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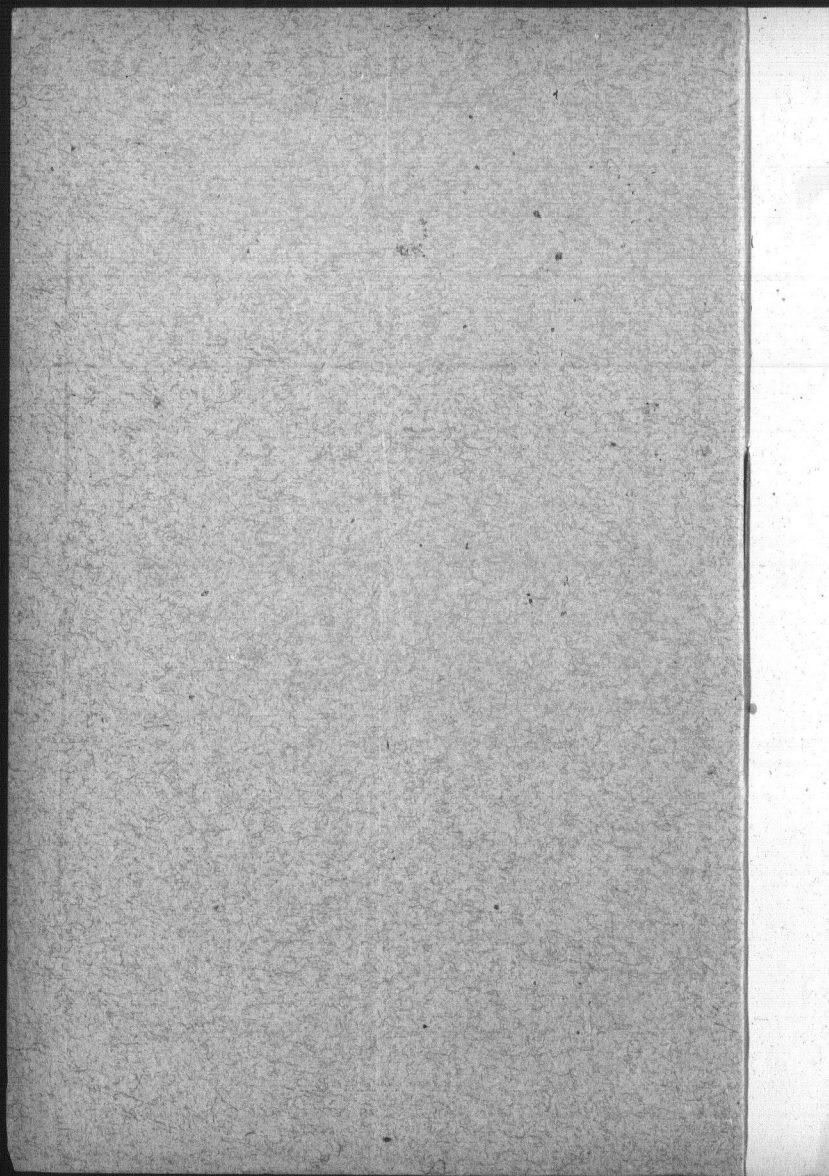
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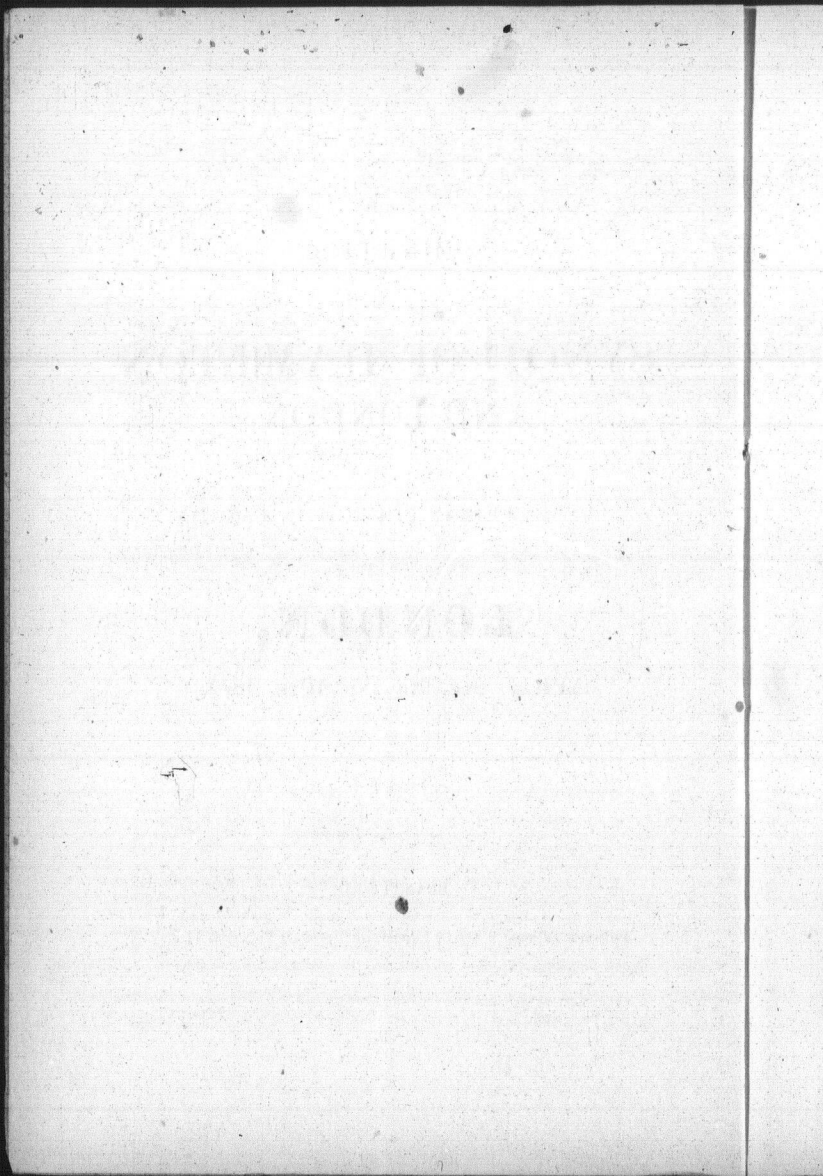
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At London, and within Saint Andrew's Church there, the eighth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., which day and place the Synod of Hamilton and London of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, and after sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Robert Hamilton, from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter fourth and verse nineteenth, was duly constituted with prayer.

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

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

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

	MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1	Wm. Hancock.....	R. Beamer.....	N. Pelham and Port Robinson.
2	M. W. Livingstone.....	(Retired).....	Simcoe.
3	John Porteous.....	J. Denton.....	Port Dalhousie.
4	Samuel Fenton.....	Wm. Guylar.....	Victoria, &c.
5	S. C. Frazer, M. A.,.....	(Retired).....	Hamilton.
6	Thos. Goldsmith.....	James Henderson.....	Hamilton, St. John's Church.
7	William Cleland.....	R. N. Ball.....	Niagara, Saint Andrew's Church.
8	*James Black.....	A. C. Buck.....	Caledonia, Argyle St.
9	*John Laing, M. A.,.....	Thos. Applegarth.....	Dundas, Knox Ch.
10	*James McEwan.....		Welland & Crowland.
11	*James Gordon, M. A.,.....	Wm. Duncan.....	Clifton.
12	*Wm. Craigie.....	F. M. England.....	Port Dover.
13	*John McMechan.....	Andrew Wilson.....	Waterdown.
14	*James Pullar.....	J. Charlton, M. P.,.....	Lynedoch and Silverhill.
15	John James, D.D.,.....	Alexander Mitchell.....	Hamilton, Knox Ch.
16	*John G. Murray.....	James Smith.....	Grimsby and Muir Settlement.
17	James Herald.....	(Retired).....	Dundas.
18	D. H. Fletcher.....	*J. McDonald, M.D.,.....	Hamilton, McNab St.
19	Alexander Grant, M.A.,.....	A. D. McLeod.....	Oneida, Indiana and Seneca.
20	Thomas Wilson.....	G. Ellwood.....	Caledonia, Sutherland St.
21	*George Burson.....	J. Dougan.....	St. Catharines, Knox Church.
22	Robert Thomson.....	J. C. Howard.....	Drummondville and Chippawa.
23	*Thos. McGuire.....	James Abraham.....	Jarvis and Walpole.
24	J. L. Robertson, M.A.,.....	J. Harper.....	Nairn Church.
25	R. M. Croll.....	G. Grant, Revd.,.....	Simcoe, St. Pauls.
26	*George Yeomans.....	D. Simpson.....	Dumville.
27	*George Chrystal.....	*W. Henderson.....	Flamboro West.
28	Samuel Lyle.....	John Wallace.....	Hamilton, Central Church.
29	Robert S. Laidlaw.....	*James Hutchison.....	Hamilton, St. Paul's.
30	*W. P. Walker.....	James Davidson.....	Saltfleet and Binbrook.
31	*S. W. Fisher.....	W. Bunton.....	Burlington.
32	*Robert Thynne.....	R. McQueen.....	Beverly.
33	*George Bruce, B.A.,.....	W. J. McCalla.....	St. Catharines, 1st
34	C. D. McDonald.....	James McCabe.....	Thorold.

35	James Frazer.....	G. Kennedy.....	St. Anns & Welland- port.
36	*John H. Ratcliff.....	J. Cruickshanks.....	Ancaster & Alberton.
37	D. C. McIntire.....	D. Zimmerman.....	Bamsville & Clinton
38	*D. Munroe.....	R. Balfour.....	Port Colborne.

Vacancies :

John Gordon.....	Kilbride & Nelson.
A. Spears.....	Blackheath & East Seneca.
J. Benton.....	East Ancaster.

Mission Stations :

Fort Erie, &c.
Louth.

Residing within the bounds :

A. Forbes.....
R. G. McLaren.....
John Gauld.....

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

1	*Thomas Lowry.....	Hereules Morice.....	1st Ch., Brantford.
2	Thomas Alexander.....	George Bryce.....	Mount Pleasant and Borford.
3	*Walter Inglis.....	Currie.....	Ayr, Stanley St.
4	*Robert Scrimgeour.....	*James Murray.....	Glenmorris.
5	*W. T. McFullen.....	*W. Chambers.....	Woodstock, Knox Ch
6	*Wm. Robertson, M.A.....	*James Bristow.....	Chesterfield.
7	*Wm. Cochrane, D.D.....	*John Montgomery.....	Brantford, Zion Ch.
8	*John McEwen.....	*W. T. Root.....	Ingersoll, Erskine Ch
9	*Robert Hume, M.A.....	Robert Turnbull.....	St. George.
10	*R. N. Grant.....	*Peter Stewart.....	Ingersoll, Knox Ch.
11	*James Little.....	*James Rutherford.....	Privoceton & Drumbo
12	*D. D. McLeod.....	*Daniel Penman.....	Paris, Dumfries St.
13	*J. M. Aull.....	*John Dickie.....	Ratho & Innerkip.
14	*John Thomson, M.A.....	Wm. Oliver.....	Ayr, Knox Ch.
15	*W. A. McKay, M.A.....	*Alexander Watson.....	Woodstock, Chal- mers Ch.
16	*G. G. McRobbie.....	John Dewar.....	Tilsonburg & Cul- loden.
17	*John Anderson.....	David Maxwell.....	Paris, River St.
18	*W. M. Martin.....	*James Barr.....	Norwich & Windham
19	Wm. Dickson.....	St. Andrew's, Blen- heim & E. Oxford.

Mission Stations :

Brantford W Mission
East Oxford, Beach-
ville & Sweabourg.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

1	Donald McKenzie.....	(Retired).....	Ingersoll.
2	*W. R. Sutherland.....	*Alexander McBean.....	Ekfrid.
3	James B. Duncan.....		Forest & McKay.
4	*J. J. A. Proudfoot, D.D.,	Adam Murray.....	1st Ch., London.
5	*John Bennie.....	James Bell.....	Ailsa Craig & Carlisle
6	*J. Allister Murray.....	*Henry Diprose.....	St. Andrew's, London
7	*George Cuthbertson....	John Finlayson.....	Wyoming & Plympton.
8	*John McRobie.....	P. Barclay.....	Petrolia.
9	*John Milloy.....	Alex. Campbell.....	Argyle Ch., Aldboro'.
10	*David Camelon.....	*Wm. Logie.....	St. James, London.
11	*Neil McKinnon.....	William Robertson.....	Mosa.
12	*Lachlin Cameron.....	Thomas Wilson.....	Thamesford.
13	John Wells.....	D. McEwen.....	Nairn & Beechwood.
14	*Alex. Fraser.....	*Thomas Gordon.....	Guthrie's Ch., Longwood.
15	*John Thompson.....	*David Gray.....	St. Andrew's, Sarnia.
16	George Sutherland.....	*Hugh Lyme.....	Fingal.
17	*Mungo Frazer.....	*Colin McDougal.....	St. Thomas.
18	J. A. McDonald.....	*Robert Gow.....	Wallacetown.
19	*Gustavus Munro.....	Angus McKay.....	Zorra.
20	Robert Scobie.....	D. Ferguson.....	Strathroy, St. Andrew's.
21	*D. B. Whimster.....	*R. Caven.....	English Settlement
		Thos. Robson	Proof Lina.
22	John M. Munro.....	Donald McKay.....	Kintore.
23	*John M. Goodwillie.....	John Hislop.....	Camachie.
24	*D McEachern.....		Parkhill and McGillivray.
25	Hugh McGregor.....	John Lamont.....	Kintyre.
26	Hector Currie.....	*James Bell.....	Knox Ch., Thedford, &c.
27	*Alex. Urquhart.....		Chalmer's and Duff's Ch., Dannich.
28	*Archibald Henderson....	*James Weir.....	Hyde Park and Komoka.
29	*Peter C Goldie.....	John McGregor.....	Delaware.
30	Farquhar McRae.....	Archd McLauchlin.....	N. Williams
31	*John Ferguson.....	*Dan Brown.....	Lobo & Caradoc.
32	Joseph H. Paradis.....		Port Stanley.
33	*Francis Ballantyne.....	Hugh McPherson.....	N. & S. Westminster
34	*J. B. Galloway.....		Lucan and Biddulph.
35	J. H. Kippen.....		Dorchester & Crumlin
36	A. Beamer.....		Springfield & Aylmer

Vacancies:

	Bear Creek & Brigden
J. Brown.....	Burn's Ch., & Moore
	Line.
David Nisbet.....	Mandaunin.

Wm. Bryce.....	Point Edward.
Archibald Cameron.....	Belmont.
*Robert McLay.....	Watford & Main Road
J. Aikens.....	Napier.
	Adelaide & Arkona.
D. G. McArthur.....	New Glasgow.
James Douglas.....	Wardsville & New-
	bury.
A. Lindsay.....	Alvinston &c.
Alex. Cameron.....	Glencoe.

Retired Ministers :

Duncan McMillan.....	Komoka.
George Simpson.....	St. Thomas.
William Doak.....	Parkhill.
James Ferguson.....	London.
Evan McCauley.....	London.
J. W. Chestnut.....	Sarnia.
James McConechy.....	London East.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

1	A. W. Waddell.....	Joseph Laird.....	Harwich.
2	Angus McColl.....	*Wm. Coltart.....	Adelaide St. Chatham
3	*Wm. King.....	David Taylor.....	Buxton.
4	*William Walker.....	Edward Smith.....	Wellington Street, Chatham.
5	*Archibald Currie.....	*Donald McLaren.....	Ridgetown & Kil- marnock.
6	Frederick Smith.....	James Gibb.....	Amherstburg.
7*	John Becket.....	*Wm. McKerricher.....	Thamesville, &c.
8*	John Gray.....	*Alexander Bartlett.....	Windsor.
9*	D. L. McKechnie.....	Captain Taylor.....	Bothwell.
10	W. C. Armstrong.....	Wm. Webster.....	Florence & Dawn
11	John R. Battisby.....	Fred. Bates.....	St. Andrew's, Chat- ham.
12	*Donald Currie.....	*James Walker.....	Dover & Chalmer's Church.
13	C. Lafontaine.....		

St. Anns' 1st Church
Ill. U. S.
Elmira, Ill. U. S.
*F. B. Stewart.....
Tilbury East.
Tilbury West and
Comber.

Mission Stations :

	Sombra.
	Wallaceburg.
	Dresden.
	Mersea.
	Maidstone.
Joseph Black.....	Knox Ch., Township of Chatham.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

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| 1 | *Thos. McPherson..... | (Retired)..... | Stratford. |
| 2 | Daniel Allan..... | (Retired)..... | Goderich. |
| 3 | *James Boyd..... | *Peter Dewar..... | Wellesly. |
| 4 | Dan. Gordon..... | *George McKenzie..... | Harrington. |
| 5 | *David Mann..... | *Rob. Radcliffe..... | Biddulph. |
| 6 | *John Fotheringham..... | | St. Mary's. |
| 7 | Robt. Hamilton..... | *James Gillies..... | Fullerton & Avonbank. |
| 8 | *Robert Hall..... | John Brown..... | Nissouri N. and S. |
| 9 | *John K. Hislop..... | *Alex. Robertson..... | Avonton & Carlingford. |
| 10 | *Archibald Stewart..... | *James Bradley..... | North Easthope. |
| 11 | *Robert Renwick..... | John Inglis..... | Elma Centre & W. Monckton. |
| 12 | *John McAlpine..... | *M. Ballantyne..... | 1st Ch., St. Mary's. |
| 13 | *J. W. Mitchell, M.A..... | Thomas Gourlay..... | Knox Ch., Mitchell. |
| 14 | *J. Edgar Croly, M.A..... | Andrew Mundell..... | Millbank. |
| 15 | *John W. Bell, M.A..... | Samuel Davidson..... | Knox Ch., Listowel. |
| 16 | *P. McF. McLeod..... | *John A. Scott..... | Knox Ch., Stratford. |
| 17 | *Peter Scott..... | *Donald Park..... | Hibbert. |
| 18 | *E. Wallace Waits..... | Samuel Robb..... | St. Andrew's Ch., Stratford. |
| 19 | *John J. Cameron, M.A.,.. | James Crerar..... | St. Andrew's Ch., N. Easthope. |
| 20 | *Thomas T. Johnston.... | Wm. McLennan..... | Molesworth & Trowbridge. |
| 21 | *Robert Watt..... | | Shakspeare & Hamstead. |
| 22 | *W. A. Wilson, M.A.,.... | M. Laughton..... | Knox Ch., St. Mary's. |
| | | John Watson..... | Burns' Ch Milverton & Mornington. |
| | | Alex. McTavish..... | Burns' Ch., E. Zorra. |

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

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| 1 | *Charles Fletcher..... | (Retired)..... | Goderich. |
| 2 | Robert Ure, D.D.,..... | Robert Young..... | Knox Ch., Gcederich. |
| 3 | John Ross..... | | Brucefield. |
| 4 | *Samuel Jones..... | Thomas Strachan..... | Knox Ch., Brussels. |
| 5 | *Matthew Barr..... | David Campbell..... | McKillop & Tucker-smith. |
| 6 | George Brown..... | A. L. Gibson..... | Wroxeter. |
| 7 | *Jas. Sievereight, B.A..... | Robert Young..... | Goderich. |
| 8 | Alex. Grant..... | | Ashfield. |
| 9 | A. D. McDonald..... | Julius Duncan..... | Seaforth. |
| 10 | *Nathaniel Patterson..... | Dr. Stanbury..... | Bayfield & Bethany. |
| 11 | Hugh Cameron..... | *George Plewes..... | Kippen&Hill's Green |
| 12 | *A. Y. Hartley..... | John Strong..... | Rodgerville & Exeter |
| 13 | *Robert Leask..... | John Dawson..... | St. Helen's & White Church. |

- 14 *Hector McQuarrie..... John Dickson.....Wingham.
 15 *W. T. Wilkins, B.A.,.....*Thomas Agnew.....Knox Ch., Belgrave.
 16 J. S. Lochhead, M.A.,..... James Elliott.....Hu lett & Londres-
 borough.
 17 *Archibald McLean.....*Richard Somers.....St. Andrew's Ch.,
 Blyth.
 18 *Peter Musgrave.....*William Grieve.....Duff's Ch., McKillop,
 &c.
 19 *James Pritchard.....John Kernighan.....Manchester&Smith's
 Hill.
 20 Mark Danby.....*James Shaw.....Bayfield Road and
 Berne.
 21 *Alexander McNaughton..*James Fulton.....Walton.
 22 *R. W. Leitch.....A. McPherson.....Dungannon & Prince
 Albert.
 23 *T. G. Thompson.....*Archibald McNeill.....Union Ch.,Brucefield
 24 *D. B. McRae.....James McNair.....Cranbrook & Ethel.
 25 Alex. Stewart, M.A.,..... Archibald Matheson...Willis' Ch., Cinton.
 26 D. G. McRay, M. A., .. Robert Maxwell.....Bluevale & Eadie's.
 27 Joseph McCoy, M.A.,... Samuel Carnochan....Egmondville.
 28 *Colin Fletcher, M.A.,... Robert Kirk.....Thames Road and
 Kirkton.
 29 Donald McLachlin...Melville Ch.,Brus'els
 30 Fordwich & Gorrie.
 31 John Reith.....Grand Bend.

Mission Stations :

- Robert Harrison.....E. Ashfield&Fordyce
 Goderich, (Gaelic.)
 Chislehurst.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE :

- 1 Geo. Bell, M.A., L.L.D... James Thompson.....St. Paul's, Walkerton
 2 John Scott..... A. McKinnon.....North Bruce and St.
 Andrew's Saugeen
 3 *A. Tolmie..... James Craig.....Southampton &
 West Arran.
 4 Duncan Cameron..... Archibald Hamilton...South Kinloss and
 Lucknow.
 5 John^s Anderson..... John Dewar.....Tiverton.
 6*Peter Currie..... James Lean.....Zion Ch., Teeswater.
 7 David Wardrope..... James Reid.....Westminster Ch.,
 Teeswater.
 8*John Straith..... William McBride.....Knox Ch., Paisley.
 9*Adam F. McQueen..... John McDonald.....Huron.
 10 Wm. Anderson, M.A.,... Francis Bone.....St. Andrew's Ch.,
 Kincardine.
 11 A. G. Forbes..... William Malcolm.....Kinloss & Bervie.
 12 George McLennan..... L. McKinnon.....Underwood & Centre
 Bruce.

13	*Duncan Davidson	William Dawson	Langside.
14	William Ferguson	John Doherty	Glammis.
15	J. B. Taylor	William Anderson	St. Andrew's Ch., Lucknow.
16	Donald McKeracher		Prince Arthur's Land- ing, &c.
17	James Gourlay, M.A.	James Rowand	Pt. Elgin & Dumblans
18	William Blair	J. Dunn	Tara, Allanford, & Elsinore.
19*	Alex. Sutherland	*Donald Martyn	Knox Ch., Ripley.
20	Hugh McKay		Manitoulin Islands.
21	John R. McLeod		Sault St. Marie.
22*	J. L. Murray, M.A.	R. Richardson	Knox Ch., Kincairdine
		Donald Lesslie	Chalmer's Ch., Kin- cardine Tp.
		John Millar	Riversdale & Ennis- killen.
		John Calver	Pine River.
		Charles Andrews	Pinkerton & West Brant.
			Chesley.

Mission Station :

Salem Ch., Elderslie.

CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

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

TRANSLATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. John M. Munroe, from New Glasgow, to Kintore, on the 21st day of April, 1878.

Mr. D. McEachern, from St. Andrew's Church, Glencoe, to Parkhill and McGillivray, on the 25th day of February, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. James Pritchard, from Bluevale and Eadie's, to Manchester and Smith's Hill, in same Presbytery, on the 3rd day of April, 1878.

INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. John McMechan into the pastoral charge of Waterdown, on the 30th day of May, 1878.

Mr. James McEwen into the pastoral charge of Welland and Crowland, on the 13th day of August, 1878.

Mr. D. C. McIntire into the pastoral charge of Beamsville and Clinton, on the 3rd day of September, 1878.

Mr. Duncan Muoro into the pastoral charge of Port Colborne, on the 19th day of September, 1878.

Mr. R. M. Croll into the pastoral charge of St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, on the 1st day of October, 1878.

Mr. Robert Thomson into the pastoral charge of Drummondville and Chippawa, on the 4th day of February, 1879.

Mr. William Cleland into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church Niagara, on the 27th day of March, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. W. A. McKay, M. A., into the pastoral charge of Chalmer's Church, Woodstock, on the 7th day of May, 1878.

Mr. Robert Scrimgeour into the pastoral charge of Glenmorris, on the 10th day of December, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. John M. Munro, into the pastoral charge of Kintore, on the 7th day of May 1878.

Mr. D. B. Whimster into the pastoral charge of English Settlement and Proof Line, on the 3rd day of July, 1878.

Mr. A. Beamer into the pastoral charge of Springfield and Aylmer, on the 24th day of July, 1878.

Mr. Joseph Paradis into the pastoral charge of Port Stanley, on the 25th day of July, 1878.

Mr. D. McEachern into the pastoral charge of Parkhill and McGillvray, on the 25th day of July, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. James Pritchard, into the pastoral charge of Manchester and Smith's Hill, on the 17th day of April, 1878.

Mr. Alexander Stewart, M. A., into Willis Church, Clinton, on the 31st day of July, 1878.

Mr. D. G. McKay into Bluevale, &c., on the 7th day of January, 1879.

Mr. Joseph McCoy, M. A., into Egmondville, on the 3rd day of February, 1879.

Mr. Colin Fletcher, M. A., into Thames Road, &c., on the 20th day of February, 1879.

Mr. A. D. McDonald into Seaforth, on the 7th day of April, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. J. L. Murray, M. A., into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Kincardine, on the 11th day of July 1878.

ORDINATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. D. C. McIntire at Beamsville, on the 3rd day of September, 1878.
Mr. Duncan Munro at Port Colborne, on the 19th day of September, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Francis Ballantyne on the 2nd day of January, 1879, at North and South Westminster.

Mr. J. B. Galloway, on the 19th day of February, 1879, at Lucan and Biddulph.

Mr. A. H. Kippin on the 25th day of February, 1879, at Dorchester and Crutlin.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. Donald Currie at Dover, on the 26th day of December, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. W. A. Wilson, M.A., Knox Church, St. Marys, on the 19th day of November, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. D. G. McKay at Bluevale, on the 7th day of January, 1879.

Mr. Joseph McCoy, M.A., at Egmondville, on the 3rd day of February, 1879.

Mr. Colin Fletcher, M.A., at Thames Road, on the 20th day of February, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. John B. McLeod, Missionary at Sault St. Marie, at Paisley, on the 2nd day of July, 1878.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Charles Campbell, Minister at Niagara, on the 22nd day of September, 1878.

Mr. Edward Vincent, minister at Blackheath, &c., on the 27th day of January, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. Andrew Glendinning, minister of Gleumorris, on the 21st day of May, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Do ald F. Sage, minister at Parkhill, on the 21st day of April, 1878.
 Mr. James Donaldson, minister at Wardsville and Newberry, on the 30th day of October, 1878.

Mr. John Abraham, minister at Watford and Main Road, on 31st of March, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. John McAlmon, minister of Dresden, on the 18th day of March 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. Donald McRae, minister at Grand Bend, on the 8th day of October, 1878.

Mr. George Brown, minister at Fordwich, part of his charge, on the 8th day of October, 1878.

Mr. John Ferguson, minister at Melville Church, Brussels, on the 18th day of February, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. John Bethune, minister of Chesley, on the 24th day of June, 1878.

Mr. William Graham, minister at Pine River, on the 11th day of June, 1878.

Mr. John Stewart, minister of Chalmer's Church, Kincardine, on the 19th day of March, 1879.

LICENSURES.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. J. B. Galloway, on the 30th day of October, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. Donald Currie, on the 2nd day of July, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. John R. McLeod, on the 24th day of June, 1878.

Mr. John Mordy, on the 25th day of September, 1878.

MINISTERS RECEIVED.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Robert Thomson, on paper of Designation from the Berwick Presbytery of the English Presbyterian Church, on the 21st day of January, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. Robert Scrimgeour, with leave of General Assembly, on the 2nd day of July, 1878.

DEATH.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Donald McDonald, minister of Napier, on the 28th day of September, 1878.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

West Adelaide and Arkona united into one pastoral charge, on the 25th day of September, 1878.

St. Andrew's Church and Parkhill, united into one pastoral charge with McGillivray, on the 9th day of July, 1878.

Hyde Park and Komoka, united into one pastoral charge on the 9th day of July, 1878.

Bear Creek separated from Burn's Church, and with Brigden erected into one charge, on the 9th day of July, 1878.

Main Line separated from Mandaumin and united with Burn's Church into one charge, on the 25th day of September, 1878.

Mandaumin erected into a separate charge, on the 27th day of September, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Wallaceburg reduced to a Mission Station, on the 18th day of March, 1879.

Dresden reduced to a Mission Station, on the 18th day of March, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Congregation of Knox Church, Saint Mary's, erected July 9th, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Wroxeter separated from Fordwich, as a self-sustaining charge, on the 8th day of October, 1878.

Fordwich united with Gorrie to form a self-sustaining charge, on the 8th day of October, 1878.

Gorrie organized into a congregation on the 8th day of October, 1878.

Fordyce organized as a Mission Station, on the 8th day of October, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Congregation of West Brant, in the Presbytery of Saugeen, transferred to Bruce Presbytery, and united to the congregation of Pinkerton, on the 25th day of September 1878, forming one pastoral charge, subject to the sanction of the General Assembly.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The roll having been called, and the attendance marked, the Moderator addressed the Court, and intimated that the first business was the election of a new Moderator.

Mr. George Guthbertson moved, seconded by Mr. Robert N. Grant, that the Rev. John Thomson of Sarnia be elected Moderator.

Mr. William Robertson moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. R. Hall, that Mr. John McEwen, of Ingersoll, be elected Moderator.

On the vote being taken, Mr. McEwen was elected, and took the chair accordingly.

On motion of Mr. John Gray, of Windsor, seconded by Mr. Chrystal, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his sermon, and the able manner in which he had presided over the former meeting of Synod, and discharged his duties during the year.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Clerk reported that the following had been appointed by the various Presbyteries within the bounds, to act on the committee of Bills and Overtures, with the Synod and Presbytery Clerks:

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—Mr. George Chrystal, Minister, and Mr. Wm. Henderson, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—Mr. James Little, Minister, and Mr. James Barr, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—Mr. J. Allister Murray, Minister, and Mr. Adam Murray, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—Mr. William King, Minister, and Mr. Wm. Coltart, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—Mr. Robert Hall, Minister, and Mr. John A. Scott, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—Mr. R. W. Leitch, Minister, and Mr. Thomas Agnew, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—Mr. Alex. Tolmie, Minister, and Mr. James Rowand, Elder.

On the recommendation of the Committee on business, the following committees were appointed:—

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—Messrs. Hall and Rennie, Ministers, and Mr. John A. Scott, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—Messrs. G. Munro and Leask, Ministers, and Mr. Wm. Henderson, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—Messrs. R. N. Grant and P. McF. McLeod, Ministers, and Mr. Wm. Coltart, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—Messrs. W. T. Wilkins and W. P. Walker, Ministers, and Mr. John Montgomery, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—Messrs. McRobbie, (Tilsonburg), and Thomson, (Sarnia,) Ministers, and James Barr, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—Messrs. Straith and Martin, Ministers, and Mr. M. Balantyne, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF BAUCE.—Messrs. Hislop and Sievereight, Ministers, and Mr. Alex. Bartlett, Elder.

COMMITTEE ON COMMISSIONS OF ELDERS.

Messrs. McQuarrie, John McMechan, and J. W. Bell, Ministers; and Messrs. Richard Somers and Wm. Chambers, Elders.

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT TREASURER'S BOOKS.

Mr. William Walker, Minister and Mr. Alexander Bartlett, 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.

SEDERUNT OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Sederunts of Synod should be from 9½ a. m., to 1 p. m.; and from 3 p. m., to 6 p. m.; and from 7.30 p. m., to 10 p. m.

On motion duly made and seconded, Mr. P. McF. McLeod, Minister of Knox Church, Stratford, was unanimously requested to lead the psalmody, during the meeting of Synod.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow mornin; at half-past nine a. m., and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years, half-past nine, a m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. John McEwen, Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator and Messrs. Burson and McAlpine.

The Minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILL AND OVERTURES.

The Synod then received the first report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, as follows, which was adopted :

FORENOON SEDERUNT.

- I. Report of the Committee on the Registration Act.
- II. Overture on Home Mission Fund.
- III. Overture on Sustentation Fund.

AFTERNOON SEDERUNT.

1. Protest and appeal from decision of Presbytery of Bruce.

- II. Overture anent Hymn Book.
- III. Time and place of next meeting of Synod (at 5.30 p.m.)
- IV. Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance.

EVENING SEDERUNT.

- I. Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.
- II. Report of Committee on State of Religion.

The Committee also recommended the Synod, that the Clerks of Presbyteries be a Committee to consider the Rolls of Presbyteries, and the Reports of changes on the roll submitted last evening, with a view to securing uniformity in these returns, and to report. And further, that Speakers on the floor of the Synod be limited to ten minutes, but that this rule should not apply to conveners of committees in giving in their reports, parties introducing overtures, or in cases of protest and appeal.

Both recommendations were unanimously adopted. Mr. Laing was appointed Convener of the Committee of Presbytery Clerks, to consider the rolls and returns of Presbyteries.

REPORT ON REGISTRATION ACT.

Mr. Laing from the Committee appointed to wait upon the Premier of Ontario, in Reference to the Registration Act, gave in the report verbally. The Ex-Moderator, Mr. Hamilton, another member of the committee, also reported regarding the matter.

On motion of Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. William Robertson, the report was re-committed to the Committee, with instructions to submit a written report, and a copy of the new Registration Act, at a future sederunt.

OVERTURE ANENT THE HOME MISSION FUND.

The Synod then proceeded to take up the Overture, anent the Home Mission Fund. The Clerk read the Overture, which was signed by several members of Court and was to the effect: that on account of the large deficit in the Home Mission Fund, amounting for the present year to nearly \$13,000, and necessitating a reduction of the grants and supplements made to our missions and ministers, the Synod should take the whole question into consideration, with a view if possible to prevent the labourers of the Church from suffering loss.

Mr. Laing was heard in support of the Overture. Dr. Cochrane also addressed the Synod in reply to questions asked by members of the Court.

On motion of Mr. Laing, the Overture was received.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. McQuarrie, and seconded by Mr. J. Allister Murray, that in view of the large deficit in the funds of the Home Mission Committee for the present year, as set forth in the Overture before the Court, the Synod instructs the Ministers and Elders within the bounds, to bring the matter forthwith before their congregations, with a view to a reduction of the large indebtedness—contributions to be sent at as early a date as possible, to the Agent of the Church.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Mungo Fraser, seconded by Mr. James Little, that the Overture now received be handed to the following Com-

mittee, to consider and report as to the course best to be adopted, namely: Messrs. Burson, Fraser, J. Laing, T. McPherson, W. T. McMullen, Ministers; and Messrs. D. McDonald, Colin McDougall, Bartlett and Ballantyne, Elders.

On the motion and amendment being put to the vote, the amendment was carried and the Committee appointed accordingly.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, LONDON.
April 9th, 8 o'clock, p.m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, assisted by Mr. Lowry.

The Minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT AND APPEAL FROM DECISION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

The Synod then proceeded to take up the complaint and appeal of the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, against a decision of the Presbytery of Bruce. The papers in the case having been read, it was decided to appoint a Committee to consider the whole case, and report to the Synod at a future Sederunt; said committee to consist of the following, namely: Dr. Proudfoot, Messrs. McPherson, Laing, McLeod and McMullen, Ministers; and Messrs. C. McDougall, W. T. Root and James Barr, Elders.

OVERTURE ANENT SUSTENTATION FUND.

The Overture from the Presbytery of Stratford, anent the Sustentation Fund was then called for. The Clerk having read the Overture, Mr. P. McF. McLeod was heard in its support.

On motion, the Overture was received, and the Synod proceeded to discuss it.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the Overture be transmitted to the General Assembly.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Alex. McLean, Blyth, seconded by Mr. Croly, that the Overture be adopted, and transmitted to the General Assembly.

On the vote being taken the amendment was carried by a majority, and Messrs McMullen and Thompson appointed to support the Overture before the Assembly.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMISSION OF ELDERS.

The Committee on the Commissions of Elders gave in a report, recommending that the names of Mr. Alexander Campbell, of Lorne, and Mr. Donald Martyn, of Knox Church, Ripley, be added to the Roll of Synod. The report was received, and its recommendation adopted.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, it was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting of Synod at Saint Catharines, and within Knox Church there, on the second Tuesday of April, 1880, at half past seven o'clock.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE OVERTURE ANENT THE HOME MISSION FUND.

Mr. Burson gave in the report of the Committee, on the Overture anent the Home Mission Fund. Mr. Burson moved, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. Mr. Wilkins moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. J. Thompson, that the subject be recommitted to the Committee with instructions to suggest what steps may be taken to meet present difficulties.

The motion and amendment having been put to the vote, the amendment was carried by a majority, and the report thus recommitted.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at half-past seven o'clock, p.m., and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, LONDON,

April 9th, half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment and was duly constituted, the Moderator and Mr. McQuarrie, engaging in devotional exercises.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained. !

REGISTRATION ACT.

The Clerk read the report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Premier of Ontario, in reference to the Registration Act, which is as follows :

"The Committee appointed to confer with the Premier of the Ontario Government in reference to the Registration Act, beg leave to report that in accordance with the instruction of Synod, one of the Committee, in company with a deputation from the Synod of Kingston and Toronto, waited on the Government. They were courteously received, and their representations were patiently considered. It was admitted that a grievance existed, and a promise was given, that as far as possible, a remedy would be applied.

In due course an Act was passed by the Legislature amending that of 1876. A copy of this Act is herewith submitted. By this Act any person officiating at a funeral without a certificate from the Registrar, is required to notify the Registrar that he has done so, and after such notification, he shall not be liable to prosecution under the act of 1876."

JOHN LAING,
ROBERT HAMILTON,
WM. COCHRANE.

London, Ont., April 9th, 1878.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed, that the report be accepted—the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee for their diligence, and the Committee be re-appointed with the addition of the Moderator, with

instructions to continue their efforts until the grievance complained of, is entirely removed. The committee is as follows: The Moderator and Clerk of Synod, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Laing, Ministers; and Mr. Charlton, M. P., Elder.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. Mungo Fraser, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath School Work, read the annual report.

On motion the report was received and adopted, the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee for their diligence, and especially to the Convener and the following recommendations adopted:

I. Presbyterian conferences with the teachers.

II. Classes for training teachers.

III. Teachers weekly meetings for the study of the lessons.

IV. That feeling convinced that much of the literature used in our Sabbath Schools is of an unhealthy character and recognizing the difficulty of securing proper books, agree that the General Assembly be memorialised to appoint a standing committee, whose duty it shall be to examine books and periodicals prepared by societies and publishers for the use of schools, and to issue from time to time a list of such books, as they may deem suitable for Sabbath Schools, and thus aid sessions and teachers in securing proper materials for this important department of church work.

The following were appointed as the Committee on Sabbath Schools for the ensuing year: Messrs. Mungo Fraser, (Convener), McEwen, McGuire, R. Hamilton, Walker, (Chatham), T. Thomson and Strath, Ministers; and Messrs. W. N. Hossie, A. I. McKenzie, and Peter Marshall, Elders.

It was also agreed that the report be sent to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell, M. A., Convener of the Committee on the state of religion, gave in the report.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Thomas McGuire, that the report on the state of religion, now read be transmitted to the Assembly as the Synod's Report, and the thanks of Synod be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, and that the following be appointed the Committee for the ensuing year: Messrs. D. D. McLeod, Convener, J. W. Mitchell, M. A., McKinnon, Waits, Thompson, (Sarnia), Fisher, Goldsmith, and Anderson, (Tiverton), Ministers; and Messrs. Bantony, J. Henderson, Barr, Gordon, G. Black, Mundell, Ballantyne, and Montgomery, Elders.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Saint Andrew's Church, London, Thursday morning the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine years.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Laing on the part of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented the following, as the order of business recommended for the day.

I. Appeal against a decision of the Presbytery of London, with recommendation that it be sent to a Committee for consideration.

II. Report of Committee on the complaint and appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Bruce.

III. Report on Sabbath Observance.

IV. Report on Temperance.

V. Report on Hymn Book.

VI. Report of Auditors.

VII. Reports of Committees on Presbytery Records, to be given at 12 o'clock, noon.

VIII. Report of Buxton Trust Fund.

On motion the order of business was adopted, with the exception of the recommendation to send the appeal against a decision of the London Presbytery to a Committee. It was agreed that the case be discussed in open Court, at 3 p. m., to-day.

THE RIPLEY CASE.

The report of the Committee on the Ripley appeal case, was called for. Dr. Prondfoot, the Convener, asked that further time be given for the preparation of the report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSION OVERTURE.

Mr. Burson presented the report of the Committee on the Home Mission Overture.

Mr. Laing moved, seconded by Mr. Burson, that the report be received and adopted.

Mr. McQuarrie moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. McKechnie, that the report be received and adopted, with the exception of the last clause, and that the motion submitted yesterday, recommending that an effort be made forthwith to reduce the present indebtedness, be substituted in its place.

On the vote being taken, 63 voted for the amendment and 23 for the motion. The Yeas and Nays being called, 73 voted Yea and 27 Nay.

The report of the Committee thus amended and adopted by the Synod is as follows:

I. That the General Assembly be recommended to direct Presbyteries to take steps to have a Missionary association organized in each congregation within the bounds, and that monthly contributions for the schemes of the church be taken up by collectors calling at the houses of the people, and that Presbyteries require sessions to report to them, and that the latter report to the Assembly the action taken in this matter.

II. That the Assembly be recommended to take such steps as may be necessary for having the state of the Home Mission fund brought before every congregation on the Lord's day, and for affording an opportunity to every member and adherent of the church to contribute for the relief of the fund at as early a date as possible, and that Presbyteries visit congregations who may be delinquent and examine into the state of such congregations.

III. That the Home Mission fund be relieved from the charge for maintenance of Manitoba College.

IV. That in view of the large deficit in the funds of the Home Mission Committee for the present year, as set forth in the overture before the Court the Synod instructs the ministers and elders within the bounds to bring the matter forthwith before their congregations with a view to a reduction of the large indebtedness; contributions to be sent at as early a date as possible to the agent of the church.

From this decision of the Synod Mr. Laing, with all who adhered to him, craved leave to enter his dissent, for the following reason:

"I dissent in my own name and that of any who may adhere to this dissent, because any appeal now made to the congregations and private members of the church, by authority of this Synod cannot be made general throughout the western section of the church, and may seriously interfere with any action that the General Assembly may see fit to adopt."

(Signed),

JOHN LAING,
GEORGE CHRYSYAL,
P. SCOTT,
J. G. MURRAY,
WM. P. WALKER,
WM. CRAIGIE,
WM. KING,
MUNGO FRASER,
G. GRAY McROBBIE,
P. C. GOLDIE,
F. BALLANTYNE,
GEORGE BURSON,
ALEX. FRAZER,
WM. HENDERSON,

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. R. N. Grant, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, gave in the report for the year.

On motion of Mr. Becket, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson, the report was received and unanimously adopted, the thanks of the Synod tendered to the committee and especially to the convener, and the following committee appointed for the ensuing year, viz: Mr. R. N. Grant, convener; Messrs. P. McF. McLeod, Fletcher, J. A. Murray, Burson, Dr. Bell and Dr. Ure, Ministers; and Messrs. Thomas Gordon, Adam Spence, and J. Charlton, M. P., Elders.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The report on Temperance was read by Mr. J. Sievereight, the convener of the committee. On motion of Mr. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Inglis, the report was received, its recommendations adopted, and thanks given to the committee, and especially to the convener, for their diligence.

The recommendations are as follows:

Would recommend ministers to take an active part in the Temperance movement so as to secure that religious element which is so essential to success, and also aggressive, earnest, concerted action on the part of the church against this system of iniquity.

The Committee on Temperance was reappointed as follows: Mr. J. Sieveright (convener), and Messrs. R. Hall, McLeod, and J. M. Goodwillie (in room of Mr. D. Frazer, now of Saugueen Presbytery), ministers; and Mr. A. Mathieson, elder.

OVERTURE ON BOOK OF HYMNS.

The overture regarding the preparation of a Book of Hymns for the use of the church was then read, and the Synod proceeded to consider it. Mr. D. D. McLeod—the first name appended to the overture—was heard in its support; followed by Messrs. McAlpine, Murray and McMullen.

The overture recommended the Assembly to give further time for the preparation of the proposed Hymn Book, and to enlarge the committee so as to secure a fuller representation of the mind of the church.

Mr. D. D. McLeod moved that the overture be received and adopted and transmitted to the Assembly. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walter Inglis and carried unanimously, and Messrs. McMullen, McLeod and Murray appointed to support the overture before the General Assembly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris, London, Chatham, Stratford, Huron and Bruce having been reported by the several committees as carefully and correctly kept, the Synod ordered the same to be attested in the terms of the reports.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at half-past two o'clock p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

* SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Saint Andrew's Church, London, Thursday, tenth April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, three o'clock p. m. The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment and was duly constituted, Mr. R. Hall, along with the Moderator, conducting the devotional exercises.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

THE RIPLEY CASE.

Dr. Proudfoot presented the report of the Committee on the Ripley appeal case.

The report was to the effect that they recommended unanimously that the complaint and appeal be dismissed, and that the action of the Presbytery of Bruce be sustained.

On the motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Peter Scott, the report of the committee was received and unanimously adopted, and the action of the Presbytery of Bruce sustained.

Parties were called to the bar; when Mr. Tolmie, on behalf of the Presbytery of Bruce, acquiesced in the finding and craved extracts.

Mr. Sutherland, on behalf of the Ripley congregation, also craved extracts.

PROTEST AND APPEAL FROM CERTAIN PARTIES IN PETROLIA
AGAINST A DECISION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The protest and appeal from parties in Petrolia against a decision of the London Presbytery was then considered.

Parties in the case were called to the bar, when there appeared for the appellants, Messrs. E. McQueen, T. Draper and James Harley; and for the Presbytery of London, Dr. Proudfoot and Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. McRobie for himself.

The papers in the case having been read, parties were heard at length. Questions having been asked and answered, parties were removed from the bar and the Synod proceeded to give judgment.

Mr. Hamilton moved, seconded by Mr. G. G. McRobbie, that the Synod, having heard the pleadings in this case, agrees to dismiss the appeal, sustain the action of the Presbytery, and exhort the parties concerned to cultivate the things which make for peace.

Pending the discussion of the case, the Synod adjourned to meet again at half-past seven o'clock p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Saint Andrew's Church, London, Thursday, April tenth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years, at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted, the Moderator and Mr. Hamilton conducting the devotional exercises.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF THE LONDON PRESBYTERY.

The Synod then proceeded to the discussion of Mr. Hamilton's motion on the appeal from Petrolia, against the decision of the London Presbytery.

Mr. McNaughton moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Paterson, that a Commission of Synod be appointed by the Synod, to inquire into and finally determine the case.

Mr. Laing moved in further amendment, seconded by Dr. Cochrane: Dismiss the appeal and sustain the decision of the Presbytery of London, and recommend the Presbytery of London to give further consideration to the interests of the church in Petrolia.

Mr. Hamilton, with the consent of his seconder and the Synod, withdrew his motion; Mr. McNaughton's amendment thus becoming the motion, and Mr. Laing's the amendment.

The vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. Laing was carried against the motion of Mr. McNaughton by a majority of twelve to four.

Parties being called to the bar, the decision of Synod was intimated to them. The Commissioners from the Presbytery of London acquiesced in the decision of the Synod and craved extracts. Mr. McRobie also acquiesced.

ROLLS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Committee appointed to consider the forms of Rolls of Presbyteries

and returns, of changes in the Rolls, reported the following recommendations, which, on motion duly made and seconded, were unanimously adopted:

1. That the names of those ministers who have retired from the active duties of the ministry, with the leave of the General Assembly, shall be placed first on the Roll and in order of seniority of ordination,

2. That the names of ministers in good standing and residing within the bounds of Presbyteries who are not in pastoral charges, shall be reported separately in a list appended to the roll.

3. That a list of the Mission Stations within the bounds shall be appended to the roll.

4. That ordinations and inductions shall be reported together in the same list, and not separately.

5. That translations shall be reported by the Presbyteries from which the translation takes place.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The report of the Auditors was read by the Clerk as follows: Total receipts for the year, \$173; disbursements, \$181.81; leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$8.81. Amount of arrears due by Presbyteries, \$99. They also report the books correctly kept.

On motion duly made and seconded, the report was received, and the cordial thanks of the Synod tendered the Treasurer (James Walker, Esq., Hamilton) for his faithful services.

BUXTON TRUST FUND.

The Synod called for the report of the Buxton Trust Fund. The Convener of the Committee being absent through sickness, the matter was delayed until next meeting of Synod, and the committee for the ensuing year as follows: Mr. John Scott, convener, and Messrs. Battisby, King, Walker (Chatham) and McCall, Ministers; and Messrs. Urquhart, Taylor and McVicar, Elders.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On motion of Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Straith, the thanks of the Synod were given to the minister and office-bearers of Saint Andrew's Church for the arrangements made for entertaining the Synod; to the Christian friends in the city for their courteous hospitality, and to the Great Western, Grand Trunk, Stratford & Lake Huron and Hamilton & North-Western Railway Companies for their kindness in granting reduced rates to the members of Synod.

ADJOURNMENT.

The business of the Synod having been concluded, the Synod engaged in singing three verses of the 122d Psalm; after which the Moderator declared the Synod dissolved, to meet at Saint Catharines, and within Knox Church there, on the second Tuesday of April, eighteen hundred and eighty, at half-past seven o'clock p. m., and was closed by pronouncing the apostolic benediction.

JOHN McEWEN, Moderator.
WM. COCHRANE, D.D., Clerk.



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1879-80.

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REV. JOHN McEWEN, INGERSOLL.

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

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