

no church buildings of their own. There is much therefore to be done, in more senses than one, in order to the stability and efficiency of the church in this neighbourhood. Appearances, however, are very hopeful; and with God's blessing on the labors of His servant, sanctuaries will arise in due time, to be filled with devout and willing worshippers.

P. GRAY,  
Pres. Clerk.

### PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

The first meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox's Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, the 25th of June,—eleven of the fourteen Ministers on the Roll being present, and ten Elders.

Mr. Barrie, of Eramosa, the Moderator appointed by the Synod, presided, and after devotional exercises, delivered an address in which he reviewed the history of the Scottish Presbyterian Church, and showed the hand of God in her divisions, and in the subsequent unions that had been from time to time consummated between various sections into which she had been divided.

Mr. Middlemiss of Elora was appointed Presbytery Clerk.

After a discussion in reference to the order in which the names of Ministerial members should stand on the Roll, it was resolved that the order should be in accordance with the date of the organization of the congregations.

The resignation of Mr. John James of Galt, laid before the Wellington Presbytery of the U. P. Church previous to the Union, was accepted; and Mr. Guthrie was appointed to give formal intimation of the vacancy. Mr. McMechan of Berlin was appointed interim Moderator of the Kirk-Session.

A Home Mission Committee, consisting of Messrs. Torrance, Alex. McLean, Duff, and Middlemiss, was appointed.

Mr. Alex. Emile was appointed Treasurer of the Presbytery Fund; and the Presbytery resolved that said fund should be maintained by an annual collection from the congregations within the bounds, on the last Sabbath of August.

A letter from Mr. McGregor, formerly Minister of Knox's Church, Guelph, and now Master of the Grammar School of Elora, congratulating the Presbytery on the Union recently consummated, was laid before the Presbytery. The Presbytery unanimously agreed to express their gratification in the receipt of Mr. McGregor's letter, and authorize their Home Mission Committee to avail themselves, as they may see occasion, of his offer of his services in the Mission field.

It was agreed that the ordinary meeting of the Presbytery should be held quarterly, and the next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held at Guelph on the last Tuesday of September.

JAMES MIDDLEMISS,  
Pres. Clerk.

### PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

This Presbytery held its first meeting at Stratford on the 25th June.

There were nine ministers and six ruling

elders present. The Rev. Thomas McPherson was elected Moderator for the ensuing year, and the Rev. William Doak was appointed Clerk.

The Rev. William Millar, of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, being present, was invited to sit with the Court.

The Committee appointed to ordain certain Elders, elect in the congregation of Elma Centre, gave in their Report. The Presbytery agreed to sustain the Report, and ordered that it be kept in *recessis*.

The Rev. David Beattie was appointed Moderator of the Kirk Synod of Elma Centre, and the Rev. William Doak Moderator of the Kirk Synod of Knox's Church, Mitchell.

The following Committees were appointed, viz.:—Home Mission Committee; Committee on the Examination of Students; Committee to draw up a Report on certain matters ament the Clerk's office, and a Committee to prepare a Minute, to be engrossed in the Record, expressing the deep sympathy of the members of the Presbytery with their brother Mr. Beattie in the loss of his wife and three children in the steamship *Canadian*.

Mr. John Armstrong appeared as a deputy from the congregation of Chalmers' Church, St. Mary's, praying for missionary supply. The Presbytery agreed to grant the prayer of the petition, and that the Home Mission Committee be instructed to make arrangements for the supply of vacant congregations and mission stations, and that the ministers within the bounds give each one day to the mission field before the next meeting.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Stratford, and within Norman Street Church, there, on Tuesday the 24th Sept., at 10 o'clock, a.m.

WILLIAM DOAK,  
Pres. Clerk.

### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the 16th and 17th July, 1861. There were present 20 ministers (all on the roll save three), and 13 elders. A considerable portion of the first sederunt was spent in devotional exercises.

Mr. Skinner was chosen Moderator for the current six months, Mr. Walker, Sarnia, Clerk, and Mr. Clark, London, Treasurer.

A Home Mission Committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. Scott (Convener), Skinner, McKenzie, Proudfoot, King, Balmer, ministers; and Messrs. Clark, Fraser, Young, and Fleming, elders.

The following members were appointed a Committee for the Examination of Students: Messrs. Skinner, McKenzie, Fraser, Proudfoot, McMillan (Fingal), Waddell and Scott. Mr. Skinner, Convener.

At the request of the Presbytery of Huron. Messrs. McKenzie, Fraser and Clark, were appointed a deputation to visit the township of Ashfield, Huron, Kinloss, Cullross, North Bruce and Wawanosh.

After considering a petition from St. Thomas, it was agreed to dissolve the union which has for some time existed between the congregations of St. Thomas and Port Stanley, but in the meantime to grant Port Stanley their usual supply of missionary service in connection with St. Thomas.

There was an application from St. Thomas for the appointment of a minister to moderate in a call there, and Mr. McMillan, Fingal, was appointed to attend to this duty on the 27th August, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Mr. Proudfoot was appointed to moderate in a call at Delaware, and Mr. Balmer to moderate in a call at Windsor, some time before next meeting of Presbytery; the appointment of the days, in both cases, being left to the ministers officiating.

A Committee was appointed to meet with the congregations in Westminster, to advise with them as to the best arrangement of Sabbath services.

A Deputation, consisting of Messrs. McMillan (Aldboro'), Walker (Chatham), and McKinnon (Mr. Walker, Conv.), was appointed to visit and explore, before next meeting of Presbytery, the settlements in the Indian Lands in the township of Orford.

Mr. Wm. Hay, student, appeared before the Presbytery, and having passed through his probationary trial with satisfaction, was licensed in the usual manner to preach the Gospel.

The attention of Presbytery was called to the continued indisposition of Mr. Deas, when the Home Mission Committee were instructed to make the same provision for his pulpit as for the congregations and stations already on their list. The following appointments were made on the recommendations of the Committee:—

*Adelaide and Warrack*—Mr. Chestnut, 3rd Sabbath in July; Mr. Troup, 1st Sabbath in August; Mr. Fletcher, 2nd Sabbath in Aug.; Mr. Walter Scott, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths in August; Mr. Gault, 1st Sabbath in Sept.; Mr. Skinner, 2nd Sabbath in September; Mr. Scott, London, 4th Sabbath in Sept'r; Mr. Walker, Sarnia, 5th Sabbath in Sept.

*Amherstburg*—Committed to the care of Messrs. King and Balmer.

*Belmont and Yarmouth*—Mr. McDiarmid, 1st Sabbath in August; Mr. D. McMillan, 3rd Sabbath in August; Mr. Stewart, whole of September.

*Busanquet*—Mr. Goodfellow, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths in July; Mr. Gault, whole of Aug. Mr. Howie, first 4 Sabbaths of September.

*Delaware and Lambeth*—Mr. Howie, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths in July; Mr. Muriel, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sabbath in August; Mr. Renwick, whole of September.

*Dunwich, Chalmers' Church*—Mr. Stewart, whole of August; Mr. Fraser, catechist, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths in September.

*Florence and Bothwell*—Mr. Murdoch, till next Presbytery, excepting 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sabbaths in August.

*Frampton*—Mr. Tait, whole of August.

*Maidstone and Mersea*—Mr. Hay, 3rd Sabbath in August, 1st Sabbath in Sept'r, and 1st Sabbath of October.

*More*—Mr. Rodgers, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths of July.

*Most*—Mr. Stewart, 4th Sabbath, July; Mr. Clark, 3rd Sabbath, August; Mr. Sutherland, 4th Sabbath of August; Mr. Fraser, catechist, 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of September; Mr. Clark, 4th Sabbath of September.

*St. Thomas and Port Stanley*—Mr. Bennett, 2nd and 4th Sabbaths, July; Mr. Howie, whole of August.

*Tilbury*—Mr. Hay, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths, August; whole of September except 1st Sabbath; also 2nd Sabbath of October.

*Vicars and Port Burwell*—Presbytery