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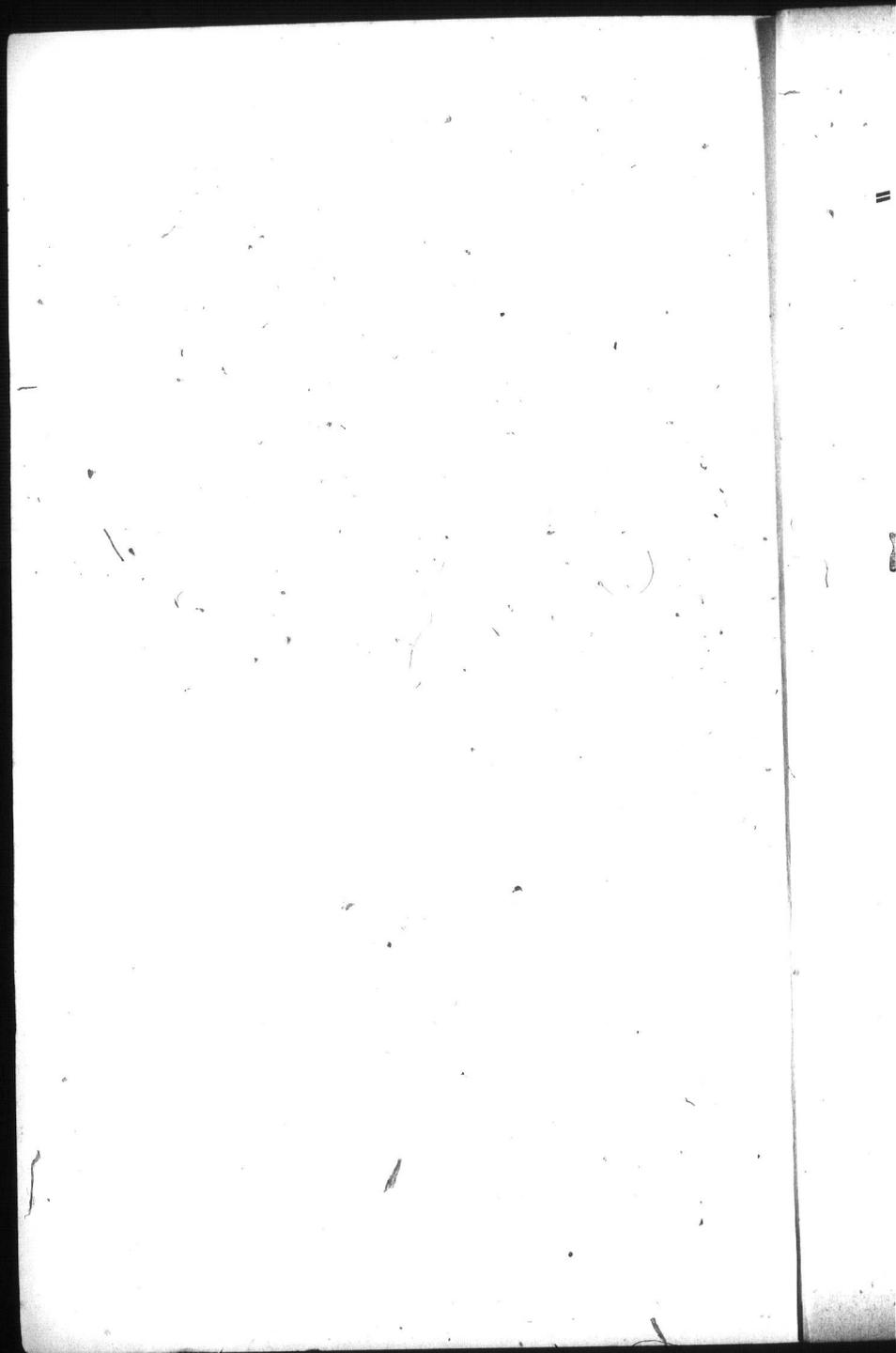
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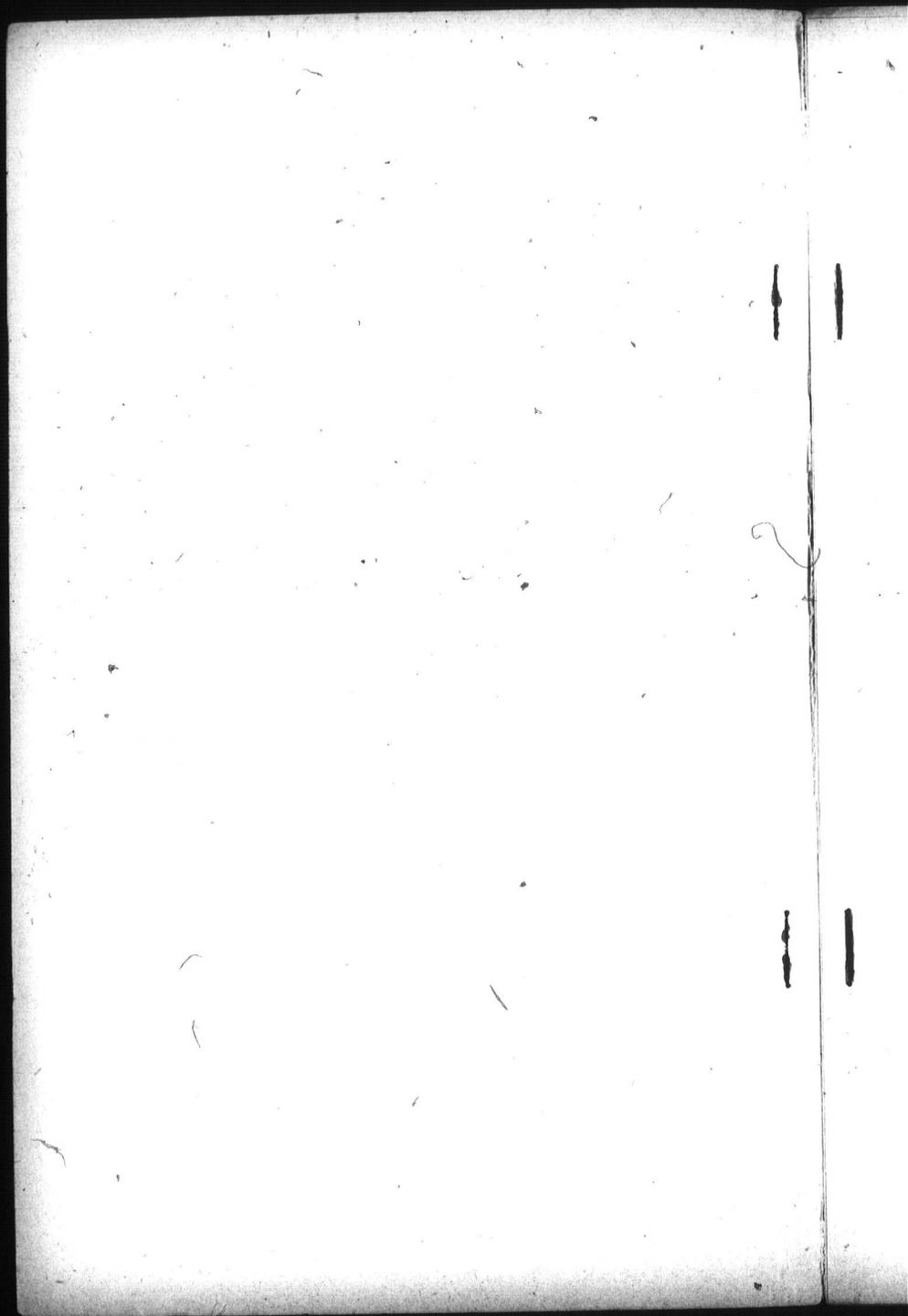
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OFFICERS
OF THE
SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

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MODERATOR :

REV. ARCHIBALD LEE.....Kamloops, B. C

CLERK :

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

STANDING COMMITTEES :

Bills and Overtures, Conv.,	REV. J. C. HERDMAN.....	Calgary, Alberta
Sabbath Observance, "	REV. CHAS. STEPHEN, Medicine Hat, N.W.T.	
Sabbath Schools, "	REV. JOHN A. LOGAN.....	Chilliwack, B. C.
State of Religion, "	REV. J. C. HERDMAN.....	Calgary, Alberta
Systematic Beneficence, "	REV. J. A. MATHESON.....	Dewdney
Home Missions, "	REV. E. D. McLAREN.....	Vancouver, B.C.
Foreign Missions, Joint Conv	REV. THOS. SCOULER.....	Westminster, B. C.
	REV. DR. CAMPBELL.....	Victoria, B. C.
Temperance, "	REV. J. KNOX WRIGHT.....	Spallumcheen, B.C.
Augmentation, Joint. Conv.,	REV. E. D. McLAREN.....	Vancouver, B. C.
	REV. J. C. HERDMAN.....	Calgary, Alberta
Statistics and Finance, Conv.	REV. DR. CAMPBELL.....	Victoria, B.C.
Manitoba College, "	REV. JAS. BUCHANAN.....	Eburne, B. C.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD :

At Vancouver, B. C., and within First Church there, on the first Wednesday
of May, 1896, at eight o'clock p. m.

ROLL OF KAMLOOPS PRESBYTERY.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS	POSTOFFICES.
1	T. S. Glassford	Sept. 28, 1880		Donald	Donald
2	George Murray, M.A.	Jan. 18, 1874		Nicola	Nicola Lake
3	John K. Wright, B.D.	Oct. 18, 1880	A. L. Fortune	Spallumcheen	Spallumcheen
4	Archibald Lee, B.A.*	June 17, 1884	D. H. Campbell	Kamloops	Kamloops
5	Thomas Paton*	Sept. 12, 1892		Kettle River	Grand Forks
6	Geo. A. Wilson, B.A.	May 29, 1894	J. A. McKelvie.	Vernon	Vernon
	(Student supply).			Nelson	Nelson
	MISSION STATIONS:—				
	Edwin Smith			Revelstoke	
	John Hunter, M. A.			Kaslo	
	A. G. Hutton			Ashcroft	
				Shuswap	
				Columbia River	
	Edgar W. Pack			Okanagan	
				Fairview	
				Field	
				Fort Steele	

JOHN KNOX WRIGHT,
Presbytery Clerk.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY OF WESTMINSTER.

No.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATION	POSTOFFICES.
1	E. D. McLaren, M.A.*	J. T. Brown*	St. Andrews	Vancouver
2	J. M. McLeod*	D. McKinnon	Zion	Vancouver
3	G. R. Maxwell*	John McKie	First Church	Vancouver
4	J. W. McMillan*	A. C. Sterret	Mount Pleasant	Vancouver
5	James Buchanan*	Thomas Mackie	Richmond	Eburne
6	Thomas Scouler*	John McKenzie*	St. Andrews	New Westminster
7	E. B. Chestnut*	George McKenzie	Sapperton	New Westminster
8	John A. Logan*	A. C. Henderson	Cooke's Church	Chilliwack
9	Alex. Mogee	Thomas Black	Langley	Langley
10	B. K. McElmon		Surrey	Cloverdale
11	Alex. Dunn*		Haney	Wharmock
12			Delta	Ladner's Landing
		J. Scott	West Church	New Westminster

JAMES BUCHANAN,
Presbytery Clerk.

ROLL OF THE PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

No.	MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS	POSTOFFICES.
1	Alex. Young	Jan. 28, 1857		Retired	
2	P. McF. McLeod	June 29, 1871	Jos. Shaw	Central Ch., Vic.	Victoria
3	J. Campbell, M.A., Ph.D.*	Sept. 2, 1874	Thorn'n. Fell	First Ch., Vic.	Victoria
4	D. MacRae*	Jan. 28, 1878	A. C. Muir	St. Paul's, Vic.	Victoria
5	Alex. Tait, Ph. B.	May 28, 1878	Jno. Mundell	Comox	Comox
6	A. B. Winchester*	July 12, 1887		Chinese Mission	Victoria
7	D. A. MacRae, B. A.*	Oct. 11, 1888	Geo. Leask*	St. Andrews, Nan	Nanaimo
8	W. L. Clay, B. A.*	Nov. 14, 1890	J. Thomson	St. Andrews, Vic.	Victoria
9	T. H. Rogers, B. A.* (Ministers: one year's appointment)	April 29, 1891	Alex. Sharp*	Wellington	Wellington
10	R. G. Murison, M.A., B.D.	June 12, 1894		Vic. E. & C'r Hill	Victoria
11	D. McIntyre, M.A.	Oct. 19, 1894		Union	Union
MISSION STATIONS:— (Under students)					
12	Thos. Morison			Northfield	Northfield
13	W. Stell			Alberni	Alberni
14	J. R. Robertson			Sooke & Metch'n	Sooke
15	Geo. Menzies			Pendar Island	Pendar Island
16	M. Swartout			Ind'n Mis., Alberni	Alberni
17	A. C. Colman			Chin. Mis., Vict'a	Victoria

D. MACRAE,
Presbytery Clerk.

THE ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Fourth Synod of British Columbia

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

— 1904 —

At the City of Nanaimo, B. C., and within St. Andrews' Church there, the first day of May, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, 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 appointment by the Synod, held at Calgary on the fifth day of May last year.

The Rev. J. C. Herdman, B. D., of Calgary, the retiring Moderator, conducted devotional exercises and preached a sermon from St. Luke's Gospel, the 16th chapter and 8th verse, "The children of this world are, in their generation, wiser than the children of light."

Mr. Herdman then constituted the Synod with prayer in the name of the only King and Head of the Church.

The Clerk having removed from the bounds of the Synod, Mr. J. A. Logan was appointed Clerk, *pro tem*.

The Roll of the Synod was then called by Presbyteries and the attendance marked.

CHANGES IN THE ROLL OF SYNOD OF B. C.

INDUCTIONS—*Presbytery of Victoria.*

Rev. W. L. Clay, B. A., into St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, on the 21st June, 1894.

Rev. P. McF. McLead into Central Church, Victoria, on the 19th December, 1894.

LICENSURES—*Presbytery of Victoria.*

Mr. R. G. Murison, M. A., B. D., June 12th, 1894.
Mr. D. M. McIntyre, M. A., Oct. 20th, 1894.

Presbytery of Calgary.

Mr. James W. Morrow, B. A., Dec. 17th, 1894.

ORDINATIONS—*Presbytery of Victoria.*

Mr. R. G. Murison, M. A., B. D., 12th June, 1894.
Mr. D. M. McIntyre, M. A., 20th October, 1894.

Presbytery of Calgary.

Mr. James W. Morrow, B. A., Dec. 17th, 1894.
Mr. Alexander Forbes, B. D., March 6th, 1895.

DEMISSIONS—*Presbytery of Calgary.*

Robert A. Munroe, South Edmonton, Sept. 7th, 1894.

Presbytery of Westminster.

G. B. Greig, New Westminster, Aug. 7th, 1894.

APPOINTMENTS—*Presbytery of Calgary.*

James W. Morrow, B. A., to Wetaskiwin, Dec. 17th, 1894.
Alexander Forbes, B. D., to Fort Saskatchewan, March 6th, 1895.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES—*Presbytery of Calgary.*

Maple Creek and Swift Current united during the winter to Gleichen and Bow River.

Presbytery of Westminster.

Sapperton and West Church, New Westminster, united Oct. 19th, 1894, under pastoral charge of Rev. E. B. Chestnut.

NEW FIELDS—*Presbytery of Calgary.*

Penhold, March 6th, 1895. German Settlements, March 6th, 1895.

NEW CHURCHES ERECTED—*Presbytery of Calgary.*

Wetaskiwin, South Edmonton.

Presbytery of Victoria.

St. Andrew's, Nanaimo; St. Aedan's, Cedar Hill.

CHURCHES IN PROSPECT—*Presbytery of Calgary.*

Fort Saskatchewan, Red Deer, Bowden, Nose Creek.

Mr. Herdman announced that the time had come to appoint another Moderator to preside over this Synod, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Thomas Scouler, seconded by Mr. Alex. Dunn, and unanimously agreed to:

That the Synod appoint Mr. Archibald Lee, of Kamloops, to be their Moderator.

Mr. Lee was then conducted to the Chair, and, in a brief address, acknowledged the honor conferred upon him, and asked the support of the brethren in the discharge of the duties of the office.

Mr. J. W. McMillan moved, seconded by Mr. James Buchanan, and it was agreed to, "That a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Herdman, the retiring Moderator, for his efficient conduct in the Chair, and for the earnest and practical discourse which he delivered this evening.

The thanks of the Synod were then presented to Mr. Herdman, and duly acknowledged.

Mr. E. B. Chestnut moved, seconded by Mr. Jas. Buchanan, that the salary of the Synod Clerk be fixed at \$50.00 per annum.

Mr. W. L. Clay moved as an amendment, seconded by Mr. J. W. McMillan, and it was agreed to, "That the consideration of the question of salary be deferred until to-morrow."

It was moved by Mr. D. McRae, seconded by Mr. D. A. McRae, and passed, that the hours of meeting be as follows :

From 10 o'clock, a. m., to 12 noon; from 2 p. m. to 5:30; on Thursday evening at 7:30; on Friday evening at 7:15; and on Saturday evening at 7:30.

Also, that the first half hour of to-morrow's Sederunt shall be spent in devotional exercises.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Bills and Overtures as follows: Messrs. D. A. McRae, Thomas Scouler, Thomas Paton, J. C. Herdman, (Conv.) the Clerks of Presbyteries, and the Acting Clerk of Synod, and the Committee was appointed to meet at half-past eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock for devotional exercises, and at 10:30 for the transaction of business, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Nanaimo, and in St. Andrew's Church there, the 2nd day of May, 1895, at 10 o'clock, a. m., the Synod of B. C. met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, A. Lee. As agreed last evening a half hour was spent in devotional services conducted by Dr. Campbell, Messrs. E. D. McLaren, E. G. Walker and E. B. Chestnut.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY MORNING SEDERUNT.

1. 10 to 10:30 Devotional Exercises.

2. Report of Committee on Bills and overtures.
3. Treasurer's Statement.
4. Appointment of Synod Clerk.
5. Continuance of Synod over Sabbath.
6. Home Missions.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1. Appeal Case of Dr. Garrow from the Presbytery of Victoria.
2. Appointment of Committee to appoint standing Committees.
3. Appointment of Committee to examine Presbytery Records.
4. Overture from Presbytery of Calgary re co-operation in Home Missions.

EVENING.

7:30. Report of Home Mission Committee and address.

Mr. T. Scouler reported on the Synod Fund, when Mr. Herdman moved, seconded by Mr. Winchester, "That the consideration of the report be deferred, to enable the Treasurer to report more fully."

It was moved as an amendment by Mr. D. McRae, seconded by Mr. James Buchanan, and agreed to, "That the statement of the Treasurer be received, and that he be instructed to prepare a list of the congregations which are behind in their payments to the fund, to be submitted to Synod at a future Sederent.

In connection with the appointment of a Synod Clerk, it was considered advisable to fix the amount of salary, whereat it was moved by Mr. J. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. J. M. McLeod, and agreed that the salary of the Clerk be fifty dollars per annum.

On motion of Dr. Campbell, duly seconded, it was agreed, that Mr. John A. Logan of Chilliwack, be appointed Clerk.

The item on the continuance of Synod over Sabbath was called for and discussed, when on the motion of Mr. James Buchanan it was resolved,

That the Synod adjourn on Friday evening, to meet at half-past seven on Saturday evening for consideration of the report on Temperance, then to adjourn to meet on Monday evening for regular business.

That the Synod adjourn on Friday night to meet at 7:30 Saturday evening for consideration of the report on Temperance, then to adjourn again until Monday evening, for regular business.

Mr. J. McMillan moved, and it was carried accordingly, that the Moderator appoint a Committee to arrange for the services on Sabbath at Nanaimo and surrounding cities and suburbs; in accordance with which the Moderator named Mr. J. W. MacMillan (convener), Mr. E. D. McLaren, Mr. D. A. McRae, and Mr. A. B. Winchester as such Committee.

Mr. W. L. Clay drew attention to a change he wished to suggest in the

roll of the Victoria Presbytery, and moved that J. A. Thompson's name be substituted for that of J. McKelligan as representing St. Andrew's Church, Victoria. The motion was seconded by Mr. D. McRae and agreed to.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 2 p.m. and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At the same place the Synod of B. C. resumed business at 2 p.m. and was constituted with prayer led by Mr. J. M. McLeod at the request of the Moderator. The minutes of the morning Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Synod entered upon the consideration of the appeal of Dr. J. K. Garrow from a finding of the Presbytery of Victoria.

The parties to the case being called to the bar of the Synod, the following papers, duly certified, were presented and read, viz.:

- (1) The proceedings of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, in the case.
- (2) Various documents relating to the case.
- (3) Dr. Garrow's appeal from the finding of session with reasons and answers thereto.
- (4) Judicial proceedings of the Presbytery of Victoria, and Dr. Garrow's appeal from their finding, with reasons of appeal and Presbytery's answer thereto.

Messrs. W. L. Clay and D. A. McRae were appointed by the Presbytery to defend their action before Synod. The parties were then heard and Dr. Garrow spoke in his own behalf, and Messrs. D. A. McRae and W. L. Clay defended the action of the Presbytery of Victoria. The parties were then removed from the bar of Synod and the Synod proceeded to deliberate with closed doors.

Mr. D. McRae craved that his dissent from the action of Synod in requiring the parties in the case to retire be marked in the minutes.

The Synod then proceeded to deliberate with closed doors, when, after reasoning, it was moved by Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. Thos. Scouler, and agreed to,

That a Committee, consisting of Mr. J. C. Herdman (convener) with Messrs. J. W. McMillan, E. D. McLaren and Jas. Buchanan, shall consider the case and prepare a finding which shall be presented as the first item of business to-morrow morning.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in this place this evening, at half-past seven, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place and on the same day at half-past seven o'clock in

the evening the Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer led by Mr. James Buchanan at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the afternoon Sederunt were read and approved of.

HOME MISSIONS.

The evening was set apart for the consideration of Home Missions, of which public intimation had been given.

Mr. E. D. McLaren, convener of the Home Missions Committee, presented his annual report, and delivered an address on Home Missions.

The congregation joined in singing Hymn 266. This was followed by addresses given by Messrs. J. C. Herdman, Alex. Sharp (Elder), and Mr. D. McRae, reviewing the work of Home Missions within the bounds of the Synod.

The Moderator appointed the Committee to nominate Standing Committees as follows: Messrs. Thos. Scouler (convener), Thos. Paton, J. A. Matheson, T. H. Rogers.

Mr. J. W. McMillan reported on behalf of the Committee to arrange for Sabbath services.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the same place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Nanaimo and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the 3rd day of May, 1895, at 10 o'clock in the morning, which time and place the Synod of B.C. met and was constituted with prayer, led by Mr. W. L. Clay and Mr. J. T. Rogers, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Fourth Sederunt were read, amended and approved of.

The Committee on bills and overtures reported the order of business for to-day, Saturday evening and Monday evening, which was received and adopted as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR FRIDAY.

1. Finding of Committee on the Dr. Garrow appeal case.
2. Appointment of Committee to examine Presbytery Records.
3. Place and date of next meeting of Synod.
4. Overture from Presbytery of Calgary *re* Synod Travelling Expense Fund.
5. Complete report of Treasurer.
6. Report of Committee on Standing Committees.

AFTERNOON SEDERUNT.

1. Report of Audit on Treasurer's Accounts.
2. Home Missions.
3. Overture from Presbytery of Calgary re Co-operation in Home Missions.
4. Overture from Presbytery of Calgary re Representatives on the Home Missions Committee.

EVENING SEDERUNT.

1. Foreign Missions.
2. Sabbath Observance.

SATURDAY EVENING'S SEDERUNT.

1. Report of Committee on Temperance.
2. Report of Committees on Presbytery Records.

MONDAY EVENING'S SEDERUNT.

1. State of Religion.
2. Manitoba College.

FINDING ON GARROW CASE.

Mr. J. C. Herdman, on behalf of the Committee on the Dr. Garrow appeal case reported the following as their finding :

The Synod, having heard the parties in this case, find as follows :

They sympathize with the Session of the First Church, Victoria, in the difficulty they experienced in dealing with an unusually complicated question, but they regret that the Session did not investigate the fama in regard to Dr. Garrow before he applied for his certificate of Church membership. Recognizing that this case has an interest for the whole Church, they instruct their clerk to procure from the proper officer of the Court in Oregon a copy of the decree of divorce granted to Mrs. Jennie Crogan ;

They direct that a reference be then drawn up by a committee consisting of the Clerk, Messrs. McLaren and Buchanan to be sent in the name of this Synod to the General Assembly praying for a deliverance upon the following points :

1. "Is a member of the Church to be granted his Certificate on application if there are no charges against him before the Session ?
2. Is marriage to a woman whose husband has been divorced on the plea of "desertion and cruelty" a valid ground for exclusion from membership ?"

They direct that a clear statement of the history of this case accom-

pany this reference, and they counsel all parties to accept the deliverance of the General Assembly in a spirit of loyalty and brotherliness.

The Synod wish it to be understood that nothing in the finding is to be construed as countenancing any laxity in opinion or practice as regards the marriage tie.

It was moved by Mr. J. C. Herdman, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Logan, that the Synod accept this as its finding, and it became the mind of the Synod and was declared accordingly.

The parties to the case were then called to the bar of the Synod, the finding read to them and they were asked if they acquiesced in the decision.

Dr. Garrow stated that he accepted the decision of the court.

Dr. Campbell, Moderator of the Presbytery of Victoria, asked liberty for the Presbytery to retire and convene which was granted, whereupon the Synod adjourned for fifteen minutes.

When the Synod resumed business, being duly constituted, Mr. D. McRae, Clerk of the Presbytery of Victoria, stated for himself and the Presbytery, that they protested against the finding of the Synod, for reasons to be given, and appealed to the General Assembly, and craved extracts.

The Moderator then appointed a Committee to answer the reasons of Appeal as follows.—Messrs. E. D. McLaren, Convener, J. C. Herdman, J. W. McMillan, J. Buchanan and John A. Logan.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SYNOD.

The time and place of next meeting of Synod was taken up, when it was moved by Mr. Thos. Scouler, seconded by Mr. James Buchanan, and agreed to that the next meeting of Synod shall be held at Vancouver, and in 1st Presbyterian Church there on the first Wednesday of May next, at 8 o'clock in the evening, also that the Ministers of Vancouver be a Committee to make all necessary arrangements with Mr. G. R. Maxwell, Convener.

The accounts of the Treasurer, having been audited by Mr. J. W. McMillan and found correct, they were ordered to be attested accordingly.

Mr. Thos. Scouler, Treasurer, presented a supplementary and completed report.

The hour for adjournment having arrived its consideration was deferred until the afternoon, then to come up as the first item of business.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p.m., and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place and at 2 o'clock p.m., the Synod met, and was consti-

tuted with prayer led by Mr. J. A. Matheson at the request of the Moderator. Minutes of the morning Sederunt were read and approved.

Mr. J. W. McMillan stated that there were present, the Rev. Messrs. Wilkinson and Welsh of the Methodist Church, who on motion, were asked to sit and correspond.

Consideration of the Treasurer's Report was resumed and after discussion, Mr. J. C. Herdman moved and Dr. Campbell seconded and it was agreed, that the Clerk of the Synod write the Clerks of the various Presbyteries, enclosing a list of the Congregations which have not contributed their share to Synod Fund during the past year, and asking with authority of Synod that steps be taken in the various Presbyteries to gather in the funds allocated both for the past year and from year to year according to the annual claims.

ARREARS TO CLERK.

The Treasurer asked for instructions as to the arrears due Mr. Ross, the late Clerk, when Mr. D. A. McRae moved, and Mr. G. R. Maxwell seconded, that the amount due Mr. Ross be paid when the funds permit of it.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The Synod then resumed consideration of the Home Mission Report, when Mr. E. D. McLaren submitted the following recommendations, which were received and taken up seriatim. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Jas. Buchanan, that the recommendations be adopted and the General Assembly overtured in terms thereof.

The recommendations are as follows :—

1.—That the Synod overture the General Assembly—

(1.) To fix the minimum salary to be paid to unmarried ordained missionaries in the Synod at \$750 instead of \$700 as proposed by the Assembly's Committee ;

(2.) To make the remuneration of students \$6.00 per Sabbath in the summer, and \$7.00 in the winter ; instead of \$5.50 and \$6.50 respectively, as proposed by the Assembly's Committee ;

(3.) To instruct its Committee in making grants to the fields in this Synod to take into account the great expense of living in some of these fields, the outlay for house rent being in certain places four times the amount allowed by the Committee as an equivalent for a Manse ;

(4.) To direct that in the event of there being a deficit in the Home Mission funds at the close of any ecclesiastical year, the grants promised to Missionaries for the half-year then closing be paid in full, and that whatever reduction in the payments to missionaries may be rendered necessary by such deficit, be only made after six months notice has been given to missionaries of the likelihood of such reduction taking place ;

(5.) To recommend its Committee to guard against any tendency towards unnecessary separation or division in the Home Mission work of the Church, and therefore to return to the practice that has hitherto prevailed of dealing in the same way with the claims presented by the various Presbyteries, instead of voting a lump sum to each of the Synods of Manitoba and B. C., as was done at the last meeting of the Committee ;

(6.) To instruct its Committee to remain in Session for at least four days, at the annual meeting in March, in order that the whole Home Mission work of the Church (W Section) may be brought fully under the review of the Committee.

II. That the Synod enjoins all the Ministers and Missionaries within the bounds to bring more frequently under the notice of their congregations the vast extent of our Home Mission field, and the absolute necessity of a vigorous prosecution of this work in the interests alike of the nation and the Church.

OVERTURE ON CO-OPERATION.

An overture from the Presbytery of Calgary *re* Co-operation in Missions was read, and the same supported by Mr. J. C. Herdman.

A discussion followed, taken part in by Messrs. D. McRae, J. Buchanan, E. B. Chestnut, Thomas Paton, E. D. McLaren, A. B. Winchester, J. A. Logan, Dr. Campbell, J. M. McLeod and D. McRae.

It was moved by Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. J. A. Matheson, that the Synod receives and adopts the overture, expresses approval of the principal contained in it, and transmits it to the General Assembly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Thomas Scouler presented the report of the Committee to appoint Standing Committees, when it was moved by Mr. D. McRae, and seconded by Dr. Campbell, that the report be received and considered *seriatim*.

It was amended and adopted as follows :—

COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

STATE OF RELIGION.—J. C. Herdman, convener, T. Glassford, Alex. Dunn, Alex. Tait. Elders : F. A. Thompson and J. Creighton.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—J. A. Logan, convener, J. P. Grant, Geo. R. Maxwell, W. L. Clay. Elders : A. L. Fortune, E. S. Wood.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Chas. Stephen, convener, T. H. Rogers, E. B. Chestnut, G. A. Wilson. Elders : T. E. Patterson and J. McQueen.

TEMPERANCE.—J. Knox Wright, convener, J. M. McLeod, Gavin Hamilton, D. A. McRae. Elders : J. B. Kennedy, M.P.P., R. Erskine.

HOME MISSIONS.—E. D. McLaren, convener, J. W. McMillan, Thos. Scouler, D. McRae, D. A. McRae, D. G. McQueen, Arch. Lee. Elders: Major Walker, Alex. Sharpe.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—J. A. Matheson, convener, Geo. Murray, Jas. Buchanan, J. Jaffary, P. McF. McLeod. Elders: Thornton Fell, Thos. Graham.

STATISTICS AND FINANCE.—Dr. Campbell, convener, Arch. Lee, Thos. Scouler, D. J. Fernie, J. C. Herdman. Elders: Alex. Buchanan, J. C. Brown.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.—J. Buchanan, convener, A. B. Winchester, J. Jaffery, Thos. Paton, J. A. Matheson, J. K. Wright. Elders: J. B. McKilligan, A. Bethune.

AUGMENTATION.—E. D. McLaren, J. C. Herdman, (joint conveners), D. McRae, Arch. Lee, D. G. McQueen, G. R. Maxwell, Chas. McKillop, ministers. J. J. Ferguson, Capt. McMorris, elders.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—(As appointed at a subsequent sederunt.)—Thos. Scouler and Dr. Campbell (joint conveners), W. L. Clay, T. H. Rogers, J. Buchanan, J. M. McLeod, J. K. Wright, C. McKillop, ministers; J. B. McKilligan, and J. B. Kennedy, M.P.P., elders.

An overture from the Presbytery of Calgary anent Synod's representation on the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, asking that the Synod have two representatives instead of one, was read. The overture was supported by Mr. E. G. Walker, who moved, seconded by Mr. J. Buchanan, that it be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly.

After discussion, the motion was agreed to.

Mr. J. W. McMillan reported changes in the arrangements for Sabbath.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock this evening, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place and at 8 o'clock in the evening, the Synod met and was constituted with praise and prayer, led by Mr. A. B. Winchester at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the afternoon Sederunt were read and approved.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Rev. Thos. Scouler presented the Report on Foreign Mission Work, and submitted the following recommendations:—

1. That the Foreign Mission Committees of the several Presbyteries

within the bounds of the Synod, be urged to endeavor to secure contributions from all our congregations and Mission Stations.

2. That efforts should be made by all our congregations, where the Chinese and Indians are found in considerable numbers, to do what they can for their instruction and evangelization.

3. That when halls or rooms require to be rented for this purpose, the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee should be asked to defray the expenses, and that a copy of this recommendation be sent to the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee with an appeal for such help.

INDIAN REPORT AND CHINESE WORK.

Mr. A. B. Winchester followed, and read Mr. Swartout's report on Indian work at Alberni, and reported the work done among the Chinese in this Province, and earnestly pleaded the cause of Foreign Missions. At the close of his address, Mr. Winchester introduced his Chinese assistant, Mr. Ng Man Hing, and interpreted his address to the Synod.

Dr. Campbell, in the absence of the Convener, presented the Report on Sabbath Observance; and addressed the Synod, moving its adoption and asking that it be forwarded to the Assembly's Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. D. A. McRae, and agreed to by the Synod.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock and this Sederunt closed with the Benediction.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

In the City of Nanaimo, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and at eight o'clock in the evening :

The Synod of B. C. met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with praise, reading of the Scriptures and prayer led by Mr. D. McRae at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Seventh Sederunt were read and approved.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Mr. J. M. McLeod, in the absence of the Convener presented the report on Temperance, and submitted the following recommendations :

1. That Synod prepare a list of questions for the guidance of Presbytery Conveners in seeking information on the subject of Temperance.

2. That Ministers and Missionaries within the bounds be enjoined to preach at least one sermon in the year dealing specially with this subject.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. J. M. McLeod, and seconded by Mr. Arch. Lee, both of whom spoke on the subject of Temperance.

The motion was carried and the recommendations adopted.

Mr. J. M. McLeod reported having examined the Record of the Presbytery of Kamloops, and found, with slight exception, that they were neatly and carefully kept.

The report was adopted, and the Record ordered to be attested.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

At the City of Nanaimo, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and at 8 o'clock in the evening :

At which time and place the Synod of B. C. met, and was constituted with praise and prayer led in by Mr. E. G. Walker, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Eighth Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The Moderator called for the Report on the State of Religion, which was given in by Mr. J. C. Herdman, convener of the committee on that subject, who concluded an address by moving its reception. This was seconded by Mr. Clay, and the recommendations were considered seriatim and adopted as follows :

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. More prayer is recommended ; prayer from our homes and hearts; prayer in the meetings of our societies, especially in the Session meeting.
2. Moral and religious training is recommended ; our pastors not to forget the children in their sermons; parents to have the duty insisted upon them of warning and counselling their children against vice and evil practices, secret or open, and that the Moderator of Synod be asked to prepare a Pastoral and send it forth, on Family Religion.
3. That attention be paid by pastors, elders, and Church workers, to non-Church-goers, including also people of various nationalities, who meantime have no pastors of their own.
4. That with a view to the better uplifting of our work in new Districts, organizations along the lines of our own system be proceeded with betimes,

or where organization is already in process, that it be brought to a proper completion as speedily as possible.

5. More interest in Missions is recommended; reluctantly we acknowledge not only indifference, but in some cases hostility to the taking up of needed contributions, but that our devices be forecast in particular, that information be given from the pulpit that missionary services be sometimes held, that the practical interest of our Young People's Home Mission, our Woman's Foreign Mission and our Christian Endeavor and kindred societies be enlisted more fully in our missionary work, and that Sessions make endeavor, where practicable, to have our Church papers extensively circulated throughout their congregations.

6. That conferences be held in Presbyteries at convenient times, not only upon the general subject of the state of religion, but also upon specific questions involved, such for example as these: why the paucity of applications for Church membership; how to make our preaching more profitable; what should be the attitude of the Church towards educational, social and moral questions; how best can we bring the importance of supporting mission funds before our congregations, and so forth.

Moved by Mr. E. D. McLaren, seconded by the Clerk, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, especially to the Convener.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Mr. James Buchanan presented a report on the Manitoba College, which on motion of Mr. D. McRae, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay, it was agreed that the report be received and that the claims of the Manitoba College be pressed by ministers upon all our congregations.

RECORDS.

Mr. E. G. Walker reported on the Records of the Presbytery of Victoria, that they were neatly and legally kept.

Mr. J. W. McMillan reported on the Records of the Presbytery of Calgary, that they were very neatly and carefully kept, but no minutes were engrossed since May, 1894.

The reports were received and the Synod directed that the records be attested accordingly, and that the attention of the Calgary Presbytery be drawn to the absence of minutes after May, 1894, and also the Presbytery of Westminster to the absence from Synod of the Records of the Westminster Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

The recommendations of the Foreign Missions Committee were taken up seriatim, and on motion were adopted.

Supplementary recommendations, arising out of the report of Mr. A.

7:30 p. m.

1. Overture from Presbytery of Calgary *re* questions to Sessions.
2. Appointment of Delegates to support all the overtures.
3. Printing of Synod minutes.
4. Appointment of commissioners on appeal case.

DEAN PAPERS.

The first order of business was a communication from Mr. J. F. Dean, which was read with the recommendation from the Committee on bills and overtures, that it be referred for examination to a Committee appointed by the Moderator. This was agreed to and the Moderator appointed as a Committee, Messrs. J. W. McMillan, (Convener,) E. D. McLaren, J. A. Matheson, James Buchanan and Thos. Scouler, to report at the evening Sederunt.

ASSEMBLY EXPENSE FUND.

The Moderator next called for the overture from the Presbytery of Calgary, *re* Assembly Travelling Expense Fund, which was supported by Mr. J. C. Herdman, who moved its adoption and transmission to the General Assembly. Mr. D. A. McRae seconded the motion, which became the judgment of the Synod.

SYNOD EXPENSE FUND.

An overture from the Presbytery of Calgary *re* Synod Travelling Expense Fund was read and supported by Mr. J. A. Matheson, who moved its adoption.

It was moved as an amendment by Mr. E. D. McLaren, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay, as follows:—

That the overture be received and referred to a Committee to report at a subsequent Sederunt, and further, that the Committee shall be Messrs. D. McRae, Convener, James Buchanan, J. C. Herdman, W. L. Clay, and Arch. Lee. The amendment was carried.

OVERTURE *re* PETER NAISMITH.

An overture from the Presbytery of Calgary anent the ordination of Peter Naismith, Missionary at Olds, within the bounds of that Presbytery, was read and supported by Mr. J. A. Matheson who moved, that the overture be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly, the motion was seconded by Mr. E. G. Walker.

It was moved in amendment by the Clerk and seconded by Mr. E. D. McLaren, that the Synod receive the overture and transmit it to the General Assembly simpliciter. The amendment carried.

EXTRACT MINUTES OF D. MCINTYRE.

An extract minute of the Presbytery of Victoria, anent the ordination of Mr. D. McIntyre was read, and on motion, duly seconded, the action of that Presbytery was sustained.

The business for this Sederunt having been now completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the same place at two o'clock in the afternoon, and this Sederunt closed with the Benediction.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place and at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod of B. C. met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer led by Mr. W. L. Clay, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the tenth Sederunt were read and approved.

REPORT ON STATISTICS AND FINANCE.

The Moderator called for the report on Statistics and Finance which was given in by Dr. Campbell, when it was moved by Mr. J. C. Herdman, and seconded by Mr. Thos. Sconler, that the report be received and adopted, that the Convener be asked to prepare an abstract of it for the religious press, and that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee and especially to the Convener.

The Moderator then called for the overture from the Presbytery of Calgary, anent questions to Sessions, asking that all lists of questions from Assembly Committees be sent down to Sessions in time to report in the month of March. The overture was supported by Mr. E. G. Walker after which it was moved by Dr. Campbell, seconded by the Clerk and agreed to, that the overture be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly, with the request that all question lists be sent direct to Kirk Sessions.

It was moved by Mr. D. McRae, seconded by Mr. E. G. Walker that the minutes of the present Session, and also those of the first Session of this Synod be printed, and that the matter of printing be left in the hands of a Committee consisting of the Clerk and Mr. E. D. McLaren.

The motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. E. G. Walker, seconded by Mr. W. L. Clay and agreed to:—

That the Commissioners to the General Assembly from the Presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod, together with Dr. Robertson, be appointed to support the overtures of this Synod which are to be presented to the Assembly.

It was moved by Mr. E. G. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. C. Herdman, that the limit of time for the giving in of reasons for appeal by the Presbytery of Victoria be ten days from the rising of Synod.

Dr. Campbell rose to a question of privilege and referred to a misleading article in the *Victoria Times* of the 6th of May, in its comments on the finding of Synod in the Dr. Garrow case, whereupon it was moved by Mr. E. G. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. C. Herdman, and agreed, that the Clerk of Synod be directed to send a copy of said finding to the *Times* for publication.

Mr. D. McRae, on behalf of the Committee on the Synod Expense Fund gave in a report and moved its reception and adoption, the motion was seconded by Dr. Campbell and agreed to as follows:—

1. That the principle of the overture be approved of, and that a fund be established to be called the "Synod Travelling Expense Fund" and which shall receive support as follows:—

From congregations paying their ministers stipend under \$1,000 the sum of \$4.00 annually; paying from \$1,000 to \$1,500, \$6.00; above \$1,500, \$10.00. Existence or non-existence of a Manse not to be taken into account in this scale. Student fields not to be liable to any claim for this fund.

2. That Synod appoint a Synod's Travelling Expense Fund Treasurer to attend to the collecting and distributing of moneys.

3. That the following rules be offered:—

(a) Only actual outlay for tickets on Railroads, and Steamship fares to be allowed in payment of expenses.

(b) Money to be paid into this fund each 1st of March, and payments to delegates attending, to be made during Sessions of Synod.

(c) Expenses of travelling to be paid pro rata according to amount in fund.

(d) The charge for these funds to be laid upon congregations, but in cases where it is impossible to collect the claim from congregations, ministers are expected to pay personally.

The Committee further recommended that Mr. A. Lee of Kamloops, Moderator of Synod be the Treasurer of said fund.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Dr. Campbell it was agreed that the caretaker of St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, receive five dollars for his service during the meeting of Synod, also that the caretaker of 1st Presbyterian Church, Victoria, receive a like sum for services there during meeting of Synod in 1893.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 8.00 o'clock this evening, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place at 8 o'clock p. m., the Synod of B. C. met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer by Mr. T. H. Rogers at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the Eleventh Sederunt were read and approved.

Mr. J. W. McMillan on behalf of the Committee appointed to examine the communication of Mr. J. F. Dean, reported as follows:—

On examination of the documents submitted to them they found—

1. That Mr. Dean had complained to the Presbytery of Victoria, of language used against himself by the Rev. D. A. McRae, in the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, which he, the complainant, regarded as unwarranted and unbecoming.

2. That the Presbytery had referred this complaint to a Committee to report upon.

3. That the Committee having examined the papers in the case, and having heard Mr. Dean and Mr. McRae, had recommended that the complaint be dismissed and Mr. Dean held morally responsible for the injury done Mr. McRae by the criticisms that have appeared from time to time in the *Free Press* newspaper.

4. That the Presbytery had adopted the recommendation of its Committee and dismissed the complaint.

5. That Mr. Dean had not appealed from this finding of the Presbytery until several weeks after the finding had been arrived at.

The Committee decided that it would be advisable to allow Mr. Dean to appear before them and state his grounds of complaint. After hearing both the complainant and Mr. McRae, the following decision was unanimously agreed to:—

While emphasizing the importance of keeping the pulpit as free as possible from all personal references, the Committee cannot refrain from expressing their sympathy with Mr. McRae in the unfavorable criticism to which he had been subjected for a considerable time, before he preached the sermon complained of, and their unimpaired confidence in the purity of the motives by which he has been actuated in his arduous, and successful labors in the City of Nanaimo. They therefore recommend that the Synod take no further action in this matter.

It was moved by the Clerk, and seconded by Mr. J. C. Herdman that the report be received and adopted.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The Moderator called for the report on Sabbath Schools which was presented by Mr. J. W. McMillan, when it was moved by Mr. James Buch-

anan, and seconded by Mr. E. D. McLaren and agreed to, that the report be received and the recommendations considered seriatim.

1. That the Sabbath School Committees of the Presbyteries of Victoria, Westminster and Kamloops be recommended to negotiate with each other, with the view to holding an inter-Presbyterial Convention.

2. That the Sabbath Schools within the bounds be earnestly enjoined to contribute to the General Assembly's Sabbath School Fund. The recommendations were adopted and the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee, especially to the convener.

The following Commissioners were then appointed to defend the action of Synod in the case that was appealed to the General Assembly: Messrs. James Buchanan, D. G. McQueen, and Dr. Robertson; Dr. Sedgwick of Nova Scotia to be asked to co-operate with them.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Herdman, seconded by Mr. J. A. Logan, the following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted: that the thanks of the Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the Pastor, Session, and Board of Managers of St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, for the use of their beautiful and commodious Church, and to the choir for their valuable services; to the various railway and steamboat companies for reduced rates to members of Synod; to the kind friends of St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, for the cordial hospitality which this Synod has received, and to all those whose attentions and help have contributed to the comfort of the members and the success attending the labors of Synod.

The minutes of the present Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Moderator briefly addressed the Court, and asked the Synod to join in singing the Doxology, after which he said, "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Synod, I now adjourn this Court, and appoint the next meeting to be held at Vancouver and within First Church there on the first Wednesday of May next, and at eight o'clock in the evening," and pronounced the benediction.

ARCHIBALD LEE,
Moderator.

JOHN A. LOGAN,
Clerk.

