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MINUTES

OF THE

Synod of Hamilton and London

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

At Woodstock, and within Knox Church there, the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five, 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 Revd. J. R. Battisby, Ph. D., of Chatham, the retiring Moderator, from Judges, first chapter and third verse, was duly constituted by prayer.

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

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

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 James Black		Hamilton
2 <i>p</i> John Laing, D. D.	James Black	Knox Church, Dundas
3 John G. Murray	Retired	(Grimsby)
4 <i>p</i> D. H. Fletcher	J. E. McIlwraith	Hamilton, McNab Street
5 Findlay McCuaig	Alex. Robertson	Welland and Crowland
6 George Burson	R. Lawrie	St. Catharines, Knox Ch.
7 Walter M. Roger, M.A.		Pelham and Louth
8 <i>p</i> Mungo Fraser, D. D.	D. D. McPherson	Hamilton, Knox Church
9 <i>p</i> Samuel Lyle, B. D.	<i>p</i> G. Rutherford	Hamilton, Central
10 Nathaniel Smith	A McIntyre	Niagara
11 R. J. Laidlaw, LL.D.	<i>p</i> Wm. Wilson	Hamilton, St. Paul's Ch.
12 <i>p</i> W. P. Walker	J. Paterson	Binbrook and Saltfleet
13 <i>p</i> S. W. Fisher, B. A.	R. A. Thomson	Flamboro' and Lynden
	T. Gentle	Hamilton, Locke street
14 <i>p</i> T. G. Thomson	J. H. Horning	Barton
15 James Bryant	W. Robertson	Merriton and P't Robins'n
16 <i>p</i> W. J. Dey, M. A.	<i>p</i> F. Reid	Simcoe, St. Paul's
17 J. H. Ratcliffe	G. W. Hodgetts	St. Catharines, First Ch.
18 <i>p</i> D. C. McIntyre, Ph.D.	W. A. Comfort, M. D.	Beamsville and Clinton
19 <i>p</i> Frank Ballantyne	R. McQueen	Beverly
20 R. H. Abraham, Sc.D.	J. Morine	Burlington
21 D. G. Cameron	J. Sanderson	Strabane and Kilbride
22 W. H. Geddes	J. M. Chrysler	Haynes Ave. St. Catharines and St. David

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—Continued.

23	James Murray, B. D.	Eric Bower	Hamilton, Wentworth St	15
24	pT. I. Turnbull	G. Fleming	Oneida	16
25	pA. Barclay	J. Charlton, M. P.	Lyndoch, Delhi & Silv'rhill	17
26	P. L. Langill		Bridgetown and Ft Erie	18
27	W. M. Cruikshank	J. F. Harcourt	St. Anns & Welland Port	19
28	pS. G. Graeb	S. E. Parnell	Port Dalhousie	20
29	pG. A. McLennan, B.A.	W. Ward	Jarvis and Walpole	21
30	pJ. G. Shearer, B. A.	R. Allen	Hamilton, Erskine Ch.	22
31	J. Robertson, M. A.		Port Dover and Vittoria	23
32	J. Crawford, B. A.	John Logan	Niagara Falls	24
33	Walter Muir	pJames Gibson	Carlukc. St. Pauls	
34	J. P. McQuarrie	John Millar	Nelson and Dundas street	
35	W. Morrin, M.A.	O. W. Fares, M. D.	Port Colborne	
36	D. B. Marsh	pJames Shaw	Blackheath, E. Seneca, etc.	
37	J. S. Conning	G. Murray	Caledonia	
38	P. M. McEachern	James MacKay	Waterdown	
39	John Muir, M. A.	J. Allan	Grimsby, St. John	
40	C. A. Webster, M. D.		Haifa Palestine	
41	James Wilson		Drum'ondv'le & Chippewa	
42	A. J. Mann	D. W. Eastman	Smithville & Muir settle't	
43	C. H. Lowery	R. Smith	Hagersville	
44	J. D. Edgar	Wm. Parker	Cayuga	
45	Vacant	A. I. MacKenzie	Hamilton, St. John's	
46	do		Dunville	
47	do		Thorold	

MISSION STATION.

J. R. Hamilton	Ordained Missionary	Ancaster
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MINISTERS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

1	John G.uld	Hamilton	1
2	John Scott, D. D.	do	2
3	Alex. McLaren	do	3
4	J. B. Watts	Port Nelson	5
5	W. P. Niven	St. Catharines	5
6	W. J. Penman	Hamilton	7
7	D. Wardrope	Strabane	8
8	Hon. R. Moreton	(Name by request appended)	9
		London, England	10

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS. ELDERS. CONGREGATIONS.

1	Thos. Alexander, M. A.	Retired	20
2	pW. T. McMullen, D.D.	pD. H. Hunter, B. A.	21
3	pW. Cochrane, D. D.	S. M. Thomson	22
4	pJohn Thomson, M.A.	pJohn Welsh	23
5	pW. A. McKay, D. D.	Thos. Hart	24
6	R. Pettigrew, M. A.	Wm. Wallace	25
7	pE. Cockburn, M. A.	pWm. Telfer	26
8	pPeter Straith, M. A.	Andrew Herbertson	27
9	pM. McGregor, M. A.	pAndrew Slater	28
10	pR. G. Sinclair	George Bryce	29
11	pJ. S. Hardie	Wm. Currie	30
12	pW. S. McTavish, B.D.	pAlex. Hunter	31
13	pE. R. Hutt	pWm. Paterson	32
14	W. K. Shearer, B.A.	W. G. Parkhill	33
		Drumbo and Princeton	34

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PRELBYTERY OF PARIS—Continued.

15	pG C. Patterson, M. A.	pJas. Smith	Knox Church, Embro
16	pW. A. Johnston, B. A.	pThomas Shiell	Chesterfield
17	W. M. Reid	Anthony McLellan	Onondaga and Alberton
18	pR. W. Leitch	Jas. McKnight	Windham and Waterford
19	pR. M. Hamilton	Robt. Russell	First Church, Brantford
20	pJ. M. Millar, B. A.	James Barr	Norwich and Bookton
21	pAlex. Leslie	John McKay	E. Oxford and Blenheim
22	Vacant		Verschoyle and Culloden
23	G. L. McKay, D. D.		Formosa
24	Robert Chambers		Missionary

MISSION STATIONS.

.....	St. Andrew's Brantford.
.....	Balfour street
.....	New Dundee, Baden and Wellesley.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

CONGREGATIONS.

1	pW. R. Sutherland		Retired
2	J. J. A. Proudfoot, DD.		Lecturer in Knox College
3	John Milloy	James McLean	Argyle Church, Aldboro
5	pGeorge Sutherland	pJohn Turner	Fingall
5	James Little	James Robb	Proof Line and Bryanston
6	pJohn M. Munroe	Alex. McPherson	Kintore
7	Donald Kelso	Donald McKillop	Wallacetown
8	pAlex. Henderson	Duncan McEachern	Appin and Tait's Corners
9	pAlex. Miller	pMalcolm Leitch	Mosa
10	pEdmund H. Sawers	pAdam Nichol	N and S Westminster
11	pJames G. Stuart	Andrew Thomson	Knox Church, London
12	pJohn Currie	pJames Shields	Belmont and Kilmartin
13	Robert Stewart	John D. Campbell	Melbourne and Riverside
14	pThomas Wilson	Neil McArthur	Dutton
15	pRobert McIntyre	W. Wilson	Alma Street, St. Thomas
16	pJohn McNeill	W. McCrae	Duffs Church, Danwich
17	pD. L. Dewar	Jas. McFarlane	Ailsa Craig and Carlisle
18	pHugh Brown	pNeil Love	Tempo and S Delaware
19	Robert Johnston	Alex. Fraser	St. Andrew's, London
20	pW. J. Clark	Dr. G. Hodge	First Church, London
21	pM. P. Talling	Hugh Omond	St. James Church, London
22	pW. A. Cook	Daniel Gee	Dorchester and Crumlin
23	pW. M. Haig	J. P. Fisher	Hyde Park and Komoka
24	pJ. A. Macdonald	D. K. McKenzie	Knox Church, St. Thomas
25	pNorman Lindsay	D. A. Campbell	Lobo and N Caradoc
26	pJohn F. Scott	D. McNaughton	Rodney and New Glasgow
27	pJ. H. Barnett	pArch. Patterson	Kintyre
28	D. Robertson	F. Cheesboro'	King Street, London
29	John H. Courtney	James Musk	Port Stanley
30	pR. W. Ross	pJas. A. Younge	Glence
31	pAlex. Wilson	W. Atkinson	Wardsville and Newbury
32	S. Lawrence	J. W. Robson	English Settlement
33	pW. H. Anderson	J. Mitchell	Aylmer and Springfield
34	Vacant	John McKay	Thamesford
35	Vacant	W. E. Borley	N Delaware and Caradoc

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—Continued.

MISSION STATION.

..... Philip Klenn Ekfrid

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.

James Gordon, M. A.
D. C. Johnson.
Martin Lowry.
Archibald Stewart.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

CONGREGATIONS

1	pGeorge Cuthbertson.	John Hunter.....	Wyoming and Plympton
2	pArch. McDiarmid.....	John Aikins.....	Napier and Brooke
3	pJohn Eadie.....	Henry Parker.....	Point Edward
4	John Thompson, D.D.	Thos. Towers.....	St. Andrew's, Sarnia
5	pJames Pritchard.....	John Fisher.....	Forest
6	Hector Currie, B.A.	Peter McCallum.....	Thedford and Lake Road
7	John C. McKee.....	James Alexander.....	Brigden and Bear Creek
8	W G Jordan, B. A.	Thomas Banks.....	St. Andrews's Strathroy
9	pRobert Aylward.....	T Maybury.....	Parkhill and McGillivray
10	Jno. H. Graham, B.A.	Wm Bryce.....	Watford and Main Road
11	pF O Nichol.....	Thos Houston.....	Albert Street Church, Sarnia
12	pS G Livingston.....	Wm Crockard.....	Burn's Church & Moore Line
13	W H Bradley.....	P A McDiarmid.....	Alvinston and Euphemia
14	John McKinnon, B.D.	David Sand.....	E Williams and E Adelaide
15	Jos. E Elliott, B. A.	Thos. Wyatt.....	W Williams and Nairn
16	Neil McPherson, B.D.	G B Robson.....	Petrolia
17	Charles H Daly, B. A.	John Hartley.....	Oil Springs and Oil City
18	Robert Drennan, B.A.	Donald McMillan.....	Camlachie and Alexander

MINISTER RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS

John McRobie..... Petrolia

VACANCIES.

19 A B Smart.....	Mandaumin and Vyner
20 Charles Nesbitt.....	Corunna and Mooretown
21 James Weir.....	Adelaide and Arkona
22	Courtright and Sombra

MISSION STATIONS

..... Inwood and Brooke
..... Marthaville
..... Plum Creek, etc.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 A W Waddell.....	Retired.....	
2 A McColl.....	do.....	
3 Arch. Currie.....	do.....	
4 John Davidson.....	Walter Gay.....	Bothwell, Florence and Sutherland's Corners
5 John Becket.....	Robert Gladstone.....	Thamesville and Turin
6 W H Jamieson, Ph.D.....	Isaac McDonald.....	Bethel Ridge and Bridge End
7 J R Battisby, Ph. D.....	John McCosker.....	St. Andrew's Church, Chatham
8 A T Colter, M. A.....		Comber and West Tilbury
9 Donald Currie.....	John Crawford.....	Wallaceburg and Calvin Ch.
10 J W McLintock.....	Wm. Walker.....	Dover, Chalmers and Knox Churches, etc.
11 W M Fleming.....	C M Johnston.....	Essex
12 F H Larkin, B. A.....	A Thompson.....	First Church, Chatham
13 W M Kay.....	Dan. McLean.....	Duart and Highgate
14 A L Manson.....	D R Farquharson.....	East Tilbury and Fletcher
15 J C Tolmie, B. A.....	R Sutherland.....	St. Andrew's Ch., Windsor
16 James Gilchrist.....	Wm. Robinson.....	Blytheswood, Goldsmith, etc.
17 Thos Natress, B. A.....	J Anderson.....	Amherstburg
18 J M McLaren, B. A.....	Peter Hoggart.....	Blenheim and Guilds
19 R J Hunter, B. A.....	Robert McDonald.....	Ridgetown
20 James Hodges, B. A.....	Jas Stewart.....	Tilbury Centre
21 J A Mustard, B. A.....	Jas McKeracher.....	Botany, McKay's Corners, etc.
22.....	J M R Selkirk.....	Leamington
23.....	T Anderson.....	Dresden
24.....	Hy. Dawson.....	Caven Ch., North Dawn, etc.

MISSION STATIONS.

.....	Colchester
.....	Buxton and Union
.....	Puce and Renaud Line

MINISTERS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

J Stevenson.....	Morpeth
J B Scott.....	Leamington
Alex Russell.....	
J A Morrison.....	

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 Robt Hamilton, D.D.....	W Stevenson.....	Motherwell and Avonbank
2 Peter Scott.....	P D Park.....	Hibbert and Roy's Church
3 John Kay.....	Robt. Ramsay.....	Milverton and Wellesley
4 A F Tully.....	Thos. Gourlay.....	Mitchell
5 A Henderson, M. A.....	Wm. Dunn.....	Atwood and Monkton
6 E W Pantou.....	B Johnson.....	St. Andrew's, Stratford
7 John Campbell.....	E J Brooks.....	Granton, Lucan, etc.
8 W M McKibbin, M.A.....	M H Reid.....	Millbank and Crosshill
9 A Grant.....	J N Gray.....	Knox Church, St. Marys
10 J W Cameron, B.A.....	P W Dowd.....	North Mornington

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD—Continued.

11	pR Pyke.....	pJ G Field.....	Shakespeare and Tavistock	12
12	pM L Leitch.....	W Jaffray.....	Knox Church, Stratford	13
13	J A Cosgrove, M.A.....	John Hedley.....	First Church, St. Marys	14
14	W W Craw, B. A.....	D Hardie.....	N and E Nissouri	15
15	pA H Drumm.....	pR Boyes.....	Avonton and Carlingford	16
16	pA G McLachlan.....	J C Ross.....	Harrington	17
17	J D Ferguson, B. A.....	George Manson.....	Burn's Ch. and Brooksdale	18
18	Wm Cowper.....		Listowel	19
19	Vacant.....	pD Stewart.....	N Easthope and Hampstead	20

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	
1	Robert Ure, D. D.....	Retired.....	Goderich	
2	Matthew Barr.....	do.....	Seaforth	
3	A D McDonald, D. D.....	pGeorge Duncan.....	First Church Seaforth	1
4	Arch. McLean.....	John Brigham.....	St. Andrew's, Blyth	2
5	Peter Musgrave.....	Thomas Dodds.....	Duffs Ch., McKillop, etc.	3
6	J A McDonald.....	Robert Pollock.....	B yfield Road and Blake	4
7	pW M Martin, B. D.....	pJohn Strang.....	Caven Church, Exeter	5
8	Alex. Stewart, B. A.....	George Swallow.....	Willis Church, Clinton	6
9	Samuel Acheson.....	Thomas Mellis.....	St. Andrew's, Kippen, etc.	
10	pColin Fletcher, M.A.....	pJames Hackney.....	Thames Road and Kirkton	
11	J A Anderson, B.A.....	James Baxter.....	Knox Church, Goderich	
12	S A Carriere.....	John McGregor.....	Grand Bend and Corbett	
13	J S Henderson.....	Thomas Karnick.....	Carmel Church, Hensall	
14	pJ A Hamilton, M. A.....	Robert Scott.....	Burns' Ch. and Londesborough	
15	Robert Henderson.....	Gordon Young.....	Knox Ch., Manchester, etc.	1
16	pNeil Shaw, B. A.....	Wm. Elliott.....	Ezmondville	2
17	Murdoch McKay.....	John Horton.....	Leeburn and Union Churches	3
18		Wm. Fotheringham.....	Union Church, Brucefield	4
19		Thos. Harrison.....	Bayfield and Bethany	5

MINISTERS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

J. B. Taylor.....	Blyth
Alex. Ross, B. A.....	Clinton

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	
1	Alex. Sutherland.....	Peter McDonald.....	Ripley, Knox Church	
2	Samuel Jones.....	Retired.....		
3	A Y Hartley.....	John Hutton.....	Bluevale and Eadies	
4	John McNabb.....	Retired.....		
5	pJ L Murray, M. A.....	A. Campbell.....	I.P.S. Kincardine, Knox Church	
6	John McFarlane.....	John Ballantyne.....	Pine River	
7	Robert Fairbairn.....	James Mallough.....	Dungannon and Port Albert	
8	George McKay.....	R B Campbell.....	Chalmers', Kincardine T'p and Be vie	
9	pD B McRae.....	James McNair.....	Cranbrook and Ethel	
10	F A MacLennan.....	William Dawson.....	South Kinloss	
11	John Ross, B.A.....	pAlex. Stewart, jr.....	Brussels, Melville Church	

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND—Continued.

12	pAngus MacKay	John Murdoch	Lucknow,
13	John Rose	Charles McKenzie	Ashfield
14	David Forrest	Alexander Gardiner	Walton
15	James Malcolm	William Little	Teeswater, Knox Church
16	George Ballantyne	J G Mitchel	Molesworth
17	David Millar	John Strachan	Brussels, Knox Church
18	David Perrie		Wingham
19	RSG Anderson, M.A.	James Wylie	Wroxeter
20	And. MacNab M. A.	H D Henderson	Whitechurch and Langside
21	Vacant	J S McDonald, MPP	Huron Church
22	do	Robert Shiell	Belgrave and Calvin Church, East Wawanosh
23	do	Robert Murray	St. Helens and East Ashfield

MINISTERS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

1	John Stewart	Retired
2	David Wardrope	do
3	K McDonald	Without Charge
4	George Law	do
5	T Davidson, M. A.	do

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

CONGREGATIONS.

1	Andrew Tolmie		
2	John Anderson	Retired	Tiverton
3	Daniel Duff	Wm Fiddes	N Brant and W Bentick
4	George McLennan	J C Eckford	Pinkerton and W Brant
5	Hector McQuarrie	Donald McKinnon	N Bruce and Saugeen
6	Robert Gray	Wm Malcolm	Kinloss, Riversdale, etc.
7	James Gourlay, M.A.	Robert Munro	Port Elgin
8	Jas. Fitzpatrick, B.A.	Thomas Brown	Underwood and Centre Bruce
9	A H Kippan	George Dunn	Tara
10	pJohn Johnston	J. C. McIntyre	Knox Church, Paisley
11	Jas R Craigie, M.A.	Wm. Monson	Hanover and N Normandy
12	Wm Mowat	H P Broadfoot	Allenford and Elsinore
13	James Steven	Jonh Dewar	Tiverton
14	John Bell, B. A.	Jas Rowand, M.P.	W Annan and Dunblane
15	pE A MacKenzie, B.A.	Samuel McCoy	Geneva Church, Chesley
16	Donald Guthrie, B.A.	Andrew Kirstin	Knox Church, Walkerton
17	Vacant	John Wright	Glammis

MISSION STATIONS

.....	Salem, Gillies Hill and Dobbington.
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MINISTER RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

Nathaniel Paterson	Hanover.
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CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

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

TRANSLATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. James Ballantyne, M. A., was translated from Knox Church, London South, to Knox Church, Ottawa, in the Presbytery of Ottawa, on the 10th of June, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. R. M. Croll was translated from Dresden and Knox Church, to Maple Valley and Singhampton in the Presbytery of Orangeville, on the 11th day of June, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. J. A. Morrison, B. A., was translated from Knox Church, Listowel, to East Church, Toronto, on the 1st of July, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. R. S. G. Anderson, M. A. B. D., was translated from the charge of St. Helens and East Ashfield, to that of Wroxeter in the same Presbytery, on the 23rd of October, 1894.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. G. A. Wilson was ordained as a Missionary under the Home Mission Committee, on the 29th of May, 1894, and was transferred to the Presbytery of Kamloops, B. C.

Mr. John Muir was inducted into St. John's Church, Grimsby, on the 30th of September, 1894.

Mr. A. J. Mann was ordained and inducted into the charge of Smithville and Muir's Settlement, on the 16th of October, 1894.

Mr. C. H. Lowery was ordained and inducted into Hagersville on the 23rd of October, 1894.

Mr. J. D. Edgar was ordained and inducted into the charge of Cayuga, on the 6th of December, 1894.

Mr. P. L. Langill was inducted into the charge of Bridgetown and Fort Erie on the 2nd of April, 1895.

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ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS—Continued.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—

Mr. R. M. Hamilton was inducted into the pastoral charge of the First Church, Brantford, on the 31st of July, 1894.

Mr. J. M. Millar, B.A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Norwich and Bookton, on the 29th of January, 1895.

Mr. Alexander Leslie was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's, East Oxford, and St. Andrew's, Blenheim, on the 27th of February, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—

Mr. Samuel Lawrence was ordained and inducted into the charge of English Settlement and Ilderton on the 25th of October, 1894.

Mr. Alex. Wilson was inducted into the charge of Wardsville and Newbury on the 5th of December, 1894.

Mr. W. A. Anderson was inducted into the pastoral charge of Aylmer and Springfield on the 24th of January 1895.

Mr. James G. Stuart was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, London South, on the 4th of April 1895.

Mr. Robert Johnston was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, London, on the 12th of April, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—

Mr. Neil McPherson, B. D., was ordained and inducted into the charge of Petrolia on the 20th of April, 1894.

Mr. C. H. Daly, B. A., was ordained and inducted into the charge of Oil Springs and Oil City on the 19th of June, 1894.

Mr. S. G. Livingstone was inducted into Burns Church and Moore Line on the 18th of July, 1894.

Mr. Robert Aylward was inducted into the charge of Parkhill and McGillivray on the 16th of October, 1894.

Mr. Robert Drennan, B.A., was ordained and inducted into the charge of Camlachie and Alexander on the 1st of October, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—

Mr. J. A. Mustard, B. A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Botany, McKay's Corners and Kent Bridge on the 19th of February, 1895.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS—Continued.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—

Mr. Wm. Cooper was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Listowel, (Knox Church), on the 31st of January, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—

Mr. Andrew MacNab, M. A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of White Church and Langside on the 30th of August, 1894.

Mr. R. S. G. Anderson, M. A., B. D., was inducted into the pastoral charge of Wroxeter on the 15th of November, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—

Mr. E. A. Mackenzie was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Geneva Church, Chesley, on the 25th of July, 1894.

Mr. A. H. Kippan was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Tara, on the 31st of July, 1894.

Mr. Donald Guthrie, B. A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Walkerton, on the 26th of September, 1894.

Mr. James Steven was inducted into the pastoral charge of Tiverton, on the 23rd of January, 1895.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—

Hon. R. Moreton resigned his charge of St. John's Church, Hamilton, on the 10th of July, 1894.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell resigned his charge at Thorold, on the 7th of February 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—

Mr. G. J. A. Thompson, Ph. D., demitted the charge of Aylmer and Springfield on the 10th of June, 1894.

Mr. A. E. Vert demitted the charge of North Delaware and Caradoc on the 24th of February, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—

Mr. Wm. Lochead demitted the charge of Mandaumin and Vyner on the first of February, 1895.

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DEMISSIONS—Continued.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—

Mr. J. A. Morrison demitted the charge of Caven Church and North Dawn on the 6th of August, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—

Mr. Arch. Stewart demitted the charge of North Easthope and Hampstead on the 13th of January, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—

Mr. George Law demitted the charge of Knox Church, Belgrave, on the 20th of May, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—

John James, D. D., demitted the charge of Knox Church, Walkerton, on the 28rd of March, 1894.

Mr. John Anderson demitted the charge of Tiverton and retired from the active duties of the Ministry on the fifteenth of July, 1894.

LICENSURES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—

Mr. Wm. Cooper was licensed on the 15th of May, 1894.

Mr. G. A. Wilson was licensed on the 15th of May, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—

Mr. J. A. Mustard was licensed on the 10th of July, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—

Mr. Donald Guthrie, B. A., was licensed on the 22nd day of May, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—

Mr. E. A. MacKenzie, B. A., was licensed on the 18th of April, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—

Mr. Archibald Campbell Reeves, B. A., was licensed on the 10th of July, 1894.

DEATHS.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—

Mr. James Allister Murray, minister of St. Andrew's Church, London, died on the 21st of October, 1894.

DEATHS—Continued.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. Alex. Urquhart, Minister of Corunna and Mooretown, died on the 3rd of March, 1895.

Mr. George Haigh, Minister of Adelaide and Arkona, died on the 14th of March, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—

Mr. Wm. King, formerly Minister at Buxton, died on the fifth of January, 1895.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

St. Anns and Wellandport were united to form one charge, on the 29th of July, 1894.

Muir's Settlement was separated from Grimsby and united to form one charge with Smithville, on the 29th of July, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Culloden was separated from Tilsonburg and placed on the list of Mission Stations. (Tilsonburg having become a self-supporting charge), on the 1st of May, 1894.

Verschoyle and Culloden were united into one pastoral charge on the 15th of October, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Ilderton was organized into a distinct congregation in connection with English Settlement, on March 18th, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Botany was severed from Thamesville and Turin, and Thamesville and Turin erected into one pastoral charge on the 20th of May, 1894.

A new station was organized at McKay's Corners on the 29th of May, 1894, and the former station at Wabash ceased to exist.

Botany, McKay's Corners and Kent Bridge were erected into a vacant charge on the 29th of May, 1894.

Knox Church was severed from Dresden and united to Chalmer's Church, on the 31st of July, 1894.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES—Continued.

Permission was given to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Elmira, Illinois, to sell their church building, the proceeds to be handed over to the schemes of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, on the 11th of September, 1894.

The station at Bent Path was united to Caven Church and North Dawn on the 11th of December, 1891, and it was resolved to ask the Sarnia Presbytery to consider whether the station on the 1st Concession of Dawn could not profitably be supplied, in connection with one of its missions or congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

The congregation of White Church was separated from that of Calvin, East Wawanosh, on the 28th of May, 1894, and united to Langside to form one pastoral charge, on the same date.

The congregation of Calvin Church, East Wawanosh, was united to that of Knox Church, Belgrave, to form one pastoral charge, on the 28th of May, 1894.

MINISTERS RECEIVED.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. A. R. Tinkham was received by leave of Assembly on the 20th of March, 1895.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. S. G. Livingston was received by leave of Assembly on the 3rd of July, 1894.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. Robert Aylward was received by leave of the Assembly on the 11th July, 1894.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The roll having been called, the attendance marked and the changes affecting the roll during the year, the retiring moderator briefly addressed the Synod, thanking them 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 by Mr. W. J. Dey, M.A., seconded by Mr. A. Henderson, Mr. J. L. Murray, M. A., of Kincardine, was unanimously elected, and took the chair, after returning thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Dr. D. H. Fletcher, 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—Dr. Lyle, minister, and Mr. George Ruthford, elder.

Presbytery of Paris—Mr. W. H. Johnston, minister, and Mr. Thomas Shiell, elder.

Presbytery of London—Mr. W. J. Clark, minister, and Mr. D. K. McKenzie, elder.

Presbytery of Sarnia—Mr. F. O. Nichol, minister, and Mr. Thomas Wyatt, elder.

Presbytery of Chatham—Mr. J. C. Tolmie, minister, and Mr. Robert Sutherland, elder.

Presbytery of Stratford—Mr. A. G. McLachlan, minister, and Mr. Geo. Manson, elder.

Presbytery of Huron—Mr. Colin Fletcher, minister, and Mr. John Brigham, elder.

Presbytery of Maitland—Mr. J. Malcolm, minister, and Mr. Alexander Gardiner, elder.

Presbytery of Bruce—Mr. E. A. MacKenzie, 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—Messrs. A. Henderson (Appin) and A. H. Drumm, ministers, and Mr. S. M. Thomson, elder.

On the records of the Paris Presbytery—Messrs. John Kay and Colin Fletcher, ministers, and Mr. Alexander McPherson, elder.

On the records of the London Presbytery—Messrs. E. W. Panton and D. Currie, ministers, and Wm. Telfer, elder.

On the records of the Sarnia Presbytery—Messrs. J. A. McDonald and E. R. Hutt, ministers, and Mr. Wm. Ward, elder.

On the records of the Stratford Presbytery—Messrs. A. McLean and Angus McKay, ministers, and Mr. John Shaw, elder.

On the records of the Huron Presbytery—Messrs. George Cuthbertson and W. M. Haig, ministers, and Mr. Andrew Herbertson, elder.

On the records of the Chatham Presbytery—Messrs. D. H. Fletcher and W. J. Dey, ministers, and Mr. D. Stewart, elder.

On the records of the Maitland Presbytery—Messrs. George A. McLennan and W. McKibbin, ministers, and Wm. R. Boyes, elder.

On the records of the Bruce Presbytery—Messrs. J. C. Tolmie and W. M. Fleming, ministers, and Mr. J. C. Ross, elder.

COMMITTEE ON ELDERS' COMMISSIONS.

Dr. Laing and Mr. George Sutherland, ministers, and Mr. John Brigham, elder.

AUDITORS.

Mr. Andrew Henderson, minister, and Mr. James A. Younge, 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.

Messrs. Dr. Hamilton, and M. McGregor, ministers, and Mr. Wm. Paterson, elder.

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 Woodstock, and within Knox Church there, the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, at 9.30 a. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, when devotional exercises were engaged in from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m., in which the Moderator, Dr. Fraser, Mr. John Johnston, Mr. McKibbin, Mr. Sutherland and others took part, after which the moderator declared the Synod duly constituted.

The minutes of the former Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented their first report through Mr. W. J. Clark, and on motion its recommendations were adopted.

WINGHAM COMMISSION.

Dr. Cochrane presented the report of the Commission appointed to visit Wingham with a view to adjusting certain difficulties that had arisen between Mr. McQuarrie and Mr. Gordon. It was to the effect that a judgement had been arrived at satisfactory to all parties. The report was received and the thanks of the Synod tendered the Commission.

THE BUXTON FUND.

Dr. Battisby, convener of the committee on the Buxton Fund, presented the following report:—

To the Synod of Hamilton and London:

Your committee by leave to report as follows:—

1. That since the last meeting of Synod, the late Rev. Wm. King received, up to the date of his death, the sum of \$165.19.
2. That since his death, the sum of \$55 has been deposited to the credit of your committee in Chatham.
3. Your committee would also ask that, as their work as a committee is finished, the annuitant being dead, Synod would now receive the books and all papers connected with the investments, in order that Synod may carry out its own decision, in handing over said investments to the aged and infirm minister's fund. Your committee would also ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. BATTISBY.

On motion by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Dr. Fletcher, the report was received, and very special thanks returned to the committee for their long continued services in connection with the fund, and that Drs. Laing and Battisby, Mr. Cockburn and Mr. George Rutherford be appointed to receive from the Presbytery of Chatham the amount remaining of the Buxton Fund, with all the books and vouchers in its hands, and appropriate said amounts, if the way be clear, in accordance with the decisions of former courts.

The Rev. Dr. McMullen and Rev. Dr. Fletcher were appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the late Rev. Wm. King, and report to an early Sederunt.

BRANTFORD LADIES' COLLEGE.

Dr. Cochrane presented the annual report of the Brantford Young Ladies' College, giving details as to the work of the institution, the pupils in attendance, and the constant efforts put forth by the Directors to increase its efficiency.

On motion by Dr. Fletcher, seconded by Dr. Fraser, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That the report of the 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, 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.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator nominated the following to compose the committee to nominate standing committees:—Ministers, Dr. Fraser, convenor; Messrs McTavish, Talling, Aylward, Manson, Panton, Martin, McRae and Johnston; Elders, Messrs. Hunter, Sutherland, Wilson, Nichol and Stewart.

MR. MUNRO'S MEMORIAL.

The memorial of Mr. Munro, submitted at last Synod, and which was then laid upon the table, was next considered.

After discussion, the following motion of Mr. Alexander Henderson, duly seconded, was carried by a majority, namely,—

That the memorial of Mr. Munro laid on the table at last meeting of Synod be taken up.

Mr. Munro was then heard until the time of adjournment at noon.

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

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At Woodstock, and within Knox Church, the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five, at 2 p. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, Dr. W. A. McKay, at his request, leading in prayer.

The minutes of the former Sederunt were read and sustained.

REVS. J. FRASER CAMPBELL AND DR. ROBERTSON.

Mr. Fraser Campbell, missionary in India, was heard in reference to the pressing necessities of that great land for additional missionaries, and Dr. James Robertson followed urging the claims of the North West and British Columbia.

On motion of Dr. Fletcher, duly seconded a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. J. Fraser Campbell and Dr. Robertson for their earnest addresses.

SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The committee on Bills and Overtures presented a second report as to the order of business for the afternoon, as follows:

1. Appoint Synodical Committee on Augmentation, as instructed by General Assembly.
2. Mr. Hamilton's motion anent Manitoba school question.
3. Communication from Diocese of Niagara anent religious teaching in public schools.
4. Overture from Presbytery of Paris regarding graduates supplying mission fields.

Mr. Alex. Henderson moved that the Munro case should be taken up before entering upon the consideration of these matters, which was carried.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the Munro case according to this decision.

It was then moved by Mr. George Cuthbertson, and seconded by Mr. A. F. Tully, as follows: That the Synod, having heard Mr. Munro at length with reference to his memorial and complaint against the Presbytery of London, find no cause for further proceeding in the matter, and therefore resolve to dismiss the petition. The motion was carried unanimously.

On the judgement of the court being announced to Mr. Munro by the Moderator, he protested and appealed to the next General Assembly for reasons to be given.

Messrs. A. Henderson and A. F. Tully were appointed to defend the judgement of the Synod at the bar of the Assembly.

AUGMENTATION.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the instructions of the last General Assembly in reference to augmentation, as follows:

That Synods in the Western section of the Church be instructed to appoint Synodical Augmentation Committees, who shall review the grants asked by the Presbyteries of the bounds, and shall take measures to stimulate interest in the augmentation scheme among the congregations of the Synod.

Dr. Laing moved, seconded by Mr. Cockburn, that the Synod proceed to appoint a Synodical Committee, in terms of Assembly's instructions. After further consideration, the following resolutions were submitted: Moved by Mr. A. F. Tully, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, "that each Presbytery shall appoint one of its members as a member of the Synodical Committee on Augmentation, and report to the Synod at the Sederunt to-morrow morning."

Moved in amendment by Mr. Straith, seconded by Dr. Fletcher, that Presbyteries be instructed to appoint a minister and layman from each Presbytery, on the Synods Augmentation Committee, and report to-morrow morning; and that for the future Presbyteries be instructed to nominate a minister and layman yearly to act on this committee.

On the vote being taken, the motion was carried by a majority, and Presbyteries instructed in accordance therewith.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

Dr. Hamilton moved as follows: "This Synod views, with deep concern, the present opposition between the resolution of the Dominion Government and the Legislature of Manitoba regarding the educational act of 1890, and hereby expresses its sympathy with the position taken by the representatives in the Manitoba Legislature, against any interference by the Central Government with the educational matters of the Province." The motion was seconded by Mr. Turnbull. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Cockburn, seconded by Mr. W. J. Day, "that the resolution now before the Synod be remitted to a committee consisting of the mover and seconder (Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Turnbull) and Drs. Laing, McMullen, McKay and Lyle, ministers, and Messrs. George Rutherford and D. H. Hunter, elders, to bring in a deliverance at a future Sederunt. Dr. Hamilton withdrew his motion in favor of Mr. Cockburn's, which was unanimously agreed to.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA—RELIGION IN SCHOOLS.

A communication from the Diocese of Niagara asking the co-operation of the Synod to obtain certain religious teaching in the public schools, was read and considered. On motion the communication was handed to the committee on the Manitoba School Question, with instructions to report what action they deemed proper, at a future Sederunt.

OVERTURE ANENT SUPPLY OF MISSION FIELDS BY GRADUATES AND OTHERS.

An overture from the Presbytery of Paris, was read, (for transmission to the General Assembly), in reference to the supply of mission fields by graduates and ministers from other churches.

On motion of Dr. Laing, the Presbytery was requested to transmit their overture along with the returns which they have given to the Assembly's remit on the same question.

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

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, Woodstock, the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five, at 7.30 p. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Attwood, engaging in prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The report on the state of religion was presented by Dr. McIntyre, of Beamsville, in the absence of Mr. W. G. Jordan. On motion of Dr. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. G. C. Patterson, the report was received, and it was agreed to take up the recommendations seriatim. The following were unanimously adopted, and the report as a whole thereafter adopted, and the thanks of the assembly tendered the convener and the committee for their diligence.

1. That Presbyteries be advised in their conferences on the state of religion, to consider the best means of keeping the subject of family religion before the people of our church.

2. That pastors and sessions be strongly urged to press upon their people the need and importance of regular family worship.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. W. M. McKibbin presented the report on Sabbath Schools. On motion the report was received, and the recommendations taken up seriatim. Thereafter, on motion by Mr. Tully, the report was adopted, with the recommendations as a whole as follows:

1. That the attention of pastors and Sabbath School officers be called to the need of greater diligence and care in reporting their schools to their respective Presbyterial Committees.

2. That Sabbath School teachers be counselled to meet as regularly as possible for joint study of the lessons.

3. That Sabbath School teachers and parents be advised to be, if possible, yet more mindful of the practical training of the young in the duty of giving for the furtherance of the Lord's cause.

Thanks were tendered to Mr. McKibbin for the preparation of the report.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Mr. E. H. Sawyers presented the report on Systematic Beneficence. On motion by Mr. Sawyers, seconded by Mr. W. S. McTavish, the report was received. The following recommendations were afterwards adopted.

1. That ministers be urged to preach on and explain the nature, duty and privilege of systematic and proportionate giving.
2. That when Presbyterian conferences are held, due prominence be given to this important subject.
3. That the committee have permission, on their own financial responsibility, should they see the way clear, to supply congregations desiring them, with tract No. 2, by Thomas Kane, of Chicago, on systematic beneficence.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 9.30 a. m., and the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, Woodstock, the seventeenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and 9.30 a. m., and was duly constituted by the Moderator.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

PRESBYTERY 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.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's books and accounts reported that the same were most carefully and correctly kept. On motion the report was received, and the thanks of the Synod tendered Mr. Rutherford, the treasurer, for his services.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON AUGMENTATION.

The following were appointed on the Synodical Augmentation Committee:

Hamilton Presbytery, Dr. Lyle; Paris, Mr. Cockburn; London, Mr. Currie; Sarnia, Mr. McPherson; Chatham, Mr. Tolmie; Stratford, Mr. Duncan Stewart; Huron, Mr. Fletcher; Maitland, Mr. Robert Harrison; Bruce, Mr. John Johnston.

APPLICATIONS TO TAKE STUDENTS ON TRIAL FOR LICENSE.

Dr. Hamilton, on behalf of the committee on applications for license, reported recommending that leave be given to the Presbytery of Hamilton to license Mr. N. C. McLennan, to the Presbytery of Paris to license Mr. W. J. West, and to the Presbytery of Huron to license Mr. W. J. Hall and Mr. Wm. Graham.

The Synod adopted the recommendations.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was agreed to hold next meeting of Synod at Chatham, and within St. Andrew's Church, there, on the third Monday of April, 1896.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Dr. Lyle presented the report on Sabbath Observance, which, on motion, was received.

The following recommendations of the committee were adopted :

1. The Synod would urge the ministers under its care to preach on the Sabbath question at least once, during the coming year.
2. That the heads of families be enjoined to see that the young are taught to keep the Sabbath as God commands it to be kept.

On motion of Mr. W. J. Clark, seconded by Dr. Laing, the following resolution was passed.

That this Synod expresses its gratification at the organization of the Lord's Day Alliance of this province, heartily approves of its chief object, viz : To safeguard the rights of the Lord's Day to the whole community, rejoices at its success in ensuring the insertion of a clause in the Electric Railway Act forbidding traffic on the Radial Railways on the Lord's Day, and commends it to the earnest support of the members of Synod and the congregations which it represents.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane duly seconded, the report was then adopted as a whole, and Dr. Lyle thanked for its preparation. He was also asked to have it published in the church papers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MANITOBA
SCHOOL QUESTION.

Dr. Hamilton, convener of the committee on the Manitoba School question, submitted the following resolution on the subject.

Your committee having considered the matter submitted to them, report as follows :

The religious element in education we deem to be of vital importance and we hold strongly that a non-christian and purely secular system is unsafe for the state, and cannot produce or foster good citizenship.

The truths and moral duties of Christianity held in common by all, are amply sufficient to supply what we desiderate in a public system of education, and the teaching of the distinctive tenets of any one branch of the christian church should not be undertaken by the state.

On these grounds we are opposed to the granting of public monies for the support of denominational schools.

The system of education established in Manitoba being, according to our understanding of it, christian but not sectarian or denominational, and admirably adapted to her mixed and sparse population, has the approval of the Synod.

Therefore we deprecate any outside interference with a view of forcing on Manitoba a system of separate schools. After considerable discussion, on motion of Dr. Hamilton seconded by Mr. J. L. Turnbull, the report was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Dr. Fraser presented the report of the committees to nominate Standing Committees for the year, which was adopted, as follows:

STATE OF RELIGION.

Dr. McIntyre, (con.), M. P. Talling, John Davidson, E. W. Panton, W. G. Jordon, ministers, and R. Harrison (St. Helens), T. F. Towers, Dr. Hodge and Duncan Stewart, elders.

TEMPERANCE.

J. S. Henderson (con), Jas. Fitzpatrick, W. J. Clark, J. S. Conning, John Campbell, ministers, and Dr. Duncan (Chatham), J. C. Ross, Major Eckford and James Shiels, elders.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

John Ross (con.), W. M. McKibbin, Dr. Abraham, J. A. McDonald, M. McGregor, F. O. Nichol, ministers, and D. H. Hunter (Woodstock), W. N. Hossie, T. W. Nisbet and Jas. A. Younge, elders.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

J. G. Shearer (con.), R. M. Hamilton, N. M. McPherson, Don. Guthrie, J. C. Tolmie, T. Crawford, ministers, and John Charlton, D. K. McKenzie, John Cameron and R. Lawrie, elders.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

E. H. Sawyer (con.), J. Johnston, Jas. Murray, W. S. McTavish, R. Aylward, W. M. Martin, ministers, and D. D. Wilson, James Lambie, S. M. Thompson and Alex. Campbell, elders.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE NIAGARA DIOCESE.

The committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Niagara Diocese, reported a resolution, which (after amendments) was, on motion of Dr. Hamilton, duly seconded, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Synod respectfully acknowledges receipt of the communication from the chairman of the Committee on Education of the Diocese of Niagara, and thanks the committee for their courtesy in informing this Synod of their purpose in regard to religious education in the public Schools of Ontario. The Synod recalls the satisfactory results of the former united action of the churches in the matter, and would hail with pleasure any opportunity of further improvement in this direction.

At the same time the Synod believes that it would not be justified in taking any step calculated to interfere with the non-denominational system now established by the introduction of doctrinal teaching, to which many of our fellow citizens would be conscientiously opposed, and therefore respectfully declines to co-operate with the Synod, as requested, in anything looking in the direction of the establishment of Parochial schools.

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

A communication from Mr. S. F. Spence, of the Dominion Alliance, requesting the Synod to appoint four persons to act as members of the Council of the Dominion Alliance, was read and the following appointed in terms of the request: Dr. McKay, Mr. E. R. Hutt, Mr. W. J. Clark and Mr. John Cameron.

THE LATE REV. WM. KING.

Dr. McMullen, from the committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the late Rev. Wm. King, of Buxton, reported the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

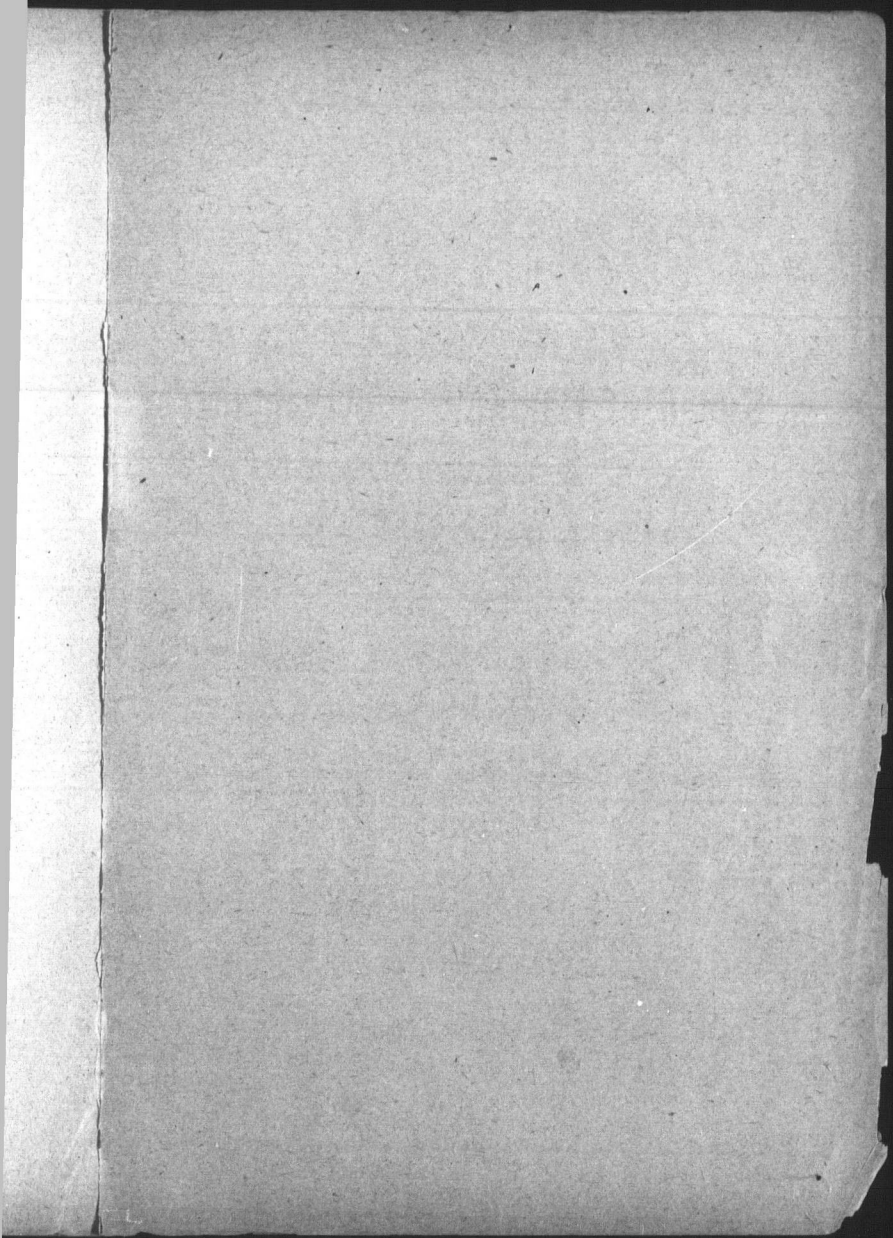
In being called upon to take steps towards the winding up of the Buxton Fund, the Synod would be failing in its duty, did it not bear testimony to the noble spirit and philanthropic labours of our departed brother, the Rev. Wm. King, the founder of the said fund, and of the Buxton Mission.

His sacrifices and efforts on behalf of the colored people are a matter of history, and we merely refer to them in paying a tribute to his name and memory.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Macdonald, of St. Thomas, the cordial thanks of the Synod were tendered to the minister and office-bearers of Knox Church, for the use of their building, to the committee of arrangement, to the friends in the town for their kind hospitality, and to the Woodstock Sentinel Review 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 St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the third Monday in April, 1896, at 7:30 p. m., and the Sederunt was closed with the benediction.



OFFICERS OF THE
Synod of Hamilton and London,
1895-96.

MODERATOR:

REV. J. L. MURRAY, M. A., KINCARDINE.

CLERK:

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

TREASURER:

GEORGE RUTHERFORD, ESQ., HAMILTON.