

Belgrave, separated from Blyth, and erected into a self-sustaining charge, on the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Eadie, received from the Presbytery of Bruce, on the ninth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven; and united with Bluevale.

East Ashfield, separated from Dungannon and Port Albert, on the ninth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

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 new Moderator. Nominations having been called for, Mr. Lowry moved, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that the Rev. John Laing, M. A., of Knox Church, Dundas, be elected Moderator. Mr. John Thompson, of Sarnia, moved, seconded by Mr. J. W. Mitchell, M. A., that the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Zion Church, Brantford, be elected Moderator. Dr. Cochrane having earnestly asked that his name should be withdrawn, the request was granted, and Mr. Laing unanimously elected.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Livingstone, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his sermon, and for the able manner in which he had presided over the former meeting of Synod.

The Clerk, Dr. Cochrane, read the report of the Business Committee. The report was received, and on its recommendations the following appointments made:

1. To be a Committee on the Commissions of Elders—Messrs. H. McQuarrie and M. Fraser, ministers; and Samuel Rutherford, elder.

2. To be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Hamilton Presbytery—Messrs. H. Gracey and H. Currie, ministers; and David Taylor, elder.