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At Brantford, and within Zion Church there, the eighth day of April, one thousand and eight hundred and eighty-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 a sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Dr. James, of Walkerton, from Revelation, chapter 5, v 14th; was duly constituted by prayer.

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

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

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	
1	*S Fenton	Retired		1 Th
2	J G Murray	G W Muir	Grimsby and Muir's Settlement	2 *W
3	George Burson	W Lawrie	St Catharines, Knox Church	3 *W
4	*W F Walker	*F McBride	Binbrook and Saltfleet	4 *W
5	*D H Fletcher, D D	A Davidson	Hamilton, McNab St Church	5 *W
6	*J Laing, D D	Jas McQueen	Dundas, Knox Church	6 *Joi
7	J H Batcliffe	D W Beadle	St Catharines, 1st Church	7 *Wil
8	*C D Macdonald, B D	D Moderwell	Thorold	8 *E I
9	S Lyle, B D	J Stewart	Hamilton Central Church	9 *G I
10	*R J Laidlaw, L L D	J Watson	Hamilton, St Paul's Church	10 *D M
11	*D O McIntyre, Sc D	W Zimmerman	Beamsville and Clinton	11 *P I
12	*R M Groll	W P Jarvis	Simcoe, St Paul's Church	12 *M D
13	R H Abraham, M A	J Hemingway	Burlington	13 *W D
14	S Carruthers	R McQueen	Everly	14 *R M
15	S W Fisher	*John Boyle	W Flamboro	15 *R G
16	*Geo Crombie	*W H Morgan	St Ann's and Smithville	16 *J S
17	J Wells M A	S Hunter	Jarvis and Walpole	17 H C
18	*J A Hamilton, B A	J Chariton, M P	Lynedoch and Silverhill	18 *W I
19	*M Fraser, D D	*M MacKenzie	Hamilton, Knox Church	19 Vac
20	R McIntyre		Nelson and Dundas Street	20 Vac
21	*A K Caswell	*G Williamson	Oneida and Hagersville	21
22	*J Young, M A	J Dobbie	Niagara Falls and Chippewa	
23	T H Peachell		Wellendport and North Pelham	
24	*R McKnight, M A	*John Moir	Dumville	
25	*F McCusker	Geo C Cowper	Welland and Crowland	
26	*J Morley, M A	P M McMaster	Niagara Falls	
27	W Mowat		Merriton and Port Robinson	
28	*W J Dey, M A	John Smellie	Hamilton, Erskine Church	
29	James Murray, M A	W R Leckie	Hamilton, Wentworth Church	1 Robt
30	*J W Pennan	J A Jackson	Blackheath, Caistor, E. Seneca	2 G L
31	J G Shearer, M A	Alex Douglas	Caledonia	3 J H
32	R Smith	Thos Blain	Niagara	
33	*A E Doherty, M A	W Hood	Carlisle, St Paul's	
34	John McClung	J Brandon, M D	Ancaster and Alberton	
35	Vacant	Al Miller	Port Dover and Vittoria	
36	do	*A I MacKenzie	Hamilton, St John's	
37	do	J McCalla	St Catharines, Haynes Av. and [St Davids]	1 *J J / 2 *W S
38	do	*A Wilson	Waterdown	3 John
39	do	J Sanderson	Strabane and Kilbride	4 L C
40	do	D Bruce	Port Dalhousie and Louth	5 W A
41	do		Cayuga and Mount Healy	6 *Geo 7 D M 8 J A 9 *Alex
Mission Stations.				
42		W Fares, M D	Port Colborne	10 J M
43		J H Young	Barton	11 Dona
44		J Parsons	Delhi	12 *Alex
45			Victoria and Ridgway	13 *F B 14 W G 15 A S 16 *E H 17 *J B 18 John 19 Duga 20 W H 21 *Georg 22 Jame
Residing within the Bounds.				
1	John Gauld		Hamilton	
2	James Black		Hamilton	
3	Thos Goldsmith		Hamilton	
4	E Moreton		Hamilton	

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1	Thos Alexander, M A.....		Retired
2	*W T McMullen, D D.....	*Alex Bayne.....	Woodstock, Knox Church
3	*W Robertson, M A.....	*James Bristow.....	Chesterfield
4	*W Cochrane, D D.....	*Dr. MacIntyre.....	Brantford, Zion Church
5	*W A McKay, B A.....	J Weir.....	Woodstock, Chalmers' Church
6	*John Thomson, M A.....	*A Burnett.....	Ayr, Knox Church
7	*William Wylie.....	Francis Graham.....	Paris, River St Church
8	*R Pettigrew, M A.....	Geo Atkin.....	Glenmorris
9	*E Cockburn, M A.....	*Malcolm Chisholm.....	Paris, Dumfries St Church
10	*G Munro, M A.....	*Thos Sutherland.....	Embro, Knox Church
11	*D M Beattie, B D.....	*Walter Scott.....	Gobles, St Andrews Church
12	*P B Ross.....	Thos Hislop.....	Ingersoll, St Andrews Church
13	*M McGregor, M A.....	Jas Bradburn.....	Tilsonburg, Avondale Church
14	*W McKinley.....	*Robt McLean.....	Innerkip and Ratho
15	*R Myers.....	*Robt Camp.....	Norwich and Windham
16	*R G Sinclair.....	*Geo Bryce.....	Mount Pleasant and Burford
17	*J S Hardie.....	*Peter Marshall.....	Ayr, St James St Church
18	H C Ross.....	Peter Stuart.....	Ingersoll, Knox Church
19	*W S McTavish.....	Alex Hunter.....	St George
20	Vacant.....	Robert Russell.....	Brantford, 1st Church
21	do.....	Wm Hunter.....	Princeton and Drumbo

Mission Stations.

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.....	Balfour St, Brantford

Ordained Missicnaries.

1	Robert Chambers.....	
2	G L McKay, D D.....	Tamsui
3	J H Fuchanan, M D.....	

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1	*J J A Proudfoot, D D.....	S M Fraser.....	London, 1st Presbyterian Ch
2	*W S Ball.....	W S Robson.....	English Settlement
3	John Milloy.....		Aldboro, Argyle Church
4	L Cameron.....	A McMillan.....	Thamesford
5	W M Roger.....	J Johnston.....	London East
6	*Geo Sutherland.....	Hugh Lynn.....	Fingal
7	D McGillivray.....		London, St James Church
8	J A Murray.....	Dr Fraser.....	London St Andrews Church
9	*Alex Urquhart.....	W McCrae.....	Duffs and Chalmers' Church [Dunwich
10	J M Munro.....	*Wm Sutherland.....	Kintore
11	Donald Kelso.....	W Clark.....	Wallacetown
12	*Alex Henderson.....	A Grant.....	Hyde Park
13	*F Ballantyne.....	Alex McLean.....	Lebo
14	W Galloway.....	Charles Fitzgerald.....	Dorchester and Crumlin
15	A S Stewart.....	William Gow.....	Mosa
16	*E H Sowers.....	James Armstrong.....	N and S Winchester
17	*J B Hamilton.....	J Douglas.....	Wardsville and Newbury
18	John Currie.....	William Graham.....	Kintyre
19	Dugald Currie.....	Alex Cameron.....	Glenceo
20	W H W Boyle.....	D K McKenzie.....	St Thomas
21	*George A Francis.....	Robt Mowbray.....	New Glasgow and Rodney
22	James Ballantyne.....	Alex Gauld.....	London South

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON (Continued).

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
23 Thomas Wilson.....	Robt A McMillan.....	Dutton
24 J A Brown.....	A McBean.....	Belmont
25 G J A Thompson.....	Isaac Langford.....	Bethel
26 J A Bloodsworth.....	A Gowanlock.....	Port Stanley
27 W R Sutherland.....	.....	Retired
28 Vacant.....	J Gunn.....	Ailsa Craig and Carlisle
29 do.....	.....	Appin and Tait's Corners
30 do.....	.....	Melbourne and River Station
31 do.....	David Wylie.....	East Williams
32 do.....	Colin Campbell.....	N and S Delaware
33 do.....	Wm Mitchell.....	Aylmer and Springfield
Mission Station.		
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Residing within Bounds.		
1 James McEwen, M A.....	.....	London
2 James Gordon, M A.....	.....	London

## PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 *John Lees.....	*Arch McLachlin.....	West Williams
2 *George Guthbertson.....	David Miller.....	Wroming and Plympton
3 *Robert Hume, M A.....	Murdoch McDonald.....	Adelaide and Arkona
4 George McLennan.....	Wm Symington.....	Camachie and Alexander
5 *John Thompson, D D.....	Hon Alex Vidal.....	Sarnia, St Andrews Church
6 John S Lochead, M A.....	T A Maybury.....	Parkhill and McGillivray
7 James Pritchard.....	*Angus McPherson.....	Forest
8 *A Beamer.....	James Harley.....	Petrolia
9 *Thomas Macadam.....	*D L Leitch.....	Strathroy, St Andrews Church
10 John A McDonald.....	John Gibson.....	Bridgen and Bear Creek
11 James McKutcheon.....	.....	Corunna and Mooretown
12 *Robert W Leitch.....	D C Cameron.....	Point Edward
13 *John Anderson.....	Thos Wyatt.....	East Williams
14 Hector Currie, B A.....	James Bell.....	Theford, Knox Church and [Lake Road]
15 John W McLintock.....	David Mann.....	Mandaumin and Vyner
16 *Jas Campbell Tibb, B D.....	Wm Neil.....	Burn's Church and Moore Line
17 *Jas R Johnston, M A.....	P A McDiarmid.....	Alvinston and Napier
18 R V McKibbin, B A.....	Wm Bie.....	Oil Springs and Oil City
19 John H Graham, B A.....	J Thom.....	Watford and Main Road
Vacant.....	David Gray.....	Black Creek, Guthrie's Ch, &c.
do.....	Ronald McNeil.....	Duthel Church and Sombra
Residing within the Bounds.		
1 Peter Currie.....	.....	Strathroy
2 John McRobie.....	.....	Petrolia
Mission Stations.		
.....Log Church, Brooke		
.....10th Brooke, Inwood and [Marthaville].		

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PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1	A W Waidell	* Wm Coltart	Harwich
2	A McColl	Wm Robertson	Chatham, 1st Church
3	Wm King	Retired	Chatham
4	* Wm Walker		Chatham, 1st Church
5	Thomas Tallach, M A	W B Robertson	Dresden, &c
6	Arch'd Currie	F McKerricher	Duart &c
7	John Backett	Wm O'Neil	Thamesville
8	P Boudreau		St Anne, Ill, U S
9	* Jno Gray	A Bartlett	Windsor
10	J H Paradis	Jno Anderson	* Amherstburg
11	* G G McRobbie, Ph B	* Jas Law	Ridgetown
12	* J R Battisby, Ph D	A J Wilson	Chatham, St Andrews Church
13	D Currie	Dr Stewart	Wallaceburg
14	Alex Russell	Thos Trotter	Bothwell
15	Wm M Fleming	A Lang	Essex Centre
16	* Wm Farquharson, B A	Alex Ross	Dover, &c
17	Geo A MacLennan, B A	R Dodson	West Tilbury and Comber
18	* Alex L Manson	F B Stewart	East Tilbury
19	Vacant	J Steele	Cavan Church, N Dawn
20	do	J M R Selkirk	Leamington
21	do	Jas Stewart	Tilbury Centre, &c
22	do		Elmira, Ill

Mission Stations.

.....	Buxton
.....	Price and Renaud Line
.....	Blytheswood
.....	Goldsmith
.....	Windfall
.....	Wabash

Residing within Bounds.

H Sinclair	.....
J B Scott	.....
Wm Forrest	.....

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1	* T McPherson		Retired
2	* D Gordon	J C Ross	Harrington
3	* R Hamilton	J Gillies	Fullerton and Avonbank
4	* A Stewart	* J Bradley	North Easthope and Tavistock
5	J Kay	J Baird	Milverton and Wellesley
6	* G Chrystal	J Strathdee	Avonton and Carlingford
7	* P Wright, B D	J Collin	Stratford, Knox Church
8	P Scott	* J Morgan	Hibbert and Roy's Church
9	* E W Pantoun	* R Greig	Stratford, St Andrew's Church
10	T Campbell	J Thompson	Listowel
11	R Scott	A McDonald	Brown's Church and Brooks-dale
12	* W M McKibbin, A M	A Mundell	Millbank and Crosshill
13	A F Tully	A Byers	Mitchell, Knox Church
14	J A Tunnell, B A, LL B	* M Ballantyne	St Mary's, 1st Church
15	* A Henderson, A M	G Inglis	Attwood and Monkton
16	* J Campbell	J Park	Granton and Lucan

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD (Continued).

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
17	A Grant.....	J Leslie.....	St Marys, Knox Church
18	*J W Cameron.....	*J Baird.....	North Mornington
19	D Ferrie.....	W Sutherland.....	North Nissouri and S Nissouri
20	Vacant.....	D Stewart.....	Shakespeare, St Andrews and [Hampstead

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## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1	Robert Ure, D D.....	Captain Gibson.....	Goderich, Knox Church
2	*Matthew Barr.....	Retired.....	Seaforth
3	*A D McDonald.....	*D D Wilson.....	Seaforth, 1st Church
4	J A McConnell.....	John McAsh.....	Bayfield Road and Berne
5	*Archibald McLean.....	William Pollock.....	St Andrew's Church, Blyth
6	Peter Musgrave.....	Andrew Gowenlock.....	Duff's Ch, McKillop, &c
7	*Wm M Martin, B D.....	John Strong.....	Caven Church, Exeter
8	Alex Stewart, B A.....	*James Scott.....	Willis' Church, Clinton
9	*Samuel Acheson.....	*George Anderson.....	St Andrew's Ch, Kippen, &c
10	Joseph McCoy, M A.....	Samuel Carnochan.....	Egmondville
11	*Colin Fletcher, M A.....	.....	Thames Road and Kirkton
12	*J A Anderson, B A.....	.....	Knox Church, Goderich, &c
13	S A Carriere.....	Wm Fulton.....	Grand Bend and Corbett
14	*J S Henderson.....	*Gavin Ross.....	Carmel Church, Hensall
15	D M Ramsay, B A, B D.....	Alex Reid.....	Burn's Church, Hullett, &c.
16	David Forrest.....	Charles Simons.....	Bayfield and Bethany
17	*J H Simpson.....	Arch McNeill.....	Union Church, Brucefield
18	*Alex McMillan.....	Alex McKenzie.....	Manchester and Smith's Hill

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## Mission Stations.

.....Chiselhurst

## Residing within the Bounds.

Wm Graham.....Egmondville  
J B Taylor.....Blyth

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## PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1	Alexander Sutherland.....	Duncan Murchison.....	Ripley, Knox Church
2	Samuel Jones.....	Retired.....	Brussels
3	George Brown.....	Retired.....	Wroxeter
4	Alexander Grant.....	Retired.....	Lucknow
5	Adam F McQueen.....	John Cameron.....	Huron
6	George Law.....	James Ferguson.....	Belgrave
7	Alex G Hartley.....	Arthur Murphy.....	Bluevale and Eadies
8	Kenneth McDonald.....	*Robt Chalmers.....	Ashfield
9	*Hector McQuarrie.....	Houston Gibson.....	Wingham
10	*J L Murray, M A.....	M McPerson.....	Kincardine, Knox Church
11	*John McNabb.....	Retired.....	Lucknow
12	John McFarlane.....	John Ballantyne.....	Pine River
13	Duncan Davidson.....	Wm Dawson.....	Langside
14	*Archibald Stevenson.....	Wm McClellan.....	Molesworth
15	*Donald B McRae.....	A McNair.....	Cranbrook
16	*Thomas Muir.....	John Stewart.....	Fordwich and Gorrie
17	Finlay A McLennan.....	*Dugald McKinnon.....	South Kinloss
18	*John Ross, B A.....	*Duncan McLauchlin.....	Brussels, Melville Church

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PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND (Continued)

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
19	Angus MacKay	John Murdoch	Lucknow
20	*D G Cameron	*Jos M Smith	Dungannon and Port Albert
21	T Davidson, M A	*J E Millar	Wroxeter
22	*G B Howie	*Thos Strachan	Brussels, Knox Church
23	Vacant	Thos Jamieson	Whitechurch and E Wawanosh
24	do	*James Smellie	Walton, Duffs Church
25	do	*Robert Lockhart	St Helens and E Ashfield
26	do	Forbes Robertson	Kincardine Tp and Berrie

Residing within the Bounds.

Alex McKenzie	Kincardine
W D Ballantyne, M A	Kincardine

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1	John Scott, D D	Retired	Port Elgin
2	Andrew Tolmie	James Craig	Southampton and W Arran
3	John Anderson	Geo McCallum	Tiverton
4	Peter Currie	Retired	
5	David Wardrop	Retired	
6	*John MacMillan	George McNally	Glamis
7	*John James, D D	Wm Rowland	Walkerton, Knox Church
8	Nathaniel Paterson	John Cooper	Hanover and N Normanby
9	John Eadie	Peter Caven	West Bruce, St Andrew's and [Saugeen
10	Daniel Duff	George McNally	N Brant and W Bentic
11	James Little	Thomas Brown	Underwood and Centre Bruce
12	John Gillis	John McLaggan	St Andrew's, Paisley, Salem [Church, Saugeen
13	Robert Gray	Wm Malcolm	Kinloss, Riverside, Enniskillen
14	*James Gourlay, M A	Jas Muir	Port Elgin and Dunblane
15	John Ferguson, M A, B D	D M Halliday	Geneva Church, Chesley
16	*John Johnston	John McKay	Paisley, Knox Church
17	*John Moore, M A	Robert Millar	Allenford, Elsinore and Skip-ness
18	James Malcolm	James Reid	Westminister Ch, Teeswater
19	*W G Hanna, B A	George Spence	Tara, Knox Church
20	*A R Linton, B A, B D	Andrew Sharp	Teeswater, Zion Church
21	Vacant	J C Eckford	Pinkerton and W Brant

Mission Station.

D H McLennan, M A, Ordained Missionary	Thessalon
John Bennie,	do
J J Elliott, B A,	do
	Sault Ste Marie
	Spanish Mills, St Joseph's [Island
	Manitowaning, &c
	Gore Bay
	Little Currant
	Watford
	Day Mills
	Algoma Mills
	Burpee
	Providence Bay
	Tarbutt
	Bruce Mines
	Cockburn Island

## 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 report of the different Presbyteries.

## TRANSLATIONS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—

Mr. Robert Thynne, was translated from Port Dover and Vittoria, to the charge of Markham and Cedar Grove, in the Presbytery of Toronto, on the twenty seventh day of May, 1888.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. W. H. W. Boyle, B. A., was translated from Dumfries Street Church, Paris, to Knox Church, St. Thomas, in the Presbytery of London, on the twenty-ninth day of May, 1888.

Mr. James Little, was translated from Princeton and Drumbo, in the Presbytery of Paris, to the pastoral charge of Underwood and Centre Bruce, in the Presbytery of Bruce, on the twenty-eight day of August, 1888.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. John Rennie, was translated from Ailsa Craig and Carlisle, to Sault Ste Marie, on the fifteenth day of May, 1888.

Mr. J. S. Henderson, was translated from Melbourne, Caradoc and River Section, to Hensil, Presbytery of Huron, on the thirtieth day of September, 1888.

## PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. Hugh Cameron, B. A., from Stratford and Main Road, to Morrisburg, in the Presbytery of Brockville, on the first day of August, 1888.

## PRESBYTERY OF MATTLAND,—

Mr. James A. Anderson, B. A., was translated from Whitechurch and Calvin Church, East Wawanosh, to Knox Church, Goderich, and Leeburn and Union Church, Goderich Township, on the seventeenth day of April, 1888.

## ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. James Murray, was inducted into the charge of Wentworth Church, Hamilton, on the fifteenth day of May, 1888.

Mr. J. W. Penman, was inducted into the charge of the united congregations of Blackheath, Caistor and East Seneca, on the thirty-first day of May, 1888.

Mr. John G. Shearer, was inducted into the charge of the congregation at Caledonia, on the fifth day of June, 1888.

Mr. Nathaniel Smith, was inducted into the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Niagara, on the nineteenth day of June, 1888.

Mr. Albert E. Doherty, was inducted into the charge of St. Paul's Church, Carluke, on the thirty-first day of July, 1888.

Mr. John McClung, was inducted into the charge of the united congregations of Ancaster and Alverton, on the fifth day of April, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

J. H. Buchanan, B. A., M. D., was ordained and designated Medical Missionary to Central India, on the twenty-eighth day of August, 1888.

Mr. E. Cockburn, M. A., formerly minister of Uxbridge, in the Presbytery of Lindsay, was inducted into the pastoral charge of Dumfries St. Church, Paris, on the twenty-eighth day of February, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. W. H. W. Boyle, was translated from Dumfries Street Church, Paris, Paris Presbytery, and inducted into the charge of St. Thomas, on the twenty-eighth day of June, 1888.

Mr. G. J. A. Thompson, was ordained and inducted into the charge of Bethel, on the twenty-fifth day of September, 1888.

Mr. Donald Kelso, was translated from Roslin, Kingston Presbytery, and inducted into the charge of Wallacetown, on the first day of November, 1888.

Mr. F. Ballantyne, was inducted into the charge of Lobo and Caradoc, on the sixth day of November, 1888.

Mr. A. S. Stewart, was translated from West and Clyde Rivers, Prince Edward Island, and inducted into the charge of Burns' Church, Mosa, on the eighth day of November, 1888.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, was translated from Breton and Tottenham, Barrie Presbytery, and inducted into the charge of Dutton, on the third day of January, 1889.

Mr. J. A. Bloodsworth, was inducted into the charge of Port Stanley, on the twenty-second day of January, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. R. V. McKibbin, was inducted into the charge of Oil Springs and Oil City, on the tenth day of October, 1888.

Mr. John H. Graham, was inducted into the charge of Watford and Main Road, on the twenty-seventh day of March, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. George A. MacLennan, B. A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of West Tilbury and Comber, on the fifteenth day of May, 1888.

Mr. Alex. L. Manson, was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of East Tilbury and Fletcher, on the thirtieth day of November, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. L. Perrie, was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of North Nissouri and South Nissouri, on the twenty-ninth day of May, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. J. A. McConnell, into the pastoral charge of Bayfield Road and Berne, on the twenty-first day of May, 1888.

Mr. J. A. Anderson, into the pastorate of Knox Church, Goderich, as Dr. Ure's colleague, on the twenty-third day of May 1888.

Mr. J. S. Henderson, into the pastoral charge of Carmel Church, Hensall, on the third day of October, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. G. B. Howie, was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Brussels, on the seventh day of May, 1888.

Mr. Finlay A. McLennan, was inducted into the pastoral charge of South Kinloss, on the thirtieth day of May, 1888.

Mr. Thomas Davidson, M. A., was inducted into the pastoral charge of Wroxeter, on the twenty-fourth day of December, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. John Rennie, was appointed Ordained Missionary to Sault Ste Marie, for a term of two years, May, 1888.

Mr. J. J. Elliott, B. A., was ordained as Missionary to Spanish Mills, on the sixteenth day of August, 1888.

Mr. James Little, was inducted into the pastoral charge of Underwood and Centre Bruce, on the second day of October, 1888.

Mr. John Gillis, was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's, Paisley, and Salem Church, Elderslee, on the sixteenth day of October, 1888.

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Mr. John Eadie, was inducted into the pastoral charge of North Bruce and St. Andrew's, Saugeen, on the twenty-seventh day of February, 1889.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. Thomas Goldsmith demitted the charge of St. John's Church, Hamilton, on the first day of July, 1888.

Mr. William Robertson demitted the charge of the congregation at Waterdown, on the first day of January, 1889.

Mr. J. W. Cathcart demitted the charge of the united congregations of Strabane and Kilbride, on the twenty-fourth day of March, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Dr. F. R. Beattie demitted the pastoral charge of First Church, Brantford, to accept a professorship in Columbia College, South Carolina, July, twenty-fourth day, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. A. W. McConechy demitted the charge of Port Stanley, on the thirtieth day of September, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. H. Sinclair demitted the charge of Cavan Church and North Dawn, on the eighteenth day of September, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. J. McClung demitted the charge of Shakespeare, St. Andrew's and Hampstead, on tenth day of May, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. George Brown demitted the charge of Wroxeter, on the eighth day of May, 1888.

Mr. Charles Cameron demitted the charge of Chalmer's Church, Kincardine Township, on the twenty-fourth day of July, 1888.

Mr. F. Ballantyne, M. A., demitted the charge of Duff's Church, Walton, on the eleventh day of September, 1888.

Mr. Robert Leask demitted the charge of Calvin Church, St. Helen's and East Ashfield, on the eleventh day of September, 1888.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. Duncan Cameron, ordained Missionary at Manitowaning, demitted his charge of the field, on the first day of May, 1888.

Mr. E. B. Rodgers, ordained Missionary at Sault Ste Marie, demitted the charge of that field, on the first day of May, 1888.

Mr. J. B. Duncan, demitted the charge of St. Andrew's, Paisley, on the twenty-second day of July, 1888.

Mr. John Eadie demitted the charge of Pinkerton and West Brant, on the second day of September, 1888.

Mr. John L. Campbell, B. A., ordained Missionary of Gore Bay, demitted the charge of that field on the second day of October, 1888.

#### LICENSURES.

##### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. Richard Pyke was licensed to preach the gospel, on the fifteenth day of January, 1889.

##### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. J. C. Tolmie was licensed to preach the gospel, on the twelfth day of September, 1888.

##### PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. D. Perrie was licensed to preach the gospel, on the second day of May, 1888.

Mr. R. Henderson was licensed to preach the gospel, on the eighth day of May, 1888.

##### PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. Donald McGilvray, M. A., was licensed to preach the gospel, on the tenth day of July, 1888.

##### PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. J. J. Elliott, B. A., was licensed to preach the gospel, on the sixteenth day of August, 1888.

#### DEATHS.

##### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. Duncan McMillan died at London in February, 1889.

Mr. A. W. McConechy died at London in January, 1889.

##### PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. James Boyd, minister of Wellesley and Crosshill, died on the tenth day of June, 1888.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

The congregation of East Ancaster had its name changed to that of St. Paul's Church, Carluke, on the seventeenth day of July, 1888.

The congregation of Vittoria was united with Port Dover, to form one charge, on the seventeenth day of July, 1888.

The congregation of Cayuga and Mount Healy were constituted a pastoral charge on the eighteenth day of September, 1888.

The congregation of Hayne's Avenue, St. Catharines and St. David's, were constituted a pastoral charge, on the eighteenth day of December, 1888.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Dutton and Wallacetown were separated and formed into two distinct charges, on the first day of May, 1888, under the designation of Dutton congregation and Wallacetown congregation.

Appin and Tait's Corners were separated from Glencoe, and formed into a separate charge on the first day of January, 1889.

Springfield and Alymer were formed into a charge on the twelfth day of March, 1889.

## PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

The new church on 10th Brooke was united with Inwood and Weidman, on the eighth day of September, 1888, and on the same date Page's School, Brooke, was discontinued, and every Sabbath service ordered at Marthaville.

## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Goldsmith was placed on the list of mission stations, and Campbell Settlement was merged with it, and the united congregations were connected with Blytheswood and Leamington, on the eighteenth day of September, 1888.

The congregation of Leamington was separated from Blytheswood and Goldsmith, and formed into a separate charge, on the nineteenth day of March, 1889.

The congregation of Windfall was united to Blytheswood and Goldsmith, on the nineteenth day of March, 1889.

Tilbury Centre and Strangfield were formed into a separate charge, on the nineteenth day of March, 1889.

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Millbank and Crosshill were united into one charge, on the thirteenth day of November, 1888.

Milverton and Wellesley were united into one charge, on the thirtieth day of November, 1888.

The congregation of Elma changed its name from Elma Church to Attwood, on the twelfth day of March, 1889.

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

The mission station in Goderich was closed, on the eighth day of May, 1888.

## PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

The congregation of Chalmer's Church, Kincardine Township, and Bervie, were united into one pastoral charge on the twelfth day of March, 1889.

## 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 Moderator. On motion of Dr. John Thomson, of Sarnia; seconded by Dr. J. J. A. Proudfoot; the Rev. George Outhbertson, of Wyoming, was unanimously elected, and took the chair, after having returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him.

## VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Mr. A. D. McDonald, seconded by Mr. W. S. Ball, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his conduct in the chair, and for the excellent sermon preached at the opening of the Synod.

## COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

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

Presbytery of Hamilton—Mr. J. W. Penman, minister, and Mr. R. MacQueen, elder.

Presbytery of Paris—Mr. Wm. Robertson, minister, and Dr. T. M. Macintyre, elder.

Presbytery of London—Mr. Alex. Henderson, minister, and Mr. John W. Robson, elder.

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Presbytery of Sarnia—Mr. J. C. Tibb, minister, and Mr. T. W. Nisbet, elder.

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

Presbytery of Stratford—Mr. J. Kay, minister, and Mr. Andrew Mundell, elder.

Presbytery of Huron—Mr. Alex. McMillan, minister, and Mr. James Scott, elder.

Presbytery of Maitland—Mr. Hector McQuarrie, minister, and Mr. Thomas Strachan, elder.

Presbytery of Bruce—Mr. A. R. Linton, minister, and Mr. Andrew Sharp, elder.

#### COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

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

On the records of the Presbytery of Hamilton—Messrs Thomas Macadam and James Little, ministers, and Mr. James Law, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Paris—Messrs. W. S. Ball and John Young, ministers, and Mr. W. Collart, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of London—Messrs. E. Cockburn and A. Beamer, ministers, and Mr. M. Ballantyne, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Sarnia—Messrs. J. B. Hamilton and George Chrystal, ministers, and Mr. D. Leitch, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Chatham—Mr. W. J. Dey and J. S. Henderson, ministers, and Mr. George Inglis, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Stratford—Messrs. John Gray and M. McGregor, ministers, and Mr. A. McMillan, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Huron—Messrs. Dr. Proudfoot and Mr. R. Macknight, ministers, and Mr. James Bristow, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Maitland—Messrs. W. M. Martin and Gustavus Munro, ministers, and Mr. W. H. Morgan, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Bruce—Messrs. J. L. Murray and Wm. Wylie, ministers, and Mr. Robert McLean, elder.

#### COMMITTEE ON ELDERS COMMISSIONS.

The following were appointed a Committee on the Commissions of Elders: Dr. John Thomson and Dr. R. J. Laidlaw, ministers, and Mr. Alexander Bain, elder.

## AUDITORS.

The following were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's books and accounts: Mr. Alex. Henderson, minister, and Mr. A. J. McKenzie, elder.

## LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

The following were appointed a committee to receive applications for the licensing of students: Dr. McMullen, Mr. W. M. Roger and Mr. Peter Wright, ministers, and Dr. T. M. Macintyre, 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.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, duly seconded, the Moderator was requested to nominate a committee to strike the Standing Committees for the year.

## SEDERUNTS OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Sederunts of Synod should be from 9 a. m. to 12 noon; from 2 p. m. to 5 30 p. m.; and from 7.30 p. m. to 10 p. m.; and that the first hour of the next Sederunt, should be spent in devotional exercises, the Synod to meet for business to-morrow morning at 10 a. m.

It was agreed to visit the Young Ladies College, (in response to an invitation from the Principal), at 7 p. m., on Tuesday evening, and to receive a deputation from the Methodist clergymen of the city, at 4 p. m., on the same day.

It was also resolved that the Synod hear Mr. J. K. Macdonald, of Toronto, on behalf of the Aged Ministers Fund, at 11 a. m. on Wednesday.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning for devotional exercises at 9 a. m., and for business at 10 a. m., and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

## SECOND SEDERUNT.

Zion Church, Brantford, the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine years, at 9 a. m.

Devotional exercises were engaged in during the first hour, in which the Moderator, Mr. J. C. Tibb, Dr. Laidlaw, Alex. Henderson and A. I. McKenzie, took part.

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The Synod was then duly constituted for business by the Moderator. The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Alex. Henderson, from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented the first report as to the order of business for the day, which was adopted.

The Synod then proceeded to take up the business, in the order recommended by the Committee.

#### COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator nominated the following committee to strike standing committees: Dr. Laidlaw, Convener, Messrs. Jno. McMillan, J. S. Hardie, George Sutherland, G. G. McRobbie, Colin Fletcher, Robert Hamilton, J. L. Murray, J. Pritchard, ministers; and Messrs. Jno Boyle, D. L. Leitch and D. McKinnon, elders.

#### JESUITS' ESTATES BILL.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, seconded by Mr. W. S. Ball, the following committee was appointed to prepare a deliverance on the Jesuit Estate Bill, and report at a future Sederunt: Dr. James, Convener, Dr. D. C. Macintyre, Messrs. W. S. Ball, J. S. Henderson, Dr. Laing, Mr. Caswell, ministers; and Messrs. A. J. McKenzie and Dr. Macintyre, elders.

#### BUXTON FUND.

The Clerk read the report of the committee on the Buxton Fund, showing that the sum of \$230 had been received during the year and paid over to Mr. King. On motion of Dr. Cochrane, duly seconded, the report was received and adopted, thanks tendered the Convener and the committee, and the committee re-appointed for the following year. The committee is as follows: Dr. J. R. Battisby, Convener, and Messrs. A. McCall, and W. Walker, ministers; and Messrs. J. A. Taylor and R. Urquhart, elders.

#### LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Applications from the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris and Bruce, for leave to take on trials for license, Messrs. Hull, Pettinger, McMillan, Needham, Hossack and Jansen, were read. The applications were remitted to the committee, appointed to consider said applications.

#### ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.

A letter was read from Principal Dymond of the Blind Institute, inviting the members of Synod to visit the Institution. The Clerk was

instructed to acknowledge Mr. Dymond's invitation with thanks, in the hope that as many members as can conveniently, will respond to it.

#### PETITION FROM MAITLAND PRESBYTERY.

There was read a petition from the Presbytery of Maitland, asking the Synod to transfer to said Presbytery, a portion of the mission field under the Presbytery of Bruce. Messrs. McQuarrie and Ross were heard in support of the petition. After deliberation, the following deliverance was agreed to on the motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Dr. Thompson:

"The Synod recommend the Presbytery of Maitland to confer with the Presbytery of Bruce, and also if they see fit, with the Presbytery of Owen Sound in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, in the matter of dividing the mission field, now under the sole care of the Bruce Presbytery, and report the result of their negotiations to the next Synod, and also if they deem it needful, to the Home Mission Committee, at any of the meetings during the year."

#### PETITION FROM MR. McPHERSON.

There was read a petition from Mr. McPherson, of Stratford, regarding the annuity still unpaid him by the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, and in regard to which the Synod at its last meeting took action, by the appointment of a committee to confer with all parties, with a view to an amicable settlement of the matter in dispute. There were also read minutes of the Stratford Presbytery, transmitting said petition to the Synod, also minutes of meetings held by the committee, with all the parties in Stratford, and their report to the Synod. Dr. Proudfoot presented the report and spoke to it, followed by Dr. Laidlaw.

On motion of Dr. Thompson, duly seconded, the report of the committee was received, and the thanks of the Synod tendered them for their diligence.

Mr. McPherson was then heard at considerable length, in support of his petition.

On motion of Dr. Laing, the petition was received. At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. McPherson withdrew his petition, inasmuch as the matter was fully before the Synod, by the report of the committee.

After deliberation, it was moved by Dr. James, seconded by Dr. Laing, and agreed, that a small committee be appointed along with Drs. Proudfoot and Laidlaw, to bring in a deliverance, on the report submitted by the committee on the Stratford case.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned until 2 p. m., and the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

## THIRD SEDERUNT.

Zion Church, Brantford, the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine, two o'clock, p. m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. George Cuthbertson, Moderator. The Synod engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, Mr. Gustavus Munro, engaging in prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## COMMITTEE ON THE STRATFORD CASE.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on the Stratford case: Dr. Proudfoot, Convener, Drs. Laidlaw, Laing, Thompson, McMullen, James and Cochrane, and Messrs. A. D. McDonald, F. McCuaig, and Alex. Henderson, ministers, and Messrs D. D. Wilson, T. W. Nisbet and Dr. T. M. Macintyre, elders.

## LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Dr. McMullen on behalf of the committee appointed, to consider applications for the licensing of students, gave in their report, recommending that leave be given to the several Presbyteries, to take on trials for license, Messrs. Pettinger, Hossack, Hutt, Jansen, McMillan and Needham.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The report on temperance was presented by Mr. W. M. Martin.

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

After certain emmendations had been made, the recommendations were adopted as a whole, and are as follows:—

1. That the attention of Presbyteries be again called to the large number of sessions not reporting, and that they seek to impress the duty upon sessions, of yielding loyalty to the supreme court in this matter.

2. That while approving strongly of the provision made for imparting scientific temperance instruction in the Public Schools, the Synod earnestly urge our people to see that such instruction is regularly imparted from the text book authorized by the education department, and further would respectfully urge upon the Minister of Education, that value should be given to the examinations on this text book, as is the case with the other subjects.

3. In view of the unanimous expression of opinion on the part of our sessions, reporting, that intemperance has greatly increased in those counties, where the Scott Act was repealed a year ago; the Synod earnestly urge all its ministers to bring the subject of temperance prominently

before the people from the pulpit and otherwise, and would also recommend the teaching of the quarterly temperance lesson, in all our Sabbath Schools.

4. That this Synod call upon all its officebearers, members and adherents, both by precept and example, to use their utmost endeavors against the evils of intemperance.

5. Notwithstanding the late repeal of the Scott Act in a number of counties, the Synod would express the earnest hope, that the friends of temperance and prohibition will never relax their efforts, until total prohibition is obtained, and the liquor traffic is removed from our country.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The report on Sabbath Schools was presented by Mr. T. W. Nisbet, the Convener. On motion of Mr. Robert Hamilton, duly seconded, the report was received and unanimously adopted, and special thanks tendered the Convener, for his arduous labors in its preparation.

#### DEPUTATION FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Rev John Kay and Rev. Dr. Young, of the Canada Methodist Church, were then introduced to the Synod by Dr. Cochrane, and conveyed the fraternal greetings of the city ministers and the Niagara Conference, in felicitious terms. The Moderator made a happy response to the addresses of these ministerial brethren.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. W. J. Dey, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath observance, gave in the report.

On motion, the report was received.

The recommendations were then considered *senatim* and adopted as follows:—

1. That the Synod fix a day on which the obligation and importance of the Sabbath, as a day of rest and worship, be laid before our congregations and Sunday Schools, as enjoined by the Assembly. The last Sabbath of May is recommended for this purpose.

2. That Presbyterians be urged to send a deputation to each M. P. and M. P. P., in their parliaments, to solicit his support in securing the enforcement of our Sabbath laws, and in securing better legislation against Sabbath violation by railroad and steamboat companies and all other offenders against the law of the Sabbath.

3. That the Synod approve of the formation of a Sabbath Alliance for Western Ontario, and appoint at least one minister and one elder or laymen for each of its Presbyteries, to meet with the representatives of other churches for the formation of such Alliance; and that such dele-

gates be instructed to secure if possible, through the Alliance, the services of suitable men to agitate this question through public meetings, circulating petitions, and otherwise.

It was further moved by Dr. McMullen and seconded by Dr. Thompson, that the Synod endorse the petition of the Presbytery of Hamilton to the Dominion Government, praying for the closing of the Welland Canal, during the whole of the Lord's day, and that the Moderator and Clerk sign said petition in name of the Synod, and transmit the action of the Synod to the Government.

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

#### FOURTH SELERUNT.

Zion Church, Brantford, the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment at 7.30 p. m., and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, Dr. Battisby engaging in prayer.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Dr. Battisby according to previous appointment addressed the Synod on "Evangelistic work, its place and power," and Mr. P. Wright, of Stratford, on the "Best methods of Evangelistic work."

#### REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Dr. Fletcher, Convener of the Committee on the state of religion, presented the report. On motion of Mr. Robert Hamilton, the report was received and thanks tendered to the Convener, for the preparation of the excellent report submitted.

The recommendations of the committee were adopted as follows:—

1. That the Synod exhort its ministers and elders, to discountenance that insidious form of Sabbath desecration, in the frequenting by church members and adherents of places of public resort, under color of religious service, and also the questionable practice of converting the ordinary diet of public worship into a sacred concert of popular entertainment.

2. That the Synod would earnestly recommend the General Assembly, to urge pastors and elders in their visitation to call attention to the importance of family worship, and use their best endeavors to secure the regular observance of it, at least on the part of all heads of families, in full communion with the church, and faithfully to impress on parents, the scriptural duty of systematic religious instruction in the family, and to remind them that while they are availing themselves of all the advantages of the Sabbath School, they are not to neglect their own home duty.

## HOME MISSIONS IN THE NORTHWEST.

Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in the Northwest, addressed the Synod by request, after which the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

The Moderator then pronounced the benediction.

## FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Zion Church, Brantford, the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, at 9 a. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted by the Moderator, Mr. George Sutherland engaging in prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## TRANSFERENCE OF FORDWICH AND GORRIE.

A petition of the congregations of Fordwich and Gorrie in the Presbytery of Maitland to be transferred to the Presbytery of Sauguen, in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, was read. On motion, the petition was transmitted to the General Assembly for final action.

## BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES COLLEGE.

The Clerk read the annual report of the Brantford Young Ladies College, setting forth the efforts of the Directors to raise the college to a still higher standard of excellence and efficiency. Dr. Laing, Dr. Thompson and Dr. T. M. Macintyre were heard in support of the report. On motion of Dr. Laing, seconded by Dr. Thompson, the report was received.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. John Gray, of Windsor, the following was unanimously adopted:—

The Synod express pleasure at the good work done by the college, and the efforts of the Board of Directors to increase its efficiency, and make it in every way worthy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and invite the hearty co-operation of ministers and members of church by increasing the attendance during the ensuing college year; commend it to parents and guardians as an institution, where young ladies may have not only a thorough christian training, but a christian home, and appoint the Rev. Hector McQuarrie, visitor for the ensuing year.

Mr. McQuarrie, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McLean and Mr. D. D. McLeod, (of the Presbytery of Barrie) addressed the Court on matters appertaining to the college.

## PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

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

## NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the Synod should meet next year in Windsor, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the third Monday of April, 1890, at half-past 7 p. m.

## STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE YEAR.

Dr. R. J. Laidlaw, Convener of the Committee to nominate Standing Committees, presented the following report of the names selected for next year. On motion the report was adopted as follows:—

## I.—STATE OF RELIGION,—

Rev. D. H. Fletcher, Convener.

Ministers—Alex. Henderson, D. Beattie, B. D., D. Davidson, Samuel Acheson, John Anderson, J. C. Tibb, John Campbell, A. K. Linton, B. D.

Elders—Robert Harrison, P. Marshall, J. Elliott, R. Urquhart, John Brown, James Law.

## II.—TEMPERANCE,—

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

Ministers—Robert Myers, J. L. Murray, James Pritchard, Thos. Tallach, Isaac Campbell, W. G. Hanna, D. Currie, B. D., Dr. T. C. Macintyre.

Elders—D. D. Wilson, W. N. Hossie, F. Stewart, D. L. Leitch, Thos. Strachan, Andrew Wilson.

## III.—SABBATH SCHOOLS,—

Mr. T. W. Nesbit, Convener.

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

Elders—G. Rutherford, Alex. Bain, Samuel Frazer, Alex. Bartlett, D. K. McKenzie, J. Scott, James Collin, W. B. Hutton.

## IV.—SABBATH OBSERVANCE,—

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

Ministers—G. Burson, Dr. Thompson, John Gray, R. W. Leitch, D. M. Ramsay, B. D., John Ross, B. A., J. Young, John Mordy, J. A. Murray, E. W. Panton.

Elders—A. I. McKenzie, John Charlton, M. P., J. C. Eckford, W. R. Russell, J. A. Younge, H. S. Strang, C. McDougall, Q. C., Jas Craig.

### AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Convener of the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund, was heard at length, regarding the special claims of this fund upon the Synod.

Dr. McMullen, Mr. Ball, Mr. McKibbin, Dr Laidlaw and others, afterwards addressed the Synod, at which stage, the further discussion was adjourned till the afternoon sederunt.

### HOMES FOR COMMISSIONERS ATTENDING SYNOD.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, it was unanimously agreed, that the present system of providing homes for ministers and elders attending the meetings of the Synod, be discontinued.

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

### SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Zion Church, Brantford, the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, at two p. m., the Synod again met, the Moderator presiding. The Moderator conducted devotional exercises, Mr. A. Beamer engaging in prayer

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

### AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

The discussion on this subject was renewed and finally, the following deliverance was adopted, on motion of Dr McMullen, seconded by Dr. Thompson.

That the Synod tender cordial thanks to Mr. Macdonald for his excellent address on the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund, and express regret that the amount received by the committee from the congregations within the bounds of this Synod has fallen so far below the sum which the committee asked for ; commend the scheme to the generous consideration and liberality of the congregations within the bounds, and record gratification that arrangements have been completed for prosecuting the canvass for the raising of the proposed \$200,000.

### THE STRATFORD CASE.

Dr. Proudfoot, from the committee, presented the following report and recommendation :—

To the Reverend, the Synod of Hamilton and London, now in session,—the committee on the Stratford case, beg respectfully to report that after protracted and earnest consideration, and also conference with

Reverends T. McPherson and P. Wright, your committee rejoice to find that there is no such alienation between their brethren, as should prevent the settlement of the matter.

In view of all that has been found, your committee beg to recommend that the decision of last meeting of Synod be re-affirmed, in accordance with which Mr. McPherson agrees to accept \$1,500 as final settlement of his claim; and that in order to bring the whole matter fully before the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, a Commission of Synod be appointed to proceed to Stratford with Synodical powers, finally to issue the case; and that this Commission be instructed to take immediately whatever steps may be necessary to bring before them all parties and papers in the case.

JOHN A. PROUDFOOT,  
Chairman Committee.

Brantford, April 10th, 1889.

It was agreed that the committee already appointed on this case, should form the said commission.

#### AUDITORS REPORT.

Mr. Alex. Henderson gave in the report of the auditors, showing that the receipts for the year amounted to \$195.83, with an expenditure of \$167.86, and that there were arrears amounting to \$260.

The report was received and the thanks of the Synod given to Mr. George Rutherford the Treasurer, for his unwearied services given for so many years to the Synod, in the office he holds.

It was further agreed on the motion of Mr. Alex. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. J. McKenzie, that the Treasurer be instructed to send to the Presbytery clerks, a list of all the congregations within their respective Presbytery bounds, which are in arrears to this fund, with the respective sums due, with the view of having all arrears paid up before next meeting of Synod, and also instruct Presbyteries to see that the Synod's assessment is collected regularly from year to year.

Mr. John Gray, Convener of the committee to prepare for a religious conference at the next meeting of Synod, presented a report recommending that the subject for consideration be the engaging of the lay element, in the religious work of our congregations. On motion made the report was received and the recommendation adopted.

#### JESUIT ESTATES BILL.

Dr. James from the committee appointed to prepare a deliverance on the Jesuit Estates Bill presented the following report and recommendations, which on motion of Dr. Laing, seconded by Mr. M. McGregor, were adopted with but one dissentient.

Whereas, in an act passed in July, 1888, by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, intituled "An Act respecting the settlement of the Jesuits' Estates," there are statements which accord to the Bishop of Rome, otherwise styled the Pope, and his authorized agents, certain civil rights, within the Dominion of Canada and which recognize him as the Head of the Romish church, and as possessed of authority to interfere in the administration of civil affairs and to give validity to legislation left dependent on his sanction.

Whereas by said act the sum of \$400,000 taken from the public funds of the Province are placed at the disposal of the Pope without any restriction, except that the money "Shall be expended exclusively in the Province."

Whereas this money is expressly declared to be a "compensation" for the alleged loss of certain property known as the Jesuits' Estates, which escheated to the Crown; which the act expressly declares that "the government does not recognize any civil obligation but merely a moral obligation" to make such compensation and this is avowedly done in consideration of the Pope's "granting permission" to the Government to sell these public lands.

Whereas the said act expressly recognizes as existing between the Province of Quebec and the See of Rome a "glorious concordat" that is, that the establishments of the Jesuit Fathers in this province are always allowed in accordance with their deserts and if they ask for it, to participate in the grants which the government of this province allows other institutions to encourage teaching, education, industries, arts and colonization.

Whereas by commemorating in the political history of the country that "glorious concordat" said act provides that all the rights of the province in and to the Laprairie Common "be transferred to the Society of Jesus," which is confessedly an alien society.

Therefore, be it resolved—That this Synod utters its condemnation of this act, and protests determinedly and earnestly against such enactments, and more particularly against the claims of the Pope and the acknowledgement of them against the recognition by the Legislature of civil rights as if possessed by him, against the alleged Concordat and against the gifts of money and lands to the Pope and to this Society of Jesuits, as

- (1.) Contrary alike to the letter and spirit of the laws of this British Empire generally, and of this Dominion in particular.
- (2.) Subversive of the civil and religious liberty which has been secured to us as British citizens and derogatory to the Sovereignty and supremacy of the Queen.
- (3.) Inconsistent with and destructive of that religious equality and freedom which are understood to obtain throughout this Dominion,

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bestowing on the church of Rome an excess of privilege beyond the favor conceded by the King at the time of the conquest to the inhabitants of Canada, viz :—“To profess the worship of their religion, according to the rites of the Romish church as far as the laws of Great Britain permit.”

(4.) A malversation of the public funds and public domains.

(5.) Unjust and oppressive to our Protestant minority in the Province of Quebec who are conscientiously opposed to the endowment and maintenance by taxes, levied to a great extent upon them of what they regard as deadly error.

(6.) Endangering the liberty, peace and prosperity of our country and tending to deprave public morals and destroy personal independence, inasmuch as the Society of Jesus thus established and endowed has by its well known principles, aims and practices invariably proved an intolerable evil, in all countries in which it has been established.

Also, whereas the Dominion Government has decided to “leave said act to its operations” and has been sustained by an overwhelming majority of the House of Commons in refusing to disallow it; be it resolved—

That this Synod urge all the christian people under its care to inform themselves fully regarding this matter, to rise above all party considerations and unite in defence of our civil and religious liberty, and to see that only such men be returned to represent them in Parliament as will not be found wanting in the conflict which the persistent aggressiveness of the Romish hierarchy is forcing on our country.

Further in regard to the recent incorporation of the Society of Jesuits, the Synod expresses its regret that a Society which in every country, Roman Catholic as well as Protestant, it has been found necessary to suppress in the interests of public welfare, peace and morality, and which is not tolerated in great Britain or any other part of the Empire, should have been re-established and granted corporate existence and rights in one of the provinces of this fair Dominion; and also expresses the hope that in some way the constitutionality of this Act may be tested so as to secure its amendment or repeal.

In order to give effect to the above resolutions, the Synod authorizes the Moderator and Clerk, in its name, to sign such petitions and other documents as they may deem to be of service in securing the disallowance of the Jesuits' Act, and appoints the following ministers and elders along with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee to watch the whole matter, and do what may be found necessary from time to time, viz: Dr. Laing, Dr McMullen, Mr Ball, Dr. Battsby, Mr. McAdam, Mr. McQuarrie, J. S. Henderson, Dr. James, Mr. R Hamilton, ministers; J. Charlton, M. P., J. C. Eckford, T. W. Nisbet, Thos. Gordon and D

D. Wilson, elders; and resolves to call the attention of the General Assembly to this matter, praying the Supreme Court to adopt whatever measures it may judge proper so as to afford direction to the people generally, in the grave and momentous crisis which is upon us.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, the cordial thanks of the Synod were given to the ministers and office-bearers of Zion Church, for the use of their building and the arrangements made for the work of the Synod, to the committee on accommodation, and the friends in Brantford for the generous hospitality extended, to the railways for reduced rates, and to the press for reports of the Synod's proceedings.

The business being finished and praise having been engaged in, the Moderator declared the Synod adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, on the third Monday of April, A D., 1890, at half-past 7 o'clock, p. m., and the sederunt was closed with the benediction.

GEORGE CUTHBERTSON, WM. COCHRANE, D. D.

Moderator.

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