

collectively, my warm fraternal love ; and with many prayers for  
your personal, ministerial, and relative happiness and usefulness,  
Believe me to be yours,

In Gospel bonds,

WM. CLARKE.

This letter was referred to a Committee consisting of the Revds.  
Dr. Wilkes and W. P. Wastell.

On motion, part of the second Article of Constitution was for  
the present suspended, and the following applicants for membership  
were admitted : the Church at Athol, the Church at Owen  
Sound, and the Revds. E. A. Noble, Burgess, J. B. Robinson, Robert  
Robinson, and A. Sim.

The following Churches proposed last year were also received :  
the Churches at Oro, Lanark, Lanark Village, Hopetown, Big  
Creek in Burford, Port Sarnia and Belleville.

The Committee on Chairman's letter reported the following  
resolution which was unanimously adopted :

Whereas the retiring Chairman of our Union, the Rev. W.  
Clarke, late of Simcoe, has addressed to the members of this body  
a letter, as a substitute for his personal presence ; and whereas  
that letter makes to us the painful announcement of his severe  
indisposition, by which he is not only prevented from being present  
now, but intimates that the Union may anticipate the yet more  
painful trial of losing his public co-operation altogether.

It is unanimously resolved :

That we sincerely sympathize with our dear brother in his  
afflictive privacy, in his unavoidable retirement, in his painful  
apprehensions ; that we hope his fears and ours may prove  
unfounded ; that God will graciously sustain our brother while  
the trial lasts, and, in answer to prayer, restore him to comparative  
health and active labour.

And further, that the Union extend to his afflicted partner and  
family their tenderest condolence, and pray God to overrule this  
dispensation of his providence to their individual and collective  
good. Also, that this resolution and the letter, to which it makes  
reference, be recorded on the minutes, and that the Secretary be  
instructed to transmit a copy of the resolution to our Brother  
Clarke, without delay.

The Union then proceeded to the election of a Chairman. The  
Rev. W. F. Clarke was announced as duly elected.