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OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

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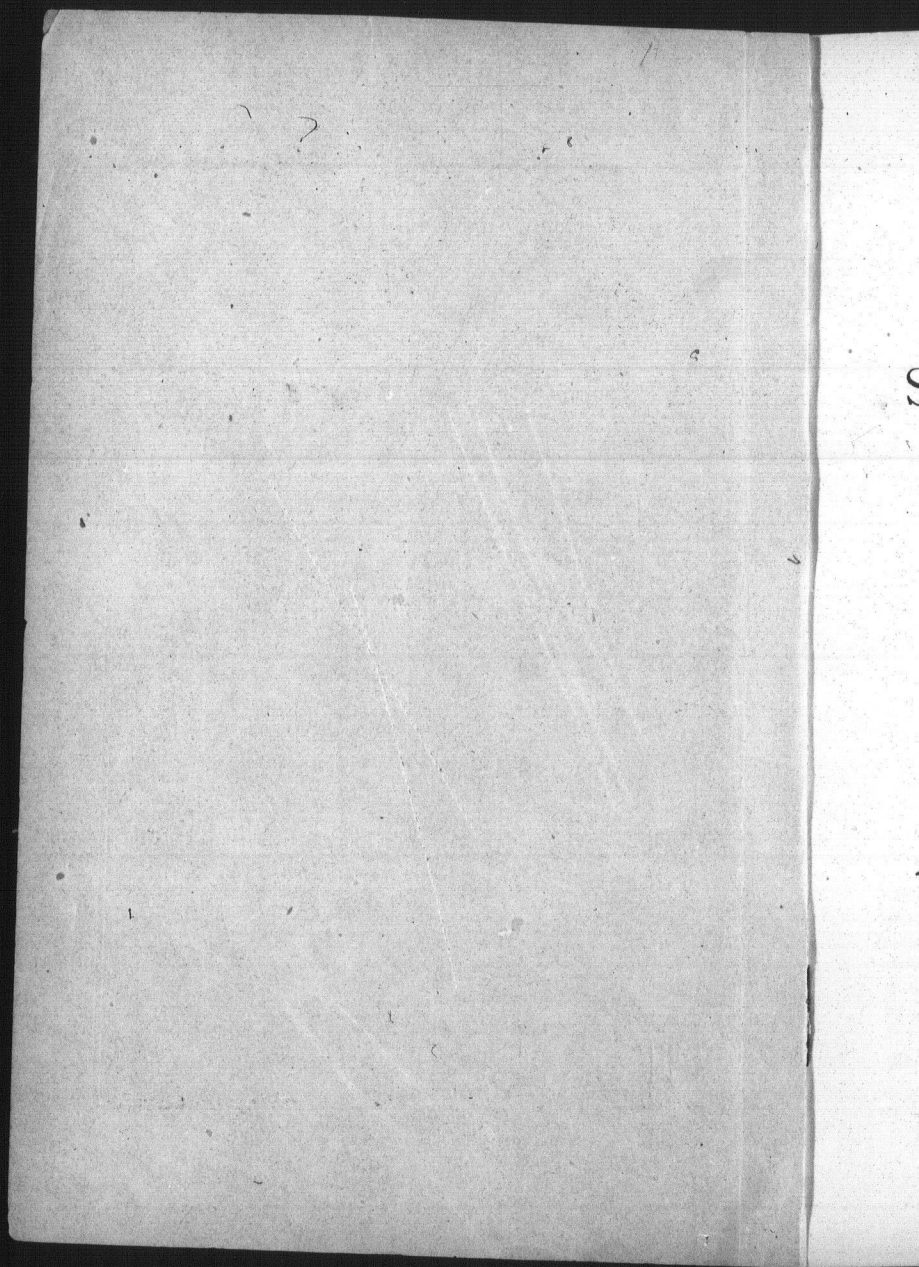
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At London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eighth years, at half past seven o'clock p.m., which day and place the Synod of Hamilton and London of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and after sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. W. S. Ball, of English Settlement, from Exodus Chap. 14. v. 15-25; was duly constituted by prayer.

The Clerk then read the following roll of all the Ministers within the bounds with their Elders, as attested by the Presbytery Clerk.

The Members present are indicated by an asterisk affixed to their names.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS. ELDERS. CONGREGATIONS.

1	S Fenton	Retired	
2	Thos Goldsmith	A I Mackenzie	Hamilton, St John's
3	*John Laing, D D.	Thos Kennedy	Dundas, Knox Church
4	*John G Murray,	J D Fitch	Grim-by and Muir's Settlement
5	*D H Fletcher,	George Milne	Hamilton, McNab Street
6	*Finlay McCaug,	G Cooper	Welland and Crowland
7	*John Wells, M A,	Henry Falls	Jarvis and Walpole
8	*George Burson,	R Lawrie	St Catharines, Knox Church
9	*Mungo Frazer, M A,	W Gillespie	Hamilton, Knox Church
10	*George Crombie	John Lundy	St Ann's and Smitaville
11	R M Croll		Simcoe, St Paul's
12	Samuel Lyle	J Wallace	Hamilton, Central Church
13	*R J Laidlaw, L L D,	James Watson	Hamilton, St Paul's
14	W P Walker,		Binbrook and Saltfleet
15	S W Fisher,	*John Boyle	West Flamboro
16	*Robert Thynne,	T M England,	Port Dover
17	*D C McIntyre, Ph D,	W Zimmerman	Beamsville and Clinton
18	*J D McDonald, B D,	J McClure, M D,	Thorold
19	J H Ratcliffe,	D W Beadle	St Catharines, 1st Church
20	*J Morley,		Niagara Falls, St. Andrew's
21	R H Abraham,	J Hemmingway	Burlington
22	S Carruthers,	R McQueen	Beverly
23	Wm Robertson,	W McMonies	Waterdown
24	*A Hamilton, B A,	J Charlton, M P,	Lynedoch and Silverhill
25	J W Cathcart	J Agnew	Strabane and Hagersville
26	A K Caswell,	G Williamson	Oneida and Kilbride
27	John Young M A		Niagara Falls south & Chippewa
28	Thos Peachall		North Pelham and Wellandport
29	A McKnight, M A,		Dunnville
30	Wm Mowat	W Robertson	Merritton and Port Robinson
31	W J Dey,		Hamilton, Erskine Church
32	R McIntyre	S Sinclair	Nelson and Dundas Street
33	Vacant.	J Menzies	Blackheath, Caistor, &c
34	do	James McFarland	Niagara, St Andrews
35	do	A Chapman	Ancaster and Alberton
36	do	R Smith	East Ancaster
37	do	Geo Ellwood	Caledonia
38	do	G E Hutt	Port Dalhousie and Louth
39	do	Wm Fares, M D,	Port Colborne
40	do	W Leckie	Hamilton, Wentworth Church

Mission Stations.

40	John H Young	Barton
41	N Gayler	Vittoria
42		Cayuga and Mount Healey
43		Fort Erie, Vittoria, &c
44	John McCalla	St Catharines, Haynes Av. and St Davids

Residing within the Bounds.

1	John Gauld	Hamilton
2	James Black	Hamilton

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PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS.
1 Thos Alexander, M A.....	Retired.....	Mt Pleasant, Mohawk P O
2 *Wm Robertson, M A.....	John Oliver.....	Chesterfield
3 *W T McMullen.....	*Alex Bayne.....	Woodstock, Knox Church
4 *Wm Cochrane, D D.....	*Dr T Macintyre.....	Brantford, Zion Church
5 *John Thomson, M A.....	*A Burnett.....	Ayr, Knox Church
6 *G Munro, M A.....	James Smith.....	Embro, Knox Church
7 *James Little.....	John Speirs.....	Princeton and Drumbo
8 *W A McKay, B A.....	Hugh Gunn.....	Woodstock, Chalmers' Church
9 *D M Beattie, B D.....	Wm Kennedy.....	East Oxford and Blenheim
10 *M McGregor, M A.....	John Alison.....	Tilsonburg and Culloden
11 F R Beattie, D D.....	A M Frood.....	Brantford, 1st Church
12 *Wm McKinley.....	Robert McLean.....	Innerkip and Ratho
13 *P B Ross.....	James Adams.....	Ingersoll, St Andrew's Church
14 Robert Myers.....	Henry Wood.....	Norwich and Wyndham
15 *Robert Pettigrew, M A.....	Stephen Harvie.....	Gleumorris
16 W H W Boyle, B A.....	James Geddes.....	Paris, Dumfries St Church
17 *J S Hardie.....	A Marshall.....	Ayr, Stanley St Church
18 *W S McTavish, B D.....	Alex Hunter.....	St George
19 Wm Wylie.....	Peter Wilson.....	Paris, River St Church
20 R G Sinclair.....	George Bryce.....	Mt Pleasant and Burford
21 *H C Ross.....	*Peter Stuart.....	Ingersoll, Knox Church
22 Robert Chambers.....	Missionary.....	Erzsoum,
23 G L McKay, D D.....	Missionary.....	Tamsui

Mission Stations.

24.....	Onondaga
25.....	Balfour Street, Brantford

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 *J J A Proudfoot, D D.....	S M Fraser.....	London, 1st Church
2 *W S Ball.....	*R Whillans.....	English Settlement
3 *John Rennie.....	Andrew Farish.....	Carlisle and Allis Craig
4 *John Milloy.....	D Stewart.....	Aldboro, Argyle Church
5 *Lachlan Cameron.....	*Gilbert Telfer.....	Thamesford
6 *George Sutherland.....	Duncan Turner.....	Fingal
7 *W M Roger, M A.....	*Moses Hutchison.....	London, East
8 *D McGillvray.....	*Wm Webster.....	London, St James Church
9 *A Murray.....	*Dr J Fraser.....	London, St Andrews
10 *Alexander Urquhart.....	Robert Thompson.....	Chalmers' Church and Dunwich
11 *John M Munro.....	A McKay.....	Kintore
12 *Alex Henderson.....	J Wate.....	Hyde Park and Komoka
13 *Ed H Sowers.....	Hugh McPherson.....	N and S Westminster
14 *J B Hamilton.....	*J Douglas.....	Wardsville and Newbury
15 *Wm Galloway.....	.....	Dorchester and Crumlin
16 *John Currie.....	*Wm Graham.....	Kintyre
17 *J S Henderson.....	*Thos McMillan.....	Wendigo and Caradoc
18 *A M McConochy.....	Andrew Gowanlock.....	Port Stanley
19 *Dugald Currie, B D.....	James A Younge.....	Glencoe
20 *James Ballantyne.....	*A Gould.....	London, South
21 *J A Brown.....	*Alex Brodie.....	Belmont
22 George A Francis.....	.....	New Glasgow and Rodney
23 John K Wright.....	Missionary.....	Trinidad
24 Dun. McMillan.....	Retired.....	London
25 W R Sutherland.....	Retired.....	Strathburn, Ont

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON (Continued.)

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
26 Vacant.....	R McMillan.....	Wallacetown and Dutton
27 do.....	Isaac Langford.....	Bethel
28 do.....	.....	N and S Delaware
29 do.....	*D K McKenzie.....	St Thomas
30 do.....	Alex McNeill.....	Lobo and Caradoc
31 do.....	Arch'd Munro.....	Mosa

Mission Stations.

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32.....	Dr Mills Springfield
33.....	Dr Millo Aylmer

Residing within the Bounds.

1 *John McEwen.....	London
2 *James Gordon.....	London
3 *N Smith.....	London

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 *John Lees.....	Samuel Milligan.....	West Williams
2 *George Cuthbertson.....	*D S Robertson.....	Wyoming and Plympton
3 *Robert Hume, M A.....	William Watson.....	Adelaide and Arkona
4 *George McLennan.....	John Hyslop.....	Camachie and Aberarder
5 *John Thompson, D D.....	*T W Nesbitt.....	Sarnia, St Andrews
6 *John S Lochhead, M A.....	D McKenzie.....	Parkhill and McGillivray
7 *James Fritchard.....	*A McPherson.....	Forest
8 Ahijah Beamer.....	James Harley.....	Petrolia
9 *Thomas McAdam.....	*D L Leitch.....	Strathroy, St Andrews
10 *John A McDonald.....	James Alexander.....	Bridgen and Bear Creek
11 *Jas McCutchison.....	Wm Bartlett.....	Corunna and Mooretown
12 *Robt W Leitch.....	D C Cameron.....	Point Edward
13 *John Anderson.....	Thomas Wyatt.....	East Williams
14 *Hector Currie B A.....	*Donald McKellar.....	Thedford and Lake Road
15 John W McLintock.....	Daniel Mann.....	Mandaamin and Vyner
16 Hugh Cameron.....	*James McNaughton.....	Watford and Main Road
17 *J C Tibb, M A, B D.....	*Wm Neill.....	Barr's Church and Moore's Line
18 *J R Johnston M A.....	Peter A. McDermid.....	Alvinston and Napier
19.....	Wm Bie.....	Oil Spring and Oil City
20.....	Geo Stokes.....	Sombra
.....	.....	Guthrie's Church
.....	.....	Log Church, Brooke

Residing within the Bounds.

1 Peter Currie.....	.....
2 John McKobbie.....	.....

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 *A W Waddell.....	Wm Coltart.....	Harwich
2 A McColl.....	*John McKay.....	Chatham, 1st Church
3 *Wm King.....	Retired.....	Buxton
4 *Wm Walker.....	.....	Chatham, 1st Church
5 *Thos Tallach, M A.....	H Robertson.....	Dresden, &c

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM (Continued).

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
6 *Arch Currie	F McKerricher	Duart, &c
7 *John Becket	J Thomson	Thamesville, &c
8 *John Gray	A Bartlett	Windsor
9 H Sinclair	John Johnson	Cavan Church, &c
10 J H Paradis	J Anderson	Amherstburg, &c
11 *G G MacRobbie	D Ferguson	Ridgetown
12 *J R Battisby, Ph.D.	F Bates	Chatham, St Andrew's Church
13 D Currie	J Cooper	Wallaceburgh, &c
14 *Alex Russell	Walter Gay	Bothwell, &c
15 *W M Fleming	*A Laing	Essex Centre
16 *Wm Farquharson, M A. .	T Campbell	Dover, &c
17 C Chiniquy .....	.....	St Anne, Illinois
18 C LaFortaine .....	.....	do do
19 Vacant	J R Dodson	West Tilbury and Comber
20 do	*F B Stewart	East Tilbury and Fletcher
21 do .....	.....	Elmira, Illinois, U S
22 Placide Boudreau .....	.....	St Anne, Illinois

Mission Stations.

22	Tilbury Centre
23	Buxton
24	Price and Renaud Line
25	Leamington and Blytheswood
26	Strangfield, Windfall, &c
27	Wabash

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 *Thomas McPherson	Retired	Stratford
2 James Boyd	T Campbell	Wellesley and Crosshill
3 *D Gordon	J Yool	Hannington
4 *R Hamilton	John Laing	Fullarton and Avonbank
5 *P Scott	*Thos Laing	Hibbert
6 *A Stewart	J Rutherford	North Easthope and Tavistock
7 *J Kay	J Wilson	Milverton
8 *P Wright, B D	J Callin	Stratford, Knox Church
9 *R Scott	G Murray	Burn's Ch and Brookdale
10 J McClung	J B Hennie	Shakespeare, St Andrews and Hampstead
11 *A F Tully,	*Dr Hodge	Mitchell
12 *A Henderson, M A	*J Bell	Elma and Monkton
13 *E W Pantton	R Greig	Stratford, St Andrews
14 *I Campbell	J Livingston	Listowel
15 *G Chrystal	Francis Bell	Avonton and Carlingford
16 *J A Turnbull, LL B	G Webster	St Mary's, 1st Church
17 *J Campbell	G Ellis	Granton and Lucan
18 *W M McKibbin, M A. .	*A Mundell	Millbank
19 *A Grant	*J Leslie	St. Marys, Knox Church
20 J W Cameron	J Baird	North Mornington
21 Vacant	J Paterson	N and S Missouri

Residing Within the Bounds.

R Stevenson	St Marys
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PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 Robert Ure, D D.....	Alex Straiton.....	Goderich, Knox Church
2 Matthew Barr.....	Retired.....	Seaforth
3 A D McDonald.....	Wm Ballantyne.....	Seaforth, 1st Church
4 Arch'd McLeod.....	Richard Somers.....	Blyth, St Andrew's Church
5 Peter Musgrave.....	John Campbell.....	Duff's Church, McKillop, &c
6 Wm. M. Martin, B D.....	John Anderson.....	Exeter, Caven Church
7 Alex Stewart, B A.....	James Scott.....	Clinton, Willis Church
8 *Jamuel Acheson.....	George Flew.....	St Andrew's Church, Kippen, &c
9 *Joseph McCoy, M A.....	Samuel Camochan.....	Egmondville
10 *Colin Fletcher, M A.....	Dr Irving.....	Thames Road, &c
11 *S. A. Carriere.....	Wm Fulton.....	Grand Bend
12 *D M Ramsay, B A, B D.....	Robert Scott.....	Hullett and Londesborough
13 David Forrest.....	Charles Simons.....	St Andrew's Church, Bayfield, &c
14 J H Simpson.....	*John McQueen.....	Union Church, Brucefield
15 *Alex McMillan.....	Alex Young.....	Smith's Hill and Manchester
16 Vacant.....	John McAsh.....	Bayfield Road and Berne
17 do.....	*Robert McLaren.....	Carmel Church, Hensall

Mission Station.

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PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 Alex Sutherland.....	Duncan Mureison.....	Ripley, Knox Church
2 Samuel Jones.....	Retired.....	Brussels
3 George Brown.....	J R Miller.....	Wroxeter
4 Alex Grant.....	Retired.....	Lucknow
5 Adam F McQueen.....	Roderick Campbell.....	Huron
6 Charles Cameron.....	Forbes Robertson.....	Chalmer's Ch, Kincardine Tp
7 *George Law.....	James Ferguson.....	Belgrave, Knox Church
8 Alex Y Hartley.....	Arthur Murphy.....	Bluevale and Eadies
9 Kenneth McDonald.....	Flay McLennan.....	Ashfield
10 *Robert Leask.....	*Robert Harrison.....	St Helen's and East Ashfield
11 *Hector McQuarrie.....	Alexander Dawson.....	Wingham
12 *J L Murray, M A.....	Malcolm McPherson.....	Kincardine, Knox Church
13 John McNabb.....	Retired.....	Lucknow
14 John McFarlane.....	John Ballantyne.....	Pine River
15 Duncan Davidson.....	Wm Dawson.....	Langside
16 *Arch'd Stevenson.....	Robert Elliott.....	Molesworth and Trowbridge
17 *D B McCrae.....	Wm Spence.....	Cranbrook and Ethel
18 Thomas Muir.....	Wm Giles.....	Fordwich and Gorrie
19 *F Ballantyne.....	*Peter Watson.....	Wilton, Duff's Church
20 *John Ross, B A.....	Alex Stewart.....	Brussels, Melville Church
21 *Jas A Anderson, B A.....	H D Henderson.....	Whitechurch and E Wawanosh
22 *Angus Mackay.....	John Archibald.....	Lucknow
23 *D G Cameron.....	James Quaid.....	Dungannon and Port Albert
24 Vacant.....	Thomas Strachan.....	Brussels, Knox Church
25 do.....	Dugald McKinnon.....	South Kinloss

Residing Within the Bounds.

Alexander McKenzie.....Kincardine

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 James B Duncan.....	Wm McLeod.....	Paisley, St Andrew's
2 John Scott, D D.....	Retired.....	Port Elgin

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3	Andrew Tolmie.....	James Craig.....	Southampton and W Arran
4	John Anderson.....	John McKenzie.....	Tive-ton
5	Peter Currie.....	Retired.....	
6	David Wardrope.....	Retired.....	Teeswater
7	John MacMillan.....	Angus McDonald.....	Glamis
8	John James, D D.....	James Blair.....	Talkerton, Knox Church
9	Nathaniel Paterson.....	John Cooper.....	Hanover and N Normanby
10	John Eadie.....	J C Eckford.....	Pinkerton and West Brant
11	Dan'el Duff.....	Geo McNally.....	North Brant and West Bentick
12	Robert Gray.....	Wm Malcolm.....	Kinloss, Riversdale and Eunis-killen
13	*James Gourlay, M A.....	George Duff.....	Port Elgin and Dunblane
14	*Jno Ferguson, M A, B D.....	Alex Dobie.....	Chesley, Geneva Church
15	*T Johnston.....	W. Rusk.....	Paisley, Knox Church
16	John Moore, M A.....	John Heddlie.....	Allenford, Elsinore and Skipness
17	James Malcolm.....	James Henderson.....	Teeswater, Westminster Church
18	W G Hanna, B A.....	William Hall.....	Tara
19	*A R Linton, B A, B D.....	Alex McGregor.....	Teeswater, Zion Church
20	Vacant.....		West Bruce and St Andrew's, Saugeen
21	do.....		Underwood and Centre Bruce
Mission Stations.			
22	D H McLennan, M A, Orcained	Missionary.....	Thessalon
23	Duncan Cameron,	do.....	Manitowaning
24	E B Rodgers,	do.....	Sault Ste Marie
25	J T Campbell, B A,	do.....	Gore Bay
26	.....		Bruce Mines
27	.....		Tarbutt
28	.....		Burpee
29	.....		Spanish Mills
30	.....		Little Current
31	.....		Providence Bay
32	.....		Cockburn Island
33	.....		Blind River

CHANGES IN ROLL.

The Clerk then submitted a tabulated statement of the changes affecting the Synod Roll since last meeting, as set forth in the report of the different Presbyteries.

TRANSLATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. H. C. Ross was translated from Ancaster and Alberton, to Knox Church, Ingersoll, on the second day of February, 1888.

Mr. W. J. Bell, was translated from Niagara to Newmarket, on the second day of February, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. John Johnson, was translated from Lobo and Caradoc, to Knox Church, Paisley, on the nineteenth day of February, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. D. C. Johnson, was translated from Oil Springs and Oil City, to Beaverton, on the thirty-first day of December, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. James Malcolm, was translated from Underwood and Centre Bruce, to Westminster Church, Teeswater, on the third day of April, 1888.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. Robert McKnight, M. A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Dunville, on the fourth day of October, 1887.

Mr. Finlay McCuaig was inducted into the pastoral charge of Welland and Crowland, on the sixth day of October, 1887.

Mr. John Mordy was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Niagara Falls, on the seventh day of October, 1887.

Mr. William Mowat was inducted into the pastoral charge of Merriton and Port Robinson, on the thirteenth day of October, 1887.

Mr. Wm. J. Dey was inducted into the pastoral charge of Erskine Church, Hamilton, on the twenty-seventh day of November, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. Herbert C. Ross was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Ingersol, on the sixteenth day of February, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. H. C. Howard was ordained as Missionary at Springfield, on the ninth day of May, 1887.

Mr. George A. Francis was inducted into the pastoral charge of New Glasgow and Rodney, on the tenth day of May, 1887.

Mr. Dugald Currie was inducted into the pastoral charge of Glencoe, on the eighteenth day of May, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. H. Sinclair was inducted into the pastoral charge of Cavan Church and North Dawn, on the tenth day of July, 1887.

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Mr. Placide Boudreau was inducted into the pastoral charge of the united congregation of St. Anne, Illinois, on the twenty second day April, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. J. W. Cameron was inducted into the pastoral charge of North Mornington, on the twenty-first day of February, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. Alexander, McMillan was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Smith's Hill and Manchester, on the 26th day of September, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. Angus Mackay was inducted into the pastoral charge of Lucknow, on the thirty-first day of May, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. John Johnston was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Paisley, on the twenty-first day of February, 1888.

Mr. James Malcolm was inducted into the pastoral charge of Westminster Church, Teeswater, on the third day of April, 1888.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. W. D. Rees demitted the charge of Blackheath, Caistor and Abingdon, on the ninth day of October, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. Thomas Atkinson demitted the change of Knox Church, Ingersoll, on the tenth day of July, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. J. A. McConnell demitted the charge of North and South Delaware, on the sixteenth day of October, 1887.

Mr. F. W. Archibald, Ph. D., demitted the charge of Knox Church. St. Thomas, on the eighteenth day of December, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. John R. Scott demitted the charge of Leamington, Blythwood and Campbell, on the twenty-eighth day of February, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. Robert Y. Thomson, M. A., B. D., demitted the charge of Hensall and Chiselhurst, on the eighth day of November, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. Samuel Jones demitted the charge of Klox Church, Brussels, on the thirty-first day of May, 1887.

Mr. Alexander Mackenzie demitted the charge of South Kinloss congregation, on the thirteenth day of September, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. Angus McLeod demitted the charge of North Bruce and St. Andrew's, Saugeen, on the twenty-third day of January, 1888.

LICENSURES.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. James E. Brown was licensed on the twenty-seventh day of April, 1887.

Mr. John Dobbin was licensed on the seventeenth day of May, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. George A. McLennan was licensed on the twenty-seventh day of April, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. J. W. Rae was licensed on the twenty-seventh day of April, 1887.

Mr. D. G. McQueen was licensed on the twenty-seventh day of April, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Messrs. John McGilvray, M. A., and J. W. Orr were licensed on the tenth day of May, 1887.

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PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. John McLeod, M. D., was received from the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, on the thirteenth day of September, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. Nathaniel Smith was received from the Canada Methodist Church in Canada on the twenty-seventh day of June, 1887.

DEATHS.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. Neil McKinnon, Minister of Mosa, died on the seventh day of February, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. Wm. Doak, minister without charge, died at Sarnia, on the twenty-fifth day of November, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. John Logie, minister of East Tilbury and Fletcher, died on the nineteenth day of October, 1887.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

The congregation of Bethel was separated from English Settlement, and formed into a separate charge, on the third day of July, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

The families worshipping in Log Church Brooke, were erected into a congregation, under that designation, on the twentieth day of March, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Wabash was placed on the list of Mission Stations, on the twentieth day of September, 1887.

The congregation of Windfall was separated from that of Tilbury Centre, and the congregation of Strangfield from those of

Tilbury and Comber, and those Windfall and Strangfield, formed into a Mission Station, on the thirteenth day of December, 1887.

The congregation of Campbell Settlement was separated from the congregations of Leamington and Blythswood, and united to those of Windfall and Strangfield, on the twenty-eighth day of February, 1888.

Leamington and Blythswood were placed on the list of Mission Stations, on the twenty-eighth day of February, 1888.

The second church in St. Annes, Kankakee, Illinois, (American), was united with our church on the twenty-second day of April, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

The Congregation of Chiselhurst was separated from Carmel Church, Hensal, on the thirteenth day of March, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Balacklava was transferred to the Presbytery of Saugeen, in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, on the thirteenth day of June, 1887.

Spanish Mills was placed on the list of Mission Stations, on the thirteenth day of September, 1887.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The roll having been called and the attendance marked, the Moderator addressed the Court and intimated that the first business as the election of a Moderator. Dr. James, Mr. John Gray and Mr. George Cuthbertson were severally proposed and seconded, when, on the vote being taken, Dr. James was elected by a majority.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. A. J. Laidlaw, seconded by Mr. Burson, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his conduct in the chair, and for the excellent practical sermon preached before the Synod.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The following committee on Bills and Overtures was appointed, together with the Synod and Presbytery Clerks.

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Presbytery of Hamilton—Mr. George Burson, minister, and Mr. R. McQueen, elder.

Presbytery of Paris—Mr. Gustavus Munro, minister, and Dr. T. M. Macintyre, elder.

Presbytery of London—Dr. Proudfoot, minister, and Dr. Fraser, elder.

Presbytery of Sarnia—Mr. J. C. Tibb, minister, and Mr. D. S. Robertson, elder.

Presbytery of Chatham—Dr. J. R. Battisby, minister, and Mr. F. B. Stewart, elder.

Presbytery of Stratford—Mr. A. Henderson, minister, and Mr. J. Bell, elder.

Presbytery of Huron—Mr. D. M. Ramsay, minister, and Mr. John McQueen, elder.

Presbytery of Maitland—Mr. Angus Mackay, minister, and Mr. Dugald McKinnon, elder.

Presbytery of Bruce—Mr. John Ferguson, minister, and Mr. A. Logie, elder.

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

On the recommendation of the Business Committee, the following Committees were appointed to examine the records of the various Presbyteries.

On the records of the Presbytery of Hamilton.—Dr. Battisby and A. W. McConechy, ministers, and D. S. Robertson, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Paris—Dr. Laidlaw and Alex. McMillan, ministers, and D. K. McKenzie, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of London—Messrs. Mungo Fraser and W. M. Martin, ministers, and F. B. Stewart, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Sarnia—Messrs. D. H. Fletcher and Alex. Henderson, ministers, and Dr. T. M. Macintyre, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Chatham—Messrs. G. Munro and Hugh Cameron, ministers, and Wm. Webster, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Stratford—Messrs. Hector McQuarrie and W. M. Roger, ministers, and D. L. Leitch, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Huron—Messrs. T. Macadam and R. Leask, ministers, and J. A. Younge, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Maitland—Messrs. James Little and D. McGillivray, ministers, and A. Marshall, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Bruce—Messrs. R. Hamilton and A. D. McDonald, ministers, and A. Bennett, elder.

COMMITTEE ON ELDER'S COMMISSIONS.

The following were appointed a committee on the commissions of elders: Messrs. G. Cuthbertson, W. T. McMullen, ministers, and S. M. Fraser, elder.

AUDITORS.

The following were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's books and accounts: Mr. James Ballantyne, minister, and John A. Younge, elder.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

The following were appointed a committee to receive applications for the licensing of students: Dr. J. Thomson, Messrs. Geo. Burson and W. S. Ball, ministers, and A. Gauld, elder.

SEDERUNTS OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Sederunts of Synod should be from 9 a.m. to 12, noon; 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 7:30 to 10 p.m.; and that the first hour of the next Sederunt, should be spent in devotional exercises, the Synod to meet for business to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIES ALLOWED TO MEET.

The various Presbyteries within the bounds were permitted to meet for the transaction of necessary business, during the intervals between the Sederunts of Synod.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Moderator was requested to nominate a committee to strike the standing committees for the year.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning for devotional exercises at 10 a.m., and for business at 11 a.m., and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, London, the first day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-eight years, at 10 a. m.

Devotional exercises were engaged in during the first hour, in which the Moderator and Messrs. Burson, Ball, McMullen, Dr. Laidlaw and George Rutherford engaged.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, the Rev'd. Dr. James, Moderator.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator submitted the following names, as the committee to strike standing committees for the year: Messrs McQuarrie, John Gray, W. J. Dey, J. S. Hardie, G. Sutherland, A. D. McDonald, ministers, with Rev. T. McPherson, T. W. Nesbit, and A. Dobie, elders.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Tully, from the committee on Bills and Overtures, presented the first report as to the order of business for the day, which was adopted. The Synod then proceeded to take up the business, in the order recommended by the committee.

BUXTON FUND.

The Clerk presented the report of the Committee on the Buxton Fund, showing that the sum of \$230.00 had been received during the year and paid over to Mr. King. On motion the report was received and the committee thanked and re-appointed for the ensuing year. (See names in the list of Standing Committees.)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF TORONTO ON BIBLE SELECTIONS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Clerk read certain communications from the Anglican Synod of Toronto, in reference to Bible selections in schools and Sab-

bath observance. On motion of Dr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, the Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the communications.

OVERTURE ANENT THE SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS.

An overture from the Paris Presbytery, relating to the necessity of all students for the ministry being put under the supervision of their respective Presbyteries, was read, and Dr. Cochrane heard in its support.

On motion of Mr. R. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Chrystal, the overture was received and adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the ensuing General Assembly for consideration. Dr. Cochrane and Mr. W. T. McMullen were appointed to support the overture before the General Assembly.

SUPPLY OF VACANCIES.

The Clerk read a communication from Dr. Torrance, the Clerk of the Committee on the Distribution of Vacancies, regarding the unsatisfactory working of the present scheme, and asking the synod to consider what should be done in the circumstances.

An overture was also read from Dr. R. J. Laidlaw, and others, for transmission to the General Assembly, regarding the more permanent and speedy supply of vacancies. Dr. Laidlaw was heard in its support. After discussion, on motion of Mr. McMullen, duly seconded, the following committee was appointed to take both documents into consideration, and form a deliverance to be presented at a future sederunt, namely: Messrs. W. T. McMullen, Convener; Ball, Dr. Laidlaw, W. Robertson, Mungo Fraser, Dr. Proudfoot, S. Cuthbertson, Burson, ministers; and Messrs. D. McKenzie, Younge, and Stewart, elders.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 2 p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

St. Andrews Church, London, the first day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-eight.

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The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. Dr. James Moderator, constituted the Synod with prayer.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Convener of the Assembly's Committee, on the aged and infirm ministers fund, addressed the Court on the claimant necessities of this important fund, and indicating certain action to be taken next September with a view to the raising of an endowment. On motion of Mr. W. S. Ball, seconded by Mr. McCoy, the cordial thanks of the Synod were tendered to Mr. Macdonald for his kindness in visiting the Synod, and giving such a lucid statement of the state and working of this important fund of the church.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE AND OVERTURE ANENT SUPPLY OF VACANCIES.

Mr. McMullen, from the Committee appointed to consider these documents and report, gave in their report and recommendation as follows:

1. That the overtures of Dr. Laidlaw be transmitted to the Assembly.

2. That in view of the great importance of the subject, to which the overtures relates, and the evil for which the overtures propose to supply a remedy, the earnest attention of the Assembly be given to the proposed scheme as a whole, and that parties be appointed to address the Assembly in support of the recommendations of the Overtures.

These recommendations were adopted, and Drs. Proudfoot and Thomson appointed to address the Assembly in behalf of the objects aimed at in the overture.

In regard to the communication from the Committee on Distribution, the following resolutions were adopted, on motion of Dr. Laidlaw:

1. That the Synod enjoins all the Presbyteries within the bounds to acquaint themselves accurately with the terms of the Assembly's scheme of distribution and supply, as found in the minutes of As-

sembly for 1886 and 1887, to be faithful in complying with the requirements of the scheme and especially in reporting to the Distribution Committee all vacancies within their bounds, and in strictly observing the General Assembly's order, to obtain through the Committee in every case, either full or partial supply, and in seeing that those appointed to their bounds by this committee receive employment, either in vacancies or elsewhere, as for example, in the pulpits of those temporarily supplying vacancies.

2. That the Presbytery Clerks be instructed to report at next meeting of Synod all the vacancies within their bounds during the year, with the dates at which each vacancy began, the date of call or calls given in each case if any, the date of settlement where a settlement has been effected, and the way in which supply was secured in every case.

REFERENCE FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

The Synod then called for the papers in the reference from the Presbytery of Stratford, arising out of a petition presented said Presbytery in 1886 by the Rev. Thomas McPherson, complaining that the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, had failed to implement an agreement entered into with him when he resigned his charge, in the payment of a certain annuity.

The documents having all been read, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod accordingly adjourned to meet again at 7:30 p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, London, the first day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-eight years, 7:30 p.m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. Dr. James, Moderator. The Synod was duly constituted, Mr. John Gray leading in prayer.

The minutes of the former Sederunt were read and sustained.

BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES COLLEGE.

The Clerk read the annual report transmitted to the Synod by the Board of the Young Ladies College, Brantford, giving particulars as to the present encouraging condition of the College, both in

regard to attendance, and the diligence and attainments of the pupils in attendance.

Dr. T. M. Macintyre, the Principal of the College, addressed the Synod, thanking the members for the interest they had already taken in the prosperity of the college, and asking for it a continuance of their influence, in order still further to attend its usefulness within the bounds of the Synod.

Mr. W. T. McMullen, the Visitor for the past year, was also heard regarding the discharge of his duty. He testified to the excellent scholarship of the College, and the thorough work it was doing for the church.

It was then moved by Mr. John Gray, seconded by Mr. Becket, "The Synod receive the report of the Brantford Young Ladies College, and express their pleasure at hearing of the continued prosperity and good work done for the cause of higher education, and for the cause of Christian training. The Synod would commend it to the confidence of our people, and in compliance with the request of the Board, would appoint again the Rev. W. T. McMullen, as Visitor for the ensuing year."

The motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS ON STATE OF RELIGION, SABBATH SCHOOLS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE,

These reports were given in by the Conveners of the several Committees. Mr. A. Henderson presented the Synodical report on the state of religion.

On motion the report was received.

Mr. George Rutherford presented the report on Sabbath Schools.

On motion the report was received.

Mr. John Gray presented the report on Sabbath observance.

On motion the report was received.

After the reports had been received, the Synod engaged in devotional exercises, and at the request of the Moderator, the Rev. A. D. McDonald led in prayer.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The recommendations of the Committee on the state of religion as follows, were then adopted.

1. That our Christian people, especially in towns and cities, be exhorted to give all possible encouragement and help to those who in a legitimate way by the early closing movement, are seeking the relief of both merchants and their clerks, from the grievous bondage of late shopping, especially on Saturday nights.

2. That Presbyteries be urged to make a more vigorous effort to secure full replies to the questions on state of religion, from all the sessions within their respective bounds.

3. That Presbyteries be recommended, by visitation or otherwise, to institute inquiry into the financial system and general business management of such congregations especially, as are apparently behind in the grace of liberality.

4. That the importance of family worship, and their prime responsibility in the matter of home religious instruction, be earnestly impressed on parents, and that this be made matter of pulpit discourse on one or more Sabbaths during the year.

On motion of Mr. D. H. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Gustavus Munro, the report as a whole was then adopted, and thanks given to the Committee and especially to the Convener, for their excellent report.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The recommendations of the Committee on Sabbath School work were also adopted, and are as follows:—

1. That Superintendents be urged to use great diligence in recording the statistics of their schools, and in making reports through the session to the Presbytery.

2. That congregations be requested to defray, if not all, at least the larger proportion of the expenses of their schools, thus leaving the scholars' offerings to be mainly devoted to the missionary schemes of the church.

3. That a summary of this report be printed for distribution to pastors and superintendents.

On motion of Dr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Chrystal, the report was adopted as a whole, and thanks given to the Committee, and

especially to the Convener, for their suggestive and exhaustive report.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE REPORT.

The recommendations of the Committee on Sabbath Observance were then adopted as follows:—

1. That it would be well for the Assembly's Committee to follow the same system of securing information and reports in regard to this subject, that is followed by the other committees of the church, in regard to the subjects with which they are entrusted.

2. That all possible prominence be given to this subject in the pulpits within our bounds.

3. That our ministers and people be encouraged to co operate with those of other denominations, in seeking the removal of whatever form of Sabbath desecration may exist among them.

2. That members of our churches and others who deplore the injustice that is done them in being deprived of the rest and worship of the Lord's day, be advised to hail as a gracious manifestation of God's providence any opening which is afforded in which these are restored to them, and so to instruct and influence their children, as that they shall be led to follow some vocation in life in which God is honored and the rights of his people secured.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Tully, the report was adopted as a whole, and the thanks of the Synod tendered the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their labors during the year and the valuable report presented.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, London, the second day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty eight years, 9 a.m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. Dr. James, Moderator.

After devotional exercises the Synod was constituted, the Rev. W. M. Roger leading in prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. Tully, from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, gave in a second report, which on motion was received and its recommendations as to the order of business adopted.

REFERENCE FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

The Synod resumed consideration of the reference from the Stratford Presbytery. Messrs Hamilton, Turnbull and Kay stated the reference to the Synod.

The reference, on motion duly made and seconded, was sustained.

Parties were then called, when they appeared the Rev. Thomas McPherson for himself, and J. B. McDonald, Jas. McDonald, James Dow, W. W. Fortune, F. B. Hamilton, Robert Paton, and A. Adair for the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford.

It was found that these representatives of the congregation had not been regularly cited to appear before the Synod in this reference, but inasmuch as they had been appointed some two years ago to appear before the Presbytery of Stratford, and any other courts of the Church if necessary, in the interest of the congregation, they were with the full consent of all parties, regarded as entitled to appear before the Synod on behalf of the congregation.

Mr. McPherson was then heard at considerable length, giving a historical sketch of his connection with Knox Church, Stratford, and the causes that had led to the present reference.

At this stage of the pleadings the hour for fixing the time and place of next meeting of Synod arrived.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

On invitation of Dr. T. M. Macintyre, the Synod unanimously agreed to meet in Brantford, and within Zion Church there, on the second Monday of April, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-nine, at 7:30 p.m.

REFERENCE FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

The Synod resumed consideration of this case. Mr. A. Adair addressed the court on behalf of the congregation of Knox Church up to the hour of adjournment.

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STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR.

Mr. H. McQuarrie, Convener of the Committee to nominate standing committees, presented the following report of the names selected for the several committees for the ensuing year. On motion the report was adopted, and is as follows:—

I.—STATE OF RELIGION,—

Rev. D. H. Fletcher, Convener.

Ministers.—Alex. Henderson, W. McKinlay, D. Davidson, Samuel Acheson, John Anderson, J. C. Tibb, Jas. Boyd, A. R. Linton, B. D.

Elders.—Robert Harrison, A. Marshall, J. Elliott, R. Urquhart, John Brown, D. McKenzie.

II.—TEMPERANCE,—

Mr. W. M. Martin, B. D., Convener.

Ministers.—W. A. McKay, J. L. Murray, James Pritchard, Thos. Tallach, Isaac Campbell, W. G. Hanna, J. S. Henderson, Rev. Dr. McIntyre.

Elders.—John McMaster, D. D. Wilson, W. N. Hossie, F. Stewart, Thomas Houston, Thos. Strachan.

III.—SABBATH SCHOOLS,—

Mr. T. W. Nesbit, Convener.

Ministers.—Mungo Fraser, Robert Pettigrew, James Ballantyne, W. M. Fleming, Colin Fletcher, Alex. Grant, A. Stevenson, J. Ferguson, W. M. McKibbin.

Elders.—G. Rutherford, Jas. Bell, Samuel Fraser, Alex. Bartlett, D. K. McKenzie, J. Turnbull, M. A., James Callin, W. B. Hutton.

IV.—SABBATH OBSERVANCE,—

Rev. W. J. Dey, M. A., Convener.

Ministers.—G. Burson, Dr. Thomson, John Gray, R. W. Leitch, D. M. Ramsay, B. D., John Ross, B. A., W. H. W. Boyle, B. A., John Mordy, J. A. Murray, E. W. Pantou.

Elders.—A. J. McKenzie, John Charlton, M. P., J. C. Eckford, Robt. Lillico, J. A. Younge, H. S. Strang, C. McDougall, Q. C., and James Craig.

BUXTON MISSION.

Dr. J. R. Battisby, Convener, and Messrs. A. McCall and W. Walker, ministers; and Messrs. J. A. Taylor and R. Urquhart, elders.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at 2 p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, London, the second day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty eight years, 2 p.m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. Dr. James, Moderator. The Rev. John Anderson, at the request of the Moderator led the Synod in prayer, after which it was duly constituted.

The minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris, London, Sarnia, Stratford, Otham, Huron, Maitland and Bruce, reported the same as carefully and correctly kept, and the records were ordered to be attested in accordance with said reports

AUDITORS REPORT.

Mr. James Ballantyne presented the report from the committee appointed to examine the treasurer's books and accounts, to the effect that they had found them correct. The report was received and the thanks of the Synod tendered to Mr. George Rutherford, the Treasurer.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Dr. Thompson, on behalf of the committee to consider applications for the licensing of students, gave in their report, recommending that leave be given to the Presbytery of Stratford to take on trial for license, Messrs. Robert Henderson and D. Perrie, and to the Presbytery of Huron to take on trial for license Mr. D. McGillivray, M. A.

The report was adopted.

REFERENCE FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

Mr. Adair was heard in continuation of his address, which was interrupted by the hour of adjournment. He was followed by Mr. J. P. McDonald and Mr. W. W. Fortune. Mr. McPherson was then heard in reply.

After questions had been put and answered, parties were removed from the bar, and the Synod proceeded to deliberate.

The following motion, made by Dr. Proudfoot, and seconded by Dr. Laidlaw, was unanimously adopted:—That a small committee be appointed to meet Mr. McPherson and the delegates from Stratford, with the view of effecting a reconciliation between them, and of arriving at a satisfactory arrangement in reference to the financial difficulty. Said committee to report to the Synod at the evening sederunt.

The committee was then appointed as follows:—Dr. Proudfoot, convener, Dr. Laidlaw, Dr. Thomson, Dr. Laing, Mr. W. T. McMullen and Mr. A. D. McDonald, ministers; and Messrs Dr. Fraser and T. W. Nisbet, elders.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, London, the second day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-eight years, 7.30 p.m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. Dr. James, Moderator,

Devotional exercises were engaged in, Rev. R. Hamilton leading the Synod in prayer, after which the Synod was duly constituted.

The minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

OVERTURE FROM PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

The clerk read an overture from the Chatham Presbytery, asking the Synod to set apart a certain portion of the Synod meetings to conferences on Evangelical work, systematic benevolence, Presbyterial visitation, and kindred subjects.

On motion the overture was received. Mr. Gray was heard in its support.

After deliberation it was agreed that the fuller discussion of the overture be delayed until next meeting, but that a committee be appointed to arrange for a conference on Evangelical work, to be held during the next meeting of Synod, and Messrs John Gray, Robert Hamilton, John Ferguson, ministers; and Dr. T. M. Macintyre, elder, were appointed said committee to arrange as to time and the brethren who are to introduce the subject.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Mr. W. A. McKay, convener of the Committee on Temperance, presented the report.

The report was received, and it was agreed to consider the recommendations seriatim.

Before proceeding with the recommendations, the Synod engaged in devotional exercises, the Rev. John Ferguson leading the Synod in prayer.

After Mr. McKay and Mr. Wright had addressed the court the recommendations were considered seriatim and agreed to, as follows:—

1. That all the Presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod seek to impress upon the sessions the duty of yielding loyalty to the Supreme Court in this matter, and sending each year a report on temperance to its Presbytery.

2. That the General Assembly be encouraged to continue bearing testimony against the liquor traffic, and pointing out the proper ways to remove the evil.

3. That the General Assembly be requested to instruct its Committee on Temperance to prepare petitions to the Dominion Parliament, asking for general prohibition, to be signed by the Presbyterians of this Dominion; and that the Assembly take such steps in this matter as may be necessary to secure the co-operation of the other churches of the land.

4. That strong approval be expressed regarding the action of the Ontario Government in making provision for imparting scientific temperance instruction in the public schools, and that we exhort our people to see that such instruction is imparted in the schools in their respective districts.

5. That due prominence be given to the subject of temperance in all its bearings in the public teaching of the pulpit and Sabbath School, and above all that the power of the gospel be presented as the only effectual remedy for evil of every kind.

On motion of Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, the report was received as a whole, and the thanks of the Synod given to the committee, and especially to the Convener, for the exceedingly interesting and gratifying report presented.

REFERENCE FROM THE STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

The committee appointed on the reference from the Stratford Presbytery presented their report through Dr. Proudfoot, as follows :—

The committee, after free exchange of views with the parties, were pleased to find a conciliatory spirit manifested, and are happy to report that Mr. McPherson is willing as a compromise to accept the sum of \$1500.00 in final settlement of the matter; and express the hope that the congregation will be willing to accept of this proposal in the same spirit.

On motion of Dr. Laing, seconded by Mr. A. D. McDonald, the report was received and adopted. The Synod tendered its thanks to the committee for their patient labors in this case. Drs. Proudfoot and Laidlaw were appointed to report the action of Synod to the congregation in Stratford, in concert with the representatives of the congregation who appeared at Synod, and assist in any further action that may be necessary.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the thanks of the Synod are due to the minister and officers of St. Andrews Church, London, for the use of their building and the arrangements made for the work of the Synod; to the committee in providing homes for the delegates; to the Christian people of the city, for their generous hospitality; and to the railways for reduced rates to the members of the Synod.

The motion was carried unanimously.

✻ ADJOURNMENT.

The business of the Synod having been concluded, the Moderator, after an earnest and suitable address, declared the Synod adjourned to meet in Zion Church, Brantford, on the second Monday of April, 1889, at 7.30 p.m., and after the Synod engaged in prayer, pronounced the benediction.

JOHN JAMES, D. D.,
Moderator.

WM. COCHRANE, D. D. .
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OFFICERS OF THE
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1888-1889.

MODERATOR :

REV. JOHN JAMES, D. D., WALKERTON, ONT.

CLERK :

REV. WM. COCHRANE, D. D., BRANTFORD.

TREASURER :

GEORGE RUTHERFORD, ESQ., HAMILTON.