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At London, and within the First Presbyterian Church there, the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, 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 Rev. Archibald McLean, the retiring Moderator, from Matthew's gospel, chap. 13, v. 51-52, 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	James Black.....	Retired	Hamilton	1
2	* John Ling, D.D.....	James McQueen.....	Dundas, Knox Church	2
3	John G. Murray.....	* James Smith.....	Grimsbay and Muir's Settlement	3
4	* D. H. Fletcher, D.D.....	J. Dingwall.....	Hamilton, McNab St.	4
5	* Finlay McCuaig.....	A'ex. Robertson.....	Welland	5
6	* George Burson.....	R. Lawrie.....	St. Catharines, Knox Church	6
7	Mungo Frazer, D.D.....	* J. G. Gibson.....	Hamilton, Knox Church	7
8	* Samuel Lyle, B.D.....	Geo. Ru herford.....	Hamilton, Central Church	8
9	* Nath'l Smith.....	.....	Niagara, St. Andrew's Church	9
10	* R. J. Laidlaw, LL.D.....	James Watson.....	Hamilton, St. Paul's Church	10
11	W. P. Walker.....	F. McBride.....	Binbrook and Saltfleet	11
12	John McClung.....	H. Morwick.....	Ancaster and Alberton	12
13	* S. W. Fisher, B.A.....	Thos. Gibson.....	West Flamboro and Lynden	13
14	T. G. Thompson.....	.....	Hamilton, Locke St.	14
15	D. C. McIntyre, Ph.D.....	.....	Beamsville and Clinton	15
16	* W. J. Dey, M.A.....	W. P. Innes.....	Simcoe	16
17	* J. H. Ratcliffe.....	D. W. Beadle.....	St. Catharines, First Church	17
18	* W. J. Penman.....	John Menzies.....	Blackheath, Caistor and E. Seneca	18
19	* R. H. Abraham, M.A.....	.....	Burlington	19
20	D. G. Cameron.....	D. Brown.....	Strabane and Kilbride	20
21	R. Moreton, (Hon.).....	* A. J. McKenzie.....	Hamilton, St. John's	21
22	E. B. Chestnut.....	D. Watson.....	St. Cath., Hayne's Ave, St. David	22
23	W. M. Cruikshank.....	W. H. Morgan.....	St. Ann's and Smithville	23
24	T. L. Turnbull.....	Dr. Fares.....	Port Colborne	24
25	* Jas. Murray, M.A.....	Duncan McLeod.....	Hamilton, Wentworth St.	25
26	* J. A. Hamilton, M.A.....	J. Charlton, M.P.....	Lynedoch, Silver Hill and Delhi	26
27	J. A. Young, M.A.....	.....	Drummondville and Chippawa	27
28	R. McKnight, M.A.....	H. Lockie.....	Dunnville	28
29	W. Mowat.....	W. Jamieson.....	Merriton	29
30	* J. G. Shearer.....	.....	Hamilton, Erskine Church	30
31	J. Robertson.....	.....	Port Dover and Vittoria	31
32	* John Crawford.....	W. P. McMaster.....	Niagara Falls	32
33	Walter Muir.....	R. Calder.....	Carlisle, St. Paul's	33
34	J. P. McQuarrie.....	.....	Nelson and Dundas St.	34
35	* Joseph Johnston.....	W. Parker.....	Cayuga and Mt. Healy	35
36	* J. W. Mitchell, M.A.....	.....	Thorold	36
37	Vacant.....	.....	Oneida and Hagersville	37
38	do.....	.....	Caledonia	38
39	do.....	.....	Waterdown	39
40	do.....	.....	Beverley	40
41	do.....	.....	Jarvis and Walpole	41
42	do.....	.....	Wellandport and W. Pelham	42
43	do.....	.....	Port Dalhousie	43

Mission Stations.

..... Fort Erie and Vittoria

Residing within the bounds.

1	G. Crombie.....	Smithville	1
2	I. Gauld.....	Hamilton	2
3	John Scott, D. D.....	Hamilton	3

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 Thos. Alexander, M.A. Retired	.....	Brantford
2 *W. T. McMillen, D.D.	*Jas. Bell	Woodstock, Knox Church
3 *Wm. Cochrane, D.D.	E. Jonathan	Brantford, Zion Church
4 W. A. McKay, B.A.	John Weir	Woodstock, Chalmers Church
5 *John Thomson, M.A.	*Wm. Oliver	Ayr, Knox Church
6 *R. Pettigrew, M.A.	James Murray	Glenmorris
7 *E. Cockburn, M.A.	Wm. Dryman	Paris Presbyterian Church
8 *G. Munro, M.A.	*H. S. McKay	Embro
9 *Peter Straith, M.A.	John Sylvester	Innerkip and Ratho
10 *D. M. Beattie, B.D.	Thos. Edmiston	St. And'w's, E. Oxford, and Blenheim
11 M. McGregor, M.A.	John Hillman	Tilsonburg and Culloden
12 R. H. Myers, B.A.	H. Middough	Norwich and Wyndham
13 *R. G. Sinclair	Geo. Bryce	Mt. Pleasant and Burford
14 *J. S. Hardie	Thos. Phillips	Ayr, Stanley St. Church
15 W. S. McTavish, B.D.	J. H. Fleming	St. George
16 *E. A. Hutt	John Birss	Ingersoll, St. Paul's
17 *J. C. Tolmie, B.A.	*Robert Russell	Brantford, First Church
18 *W. K. Shearer, B.A.	Thos. McKenzie	Princeton and Drumbo
19 G. L. McKay, D.D.	Missionary	Formosa
20 Robert Chambers	do	.....
21 J. H. Buchanan, M.D.	do	.....
22 Vacant	Thos. Robson	Chesterfield

Mission Stations.

.....	Brantford, Balfour St.
.....	New Dunlee
.....	Onondaga

Residing within the bounds.

S. Fenton	Brantford.
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PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 *J. A. Proudfoot, D.D.	Lecturer, Knox College	London
2 W. R. Sutherland	Retired	Strathburn
3 *W. S. Ball	*Thos. Robson	English Settlement
4 Jno. Milloy	Dun. Campbell	Argyle church, Aldbro
5 *Duncan Cameron	*David Wyllie	East Williams
6 *Lachlan Cameron	Alex. McKay	Thamesford
7 *Alex. Dawson, B.A.	Colin Campbell	S. Delaware and Tempo
8 *W. M. Roger, M.A.	William Brown	London East
9 *Geo. Sutherland	*Peter Stevenson	Fingal
10 *Jas. A. Murray	Andrew Thomson	London, St. Andrews
11 *Jno. A. Munro	*M. McKenzie	Kintore
12 *Donald Kelso	R. McKenzie	Wallacetown
13 *Alex. Henderson	Dun. McEachern	Appin and Tait's Corners
14 *F. Ballantyne	*D. J. Campbell	Lobo and Caradoc
15 A. S. Stewart	Arch. Munro	Mosa
16 *Ed. H. Sawers	*Edward Beattie	N. and S. Westminster
17 J. B. Hamilton	James Douglas	Wardsville and Newbury
18 *John Currie	*Arch. Paterson	Kintyre
19 *Dugald Currie	*J. A. Young	Glencoe
20 W. H. W. Boyle	*D. K. McKenzie	St. Thomas, Knox church
21 *Geo. A. Francis	D. McNaughton	Rodney and New Glasgow

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON (CONTINUED).

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
22	*James Ballantyne.....	Andw Thomson.....	London South
23	*Thomas Wilson.....	*Neil McArthur.....	Dutton
24	*James A Brown.....	A Allison.....	Belmont
25	*Robert McIntyre.....	*Thos McMullen.....	Delaware and Caradoc
26	*J A Bloodsworth.....	James Week.....	Port Stanley
27	*F C Simpson.....	J D Campbell.....	Melbourne and Riverside
28	*D L Dewar.....	*Dr Anderson.....	Ailsa Craig and Carlisle
29	*W J Clarke.....	*S M Fraser.....	London, First church
30	*N P Talling.....	*H Omand.....	London, St James
31	W A Cooke.....	*R. Wood.....	Dorchester and Crumlin
32	Vacant.....	Ed Waugh.....	Hyde Park and Komoka
33	do.....	J Mitchell.....	Aylmer and Springfield
34	do.....	Jas Langford.....	Bethel
35	do.....	Don McMillan.....	Duff and Chalmers chs, Dunwich

Mission Stations.

..... St Thomas, East

Residing within the bounds.

*James Gordon, M A.....	London
*R Stevenson.....	London

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1	*John Lees.....	.....	West Williams
2	*George Cuthbertson.....	D M Robertson.....	Wyoming and Plymouth
3	*Robert Hume, M A.....	*David Smith.....	Adelaide and Arkona
4	*George McLennan.....	Wm Symington.....	Camlachie and Alexander
5	John Thompson, D D.....	*Thos Houston.....	Sarnia, St. Andrews
6	*John A Lochead, M A.....	*Isaac Laughland.....	Parkhill and McGillivray
7	*James Pritchard.....	*Angus McPherson.....	Forest
8	*A Beamer.....	James Harley.....	Petrolia
9	*Robt W Leitch.....	Geo Brown.....	Point Edward
10	*Hector Currie, B A.....	G Elliot.....	Thedford and Lake Road
11	*W G Jordan, B A.....	*D L Leitch.....	Strathroy, St Andrew's
12	*J Campbell Tibb, B D.....	*John Greive.....	Burns Church and Moore's Line
13	R V McKibbin, B A.....	Wm Simpson.....	Oil Springs and Oil City
14	*John H Graham, B A.....	James McNaughton.....	Watford and Main Road
15	Vacant.....	John Brown.....	Brigden and Bear Creek
16	do.....	Hugh McDonald.....	Fast Williams
17	do.....	P McDiarmid.....	Alviston
18	do.....	.....	Coranna and Mooretown

Residing within the bounds.

1	Peter Currie.....	Strathroy
2	John McRobie.....	Petrolia
3	John W McLintock.....	Sarnia

Mission Stations.

..... Inwood and Brooke
 Marthaville
 Sombra and Duthil church
 Sarnia South

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 A W Waddell.....Retired	.....Blenheim	
2 Angus McCall.....do	.....Chatham	
3 Wm King.....do	.....do	
4 *Wm Walker.....do	.....do	
5 *Arch'd Currie.....do	.....Duart	
6 R M Croll.....J B Anderson	.....Dresden	
7 *John Becket.....D. McMillan	.....Thamesville, etc.	
8 P Boudreau.....	.....St Anne, Kankakee, U S	
9 *John Gray.....A Bartlet	.....Windsor	
10 G G McRobbie, Sc D..D McLaren	.....Ridgetown	
11 J R Battisby, Ph D...J. Drury	.....Chatham. St. Andrew's	
12 *Donald Currie.....Dr Stewart	.....Wallaceburg	
13 Alex Russell.....T Trotter	.....Bothwell	
14 J A Morrison.....	.....Cavan Chnrch and North Dawn	
15 W M Fleming.....A Laing	.....Essex	
16 *Wm Farquharson, B A..Thos Campbell	.....Dover, etc.	
17 Murray Watson, B A..J M R Selkirk	.....Leamington	
18 *G A McLennan, B A..R Dodson	.....West Tilbury and Comber	
19 F H Larkin, B A....K Urquhart	.....Chatham, First Church	
20 W Malcom Kay.....F McKerracher	.....Duart and Highgate	
21 *Alex L Manson.....F B Stewart	.....East Tilbury, etc.	
22 Thos Natress, B A...R Atkinson	.....Amhersburg	
23 *Neil Shaw, B A....J S Stewart	.....Tilbury Centre	
24 J M McLaren, B A...P Watson	.....Blenheim and Guild	

Residing within the bounds.

Wm Forrest.....

J B Scott.....

Mission Stations.

.....	.....Buxton
.....	.....Price and Renaud Line
.....	.....J R Selkirk.....Blythwood and Goldsmith
.....	.....Wabash
.....	.....J Hood.....Colchester
.....	.....D. McCoig.....The Ridge, Bethel and Bridge-end

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 *R Hamilton.....R Bell	.....Motherwell and Avonbank	
2 *P Scott.....*James Russell	.....Hibbert and Roy's Church	
3 *A Stewart.....*D Stewart	.....North Easthope and Hampstead	
4 *J Kay.....J K Hammond	.....Milverton and Wellesleys	
5 R Scott.....A Sutherland	.....Brooksedale and Burns Church	
6 *A F Tully.....D S Campbell	.....Mithell	
7 *A Henderson M A...J Dixon	.....Attwood and Monkton	
8 E W Pantton.....*W Taylor	.....Stratford, St. Andrews	
9 *Isaac Campbell, Ph B..J Thompson	.....Listowel	
10 John Campbell.....J Brooks	.....Granton, Lucan and Fraser Church	
11 *W M McKibbin, M A..A T Campbell	.....Millbank and Crosshill	
12 A Grant.....J Gibson	.....St Mary's, Knox Church	
13 J W Cameron.....J Baird	.....North Mornington	
14 *R Pyke.....J G Field	.....Shakespeare and Tavistock	
15 Vacant.....J Callin	.....Stratford, Knox Church	
16 do.....A McIntyre	.....St. Mary's, First Chnrch	
17 do.....Henry Peacock	.....N and S Nissouri	
18 do.....R Boyers	.....Avonton and Carlingford	
19 do.....J C Ross	.....Harrington	

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	
1 Robert Ure, D D. Retired.	Goderich		1
2 Matthew Barr. do.	Seaforth		2
3 *A D McDonald. Roderick Gray.	Seaforth		3
4 *Arch'd McLean. *Hugh McQuarrie.	Blyth. St Andrew's Church		4
5 *Peter Musgrave. James Hillen.	Duff's Church, McKillop, etc.		5
6 *W M Martin, B D. *John Strang.	Exeter, Cavan Church		6
7 Alex Stewart, B A. James Scott.	Clinton, Willis Church		7
8 Samuel Acheson. George McKay.	Kippen, St Andrew's Church		8
9 *Colin Fletcher, M A. Thos Somerville.	Thames Road and Kirkton		9
10 *J A Anderson, B A. Jas Aikenhead.	Goderich, Knox Church		10
11 S A Carriere. Wm Fulton.	Grand Bend and Corbett		11
12 *J S Henderson. Wm Moir.	Carmel Church, Hensall		12
13 *D M Ramsay BA, PhD. Geo Millin.	Burns Church, Hullett, etc.		13
14 *J H Simpson. *David Bell.	Union Church, Brucefield		14
15 *Alex McMillan. John Kerningham.	Manchester and Smith's Hills		15
16 Robert Henderson. Charles Simons.	St Andrew's, Bayfield, etc.		16
17 *George Needham. Daniel Clark.	Egmondville		17
18 Vacant. Wm Clark.	Bayfield Road and Varna		18
	Residing within the bounds.		19
1 Wm Graham.	Egmondville		20
2 J B Taylor.	Blyth		21
3 Alex Ross, M A.	Clinton		22
	Mission Station.		23
	Chiselhurst		

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	
1 Alexander Sutherland. Peter Fisher.	Huron Church, Ripley		1
2 *Adam F McQueen. Francis McDonald.	Huron		2
3 George Law. Daniel Meiklejohn.	Belgrave		3
4 Alex T Hartley. Robert Maxwell.	Bluevale and Eadles		4
5 *Kenneth McDonald. Hugh Chambers.	Ashfield		5
6 *Hector McQuarrie. W B Hutton.	Wingham		6
7 *John L Murray, M A. A Campbell.	Kincardine, Knox Church		7
8 John McFarlane. Geo Chaplain.	Pine River		8
9 Duncan Davidson. Wm Dawson.	Langside		9
10 Robert Fairbairn, B A. David Jardine.	Dungannon and Port Albert		10
11 George McKay. Duncan Campbell.	Chalmers, Kincardine Tp and		11
12 *Archibald Stevenson. Robert Elliott.	Molesworth	[Bervie]	12
13 Donald B McRae. James McNair.	Cranbrook and Ethel		13
14 Finlay A McLennan. Dugald McKinnon.	South Kinloss		14
15 *John Ross, B A. W R Wilson.	Brussels, Melville Church		15
16 *Angus McKay. William Valens.	Lucknow		16
17 Thos Davidson, M A. Robert Douglas.	Wroxeter		17
18 W H Geddes. Charles Campbell.	Whitechurch and East Wawanosh		18
19 David Forrest. Alex Gardiner.	Walton		19
20 *RSG Anderson, MA, BD. *Peter Clark.	St. Helen's and East Ashfield		20
21 Samuel Jones. Retired.	Brussels		21
22 George Brown. do.	Wroxeter		22
23 Alex Grant. do.	Lucknow		23
24 *John McNabb. do.	do		24
25 Vacant. Thos Strachan.	Brussels, Knox Church		25
	Residing within the bounds.		
W D Ballantyne, M A.	Kincardine		

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1	*John Scott, D D.....	Retired	Hamilton
2	*Andrew Tolmie.....	.....	Southampton
3	John Anderson.....	Neil Gilchrist.....	Tiverton
4	Peter Currie.....	Retired .....	.....
5	David Wardrope.....	Retired	Teeswater
6	John James, D D.....	Joshua Carlton.....	Walkerton
7	*John Eadie.....	Peter Cavin.....	N Brant, and St And'w's, Saugeen
8	Daniel Duff.....	Thomas Talloch.....	N Brant and W Bentnick
9	*James Little.....	Thomas Brown.....	Underwood and Centre Bruce
10	*Robert Gray.....	Wm Malcolm.....	Kinloss, Riversdale and Enniskillen
11	*James Goutlay, M A.....	Jas Rowand, M P.....	Port Elgin and Dunblane
12	John Johnston.....	David Hopper.....	Paisley, Knox Church
13	John Moore, B A.....	Thos Broadfoot.....	Allenford, Elsinore, etc.
14	W A Duncan, B D.....	D J Graham.....	St Andrew's Sault Ste Marie
15	James Malcolm.....	Wm Little.....	Teeswater, Westminster Church
16	*David Perrie.....	D M Halliday.....	Chesley, Geneva Church
17	David Campbell.....	J C Eckford.....	Pinkerton and W Brant
18	Donald Mckenzie, B A.....	Geo Dunn.....	Tara, Knox Church
19	Vacant	Angus McDonald.....	Glamis
20	do	Adam Sharp.....	Teeswater, Zion church
21	do	John Cooper.....	Hanover and Normanby
22	do	John McLaggan.....	St Andrew's, Paisley, and Salem ch,
23	do	Robert Esplin.....	West Arran [Elderslie

Mission Stations.

D H McLennan, M A.....	Thessalon, etc.
John Rennie.....	Spanish Mills
A G Jansen.....	Gore Bay, etc.
James Ferguson.....	St Joseph's Island
.....	Goulais Bay
.....	Tarbutt
.....	Bruce Mines
.....	Day Mills
.....	Blind River
.....	Cookes Mills
.....	Walford, etc.
.....	Cockburn Island
.....	Burpee
.....	Providence Bay
.....	Kagawong
.....	Little Current
.....	Manitowaning
.....	Encampment.

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 different Presbyteries.

TRANSLATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. J. G. Shearer, from Caledonia, to Erskine Church, Hamilton, on February 5th, 1891.

Mr. J. G. Thompson, from Waterdown, to Locke Street Church, Hamilton, on February 26th, 1891.

Mr. S. Carruthers, from Beverly, to New York State, on March 17th, 1891.

Mr. E. R. Hutt, from Port Dalhousie and Louth, to Ingersoll, on July 15th, 1890.

Mr. T. H. Peatchell, from N. Pelham and Wellandport, to Lyndonville, N. Y., on September 16th, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. Wm. Galloway, from Dorchester and Crumlin, to Kirkfield and Balsover, on 3rd August, 1890.

Mr. J. B. McLaren, from Aylmer and Springfield, to Columbus and Brooklyn, on 25th January, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. John Anderson, B. D., from East Williams, to St. Stephens, N. B., on March 30th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. D. Perrie, from N. and S. Nissouri, to Chesley, on October 26th, 1890.

Mr. J. A. Turnbull, B. A., L. L. B., from First Church, St. Marys, to Toronto, on January 18th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. John Rennie, from Sault Ste Marie, to Spanish Mills, May 1890.

Mr. D. H. McLennan, M. A., from Thessalon to Bruce Mines, May 1890.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Hon. and Rev. R. Moreton, at St. Johns, Hamilton, on June 3rd, 1890.

Mr. John Crawford, at Niagara Falls, June 20th, 1890.

Mr. Walter Muir, at Carluke, on July 3rd, 1890.

Mr. J. P. McQuarrie, at Nelson, on September 30th, 1890.

Mr. Joseph Johnston, at Cayuga, on December 2nd, 1890.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell, at Thorold, on December 2nd, 1890.

Mr. J. G. Shearer, at Erskine Church, Hamilton, on February 5th, 1891.

Mr. T. G. Thompson, at Locke Street, Hamilton, on February 26th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. E. R. Hutt, at St. Paul's, Ingersoll, August 26th, 1890.

Mr. W. K. Shearer, at Drumbo and Princeton, October 2nd, 1890.

Mr. Peter Straith, at Innerkip and Ratho, on January 15th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. J. W. Clark, at First Church, London, on July 2nd, 1890.

Mr. M. P. Talling, at St. James Church, London, on July 31st, 1890.

Mr. D. L. Dewar, at Ailsa Craig and Carlisle, on December 2nd, 1890.

Mr. Alex. Dawson, at South Delaware and Tempo, on January 28th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. Neil Shaw, at Tilbury Centre, on July 15th, 1890.

Mr. J. B. McLaren, B. A., at Blenheim and Guild, September 2nd, 1890.

Mr. R. M. Croll, at Dresden and Knox Church, Chatham Township, on December 2nd, 1890.

Mr. John A. Morrison, at Cavan Church and North Dawn, on December 3rd, 1890.

Mr. W. Malcolm McKay, at Duart and Highgate, on December 16th, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. Robert Henderson, at Bayfield and Bethany, on May 27th, 1890.

Mr. George Needham, B. A., at Egmondville, on June 10th, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. Robert Fairbairn, B. A., at Erskine Church, Dungannon and Port Albert, on May 27th, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. David Perrie, at Geneva Church, Chesley, on October 28th, 1890.

Mr. W. A. Duncan, B. D., at Sault Ste. Marie, on November 13th, 1890.

Mr. James Ferguson, as ordained missionary, at St. Joseph's Island, in October 1890.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. John Wells, M. A., Jarvis and Walpole, March 17th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. Wm. Wylie, River Street, Paris, May 12th, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Dr. G. J. A. Thompson, Bethel Church, January 4th, 1891.

Mr. Alex. Urquhart, Duff and Chalmers Churches, March 22nd, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. J. R. Johnston, Alvinston and Napier, October 31st, 1890.

Mr. John A. McDonald, Brigden and Bear Creek, August 4th, 1890.

Mr. John W. McLintock, Guthrie Church, Black Creek and Wilkesport, 23rd March, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. Arch. Currie, Duart and Highgate, 16th December, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. George Chrystal, Avonton and Carlingford, May 25th, 1890.

Mr. D. Gordon, Harrington, June 1st, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. J. A. McConnell, Bayfield and Berne Road, 28th October, 1890.

Dr. Robert Ure, Knox Church, Goderich, etc., February 3rd, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. G. B. Howie, Knox Church, Brussels, September 9th, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. John MacMillan, Glamis, May 5th, 1890.

Mr. A. R. Linton, M. A., B. D., Teeswater, February 1. 1891.

Mr. John Gillis, St. Andrew's Paisley, etc., April 3rd, 1891.

Mr. A. Tolmie, portion of his charge, West Arran, April 3rd, 1891.

LICENSURES.

HAMILTON,—

Mr. R. M. Hamilton and Mr. W. J. Clark, May 20th, 1890.

DEATHS.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. Wm. Robertson, M. A., late minister of Chesterfield. on January 10th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. Thomas MacPherson, of Stratford, on April 12th, 1891.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Locke Street Mission, was erected into a congregation, on October 6th, 1890.

Waterford and Wyndham Centre, were erected into a congregation, on January 1st, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

The congregations of Dumfries and River Streets Paris, were united into one pastoral charge, to be known as Paris Presbyterian Church, under the pastorate of the Rev. E. Cockburn, M. A., on 1st January, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Alvinston was separated from Napier, and erected into an independent charge, December 16th, 1890.

Napier and Log Church, were made one united charge, March 17th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Harwich was divided into Blenheim and Guild, and into the Ridge and Bethel, the first named two to be a Vacancy, and the last named two to be a Mission Station, on the 22nd April, 1890.

Tilbury Centre was separated from Strangfield, on the 16th of May, 1890, and was made a Mission Station on the 8th day of July, 1890.

Bridge End, was formed into a Mission Station, and joined to the Ridge and Bethel, 10th March, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Little Current was removed from the list of Mission Stations, and erected into a pastoral charge, on April 3rd, 1891.

Southampton and West Arran were disjoined, and formed into separate pastoral charges, on April 3rd, 1891.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Roll having been called, and the attendance marked, the Moderator briefly addressed the court, thanking the Synod for the honor they conferred upon him last year, and intimating that the first business was the election of a new Moderator.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Ball, seconded by Dr. McMullen, Mr. Andrew Tolmie of Southampton, was unanimously elected Moderator, and took the chair accordingly.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Mr. A. D. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Robert Hamilton, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his excellent sermon at the opening of the Synod, and the discharge of his duties during the year.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

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

Presbytery of Hamilton—Mr. R. H. Abraham, minister, and Mr. A. I. McKenzie, elder.

Presbytery of Paris—Mr. G. Munro, minister, and Mr. James Bell, elder.

Presbytery of London—Mr. E. H. Sawers, minister, and Mr. D. M. McKenzie, elder.

Presbytery of Sarnia—Mr. J. C. Tibb, minister, and Mr. Wm. Symington, elder.

Presbytery of Chatham—Mr. Wm. Farquharson, minister, and Mr. Kenneth Urquhart, elder.

Presbytery of Stratford—Mr. Robert Hamilton, minister, and Mr. W. Taylor, elder.

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Presbytery of Huron—Mr. George Neeham, minister, and Mr. George Millin, elder.

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

Presbytery of Bruce—Mr. John Johnston, minister.

COMMITTEE 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. A. Beamer and Alex. Henderson, ministers, and D. L. Leitch, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Paris—Messrs. E. W. Panton and W. J. Clark, ministers, and J. A. Younge, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of London—Messrs. E. R. Hutt and J. C. Tibb, ministers, and John Grieve, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Sarnia—Messrs. J. A. Murray and D. M. Beattie, ministers, and Edward Beattie, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Chatham—Messrs. John Eadie and W. G. Jordan, ministers, and James Watson, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Stratford—Messrs. John Ross and Kenneth McDonald, ministers, and Peter Henderson, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Huron—Messrs. W. M. McKibbin and J. H. Ratcliffe, ministers, and Wm. Oliver, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Maitland—Messrs. Gustavus Munro and Colin Fletcher, ministers, and James Cairn, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Bruce—Messrs. P. Musgrave and E. Cockburn, ministers, and John Kernihan, elder.

COMMITTEE ON ELDERS' COMMISSIONS.

Messrs. George Cuthbertson and George Sutherland, ministers, and Mr. James Bell, elder.

AUDITORS.

Mr. R. H. Abraham, minister, and Mr. Andrew Thomson, elder.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Dr. McMullen and Mr. Laing, ministers, and Mr. Roderick Gray, 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 the Synod.

COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

SEDERUNTS OF THE SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Sederunts of the 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.

The Ex-Moderator stated that he had at the request of the Dominion alliance appointed the Hon. Senator Vidal, Mr. Ramsay and Mr. Jas. Scott to the last meeting of this body at Montreal. His conduct was approved.

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.

At London, and within the First Presbyterian Church there, the twenty first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety one years at 9 a. m.

The Synod met again, pursuant to adjournment, when devotional exercises were engaged in from 9 to 10 a. m., in which the Moderator and Messrs. Ball, Little, Ratcliffe, McQuarrie and McLean took part, after which the Synod was duly constituted.

The minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Jas. Gourlay, Clerk of the Committee on Bills and Overtures,

gave in the first report, as to the business to come before the Synod at the morning and evening Sederunts. On motion the report was adopted.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator nominated the following, to be a Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the ensuing year : Dr. Fletcher, convener ; Dr. McMullen, Messrs John L. Murray, Geo. Cuthbertson, A. F. Tully, Jas. Gourlay, ministers ; and Messrs. David Wylie, Hugh McQuarrie, and I. Dickson.

KNOX CHURCH, STRATFORD,—MR. MACPHERSON'S RETIRING ALLOWANCE.

A minute of the Stratford Presbytery was read, to the effect that Knox Church, Stratford, had obeyed the recommendation of Synod as to paying Mr. MacPherson the amount agreed upon at the former meeting. The Synod expressed its satisfaction at the fact, and discharged the committee in charge of this matter.

BUXTON FUND.

The Clerk read the report of the Committee on the Buxton Fund, showing that the sum of \$231.45 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 to 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. McColl and W. Walker, ministers ; and Messrs. J. A. Taylor and K. Urquhart, elders.

DIVISION OF MISSION FIELD IN THE BRUCE PRESBYTERY.

At the request of the representatives of the Maitland and Bruce Presbytery, this matter was laid over for consideration until next meeting of the Synod.

OVERTURE IN RE POSTURE IN WORSHIP.

An overture transmitted by the Presbytery of Huron, anent position in public prayer was read, and on motion, was transmitted simpliciter to the General Assembly.

BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES COLLEGE.

Dr. Cochrane presented the report of the Brantford Young Ladies College, giving details of the highly satisfactory condition of every department, and the largely increased attendance during the year. Remarks by

Messrs. Ball, Hamilton and McKibbin followed, testifying to the excellent work being done, and commending it to the members of Synod and their congregations. After which on motion of Mr. J. C. Tibb, the following resolution was unanimously adopted. "The Synod expresses its satisfaction at the thorough efficiency of the college, and gladly recognize the excellent work done during the past year. The Synod also records its satisfaction that the college has still the advantage of Dr. Cochrane's oversight and direction, and that the staff of teachers is so complete and thorough. Further, the Synod commends the institution to friends and guardians, as one wherein young ladies may not only have a thorough christian training, but also a religious home, and appoints the Rev. E. Cochburn, M. A., of Paris, as visiting Director for the ensuing year."

The business for the forenoon sederunt having been finished, the Synod agreed to adjourn at 11 a. m., to enable Presbyteries and Committees to meet for the transaction of business.

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

THIRD SEDERUNT.

First Presbyterian Church, London, the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, 2 p. m.

The Synod again met, pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted after devotional exercises, and prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Gourlay presented a second report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, which was adopted, as the business of the afternoon.

NORTH WEST MISSIONS.

Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions for the N. W., being present was asked to address the court, which he did, giving interesting details of our work there. On motion of Mr. Robert Hamilton, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Robertson for his address. The Synod also

pledged itself to take a still deeper interest in the great claims of the North West and British Columbia.

DEPUTATION FROM THE LONDON MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

On motion of Dr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. J. A. Murray, a deputation from the London Ministerial Alliance, was invited to the platform and asked to address the Synod. The deputation consisted of Rev. Messrs. Carr, (Congregationalist), McDonagh, (Methodist), and Smith (Baptist.)

After the Moderator had tendered them the cordial greetings of the Synod, Mr. Carr presented the fraternal greetings of the Association to the Synod in eloquent and appropriate terms. The Moderator responded to the greetings of Mr. Carr in fitting words.

JURISDICTION OF THE EAST WILLIAMS CONGREGATION.

The Synod proceeded to take up the matter of the placing of the congregation of East Williams under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of London or that of Sarnia, which was laid over from last meeting of Synod.

The papers in the case having been read, Messrs. Ballantyne, Currie, and Henderson were heard on behalf of the Presbytery of London, Messrs. Cuthbertson and Currie on behalf of the Presbytery of Sarnia, and Mr. Ross on behalf of the congregation of East Williams.

After the representatives had been fully heard, and questions asked by the members of Court, the Synod proceeded to deliberate.

It was moved by Mr. W. J. Dey, seconded by Mr. Martin, that the petition of the memorial be granted, and the congregation of East Williams be placed under the care of the Presbytery of Sarnia.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. George Sutherland, seconded by Dr. Fletcher, that the petition of the memorial be granted, and the congregation of East Williams placed under the care of the Presbytery of London.

On the vote being taken 67 voted for the amendment, and 60 for the motion, and the Synod discerned accordingly, that the congregation of East Williams be placed under the jurisdiction of the London Presbytery.

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

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

First Presbyterian Church, London, the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, 7.30 p. m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, Mr. John Eadie leading the Synod in prayer.

The minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Reports from the various Standing Committees were called for, and presented as follows : That on the state of religion by Mr. Farquaharson, that on Temperance by Mr. Cockburn, that on Sabbath observance by Mr. Musgrave, and that on Sabbath schools by Mr. Dey, in the absence of Mr. Nisbet, the convener.

After the reports had been read, devotional exercises were engaged in, Mr. A. I. MacKenzie leading the Synod in prayer.

Thereafter on motion of Mr. R. Hamilton, the reports were received and thanks tendered the various conveners. It was also agreed to consider the recommendation of the several reports.

The recommendations of the committee on the state of religion were adopted.

1. That sessions be commended to hold fast in their efforts to have the prayer meeting attendance increased.

2. That sessions meet as often as possible for prayer or conference, touching the spiritual condition of their congregations.

3. That attention be called to the recommendation of last Assembly, "that as a means of developing the gifts and graces of the young, a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, or similar associations be organized in congregations, the constitution of such societies in all cases to be approved by the session of the congregation in which the society is organized."

The recommendations of the Committee on Temperance, were adopted, as follows :

1. That since Christ alone can save men, purify society, and make us a temperance people, we give ourselves in promoting the cause of temperance, with renewed diligence, to hold up Christ in our pulpits, prayer meetings, Sabbath schools and families, and in the community, as the only Saviour from sin.

2. That members and officebearers of the church, be urged to

inculcate and practice total abstinence, as the only safe and consistent course.

3. That the attention of sessions be called, to the almost complete absence of temperance organizations within the congregations, encourage their formation, especially Bands of Hope, so that the young may be saved from the ravages of strong drink.

4. That all available means be used to secure in our public and high schools instruction in temperance, and that pupils be examined on this as in other branches of learning.

5. That as the Synod regards the general traffic in intoxicating liquors, to be contrary to the word of God, and the spirit of the Christian religion, and that total prohibition would be the most effective form of legislation, urges upon the officebearers, members and adherents of the church, the necessity of using all legitimate means to secure this end.

The recommendation of the Committee on Sabbath observance was adopted as follows: That the different Presbyteries in the Synod take order to deal therewith in any way, which to themselves may seem wise, so that a more satisfactory presentation may be made of the state of the church, on this very important subject, at the subsequent meetings of this Synod.

The recommendations of the committee on Sabbath schools, were adopted as follows.

1. That sessions direct the attention of our Sabbath schools to the fact, that less than one half of their pupils are reported as preparing the lessons at home, as committing scripture, and the shorter catechism to memory, or as attending church.

2. That this Synod, warmly commend the scheme for higher religious education, to the careful attention of the schools within its bounds.

It was also agreed that the conveners of the committees of the various Presbyteries, be *ex-officio* members of the Synodical committees on these several questions.

COMMITTEE ON LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Dr. McMullen from the committee on the licensing of students, gave in their report, recommending that leave be given to the Presbytery of Hamilton to take on trial for license. Messrs. J. S. Comming, T. H. Rodgers, H. T. Percival, T. Elliott, and P. M. McEachern, and to the Presbytery of Bruce, Mr. John K. MacGillivray.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 9 a. m. to-morrow morning, and the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

First Presbyterian Church, London, the twenty-second day of April. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, 9 a. m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted, the Moderator and Mr. John Thomson conducting the devotional exercises.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

A communication from Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance was read, asking the Synod to appoint delegates to the next meeting of the Alliance to be held in Toronto on Sept. 10th.

Consideration of the matter was deferred till a later sederunt.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris, London, Sarnia, Chatham, Huron, Stratford, Maitland, and Bruce, having reported the same as carefully and correctly kept, the Records were ordered to be attested accordingly.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Dr. Fletcher convener of the committee, to nominate standing committees reported, the recommendations of the committee were adopted, and the Standing Committees appointed as follows :

State of Religion.—Mr. W. Farquharson, convener ; Messrs. H. McQuarrie, S. Lyle, J. A. Murray, ministers ; James Rowand, M. P., D.D., Wilson and J. Dixon, elders ; with the conveners of the Presbyterial committees on the state of religion.

Temperance.—Mr. E. Cockburn, M. A., convener ; Messrs. A. Beamer, and Alex. Sutherland, ministers ; Hon. A. Vidal, John Charlton, M. P., Duncan Stewart, John M. Marten, and James Bell, elders ; with the conveners of the Presbyterial committee on temperance.

Sabbath Schools.—Mr. T. W. Nesbit, convener ; Messrs. J. W. Dey, J. C. Tibb, Andrew Henderson, ministers ; and Messrs. A. Campbell, J. P. S., Andrew Thompson, Geo. Rutherford and W. N. Hossie, elders ; with the conveners of the Presbyterial committees on Sabbath schools,

Sabbath Observance.—Mr. P. Musgrave, convener; Dr. Thompson, Dr. Laidlaw, J. W. Mitchell, and Mr. John Gray, ministers; and Messrs. D. K. MacKenzie, Alex. Barlett, Peter Marshall, and Thomas Gordon, elders; with the conveners of the Presbyterial committees on Sabbath observance.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Synod at Stratford, and within Knox church there, on the third Monday of April 1892.

PROTEST AND COMPLAINT OF MR. JAMES WATSON. AGAINST HAMILTON PRESBYTERY, ETC.

The Synod proceeded to consider the protest and complaint of Mr. James Watson, against the Presbytery of Hamilton in re the petition and memorial from the session of St. Pauls church, Hamilton.

Parties were called to the bar, when there appeared Mr. James Watson, for himself, and Messrs. Ratcliffe, McCuaig, and Dr. Laing, for the Presbytery. The papers in re the protest and complaint of Mr. Watson, were then read. At this stage the question was raised, whether all the parties in the case were before the court. The parties were then removed from the bar, and on motion, consideration of the case was postponed. The memorial and petition from the session of St. Pauls church, Hamilton, were then read, together with the minutes of the Presbytery of Hamilton, and Mr. Henderson's petition to said Presbytery, in reference to the action of St. Pauls kirk session in his case.

Dr. Laidlaw was then heard on behalf of the memorial and petition from the session of St. Pauls church, Hamilton, asking the Synod to review all the proceedings of the session and Presbytery, and that they also be heard in defence of the action of session, complained against by Mr. Henderson.

It was then moved by Mr. Hector McQuarrie, seconded by Mr. John Gray, that the memorial and petition be received and the prayer of the memorial be granted.

Pending the discussion of this motion the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod accordingly adjourned, the moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

First Presbyterian Church, London, the twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, 2 p. m.

The Synod met again pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, Mr. Beamer leading the Synod in prayer.

Minutes of last sederunt were read, and after being amended, were susained.

MEMORIAL AND PETITION OF ST. PAULS CHURCH,
HAMILTON.

The Synod resumed discussion of Mr. McQuarrie's motion in this case. After prolonged deliberation the Synod proceeded to vote, when 80 voted for Mr. McQuarrie's motion, and 12 against. The Synod accordingly decided, that the memorial and petition of St. Paul's kirk session be received, and the prayer of their memorial be granted.

Dr. Laing dissented and protested for leave to complain to the General Assembly. Mr. McCuaig asked leave to join in the dissent.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the protest and complaint of Mr. James Watson against the Presbytery of Hamilton, in re the petition and memorial of Mr. George Henderson.

Parties were then called to the bar, when there appeared the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. George Henderson, Mr. James Watson, and the Kirk Session of St. Pauls church, Hamilton. The protest and complaint having been read, Mr. Watson was first heard in support of the same, followed by Dr. Laidlaw on behalf of the session of St. Pauls church, Hamilton. Mr. Henderson was then heard in reply for himself, followed by Mr. Ratcliffe on behalf of the Presbytery.

During the address of Mr. Ratcliffe the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned to meet again at 7.30 p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

First Presbyterian Church, London, the twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, 7.30 p. m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted, the Moderator and Mr. Straith conducting the devotional exercises.

The minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

MR. WATSON'S PROTEST AND COMPLAINT.

The Synod resumed consideration of Mr. Watson's protest and complaint.

Mr. Ratcliffe having closed his remarks, he was followed by Dr. Laing. Mr. Watson the complainant was then heard in reply.

Questions having been asked and answered, parties were removed from the bar.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod agreed to sit until all the business was finished.

Dr. McMullen then moved as follows, seconded by Mr. H. McQuarrie.

"Sustain the dissent and appeal of Mr. Watson, and find that the Presbytery of Hamilton acted irregularly (1) in taking action on the memorial of Mr. Henderson complaining of the action of St. Paul's session affecting himself, without recognizing the right of said session to be heard at the bar of Presbytery in reference of the action complained of ; and (2) in setting aside the action of the session, by giving Mr. Henderson a certificate of full standing from date, while professing to not interfere with the session's action. The Synod accordingly remits the case to the Presbytery, with instructions to cancel the certificate given by the Presbytery, and refer the memorialist to the session of St. Paul's, directing said session to hear and consider the professions of penitence made by him before the Presbytery and also before the Synod, that the session may decide whether the evidence of penitence is satisfactory, and if so, give him a certificate accordingly."

Mr. W. S. Ball moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. C. Fletcher, that the appeal be dismissed and that the action of the Presbytery be sustained.

Mr. W. M. Roger moved in amendment to the amendment as follows, seconded by E. W. Pantou.

"That the Synod, having already decided that there were parties in the case not formerly recognized as such by the Presbytery, feels constrained to sustain the appeal as far as the form of procedure is concerned, believing that no substantial injustice has been done the session of St. Paul's church, whose conduct in the case we recognize as in harmony with Christian law and kindness ; and that as George Henderson has already undergone a course of practical discipline, the Synod agrees to confirm the certificate given by the Presbytery, and that the Synod commends the

brother who holds it to the kind and faithful care of any congregation with which it is lodged."

The amendment of Mr. Rodger having been put against that of Mr. Ball, was carried by a large majority.

Dr. Cochrane then moved in amendment to Mr. Rogers amendment, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, in the following terms.

"That the Synod sustain the protest and appeal of Mr. Watson in so far as the Synod finds that the appellant had cause for feeling aggrieved at the action of the Presbytery in granting Mr. Henderson the certificate of good standing without intimating to or holding conference with the session of St. Paul's church. The Synod, however, believes that the Presbytery in so doing did not intend to reflect upon the action of St. Paul's session, but were actuated by the best of motives, believing that the interests of all concerned would be better conserved than by further discipline, the more especially as Mr. Henderson had appeared before the committee of Presbytery, confessed his faults, expressed contrition therefor, and his determination by God's grace to walk more carefully. Therefore, in view of all the facts brought before them, the Synod feels that the case should now end, and all parties seek the things that make for peace."

This was carried against the amendment of Mr. Roger. Dr. Cochrane's amendment was then put against the main motion of Dr. McMullen, when 21 voted for the amendment and 23 for the motion. The yeas and nays being called for, the motion was carried, yeas 24, nays 18.

Parties were then recalled to the bar, and the judgement of Synod intimated to them. Mr. Watson and Dr. Laidlaw acquiesced. Mr. McCuaig dissented; and Mr. Henderson declined to acquiesce in the finding.

OVERTURE FROM CHATHAM PRESBYTERY.

Minutes of the Chatham Presbytery were read, requesting the Synod to transmit the following overture to the General Assembly which on motion was unanimously agreed to.

"To the venerable, the General Assembly, from the Presbytery of Chatham, anent the reception of ministers from other churches.

Whereas, some Presbyterians hold their last regular meeting in March, before General Assembly meets, and whereas, applications for the reception of ministers from other churches, frequently come to hand, so near the meeting of Assembly that it is impossible for some Presbyteries to consider such applications. The Presbytery of Chatham hereby memorialises the General Assembly, asking them to enact that no application be received that has not been made prior to the first of March in each year.

DELEGATES TO DOMINION ALLIANCE.

It was agreed to appoint four delegates to the next meeting of the

Dominion Alliance and on motions duly made and seconded, the following were appointed: Messrs. W. J. Dey, E. Cockburn, M. A., R. H. Abraham, and Senator Vidal.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS.

Mr. R. H. Abraham, convener of the Committee, to audit the Treasurers books, reported them as correct, but that there were arrears to the amount of \$250. The report was received and the thanks of the Synod tendered Mr. George Rutherford, the Treasurer, for his long continued and faithful services.

JESUIT ESTATE ACT.

Dr. Laing on behalf of the committee in charge of this matter, reported that there had been nothing further done during the past year.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, the cordial thanks of the Synod were given to the minister and office-bearers of the First Presbyterian church, for the use of their building and the arrangements made for the work of the Synod, and to the railways for reduced rates.

The business being finished, the Moderator declared the Synod adjourned to meet in Knox church, Stratford, on the third Monday of April A. D., 1892, at half past 7 o'clock p. m., and the sederunt was closed with the benediction.

OFFICERS OF THE
Synod of Hamilton and London,
1891-92.

MODERATOR :

REV. ANDREW TOLMIE. SOUTHAMPTON, ONT.

CLERK :

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

TREASURER :

GEORGE RUTHERFORD, ESQ., HAMILTON