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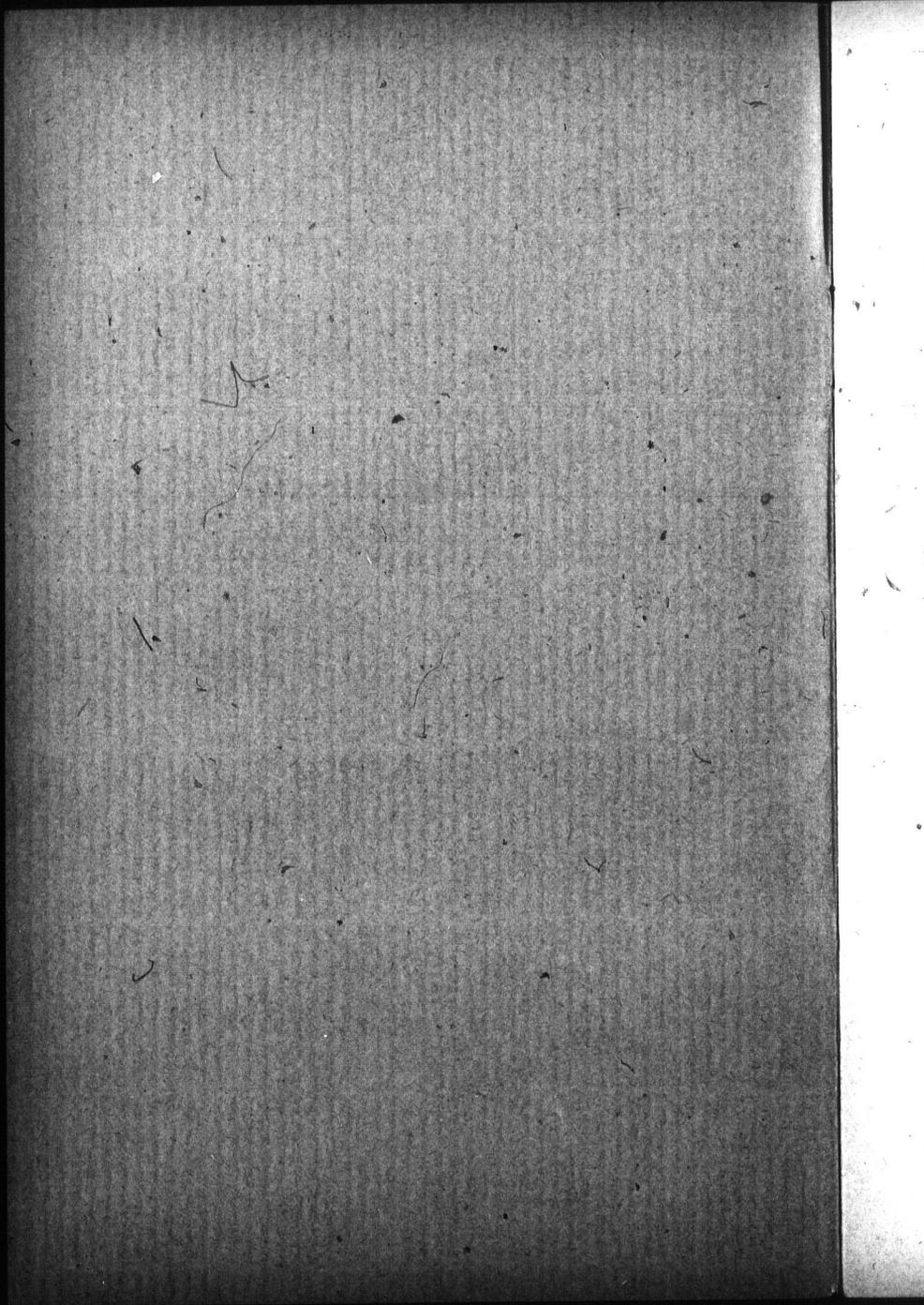
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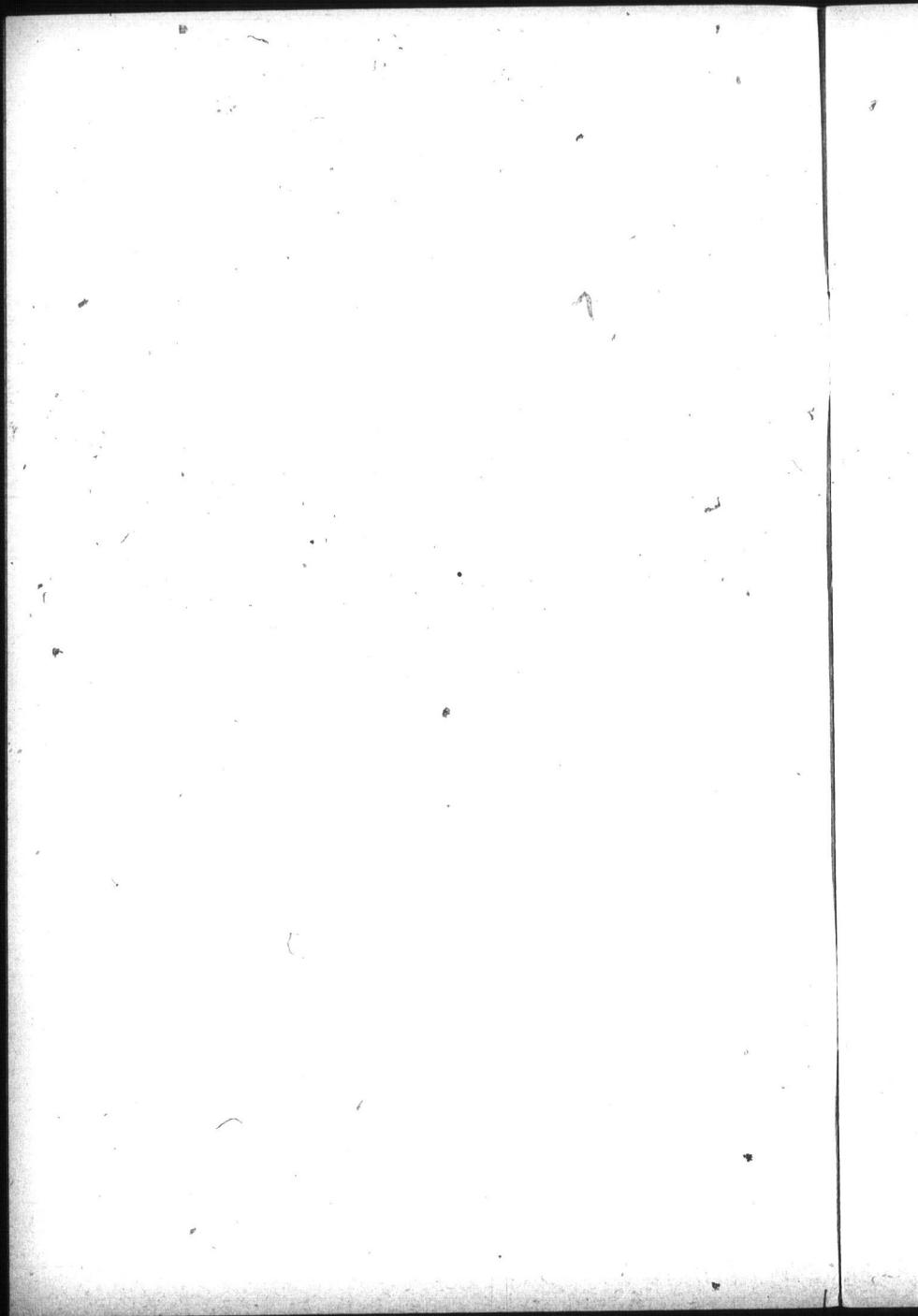
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OFFICERS

OF THE

Synod of British Columbia, 1898.

MODERATOR:

REV. J. KNOX WRIGHT, B. D. Chilliwack, B. C.

CLERK.

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

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Church Life and Work,	“ REV. GEO. A. WILSON, Vernon, B. C.
Home Missions,	“ REV. E. D. MACLAREN, .. Vancouver, B. C.
Foreign Missions,	“ DR. CAMPBELL, Victoria, B. C.
Augmentation,	“ REV. J. C. HERDMAN, ... Calgary, Alberta.
Sabbath Schools,	“ REV. JOHN A. LOGAN, Eburne, B. C.
Statistics and Finance	“ REV. W. L. CLAY, Victoria, B. C.
Manitoba College,	“ REV. A. B. WINCHESTER, ... Victoria, B. C.
Young People's Societies	“ REV. W. B. CUMMING, Nanaimo, B. C.
Synod Treasurer,	“ REV. THOS. SCULER, .. New West'r, B. C.
Synod Trav. Exp. Fund, Treas.	REV. JOHN A. LOGAN, Eburne, B. C.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

At Calgary, and within Knox Church there, the first Wednesday of May, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Synod of British Columbia.

JOHN A. LOGAN, *Synod Clerk.*

*Members present are marked with an asterisk.

PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES
1	J. C. Herdman, B. C.	May 6, 1877	J. Creighton	Knox	Calgary, N. W. T.
2	Charles McKillop, B. A.	Sept. 3, 1878	J. D. Higginbotham	Knox	Lethbridge
3	J. Morrow, L. L. B.	Dec. 17, 1891	I. Young	St. Johns	Medicine Hat
4	J. P. Grant	June 19, 1888		Pincher Creek	Pincher Creek
5*	Gavin Hamilton	May 6, 1891		Cardston	Cardston
6*	G. S. Scott	Oct. 1885	J. D. McDougald	Okatoks	Okatoks
7	D. A. Fowle, B. A.	Sept. 1897	J. Brice	Pine Creek and Davisburg	Davisburg
8	J. A. Jaffary, B. A.	July 14, 1885	W. Hudson	Macleod	Macleod
CATECHISTS.					
	Hugh Hamilton			Banff	Banff
	Hugh R. Grant			Foot Hills	Calgary
	D. Oliver			Crow's Nest R'y.	Crow's Nest R. Con
	J. N. Brunton			Swift Current	Swift Current
	Mr. Gray			Bow River	Bow River
	Mr. Scott			Gleichen	Gleichen

G. HAMILTON,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF EDMONTON.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS	POST OFFICES.
1	James Robertson, D. D.	Nov. 18, 1869		Supt. of Missions	Winnipeg
2	D. G. McQueen, B. A.	June 1, 1857	A. Taylor	Edmonton	Edmonton
MISSION CONGREGATIONS					
3	W. L. Atkinson	Dec. 1, 1806	W. McLure	Innisfail	Innisfail
4	E. C. Galup	June 29, 1897	D. S. McKenzie	South Edmonton.	South Edmonton.
5	M. White, B. D.		Geo. A. Reid	Lacombe	Lacombe
6	A. Forbes, B. D.	March 6, 1895		Ft. Saskatchewan	Ft. Saskatchewan
7	P. Naismith	Sept. 1, 1806	J. Ross	Olds	Olds
8	G. Vetter	1806	F. Mohr	Josephberg	Ft. Saskatchewan
MISSION STATIONS.					
1	C. M. Barber			Red Deer	Red Deer
2				Belm't&Stony Pl'n	Edmonton
3				Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
4				Leduc	Leduc
5	W. A. Guy			Beaver Lake	Beaver Lake
6	A. Linde			Swedish	Wetaskiwin

A. FORBES,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

No.	MINISTERS.	Date of Ordination.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	Alex. Young	Jan. 28, 1857		Refined	Nanaimo
2*	J. Campbell, M. A., Ph.D.	Sept. 2, 1874	*T. Foll	First Church	Victoria
3*	D. McRae	Jan. 28, 1878	A. C. Muir	St. Paul's	Victoria
4*	Alex. Tait, Ph. B.	May 28, 1878		Comox	Sandwich
5*	A. H. Winchester	July 22, 1887		Chinese Mission	Victoria
6*	W. L. Clay, B. A.	Nov. 14, 1890	†T. Bethune	St. Andrew's	Victoria
7*	W. B. Cumming, B. A.	May 10, 1892	Alex. Shaw	St. Andrew's	Nanaimo
8*	J. C. Forster	Sept. 6, 1895	I. Somers	St. Columba Knox and Cedar Hill	Victoria
9*	E. G. Taylor	Aug. 4, 1896		Alberni	Alberni
10*	E. G. Perry, B. A.	Dec. 17, 1896	D. Munro	Wellington	Wellington
HOME MISSIONS.					
1	Synnan Thomson	(Student)		Sooke, Merchants & Sooke Colwood	Sooke
2	J. R. Robertson, B. A.	"		Pender Island	Pender Island
3	G. H. Menzies, B. A.	"		Northfield	Northfield
4		"		Denman Island	Denman Island
5		"		Englishman's Riv.	Englishman's River
FOREIGN MISSIONS.					
1	Ng Mau Hing	Cathechist		Chinese Mission	Victoria
2	M. Swartout	"		Indian Mission	Doges's Cove
3	W. Russell	"			Ahouses

D. MACRAE,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WESTMINSTER.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1*	J. M. MacLeod	Nov. 9, 1853	John M. Gillis	Surrey	Coverdale
2*	E. D. MacLaren, B. D.	Sept. 28, 1873	J. S. Brown	St. Andrew's	Vancouver
3	Alex. Dunn	June 9, 1875		Haney, Wharlock	Wharlock
4*	John A. Logan	Aug. 11, 1877	Thos. Mackie	Richmond	Blaine
5*	Thomas Scouler	June 7, 1880		Without Charge	New Westminster
6*	J. Knox Wright, B. D.	Oct. 18, 1880	Valcolm McSwern	Cooler's	Chilliwack
7*	Alex. Mogece, B. A.	Aug. 7, 1882		Ladners	Ladners
8	Andrew S. Grant, B. D.	Aug. 6, 1880		Klondyke	"
9*	A. E. Vert	"	J. C. Brown	St. Andrew's	New Westminster
10	Wm. Melkie, B. A.	Oct. 14, 1896	Thomas Spence	First Church	Vancouver
11	R. M. Dickie	Sept. 16, 1897		Slagway	Slagway
12	M. H. McIntosh, B. A.	Dec. 28, 1897	George McKenzie	West Ch. & Supt'n	New Westminster
13	Vacant	"		Mount Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant
14	Student	"	David McLean	Zion Church	Vancouver
"	"	"	Thos. Black	Langley	Langley
"	"	"	David Fraser	St. Lehman	Mt. Lehman
"	"	"		Mission & Agassiz	Agassiz

J. M. MACLEOD,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KAMLOOPS.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
1	J. C. Stewart, B. A.	Sept. 22, 1896.	D. H. Campbell	Kamloops.....	Kamloops.
2*	Geo. A. Wilson, B. A.	May 20, 894	D. McNair	Vernon.....	Vernon.....
3*	T. Geo. Macleod.....	Oct. 10, 1893	D. Atheson	Spallumcheen.....	Spallumcheen.....
4	Geo. Murray, M. A.	Jan. 19, 1874		Nicola.....	Nicola Lake.....
6*	Robert Frew.....			Nelson.....	Nelson.....
6*	D. McG. Chandler, B. A.	Sept. 14, 1897		Rossland.....	Rossland.....
7	A. D. Menzies.....	Feb. 10, 1898		Kaslo.....	Kaslo.....
8	T. S. Glassford, B. A.	Sept. 23, 1880		Trail.....	Trail.....
9*	D. Campbell, B. A.	Jan. 9, 1896		Quesnelle.....	Quesnelle.....
11	S. A. Cleland.....	Feb. 9, 1898		Sandon.....	Sandon.....
10	P. D. Muir, B. A.			Ashcroft.....	Ashcroft.....
12	McLennan.....			Kettle River.....	Grand Forks.....
13	W. Hardie.....			Lillooet.....	Lillooet.....
14	J. G. Duncan.....			Fort Steele.....	Fort Steele.....
15	Vacant.....			Revelstoke.....	Revelstoke.....
APPENDIX TO ROLL.					
Thomas Muir.....					
Residing within the bnds.					
Applied to assembly for					
transference.					
Thos. Menzies and					
James Nairn.....					
MISSION STATIONS—STU-					
DENT SUPPLY.					
1	Donald.....				
2	Golden.....				
3	Slocan City.....				
4	Shuswap.....				
5	Okanagan.....				
6	Upper Columbia.....				
7	Fairview.....				
8	Barkerville.....				
9	Field.....				
10	Ainsworth.....				
11	New Denver.....				
12	Midway.....				
13	Nakusp.....				
14	Salmo.....				
15	Lumby.....				
16	Illicl.....				
17	Coal Creek.....				
18	Horse Fly.....				
19	Kuskanook.....				

T. GEO. MACLEOD,
Presbytery Clerk.

CHANGES IN THE ROLL OF PRESBYTERIES.

REMOVALS—*Presbytery of Edmonton.*

- J. A. Donnell, from Red Deer to College.
E. J. Shaw, from Ladue to College.
S. A. Woods, from Wetaskiwin to College.

Presbytery of Calgary.

- E. G. Walker, B. A., to the Presbytery of Guelph,
March, 1898.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

- P. D. Muir, from Revelstoke to Ashcroft.

LICENSURES—*Presbytery of Edmonton.*

- E. C. Gallup, June 1st, 1897.

Presbytery of Calgary.

- D. A. Fowlie, B. A., Sept. 1897.

Presbytery of Westminster.

- M. H. McIntosh, B. A., Dec. 7th, 1897.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

- Thos. Menzies and James Nairn, June 2nd, 1897.

ORDINATIONS—*Presbytery of Edmonton.*

- E. C. Gallup, June 29th, 1897.

Presbytery of Calgary.

- D. A. Fowlie, B. A., Sept., 1897.

Presbytery of Westminster.

- R. M. Dickie, Sept. 16th, 1897.
M. H. McIntosh, B. A., Dec. 28th, 1897.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

- D. McG. Gandier, B. A., Sept. 14th, 1897.
 Thos. Menzies, June 2d, 1897.
 James Nairn, June 2d, 1897.
 J. A. Clelland, Feb. 9th, 1898.
 A. D. Menzies, Feb. 10th, 1898.

RESIGNATIONS—*Presbytery of Calgary.*

- E. G. Walker, B. A.

Presbytery of Westminster.

- Rev. J. S. Gordon, B. A., of Mt. Pleasant, Aug. 19th,
 1897.
 Rev. J. M. McLeod, of Zion Church, Vancouver, Oct. 10,
 1897.

APPOINTMENTS—*Presbytery of Edmonton.*

- M. White, to Lacombe, Jan., 1898.
 A. Linde, to Swedish Mission, Wetaskiwin.

Presbytery of Calgary.

- D. A. Fowlie, B. A., to Pine Creek and Davisburg.
 Mr. Lawson to Maple Creek.

Presbytery of Westminster.

- Rev. J. M. McLeod to Surrey.
 Mr. Gold, student, to Langley.

INDUCTIONS—*Presbytery of Calgary.*

- Rev. J. A. Jaffary, B. A., at McLeod, July, 1897.

Presbytery of Westminster.

- Rev. John A. Logan, into the pastoral charge of Richmond,
 Aug. 17th, 1897.
 Rev. A. E. Vert, into the pastoral church of St. Andrew's,
 Westminster, Sept. 2, 1897.
 Mr. M. H. McIntosh, B. A., into the pastoral charge of
 West Church and Sapperton, Dec. 28th, 1897.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

- G. A. Wilson, Vernon, June 9th, 1897.
 T. Geo. MacLeod, Spallumcheen, Sept. 8th, 1897.
 D. McG. Gandier, Rossland, Sept. 14th, 1897.
 A. D. Menzies, Kaslo, Feb. 10th, 1898.
 Robert Frew, Nelson, Nov. 4th, 1897.

SUSPENSIONS—*Presbytery of Kamloops.*

- Peter Scott, Sept. 8th, 1897.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES—*Presbytery of Victoria.*

- Englishman's River separated from Northfield and united to Nanoose Bay to form a separate Mission Field.
 Northfield united to Nanaimo River to form a separate Mission Field.

Presbytery of Westminster.

- Sapperton and West Church, from a mission station to an Augmented Congregation.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

- From Home Mission Fields to augmented charges—Kaslo and Revelstoke.

NEW FIELDS—*Presbytery of Edmonton.*

- Swedish Mission at Wetaskiwin.

Presbytery of Calgary.

- Crow's Nest Railway, Mountain View and Kootenai River.

Presbytery of Kamloops.

- Coal Creek, Horse Fly and Kuskanook.

TRANSLATIONS—*Presbytery of Edmonton.*

John Fernie, from Lacombe to

J. J. Ferguson, from Beaver Lake to Mountain View,
Presb. of Calgary.

W. A. Guy, from Belmont and Strong Plain to Beaver Lake,
Presbytery of Victoria.

Rev. John A. Logan, from St. George's Church, Union, to
Richmond Congregation in the Presbytery of
Westminster, Aug. 8, 1897.

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventh Synod of British Columbia
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Victoria, and within St. Andrew's Church, there, the fourth day of May, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and at eight o'clock in the evening, which time and place the Synod of British Columbia of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met pursuant to the appointment of Synod held in the City of New Westminster in May, last year.

The Rev. John Campbell, M. A., Ph.D. of the First Church, Victoria, and Moderator of the Synod, conducted devotional exercises and preached a sermon from the words in 1 Tim 4.14: "The laying on of the Hands of the Presbytery," after which he constituted the Synod with prayer in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and head of the Church.

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

The Moderator then stated that the time had come to appoint one to be his successor in the chair, when it was moved by Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. Thos. Scouler, that the Rev. John Knox Wright, B. D., of Cooks Church, Chilliwack, be appointed Moderator.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Wright was then conducted to the Chair by Messrs. Clay and Scouler, thanked the Synod for the honor conferred, and asked the co-operation of the brethren in the discharge of the duties of the office to which they had called him.

The Clerk presented the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures which recommended

1. That the hours of meeting for business be from 9:30 a. m. to 12; from 2 to 5:30 p. m., and from 8 to 10 p. m.

2. That the first half hour to-morrow be spent in devotional exercises

3. That the several Presbyteries of the Synod have leave to meet for business on the call of their respective Moderators or Clerks in the intervals of the Sederunt of Synod.

4. That the Committee on Bills and Overtures shall consist of Thos. Scouler (Convener), J. C. Herdman, W. L. Clay, the Clerk of Synod, and the Clerks of Presbyteries.

5. That the Committee to nominate Standing Committees shall be Dr. Campbell (Convener), E. D. MacLaren, Robert Frey, Peter Naismith and G. S. Scott.

6. That the following be the Committee to examine the Presbytery Records:

Presbytery of Edmonton—D. McG. Gandier, M. H. McIntosh, ministers and Geo. McKenzie, Elder.

Presbytery of Calgary—A. Tait, J. C. Forster, Ministers, and D. H. Campbell, Elder.

Presbytery of Kamloops—Gavin Hamilton, E. G. Taylor, Ministers, and Thornton Fell, Elder.

Presbytery of Victoria—A. E. Vert, A. Moge, Ministers, and A. Taylor, Elder.

Presbytery of Westminster—G. A. Wilson, E. G. Perry, Ministers, and A. C. Muir, Elder.

That the first name on each Committee shall be the Convener, who shall report as the first business on Friday morning.

On motion of the Clerk, seconded by Mr. D. McRae, the recommendations were received, and being amended so as to adjourn at 12:30 to-morrow morning, and meet at 2:30 in the afternoon were adopted.

Mr. E. D. MacLaren moved that the thanks of this Synod be given to the retiring Moderator for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office and for the able and appropriate sermon preached this evening. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. M. McLeod and was unanimously adopted.

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

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At the City of Victoria, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight years and at half past nine o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place the Synod of British Columbia met, pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with praise, reading the Scripture and prayer by the Moderator.

The first half hour of the Sederunt was spent in devotional exercises, led in by Messrs. D. McRae, Thomas Scouler, Peter Naismith and D. Mc G. Gandier.

The Minutes of the First Sederunt were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a report, the recommendations of which were considered and adopted.

The Moderator then called for the papers in the petition of James Nairn in which he asked the Synod to set aside a Presbyterial Certificate given him by the Presbytery of Kamloops and grant him one in ordinary form, when there was read an extract Minute of the Presbytery of Kamloops and an explanatory statement from Mr. Nairn.

After some consideration it appeared that the papers were not regularly before the Court, when it was moved by Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. M. H. McIntosh, and agreed, that the papers in the case be handed to the Presbytery of Kamloops for consideration, to report at a future Sederunt.

The Moderator called for the report on Statistics and Finance, which was given in by Mr. W. L. Clay, who moved that the report be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gavin Hamilton and carried accordingly.

The Moderator appointed a Committee to draft an address to His Honor, the Lieut. Governor of the Province; the committee to consist of Mr. W. L. Clay, Convener, with Messrs. D. M. McRae and Thos. Scouler, Ministers, and J. C. Brown, Elder.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, of which intimation was given, and this meeting was closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At the same place and at half past two o'clock in the afternoon the Synod of British Columbia met and was constituted with praise and prayer in which Mr. G. A. Wilson led at the request of the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Second Sederunt were read and sustained.

Rev. T. Crosby, President of the Methodist Conference, Rev. J. C. Speer of the Metropolitan Church, Victoria, Dr. Wilson of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and Mr. R. S. Thomson, of Glenboro, Manitoba, being present were invited by the Moderator to sit as Corresponding members.

It was agreed that the address to His Honor, the Lieut. Governor be presented to-morrow morning at half past eleven o'clock.

Rev. A. E. Vert reported that he had audited the books and vouchers of the Synod Treasurer and found them correct.

The Moderator then called for the report of the Synod Treasurer which was given in by Rev. Thos. Scouler, and on motion of W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. P. Naismith, it was agreed that the report be adopted.

It was further agreed that the Treasurer submit an estimate of the amount needed by this fund for the coming year to the Committee on Statistics and Finance on or before the first of October next.

It was moved by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. D. McRae, and agreed that the Clerk's salary be fixed at seventy-five dollars per annum.

The Moderator then called for the Report on Home Missions, which was given in by the Convener of the Committee, Mr. E. D. MacLaren, when it was moved by Mr. D. McRae, seconded by Mr. Gavin Hamilton, and agreed that the report be received and the recommendations considered seriatim, — as follows:

1. That Ministers and Missionaries be enjoined to call the attention of congregations at frequent intervals to the rapid extension of our Home Mission Work, and to emphasize the responsibility that is thus laid upon them of devising each year more liberal things in connection with this important work.

2. That the Synod overture the General Assembly in the following terms: To the Venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada: This overture of the Synod of British Columbia humbly sheweth: (1.) That it is impossible for the members of the General Assembly H. M. Committee, to be familiar with the circumstances and necessities of the numerous Mission fields contained in the vast extent of territory that is under the Committee's supervision, stretching as that territory does, from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Pacific Ocean. (2.) That in view of this impossibility, the Committee has for the past 3 years followed the plan of voting a lump sum to each of the two Western Synods of Manitoba and British Columbia, relegating to the H. M. Committees of these Synods the duty of considering the claims of their various mission fields, and laying upon these Committees the responsibility of apportioning the lump sums voted to them to the Presbyteries within their bounds. (3.) That it would be to the advantage of the Church at large if this principle

were extended to the Synods in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec; the Assembly's Committee - which would then be composed of representatives of the different Synods - being left free to devote itself to the consideration of questions of general policy. (4.) That inasmuch as the "Home Missions" and "Augmentation of Stipends" are only two departments of one general work, and inasmuch as the existence of two separate Committees has sometimes prevented H. M. Stations from being placed upon the list of Augmented Congregations; after the Home Missions Committee had removed them from the list of Mission fields, it would reduce the cost of administration and would probably tend to the more successful prosecution of H. M. Work if the two funds were placed under the management of one Committee.

The Synod of British Columbia therefore respectfully overtures the Venerable the General Assembly to take the whole subject into consideration, and to adopt such modifications of the methods hitherto followed as in its wisdom it may judge to be necessary, in view of the vast changes that have taken place since the Home Mission Committee was first organized.

On motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Gavin Hamilton, it was agreed that the report lie on the table and its consideration deferred until the evening Sederunt.

The Clerk read a telegram received by Mr. D. McRae from Dr. Robertson stating that on account of illness he was unable to be present at our meeting. It was then moved, seconded and carried that a committee consisting of Messrs. Gandier and Tait be appointed to draft a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Synod with Dr. Robertson in his illness.

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

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

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

The minutes of the Third Sederunt were read; amended and confirmed.

Mr. W. B. Cumming intimated that the name of Mr. Alex. Shaw appeared as the representative of St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, on the roll of the Presbytery of Victoria and asked that it be added to the roll of Synod. The request was granted.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the Home Mission Report which was spoken to by Mr. D. McG. Gandier, who moved the adoption of the report as a whole.

Mr. Gavin Hamilton in an address dealing more particularly with his work among the Mormons, seconded the motion to adopt the report.

Rev. E. D. MacLaren, at the request of the Moderator, addressed the Court on the Klondike Mission Work.

The Home Mission Report with its recommendations was then finally adopted.

The Moderator called for the Report on Sabbath Schools which was given in by the Convener, Mr. John A. Logan. It was moved by Mr. Robert Frew, seconded by Mr. Peter Naismith and agreed that the report be received and its recommendations adopted. The Mover and Seconder delivered addresses on different phases of Sabbath School work.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. That this Synod re-affirms its recommendations of last year as regards the use of the "Home Study" series; the teaching of the "Shorter Catechism;" and the need of increased liberality to the schemes of the Church.
2. That Sessions be enjoined to take greater supervision over, and a deeper interest in our Sabbath Schools
3. That the importance of "Teacher's Meetings" be urged, and that the Assembly's S. S. Committee be asked to prepare a Normal Text Book for use in such meetings.

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

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At the City of Victoria, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight and at half past nine o'clock in the morning, at which time and place the Synod of British Columbia met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer led in by Mr. T. G. MacLeod at the request of the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Fourth Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Clerk presented the Third report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures which was received and adopted.

When the order of business was called it was agreed on motion of Mr. G. S. Scott, seconded by Mr. Gavin Hamilton that this Synod meet next year at Calgary and within Knox Church there, on the first Wednesday of May and at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The reports of the Committees appointed to examine the Church Records were handed in, stating that the records of the various Presbyteries were neatly and correctly kept and on motion of the Clerk seconded by Mr. Peter Naismith, it was agreed that the reports be received and adopted, and the records attested accordingly.

Mr. W. L. Clay on behalf of the Committee on the Royal Address to His Honor, the Lieut. Governor, presented a report along with a draft of the address; when on motion of the Clerk, seconded by Dr. Campbell, it was agreed that the Synod by a delegation to be named by the Moderator present the address to His Honor at half past eleven o'clock instant. The Moderator appointed as such committee The Moderator of Synod, Messrs. Clay, Scouler, Scott, Wilson and Naismith, Ministers; J. T. Bethune and J. C. Brown, Elders.

Rev. Dr. Campbell was called to the Chair in the absence of the Moderator.

Rev. P. C. L. Harris of the Congregational Church, Victoria, being present, was invited by the Moderator to sit and correspond.

An extract Minute from the Presbytery of Kamloops was read asking that the application of the Rev. John G. Duncan to be received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada be transmitted to the General Assembly. On motion of Mr. E. D. McLaren seconded by Mr. Gavin Hamilton, it was agreed that the request of the Presbytery be granted.

The Moderator called for the paper referring to the application by the Presbytery of Calgary for permission to license S. H. Gray and Thos. Oswald, students, within its bounds. The Clerk of the Presbytery read an Extract Minute referring to the application, which on motion of Mr. D. MacRae, seconded by Mr. E. D. MacLaren was granted.

The Report on Augmentation of Stipends was in the absence of Mr. J. C. Herdman, Convener, given in by Mr. E. D. MacLaren, who moved, seconded by Mr. Gavin Hamilton, and agreed, that the report be received and the recommendations considered seriatim.

The recommendations are as follows :

1. That some Committee in each Presbytery, either the Augmentation or some other specially appointed, use endeavors to secure contributions from each regularly supplied congregation within the bounds.

2. That Presbyteries hold occasional conferences on the subject of Augmentation interests, and that an endeavor be made to have some of our best equipped Home Mission Fields transferred to the Augmentation list, as a forward step in their development.

On motion of Mr. E. D. MacLaren, seconded by Mr. Gavin Hamilton, it was agreed that the report as a whole be adopted.

The Moderator then called for the report of the Committee on Young People's Societies, which was given in by the Convener, Mr. W. B. Cummings, who moved that the report be received and its recommendations considered seriatim. The motion was seconded and carried.

The recommendations are as follows :

1. That Secretaries of Y. P. Societies be reminded to exercise greater care in the compilation of their statistical reports to the Presbyteries.

2. That Pastors and Missionaries who have not done so be urged, if at all practicable, to organize Young People's Societies.

3. That during District or Provincial Unions of Christian Endeavor Conventions our Young People's Societies be advised to secure one afternoon session at least to be devoted to a Denomination Rally, in which the distinctive work of our own denomination may be discussed by the young people of the Church.

The report on the Synod Travelling Expense Fund was given by the Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Logan, when on motion of Mr. D. McRae, it was agreed that the report be received and referred to a Committee to be appointed by the Moderator, which shall report this afternoon. The Moderator appointed Mr. Gavin Hamilton, Convener, Messrs. Gandier, Cumming, and the Clerk of Synod.

The delegates appointed to visit His Honor, Lieut. Governor McInnes, having returned, the Moderator, on behalf of the delegation, reported that His Honor had received them with great kindness and courtesy, thanked them for the address, expressed his hearty interest in all the work of Synod, and returned a cordial invitation to its members to dine with him to-morrow afternoon at half past seven o'clock.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Synod adjourned to meet at two o'clock in the afternoon, of which notice was given, and this Sederunt closed with the Benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place and at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod of British Columbia met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with praise and prayer led in by Mr. E. G. Perry, at the request of the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Fifth Sederunt were read and approved.

The Moderator, with the consent of the Synod, asked Dr. Campbell to preside during part of the afternoon Sederunt.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in its final report, which on motion was adopted.

The Moderator then called for the Reference from the Presbytery of Kamloops and all relative papers *re* the certificate granted by that Presbytery to James Nairn.

An Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Kamloops and Mr. Nairn's papers were read.

Mr. G. A. Wilson was heard on behalf of the Presbytery of Kamloops.

The Extract Minute transferring the papers of Mr. James Nairn to the Synod were also read, and Mr. T. G. McLeod and Mr. G. A. Wilson were heard in explanation of statements contained therein.

The whole matter was then taken into consideration by the Synod and after deliberation it was moved by Mr. J. M. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Thos. Scouler and agreed, to sustain the reference, receive the papers connected therewith, and find as follows :

While recognizing the fact that Mr. Nairn in leaving the bounds of the Presbytery of Kamloops before he had fulfilled the conditions of his ordination at the close of his second year is deserving of censure ; and while admitting that the Presbytery were right in withholding a certificate until the Synod which had imposed the condition had ordered otherwise ; yet this Synod recommends the Presbytery of Kamloops to grant Mr. Nairn the usual Presbyterian Certificate at the expiration of a year from the date of his ordination.

The Clerk of Synod was also instructed to furnish a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to Mr. Nairn along with the certificate.

The Moderator resumed the Chair, while Dr. Campbell, Convener, presented the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, and moved that the report be received and the recommendations considered seriatim. The motion was seconded and carried.

The recommendations are as follows :

I. That a woman be engaged to do missionary work among the Chinese women and children in the City of Victoria, and to teach the elementary branches of English education to those children who do not attend the classes at the evening school. On the adoption of this recommendation it was agreed to defer the consideration of the report and its further recommendations until the evening Sederunt.

Dr. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the city, presented the Synod with a number of his booklets entitled "James and Jambres" and received the thanks of the Synod therefor.

Mr. Gavin Hamilton, on behalf of the Committee appointed to consider the Travelling Expense Fund, gave in a report recommending:

1. That the present plan be continued.
2. That for the present year the travelling expenses of Minister's under the sum of five dollars be not considered, and that the amount on hand be paid pro rata of the balance of the expenses incurred. On motion of Mr. W. L. Clay, seconded by Mr. W. B. Cumming, it was agreed that the recommendations be adopted.

It was further agreed that the Clerk of Synod notify each Presbytery of the amount allocated by this fund, which shall take order that the amount be collected.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was on motion agreed to remain in session until six o'clock.

The Moderator called for the report of the Committee on Manitoba College, which in the absence of the Convener, Mr. A. B. Winchester, was given in by Mr. E. G. Perry, which on motion was received and its recommendations considered seriatim, as follows:

1. That the Synod expresses its thankfulness for, and satisfaction with, the work being done by Manitoba College, both for the Church and in the interest of Christianity and higher education in Western Canada.
2. That Conveners be urged to pay special attention to the Third and Fourth recommendations of last year, which are now re-affirmed.

The report as a whole was adopted.

Mr. R. S. Thomson, of Manitoba was introduced, and in a few remarks, asked the co-operation of the Ministers and Elders of the Synod in his work of increasing the circulation of "The Westminster" in this Province.

A petition from the Presbytery of Kamloops was read asking the General Assembly to give permission for the transference of the name of Thos. Muir from the Presbytery of Quebec to that of Kamloops. On motion made and duly seconded it was agreed that the petition be received and transmitted to the General Assembly.

The Committee appointed to draft a letter of sympathy in reply to the telegram from Dr. Robertson reported as follows: The Synod of British Columbia have learned with regret of the illness of Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, and his inability to be present at the meeting of Synod, would take this opportunity of assuring him of their sympathy

and prayer to the Great Head of the Church, that he may soon be restored to perfect health and strength, and be permitted for many years to carry on his loved work, with comfort to himself and benefit to the Church. On motion the report was received and adopted and the Clerk directed to forward a copy to Dr. Robertson.

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

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

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

The Minutes of the Sixth Sederunt were read, amended and sustained.

Dr. Campbell presented the report of the Committee on Standing Committees, when, on motion of Mr. E. G. Perry, duly seconded, it was agreed that the report be received and its recommendations considered seriatim.

The Committees are as follows :

HOME MISSIONS—E. D. MacLaren, convener, the Conveners of the Presbyteries Home Mission Committees.

AUGMENTATION—J. C. Herdman, convener, the Conveners of the Presbyteries Home Mission Committees.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Dr. Campbell, convener, J. M. MacLeod, J. Knox Wright, D. McRae, W. B. Winchester, Thos. Scouler, W. L. Clay, R. Frew, Ministers; T. Fell and J. C. Brown, Elders.

STATISTICS AND FINANCE—W. L. Clay, convener, E. G. Perry, A. Tait, G. S. Scott, Ministers; and J. T. Bethune, Elder.

CHURCH LIFE AND WORK—G. A. Wilson, convener, with the Conveners of the Presbyteries Committee on Church Life and Work, and Alex Shaw, Elder.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—John A. Logan, convener, the Conveners of Presbyteries Committee on Sabbath Schools, J. C. Forster, D. M. Gandier, Ministers, and James McQueen, Elder,

MANITOBA COLLEGE—A. B. Winchester, convener, the Conveners of Presbyteries Committee on Manitoba College, E. G. Perry, W. L. Atkinson, Ministers; J. McKenzie and T. Fell, Elders.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES—W. B. Cumming, convener, Gavin Hamilton, R. Frew, D. Campbell, T. G. McLeod, A. E. Vert, Ministers; George Reid, Elder.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Foreign Mission report when Dr. Campbell presented the second recommendation, which on motion duly seconded, was adopted as follows: That as our own Church has erected a Girl's Home at Alberni, and carries on the work there at considerable cost, and this Synod is of opinion that the outlay does not give the best results possible, it hereby strongly recommends that the Home be changed into an Industrial School for both the boys and girls, not only at Alberni but those of all the tribes on the coast, among which we are doing missionary work.

Addresses were delivered on Foreign Mission Work by the Moderator of Synod, and by Messrs. Swartout and Russell, Missionaries among the Indians on the West Coast.

The Moderator called for the report on Church Life and Work, which was submitted by the Convener of the Committee, Mr. George A. Wilson, who moved, seconded by Mr. W. B. Cumming, and agreed, that the report be received and its recommendations severally considered.

The recommendations are:

1. That in view of the approaching Plebiscite to be submitted by the Dominion Government, a committee be appointed by the Moderator to take whatever steps may be necessary to secure a vigorous prosecution of the Temperance work.
2. That the Synod take steps to secure, by co-operation with other denominations or otherwise, from the legislature, a proper Sabbath law.

On motion of Mr. W. B. Cumming, seconded by Mr. Gavin Hamilton, it was agreed that the report with its recommendations be adopted. The Moderator appointed a committee to give effect to both recommendations the following: Dr. Campbell, Convener, W. L. Clay, E. D. MacLaren, Thos. Scouler, Geo. A. Wilson, J. C. Herdman and D. G. McQueen, Ministers; J. C. Brown and Jas. McQueen, Elders.

An overture from the Presbytery of Kamloops with an extract minute of that Presbytery were read, asking the General Assembly to define the academic standing of Robert Boyle, now within their bounds.

It was moved by Mr. T. Geo. McLeod, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay and agreed that the Overture be received and transmitted to the General Assembly.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Foreign Mission Report when the Convener, Dr. Campbell, read the third recommendation, which was: that this Synod overture the General Assembly, asking it to place the details of the Foreign Mission work under the control of the Synod's Foreign Mission Committee in the same way as the Foreign Mission work of the Synod of Manitoba, and the North West is placed under that Synod.

On motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. T. G. McLeod, it was agreed that the overtures be received and adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly.

It was further agreed that the members of Synod in attendance at the General Assembly be asked to support the prayer of the overtures.

On motion of Mr. J. Knox Wright, seconded by the Clerk, the Foreign Mission report as a whole was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. W. L. Clay and agreed, that the minutes of this Synod be printed, and that a committee consisting of the Clerk, with Messrs. McLaren and A. E. Vert to attend to the printing.

It was moved by Mr. J. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. R. Frew, and agreed, that the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby tendered to session and managers of St. Andrew's Congregation in placing their commodious Church at our disposal; to the transportation companies for reduced rates of travel; to the press for their excellent reports of the proceedings; the billeting committee and to ladies of the local churches for their kindness and cordiality in entertaining the members of this court, and to the organist and choir for their valuable services.

The minutes of the present Sederunt were on motion of Dr. Campbell, considered as read and sustained.

The Moderator briefly addressed the Court ; and asked Mr. E. D. MacLaren to lead in prayer. After the Doxology was sung he said, "In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, I now adjourn this Court, and appoint its next meeting to be held at Calgary and within Knox Church there, on the first Wednesday of May next, and at ten o'clock in the forenoon," and pronounced the Benediction.

J. KNOX WRIGHT, Moderator.
JOHN A. LOGAN, Synod Clerk.
