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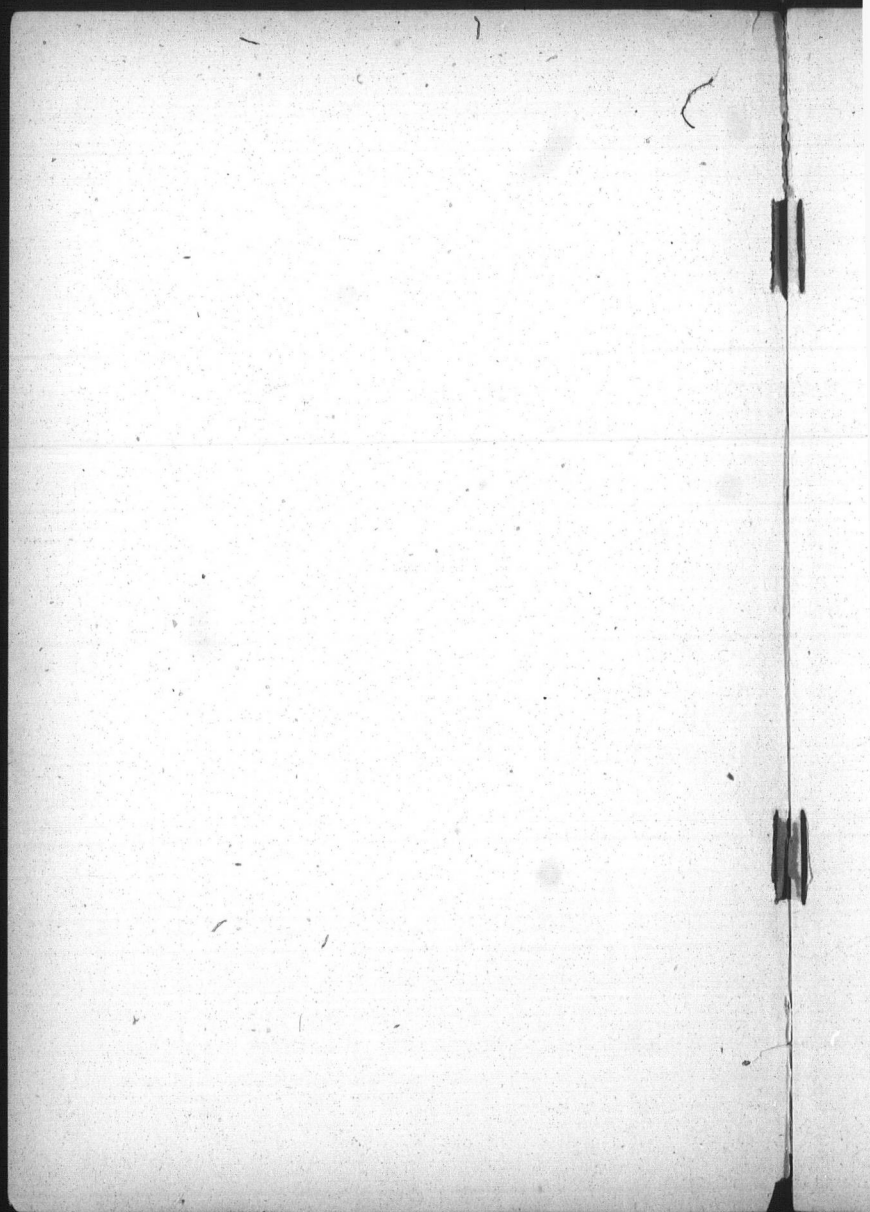
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### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

At Chatham, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety six 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. J. L. Murray, M.A., of Kincardine, from John's Gospel, chapter 4th, verse 24., was duly constituted by prayer.

The Clerk then called the roll of all the ministers and elders within the bounds of the Synod, as attested by the several Presbytery Clerks.

The members present are indicated by an italic *p* affixed to their names.

#### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 James Black .....	Retired .....	Hamilton
2 John G. Murray .....	" .....	Grimsby
3 <i>p</i> John Laing, D. D. ....	Charles Boyle .....	Knox Ch., Dundas
4 D. H. Fletcher, D. D. <i>p</i> J. D. Mc Donald, M. D. ....	McNab St., Hamilton	
5 Finlay McCuaig .....	T. D. Cowper .....	Welland and Crowland
6 W. M. Roger, M. A. ....	War. Cross .....	Pelham and Louth
7 Mungo Fraser, D. D. <i>p</i> G. Gibson .....	Knox Ch., Hamilton	
8 <i>p</i> Samuel Lyle, D. D. ....	Alex. Main .....	Central Ch., "
9 Nathaniel Smith .....	Niagara	
10 W. P. Walker .....	W. J. Paterson .....	Binbrook and Saltfleet
11 S. W. Fisher, B. A. ....	John Boyle .....	Flamboro and Lynden
12 T. G. Thomson .....	T. Gentle and J. H. Horn- ing .....	Locke St., Hamilton, and Barton
13 <i>p</i> W. J. Dey, M. A. ....	<i>p</i> F. Reid .....	St. Paul's, Simcoe
14 J. H. Ratcliffe .....	G. W. Hodgins .....	First Ch., St. Catharines
15 <i>p</i> D. C. McIntyre, Ph.D. <i>p</i> E. W. Comfort, M. D. ....	Beamsville and Clinton	
16 F. Ballantyne, M. A. ....	R. McQueen .....	Beverly
17 R. H. Abraham, Sc.D. <i>p</i> J. Morine .....	Burlington	
18 S. G. Graeb .....	D. Bruce .....	Port Dalhousie
19 D. G. Cameron .....	James Clugston .....	Strabane and Kilbride
20 W. H. Geddes, M. A. ....	J. F. Strachan .....	Haynes Ave., St. Cath- arines, and St. Davids
21 James Murray, B. D. R. <i>p</i> Lawrie .....	Knox Ch., St. Catharines	
22 T. L. Turnbull .....	P. Anderson .....	Oneida

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—Continued.

23-	P. L. Langill	Bridgeburg and Fort Erie
24	W. M. Cruickshank, J. T. Harcourt	St. Anes and Wellandport
25	G. A. McLennan, M. A. pJ. B. Wilson	Jarvis and Walpole
26	pJ. G. Shearer, B. A. R. Allen	Erskine Ch., Hamilton
27	John Robertson, M. A. E. Norquay	Port Dover and Vittoria
28	pJ. Crawford, B. A. John Logan	Niagara Falls
29	J. P. McQuarrie	Nelson and Dundas St.
30	pW. A. Cook	Thorold
31	W. Morrin, M. A. R. H. Appleyard	Port Colborne
32	D. B. Marsh	Blackheath, E. Seneca, Abingdon
33	J. Young	A. I. McKenzie St. Johns, Hamilton
34	A. Barclay	J. Charlton, M. P. Lynedoch and Silver Hill
35	J. S. Conning	W. Brown Caledonia
36	P. M. McEachern	Waterdown
37	John Muir, M. A. J. Allen	St. Johns, Grimsby
38	E. A. Webster, M. D. Missionary	Beirut
39	James Wilson	Drummondville and Chipewewa
40	A. J. Mann	D. W. Eastman Smithville and Muir Settlement
41	C. H. Lowry	John Smith Hagersville
42	J. D. Edgar	Wm. Parker Cayuga
43	M. C. McLennan, B. A. J. Moir	Dunnville
44	E. B. Chestnut	James Calder St. Pauls, Carlisle
45	A. MacWilliam, B. A. Alex. Bower	Wentworth St., Hamilton
46	Vacant	pW. Wilson St. Pauls, Hamilton
47	"	W. Robinson Merriton and Port Robinson

## MISSION STATION.

.....	T. A. Walker	Ancaster, St. Andrews
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## MINISTERS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

John Gauld	Hamilton
Alex. MacLaren	"
J. B. Watt	Port Nelson
D. P. Niven	St. Catharines
H. S. Beavis	Hamilton
J. W. Mitchell, M. A.	Thorold
J. B. Hamilton, M. A.	Dundas
James Bryant	Merriton

## MINISTERS RESIDING WITHOUT THE BOUNDS.

Hon. R. Moreton	(By request) .....
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## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 pW. T. McMullen, D. D. pD. H. Hunter, B. A.		Knox Church, Woodstock
2 pWm. Cochrane, D. D. S. M. Thomson		Zion Church, Brantford
3 pJohn Thomson, M. A. James Lillico		Knox Church, Ayr
4 W. A. McKay, D. D. Thomas Amos		Chalmers Ch., Woodstock
5 pR. Pettigrew, M. A. pJames Murray		Glenmorris
6 E. Cockburn, M. A. Wm. Telfer		Paris
7 P. Straith, M. A. Robert McLean		Inneskip and Ratho

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS—Continued.

8	pG. C. Patterson, M. A.	pJames Smith	Knox Church, Embro
9	M. McGregor, M. A.	Andrew Slater	Tilsonburgh
10	pJ. S. Hardie	Wm. Richmond	Stanley St. Church, Ayr
11	pE. R. Hutt	Wm. Paterson	St. Pauls Ch., Ingersoll
12	pW. K. Shearer, B. A.	John Spiers	Drumbo and Princeton
13	pW. H. Johnston, B. A.	R. D. Ramsay	Chesterfield
14	R. M. Hamilton	J. S. Howie	First Ch., Brantford
15	Alex. Leslie, M. A.	Wm. Weir	E. Oxford and Blenheim
16	J. M. Miller, B. A.	J. H. Farrington	Norwich and Bookton
17	J. A. Cranston, B. A.	John Alison	Verschoyle and Culloden
18	G. L. McKay, D. D.		Formosa
19	Robert Chambers		Turkey
20			Windham and Delhi
21			Mt. Pleasant and Burford
22			St. George

MISSION STATIONS.

.....	Onondaga and Alberton
.....	St. Andrews, Brantford
.....	Balfour Street, "
.....	Baden and Wellesley Village
.....	Waterford

MINISTER RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

William Lohead	Brantford
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PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 W. R. Sutherland	Retired	Strathburn
2 J. J. A. Proudfoot, D. D.	Lecturer in Knox College	London
3 John Milloy	Duncan Campbell	Argyle Ch., Aldborough
4 pGeo. Sutherland, D. D.	Peter Stevenson	Fingal
5 pJames Little	James Robb	Bethel and Bryanston
6 John Munro	Murdock McKenzie	Kintore
7 R. W. Leitch	W. E. Borley	N. Delaware and Caradoc
8 Donald Kelso	John C. Bain	Wallacetown
9 pAlex. Henderson	Robert Webster	Appin and Tait's Corners
10 pAlex. Miller	John McNeill	Mosa
11 pE. H. S. Ivers	James McMillan	N. and S. Westminster
12 pJ. G. Stuart, B. A.	Andrew Thomson	Knox Church, London
13 pJohn Currie	pJames Shields	Belmont and Yarmouth
14 pRobert Stewart, B. A.	John Graham	Melbourne and Riverside
15 pThomas Wilson	pJames McArthur	Dublin
16 Robert McIntyre	W. Watson	Alma Street, St. Thomas
17 pJohn McNeill	D. J. Campbell	Duff and Chalmers, Dan- wich
18 D. L. Dewar	Neil Stewart	Ailsa Craig and Carlisle
19 pE. Johnston, B. A.	C. R. Somerville	St. Andrews, London
20 pHugh Brown	John Scott	S. Delaware and Tempo
21 pW. J. Clark	Dr. Hodge	First Church, London
22 pM. P. Talling	Hugh Omond	St. James Ch., London
23 pGeorge H. Smith, B. D.	Roderick Younge	Thamesford
24 pAlexander Wilson	pW. Atkinson	Wardsville and Newbury
25 W. M. Haig	Donald McLachlin	Hyde Park and Komoka
26 J. A. MacDonald	D. K. McKenzie	Knox Ch., St. Thomas

## SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—Continued.

27	W. H. Anderson	J. Mitchell	Aylmer and Springfield
28	Norman Lindsay	James Ross	Lobo and N. Caradoc
29	J. F. Scott	John McLean	Rodney and New Glasgow
30	John H. Barnett	Andrew Allen	Kintyre
31	D. Robertson	L. Parkins	King Street, London
32	J. H. Courtenay	James Meek	Port Stanley
33	R. W. Ross, B.A.	Isaac Rathburn	Glencoe
34	Samuel Lawrence	Alex McTavish	English Settlement, Etc
35	Vacant	Wm. McNiven	Dorchester and Crumlin

## MISSION STATIONS.

.....	Philip Klunn	.....	North Ekfrid Station
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## MINISTERS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

D C Johnson	.....	London
Archibald Stewart	.....	"

## PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

## MINISTERS.

## ELDERS.

## CONGREGATIONS.

1	p George Cuthbertson	John Grieve	Wyoming and Plympton
2	John Eadie	Alex Kirkland	Point Edward
3	p John Thompson, D.D.	J H Barrie	St Andrews, Sarnia
4	James Pritchard	Angus McPherson	Forest
5	Hector Currie, B.A.	Peter McCallum	Thedford and Lake Road
6	p John C McKee	James Alexander	Brigden and Bear Creek
7	p W G Jordan, B.A.	J R Geddes	St Andrews, Strathroy
8	p Robert Aylward	Alex Smith	Parkhill and McGillivray
9	John H Graham, B.A.	.....	Watford and Main Road
10	S G Livingston	Wm Crockard	Burns Church and Moore Line
11	p John McKinnon, B.D.	Wm Watson	N Williams and Adelaide
12	F O Nichol	Chas T Peate	Albert St, Sarnia
13	Jos E Elliott, B.A.	Dugald Fraser	E Williams and Nairn
14	p Neil McPherson, B.D.	G B Robson	Petrolia
15	p Chas H Daly, B.A.	John Hartley	Oil Springs
16	p Robert Drinnan	John Hyslop	Camlachie
17	Austin L Budge, B.A.	Wm Reid	Mandaum
18	A E Hannahson, B.A.	James Weir	Arkona
19	Vacant	Charles Nesbit	Corunna and Mooretown
20	"	P A McDiarmid	Alvinston and Euphemia
21	"	John Aitken	Napier and Brooke

## MISSION STATIONS.

.....	.....	Marthaville
.....	.....	Inwood and Brooke
.....	.....	Artright, Sombra and Duthil

## MINISTER RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

John McRobbie	.....	Petrolia
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## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

## MINISTERS.

## ELDERS.

## CONGREGATIONS.

1	p A McColl	Retired	Chatham
2	p Archibald Currie	Retired	Duart

## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM—Continued.

3	pJohn Davidson	George Foreman	Bothwell, Florence, and Sutherlands' Corners
4	pJohn Becket	pA McArthur	Thamesville and Turin
5	pW H Jamieson, Ph D	J McDonald	Bethel, Ridge and Bridge End
6	pJ R Battisby, Ph D	D McMillan	St Andrews, Chatham
7	A T Colter, M A	R C Dodson	Comber and W Tilbury
8	pDonald Currie	John Crawford	Wallaceburg and Calvin Church
9	J W McLintock	Wm Walker	Dover, McColl and Rich- mond S H
10	pW M Fleming	pAlex Laing	Essex
11	pF H Larkin, B A	pJ B Rankin	First Church, Chatham
12	A L Manson	Wm Gardner	Tilbury East and Fletcher
13	pJ C Tolmie, B A	pAlex Bartlet	St Andrews, Windsor
14	pJohn Gilchrist	James Willin	Blytheswood, Goldsmith, Etc
15	pThos Natrass, B A	pJ Anderson	Amherstburg
16	pJ M McLaren, B A	D Haggart	Bienheim and Guilds
17	pR J Hunter, B A	pR McDonald	Ridgetown
18	pJas Hodges, B A	J Stewart	Tilbury Centre
19	pJ A Mustard, B A	R Young	Botany, Kent Bridge, Etc
20	W Patterson, B A	J Mct Selkirk	Leamington
21	pT D McCullough		Dresden
22	Vacant	James Steele	Dawn Centre and N Dawn
23	"	A R McDonald	Duart

## MISSION STATIONS.

J P McInnes	Ordained Missionary	Puce and Renaud Line
		Buxton and Union
		Colchester
		Bent Patte and 1st Con Dawn

## MINISTERS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

J Stevenson	
J B Scott	
W M Kay	

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 pRobert Hamilton, DD	John Thompson	Motherwell and Avonbank
2 Alex Grant, M A	p— Gray	Knox Church, St Marys
3 pJohn Kay	Robert Stuthers	Milverton and Wellesley
4 pPeter Scott	pJames Russell	Hibbert
5 E W Pantton	Robert Gregg	St Andrews, Stratford
6 pW M McKibbin, B A	Wm Campbell	Millbank and Crosshill
7 John W Cameron, B A	Wm Dowd	N Mornington
8 And. Henderson, M A	Alexander Akins	Attwood and Monkton
9 A G MacLachlin, B A	James Yool	Harrington W
10 John Campbell		Granton and Lucan
11 pM L Leitch	James Callin	Knox Church, Stratford
12 A H Drumm	D M Campbell	Avington and Carlingford
13 pRichard Pyke	Samuel Wiederbold	Shakespeare and Tavistock



## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD—Continued.

14	W A Bradley, B A	J R Stewart	Knox Church, Mitchell	20
15	T A osgrove, M A	George Webster	First Church, St Marys	
16	W W Craw, B A	Patterson	Nissouri	21
17	J D Fergusson, B A	George Murray	Burns Ch and Brooksdale	
18	Wm Cooper, B A	Wm Haddow	Knox Ch, Listowell	22
19		James Bradley	N Easthope and Hampstead	

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

## MINISTERS.

## ELDERS.

## CONGREGATIONS.

1	Robert Ure, D D	Retired	Goderich	
2	Matthew Barr	Retired	Seaforth	
3	p A D McDonald, D D	J C Smith	First Church, Seaforth	
4	p Arch McLean	A H Jacobs	St Andrews, Blyth	
5	Peter Musgrave	George Hakkirk	Duffs Ch, McKillop, Etc	
6	J A McDonald	Robert Pollock	Bayfield Road and Blake	
7	p W M Martin, B D	p John Strong	Caven Church, Exeter	1
8	Alex Stewart, B A	George Swallow	Willis Church, Clinton	2
9	Samuel Acheson	Thomas Nellis	St Andrews, Kippen, Etc	3
10	p Colin Fletcher, M A	p James Hackney	Thames Road and Kirkton	4
11	p J A Anderson, B A	J Elgin Tom	Knox Church, Goderich	5
12	S A Carriere	John McGregor	Grand Bend and Corbett	
13	p J S Henderson	William Moir	Carmel Church, Hensall	6
14	J A Hamilton, M A	Robert Scott	Burns Ch, Hullett, and Londesboro	7
15	James Hamilton	William McMath	Leeburn and Union Ch	8
16	p Robert Henderson	William Waite	Knox Ch, Manchester, Etc	9
17	Walter Muir	George Walker	Union Ch, Brucefield	10
18	p Neil Shaw	John Sproat	Egmondville	
19	William Graham	John Torrance	St Andrews Ch, Bayfield, Etc	11

## PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

## MINISTERS.

## ELDERS.

## CONGREGATIONS.

1	Alexand'r Sutherland	Peter McDonald	Knox Church, Ripley	
2	Samuel Jones	Retired	Brussels	
3	A Y Hartley	George Acheson	Bluevale and Eadies	17
4	John McNabb	Retired	Lucknow	
5	p J L Murray, M A	Rev Jno Stewart	Knox Church, Kincardine	
6	John McFarlane	John Ballantyne	Pine River	
7	Robt Fairbairn, B A	John Bennet	Dungannon and Pt Albert	13
8	p George McKay	William Henderson	Chalmers Ch, Kincardine Tp, and Bervie	14
9	D B McRae	Henry Wanner	Cranbrook and Ethel	15
10	F A MacLennan	Archibald Hamilton	South Kinloss	16
11	p John Ross, B A	A M McKay	Melville Church, Brussels	
12	p Angus MacKay	George Mathison	Lucknow	
13	John Rose	Hugh Chambers	Ashfield	
14	David Forrest	Jonathan Moore	Duffs Church, Walton	
15	James Malcolm	John Gordon	Knox Church, Teeswater	
16	George Ballantyne	Peter Crear	Melseworth	
17	Roderick McLeod	J S McDonald, M P P	Huron Church, Ripley	
18	David Perry	Gilbert McIntyre	Wingham	
19	RSG Anderson, MA, BD	James Wylie	Knox Church, Wroxeter	

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PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND—Continued.

- 20 Andrew McNab, MA..John Dawson ..... White Church and Lang-  
side  
21 W T Hall ..... Donald Meiklejohn ..... Knox Ch, Belgrave, and  
Wawanosh  
22 pSidney M Whaley, BA. Thomas E Finlay ..... St Helens and East Ash-  
field

MINISTERS RETIRED AND WITHOUT CHARGE.

- John Stewart (R) .....  
K McDonald, W C .....  
Thomas Davidson, W C .....  
George Law, W C .....

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

- |    | MINISTERS.                                | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS.                           |
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| 1  | Andrew Tolmie .....                       |         | Southampton                              |
| 2  | John Anderson .....                       |         | Retired (Tiverton)                       |
| 3  | Daniel Duff ..... Wm Fiddis.....          |         | N Brant and W Bentwick                   |
| 4  | George McLennan.... J C Eckford.....      |         | Pinkerton and W Brant                    |
| 5  | Hector McQuarrie.... Donald McKinnou..... |         | N Bruce and St Andrews,<br>Saugeen       |
| 6  | James Fitzpatrick, BA John Henderson..... |         | Underwood and Centre<br>Bruce            |
| 7  | A H Kippan ..... R C Bruce.....           |         | Tara                                     |
| 8  | pJohn Johnston..... William Rusk.....     |         | Knox Ch, Paisley                         |
| 9  | James R Craigie, MA. Wm Morrison.....     |         | Hanover and Hampden                      |
| 10 | William Mowat..... Thomas Broadfoot.....  |         | Allenford, Elsinore, and<br>Skipness     |
| 11 | James Steven ..... John Dewar.....        |         | Tiverton                                 |
| 12 | Isaac McDonald, BD.. John Arnot .....     |         | Glamis                                   |
| 13 | John Bell, B A ..... James Craig.....     |         | W Arran and Dunblane                     |
| 14 | E A McKenzie, B A.. A S Goodeve.....      |         | Geneva Church, Chesley                   |
| 15 | Donald Guthrie, B A.. William Rowand..... |         | Knox Church, Walkerton                   |
| 16 | Vacant..... W Malcolm .....               |         | N Kinloss, Riversdale and<br>Enniskillen |
| 17 | " ..... George Duff .....                 |         | Port Elgin                               |

MISSION STATION.

- .....Salem, Gillies Hill and  
Dobington

MINISTER RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

- Nathaniel Paterson..... Hanover

## CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

The Clerk then submitted a tabulated statement of the changes affecting the Synod Roll, as set forth in the Reports of the several Presbyteries.

## TRANSLATIONS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. Walter Muir was translated from St. Pauls Church, Carluke, to Brucefield, in the Presbytery of Huron, on the 2nd day of June, 1895.

Mr. James Murray was translated from Wentworth Street Church, Hamilton, to Knox Church, St. Catharines, on the 25th day of December, 1895.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. R. W. Leitch was translated from Wyndham and Waterford, to Delaware and Caradoc, in the Presbytery of London, on the 7th day of May, 1895.

Mr. W. S. McTavish, B.D., was translated from St. George, to Desoronto, in the Presbytery of Kingston, on the 13th day of August, 1895.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. W. A. Cook was translated from Dorchester and Crumlin, to the Congregation of Thorold, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, on the 27th day of October, 1895.

## PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. W. H. Bradley was translated from Alvinston and Euphemia, to Mitchell, in the Presbytery of Stratford, on the 9th day of December, 1895.

## ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. Malcolm C. McLennan was ordained and inducted into the charge of Dunnville, on the 6th day of June, 1895.

Mr. John Young was inducted into the charge of St. Johns Church, Hamilton, on the 25th day of June, 1895.

Mr. W. A. Cook was inducted into the charge of Thorold, on the 24th day of October, 1895.

Mr. E. B. Chestnut was inducted into the charge of Carluke, on the 31st day of March, 1896.

Mr. A. MacWilliams, B.A., was inducted into the charge of Wentworth Street Church, Hamilton, on the 16th day of April, 1896.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. J. A. Cranston, B.A., was ordained and inducted into the charge of Verschoye and Culloden, on the 28th day of January, 1896.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS—Continued.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. R. W. Leitch was inducted into the charge of North Delaware and Cookes Church, Caradoc, on the 28th day of May, 1895.

Mr. James Menzies, M.D., was ordained and designated to the Foreign Mission field, under appointment by the F. M. C. in North Westminster Presbyterian Church, on the 1st day of August, 1895.

Mr. George H. Smith, B.D., was inducted into the charge of Thamesford, on the 20th day of February, 1896.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. Austin L. Budge, B.A., was ordained and inducted into the charge of Mandaum, on the 7th day of January, 1896.

Mr. A. E. Hannahson was ordained and inducted into the charge of Adelaide and Arkona, on the 14th day of January, 1896.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. W. Patterson, B.A., was ordained and inducted into the charge of Leamington, on the 11th day of June, 1895.

Mr. J. D. McCullough was ordained and inducted into the charge of Dresden, on the 8th day of October, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. W. A. Bradley, B.A., was inducted into the charge of Knox Church, Mitchell, on the 17th day of December, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. Walter Muir was inducted into the charge of Union Church, Brucefield, on the 11th day of June, 1895.

Mr. Wm. Graham was ordained and inducted into the charge of Bayfield and Bethany, on the 8th day of July, 1895.

Mr. James Hamilton, B.A., was inducted into the charge of Leeburn and Union Church, Goderich Township, on the 29th day of October, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. W. T. Hall was ordained and inducted into the charge of Knox Church, Belgrave, and Calvin Church, East Wawanosh, on the 11th day of June, 1895.

Mr. Sidney M. Whaley, B.A., was ordained and inducted into the charge of Calvin Church, St. Helens and East Ashfield, on the 10th day of October, 1895.

Mr. Roderick McLeod was inducted into the charge of Huron Church, Ripley, on the 20th day of January, 1896.

## ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS—Continued.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. Isaac McDonald was inducted into the charge of Glammis, on the 3rd day of April, 1895.

## DEMISSIONS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. James Bryant demitted the charge of Merriton and Port Robinson, on the 11th day of August, 1895.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. W. M. Reid demitted the charge of Onondaga and Alberton, on the 13th day of August, 1895.

Mr. R. G. Sinclair demitted the charge of Mount Pleasant and Burford, on the 24th day of September, 1895.

## PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. Archibald McDiarmid demitted the charge of Napier and Brooke, on the 30th day of March, 1896.

## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. W. M. Kay demitted the charge of Duart, on the 30th day of September, 1895.

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. A. F. Tully demitted the charge of Knox Church, Mitchell, on the 27th day of May, 1895.

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. Murdock McKay resigned the charge of Leeburn and Union Church, Goderich Township, on the 9th day of July, 1895.

## PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. David Miller demitted the charge of Knox Church, Brussels, on the 15th day of April, 1895.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. James Gourlay, M.A., demitted the charge of Port Elgin, on the 21st day of July, 1895.

Mr. Robert Gray demitted the charge of North Kinloss, Riversdale and Enniskillen, on the 6th day of October, 1895.

## LICENSURES.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. Malcolm C. McLennan, on the 17th day of April, 1895.

LICENSURES—Continued.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. William Patterson, on the 28th day of May, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. W. T. Hall, on the 14th day of May, 1895.

Mr. William Graham, on the 14th day of May, 1895.

DEATHS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. George Burson, Minister of Knox Church, St. Catharines, on the 7th day of May, 1895.

Dr. R. J. Laidlaw, Minister of St. Pauls Church, Hamilton, on the 24th day of October, 1895.

Dr. John Scott, formerly Minister of North Bruce, on the 26th day of December, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. Thomas Alexander, M.A., formerly Minister of Mount Pleasant and Burford, on the 19th day of December, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. A. W. Waddell, formerly Minister at Blenheim, on the 11th day of March, 1896.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

The designation of Knox and Chalmers Churches, in Dover Township, changed to that of McColl Church, (these being now united), on the 10th day of September, 1895.

The Duart and Highgate field was changed to Duart, Highgate being dropped, on the 25th day of February, 1896.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Knox Church and Melville Church, Brussels, were united into one congregation, under the pastoral care of Rev. John Ross, B.A., of Melville Church, on the 21st day of May, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

The name of the Station of "North Normandy," in connection with Hanover, changed to that of Hampden, on the 10th day of March, 1896.



## MINISTERS RECEIVED.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. H. S. Beavis, by leave of General Assembly, on the 16th day of July, 1896.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. William Lochead, by Presbyterial Certificate, from the Presbytery of Sarnia, on the 24th day of September, 1895.

## PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. J. Hale, by leave of General Assembly, on the 10th day of March, 1896.

## PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND (JUBILEE),—

The Presbytery of Maitland celebrated the Ministerial Jubilee of the Rev. Alex. Sutherland, Minister of Knox Church, Ripley, on the 16th day of March, 1895.

## ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The roll having been called, and the attendance marked, as also the changes affecting the roll during the year, the retiring Moderator briefly addressed the Synod, thanking his brethren for the honor conferred upon him, and intimating that the next business was the election of a new Moderator.

Nominations having been called for, on motion of Dr. McMullen, seconded by Dr. A. D. McDonald, Dr. Samuel Lyle, of Central Church, Hamilton, was unanimously elected, and took the chair accordingly. Dr. Lyle returned thanks for the unexpected honor conferred upon him.

## THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. George Cuthbertson, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator, for his conduct in the chair, and the discharge of the duties of his office during the year, and for the excellent sermon preached at the opening of Synod.

## COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The following Committee on Bills and Overtures was appointed, along with the Presbytery and Synod Clerks:—

Presbytery of Hamilton—Mr W. J. Dey, minister, and Mr. F. Reid, elder.

Presbytery of Paris—Mr. J. M. Millar, minister, and Mr. Jas. Smith elder.

Presbytery of London—Mr. Robert Stewart, minister, and Mr. Isaac Ratburn, elder.

Presbytery of Sarnia—Mr. W. G. Jordan, minister, and Mr. James Barrie, elder.

Presbytery of Chatham—Dr. J. R. Battisby, minister, and Mr. William Gardiner, elder.



Presbytery of Stratford—Dr. Hamilton, minister, and Mr. James Bradley, elder.

Presbytery of Huron—Mr. Walter Muir, minister, and Mr. James Hackney, elder.

Presbytery of Maitland—Mr. J. L. Murray, minister.

Presbytery of Bruce—Mr. Andrew Tolmie, minister.

#### COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The following Committees were appointed to examine Presbytery Records, and report at an early sederunt :—

On the Records of the Hamilton Presbytery—Mr. Colin Fletcher and Mr. R. Pettigrew, ministers, and Mr. Duncan McMillan, elder.

On the Records of the Paris Presbytery—Mr. A. Henderson, Attwood, and Mr. J. A. Anderson, ministers, and Mr. James Hackney, elder.

On the Records of the London Presbytery—Mr. John Kay, and Mr. J. S. Hardie, minister, and Mr. D. Hunter, B.A., elder.

On the Records of the Sarnia Presbytery—Mr. J. G. Shearer and Mr. Neil Shaw, ministers, and Mr. Thomas Wilson, elder.

On the Records of the Stratford Presbytery—Dr. J. R. Battisby and Mr. R. W. Leitch, ministers, and Mr. Wm. Gardiner, elder.

On the Records of the Huron Presbytery—Dr. John Thompson and Mr. M. L. Leitch, ministers, and Mr. James Bradley, elder.

On the Records of the Chatham Presbytery—Dr. A. D. McDonald and Mr. R. Aylward, ministers, and Mr. A. Thompson, elder.

On the Records of the Maitland Presbytery—Mr. J. S. Henderson and Mr. James Gilchrist, ministers, and Mr. J. R. Somerville, elder.

On the Records of the Bruce Presbytery—Dr. Proudfoot and Mr. J. L. Murray, ministers, and Dr. McDonald, elder.

#### COMMITTEE ON ELDER'S COMMISSIONS.

The following were appointed a Committee on Elder's Commissions :—

Dr. Hamilton and Mr. George Cuthbertson, ministers, and Mr. James Barrie, elder.

#### AUDITORS.

The following were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's books :—

Mr. A. Henderson (Appin), minister, and Mr. George Webster, elder.

## 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 STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

## COMMITTEE ON THE LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Drs. Laing and McMullen.

## SEDERUNTS OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Sederunts of Synod should be from 9.30 a. m., to 12 noon; from 2 p. m., to 5.30 p. m.; and from 7.30 to 10 p. m.; and that the first hour of the Sederunt to-morrow should be spent in devotional exercises, the Synod to meet for business at 10.30 a. m.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning for devotional exercises, at 9.30 a. m., and for business at 10.30 a. m., and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

## SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Chatham, and within St. Andrews Church there, the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, at 9.30 a. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and engaged in devotional exercises from 9.30 to 10.30 a. m., the Moderator presiding. The following brethren took part in the devotions of the hour, at the Moderator's request: Drs. Jno. Thompson, Battisby, A. D. McDonald and Messrs. Leitch and Clark, ministers, and Messrs. Rutherford, Barrie, Rathburn and Reid, elders.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented their report, which was adopted, as the order of business for the forenoon and afternoon.

1. Report Committee on the Buxton Fund.
2. Communication from Rev. R. D. Fraser, regarding Young People's Societies.
3. Minutes of Assembly, disposing of the case of Mr. James Munroe.
4. Communication from Diocese of Toronto, anent Religious Instruction in Public Schools.
5. Appeal of Mrs. Ross against a decision of the Presbytery of Huron, with recommendation that the case be sent for consideration to a judicial committee, to report at a later sederunt, after the papers have been read.

## BUXTON FUND.

Dr. Laing, from the Committee appointed at last Synod to receive from the Presbytery of Chatham the amount remaining from the Buxton Fund, and appropriate said amount, if the way be clear, in accordance with the decisions of former courts, reported that after full consideration, the Committee agreed to obtain the approval of the General Assembly for the final disposition of the Fund. This had been obtained, and the stock transferred, and the money, amounting to \$56.00, paid over to Dr. Reid, the late treasurer of the church, the entire proceeds being about \$3,800.

The Clerk read the minutes of the last General Assembly, finally disposing of the matter, as follows:—

“There was read a memorial from the Synod of Hamilton and London, asking that the Assembly sanction the transference of the Buxton Trust Fund to the Agent of the Church, to be applied in aid of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. It was agreed, on the motion of Dr. Laing, to receive the memorial and grant its prayer.”

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

A communication from Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies, was read, asking the appointment of a committee to be specially charged with the interests of such societies, and correspond with the General Assembly's Committee.

The nominating of such a committee was remitted to the committee to be appointed, to nominate standing committees for the year.

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANENT MR. JAMES MUNRO'S  
PROTEST AND APPEAL.

The Clerk read the extract minutes of last General Assembly, in the matter of the protest and appeal of Mr. James Munro, against the action of last Synod, in his case. The recommendation of the Assembly's Judicial Committee was adopted, and is as follows:—

“Sustain the finding of the Synod, and recommend the Session of St. Andrews Church, London, should Mr. Munro apply in regular form for restoration to church membership, to consider his case favorably, in view of his present state of mind, and, if it seems proper in their judgment, to grant him a certificate of membership and disjunction from St. Andrews congregation.”

## COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator of Synod nominated the following as a Committee to strike Standing Committees: Dr. McMullen, John Thompson, C. Fletcher, John Ross, Dr. McIntyre, R. Pettigrew, ministers, and Messrs. Reid and Barrie, elders.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF  
ONTARIO.

The Clerk read a communication from the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, adopted June 14th, 1895, asking the co-operation of the Synod to petition the Legislature of Ontario, so to amend the School Law as to make provision for such instruction being given for one half-hour daily during

school hours, by the ministers of the various Christian communities or their representatives, to the children of their own communion.

The resolutions adopted by the Anglican Synod were also read.

After consideration, the following resolution was proposed by Dr. A. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Laing: A communication from the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, regarding Religious Instruction in Public Schools having been read, resolved that a committee be appointed to draw up a resolution, to be submitted to the Synod at a future Sederunt, in reference to this communication.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. McMullen, and seconded by Dr. Thompson, that the Clerk be instructed to acknowledge receipt of the communication from this Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, and further that this Synod decline to take any action at present in the direction requested.

The vote being taken, the motion was carried by a majority, and the following appointed a committee in terms thereof: Drs. McMullen, Thompson, Hamilton and Laing, ministers, and Dr. McDonald, elder.

#### APPEAL OF MRS. ROSS AGAINST THE PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the appeal of Mrs. Gavin Ross, against a decision of the Huron Presbytery. Parties were called to the bar, when there appeared for the Presbytery of Huron, Dr. A. D. McDonald and Mr. Neil Shaw; Mr. Henderson, of Hensall, for himself; Mrs. Ross, and Mr. J. Rankin, B.A., elder, (who was allowed by the Synod to represent her in the conduct of the case.) The papers having been read, on motion of Mr. Dey, it was agreed to appoint a judicial committee to meet with all parties, with a view to an amicable settlement of the case. Mr. Alex. Miller and Mr. Angus McKay dissented from this decision. The Moderator was instructed to nominate the committee.

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, Chatham, the 21st day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### RULING ELDERS AS MODERATORS.

The following remit from last General Assembly was read:—

"It having come to the attention of the General Assembly, and it being admitted, that the Presbytery of Hamilton has appointed a Ruling Elder as their Moderator, the Synod of Hamilton and London is hereby enjoined to consider said appointment, and deal with the same according to the laws of the Church, and report to next General Assembly."

On motion of Dr. McMullen, the Hamilton Presbytery was called to the bar. Dr. Laing, Dr. Lyle and Dr. McDonald (Elder) were heard on behalf of the Presbytery, in vindication of their right to appoint a Ruling Elder as Moderator of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery having been heard, was removed from the bar, and the Synod proceeded to give its judgment.

Dr. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Alex. Bartlett, as follows:—

The Synod of Hamilton and London having, as enjoined by the General Assembly, considered the action of the Presbytery of Hamilton, in appointing a Ruling Elder, Moderator of Presbytery, and having heard the Presbytery in justification of said action: in view of the far-reaching nature of such a change in the practice of the Presbyterian Church as that involved in the case under consideration, the Synod deems it expedient to refer the case, simpliciter, to the General Assembly.

The Presbytery of Hamilton was cited *apud acta* to appear before the next General Assembly, in view of said reference.

#### REPORT OF AUDITORS.

Mr. Alexander Henderson, on behalf of the Auditors, reported that they had examined the Treasurer's books and vouchers, and found the same carefully and correctly kept. The report was received and a unanimous vote of thanks given by the Synod to Mr. Rutherford, for his long-continued services as Treasurer.

#### BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE.

Dr. Cochrane presented the report of the Brantford Young Ladies' College for the year 1895-96, in which it was stated that in spite of the widespread financial stagnation prevalent during the year, the attendance of pupils was greater than last year; that the College had been visited and examined by the representatives of the Synod and General Assembly, and that there would be twelve graduates in the Arts and other departments in June next. The Directors of the College gratefully acknowledged the patronage extended the institution by the Ministers and officebearers of the Church in the past, and their continued assistance in making the College worthy of the denomination with which it is identified.

Dr. Cochrane having spoken in reference to the work done in the College, the following resolution was moved by Dr. John Thompson, seconded by Mr. Neil McPherson, and unanimously adopted:—

That the report of the Brantford Ladies' College be received and adopted.

Further, the Synod expresses its gratification at the high standard of efficiency maintained in all the departments of the College, and at the large attendance of students.

The Synod especially congratulates the Board of Directors on the superior attainments, ability and success of the present teaching staff, making special mention of Mrs. Rolls, the lady principal; and also notes with its highest approval the careful attention given to religious instruction.

The Synod confidently commends the College to the cordial sympathy and generous support of the Church at large, as an institution unsurpassed for its religious influence, pleasant surroundings, home-like comfort and thorough culture; and appoints the Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., of Paris, visitor for the ensuing year.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE APPEAL OF MRS. GAVIN ROSS.

The Moderator nominated the following committee to meet with all the parties in the appeal of Mrs. Ross, with a view to an amicable settlement of the case: Dr. McMullen, Convener; Dr. Laing, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Battisby, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Tolmie, Ministers, and Messrs. Reid, Bartlett, Barrie and Wilson.



## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Dr. McMullen, from the committee appointed to prepare a reply to the communication from the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, reported the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

That the Synod of Hamilton and London of the Presbyterian Church acknowledge receipt of the communication of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, in reference to Religious Instruction in the Public Schools of Ontario, and further, that this Synod, while holding very strongly the importance of the religious element in education, decline, in present circumstances, to take part in a public agitation on this question.

## TRANSFERENCE OF CHURCHES.

Minutes of the Presbyteries of Paris and Hamilton were read, asking that Delhi, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, be transferred to the Presbytery of Paris, the congregations and Presbyteries being united in the desire of Delhi being united to Windham, to form one congregation. The Synod agreed to grant the transference asked, and to place Delhi under the care of the Presbytery of Paris.

Minutes of the Presbyteries of Maitland and Bruce were read, asking a transference of the congregation of North Kinloss, Riversdale and Enniskillen from the Presbytery of Bruce to the Presbytery of Maitland. Both Presbyteries having united in this application, and the congregation having petitioned for the transference, it was unanimously granted by the Synod, and the congregation of North Kinloss, Riversdale and Enniskillen placed under the care of the Maitland Presbytery.

## REFERENCE OF CHATHAM PRESBYTERY.

Minutes of the Presbytery of Chatham were read to the effect that a call had been given to a congregation within their bounds, to a student who at the time was not licensed, this fact not being known to the presiding Minister. The Presbytery asked the Synod that, as there was no intentional violation of the law, the Synod condone and sustain the action of the Presbytery in all the circumstances of the case. This was agreed to.

## AUGMENTATION FUND.

Mr. J. C. Tolmie presented the report of the Synod's Augmentation Committee for the past year, which, after discussion, was accepted, and the following recommendations of the committee adopted:—

1. That Presbyteries be instructed to send a deputation to each of those congregations which are markedly deficient in their contributions to this fund.
2. That Presbyteries, where it is possible, rearrange the fields so as to lessen the number of congregations now dependent on the fund.

The following were reappointed as the Synodical Augmentation Committee for the year: Hamilton Presbytery, Dr. Lyle; Paris, Mr. E. R. Hutt; London, Mr. Currie; Sarnia, Mr. McPherson; Chatham, Mr. Tolmie; Stratford, Mr. Duncan Stewart; Huron, Mr. Fletcher; Maitland, Mr. Robert Harrison; Bruce, Mr. John Johnston.

## THE PSALMODY OF THE CHURCH.

Mr. W. J. Dey presented the following overture, which he desired the



Synod should adopt and transmit to the General Assembly, with the view of its being considered by the Hymnal Committee:—

To the venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The overture of the Synod of Hamilton and London humbly sheweth that:

Whereas, the Assembly's Hymnal Committee have revised the proposed selection of Psalms, with the aid of the Irish Version, thereby greatly improving the parts revised.

Whereas, there are many remaining inaccuracies, in rendering rhyme and rhythm some obsolete forms, and many uncouthnesses of style; and

Whereas, these defects have been largely removed in the version used by the U. P. Church of the U. S. of America, and that by very slight changes.

Therefore the General Assembly is humbly overtured to instruct its Hymnal Committee to revise still further the whole of Rouse's Version of the Psalms, or at least the proposed selections, making such emendations as may be suggested by the said U. P. Version, or any other version of the Psalms.

The overture was adopted, and Rev. W. J. Dey and Rev. John Thomson appointed to support it before the General Assembly.

#### NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, the Synod resolved to meet next year in River Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, on the last Monday of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, at half-past seven o'clock.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 7.30 p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

At Chatham, and within St. Andrews Church there, the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, at half-past seven o'clock p. m., the Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted, the Rev. Dr. Sutherland leading in prayer.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS SEEKING TO BE LICENSED.

Dr. Laing, on behalf of the Committee on Applications for License, reported, recommending that leave be given to the Presbytery of Hamilton, to license Mr. J. T. Hall and Mr. H. A. McPherson; to the Presbytery of Paris, to license Mr. P. W. Anderson, and to Maitland, to license Mr. W. M. Burton. The report was adopted.

#### CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

It was agreed to hear read the Synod's Report on Church Life and Work, as prepared by the Rev. Peter Wright, of Portage La Prairie, the convener of the committee on this subject, and afterwards, the reports prepared on certain departments of the subject by the conveners appointed by the Synod at its last meeting.

After the report had been read by the Clerk, Dr. Hamilton moved, duly seconded, that the Synod express its sincere thanks to Mr. Wright, for his

able, comprehensive and exhaustive report, and also for the many causes for gratitude that the returns from the various Presbyteries contain.

Brief reports on the state of religion, on Sabbath observance, and Sabbath schools, were presented by Dr. McIntyre, Mr. Shearer, and Mr. Ross, and the following resolutions on these questions adopted:—

#### ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

1. That over the children of our congregations, who by their baptism have been recognized as members of the Church, and therefore under the affectionate oversight of Sessions, Ministers and Sessions be urged to exercise constant zeal and wise judgment to lead them to hearty public confession of Christ as their Saviour and King.

2. That Sessions be requested to consider the advisability of the reading of Scripture passages concerning Christian giving, before or during the taking of the offerings in our public services, in order to emphasize the fact that the offering of our substance unto the Lord is an important act of worship.

3. That the Synod views with appreciation the beginnings of Missionary Libraries by the Y. P. S. C. E. of our Churches, and would encourage and approve of the founding of Missionary Libraries in every congregation.

#### ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

1. Resolved that we affirm our continued adherence to the historic teaching of the Presbyterian Church, on the universality and permanency of the Sabbath Law, and urge all Ministers and Christian workers to diligence and perseverance in systematic and positive instruction on this great and growingly important question.

2. Whereas, there seems to be a growing tendency to desecrate the Lord's day, even on the part of members of our Churches, by spending the whole or a portion of it in the pursuit of pleasure, whether by driving, boating, cycling, social visiting, or such like.

Therefore resolved, that the Synod affectionately but earnestly calls upon all the members and adherents of the Churches within its bounds to do all in their power, both by example and precept, to counteract this dangerous tendency, threatening, as it does, to change the Holy day of God into a holiday of the world.

3. Whereas, there has been within the bounds of the Synod, a widespread outbreak on the part of street and radial railway and steamboat companies, of the profanation of the Lord's day, and of inroads upon its quiet and rest, by carrying on their local traffic for purposes of gain.

Therefore resolved, that the Synod earnestly counsels the Christian people within its bounds not in any way to compromise themselves by sharing in the profits of such unholy traffic, or, by their patronage, adding to such profits; and expresses its appreciation of the efforts of the Lord's Day Alliance, to enforce the law forbidding it, and cordially recommends the members of Synod, acting in harmony with other Christians, to do all that lies in their power to increase the influence of the Alliance, by organizing new branches where none exist, or strengthening these already existing.

4. Whereas, the God-given right of the working men, to a weekly day of rest, is seriously threatened by the encroachments of enforced labor, whether on the Lord's day, or on the late hours of Saturday.

Therefore resolved, that the Synod expresses its hearty sympathy with them in this serious danger, and pledges them every assistance in its power in their efforts to preserve intact the Lord's day, and as well as to secure the early closing of shops on Saturday night, and if possible of a general weekly half-holiday in addition.

5. That the Synod strongly deprecates the holding, on the Lord's day, of

political and semi-political meetings, semi-sacred concerts, and public parades, accompanied, as they often are, by bands of music, whether by secret or fraternal societies, companies of militia, or other organizations, and would urge Christians generally and Ministers in particular, to discourage as far as they possibly can such gatherings, believing them to be a profanation of the Lord's day, and strongly tending to make it a day of amusement and pleasure.

6. That the Synod expresses its appreciation of the noble efforts of Mr. John Charlton, M. P., and other worthy laymen of our Church, in endeavoring to secure the enactment of a Dominion Act for the closing of canals on the Lord's day; prohibiting the publication of Sunday newspapers, and in other ways promoting the better observance of the day God has given for rest, worship, and the development of spiritual life.

#### ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

1. That Pastors and parents be instructed to make efforts to secure a fuller attendance of the young people of the Church at the regular Sabbath services.

2. That the attention of Sessions be called to the desirability of having a larger number of their members actively engaged in Sabbath school work.

3. That parents and Sabbath school teachers be directed to encourage the memorizing of the Scriptures and the Shorter Catechism to a greater extent than is practised at present.

4. That all interested in the young be urged to use their most earnest and prayerful endeavors to lead them to a sincere and immediate decision for Christ, and to the manifestation of a true Christian life in the full membership of the Church.

5. That the Synod strongly recommends that the Helps published by the Sabbath School Committee be used by the Sabbath schools within our bounds, and that liberal contributions be made to the funds of the committee.

#### ADDRESS OF REV. DR. ROBERTSON.

The Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of North West Missions and Moderator of the General Assembly, addressed the Synod at length on the Home Mission Work of the Church in the North West and British Columbia. His address was full of interesting details as to the progress and demands of the field. On motion of Mr. W. J. Clark, seconded by Mr. George Rutherford, of Hamilton, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered him for his eloquent appeal.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet again at 9.30 a. m. to-morrow morning, and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

St. Andrews Church, Chatham, the twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. The Synod met again pursuant to adjournment, at half-past nine a. m. and was constituted by the Moderator pro tem, Rev. Dr. George Sutherland, who presided until the arrival of Dr. Lyle, a few minutes later.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Colin Fletcher, from the committee appointed to strike standing committees, reported the following nominations, which were accepted by the Synod, and are as follows:—

#### ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. John Ross (Convener), W. M. McKibbin, Dr. Abraham, R. W. Ross,

Robert Henderson, R. Pettigrow, Ministers, and Mr. D. Hunter, B.A., (Woodstock) Convener, W. N. Hossie, T. W. Nisbet and J. A. Younge, Elders.

#### ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Mr. R. Johnson (Convener), J. S. Conning, M. McGregor, Neil Shaw, F. H. Larkin, Ministers, and Frank Reid and John Cameron, Elders.

#### PREBYTERY RECORDS.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris, London, Sarnia, Chatham, Huron, Maitland, Bruce and Stratford, reported that they had examined these records and found them carefully and correctly kept. The Moderator was instructed to attest them in the usual form.

#### APEAL OF MRS. ROSS.

The committee appointed on the appeal of Mrs. Ross presented their report through Dr. McMullen, the convener. The report was read in full and then, on motion, was received by the Synod.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the report clause by clause.

During the discussion on these clauses, after questions had been asked, the Synod referred the matter back to the Judicial Committee, for further consideration, to report again, if possible, in half an hour.

The committee having returned, presented another report, which was, on motion received. Thereafter Dr. Hamilton moved, seconded by Mr. Beckett, the adoption of the report, which was unanimously agreed to. The finding is as follows: The committee recommend that the so-called appeal of Mrs. Ross against the action of the Presbytery of Huron, on certain charges preferred by her against Mr. Henderson be dismissed; at the same time, as it appears from the Record that Mrs. Ross has for years had a grievance against the Session of Hensall, inasmuch as she has been denied a certificate of Church membership, on the ground of certain charges never investigated, and from which she was given no opportunity of clearing herself, and that Mrs. Ross has not made any formal complaint against the action of the Session of Hensall, the committee recommend that the Presbytery be instructed to cite the Session before them, with a view to the removal of the grievance of which Mrs. Ross complains, and in order to the vindication of her good standing.

Parties having been called to the bar, all parties acquiesced in the finding of the Synod. Mr. E. H. Larkin, at the request of the Moderator, afterwards engaged in prayer.

Dr. A. D. McDonald, on behalf of the Huron Presbytery, craved extracts. The Clerk was also requested to send extracts to Mrs. Ross.

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, duly seconded, the cordial thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Minister and of office-bearers of St. Andrews Church, Chatham, for the use of their building; to the Committee of Arrangement; to the friends in the city, for their kind hospitality; to the railway companies, and to the daily press, for the very full reports of the proceedings published by it.

The business being concluded, the Moderator, after devotional exercises, declared the Synod adjourned, to meet again in the Presbyterian Church, Paris, on the last Monday of April, 1897, at 7.30 p. m., and was closed with the benediction.

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