

## Minutes of Presbytery of London.

*At London, and within the First Presbyterian Church there, Tuesday, the 11th day of September, 1900, and at the hour of half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon, which place and time the Presbytery of London met and was constituted with Divine worship.*

**Sederunt.**

Sederunt:—Messrs. R. Stewart, Moderator; A. Henderson, Clerk; J. Currie, H. W. Reede, W. J. Clark, W. H. Geddes, J. Little, J. H. Courtenay, James Wilson, Thomas Wilson, S. Lawrence, A. Wilson, J. G. Stuart, R. W. Leitch, W. M. Kay, D. R. Drummond, Jas. Steven, I. McDonald, W. H. Wyllie, R. McIntyre, A. J. McGillivray, Geo. Gilmour, J. Lindsay, Ministers; Messrs. John Robb, R. F. Ball, John D. Campbell, I. Rathburn, E. Ironsides, Duncan Fletcher, Thos. Bland, Jas. Patterson, Elliott Grieve, A. P. Campbell, Geo. Dickie, Jas. G. Sutherland, Elders.

**Minutes sustained.**

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 10th and adjourned to July 17th, being in the hands of the members in printed form, were, on motion, held as read. The minute appointing a Commission (p. 143) was corrected by the insertion of the name of J. Lachore. The minutes were then sustained.

**Elders' Commissions.**

**Mr. J. F. Scott Moderator.**

Elders' Commissions were handed in and the roll completed. It was then moved by Mr. Courtenay, seconded by Mr. Drummond, and unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. J. F. Scott Moderator for the ensuing six months. Mr. Scott being absent, Mr. Stewart was requested to preside in the meantime.

**Session Records.**

The Session Records of Glencoe, Carlyle, Delaware, First Church, London, Bryanston, Lobo and Caradoc were submitted for examination and committees appointed. Mr. J. Currie reported having moderated in a call at First Church and St. Andrew's Church, Westminster, in favor of D. L. McRae, Ph.D., of Collingwood, in the Presbytery of Barrie, signed by 155 members, 14 adherents, and 115 members and 34 adherents respectively, accompanied by guarantees of stipend of \$800 with manse and glebe, and \$400 respectively.

**Call to Dr. McCrae.**

Compeared Messrs. C. Nichol, Thos. Baty and Wm. Weatherston, commissioners for First Church, and Dugald McPherson for St. Andrew's Church. These were heard in the above order in support of the call. Parties being removed, it was moved by W. J. Clark, seconded by I. Rathburn, and agreed, that the conduct of the Moderator be approved, the call sustained as a regular Gospel

**Transmitted.** call and that the Clerk be instructed to forward it with the accompanying reasons for translation to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Barrie with the request that they issue the matter with all convenient speed; intimation of the call to be sent by telegram in the meantime. Mr. Currie was appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of

**Induction Appointments.**

Barrie. In case the call should be accepted and the translation of Dr. McCrae granted, Mr. Currie was authorized to set the date of the induction. The Moderator of Presbytery was appointed to preside. Mr. James Wilson to preach, Mr. Currie to address the minister and Mr. McGillivray the people; the Clerk

**Call to Mr. J. Hosie.**

to issue the edict in due time. Mr. S. Lawrence reported having moderated in a call at Melville Church, Lobo, and at North Caradoc in favor of Mr. John Hosie, minister without charge. The call was signed by 78 members and 19 adherents of Melville Church and by 34 members and 15 adherents of North Caradoc, and accompanied with a guarantee of stipend of \$775, with manse and a month's holidays. Compeared, Messrs. John McVicar, E. F. Caverhill and J. D. Campbell as Commissioners from Melville Church, and Messrs. Thompson, R. F. Ball and Malcolm McGugan, M. P., from North Caradoc, in support of the call. Parties were removed. It was moved by Mr. J. H. Courtenay, seconded

**Sustained.**

**Induction Appointments.**

by Mr. Drummond, and agreed that the conduct of the Moderator be approved and the call sustained as a regular Gospel call and forwarded to Mr. Hosie. In case of his acceptance, Mr. Lawrence was authorized to appoint the time of the induction, Mr. Geddes to preach, Mr. Leitch to address the minister and Mr. Currie the people. The Moderator of Presbytery was appointed to preside, or Mr. Lawrence in case of his absence. The Clerk to issue the edict in due time.

**Call to Mr. T. A. Watson.**

Dr. Johnson reported having moderated in a call at Thamesford in favor of Mr. T. A. Watson, probationer. The call was signed by 228 members and 78 adherents, and accompanied by a guarantee of stipend of \$1,000 and manse. Compeared as commissioners in support of the call, Messrs. Jas. Patterson and W. H. Sutherland, who were heard. Parties were removed. It was moved by Mr. J. H. Courtenay, duly seconded and resolved to approve the conduct of the Moderator and sustain the call as a regular Gospel call. The

**Accepted.**

call was then placed in Mr. Watson's hands, who declared his willingness to accept the same. It was moved by Dr. Johnston, duly seconded and resolved that the induction take place at Thamesford on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, at 2 p. m. The Moderator of Presbytery to preside, Mr. Drummond

**Induction Appointed.**

to preach, Mr. Clark to address the minister and Mr. Steven the people; the clerk to issue the edict in due time.

Messrs. Webster, Grant, F. Ballantyne and W. P. Walker, being present, were invited by the Presbytery to sit as corresponding members.

**Clerk's Report.** The Clerk reported having corresponded with the convener of the committee on Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund in behalf of Mrs. D. C. Johnson, according to instructions of the Presbytery; also that he had certified Mr. P. F. Sinclair as a Licentiate of this Presbytery in good standing. He also reported that he had signed the mortgage and deed of conveyance of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church North-End Mission Sabbath School property which was given by St. Andrew's congregation to St. James' Presbyterian Church, and that the property was conveyed to Mr. Rowat and Mr. Neil McNeil with the explanation made by the solicitors, Purdom and Purdom, that "it is understood that Messrs. Rowat and McNeil hold the property in trust for the Church and it is only to be in their name for convenience." The clerk's action was approved, the letter with solicitors' explanation to be kept *in retentis*.

**New Minute Book.** The Clerk was authorized to procure a new blank volume for the permanent records of Presbytery when required.

**Regarding unsigned Records.** He intimated that in the volume now nearly full, which was commenced in the year 1884, it does not appear that any meetings of Presbytery held from that time to the present have been signed by any of the Moderators. The Clerk was instructed to secure as many signatures of ex-Moderators as possible, and the matter referred to the Synod.

**W. M. McKay Certified to H. M. C.** The Clerk was instructed to certify Mr. W. M. McKay, student, to the Home Mission Committee for Mission work during winter.

**Com. on Standing Com. Appointed.** Messrs. Drummond, McGillivray and I. Rathburn, elder, were appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the year, and to report in the afternoon.

**Augmentation Claims.** Mr. Currie reported the following claims on the Augmentation Fund for the past six months:—Aylmer and Springfield, \$50; Port Stanley, \$100; North Delaware and South Caradoc, \$25; Hyde Park and Komoka, \$65; Tempo and South Delaware, \$75; Chalmers Church, London, \$50. These claims were passed. On motion it was resolved to make application to the executive of the Augmentation Committee for grant of \$75 a year for Appin and North Ekfrid congregations.

**Leave of Absence—Mr. Henderson.** Mr. Henderson applied for leave of absence for two months, this being imperative on account of impaired health. It was moved by Dr. Johnston and agreed that

leave be granted and the following committee appointed to provide for his pulpit and report in the afternoon:—Dr. Johnston and Messrs. Stuart and Currie.

**Home Mission Report.**

Mr. A. Henderson reported for the Home Mission Committee that the North Ekfrid Mission had been continuously supplied during the summer until the end of July, when by the Presbytery's action it was united with Appin as a pastoral charge. On recommendation it was agreed to apply for H. M. grant of \$34 for the four months ending July 31st.

**Session Records Attested.**

The respective committees appointed to examine the Session records of Glencoe, Carlisle, Delaware, and First Church, London, reported these as carefully and correctly kept, and were ordered to be attested accordingly. The committee appointed to examine the Session records of Bryaaston drew attention to certain clerical omissions. It was agreed to note them, draw attention of the Moderator and Clerk to them and attest them accordingly.

**Referred back to Session.**

The Session records of Lobo and N. Caradoc were referred back to the Session for correction according to the regulations thereanent. Presbytery adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

ALEX. HENDERSON, *Clerk.*

**Sept. 11, 2 p. m.**

*Same place, same day, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Presbytery met and was constituted with Divine worship, Mr. D. Kelso leading in prayer at the request of the Moderator.*

**Sederunt.**

Sederunt, the same as in the forenoon, with the addition of Dr. Sutherland and D. Kelso, ministers.

**Mr. Henderson's Installation.**

Mr. J. G. Stuart, for the committee appointed to arrange for the installation of Mr. A. Henderson as pastor of North Ekfrid, reported as follows:—

**Report.**

According to instructions of Presbytery the committee appointed to install Mr. Alex Henderson as pastor of North Ekfrid met at 3.30 p. m. on July 31st, in the Church. Present—Rev. R. Stewart, Moderator, who presided; Mr. J. G. Stuart, convener; Dr. Johnston, Messrs. Alex. Wilson, D. Kelso, ministers; and I. Rathburn, James Grieve and Peter Ferguson, elders, and was constituted with prayer. Divine service was held, conducted by Mr. Alex Wilson, after which the Moderator duly installed Mr. A. Henderson as pastor of North Ekfrid and he was welcomed by the members present giving him the right hand of fellowship. Addresses were given by Dr. Johnston and I. Rathburn to the people, and by D. Kelso to the pastor. The congregation having been dismissed with the benediction, the committee met with the managers and elders, who promised to give all due diligence in fulfilling their duties to their newly-installed pastor. Respectfully submitted.

J. G. STUART, *Convener.*

The report was, on motion, received and adopted and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes.

**Century Fund.** Mr. W. J. Clark addressed the house in the interests of the Century Fund, urging the vigorous prosecution of the canvass, especially in behalf of the Common Fund.

**Resolution.** The Presbytery resolved cordially to commend the Century Fund and especially the Common Fund to the congregations within the bounds, and to urge the completion of the canvass in the succeeding two months. It was moved by Mr. Clark and agreed that each pastor have associated with him, by appointment of Presbytery, another minister who shall be held responsible for the prosecution of the canvass. At this stage Mr. Henderson resigned the convenership of his district in regard

**Appointments.** to this fund. The resignation was accepted and Mr. Jas. Wilson was appointed in his place. The following appointments were then made:—To co-operate with the pastor of Argyle and West Lorne, J. H. Barnett; Cowal and Lyn, H. W. Reede; Tait's Corners and Duff's, D. R. Drummond; North and South Westminster, John Currie; St. James', London, J. G. Stuart; Chalmers Church, London, A. J. McGillivray; Ailsa Craig and Carlisle, S. Lawrence; Lobo and North Caradoc, S. Lawrence; New Glasgow and Rodney, Dr. Sutherland; Kintore, Alex. Wilson; Port Stanley, D. R. Drummond; English Settlement and Iderton, W. J. Clark; Bethel and Bryanston, Dr. Johnston; Aylmer and Springfield, J. H. Courtenay; North Delaware and Caradoc, W. A. Wyllie; Thamesford, Dr. Johnston; South Delaware and Tempo, John Currie; Appin and N. Ekfrid, Jas. Wilson; Fingal, W. J. Clark; Glencoe, I. McDonald; King St., London, W. J. Clark.

**Examination of Students, etc.** The Committee on Examination of Students was appointed to examine the exercises of students with a view to certification to their respective colleges, also to meet with Mr. J. M. Nicol, applicant for license. The Committee was allowed to retire.

**Com. on re-Arrangement of Fingal, etc., Report.** Mr. D. R. Drummond submitted the report of the proceedings of the Commission of Presbytery appointed (p. 143) to organize the Lyn or Southwold part of the Fingal congregation, and also to visit the congregation at Fingal with regard to Dr. Sutherland's stipend, etc., as follows:—

"In the township of Southwold, and within McBride's Church there, on Tuesday, the fourth day of September, one thousand nine hundred, and at the hour of half-past nine in the forenoon, the Commission of the Presbytery met according to appointment.

Sederunt—Rev. R. Stewart, Moderator; Rev. J. Currie, J. Steven, D. Kelso, D. R. Drummond, ministers, and Mr. J. Lachore, elder.

After constituting with prayer, the Rev. D. R. Drummond was appointed clerk and the order of business fixed. The Commission adjourned to meet the congregation at half-past 10.

After public worship, conducted by Rev. J. Currie, the Moderator explained the object of the meeting, and the following persons were received by certificate from Fingal:—(1) Mrs. Robt. Ayton, (2) (3) Mr. and Mrs. Buchan, (4) Miss Jessie Buchan, (5) Mr. Colin Campbell, (6) Mrs. Colin Campbell, (7) Miss Mary Campbell, (8) Mr. A. C. Campbell, (9) Mrs. A. C. Campbell, (10) Mr. Henry Killen, (11) Mrs. Henry Killen, (12) Mr. J. M. McFarlane, (13) Mrs. J. M. McFarlane, (14) Dr. Charles Smith, (15) Mrs. Charles Smith, (16) Mr. Arch. Turner, jr., (17) Mrs. Arch. Turner, (18) Mr. Dugald Turner, (19) Mrs. Dugald Turner, (20) Mrs. Alf. McAlpine, (21) Mr. Angus Turner—in all, 21 persons. Opportunity was given those present who desired to unite by profession of faith, and as none offered the above was declared the communion roll of McBride's Church.

It was moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Currie, that Messrs. Robert McMillan and James McArthur of Dutton, and Mr. J. Lachore, of St. Thomas, be the interim Session of the congregation.

Mr. Currie moved and Mr. Steven seconded, that the election of a Board of Managers be deferred till a subsequent congregational meeting and that in the meantime the Board hitherto acting be continued.

It was moved by Mr. Colin Campbell, seconded and agreed, that the name by which the Church has hitherto been known be retained, viz.—McBride's Church.

It was moved by Mr. A. Turner and seconded by Mr. Henry Killen, that action on the Presbytery's request that the congregation forego their claim to the manse property at Fingal and ask it to be paid instead to Dr. Sutherland, be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the congregation.

It was moved by Mr. Colin Campbell, seconded by Mr. Henry Killen, that while expressing sympathy with the Presbytery's request that Dr. Sutherland's salary be paid till the end of the year, the decision of this matter be left for the future, as no meeting of the congregation had been held to consider the matter.

Conference was then held with the congregation and the representatives of Chalmers Church, Dunwich, who were present. After lengthy and friendly discussion with regard to the proportion of salary to be paid by each congregation, arrangements regarding the manse and hours of service, it was agreed to leave these matters to a joint meeting of the managers of both congregations. The Commission then adjourned to meet in Fingal in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

D. R. DRUMMOND, *Clerk.*"

"The Committee met with the congregation of Fingal accordingly, and earnestly urged the need of advance in their contributions to stipend if the Augmentation Committee was to be asked to augment the stipend beyond \$750 per annum. After earnest consideration it was moved by Mr. Fulton and unanimously agreed that the congregation undertake to guarantee \$600 per annum to Dr. Sutherland, and ask Presbytery to make application to the Augmentation Committee for \$200."

On motion the report was received and considered. After full deliberation it was moved by Mr. Drummond and seconded by Mr. J. Currie, that, in view of the long and efficient service rendered the Church by Dr. Sutherland as pastor of the Fingal congregation; the great financial sacrifice he is called by the Presbytery to make in the changes that they have effected; the temporary hardship sustained by the congregation so long associated together as a unit, and now, for the general good of the cause, parted asunder; and especially in view of the great general advantages to many congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery, and the ultimate substantial saving in Home Mission and Augmentation Funds which are hoped to be gained by these changes, the Presbytery apply to the Executive of the Augmentation Committee at its next meeting to view this as a very special case and to grant a rate of \$250 per annum from the 1st of January next. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supply of Appin  
and N. Ekfrid.

Mr. Currie reported for the committee appointed to arrange for the supply of the Appin and North Ekfrid pulpits during Mr. Henderson's leave of absence, recommending that the Presbytery assume responsibility for the supply and that arrangements be left to the committee associated with Mr. Henderson. The report was received and adopted.

Com. on  
St. George Church.

was continued.

The committee appointed last May (p. 128) to take into consideration the future financial arrangements of St. George Church, London, reported progress. Committee

Mr. Drummond submitted the report of the committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the year. On motion, the report was received and considered. It was moved by Mr. J. G. Stuart that the report be referred back to the committee to reconsider the recommendation regarding the appointment of Home Mission Convener and also to consider the propriety of appointing a separate committee for the supply of vacancies. The motion was carried and the committee allowed to retire. At this stage, Mr.

Mr. Clark  
presides.

R. Stewart acting Moderator, being obliged to retire, vacated the chair, which was, at his request, assumed by Mr. W. J. Clark.

Mr. Leitch asked for the advice of the Presbytery as to the possibility of giving the Mount Brydges congregation weekly service during the winter. After informal conference the matter was left over in the meantime.

Mt. Brydges  
Supply.

Communication—  
S. Schools.

Sabbath School work.

The clerk read a letter from the convener of the General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee, drawing attention to certain recommendations of Assembly regarding

Sabbath School work. The letter was referred to the Committee on Remits.

**Messrs. Tait and  
Martin Certified.**

and M. Tait, students  
to the senates of their respective colleges.

**Mr. J. M. Nicol  
Licensed.**

The Committee on Examination of Students reported that they had examined the exercises on the subjects prescribed by the Presbytery to Messrs. S. T. Martin and M. Tait, students in Divinity, and recommended that they be duly certified to the senates of their respective colleges. The recommendation was adopted. They also reported having examined Mr. J. M. Nicol with a view to license. Mr. Nicol read a popular sermon from Hebrews xii., 1, and an expository discourse on Gen. xiii., 5-13; also, instead of criticals, he read two essays, the first on "The Messianic Element in the Psalter—its truth and development;" the second on "Dying with Christ—its significance," based on Rom. vi., 8. The committee recommended that his trials be accepted and that he be licensed to preach the Gospel. The recommendation was adopted. Mr. Nicol was then called to the bar of the Presbytery and answered the prescribed questions as put by the moderator, who then by solemn prayer and the right hand of fellowship, did in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Presbytery, license Mr. Nicol to preach the Gospel. The Moderator then counselled him in suitable terms, and the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to give him an extract of license.

**Report on  
Standing  
Committees.**

**Com. on Supply  
of Vacancies.**

**Mr. Wyllie  
Convener.**

Mr. Geo. Gilmore and Mr. Geo. Dickie be associated as members of Committee. These recommendations were adopted. The Committee referred the appointment of the Home Mission Committee to the Presbytery.

**A. J. McGillivray  
Convener H. M. C.**

It was moved and seconded that Mr. A. J. McGillivray be appointed Convener of Home Missions. It was moved in amendment and seconded that Mr. Henderson be appointed. The vote being taken the motion was declared carried and Mr. McGillivray appointed. It was further agreed to appoint Messrs. Geddes and Henderson, ministers, and Mr. Laidlaw, elder, as members of the Committee. The report was then adopted as a whole. The following are the Standing Committees for the year:—

**CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.**—Messrs. James Wilson, convener; I. McDonald, R. W. Leitch, ministers, and I. Rathburn, elder.

**AUGMENTATION.**—Messrs. J. Currie, Convener, W. J. Clark, ministers, and A. P. Campbell, elder.

**SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Messrs. J. H. Barnett, Convener, J. H. Courtenay, ministers, and Messrs. Andrew Thomson and Thos. Bland, elders.

**EXAMINATION OF STUDENTS.**—Dr. R. Johnston, convener, examiner in Hebrew, Messrs. D. R. Drummond, examiner in Greek, A. J. McGillivray,



in Church History, J. Currie, in Systematic Theology, and J. G. Stuart, in Philosophy, ministers; and Messrs. Elliott Grieve and J. D. Campbell, elders.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.—Messrs. Wm. M. Kay, convener, H. W. Reede, J. Lindsay, J. H. Barnett, ministers; Thomas Bryan, elder.

STATISTICS.—Messrs. J. H. Courtenay, convener, Alex. Wilson, ministers, and James Patterson, elder.

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.—Messrs. W. J. Clark, convener, J. Currie, A. Henderson, ministers, and D. Fletcher, elder.

REMITTS OF ASSEMBLY.—Messrs. J. G. Stuart, convener, Thos. Wilson, S. Lawrence, D. Kelso, ministers, and Jas. Meek, elder.

FINANCE.—Messrs. J. Currie, D. R. Drummond, ministers, and I. Rathburn, elder.

Tempo, etc., visited. Mr. Currie reported that he had visited Tempo and South Delaware in regard to the reduction of Augmentation Grant, without result. The Committee was discharged. On motion, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in First Presbyterian Church, London, on Tuesday, 13th November, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Closed with the benediction.

ALEX. HENDERSON, Clerk.

Special Meeting, Lobo, Sept. 27th. *At Lobo, and within Melville Church there, Thursday, the 27th day of September, 1900, and at two o'clock in the afternoon, which place and time a special meeting of the Presbytery of London was held according to appointment of last regular meeting, for the purpose of inducting Mr. J. Hosie into the pastoral charge of Melville and North Caradoc Churches, and was constituted with prayer.*

Sederunt. Mr. Jas. Little was appointed interim Clerk. Sederunt—Messrs. S. Lawrence, Moderator, Jas. Little, W. J. Clark, John Currie and W. A. Wyllie, ministers.

Mr. John Hosie, pastor-elect, was present and lodged certificate from Presbytery of Minnedosa. The edict was returned duly attested. The Moderator made proclamation in presence of the congregation that "if any person has objections to offer against the life or doctrine of Mr. J. Hosie, he should appear before the Presbytery, now in session, and lodge certification thereof with proof." No objections being offered, Mr.

W. A. Wyllie, in the absence of Mr. W. H. Geddes, entered the pulpit and preached from John 3: 36, "He that believeth on the Son," etc. The Moderator then gave a brief narrative of the proceedings in the call to Mr. Hosie, and addressed to him the questions prescribed by the General Assembly, and he having returned satisfactory answers to the same, the Moderator in the name of the Presbytery did, by solemn prayer, induct the said Mr. J. Hosie as minister to the pastoral charge of the congregation and the brethren gave him the right hand of fellowship.

Sermon by Mr. Wyllie.

Mr. Hosie inducted.

**Addressed  
by Mr. Clark.**

Thereafter he was suitably addressed by Mr. J. W. Clark in the absence of Mr. R. W. Leitch. Thereafter Mr. John Currie, in appropriate terms, exhorted the congregation. After pronouncing the benediction, the

**Congregation by  
Mr. Currie.**

Moderator conducted Mr. Hosie to the door of the church and introduced him to the congregation as they retired. The Presbytery then met with the Sessions and Boards of Management for conference respecting the affairs of the congregation. The Moderator introduced to them the newly-inducted pastor. Mr. Hosie having signified his readiness to sign the formula of adherence to the Confession of Faith, it was agreed to add his name to the roll of Presbytery. The Presbytery was closed with the benediction.

JAS. LITTLE, *Clerk pro tem.*

**Thamesford,  
Oct. 2, 1600.**

*At Thamesford, and within the vestry of St. Andrew's Church there, Tuesday, the second day of October, one thousand nine hundred years, and at two o'clock in the afternoon the Presbytery of London met for the purpose of inducting Mr. T. A. Watson into the pastoral charge there.*

**Sederunt.**

In the absence of Mr. J. F. Scott, the Moderator, Dr. Johnston was called on to preside, and the Presbytery was duly constituted with prayer. Sederunt—Dr. Johnston, J. G. Stuart, W. J. Clark, J. Lindsay, ministers, and Mr. Jas. Patterson, elder.

**Induction  
T. A. Watson.**

The edict was returned certified as having been read on two consecutive Sabbaths. Dr. Johnston read the usual proclamation to the assembled congregation. No objections having been offered, the Presbytery repaired to the church and proceeded to the induction. In the absence of Mr. D. R. Drummond, Mr. J. G. Stuart entered the pulpit, and after conducting devotional exercises preached an appropriate sermon from the third chapter of Malachi. After the sermon the Moderator briefly narrated the steps that had been taken towards filling the vacancy. The usual questions were then put to Mr. Watson by the Moderator. Satisfactory answers having been given, he did by prayer, in the name of the Presbytery induct him into the pastoral charge of the congregation, after which the brethren gave him the right hand of fellowship.

W. J. Clark suitably addressed the newly-inducted minister, and in absence of J. Steven, Dr. Johnston the people. After the benediction was pronounced Dr. Johnston accompanied Mr. Watson to the door of the church and introduced him to the congregation as they retired.

The members of Presbytery having re-assembled in the vestry, met with the Session and Managers and introduced Mr. Watson to them as their Moderator. Mr. Watson having promised to sign the formula when required, it was agreed that his name be added to the roll of Presbytery. The Presbytery then adjourned, Mr. Watson pronouncing the benediction.

J. LINDSAY, *Clerk pro tem.*

**Westminster,  
Oct. 25, 1900.**

*At Westminster Township, and within the vestry of First Presbyterian Church there, Thursday, the 25th day of October, 1900, and at the hour of two o'clock afternoon, which time and place a special meeting of the Presbytery was held for the induction of Dr. D. L. McCrae to the pastoral charge of the congregations.*

In the absence of the Moderator, Mr. Jas. Little was, on motion, duly called to preside, and constituted the Presbytery with prayer. Sederunt—Messrs. J. Little, Moderator *pro tem*, A. Henderson, Clerk, Jas. Wilson, J. Currie and J. G. Stuart, ministers, and Elliott Grieve, elder. Dr. McCrae was also present. Messrs. E. H. Sawers and F. Ballantyne were invited to take part with the Presbytery. The Clerk laid on the table an extract minute of the Presbytery of Barrie translating Dr. McCrae to this Presbytery. The edict was returned as having been duly served. At the request of the Presbytery, Mr. Stuart made public proclamation to the congregation that the Presbytery was in session and would hear objections to the life or doctrine of Dr. McCrae with proof thereof, if any were to be offered. Mr. Stuart reported that no one appeared to offer objection. The Presbytery appointed Mr. Stuart to address the congregation after the induction, in the event of Mr. McGillivray not being present, and then repaired to the church. Mr. Jas. Wilson delivered an appropriate sermon from 1 Cor. xvi., 13—

**Sermon by  
Jas. Wilson.**

“Quit you like men, be strong.” After prayer the Moderator narrated the steps that had been taken towards the filling of the vacancy, and then put the prescribed questions to Dr. McCrae, which were satisfactorily answered. The Moderator then, after solemn prayer, did, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

**Dr. McCrae  
inducted.**

induct Dr. McCrae to the pastoral charge of the congregation. The brethren present extended to him the right hand of fellowship. He was then suitably addressed by Mr. J. Currie. Mr. A. J. McGillivray being now present addressed the congregation and the congregation was dismissed with the benediction. Messrs. Sawers and Ballantyne, by request of the Moderator, conducted the newly-inducted minister to the door of the church to be welcomed by the members of the congregation. At this stage Mr. Little retired from the house and Mr. J. Currie took the chair. Presbytery met with the Boards of Management and Sessions of the two congregations and introduced Dr. McCrae who took his place as Moderator. Dr. McCrae having declared his willingness to sign the formula when called upon to do so, it was agreed to place his name on the roll of Presbytery. Presbytery was closed with the benediction.

**Mr. Currie  
presides.**

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