which the wind is blowing, and hence they also may well engage our sober, serious sense in the solution of these somewhat enigmatical combinations.

The most distinctive change made in the exercises of the meetings during the past year was the adoption by nearly a third of the societies of the General Assembly's plan of study, which arranges that once a month the history, polity, doctrine and work of the Presbyterian Church should engage the attention of the members. For the coming year the Assembly's committee has arranged an excellent programme of study which cannot fail to be of great interest and profit. If as is sometimes charged, the tendency of some of these societies is toward undenominationalism, the adoption of the Assembly's plan of study will not only increase the knowledge our young people now have of the splendid history and serious work this church can unveil to the seeker after facts, but will hold the young manhood and womanhood of our body in close sympathy with that great system of doctrine which has put iron into the blood of the world's purposes and efforts.

When we turn to the practical work done in their several neighborhoods by the societies, we find in many places, not only the record of assistance given in the services of the church, but in the benevolent mission, the going about doing good to the sick and the afflicted and the broken lives which we always have around us. No part of the church, so far as we know, is doing so much in a systematic way to prevent the Good Samaritan ceasing from amongst the children of men, and for this cause and many others, the church ought to love, cherish, protect and extend the societies amongst our young people everywhere.

REPORT ON FINANCE AND STATISTICS.

Andrew B. Baird, B.D., Convener.

Your Committee has the pleasant task of reporting that the past year has been a year of progress almost all along the line. Even in that element which usually affords occasion for grumbling—the number of non-reporting congregations—matters are better than they have ever been before. There are eleven non-reporting congregations and mission stations as against fourteen for each of the two preceding years. Two of these eleven were manned by ordained ministers. The Presbytery of Melita continues to enjoy the "bad eminence" of returning the largest proportion of non-reporting congregations, but its supremacy is closely contested by the Presbytery of Portage la Prairie. They are responsible for four each. The Presbyteries on the honor roll which present a report of some kind from every congregation are Superior, Winnipeg, Glenboro, Brandon and Minnedosa.

The number of places where services are held is 506, an increase of 8 over the previous year, and an increase of 80 over the year 1892 when the Synod was formed. The number of families is 8907, an increase of 829 over the previous year. It is interesting to note and it has an interesting bearing on the increase of our responsibilities that we have added an average of 500 families a year to our communion for the past ten years. The number of communicants is 14,102, an increase of 605 over the previous year, the chief increase being in the Presbytery of Superior (82), Minnedosa (164), and Regina (200). The increase in the number of communicants was less than in the preceding year, i.e., 923 as against 1124 by profession, and 699 as against 737 by certificate.

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The number of infant baptisms was 1296, being 12 less than the previous year, and the number of adult baptisms was 68, a falling off of 24. The number of elders is 478, an increase of 55, and the number of other office-bearers shows a corresponding increase. The number attending the weekly prayer meeting is 3931, which was 46 less than the preceding year. It is not a very comforting thought that whereas only 35 per cent of the communicants attend the prayer meetings we are in danger of letting the ratio fall still lower. This is the first time for many years that the attendance at the weekly prayer meeting has not shown an increase. There is a noticeable decrease in the attendance in the Presbyteries of Winnipeg (87), Portage la Prairie and Regina (94).

The Sabbath school attendance shows an increase of 790 on a total of 13,543 and an increase of 93 in the number of officers engaged in the work of instruction.

The amount of stipend paid by congregations alone amounts to \$89,854, an increase of \$9,582, and it is very pleasant to note that the arrears of salary due to ministers have fallen from \$6125 to \$2745, mainly, no doubt, owing to the efforts of the Committee which took that matter in hand last year. Of these arrears nearly half (\$1340) are in the Presbytery of Glenboro. The amount paid for church building, maintenance of ordinances and other similar expenses outside of the minister's stipend, amounted to \$70,154, a decrease of \$11,659 due mainly to less activity in church building in the city of Winnipeg.

The contributions to the schemes of the Church amount to \$14,298 which, one is glad to note, is an increase of \$335 over the previous year. All the funds share in the increase except the Augmentation Fund and the contribution to the Foreign Mission Fund from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The total contributions for all purposes amount to \$182,817, an increase of \$2,637 over the previous year.

AUGMENTATION REPORT.

J. Robertson, D.D., Convener.

Last spring seventeen congregations were on the augmentation list in this Synod, of which nine were vacant. Three congregations have since become self-supporting, viz., Rounthwaite, Wellwood and Moosejaw. Five congregations, Rosedale, Roland, Thornhill, Wolseley, and Whitewood, have been placed on the list since spring, giving a total on the list at date of nineteen. Of these, eight are vacant, but some having come on the list quite recently have had no opportunity as yet of calling pastors.

There has been a gratifying increase in families and communicants in several congregations, but for some reason there has been no corresponding increase in contributions. In some cases a decrease in contributions is reported and at the same time a large increase in communicants and families. There is a considerable disparity in the

amounts contributed for the support of ordinances, where there would appear to be no such disparity in the circumstances of the congregations. The average per communicant of augmented congregations in the Synod for salary is \$8.24, but \$6.50, \$7.02, \$6.19, \$5.50, and even \$4.11 are reported. As compared with the contributions for last year there is a decline of an average per communicant of 15 per cent.

Your Committee would also call attention to the meagre support accorded to this fund by the Synod. Last year we contributed an average of 8 cents per communicant; and eight of the congregations on the augmented list contributed nothing, while the contributions of four others are respectively four, three, two and one dollar each. What wonder if the Augmentation Committee express dissatisfaction and disappointment.

The amount promised by the 19 congregations for salary is \$12,485 and the amount of the grants promised by the Augmentation Committee \$2900. With the eleven manse provided this means that nearly 82 per cent of the amount required to maintain the ministers is provided by the congregations, and less than 19 per cent provided by the Committee. The average in this Synod is about 1 per cent higher than for the western section.

The following table will show the figures for the different Presbyteries:

Presbytery.	No. of Congs.	Families.	Single persons apart from families.	Communi- cants.	Stipend promised by Congs.	Rate per Communicant	Manse
Winnipeg.....	5	293	62	456	\$3100	\$7.20	4
Rock Lake.....	4	210	52	350	2875	8.50	2
Glenboro.....	2	88	20	132	1300	10.07	1
Portage la Prairie	1	37	0	74	600	8.11	0
Brandon.....	2	73	35	152	1550	10.19	0
Minnedosa.....	2	80	35	125	1260	10.48	1
Melita.....	1	60	30	100	600	6.50	1
Regina.....	2	107	35	192	1200	6.77	2
Totals,	19	953	269	1581	\$12,485	\$8.24	11

REPORT OF DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.

George Bryce, Convener.

The Distribution Committee of the Synod's Home Mission Committee begs to report that in accordance with the instructions of the Synod held in Knox Church, Winnipeg, 1897, a committee was appointed to carry out the purposes contemplated by the Synod.

These purposes are expressed in the resolutions adopted, viz :

1. That the Synodical Home Mission and Augmentation Committee appoint annually a sub-committee of its members to be known as the Distribution Committee.

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Number of Congregations	Rate per Communicant	Manse
100	\$7.20	4
875	8.50	2
300	10.07	1
600	8.11	0
550	10.19	0
260	10.48	1
600	6.50	1
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2. That Presbyteries be instructed to place the supply of their augmented charges as well as their mission stations under the Home Mission and Augmentation Committee of the Presbytery.

3. That the Distribution Committee distribute probationers on the application of the Home Mission and Augmentation Committee of Presbyteries, for the supply of augmented charges ready to call for a period, as a rule, of not less than one month, and that the Synodical Committee be instructed also to give supply to such vacancies as Presbyteries may be desirous of having thus supplied.

4. That for the supply of Augmented Charges, not ready to call and Mission Stations raising not less than \$10.00 a Sabbath, the distribution Committee appoint Missionaries for a period, as a rule, of not less than six months for each place, and that the Mission Stations here spoken of shall be known as Augmented Mission Stations, and shall be encouraged to accept the ordained missionaries sent for a two years' appointment.

5. The Presbyteries encourage Augmented Charges to call, and that the Synod express its opinion that, as a general rule, the grant made by the Augmentation Committee should not be reduced within two years of the settlement, unless with the consent of the Presbytery.

6. That the Synodical Committee's Distribution Committee shall take order to send to these vacancies, Augmented Congregations and Mission Stations, only such men as are likely to remain in the country, and to be called by Congregations or appointed by the Presbyteries.

The Committee immediately undertook the supply of such vacancies as were entrusted to it by the several Presbyteries. Some delay took place in some of the Presbyteries in notifying the Committee of the vacancies, but during the last few months all the Presbyteries have availed themselves of the facilities afforded by the committee for supply. The following are the congregations supplied by the Committee in the different Presbyteries :

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERY.

KERWATIN.—Rev. J. L. Small, B.A., was settled Jan. 11th, 1897.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERY.

DUGALD, PLYMPTON AND MILLBROOK.—Rev. W. Dewar, M.A., was settled May 10th, 1897.

VICTORIA AND DUNDAS.—Rev. A. G. Bell, was settled May 28th, 1897.

DOMINION CITY.—Rev. W. P. Adam, appointed for half year. Now vacant.

MORRIS.—Rev. F. W. Fraser, appointed for a year, July 25th, 1897.

Meadow Lea.—Rev. — Spear, appointed for two years, April 25, 1897.

STONEWALL.—Now vacant.

ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERY.

BOISSEVAIN.—Has called Rev. A. Hamilton, M.A., to be settled in November, 1897.

ROLAND.—Has called F. J. Hartley, B. A., to be settled in Nov., 1897.
 MANITOU.—Rev. Thomas Beveridge, B. A., was settled on Nov. 2, 1897.
 KILLARNEY.—Now vacant.
 THORNHILL.—Now vacant.

MELITA PRESBYTERY.

MELITA.—Rev. W. McK. Omand, M. A., was settled on July 20th, 1897.

GLENBORO PRESBYTERY.

SOURIS.—Rev. R. Thyne was settled on 4th of August, 1897.
 HOLLAND.—Rev. John Wells was settled on 22nd of April, 1897.

BRANDON PRESBYTERY.

DOUGLAS.—Rev. E. Mason was settled July 27th, 1897.
 VIRDEN.—Rev. Peter Strang, B. A., was called, and the matter is now before the Presbytery.
 ALEXANDER.—Have called.
 OAK LAKE.—Rev. W. A. McLean was settled on 26th Feb., 1897.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

AUSTIN.—Rev. J. Hunt Jarvis was settled on 5th Oct., 1897.

MINNEDOSA PRESBYTERY.

RUSSELL.—Now vacant.
 MINNEDOSA.—Now vacant.
 BIRTLE.—Now vacant.
 SHANKS.—Now vacant.

1. The Distribution Committee is of the opinion that the scheme is eminently workable, and during the last two months especially this has become more apparent. By having a list of all the probationers who desire to be heard in congregations, and also a list of vacant congregations, the Committee can maintain a more regular and efficient supply of vacancies, and can distribute the work better among the probationers.

2. The Committee would suggest that when a vacant congregation is handed over for supply by the Presbytery to the Distribution Committee that the Moderator of Session of the congregation be made a corresponding member of the Distribution Committee, and that he lay before the Committee the names of any persons whom the congregation may desire to hear.

3. In the case of certain applications from probationers for supply, the Committee was of opinion that in some cases there was no hope of such person being called to congregations. In some cases the desire seemed to be simply to receive a few Sabbaths work. The Committee, governed by clause 6 of the instructions, informed in a courteous way such applicants that they were not able to give the supply sought. The Committee desires the approval of their action by the Synod in this course.

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4. Numerous applications are being made to the Committee by ministers and probationers in the eastern provinces to be allowed to supply the vacancies of the Synod. The Committee has been very careful in encouraging many such to come to the Province. The purpose of the Committee is to see that only such as are immediately available and likely to do good work in the Synod should receive appointments.

5. At the meeting of the Synodical Home Mission Committee the matter of congregations not calling even after hearing a goodly number of available candidates was considered. It is worthy of consideration whether, after six months, the rule followed in some of the British churches should not be introduced by Presbyteries, viz: that the Presbytery appoint an ordained minister for a time in such vacancy. The stations under the charge of the Distribution Committee have not, however, seemed to require at the present time any special action on the part of the Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

F. B. Duval, D.D., Convener.

Your Committee on Church Life and Work, on account of the wide field to be reviewed, and the brief space allotted, will need to make this report as succinct as possible. But the Committee yields to this necessity with fear that proper emphasis may not be given to that which is at once cause and evidence of the church's progress in grace.

I. A concise statement for the past year regarding :

1. The interest manifested in the regular Sabbath services, and in the week evening meetings. Reports from all nine Presbyteries unite in testifying to the uniformly good and even excellent attendance on the Sabbath services. In a few places mention is made of smaller attendance in the morning in consequence of people being up very late Saturday night. Pastors will need in such cases to affectionately teach their flocks that there is such a thing as a proper preparation for the Lord's Day, if we would gain its most hallowed influences. As to the mid-week meetings, a sense of declining interest prevades the Synod, with some few exceptions. And the reason seems to be chiefly the increasing business and social engagements, and it may some day be forced upon the church to consider whether the modern prayer-meeting is an economic factor in modern church life.

2. The deepening of spiritual life and the exhibition of christian morality by members and adherents in relation to social and commercial life is generally spoken well of. It is something to rejoice in. But we must not forget that while our church method of christian training has a tendency toward a noble citizenship, yet we have need to sorrow that here and there one is found who is not a stranger to commercially

sharp tricks which evidence dishonesty. Let it be the daily prayer of all our people to be delivered from all social and commercial unrighteousness.

3. The discharge of parental duties and the cultivation of religious life in the family is variously commented on. Some speak of it as well maintained, but the general fear of its neglect is expressed. How much the increased engagements consequent upon the ambitions of our secular life, or multiplying ecclesiastical machinery may affect this, is worthy of each one's deep meditation. Some trust their children to the Sunday schools. Others have confessed that they are too much engaged on the week-days with work and on Sunday with services, to give best care to their own children, while others simply lack the spirituality. The subject is vital. Each pastor must take it up and treat it as the exigency demands, and see if some very brief and profoundly reverent family service cannot be instituted, as on it, we are confident the better life depends.

II. Upon the helpfulness of Sabbath schools and Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor. Sabbath schools are universally praised, not only as bringing bible truth home to the children, but as binding parents to the church and godliness through them. One Presbytery says Young People's Societies are not so active as formerly. Some are quiet on the subject—likely they have none. Very generally they are spoken of with favor, and great favor, as holding the young people to the church and cultivating and inspiring them to a noble christian life. As to

III. Any marked manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence and power, special measures, etc., Minnedosa, Portage la Prairie and Superior note some special service attended with quickening influence; and Brandon mentions visitations when the people craved a fuller measure of the spirit. Others report taking part in special services with no good results. Another thinks that all services should be special, and there seems to be more content with regular ordinances.

IV. As to hindrances. These cover a very wide range of altitudes, internal and external, of men and things, involving, we think, a misconception of what is meant. Hindrances to work ought not to be confounded with the work itself. All such states as "worldliness," "ungodliness," "lack of spirituality" are internal—their removal constitutes the work of church and minister. Hindrances should be thought of as things external and institutional that oppose or stand in the way of the church's spiritualizing power. Among these one further west speaks of "hard times," "sparse settlements" and "short pastorates." Others speak of "denominationalism neutralizing missionary effort," both by the jealousies it generates and the economy it violates. This is a matter that will some day compel more thought than to-day we can allure to it. The customs of dancing and card playing are alluded to as opposing spiritual life, and the abuse of the bicycle for long Sunday tours is becoming a grievance, while the liquor traffic wherever it exists is charged with destroying much good. Among the internal difficulties that violate the church's influence is not so much the petty frivolities which like dust may be soon blown away, but here and there, and sadly too frequent, a lack of broad minded nobility and absolute honesty—strong morals command the

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V. Systematic and adequate giving with feelings far from satisfaction—indeed with humility, as only four of the nine Presbyteries, viz: Winnipeg, Regina, Minnedosa and Superior, have made any positive increase in the amount contributed to the benevolent schemes, which all but two, Winnipeg and Regina, have declined comparatively, *i.e.*, in the average per member as the accompanying table will show.

Presbytery.	1895.			1896			
	Benev.	Com.	Average.	Benev.	Com.	Average.	Diff.
Winnipeg	5061	4033	1.26	6329	3962	1.60	+.34
Rock Lake	1935	1163	1.66	1036	1319	.79	-.87
Glenboro	707	696	1.05	687	719	.94	-.11
Brandon	1688	1729	.98	1389	1737	.80	-.18
Portage la Prairie ..	1920	1709	1.12	1686	1518	1.11	-.01
Regina	987	1867	.53	1264	2067	.61	+.08
Melita	303	460	.66	283	582	.49	-.17
Minnedosa	1052	1385	.76	1151	1549	.74	-.02
Superior	466	557	.84	513	649	.79	-.05
Synod.....	14119	13578	1.00	14329	14102	1.02	+.02

But the increase in Winnipeg Presbytery, which gives about 7-16 of the Synod's benevolence, along with the excellent work in Regina, gives the Synod an aggregate increase in benevolence of \$210 and the delicate increase per member of two cents.

The brethren from the different Presbyteries, it is hoped, will take this matter into serious consideration. And with the return of "good times" to the country your committee expects to see large increase in the benevolent offerings of our people.

As means of quickening interest in benevolence, nearly all the reports speak of sermons on the subject and the instruction and practice of the children in benevolence. Some speak of missionary meetings as helping the case, but very little literature is circulated. The adoption by each congregation of the system of monthly or quarterly collections by some specially designated collector will be found generally most efficient.

VI. The Sabbath seems to be quite generally well observed. To the west we hear of shooting on the Sabbath, some little hauling which is frowned down, railroads and steamers are complained of, but we are assured by the C.P.R. authorities that so far as their ways are concerned the traffic is reduced as far as possible. Yorkton and Saltcoats still urge their complaint against the M. & N. W. R. for Sunday service. In Rock Lake, Brandon and Portage la Prairie, Seventh Day Adventists are spoken of as laboring to destroy the sacredness of the Lord's Day. Upon the subject of

VII. Temperance. We have the usual testimony that wherever intoxicants are sold, carelessness in business, poverty, violence, crime,

destruction of manhood and a host of contingent woes are inevitable consequences. Some sections report almost total extinction of intoxication by local option law, and others who have no such law, report drunkenness is decreasing. And generally the people seem to favor prohibition. Such organizations as Royal Templars, I.O.G. Templars, Dominion Alliance, W.C.T.U. and Bands of Hope are rendering commendable service. The pulpit is universally seeking to quicken the moral and religious sense of the people in the premises, and the children both in Sunday and day school are being instructed in the good principles of temperance, with this patent effect, as the report puts it, that the children who are now growing up, will be more sober than their fathers.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That this Synod records with deep regret that during the past year the church within its bounds has made so little advancement in supporting the benevolent schemes of the church at large, and while the Synod expresses its sincere sympathy with those who by reason of natural inability, or providential visitations, have not been able to do better, it feels that if sincere interest were exhibited by all ministers, missionaries and elders in their respective fields, this condition would be vastly improved. And it does express the hope that during this year, with the return of better financial times, there will be awakened a deep desire to advance the kingdom of our Divine Lord and Saviour, by giving more largely to its necessities.
2. The Synod exhorts all its people to a spirit of true loyalty to the principles of the gospel of Christ in the furtherance of temperance and the public well-being, in all their dealings one with another, and especially with the world without, that the word and cause of God be not blasphemed.
3. That the sacredness of the Lord's Day be lovingly regarded.
4. That the Synod emphasizes the need of giving more careful attention to family religion and the training of children to the fear of the Lord in harmony with the sacred vows taken in baptism, as a matter of most vital importance to themselves, the church and the world.

1. PRESEBYTERY OF SUPERIOR.

Those Present are marked with an Asterisk (*)

No.	MINISTERS.	Date of Ordination.	ELDERS.	Congregations.	Post Office.
1	*Robert Nairn, B.A.		James Carmichael	Rat Portage	Rat Portage.
2	W. L. H. Rowand, B.A.			Fort William	Fort William.
3	*S. C. Murray, B.A.	Oct. 13, 1895	Wm. Wilson	Port Arthur	Port Arthur.
4	*J. L. Small, B.A.	Jan. 10, 1897	R. A. Mather	Keewatin	Keewatin.
				Schreiber	Schreiber.
				Fort William, W.	Fort William, W.
				Ignace	Ignace.
				Fort Frances	Fort Frances.
				Rainy River	Emo.
				Mine Centre	Mine Centre.
				R't Portage Mines	Rat Portage.

2. PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.

No.	MINISTER.	Date of Ordination.	ELDERS.	Congregations.	Post Office.
1	*John M. King, D. D.	Oct. 27, 1857		Prin. Man. Col'ge	Winnipeg.
2	*Alex. Matheson	Nov. 23, 1860		Retired	Fernton.
3	*John Hogg	Aug. 2, 1864	John Craig	St. Giles, Wpg.	Winnipeg.
4	*C. B. Pittblado	Feb. 15, 1865	*J. B. Mitchell	Westminster Wpg.	"
5	*Joseph Hogg	Oct. 1, 1868	*John Paterson	St. Andrews, Wpg.	"
6	*James M. Gray	Aug. 4, 1869	L. Moncrieff	Selkirk.	Selkirk.
7	*Geo. Bryce, L. D.	Sept. 9, 1871		Prof. in Man. Col.	Winnipeg.
8	*Thos. Hart, B. D.	July 30, 1872		"	"
9	*F. B. DuVal, D. D.	May 17, 1875	*D. M. Telford	Knox Ch., Wpg.	"
10	*Alex. McFarlane.	Oct. 31, 1878		Clearsprings.	Clearsprings.
11	*Andrew B. Baird, B. D.	Aug. 16, 1881		Prof. in Man. Col.	Winnipeg.
12	*J. H. Cameron	July 6, 1882		Kildonan.	Kildonan.
13	*James Lawrence	Mar. 16, 1883		Stony Mountain	Winnipeg.
14	*Donald Munro	Sept. 12, 1888	John G. McKinn	Pt. Douglas, Wpg.	"
15	*R. G. MacBeth, M.A.	June 24, 1890	E. F. Stephenson	Augustine, Wpg.	"
16	*C. W. Gordon, B.A.	July 11, 1890	D. McArthur	St. Stephen's	"
17	D. Spear, B.A.	May 30, 1892	F. Robertson	Meadow Lea	Poplar Point.
18	*D. Robertson	Jan., 1894	D. McArthur	Emerson	Emerson.
19	W. Dewar, B. A.	Jan. 21, 1896	John Robertson	Plympton	Dugald.
20	A. G. Bell, B.A.	May 25, 1897	*John McNaugh'n	Victoria & Dundas	Balmoral.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—(Continued.)

VACANCIES AND MISSION FIELDS.

26 W. Gordon, B.A.	F. Robertson	Stonevall	Stonewall
27 D. Spear, B.A.	D. McArthur	Morris	Morris
28 W. Robertson	John Robertson	Springfield	Springfield
29 W. Dewar, B.A.	John Robertson	Dominion City	Dominion City
30 A. G. Bell, B.A.	*John McNaughton	Little Britain	St. Andrew's
		Martin Luther	Winnipeg
		Claudeboye	Claudeboye
		Gretna	Gretna
		Blythfield	Blythfield
		Starbuck, Elm C'k	Starbuck
		Whitemouth	Whitemouth
		Union Point	Niverville
		Oakville	Oakville
		Beausejour	Beausejour
		Lundyville	Lundyville
		Seamo	Seamo
		Stuartburn	Stuartburn
		Selkirk, Icelandic	Selkirk
		Bird's Hill & Sons' de	Bird's Hill
		Beverly St., Wpg	Winnipeg
			Bird's Hill
Wm. Hansen			
F. C. Jack			

Winnipeg, Nov. 1, 1897.

ANDREW E. BAIRD, *Presbyter y Clerk.*

3. PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.

No.	MINISTER.	Date of Ordination.	ELDERS.	Congregations.	Post Office.
1	*Walter R. Ross	Feb. 16, 1858 ..	Charles Martin ..	Belmont ..	Belmont.
2	*John Baikie	Aug. 1, 1871 ..	W. M. Kennedy ..	Miami ..	Miami.
3	*Jos. Andrew	May 29, 1874 ..	T. S. Menary ..	Cartwright ..	Cartwright.
4	*Jas. Farquharson ..	Jan. 4, 1882 ..	*G. L. Patterson ..	Pilot Mound ..	Pilot Mound.
5	*M. C. Rumball	Oct. 8, 1889 ..	Neil Fox	Morden ..	Morden.
6	*J. A. Bowman	Dec. 9, 1890 ..	*Jas. Laidlaw ..	Crystal City ..	Crystal City.
7	*G. P. Tuttle	July 14, 1896 ..	Chas. Strachan ..	La Riviere ..	La Riviere.
8	T. Beveridge		S. Forrest	Manitou ..	Manitou.
	VACANCIES.		T. McKay	Thornhill ..	Thornhill.
			*R. Monlieth ..	Killarney ..	Killarney.
			D. Macklin	Roland ..	Roland.
	MISSION FIELDS.		D. McCuaig	Boissevain ..	Boissevain.
				Swan Lake ..	Swan Lake.
			A. McQuarrie ..	Stenora ..	Mariapolis.
				Ninga ..	Ninga.
				Belanfield ..	Ninnette.
	WITHOUT CHARGE.		C. Campbell	Riverside ..	Roland.
					Morden.
	H. J. Borthwick				Langvale.
	D. Lantrow	Oct. 18, 1865 ..			Winnipeg.
	W. Caven	Sept. 14, 1892 ..			Altamont.
	H. McLennan				

Manitou, Nov. 5th, 1897.

WM. CAVEN, *Presbytery Clerk.*

5. PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.

No.	MINISTERS.	Date of Ordination.	ELDERS.	Congregations.	Post Office.
1	J. Ferry	July 15, 1884	R. Richards	Chater	Chater
2	T. C. Court	Aug. 10, 1886	W. Gibson	Well'd & Brook's	Petrel
3	*T. R. Shearer, B.A.	July 16, 1889	D. R. Noble	Rounthwaite	Rounthwaite
4	D. Carswell	June 6, 1893	*W. McMillan	Carberry	Carberry
5	E. A. Henry, B.A.	Aug. 2, 1895	A. Shewan	Brandon	Brandon
6	*Jas. Hood	Jan. 6, 1897	Edwin Ives	Elkhorn	Elkhorn
7	W. A. McLean	Feb. 26, 1897	Jas. McCallum	Oak Lake	Oak Lake
8	E. Mason	July 27, 1897	Jas. Wannop	Douglas	Douglas
	Vacant		*J. Elder	Vincennes	Vincennes
				Alexander	Alexander
	MISSION FIELDS.				
	*A. Moore, B.A.	Sept. 10, 1895	T. Lockhart	Griswold	Griswold
	*A. N. McQuarrie, M.A.	Sept. 1, 1896		Pipestone, Rest'n &c	Pipestone
	A. Rowand			Elkhorn	Elkhorn
				Tarbolton	Brierwood
				Breadalbane	Michie
				Petrel	Petrel
				Parkissimo	Parkissimo
				Hargrave	Hargrave
	G. Roddick				
	W. Chestnut	May 4, 1892			
	C. McDiarmid	Oct. 4, 1894			

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G. Roddick	May 4, 1892	Breadalbane Michie.
W. Chestnut	Oct. 4, 1894	Petrel
C. McDiarmid		Parkissimo
		Hargrave

Rounthwaite, Oct. 22, 1897.

T. R. SHEARER, *Presbytery Clerk.*

6. PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

No.	MINISTERS.	Date of Ordination.	ELDERS.	Congregations.	Post Office.
1	*Jos. White, B.A.	Aug. 7, 1862	D. W. McCuaig	Macdonald	Macdonald.
2	James Douglas	Aug. 2, 1865	J. Beaton	H. Bluff & Prospect	High Bluff.
3	P. Wright, B.A.	Aug. 23, 1870	R. McLeod	P. la Prairie	P. la Prairie.
4	*F. McKae, M.A.	Jan. 3, 1878	H. Grant	Burnside	Burnside.
5	*L. C. Ennes	July 23, 1889	J. C. Laurie	McGregor	McGregor.
6	*J. E. Munro, B.A.	July 15, 1891	J. L. Logie	Gladstone	Gladstone.
7	*R. Paterson, B.A.	Oct. 3, 1893	W. F. Young	Neepawa	Neepawa.
8	John S. Gourlay	July 3, 1895		Dauphin	Dauphin.
9	Isaac N. Guthrie	Sept. 31, 1896		Rosedale	Eden.
10	*J. H. Jarvis	Oct. 5, 1897	D. Hall	Austin	Austin.
WITHOUT CHARGE.					
	Isaac Hargrave, M. D.	Aug. 3, 1888			Danville, Que.
	James Patterson	July 19, 1892			Aikenside, Man.

FARQUHAR MURRAY, *Presbytery Clerk.*

7. PRESBYTERY OF MINNEDOSA.

No.	MINISTERS.	Date of Ordination.	ELDERS.	Congregations.	Post Office.
1	Alex. Smith.....	Sept. 27, 1866.			Minnedosa.
2	*John McArthur.....	Sept. 27, 1866.	*J. A. Fraser.....	Beulah.....	Beulah.
3	C. W. Whyte, B.A.....	Aug. 7, 1866.	*R. J. Hogg.....	Binscarth.....	Binscarth.
4	C. Moore, B.A.....	May 24, 1867.	D. Henderson.....	Hamiota.....	Hamiota.
5	*James Lang.....	July 26, 1892.	Geo. Coutts.....	Newdale.....	Newdale.
6	*Andrew Chisholm.....	Nov. 5, 1894.	D. McNaught.....	Rapid City.....	Rapid City.
7	*George Weir.....	Nov. 1884.		Strathclair.....	Strathclair.
8	John Kovacs.....	Nov. 12, 1887.		Hungarian Coly.....	Othon, Assa.
9	David Campbell.....	Nov. 5, 1889.	Thos. Martin.....	Shoal Lake.....	Shoal Lake.
10	D. M. McKay.....	July 7, 1897.		Corkton.....	Yokton, Assa.
11	Neil Gilmour.....	1897.		Crowstund Mis'n.....	Kamsack.
12	Vacant.....		Hugh Steele.....	Minnedosa.....	Minnedosa.
13	Vacant.....		Isaac Corbett.....	Birtle.....	Birtle.
14	Vacant.....		Robert Shaw.....	Russell.....	Russell.
			D. D. Fraser.....	Oak River & Shanks.....	Oak River.
			John Neil.....	Saltcoats.....	Saltcoats.
			James Brown.....	Dongola.....	Valleyview.
			D. McAnish.....	Rosburn.....	Rosburn.
	WITHOUT CHARGE.				
	John McKay.....	May 20, 1889.			Strathclair.
	John Hosie.....	July 15, 1891.			Glasgow, Sc't'd.

C. W. WHYTE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

8. PRESBYTERY OF MELITA.

WITHOUT CHARGE.		
John McKay	May 20, 1859	John Neil
John Hosie	July 15, 1891	James Brown
		D. McAnish
		Dongola
		Saltcoats
		Valleyview
		Rosburn
		Rosburn
		Strathclair
		Glasgow, Sct'l'd.

C. W. WHYTE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

8. PRESBYTERY OF MELITA.

No.	MINISTERS.	Date of Ordination.	ELDERS.	Congregations.	Post Office.
1	*Wm. Hodnett, M.A.	July 4, 1869			
2	S. Polson	Jan. 14, 1880	W. J. Higgins.	Carlyle.	Arcola, Assa.
3	John Cairns, M.A.	Feb. 2, 1885	J. M. Dell.	Hartney, Man.	Hartney, Assa.
4	*Wm. McKay Omand, B. A.	July 14, 1886.	Dr. Livingstone.	Carnduff.	Carnduff, Man.
5	*Peter Fisher, B.A.	June 30, 1891.	Jno. Fleming	Melita	Melita, Man.
6	*T. R. Scott, B.A.	Sept. 14, 1892.		Deloraine.	Deloraine, Man.
7	G. C. Little, B.A.	July 28, 1896.	D. Bell.	Oxbow.	Oxbow, Assa.
8	A. H. Cameron, M.A.	Nov. 12, 1874.		Pierson.	Pierson, Man.
				Napinka	Napinka, Man.
				Waskada	Waskada, Man.
			D. Colquhoun	Gainsboro	Gainsboro, Assa.
			J. J. Heaslip	Alameda	Alameda, Assa.
				Estevan	Estevan, Assa.
RETIRED.					
1	John Geddes				Cannington M'r
2	A. F. McKenzie.				Deloraine.

S. POLSON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

9. PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.

No.	MINISTERS.	Date of Ordination.	ELDERS.	Congregations.	Post Office.
1	J. A. F. Sutherland.	May 4, 1864		Battleford	Battleford.
2	*Alex. Campbell	Oct. 5, 1873	R. Beale	Broadview	Broadview.
3	*John A. Carmichael	May 24, 1875	W. Rothwell, B.A.	Knox Church	Regina.
4	Hugh McKay	July 11, 1877		Round Lake	Whitewood.
5	C. W. Bryden, M.A.	May 24, 1880		Willoughby	Willoughby.
6	*Archibald Lee, B.A.	June 17, 1884	*John Taggart	St. Paul's	Prince Albert.
7	Alex. Robson	April 15, 1885		St. Andrews	Indian Head.
8	*W. S. Moore, M.A.	Nov. 2, 1886		Mistawasis	Aldina via D.Lk
9	A. J. McLeod, B. A.	May 30, 1888		Industrial School	Regina.
10	C. O. Hofstrand	Nov. 17, 1888		Swede Missionary	Ohlen.
11	A. Matheson	Sept. 10, 1890		Balgonic	Qu'Appelle Sta.
12	D. F. McMillan	March 4, 1891		Cathcart	Earlwood.
13	A. Fitzpatrick, B.A.	July 6, 1892	A. A. Gillis	Wapella	Wapella.
14	F. W. Muirhead, B.A.	May 22, 1893	R. D. Thomson	Knox	Whitewood.
15	F. G. McKechnie, B.A.	July 25, 1893	J. R. Anderson	Wolseley	Wolseley.
16	F. A. Reddon, B.A.	Oct. 10, 1893		Moosomin	Moosomin.
17	Hugo McLellan	Jan. 23, 1895		Fairlight	Fairlight.
18	Geo. Arthur, B. Sc.	April 25, 1895		Carrot River	Kinistino.
19	F. C. Cameron	June 25, 1895	*Geo. Hysop	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw.
20	James Laing, B.A.	Sept. 10, 1895	*A. Fotheringham	Grenfell	Grenfell.
21	*A. Kennedy, B.A.	Sept. 24, 1895		Glen Adelaide	Wawata.
22	J. S. Dobbin	Oct. 1, 1895		Buffalo Lake	Buffalo Lake.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA, (Continued.)

23	*S. W. Thompson, B.A.	Oct. 15, 1895	*J. Bersea	On'Appelle	On'Appelle Sta.
24	*W. Burton, B.A.	June 15, 1896	W. Motherwell	Abernethy	Kenlis.
25	Joseph Johnston			Moose Mountain.	Fletwode.
	RETIRED.				
	John Fotheringham	Feb. 28, 1856			Grenfell.
	WITHOUT CHARGE.				
1	George Laird, B. A.	Oct. 6, 1867			
2	J. M. Douglas	Dec. 13, 1887			
3	J. K. Welsh	July 11, 1894			
4	M. S. Mackay	Sept. 29, 1896			
5	T. H. Boyd				

J. W. MUIRHEAD, *Presbytery Clerk.*