

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. J. A. Jaffray, B. A., was licensed to preach the gospel on the fourteenth day of July, 1885.

DEATHS.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

Mr. Robt. Scrimgeour died at Forest on the sixteenth day of November, 1885, aged 64 years.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. Wm. Blain, formerly of Tara, minister without charge, died in March, 1886.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The congregation of Crowland was separated from that of Wel-land on the twenty-first day of July, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

The congregation of Knox Church, Petrolia, was united with that of the first Presbyterian Church, Petrolia, on the first day of October, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

The congregation of Florence was separated from the congregations of Dawn Centre and North Dawn, and joined to the congregations of Bothwell and Sutherland's Corners on the ninth day of March, 1886.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The roll having been called, and the attendance marked, the Moderator addressed the Court, and intimated that the first business was the election of a Moderator.

On motion of Mr. George Chrystal, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, Mr. George Burson, of Knox Church, St. Catharines, was unanimously elected Moderator, and took the chair accordingly.

On motion of Dr. Jno. Thompson, seconded by Mr. D. Stewart, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his conduct in the chair, and for the excellent sermon preached before the Synod.