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APRIL 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH, 1883.

At St. Thomas and within Knox Church there, the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three years, at half-past seven o'clock p. m., which day and place the Synod of Hamilton and London, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and after sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Walter Inglis, from 2nd Peter, 1st chapter, verse 13th, 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.		
MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 Wm. Hancock		Retired
2 M. W. Livingstone		"
3 John Porteous		"
4 *Thos. Goldsmith	*A. I. McKenzie	Hamilton, St. Johns
5 Wm. Cleland		Niagara
6 *James Black	James Gibson	Caledonia and Allan Settlement
7 *John Laing, M. A.	Thomas Kennedy	Dundas
8 James Gordon, M. A.	Alason Ross	Niagara Falls
9 James McEwen		Welland
10 John James, D. D.	Mal. Mackenzie	Hamilton, Knox Church
11 John G. Murray	J. D. Fitch	Grimsby
12 James Herald		Retired
13 Donald H. Fletcher	J. McDonald, M. D.	Hamilton, McNab St.
14 Thomas Wilson	Geo. Ellwood	Caledonia, Sutherland St.
15 *George Burson	R. Lawrie	St. Catharines, Knox Church
16 Alex. Grant, B. A.	John Smith	Oneida, Indiana and Seneca
17 Robt. Thomson, LL.D.	Wm. Lowell	Drummondville and Chippewa
18 J. L. Robertson, M. A.	James Sanderson	Strabane
19 R. M. Croll	George Grant	Simcoe, St. Paul's
20 *Geo. A. Yeomans, M.A.	Jas. M. Thomson	Dunville
21 Geo. Chrystal	Wm. Henderson	Flamboro'
22 Samuel Lyle	Alex. Main	Hamilton, Central Church
23 *R. J. Laidlaw	*M. Leggat	Hamilton, St. Paul's
24 W. P. Walker		Binbrook and Saltfleet
25 *Robert Thynne	Ed. Norquay	Port Dover
26 C. D. McDonald		Thorold
27 J. H. Ratcliffe	Alex. Hendrie	Ancaster and Alberton
28 *D. C. McIntyre	W. Zimmerman	Beamsville
29 R. H. Abraham	John Gordon	Burlington and Nelson
30 *Thomas Scouler	Alex. Thomson	Hamilton, Frskine Church
31 W. D. Rees	John Menzies	Blackheath, East Seneca and Caistor
32 F. J. Edmunds	D. W. Fares, M. D.	Port Colborne
33 *S. Carruthers	*R. McQueen	Beverly
34 Vacant	Andrew Wilson	Waterdown
35 "	Jno. Charlton, M.P.	Lynedoch and Silver Hill
36 "	John Harcourt	St. Ann's and Wellansport
37 "	Wm. J. McCalla	St. Catharines, First Church
38 "		Jarvis and Walpole
39 "		North Pelham
40 "		Merritton
41 "		St. Catharines, Hayne's Ave.
42 "	J. Christie	East Ancaster
43 "		Barton
44 "		Kilbridge
45 "	J. Denton	Port Dalhousie

Mission Stations.

- 1Louth
 2Fort Erie and Victoria

Ministers Without Charge.

- 1 John Gauld.....Hamilton

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 D. McKenzie.....	Emeritus	
2 Wm. Barr.....	Retired	Brantford
3 T. Alexander, M. A.....	G. Bryce.....	Mt. Pleasant and Burford
4 *Walter Inglis.....	*P. Marshall.....	Stabley St., Ayr
5 *W. T. McMullen.....	*John Bain.....	Knox Church, Woodstock
6 *W. Robertson, M. A.....	*John Oliver.....	Chesterfield
7 *W. Cochrane, D. D.....	*W. N. Hossie.....	Zion Church, Brantford
8 *John McEwen.....	*James Gordon.....	Erskine, Church, Ingersoll
9 *Robt. Hume, M. A.....	David Ronald.....	St. George
10 James Little.....	*James Rutherford.....	Princeton and Drumbo
11 *Jas. Ballantyne.....	David Ballingall.....	River St., Paris
12 *D. D. McLeod.....	M. Folsetter.....	Dumfries St., Paris
13 *W. A. McKay, B. A.....	*Alex. Watson.....	Chalmer's Church, Woodstock
14 *John Thomson, M. A.....	John Edgar.....	Knox Church, Ayr
15 *G. Munro, M. A.....	*James Smith.....	Knox Church, Emtro
16 *F. R. Beattie, M. A., B. D.....	Robert Russell.....	First Church, Brantford
17 D. M. Beattie, M. A.....	.....	E. Oxford and Blenheim
18 *P. R. Ross.....	T. W. Hewitt.....	Knox Church, Ingersoll
19 *W. McKinlay.....	*Thomas Nichol.....	Innerkip and Ratho
20 M. McGregory, B. A.....	John Allison.....	Tilsenburg and Culloden
21 Robt. Chambers.....	Missionary.....	Errroom
22 G. L. McKay, D. D.....	Missionary.....	Tamsui
23 Vacant.....	.....	Glenmorris
24 ".....	J. W. Snyder.....	Norwich and Windham

Mission Station.

- 1Old St. Andrews, East Oxford
 2Balfour St., Brantford

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 *W. R. Sutherland.....	J. McIntyre.....	Knox Church, Ekfrid
2 J. J. A. Proudfoot, D. D.....	Samuel Fraser.....	First Church, London
3 *Wm. S. Ball.....	T. W. Robson, P. Caven.....	English Settlement, &c
4 *David Mann.....	.....	New Glasgow

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON (Continued.)

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.	
5 *John Rennie.....	Dr. Gunn.....	Ailsa Craig and Carlisle	6
6 John Milloy.....	James Leslie.....	Argyle Church, Aldboro'	7
7 *Neil McKinnon.....	William Gow.....	Mosa	8
8 *Lachlin Cameron.....	Thomas Paterson.....	Thamesford	9
9 *James McKinnon.....	*Colin Campbell.....	N. and S. Delaware	10
10 Kenneth McDonald.....	Alex. Cameron.....	Belmont	11
11 *Donald Stewart.....	*Dun, McArthur.....	Wallacetown	12
12 *George Sutherland.....	John Munro.....	Fingal	13
13 *D. McGillivray.....	W. Webster.....	St. James, London	14
14 *J. Allister Murray.....	Thomas Short.....	St. Andrew's, London	15
15 *Mungo Frazer.....	*D. K. McKenzie.....	St. Thomas	16
16 *A. Beamer.....	J. Douglas.....	Wardsville and Newbury	17
17 *John M. Munro.....	Thomas McKay.....	Kintore	18
18 *Alex. Urquhart.....	David Crossin.....	Duff and Chalmers' Church, Dunwich	19
19 *Alex. Henderson.....	*Edward Waugh.....	Hyde Park and Komoka	1
20 Joseph H. Paradis.....	Wm. Cattnach.....	Port Stanley	
21 *F. Fallantyne, M. A.....	*Elliott Grieve.....	N. and S. Westminster	
22 *A. H. Kippen.....	Robert Sutherland.....	N. and S. Dorchester	1
23 Hugh Cameron.....	*Alex. Cameron.....	Glencoe	
24 *John Johnstone.....	A. McNeill.....	Lobe and Caradoc	
25 John K. Wright.....	F. Cheeseboro.....	London East	
26 *Thomas McAdam.....	*Thomas Gordon.....	Strathroy	
27 *John Currie.....	John Lahore.....	Kintyre	
28 Vacant.....	.....	Guthrie and Longwood	
29 ".....	*Gilbert Hyndman.....	Cooke's Church, Caradoc	

Mission Stations.

1	Lucan and Fraser Church	
2	Springfield	

Ministers without Charge.

1 Duncan McMillan.....	Komoka
2 Alex. Burr.....	"
3 Chas. Elliott, D. D.....	London

PRESBYTERY OF SABNIA.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.	
1 *James B. Duncan.....	*James H. Laird.....	Forest and McKay	16
2 *John Lees.....	*— McLachlan.....	N. Williams and N. E. Adelaide	17
3 *Geo. Cuthbertson.....	*John Finlayson.....	Wyoming and Plympton	18
4 John McRobie.....	*Patrick Barclay.....	Petrolia	19
5 *John Wells, M. A.....	— Wyatt.....	East Williams	20

PREBYTERY OF SARNIA (Continued.)

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
6 *John Thompson.....	*Francis Blaikie....	St. Andrew's, Sarnia
7 James Carswell.....	Wm. Watson.....	Adelaide and Arkona
8 *John A. McDonald....	Alex. Watson.....	Bear Creek and Brigden
9 James McCutcheon....	Wm. Barclay.....	Corunna and Mooretown
10 *Robt. W. Leitch.....	Wm. Bryce.....	Point Edward
11 *John McAlmon.....	Wm. Elliott.....	Burn's Church and Moore Line
12 *Hector Currie, P. A....	Ebenezer Roy.....	Kuox Church, Thedford and Lake Road
13 *Peter C. Goldie.....	*Jas. McNaughton....	Watford and Main Road
14 J. W. McLintock.....	Matthew McKie....	Mandaumin
15 *J. R. Johnston.....	John Aitkin.....	Alviston and Napier
16 Vacant.....	Alex. Smith.....	Parkhill and McGillivray
17 ".....	John Davidson.....	Camlachie
Mission Stations.		
1 .....	.....	Oil Springs & Oil City, Sombra
Minister without Charge.		
1 Wm ^r Doak.....	.....	Sarnia

PREBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 *A. W. Waddell.....	Wm. Coltart.....	Harwich
2 A. McColl.....	John McKay.....	First Church, Chatham
3 John Logie.....	*F. B. Stewart.....	Tilbury East
4 *Wm. King.....	James Kerr.....	Maidstone
5 *Wm. Walker.....	.....	First Church, Chatham
6 *Thos. Talloch, M. A....	L. M. Lent.....	Dresden and Knox Church
7 *Arch. Currie.....	*T. McKerricher....	Kilmavock
8 *Flk. Smith.....	*John Anderson....	Amhersburg
9 J. McDiarmid.....	.....	Elmira, Ill., U. S.
10 *John Becket.....	.....	Thamesville
11 *John Gray.....	A. Bartlett.....	Windsor
12 *G. G. McRobbie.....	*R. McDonald.....	Ridgetown
13 J. B. Scott.....	J. S. Gardiner....	Leamington
14 *J. R. Battisby.....	Frederick Bates....	St. Andrew's, Chatlam
15 Donald Currie.....	David Henderson....	Wallaceburg
16 *John Cairns.....	David Taylor.....	Buxton
17 C. Lafontaine.....	.....	.....
18 Vacant.....	.....	Bothwell, Sutherland's Corners, &c
19 ".....	Thomas Campbell....	Dover and Chalmers' Church
20 ".....	*T. Trotter.....	Florence and Dawn
21 ".....	.....	West Tilbury and Comber
22 ".....	.....	St. Anne, Ill., U. S.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM (Continued.)

Mission Stations.

1	.....	Henderson
2	.....	Essex Centre

Ordained Missionaries.

1	C. Chiniqy.....	St. Anne, Ill., U. S.
2	J. M. Paradis.....	" " " "

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

MINISTER. ELDER. CONGREGATION.

1	Thomas McPherson...	Retired	Stratford
2	*John Fotheringham...	"	St. Mary's
3	*Robert Renwick	"	Listowel
4	*James Boyd.....	Peter Duncan.....	Wellesley
5	*David Gordon.....	*J. C. Ross.....	Harrington
6	*Robert Hamilton.....	*David Oliver.....	Fullerton and Avonbank
7	John K. Hislop.....	Francis Bell.....	Avonton and Carlingford
8	Arch. Stewart.....	John Rutherford.....	North Easthope and Tavistock
9	*John McAlpine.....	*Alex. Wood.....	Widder St., St. Marys
10	*John Kay.....	Alex. Rae.....	Milverton and North Morning- ton
11	*Peter Wright.....	Henry Duncan.....	Knox Church, Stratford
12	Peter Scott.....	John Morgan.....	Hibbert
13	E. W. Panton.....	William Taylor.....	St. Andrew's Church, Stratford
14	John McClung.....	James McDonald.....	Shakespeare, St. Andrew's and Hampstead
15	*Robert Scott.....	Peter Murray.....	Burn's Church and Brookdale
16	A. F. Tully.....	"	Mitchell
17	*Wm. A. Wilson, M. A.	Malcolm Laughton.....	Knox Church, St. Marys
18	James Smith.....	Foreign Missionary.....	Ahmednagar, India
19	*John W. Penman.....	Wm. Sutherland.....	Nissouri, N. and S.
20	Andrew Henderson...	Geo. Robertson	Elma Centre and Monkton
21	Vacant	Wm. Somerville.....	Knox Church, Listowel
22	"	Andrew Burnet.....	Millbank

Mission Station.

1	.....	Biddulph
2	.....	Trowbridge

Ministers residing within the Bounds.

1	Robert D. McKay.....	Shakespeare
2	J. W. Mitchell, M. A.....	Mitchell

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PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 Charles Fletcher	Retired	Goderich
2 Robert Ure, D. D.	J. R. Miller.....	Knox Church, Goderich
3 John Ross .....	.....	Brucefield
4 *Matthew Barr	Retired	Seaforth
5 *A. D. McDonald.....	Hugh Robb.....	Seaforth, First Church
6 Nathaniel Paterson... ..	Charles Simons.....	Bayfield and Bethany
7 Hugh Cameron.....	John Scott.....	St. Andrew's, Kippen
8 J. S. Lochhead.....	James Elliott.....	Hullett and Lonsborough
9 *Arch. McLean.....	*Andrew McCaa.....	St. Andrew's Church, Blyth
10 *Peter Musgrave.....	James Hillen.....	Duff's Church, McKillop, &c
11 *James Pritchard.....	Thomas Anderson.....	Manchester and Smith's Hill
12 Mark Danby.....	John McAsh.....	Bayfield Road and Berne
13 *Thos. G. Thomson.....	Andrew McCully.....	Union Church, Brucefield
14 *W. M. Martin.....	Adam Whiteford.....	Caven Church, Exeter
15 Alex. Stewart, B. A.	James Broadfoot.....	Willis' Church, Clinton
16 *Joseph McCoy, M.A.	Daniel Clark.....	Egmondville
17 *Colin Fletcher, M.A.	*John McCurdy.....	Thames Road and Kirkton
18 J. A. Turnbull, B. A.	J. B. Miller.....	Knox Church, Goderich
19 Samuel Carriere.....	John Keith.....	Grand Bend
20 Vacant.....	Robert McLaren.....	Rodgerville

Mission Station.

1	Goderich, Gaelic
Minister without Charge.	
1 William Graham.....	Egmondville

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 *Alex. Sutherland.....	Norman McDonald..	Knox Church, Ripley
2 Samuel Jones.....	Thomas Strachan..	Knox Church, Brussels
3 *Duncan Cameron.....	*John Murdoch.....	Knox Church, Lucknow
4 *George Brown.....	James Wylie.....	Wroxeter
5 Alexander Grant.....	Finlay McLennan..	Ashfield
6 Adam F. McQueen.....	Roderick Campbell..	Huron
7 Charles Cameron.....	Murdoch McDonald..	Chalmers' Ch., Kincardine, &c
8 Alex. McKenzie.....	*Thomas McIver.....	South Kinloss
9 Alex. G. Hartley.....	Robert Aitkins.....	Bluevale and Eadie's
10 *Robert Leask.....	Hugh Rutherford.....	St. Helen's and East Ashfield
11 *Hector McQuarrie.....	*John Dickson.....	Wingham
12 John McNabb.....	William Geddes.....	St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow
13 *Jno. L. Murray, M. A.	James Johnston.....	Knox Church, Kincardine
14 John McFarlane.....	Donald Blue.....	Pine Fiver

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND (Continued.)

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
15 Duncan Davidson.....	Duncan Ross.....	Langside
16 Alex. McNaughton.....	James Fulton.....	Duff's Church, Walton
17 Donald B. McIae.....	James McNair.....	Cranbrook and Ethel
18 Thomas Muir.....	Alex. Edgar.....	Fordwich and Gorrie
19 John Ross, B. A.....	Alex. Stewart.....	Melville Church, Brussels
20 J. B. Hamilton, M. A.....	Peter Grant.....	St. Andrew's Ch., Kincardine
21 Jas. A. Anderson, B.A.....	John McGee.....	Whitechurch and East
22 David Bickell.....	William McLellan.....	Molesworth
23 Vacant.....	James Edmund.....	Knox Church, Belgrave
24 ".....	Robert Davidson.....	Dungannon and Fort Albert

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 John Scott, D. D.....	John McKinnon....	North Bruce and St. Andrew's Church, Saugeen
2 Andrew Tolmie.....	John McFarlane....	Southampton and West Arran
3 William Blain.....	George Spence.....	Tara, Allenford and Elsinore
4 John Anderson.....	John Urquhart.....	Tiverton
5 Peter Currie.....	Norman McKenzie..	Zion Church, Teeswater
6 David Wardrope.....	Samuel Kirkland...	Westminster Ch., Teeswater
7 E. C. Moffat, D. D.....	John Hogg.....	Free St. John's, Walkerton
8 John Eadie.....	John Hall.....	Pinkerton and Eckford
9 Daniel, Duff.....	Duncan McCallum...	N. Brant and W. Bentick
10 George McLennan.....	John Henderson...	Underwood and Centre Bruce
11 Jas. Gourlay, M. A.....	James Rowand....	Port Elgin and Dumbane
12 Alex. F. Mackenzie.....	Angus McDonald..	Glamis
13 John Morry, M. A.....	James Blair.....	St. Pauls, Walkerton and Bala-klava
14 *J. Ferguson, M.A., B.D J. C. Bell.....		Chesley
15 *James T. Paterson.....	*James McGeoch.....	Hanover and North Normandy
16 John G. Henderson.....		Bruce Mines
17 John A. Morison.....		Sault Ste. Marie
18 Vacant.....	Samuel Steele.....	Knox Church, Paisley
19 ".....	Wm. Malcolm.....	Kinlough, Riversdale and Enniskillen
Mission Stations.		
1.....		Prince Arthur's Landing
2.....		St. Joseph's Island
3.....		Thessa'on River
4.....		Gore Bay, &c
5.....		Manatawaning, &c
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CHANGES IN 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. Geo. Bruce, B. A. from first Congregation, St. Catharines, to St. David's Church, St. John, N. B., on November 21st, '82.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. R. N. Grant from Knox Church, Ingersoll, to Orillia, in the Presbytery of Barrie on July fourth, '82.

Mr. W. M. Martin, from Norwich, and Wyndham, to Exeter, in the Presbytery of Huron, on March thirteenth, '83.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

Mr. D. McEachern from Parkhill and McGillivray to Dundee in the Presbytery of Montreal, on September fourth, '82.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. A. Y. Hartley from Rogerville, to Bluevale and Eadies, in the Presbytery of Maitland, on May ninth, '82.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

Mr. Robert W. Leitch from Dungannon and Port Albert, to Point Edward, in the Presbytery of Sarnia, on February thirteenth, '83.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. William Ferguson from Glamis to Kirkhill, in the Presbytery of Glengarry, on April eighteenth, '82.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Samuel Carruthers was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Beverly, on October third '82.

Mr. Robert Thynne was inducted into the pastoral charge of Port Dover on October fifth, '82.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. Malcolm McGregor was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Tilsonburg and Culloden, on May second, '82.

Mr. F. R. Beattie, M. A. B. D., was inducted into the pastoral charge of the First Church, Brantford, on May ninth, '82.

Mr. Wm. McKinlay was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Ratho and Innerkip on July eleventh, '82.

Mr. P. R. Ross was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox church Ingersoll, on January thirteenth, '83.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Thomas McAdam was inducted into the pastoral charge of Strathroy, on July twenty-fifth, '82.

Mr. John Currie was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Kintyre on August eighth, '82.

Mr. W. S. Ball was inducted into the pastoral charge of English Settlement and Bethel on December seventh, '82.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

Mr. Robert W. Leitch was inducted into the pastoral charge of Point Edward, on April third, '83.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. John W. Penman was inducted into the pastoral charge of Nissouri North and South, on May thirteenth, '82.

Mr. Andrew Henderson was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Elma Centre and Monkton, on September twenty-fifth, '82.

Mr. E. W. Panton was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrews' Church, Stratford, on January second, '83.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. Samuel A. Carriere was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Grand Bend, on October thirty-first, '82.

Mr. W. M. Martin was inducted into the pastoral charge of Cayen Church, Exeter, on April third, '83.

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PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

Mr. Alexander McKenzie was inducted into the pastoral charge of South Kinloss, on October fifth, '82.

Mr. John McNabb was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrews' Church, Lucknow, on October fifth, '82.

Mr. David Bickell was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Molesworth, on October seventeenth, '82.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. John Mordy, B. A., was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, and Balaklava on August fifteenth, '82.

Mr. Alex. F. McKenzie was inducted into the pastoral charge of Glammis, on January eleventh, '83.

Mr. John A. Morison was ordained as Missionary to Sault Ste Marie, on November twenty-fifth, '82.

Mr. John G. Henderson was ordained as Missionary to Bruce Mines, on November twenty-first, '82.

DISMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Robert Thynne resigned the charge of Beverly, on May twenty-first, '82.

Mr. S. R. Warrender resigned the charge of St. Ann's and Wellandport on May twenty-second '82.

Mr. John McMechan resigned the charge of Waterdown on June first, '82.

Mr. John Porteous resigned the charge of Port Dalhousie on July first, '82.

Mr. James Pullar resigned the charge of Lynedoch and Silverhill on January first '83.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. Robert Scrimgeour resigned the pastoral charge of Glenmorris, on December twelfth, '82.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Alexander Fraser resigned the charge of Guthrie Church, Longwood, and Cooke's Church, Caradoc, on April eighth, '83.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. Angus McLeod resigned the charge of Florence and Dawn, on January twenty-third, '83.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. J. Edgar Croly, M. A., resigned the charge of Millbank on May ninth, '82.

Mr. John W. Bell, M. A., resigned the charge of Knox Church, Listowel, on January second, '83.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

Mr. John B. Taylor resigned the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, on May ninth, '82.

Mr. W. T. Wilkins resigned the charge of Knox Church, Belgrave, on July eleventh, '82.

Mr. Thomas F. Johnston resigned the charge of Molesworth on July eleventh, '82.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. William Gallagher resigned the charge of Sault Ste Marie, as Ordained Missionary, on May first, '82.

Mr. Hugh McKay resigned the charge of Gore Bay, as Ordained Missionary, on October first, '82.

Mr. A. G. Forbes resigned the charge of Kinloss and Bervie on October eight, '82.

Mr. John Straith resigned the charge of Knox Church, Paisley, on November fifth, '82.

LICENSURES.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Angus McKay was licensed to preach the Gospel on May ninth, '82.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. Samuel A. Carriere was licensed to preach the Gospel on October third, '82.

DEATHS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. R. J. McLaren, minister without charge, died on June eighth, '82.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. James Watt Chestnut, Minister of Tilbury West and Comber, died on October twenty-seventh, '82.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.
PRESBYTERY OF SARINIA.

The Township of Sombra was transferred by the General Assembly, from the Presbytery of Chatham, to that of Sarnia, in June last.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Essex Centre was erected into a Mission Station, on July eighteenth, '82.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Bervie was separated from Kinloss for transference to the Presbytery of Maitland, subject to the sanction of the Synod, on December nineteenth, '82.

Kinlough, Enniskillen and Riversdale were united into one pastoral charge on December nineteenth, '82.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

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

On motion of Mr. William Robertson, M. A., seconded by Mr. Thompson, of Sarnia, Mr. A. D. McDonald was by unanimous vote, called to the Moderator's chair.

On motion of Mr. R. J. Laidlaw, seconded by Mr. James Rutherford, a cordial vote of thanks was given to the retiring Moderator for his conduct in the chair, and the excellent sermon preached before the Synod.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Clerk reported the following as the Committee on Bills and Overtures, along with the Synod and Presbytery Clerks:

Presbytery of Hamilton.—Mr. Thomas Scouler, Minister, and Dr. McDonald, Elder.

Presbytery of Paris.—Mr. D. D. McLeod, Minister, and Mr. W. N. Hossie, Elder.

Presbytery of London.—Mr. J. Knox Wright, Minister, and Mr. Thomas Gordon, Elder.

Presbytery of Sarnia.—Mr. J. B. Duncan, Minister, and Mr. Wm. Elliott, Elder.

Presbytery of Chatham.—Mr. John Gray, Minister, and Mr. F. B. Stewart, Elder.

Presbytery of Stratford.—Mr. Peter Wright, Minister, and Mr. Alex. Wood, Elder.

Presbytery of Huron.—Mr. Joseph McCoy, M. A. Minister, and Mr. Hugh Robb, Elder.

Presbytery of Maitland.—Mr. Hector McQuarrie, Minister, and Mr. John Murdoch, Elder.

Presbytery of Bruce.—Mr. John Ferguson, M. A., B. D., Minister, and Mr. John McGeoch, Elder.

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE RECORDS.

On the recommendation of the Committee on business, the following Committees were appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries:—

On the Records of Hamilton Presbytery.—Mr. James B. Duncan and Mr. Colin Fletcher, M. A., Ministers, and Mr. Francis Blaikie, Elder.

On the Records of Paris Presbytery.—Mr. James Boyd and Mr. John McRobie, Ministers, and Mr. Andrew McCaa, Elder.

On the Records of London Presbytery.—Mr. James Ballantine and Mr. J. McAlmon, Ministers, and Mr. W. N. Hossie, Elder.

On the Records of Sarnia Presbytery.—Mr. D. C. McIntyre, and Mr. John Knox Wright, Ministers, and Mr. D. K. McKenzie, Elder.

On the Records of Chatham Presbytery.—Mr. Hector McQuarrie and Mr. D. D. McLeod, Ministers, and Mr. John Finlayson, Elder.

On the Records of Stratford Presbytery.—Mr. J. L. Murray, M. A., and Mr. W. M. Martin, Ministers, and Mr. F. B. Stewart, Elder.

On the Records of Huron Presbytery.—Mr. John Gray, and Mr. John Ross, Ministers, and Mr. Robert McQueen, Elder.

On the Records of Maitland Presbytery.—Mr. Robert Hamilton and Mr. Robert Thynne, Ministers, and Mr. Alex. Bartlett, Elder.

On the Records of Bruce Presbytery.—Mr. E. W. Pantou and Mr. J. R. Battsby, Ministers, and Mr. James Rutherford, Elder.

COMMITTEE ON 'ELDERS' COMMISSIONS.

The following were appointed a Committee on the Commissions of Elders:—Messrs. James Boyd, James Pritchard, Thomas McAdam, Ministers, and Messrs. Hugh Robb and John Oliver, Elders.

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT TREASURER'S BOOKS.

The following were appointed a Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Books : Mr. John Thompson, Minister and Mr. Peter Marshall, Elder.

COMMITTEE ON THE LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

The following were appointed a Committee to receive applications for the Licensing of Students : Mr. W. S. Ball, Mr. P. Musgrave, Mr. George Yeomans, Ministers, and Messrs. John Dickson and Andrew McCaa, Elders.

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 Sederunt's of Synod.

SEDERUNTS OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Sederunts of Synod should be from 9.30 to 12.30 ; 2.30 to 5.30 and 7.30 to 10 p. m., and that the first hour of the next Sederunt should be spent in Devotional Exercises.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 a. m., and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, St. Thomas; the 10th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, at 9.30 a. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. A. D. McDonald, Moderator. Devotional exercises were engaged in during the first hour by the Moderator, and Messrs. Ball, Laidlaw and Thompson (Sarnia).

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. Archibald McLean, on behalf of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented their first report as to the order of business for the day, which on motion was agreed to.

The Synod then proceeded to take up the first item of business for the day, according to the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S COMMISSION ON THE KINLOSS CASE.

Mr. McMullen, Convener of the Commission on the Kinloss Case, presented the report of said Commission, and laid on the table the minutes of their meeting, with the Congregations of South Kinloss and Lucknow, and the Presbytery of Maitland.

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the Minutes of Commission were received, and ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes of Synod. The minutes are as follows :—

Report and Minutes of the Commission of the Synod of Hamilton and London, on the Protests and Appeals of Mr. Duncan Cameron, Minister of Knox Church, Lucknow, against certain proceedings of the Presbytery of Maitland.

To the Reverend, the Synod :

Your Committee beg leave to report that they met in the Presbyterian Church, Kinloss, on the 9th day of May last, and that all the parties in the case were present, as well as a large assemblage of the Lucknow and Kinloss congregations. The following members of Commission were present, viz. : the Chairman with Messrs. Thompson, of Sarnia, and McDonald, of Seaforth, Ministers, and Messrs. Barr, of Norwich, and Walthe, of Burlington, representative Elders.

Devotional exercises having been engaged in, the Commission called for the answer of the Kinloss Congregation to the recommendation of Synod to take into their favorable consideration the proposal made by Mr. Cameron to withdraw all his protests and appeals on condition that they build at the fourth concession. The answer of the Congregation was given in the negative.

The Commission therefore proceeded to hear the protest and complaint of Mr. Cameron against the Presbytery's receiving the report of Mr. Sutherland regarding what he had done in re-organizing the South Kinloss Congregation. The appeal was dismissed and the action of the Presbytery was sustained. All parties acquiesced in the decision.

The Commission then took up Mr. Cameron's protest and complaint, against the Presbytery's enjoining on the Sessions of Lucknow and Kinloss, to lay on the table at next meeting all Session Books in their possession.

After hearing the law of the Church explained in such case, Mr. Cameron withdrew his protest and complaint.

The Commissioner then heard the protest and complaint of the officebearers of Knox Church, Lucknow, against the Presbytery's

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decision regarding their petition. The Commission sustained this protest and complaint, and declared that the Presbytery should have heard the petitioners before deciding to reject the petition. In this decision all the parties acquiesced.

The Commission then took up the reference from the Presbytery of Maitland anent Church Property. After lengthened deliberation the Commission, having sustained the Reference gave judgment as follows, viz : That the Kinloss Congregation receive their church on the second concession and the eight acres of land more or less, and the manse, and pay to the Congregation of Knox Church, Lucknow, five hundred dollars and give them up all claim on the Lucknow church, it being at the same time understood that the cemetery shall be common to both congregations for use as a burying ground and that the care of it shall be with the Kinloss Congregation, and that all monies received for lots in the same, shall be applied for keeping the grounds in proper condition, and the Commission strongly recommend both congregations to adopt by vote this division of property, in the interests of the cause and for future peace and harmony.

The Commission then took up Mr. Cameron's protest and complaint against the Presbytery for supplying South Kinloss Congregation with Gospel Ordinances on the second concession of Kinloss. The Commission having learned with great satisfaction that the Kinloss Congregation will probably build a new church north of the present site, and the Chairman having appealed to Mr. Cameron to give favorable consideration to the announcement made, Mr. Cameron agreed to withdraw his protest, and so terminated the whole case.

The commission was then closed with an address from the Chairman, followed by devotional exercises and the benediction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. McMULLEN,
Chairman of Commission

Woodstock, May 15th, 1882.

EXPENSES OF COMMISSION.

The expenses of the Commission amounts to thirty-three dollars. The Kinloss Congregation paid twenty-five dollars of this amount, and the Chairman drew on the Synod Treasurer for the balance of eight dollars.

W. T. McMULLEN, Chairman

 TRANSFERENCE OF STRATHROY CONGREGATION.

The Synod then took up the application of the Sarnia Presbytery, remitted by the General Assembly, asking that the Strathroy Congregation, be transferred from London Presbytery, to that of Sarnia.

Papers in the case having been read, parties were called and heard :—Messrs. Thompson and Cuthbertson for the Sarnia Presbytery, Mr. Henderson for the London Presbytery, and Mr. MacAdam and Mr. Gordon for the Strathroy Congregation.

Mr. Laing, then moved, seconded by Dr. Cochrane, that the prayer of the petition of the Presbytery of Sarnia be granted, and the Strathroy Congregation united to the Sarnia Presbytery. The motion was carried.

Mr. McAdam and Mr. Gordon craved leave to dissent and protest from the judgment of the Synod, with a view to complain to the ensuing General Assembly.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at half-past two p. m., and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

 THIRD SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, St. Thomas, April tenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. A. D. McDonald, Moderator, and Mr. J. R. Battsby engaging in devotional exercises.

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

APPLICATION FROM PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

There was read an application from the Presbytery of Huron, asking the Synod to grant leave to delete certain minutes of Presbytery.

Mr. McLean, the Presbytery Clerk, stated to the Synod the case referred to in the minutes. On motion of Mr. Laidlaw, seconded by Mr. McMullen, the request of the Presbytery was granted.

**APPLICATION FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY, ANENT
CERTAIN MINUTES.**

There was laid upon the table of Synod an application from the Stratford Presbytery, asking that certain facts be engrossed upon the Records of Synod, bearing upon a former decision of Synod.

On the paper being read the Moderator ruled the request out of order, as it asked the reconsideration of a matter, decided at last meeting of Synod.

Mr. Fotheringham appealed from the ruling of the Chair. The Moderator's ruling was sustained by a vote of eighty to one.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The report on Sabbath Observance was called for. Mr. R. N. Grant, the Convener, having removed from the bounds of the Synod and the members of the Committee not having met during the year, it was agreed that this important matter be taken up, and discussed in connection with the Report on the State of Religion.

TEMPERANCE.

The Report from the Committee on Temperance, was read by Mr. Archibald McLean.

On motion of Mr. Battsby, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the report was received.

The recommendations of the Committee were then considered. In reference to the first recommendation, namely: "That the Synod give an expression of approval of the Crooks Act, as a step in the right direction," it was moved by Mr. A. McLean, seconded by Mr. Gordon, that the recommendation be adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Laing, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Wm. Robertson, that while legislation regulating and restricting the liquor traffic, by a system of license, may in view of the present state of public sentiment be a necessity, this Synod will hail with satisfaction any measure that may be adopted by our Legislators, Provincial or Dominion, in the direction of increased stringency of the regulations, under which licenses are granted, or which may otherwise depress or put an end to evils arising from the sale of intoxicating drinks." On the vote being taken 66 voted for the amendment and 54 for the motion. The yeas and nays being called for, 69 voted yea on the amendment and 58 nay. The Synod then considered the second recommendation of the Committee, which was adopted unanimously, namely, "The Synod recommend Presbyteries, Sessions and members

in their private capacity, to oppose and resist any attempts to relax the laws now restraining the sale of intoxicating liquors, especially those relating to the early closing of saloons and hotels on Saturday night, but rather to see, as far as in them lies, that these laws be faithfully administered."

INVITATIONS TO THE SYNOD.

Invitations were read from Mr. Millar, the Principal of the Collegiate Institute, and the Rev. B. F. Austin, Principal of the Alma College, asking the members of Synod to visit these Institutions while in the city; also from the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, offering the use of their reading room to the ministers while in the city. The Clerk was instructed to thank these gentlemen for their invitations.

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

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, St. Thomas, April tenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, half-past seven o'clock p. m. The Synod again met and was duly constituted, the Moderator, Rev. A. D. McDonald and Mr. Mungo Fraser, M. A., engaging in devotional exercises.

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Mr. D. D. McLeod read the report on the State of Religion.

On motion of Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. McQuarrie, the report was received.

On motion of Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Laidlaw, the thanks of the Synod were tendered to Mr. McLeod and the Committee for the carefully prepared report now submitted, and that the recommendations of the Committee considered *seriatim*.

The Synod then considered the recommendations *seriatim*, and adopted them as follows:

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1st. That it be an instruction to all the Sessions and Congregations within the bounds, to make earnest supplication to God, to pour out his Spirit upon the Church. That on the day on which the state of religion is brought before the people, and at such other times as may be found convenient, attention be called to the need that exists, for a larger measure of the Divine Spirit, to accompany the various efforts of the church. 2nd. That more frequent opportunity be taken in the pulpit, to expound the work of the Holy Spirit and to teach the people that it is only as the individual believer as well as the church at large, is filled with the Spirit, and seeks the glory of God in all the work that is carried on, that our labour will be instrumental in the conversion of sinners, and in building up the church in faith and holiness."

It was then moved by Mr. Burson, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that the report be adopted, and transmitted to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion. The motion was carried unanimously.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

It was moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Inglis, "The Synod deplore the continued prevalence of the public profanation of the Sabbath, especially on the Railways of the Province, and urge on all our people, to use their influence for the suppression of this great evil." The motion was carried.

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

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, St. Thomas, April eleventh, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three. The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer and praise, conducted by the Moderator and Rev. Mr. Laing.

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. McLean gave in the second report as to the order of business, which, on motion, was adopted.

BUXTON BUILDING FUND.

The report of the Buxton Building Fund was read, showing that \$260.89 had been received during the year, and paid to the Rev. Wm. King.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Laing, the report was received, thanks tendered to Mr. Battisby, the Convener, and the Committee, and the same Committee reappointed for the ensuing year. The Committee are as follows: Mr. J. R. Battisby, Convener, and Messrs. Walker and McCall Ministers; and Messrs. Urquhart, Gemmill and J. H. Taylor, Elders.

APPLICATION FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

There was read a Minute of Stratford Presbytery, held last evening, requesting the Synod to reconsider its decision anent the said Presbytery's Records.

Mr. Fotheringham and Mr. McAlpine were heard in support of the application.

On motion of Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Lachlan Cameron, the matter was remitted to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Laing, Laidlaw, Battisby and W. A. McKay Ministers, and Mr. A. I. McKenzie, Elder; with power to call for parties and papers, and report at an early hour.

**TRANSFERANCE OF THE CONGREGATION OF BERVIE
FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE TO THAT
OF MAITLAND.**

Extract Minutes of the Presbyteries of Bruce and Maitland were read, asking that the Congregation of Bervie, be transferred from the Presbytery of Bruce, to that of Maitland. All parties being agreed in the request, the Synod unanimously granted the transference of the said congregation from the Presbytery of Bruce to that of Maitland.

TRANSFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATION OF TROWBRIDGE,
FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY, TO THE
PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

Extract Minutes of the Presbyteries of Maitland and Stratford were read, asking that the congregation of Trowbridge be transferred from the Presbytery of Stratford to that of Maitland.

As all parties were agreed in the request, the Synod unanimously decided, that the said congregation of Trowbridge should be transferred from the Presbytery of Stratford to that of Maitland.

THE BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Mr. McMullen, acting convener of the committee appointed by last Synod to wait upon the Ontario Government, with a view to have the Bible used as a class book in the public schools of the Province, gave in their report.

After remarks from several of the members of the deputation appointed by last Synod, and other members of Court, it was moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Chrystal, That the report be received, thanks given the Committee, and especially to Mr. McMullen, for their diligence in prosecuting the work committed to their hands, and that the Committee be re-appointed, with instructions to continue their efforts in the direction indicated by the Synod's resolution of last year, Mr. McMullen to be convener.

The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Wm. Robertson, of Chesterfield, was allowed to enter his dissent.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

Mr. Gray' moved that the next meeting of Synod be held in Chatham.

Mr. A. D. McDonald (who had left the chair for the time) moved, seconded by Mr. McCoy, that the next meeting be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Seaforth. On a vote being taken, it was agreed to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Seaforth, on the second Monday of April one thousand eight hundred and 1884, at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Mr. Mungo Fraser, M. A., Convener of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, gave in the Report for the past year.

On motion of Mr. Gustavus Munro, duly seconded, the Report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Convener and Committee for their diligence, and the report transmitted to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Schools.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Mr. W. S. Ball gave in the Report of the Committee on the Licensing of Students, recommending that leave be given to the Presbytery of Stratford to take Mr. James Ballantyne on trials for License; and to the Presbytery of Huron to take Mr. R. M. Craig, on trials for license. The Synod granted the leave asked, in both cases.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Synod appointed for the ensuing year, the following Standing Committees:

State of Religion.—Mr. D. D. McLeod, Convener, Messrs. Thompson (Sarnia), Goldsmith, Anderson (Tiverton), Musgrave, McRobbie, Boyd, McKinnon, Ross (Brussels), Ministers; and Messrs. McQueen, Gordon (Ingersoll), Barr, Henderson, Montgomery and Black, Elders.

Temperance Committee.—Mr. Archd. McLean, Convener, Dr. James, Messrs. Wright, McKay, Talloch, Sutherland, McGillvray, Ministers; with Messrs. Hossie, Gordon, and G. W. Ross, M. P., Elders.

Sabbath Schools.—Mr. Mungo Fraser, M. A., Convener, and Messrs. R. Hamilton, Gustavus Munro, and T. Becket, Ministers; and Messrs. D. K. McKenzie, D. D. Wilson, and Dr. McDonald, Elders.

Sabbath Observance.—Mr. George Burson, Convener, and Messrs. J. Gray, W. A. McKay, J. McConnell, P. Wright, John Laing, M. A., J. R. Battersby, N. McKinnon, and H. McQuarrie, Ministers; with Messrs. Hugh Davidson, Francis Blaikie, and John Charlton, M. P., Elders.

COMMISSIONS OF ELDERS.

On recommendation of the Committee on the Commissions of Elders, read by Mr. Boyd, the name of Mr. John McCracken was inserted, as Commissioner from Knox Church, Ekfrid, and his name added to the roll.

OVERTURE ON PSALMODY.

An overture on Psalmody, transmitted by the Presbytery of Chatham, was read, and Messrs. Waddell and McRobbie heard in its support.

During the discussion of this question the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 2.30 p. m.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, St. Thomas, April eleventh, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, half-past two p. m.

The Synod again met, and was duly constituted, Rev. A. D. McDonald, Moderator; Mr. W. A. McKay, at the request of the Moderator, engaging in prayer.

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The Minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Synod resumed consideration of the overture on Psalmody, from the Presbytery of Chatham.

The following motion, moved by Mr. D. D. McLeod, and seconded by Mr. J. L. Murray, was unanimously adopted: The Synod receive the overture, approve of the object contemplated by it, and appoint the following Committee to consider the subject, and report to next Synod: Mr. F. B. Stewart, Elder, Convener; with Mr. Henderson (Hyde Park), G. G. McRobbie, Thomson (Ayr), and D. D. McLeod, Ministers.

OVERTURE ANENT ORDAINED MISSIONARY SUPPLY.

An overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, anent ordained missionary supply in aid-receiving congregations, was read, and Messrs. Yeomans and Goldsmith heard in its support. After consideration, it was agreed to transmit the overture *simpliciter* for the consideration of the next General Assembly.

OVERTURE ANENT TIME SERVICE IN THE ELDERSHIP.

An overture from Mr. Lyle, requesting the Synod to overture the General Assembly in favor of time service in the Eldership, instead of their being elected for life, was read. Mr. Laing, who had been requested by Mr. Lyle to explain the nature of the overture, was heard. The overture was received. On motion of Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson, the following motion was adopted: The Synod having heard an overture by Mr. Lyle, and being informed of his necessary absence through sickness, express sympathy with him, and agree that the overture be laid on the table for fuller consideration next year, it being, however, understood that Mr. Lyle's liberty to overture the Assembly be not hereby interfered with.

 PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

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

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Mr. Thompson (Sarnia), Convener of the Committee appointed to examine and audit the Treasurer's books, reported that they had done so, and found everything correct. The report was received, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to Mr. Rutherford, the Treasurer, for his efficient service during the year.

RECORDS OF STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

Mr. Laing, from the Committee appointed to examine the records of the Stratford Presbytery, gave in their report, which on motion was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes.

After full examination of the record, and explanations from the representatives of Presbytery, the Committee find

1. That the minutes of six successive meetings, from July 5th to January 12th, are engrossed before those of two meetings held in April and May preceding; and that while this misplacement is noted in the margin of the record, there are no such notes at the close of the minutes of January 12th and May 11th, showing their chronological order and connection, which makes it very difficult to follow the chronological order of the business, especially in that part of the record which embodies the Decision of the Commission of Synod.
2. That the decision of the Commission of Synod is engrossed on page 216 of the Record.
3. That the minutes which the Presbytery was instructed to delete have not been deleted; but that the Presbytery evidently wished to comply with the instruction of the Synod, and the Committee recommend that the Presbytery be instructed to put a marginal note on the record, at the commencement of the case disposed of by the commission, directing attention to the decision on page 216, and that the minutes referred to be scored over with red ink.
4. That considering the fact that the Minutes were not attested last year, the attestation for this year shall include the substance of this report.

OVERTURE ON RAISING MONEYS.

The overture in regard to modes of raising moneys, referred by the Assembly to the Synods, was allowed to lie on the table until next meeting of Synod.

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson, of Sarnia, duly seconded, and unanimously carried, that the thanks of the Synod are due to the minister and office-bearers of Knox Church, St. Thomas, for the use of their building, and the excellent arrangements made; to the christian people of the city, for their generous hospitality, and to the Grand Trunk, Canada Southern, and Credit Valley Railways, for reduced fares to the members of Synod.

ADJOURNMENT.

The business of the Synod having been concluded, the Moderator declared the Synod adjourned, to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Seaforth, on the second Monday of April, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

The Moderator then pronounced the benediction.

A. D. McDONALD, Moderator.

WM. COCHRANE, D. D., Synod Clerk.

OFFICERS OF THE
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1883-1884.

MODERATOR :

REV. A. D. MACDONALD, SEAFORTH.

CLERK :

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

TREASURER :

GEORGE W. RUTHERFORD, ESQ., HAMILTON.