

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The Committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris, London, Sarnia, Chatham, Huron, Stratford, Matland and Bruce, reported the same as carefully and correctly kept, and the Records were ordered to be attested in accordance with said Reports.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Mr. Thompson (Sarnia), Convener of the Committee appointed to examine and audit the Treasurer's books, reported that they had done so, and found everything correct. The report was received, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to Mr. Rutherford, the Treasurer, for his efficient service during the year.

RECORDS OF STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

Mr. Laing, from the Committee appointed to examine the records of the Stratford Presbytery, gave in their report, which on motion was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes.

After full examination of the record, and explanations from the representatives of Presbytery, the Committee find

1. That the minutes of six successive meetings, from July 5th to January 12th, are engrossed before those of two meetings held in April and May preceding; and that while this misplacement is noted in the margin of the record, there are no such notes at the close of the minutes of January 12th and May 11th, showing their chronological order and connection, which makes it very difficult to follow the chronological order of the business, especially in that part of the record which embodies the Decision of the Commission of Synod.

2. That the decision of the Commission of Synod is engrossed on page 216 of the Record.

3. That the minutes which the Presbytery was instructed to delete have not been deleted; but that the Presbytery evidently wished to comply with the instruction of the Synod, and the Committee recommend that the Presbytery be instructed to put a marginal note on the record, at the commencement of the case disposed of by the commission, directing attention to the decision on page 216, and that the minutes referred to be scored over with red ink.

4. That considering the fact that the Minutes were not attested last year, the attestation for this year shall include the substance of this report.