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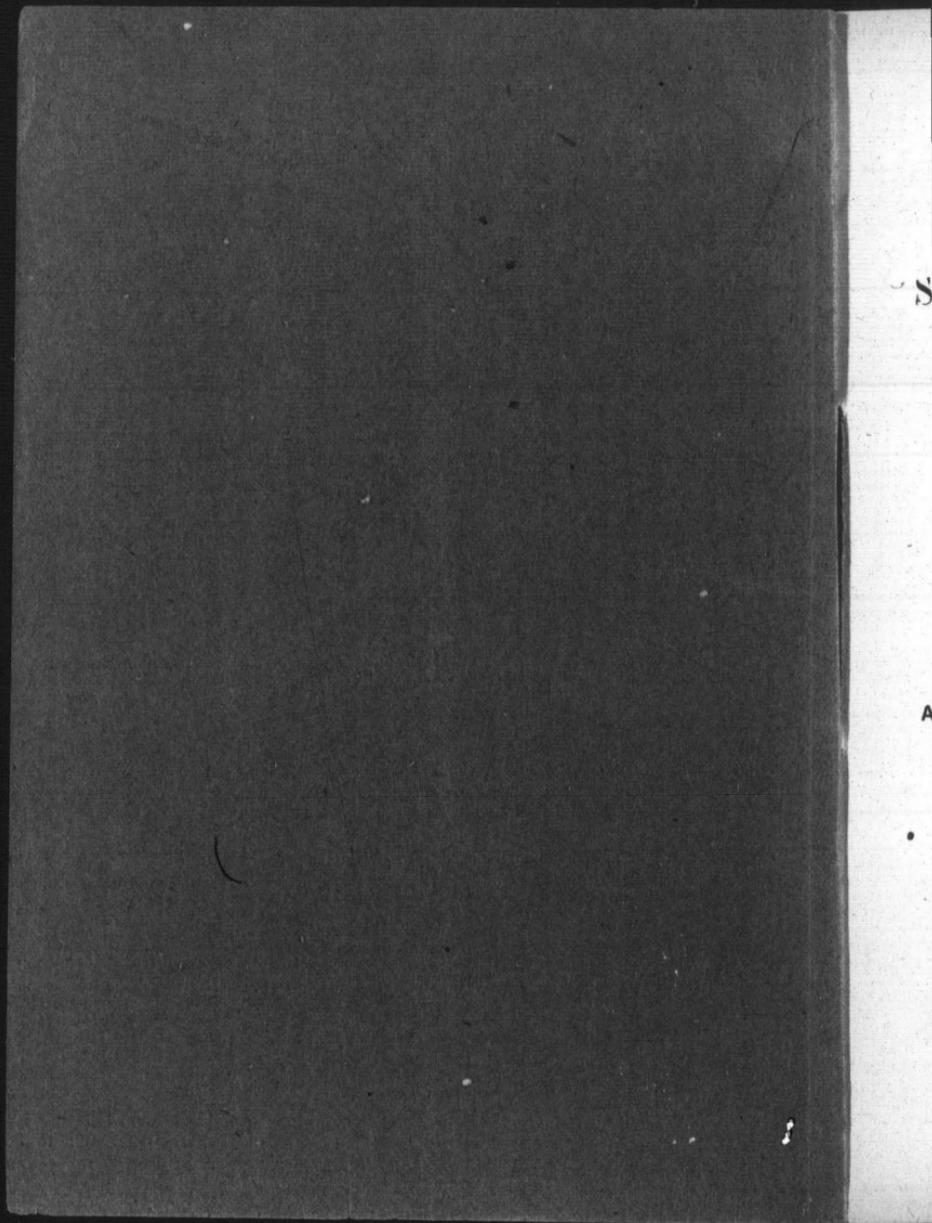
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At St. Catharines, and within Knox Church there, the thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty years, at half-past seven o'clock p. m., which day and place the Synod of Hamilton and London of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and after sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. John McEwen, from Isaiah, chapter 59th, verses 20th and 21st, was duly constituted by prayer.

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

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

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 *Wm. Hancock	Retired	Fonthill P. O.
2 M. W. Livingstone.....	"	Simcoe P. O.
3 *S. C. Frazer, M.A.	"	Hamilton P. O.
4 James Herald	"	Dundas P. O.
5 *John Porteous	*John Denton	Port Dalhousie.
6 Saml. Fenton .....	.....	Victoria.
7 *Thos. Goldsmith.....	*John McCoy	Hamilton, St. John's.
8 Wm. Cleland .....	.....	Niagara.
9 *James Black.....	A. C. Buck.....	Caledonia, Argyle St., and Allan Settlement.
10 *John Laing, M.A.	Jacob Rymal	Dundas.
11 *James Gordon, M.A. ..	Wm. Duncan.....	Clifton.
12 James McEwen .....	.....	Welland.
13 *Wm. Craigie	Robt. McKetterick ..	Port Dover.
14 *John McMechan.....	Andrew Wilson.....	Waterdown.
15 *James Pullar .....	.....	Lynedoch and Silverhill.
16 *John James, D.D.	David McLellan	Hamilton, Knox Church.
17 *John G. Murray	G. W. Muir	Grimby and Muir Settlem't
18 *D. H. Fletcher	*J. McDonald, M.D. ..	Hamilton, McNab St.
19 *Thos. Wilson	Geo. Ellwood	Caledonia, Sutherland St.
20 *George Burson	*James Dougan	St. Catharines, Knox Church
21 *Alex. Grant, B.A.	A. D. McLeod	Oneida, Indians and Seneca.
22 *R. Thomson, LL.D.	Thos. McCredie	Drummondville and Chippawa.
23 *Thos. McGuire.....	Jos. Abraham	Jarvis and Walpole.
24 J. L. Robertson, M.A. .	James Sanderson	Nairn Church, Strabane.
25 R. M. Croll .....	.....	Simcoe.
26 Geo. A. Yeomans, M.A. .	Danl. Simpson	Dunnville.
27 *Geo. Chrystal	*Wm. Henderson	West Flamboro'.
28 Saml. Lyle	*John Stewart	Hamilton, Central Church.
29 *R. J. Laidlaw	*James Hutchison	Hamilton, St. Paul's.
30 W. P. Walker	*John Webb	Binbrook and Saltfleet.
31 *Robt. Thynne	Robt. McQueen	Beverly.
32 *Geo. Bruce, B.A.	W. J. McCalla	St. Catharines, First Cong'n
33 C. D. McDonald	Arch. Dobbie	Thorold.
34 John Ratcliff	Wm. Young	Ancaster and Alberton.
35 *D. C. McIntyre	Wm. Zimmerman	Beamsville and Clinton.
36 *S. R. Warrender	W. McKeague	St. Anns and Wellandport.
37 *D. Munro	J. S. Scholfield	Port Colborne.
38 Vacant	R. Beamer	North Pslham.
39 do	*R. Miller	Burlington.
40 do	*A. Spears	Blackheath, E. Seneca, Caistor.
41 do	J. Gordon	Nelson and Kilbride.
42 do .....	.....	E. Ancaster and Barton.
43 do	W. Fotheringham.....	Merritton and Haynes Av. St. Catharines.

Residing within the Bounds:

1 A. Forbes.....	Waterdown P. O.
2 R. G. McLaren	Greenville P. O.
3 J. Gauld	Hamilton P. O.

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Mission Stations :

1	Louth.
2	Fort Erie, Victoria, &c.
3	Hamilton, Pearl St.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

	MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1	*Thos. Lowry	*Robert Russell	1st Church, Brantford.
2	Donald McKenzie	Emeritus	Ingersoll.
3	Thos. Alexander, M.A.	Geo. Bryce	Mt. Pleasant and Burford.
4	Walter Inglis	- Morton	Stanley St, Ayr.
5	Robt. Scrimgeour	Gavin Fleming	Glenmorris.
6	*W. Robertson, M.A.	*John Oliver	Chesterfield.
7	*W. T. McMullen	.....	Knox Church, Woodstock.
8	*Wm. Cochrane, D.D.	*John Montgomery	Zion Church, Brantford.
9	*John McEwen	*W. T. Root	Erskine Church, Ingersoll.
10	*Robt. Hume, M.A.	T. W. Charlton	St. George.
11	*R. N. Grant	*Peter Stewart	Knox Church, Ingersoll.
12	James Little	Thos. Speirs	Drumbo and Princeton.
13	*D. D. McLeod	*Geo. McVicar	Dumfries St., Paris.
14	*J. M. Aull	John Richardson	Ratho and Innerkip.
15	*John Thomson, M.A.	Robson	Knox Church, Ayr.
16	W. A. McKay, M.A.	*Thos. Mair	Chalmers' Church, Woodstock
17	*G. G. McRobbie	*John Allison	Tilsonburg and Culloden.
18	*John Anderson	*John Deans	River St., Paris.
19	*Gustavus Munro	Joseph F. Ross	Embro.
20	*W. M. Martin	*James B. Smith	Norwich.
21	*D. M. Beattie	Arch. McArthur	Blenheim and Oxford.

Mission Stations :

1	.....	Zion Church Mission.
2	East Oxford, Beachville and Sweaebourg.

Residing within the Bounds :

1	Robert Chambers	Woodstock.
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PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

1	W. R. Sutherland	Alex. Eadie	Ekfrid.
2	Jas. B. Duncan	Forest and McKay.
3	J. A. Proudfoot, D.D.	Adam Murray	.....	First Church, London.
4	John Rennie	David Jones	.....	Ailsa Craig and Carlisle.
5	J. Alister Murray	David Duff	.....	St. Andrew's, London.
6	*Geo. Cuthbertson	Alex. Gillatley	.....	Wyoming and Plympton.
7	John McRobie	.....	.....	Petrolia.
8	David Camelon	.....	.....	St. James', London.
9	*John Milloy	.....	.....	Argyle Church, Aldboro'.
10	Neil McKinnon	Donald Chisholm	.....	Mosa.
11	Peter McDiarmid	Wm. Bryce	.....	Point Edward.
12	Alex. Frazer	Thos. McMullen	.....	Longwood.
13	*Lachlan Cameron	Gilbert Telfer	.....	Thamesford.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—Continued.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
14 John Wells	Duncan McEwen	Nairn and Beechwood.
15 *K. McDonald	Alex. Brodie	Belmont.
16 John Thompson	Hon. A. Vidal	St. Andrew's, Sarnia.
17 Geo. Sutherland	D. Turner	Fingal.
18 *Mungo Frazer	Colin McDougall	St. Thomas.
19 J. A. McDonald	Jas. Alexander	Wallacetown, Bear Creek and Brigden.
20 Robert Scobie	Thos. Gordon	St. Andrew's, Strathroy.
21 D. B. Whimster	Peter Cavan	} English Settlement and Proof Line.
	B. Charlton	
22 John M. Munroe	Hugh McKay	Kintore.
23 John M. Goodwillie ..	John Davidson	Camlachie.
24 D. McEachern	Alex. McKay	Parkhill and McGillivray.
25 John Stewart	Duncan McLean	Kintyre.
26 John McAlmon	Wm. Cole	Burns' Church and Moore Line
27 Hector Currie	James Gordon	Knox Church, Thedford, &c.
28 *Alex. Urquhart	Robt. Fletcher	Chalmers' and Duff's Church Dunwich.
29 *Alex. Henderson	John Campbell	Hyde Park and Komoka.
30 Peter C. Goldie	W. McLaren	Watford.
31 Farquhar, McRae	Arch. McLean	West Williams.
32 Jos. H. Paradis .....	.....	Port Stanley.
33 *Francis Ballantyne ..	John Lawson	N. and S. Westminster.
34 J. B. Galloway	Andrew Brown	Lucau and Biddulph.
35 *A. H. Kippen	Angus McMillan	Dorchester and Crumlin.
36 J. McLintock	Dugald Ferguson	Mandaumin.
37 H. Cameron	Alex. Cameron	Glencoe.
38 A. Beamer .....	.....	Wardsville and Newbury.

Vacant:

39	Hugh Craig	Delaware.
40	Alex. McLean	Lobo and Caradoc.
41	James Campbell	Wallacetown.
42	John McPhail	Alviston and Napier.
43	D. G. McArthur	New Glasgow.

Residing within the Bounds:

1 D. McMillan	Komoka P. O.
2 Geo. Simpson	St. Thomas.
3 Evan McAulay	London.
4 Jas. Ferguson	do.
5 Alex. Burr	Komoka P. O.

Mission Stations:

1 James McCutcheon	Corunna and Mooretown.
2	Springfield.
3	West Adelaide and Arkona.
4	Oil Springs.
5	N. E. Adelaide.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 A. W. Waddell.....	Wm. Coltart	Harwich.
2 Angus McCall	John McKerral	First Church, Chatham.
3 John Logie	F. B. Stewart	Tilbury East.
4 *Wm. King.....	David Taylor.....	Buxton.
5 J. W. Chestnut	David Stewart	Tilbury West and Comber.
6 *Wm. Walker.....	.....	.....
7 Arch Currie	Donald McLaren	Ridgetown and Kilmarnock.
8 Frederick Smith	Alex. Callum	Amherstburg.
9 John Becket.....	Wm. McKerricher.....	Thamesville, &c.
10 *John Gray	Alex. Bartlett	Windsor.
11 *D. L. McKechnie	Captain Taylor	Bothwell.
12 W. C. Armstrong	*Wm. Webster.....	Florence and Dawn.
13 *J. B. Battisby	Richard Linton	St. Andrew's, Chatham.
14 *Donald Currie	Thos. Campbell.....	Dover.
15 C. Lafontaine .....	.....	.....

Vacant :

16 .....	.....	St. Ann's, Illinois, U.S.
17 .....	.....	Elmira, Illinois, U.S.

Mission Stations :

1 .....	.....	Sombra.
2 .....	.....	Dresden and Knox Church.
3 .....	.....	Wallaceburg.
4 .....	.....	Mersea.
5 .....	.....	Maidstone.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

1 *Thos. McPherson	Retired .....	.....
2 Danl. Allan .....	" .....	.....
3 *John Fotheringham .....	" .....	.....
4 *Jas. Boyd	*Wm. Barbour	Wellesley.
5 *Danl. Gordon	Geo. McKenzie	Harrington.
6 *David Mann	Saml. Redcliffe	Biddulph.
7 *Robt. Hamilton	Geo. Lawrie	Fullerton and Avonbank.
8 Robt. Hall	John Gibson	Nissouri N. and S.
9 J. K. Hislop	Alex. Robertson	Avonton and Carlingford.
10 Arch. Stewart	John Stewart.....	North Easthope.
11 Robt. Renwick .....	.....	Elma Centre and W. Monck'tn
12 *John McAlpine	*Michael Ballantyne	Widder St., St. Mary's.
13 *J. W. Mitchell, M.A.	*Andrew Byers	Knox Church, Mitchell.
14 John Kay	Wm. Chalmers	Milverton and Mornington.
15 *J. E. Croly, M.A.	J. W. Chalmers	Millbank.
16 J. W. Bell, M.A.	John J. Hamilton	Knox Church, Listowel.
17 *P. McF. McLeod.....	*Thos. McPherson	Knox Church, Stratford.
18 Peter Scott	John Morgan	Hibbert.
19 E. W. Waits	Samuel Robb	St. Andrew's, Stratford.
20 Thes. T. Johnston	Andrew Mitchell	Molesworth and Trowbridge.
21 *Wm. A. Wilson, M.A.	M. Laughton.....	Knox Church, St. Mary's.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—Continued.

Vacant:

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.	
22	Andrew Riddell	St. Andrew's, Shakespeare, and Hatfield.	10 11 12
23	Donald Sutherland	Barns' Church, (E. Zorra, and Markdale.	13 14 15

Residing within the Bounds:

Robt. McKay Shakespeare. 16
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PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

1	Charles Fletcher	Retired	Goderich.	...
2	*Matthew Barr	"	Seaforth.	...
3	Robt. Ure, D.D.	Captain Gibson	Knox Church, Goderich.	
4	John Ross	"	Brucefield.	
5	Jas. Steveright, B.A.	Captain Gibson	Knox Church, Goderich.	
6	*A. D. McDonald	S. G. McCaughey	Seaforth.	1
7	Nathaniel Patterson	Wm. Sterling	Bayfield and Bethany.	2
8	Hugh Cameron	John Scott	Kippen.	3
9	A. Y. Hartley	John Strang	Rodgerville and Exeter.	4
10	J. S. Lochead, M.A.	James Elliott	Hullett and Londesborough.	5
11	Arch. McLean	Wm. McIntosh	St. Andrew's, Blyth.	6
12	Peter Musgrave	John Kerr	Duff's Church, McKillop, &c.	7
13	James Pritchard	Francis Stalker	Manchester and Smith's Hill	8
14	Mark Danby	Wm. Cannie	Bayfield Road and Berne.	9
15	Andrew Glendinning	John Reith	Grand Bend.	10
16	Thos. G. Thomson	Arch. McNeill	Union Church, Brucefield.	11
17	Alex. Stewart, B.A.	Arch. Matheson	Clinton.	12
18	Jos. McCoy, M.A.	Saml. Carnachan	Egmondville.	13
19	Colin Fletcher, M.A.	Robt. Kirk	Thames Road and Kirkton.	14

Residing within the Bounds:

Wm. Graham Egmondville. 16
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Mission Station:

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PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

1	*Alex. Sutherland	John McKay	Knox Church, Ripley.	21
2	Samuel Jones	Thos. Strachan	do Brussels.	
3	Duncan Cameron	Thos. McIver	Lucknow and S. Kinloss.	
4	Geo. Brown	James Wylie	Wroxeter.	
5	Alex. Grant	John McLennan	Ashfield.	...
6	*Adam F. McQueen	James Bell	Huron.	...
7	*Robt. Leask	Robt. Lockhart	St. Helen's and East Ashfield	
8	Hector McQuarrie	James Dickson	Wingham.	
9	*W. T. Wilkins, B.A.	James Ferguson	Belgrave.	

PRESBYTARY OF MAITLAND.—Continued.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
10 J. L. Murray, M.A.	John Morrison	Knox Church, Kincardine.
11 Duncan Davidson	Wm. Dawson	Langside.
12 John B. Taylor	Wm. Anderson	St. Andrew's Ch., Lucknow.
13 Alex. McNaughton	Jas. Fulton	Duff's Church, Walton.
14 *Robt. W. Leitch	John Bennett	Dungannon and Port Albert.
15 D. B. McCrae	John McNair	Cranbrook and Ethel.
16 *D. G. McKay	John Hutton	Bluevale and Eadie's.
17 John Ross	Duncan McLaughlin	Melville Church, Brussels.
18 Thos. Muir	Thos. Walker	Fordwich and Gorrie.
19 John McFarlane	Donald Blue	Pine River.
20 Geo. Jamieson	(Ordnained Mission'y)	Fordyce and Whitechurch.

Vacant :

.....	Francis Bone	St. Andrew's, Kincardine.
.....	Donald Leslie	Chalmers' Ch., Kincardine T'p

PRESBYTARY OF BRUCE.

1 *Geo. Bell, LL.D.	James Thompson	St. Paul's, Walkerton.
2 John Scott	Angus McKinnon	North Bruce and Saugeen.
3 Andrew Tolmie	James Craig	Southampton and W. Arran.
4 John Anderson	John Dewar	Tiverton.
5 Peter Currie	John McKenzie	Zion Church, Teeswater.
6 David Wardrobe	Wm. McKague	Westminster Ch., Teeswater
7 *John Straith	John McLntyre	Knox Church, Paisley.
8 R. C. Moffat	James Nesbet	Free St. John's, Walkerton.
9 A. G. Forbes	Wm. Malcolm	Kinloss and Bervie.
10 *Daniel Duff	Duncan McCallum	North Brant and W. Bentick
11 Geo. McLennan	James Brown	Underwood and C. Bruce.
12 Wm. Ferguson	Nath'l Fitzsimmons	Glammis.
13 D. McKeacher	(Ordnained Mission'y)	Prince Arthur's Landing, &c.
14 *John McC lung	James Thompson	Balaklava.
15 Jas. Gourlay, M.A. ..	John McCulloch	Port Elgin and Dunblane.
16 Wm. Blain	James Dunn	Tara, Allanford and Elsinore
17 Hugh McKay	(Ordnained Mission'y)	Gore Bay, &c., Manitoulin.
18 J. R. McLeod	do	Sault Ste. Marie.
19 *John Eadie	Chas. Andrews	Pinkerton and W. Brant.
20 John Ferguson	John McLagan	Chesley.

Vacant :

21	Hanover and North Normanby.
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Mission Stations :

.....	John Miller	Riversdale and Enniskillen.
.....	Salem Church, Elderslie.

CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

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

TRANSLATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. James Frazer from St. Anns and Wellandport to the united congregations of Georgina and North Gwillinbury, on the third day of June 1879.

Mr. S. W. Fisher, from Burlington to Knox Church, Elora, on the tenth day of November, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. John A. McDonald, from Wallacetown to Bear Creek and Bridgen, on the eighth day of February, 1880.

Mr. P. C. Goldie, from North and South Delaware, to Watford and Main Road, on twenty-third day of February, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. John J. Cameron, M. A., from Saint Andrews, North Easthope to St. John's and St. Andrew's, Pickering, Presbytery of Whitby, on the twenty-first day of September, 1879.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. S. R. Warrender inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Ann's and Wellandport, on the third day of February, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. D. M. Beattie ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Blenheim, and St. Andrew's Church, East Oxford, on the thirteenth day of January, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. J. McLintock inducted into the pastoral charge of Mandaamin, on the fifth day of August, 1879.

Mr. P. McDiarmid inducted into the pastoral charge of Point Edward on the third day of September, 1879.

Mr. J. McAlmon inducted into the pastoral charge of Burn's Church and Moore Line, on the second day of October, 1879.

Mr. Hugh Cameron ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Glencoe, St. John's Church, on the second day of December, 1879.

Mr. John Stewart inducted into the pastoral charge of Kintyre on the third day of February, 1880.

Mr. John A. McDonald inducted into the pastoral charge of Bear Creek and Bridgen, on the tenth day of February, 1880.

Mr. A. Beamer inducted into the pastoral charge of Wardsville and Newbury, on the twenty-fourth day of February, 1880.

Mr. P. C. Goldie inducted into the pastoral charge of Watford and Main Road, on the twenty-fifth day of February, 1880.

Mr. Kenneth McDonald inducted into the pastoral charge of Belmont on the twenty-fourth day of April, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. John Logie inducted into the pastoral charge of East Tilbury on the first day of April, 1879.

Mr. J. C. Chestnut inducted into the pastoral charge of West Tilbury and Comber on the twenty-second day of July, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. John Kay inducted into the pastoral charge of North Mornington and Barr's Church, Milverton, on the seventeenth day of July, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. Andrew Glendinning inducted into the pastoral charge of Grand Bend, on the twenty-sixth day of June, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

Mr. John Ross ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Melville Church, Brussels, on the twenty-eighth day of October, 1879.

Mr. Thomas Muir inducted into the pastoral charge of Fordwich and Gorrie, on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1880.

Mr. John McFarlane inducted into the pastoral charge of Pine River, on the seventh day of April, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. John Eadie inducted into the pastoral charge of Pinkerton and West Brant, on the tenth day of July, 1879.

Mr. John Ferguson ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Chesley, on the thirtieth day of December, 1879.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Wm. Hancock resigned the charge of North Pelham and Port Robinson, on the eighteenth day of December, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. A. Beamer resigned the charge of Springfield and Aylmer, on the twenty-fourth day of November, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. Robert Watt resigned the charge of Shakespeare and Hampstead, on the eighteenth day of May, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. Matthew Barr resigned the charge of McKillop and Tuckersmith, on the eighth day of July, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr William Anderson, M. A., resigned the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Kincardine, on the fifteenth day of April, 1879.

LICENSURES.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Messrs. Hugh Cameron, James Smith and D. L. Munroe, on the 22nd day of July, 1879.

MINISTERS RECEIVED.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. W. W. Chambers, by permission of the General Assembly, as a licentiate of the Church on the 9th day of July, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. J. McLintock on the twenty-second day of July, 1879.

DEATH.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Hugh McGregor, Minister of Kintyre, May, 1879.

TRANSFERENCES.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr Donald McKenzie, Emeritus, pastor of Knox Church, Embro, and Mr. Gustavus Munro, pastor of Knox Church, Embro, were with said congregation transferred by Act of General Assembly, from the Presbytery of London to the Presbytery of Paris, on the ninth day of July, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

The congregations of Ashfield, Dungannon and Port Albert; St. Helen's and White Church; Wingham and Belgrave; Bluevale and Eadie's; Knox Church, Brussels, Cranbrook and Ethel; Walton, Wroxeter with their pastors, were constituted the Presbytery of Maitland, by Act of General Assembly, and the vacant congregations of Melville Church, Brussels and Fordwich and Gorrie, with the mission stations of East Ashfield, and Fordyce, also transferred to the said Presbytery of Maitland, on the 8th day of July, 1879.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Napier, Alvinston and Brooke, were united into one pastoral charge, under the name of Alvinston and Napier on the sixteenth day of January, 1880.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.—Continued.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—Continued.

Springfield and Aylmer were disjoined, and Springfield erected into a Mission Station, on the sixteenth day of March, 1880.

Delaware Congregation was changed in name, hereafter to be designated North and South Delaware, on the twenty-second day of July, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF CMATHAM.

Adelaide Street and Wellington Street Churches, Chatham, were united as one congregation on the sixteenth day of September, 1879.

Dresden and Knox Church, Chatham Township, were united into one pastoral charge, on the sixteenth day of September, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

St. Andrew's, Shakespeare and Hampstead, were united into one pastoral charge on the second day of September, 1879.

Tavistock and New Hamburg were united into one mission field, on the second day of September, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

The congregations of McKillop and Tuckersmith and Seaforth, were amalgamated, to be hereafter known by the name of the First Presbyterian Church, Seaforth, on the eighth day of July, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

St. Helen's was separated from White Church on the ninth day of March, 1880.

East Ashfield and Fordyce Mission Stations, separated on the ninth day of March, 1880.

Saint Helen's and East Ashfield united as one congregation, on the ninth day of March, 1880, the union to take effect on the 1st day of April, 1880.

White Church and Fordyce, united as one congregation on the ninth day of March, 1880, the union to take effect on the first day of April, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

The following congregations were received by transference from the Presbytery of Saugeen, by Act of General Assembly: North Brant and West Bentick, Free St. John's, Walkerton, Balaklava and Hanover, and North Normanby. The following congregations having been included by the General Assembly in the newly formed Presbytery of Maitland, were received on the 19th day of July, 1879: St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, Lucknow and South Kinloss, Langside, Knox Church, Ripley, Huron Church, Pine River, Knox Church, Kincardine, St. Andrew's Church, Kincardine, and Chalmer's Church, Kincardine Township.

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. R. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Mungo Frazer, Dr. George Bell, of Walkerton, was unanimously elected Moderator, and took the chair accordingly.

On motion of Mr. John Smith, seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, M. A., a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his sermon, and the able manner in which he had presided over the former meeting of Synod.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

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

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—Mr. Geo. Bruce, B.A., Minister, and Mr. A. Dobie, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—Mr. W. M. Martin, Minister, and Mr. Richardson, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—Mr. Alexander Henderson, Minister, and Mr. D. Duff, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—Mr. John Gray, Minister, and Mr. David Taylor, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—Mr. J. W. Mitchell, M. A., Minister, and Mr. Thomas McPherson, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—Mr. Colin Fletcher, M.A., Minister, and Mr. Arch. Matheson, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—Mr. W. T. Wilkins, B.A., Minister, and Mr. Jas. Ferguson, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—Mr. R. C. Moffat, Minister, and Mr. John McIntyre, Elder.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE RECORDS.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Business, the following Committees were appointed to examine Presbytery Records:

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—Messrs. F. Ballantyne and Alex. Sutherland, Ministers, and Mr. W. T. Root, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—Messrs. S. C. Frazer, M.A., and George Burson, Ministers, and Mr. James Webster, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—Messrs. John McEwen and Wm. Craigie, Ministers, and Mr. John Montgomery, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—Messrs. J. A. Murray and John Straith, Ministers, and Mr. David Duff, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—Messrs. John Scott and W. M. Martin, Ministers, and Mr. George McVicar, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—Messrs. J. R. Battisby and G. G. McRobbie, Ministers, and Dr. Macdonald, Elder.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—Messrs. G. Chrystal and J. McAlpine, Ministers, and Mr. J. Allison, Elder.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE RECORDS —Continued.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—Messrs. J. McMechan and J. Anderson (Paris), Ministers, and Mr. James Hutchinson, Elder.

The following Committee was appointed on the

COMMISSIONS OF ELDERS.

Messrs. John Laing, M.A., Dr. James, G. Cuthbertson, Ministers, and James Dougan and Thos. Mair, Elders.

The following Committee was also appointed to

AUDIT THE TREASURER'S BOOKS.

Mr. George Bruce, B. A., Minister, and Mr. M. Ballantyne, Elder.

PRESBYTERIES ALLOWED TO MEET.

The various Presbyteries within the bounds were permitted to meet for the transaction of necessary business, during the interval between the Sederunts 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.

It was agreed that the first hour of the next sederunt be spent in devotional exercises.

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

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, St. Catharines, the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty years, 9.30 a. m.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. Dr. George Bell, Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, Messrs. Lowry, Goldsmith, McMullen and Craigie.

The minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Laing, the Convener of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, gave in their first report as follows, which on motion was unanimously adopted as the order of business for the day:

1. Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton regarding Education.
2. Reference from Presbytery of Chatham regarding Mr. John McGregor.

 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.—*Continued.*

3. Report of Committee on Temperance.
4. Overture from the Presbytery of Paris, anent payment of Assembly Commissioners.
5. Overture from the Presbytery of Stratford, anent the method of appointing Standing Committees.
6. That the Reports of the Committees on the State of Religion, and Sabbath Schools, be received in the evening.
7. The Committee recommend that the name of Mr. D. Allan, which is on the roll of the Stratford Presbytery as a minister, retired, with the leave of the General Assembly, and which is also appended to the roll of the Huron Presbytery as a retired minister within the bounds, be removed from the roll of the latter Presbytery.

COMMISSIONS OF ELDERS.

Mr. Laing on behalf of the Committee on the Commissions of Elders gave in a report, recommending that the name of Mr. James B. Smith, of Norwich, be added to the roll of Synod. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton regarding education. The overture having been read, Dr. James and Mr. Alexander Grant were heard in its support.

After lengthened discussion, it was moved by Mr. D. D. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Chrystal, that Dr. James, Mr. Alex. Grant and Dr. McDonald be a committee to draw up a delivrance for the Synod, with regard to the overture from the Hamilton Presbytery, and report to a future sederunt of the Synod.

It was moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, that a committee of Synod be appointed to take the whole question of public education, as brought forward in the overture, into serious consideration during the year, with liberty to confer with the Minister of Education if necessary, and report fully to next Synod, with a view that definite action may then be taken in the important matter.

On the vote being taken the amendment of Dr. Cochrane was carried by a very large majority over the motion of Mr. McLeod, and the Synod decided accordingly in terms thereof.

From this judgment Mr. W. Robertson craved leave to enter his dissent.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at 2.30 p.m., the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

 THIRD SEDERUNT:

Knox Church, Saint Catharines, the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty years, 2.30 p.m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, Dr. Bell, Moderator, and was duly constituted; Mr. Black engaging in prayer at the Moderator's request. The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained;

COMMISSIONS OF ELDERS.

The Committee on Commissions of Elders gave in a second report, recommending that the name of Mr. James Bell be entered in the roll of Synod, instead of that of Mr. Roderick Campbell.

The report was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Moderator nominated the following as the Committee to bring in a report on the subject of public education to next meeting of Synod, namely: Mr. Lowry, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Straith, Mr. Wilkins, Dr. James and the Moderator, Ministers, and Messrs. Dr. Macdonald, John Montgomery and Wm. Webster, Elders. Dr. James, convener.

REFERENCE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

The Synod next took up the reference from the Presbytery of Chatham regarding Mr. John McGregor, who had been for some time past preaching in Dawn, within the bounds of said Presbytery.

Extract minutes having been read, Mr. Gray and Mr. Battisby stated the reference.

Questions having been put and answered, and certain amendments made and lost, the Synod finally proceeded to vote on the following motion and amendment:

Moved by Mr. Lowry, seconded by Mr. McEwen, "The Synod, having heard the reference and deliberated thereon, agree to sustain the reference, to advise the Presbytery of Chatham to bring the matter regularly before the Presbytery of Guelph, to which the session of Knox Church, Galt, belongs, asking that Presbytery to deal with it according to the laws of the Church."

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. Straith, "Sustain the reference, appoint assessors to sit with the Presbytery of Chatham, and instruct them to hold a visitation of the congregation, and advise with the session and congregation of Dawn, with a view to the removal of the irregularities existing, and in the event of their efforts in this way proving ineffectual, recommend them to proceed further with the matter, in accordance with the laws of the church."

On a vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. Wilkins was carried over the original motion of Mr. Lowry, and became the judgment of the Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Clerk, in the absence of Mr. Sieveright, Convener of the Committee on Temperance, read the report.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. James, the Synod received and adopted the report, and tendered thanks to the committee, and especially the convener, for their diligence.

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.

Knox Church, Saint Catharines, the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty years, 7.30 p.m.

The Synod again met and was duly constituted by the Moderator, Mr. R. J. Laidlaw, engaging in prayer.

REFERENCE FROM CHATHAM PRESBYTERY.

On motion of Mr. McEwen, duly seconded, Messrs. Munro, McKinnon, and K. Macdonald, Ministers, and Mr. Thomas Gordon, Elder, were appointed assessors, to sit with the Presbytery of Chatham in adjusting the irregularities existing in the congregation of Dawn.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of Synod should be held at Brantford, and within Zion Church, there, on the second Monday, of April, 1881, at 7.30 p. m.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Mr. D. D. McLeod, Convener of the Committee on the State of Religion, presented the annual report.

On motion of Mr. John Laing, M.A., seconded by Mr. George Burson, the report was received.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. Mungo Frazer, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, read the annual report.

On motion of Mr. Chrystal, seconded by Mr. P. McF. McLeod, the report was received.

STATE OF RELIGION REPORT.

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Robert Hamilton, the Synod resolved to express satisfaction with the degree of completeness of the returns, and the generally hopeful tone of the reports from sessions, as presented in the report on the State of Religion, and to record gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the blessing vouchsafed to many congregations during the past year; also to express thanks to the committee, particularly to the convener, for their diligence in preparing the report, and instruct the Clerk to forward the report to the Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

On motion of Mr. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Burson, the report with its recommendations was adopted, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the committee, and especially to the convener, and instructions given that it be forwarded to the Assembly's Committee as the report of this Synod.

The recommendations are as follows:

I. That hereafter the blank forms issued by the Assembly for Sabbath School information be circulated only once in two years.

II. That Presbyteries give attention to the question of teacher training.

III. That the attention of the Assembly be directed to the necessity of submitting a list of approved books, from which our schools may make their selections.

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

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, St. Catharines, the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty years. The Synod again met at 9.30 a.m.; Rev. Dr. Bell, Moderator, and was duly constituted; Mr. W. T. Wilkins engaging in prayer.

The minutes of previous sederunt were read and sustained.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented their second report which, on motion, was adopted as the order of the day.

1st. Appointing of Synodical Standing Committees.

2nd. Report of Committee on Buxton Mission.

3rd. Appeal from Rev. D. Gordon against a decision of the Stratford Presbytery.

4th. Overture from Stratford Presbytery anent the appointment of Standing Committees by the General Assembly.

5th. Overture from Paris Presbytery anent payment of expenses of Assembly Commissioners.

6th. Overture from certain members of Synod anent the conferring of degrees by our theological colleges.

7th. Petition of the Rev. D. Mann, transmitted through the Stratford Presbytery.

8th. Report from the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books.

9th. Reports of Committees appointed to examine Presbytery Records.

10th. Application from Presbyteries for leave to license students.

11th. Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

12th. Overture anent Home Mission work in the North-West.

SYNODICAL STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following committees were then appointed by the Synod:

STATE OF RELIGION.—Messrs. D. D. McLeod (Convener), J. W. Mitchell, M. A., McKinnon, Waits, Thompson (Sarnia), Laidlaw, Goldsmith and Anderson (Tiverton), Ministers; and Messrs. J. Henderson, Barr, Gordon, G. Black, Muddell, Ballantyne and Montgomery, Elders.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Messrs. Mungo Frazer (Convener), McEwen, McGuire, R. Hamilton, Walker (Chatham), Thompson and Straith, Ministers; and Messrs. W. N. Hossie, A. I. Mackenzie and Peter Marshall, Elders.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Mr. R. N. Grant (Convener), Messrs. P. McF. McLeod, D. Fletcher, J. A. Murtry, Burson, Dr. Bell and Dr. Ure, Ministers; and Messrs. Thomas Gordon, Adam Spence and J. Charlton, M.P., Elders.

TEMPERANCE.—Mr. J. Sieveright (Convener), and Messrs. R. Hall, McLean and J. M. Goodwillie, Ministers, and Mr. A. Mathieson, Elder.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed that speeches to-day should be limited to five minutes each, save in the case of those presenting reports or pleading cases.

BUXTON MISSION.

The report of Buxton Mission was read by Mr. Battisby, Mr. Samuel Glen was heard on behalf of the Buxton Congregation, in reference to the future appropriation of the Mission Funds. On motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Straith the report was received, and its recommendation adopted. The Buxton Mission Committee was appointed as follows: Mr. Battisby, Convener, Messrs. Gray,

King, Walker and McColl, Ministers, and Messrs. Urquhart, Taylor and McVicar, Elders.

The recommendation of the Buxton Mission Committee is as follows :

"The Committee recommend that the fund remain invested as it is at present, Mr. King to receive the interest, as already approved, by the General Assembly, during his natural life, and at his death, the fund be disposed of, in any other way the Synod may direct."

The Clerk was instructed to hold the report and recommendation now presented to the Synod *in retentis*.

DISSENT AND COMPLAINT OF MR. D. GORDON AGAINST STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the dissent and complaint of Mr. D. Gordon against a decision of the Stratford Presbytery.

The papers in the case having been read, parties were called to the bar, Messrs. McPherson and Mitchell appeared on behalf of the Presbytery and Mr. Gordon for himself.

Questions having been put and answered, and the parties removed from the bar, the Synod proceeded to deliberate.

Mr. Wilkins moved, seconded by Dr. Thomson, that the dissent and complaint be dismissed, and the ruling of the Presbytery of Stratford be sustained.

Pending the discussion of the motion, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 2.30 p. m. The Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, St. Catharines, the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty years, 2.30 p. m.

The Synod again met, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, Mr. Henderson engaging in prayer at his request.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The Clerk read the report of the various committees appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries within the bounds, and the Synod instructed the Moderator to attest them in accordance with said report.

MR. GORDON'S DISSENT AND COMPLAINT.

The Synod resumed consideration of the dissent of Mr. Gordon against the Stratford Presbytery.

Mr. Wilkins asked leave of the Synod to withdraw the motion he had proposed prior to adjournment, which was granted.

Mr. Wilkins then moved, seconded by Mr. McMechan, "Dismiss the dissent and complaint, and sustain the ruling of the Presbytery of Stratford, but inasmuch as it appears that the maintenance of a preaching station at Brookdale, either alone or in connection with any other congregation than that of Har-

ington is likely to result in injury being done to the charge over which Mr. Gordon is at present settled, remit the matter to the Presbytery to bring about, if possible, an amalgamation between the Harrington congregation and the congregation or Mission Station of Zorra, formerly in connection with the Church of Scotland; and failing to effect such amalgamation, to devise some method whereby the financial interests of the Harrington congregation shall not be injuriously affected by the maintenance of preaching at Brooksdale."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Laing, M. A., seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, M. A., "Sustain the dissent and complaint, and find that there is nothing in the decision given by the commission of the General Assembly, which precludes the presentation and orderly consideration of a motion, the object of which was to prevent the maintaining of a Mission Station which would affect prejudicially the interests of the congregation at Harrington.

The motion and amendment having been put to the vote, the amendment of Mr. Laing, as against the motion of Mr. Wilkins, was carried by a large majority.

Parties having been recalled to the bar, the judgment of the Synod was intimated to them, whereupon Mr. McPherson, in name of the Presbytery of Stratford, protested and appealed against the finding of the Synod, to the ensuing General Assembly, and craved extracts.

Mr. Gordon acquiesced in the finding of the Court.

Mr. Wilkins craved leave to dissent from said finding.

Messrs. Laing and R. N. Grant were appointed to answer the reasons of protest and appeal and defend the finding of the Synod at the bar of the Assembly.

OVERTURE FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY ANENT THE APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES BY THE ASSEMBLY.

The overture from the Stratford Presbytery anent standing committees, was then read and supported by Messrs. McLeod and Mitchell.

On motion of Mr. J. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Thomson, the overture was generally approved and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly.

Messrs. P. McF. McLeod and R. N. Grant were appointed to support the overture before the General Assembly.

OVERTURE ANENT PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The overture from the Paris Presbytery anent payment of commissioners to Assembly was then considered.

The overture having been read, Mr. W. T. Root was heard in its support.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. P. McF. McLeod, the following motion was unanimously adopted: "That, without committing itself to all the details of the scheme proposed in the overture, the Synod approve of the object aimed at, and agree to transmit it to the General Assembly for its earnest consideration, and appoint Mr. J. Laing, M. A., and Mr. W. T. Root to support it."

OVERTURE ANENT THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES BY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

An overture anent the conferring of degrees by Theological Colleges, signed by nineteen members of Synod, was next read, and Mr. R. N. Grant heard in its support.

Mr. Grant moved, seconded by Mr. D. D. McLeod, that the overture be received and adopted by the Synod and transmitted to the General Assembly.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., seconded by Mr. J. Gordon, M.A., that the overture be received and adopted, and that the last clause read as follows: "That the Boards of the two aforementioned Colleges, Knox and Montreal, be appointed a joint committee to suggest some method by which the grievance complained of may be remedied."

On the vote being taken the motion was carried by a very large majority over the amendment, and became the judgment of the Court.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell asked leave to enter his dissent from the finding of the Court.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at 7.30, and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, Saint Catharines, the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty years, 7.30 p.m.

The Synod again met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Rev. J. Gordon engaging in prayer.

The minutes of previous sederunt were read and sustained.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Minutes of the Presbyteries of Hamilton and Paris were read asking leave of the Synod to take on trial for license Mr. James Craigie and Mr. D. G. McKay, who have completed their theological course at Knox College.

On motion, the permission asked was granted in both cases.

REPORT FROM AUDITORS.

The Clerk read the report of the auditors, to the effect that the books were correctly kept, that there was a balance due the Treasurer of \$11.06, and upwards of \$100 unpaid by congregations within the bounds of the Synod.

On motion duly seconded, the report was received and the cordial thanks of the Synod tendered to Mr. Walker, the Treasurer, for his long and efficient services to the Synod. The Treasurer was also requested to take such steps as he deemed necessary, to collect the monies due the Synod fund from congregations within the bounds.

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

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

It was moved by Mr. D. D. McLeod, seconded by Mr. J. Gordon, Receive and adopt the report with its recommendations, and thank the committee, and especially the convener for their diligence; the Synod express regret that the report has still to deplore continued attempts to introduce various forms of Sabbath desecration, and approve of the efforts made by the brethren mentioned in the report on behalf of the better observance of the Lord's day.

The recommendations are as follows :

I. That ministers be enjoined to keep the duty of Sabbath observance in the community prominently before their congregations, more especially in those localities in which the sin of Sabbath desecration may have become prevalent.

II. That a Committee of Synod be appointed to confer with the Premier with a view to securing such legislation as will prevent the running of excursion trains and boats on the Lord's day.

The Synod, in conformity with the above resolution, appointed the following as a committee to confer with the Premier: Dr. James (convener), Mr. Laing and Mr. Fletcher, Ministers, and Messrs. J. M. Gibson, M. P. P., and J. Charlton. M. P.

THEOLOGICAL DEGREES.

The Synod appointed Mr. John Laing, M.A., and Mr. R. N. Grant to support the overture anent theological degrees before the General Assembly.

PETITION OF REV. D. MANN.

The Synod proceeded to consider the petition of the Rev. David Mann regarding certain action of the Presbytery of Stratford.

The Clerk read the petition, which was as follows :

To the Rev. the Synod of Hamilton and London :

The petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth : That a petition was presented to the Presbytery of Stratford on the 9th day of March last from parties at and around Granton ; that on certain good grounds I objected to its reception; that, notwithstanding my objections, Presbytery did receive said petition ; that I dissented and protested for leave to complain to Synod against this decision for reasons to be handed in ; that said reasons having been handed in, have by the Presbytery been thrown out ; and that in these premises substantial wrong has been done to me and the cause with which I am connected, in the neighborhood and congregation.

The petitioner therefore humbly requests that Synod would look into this matter and correct the injustice done, and your petitioner will ever pray.

DAVID MANN.

St. Catharines, April 14th, 1880.

Mr. McEwen moved, seconded by Mr. S. C. Frazer, M. A., that the petition be received.

Mr. McPherson moved, seconded by Mr. P. McF. McLeod, that it be not received.

On the vote being taken the motion was carried as against the amendment. and the petition accordingly received.

It was then moved by Mr. D. D. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Chrystal, "The Synod, believing that Mr. Mann will receive no injustice at the hands of the Presbytery by the reception of the petition complained of, resolve to take no further action in the premises."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. John Gray, "That, in view of the requisite documents not being laid on the table, the Synod resolve to take no further action at present in reference to this petition."

On the vote being taken the amendment of Mr. McMullen was carried by a majority, and became the judgment of the Synod.

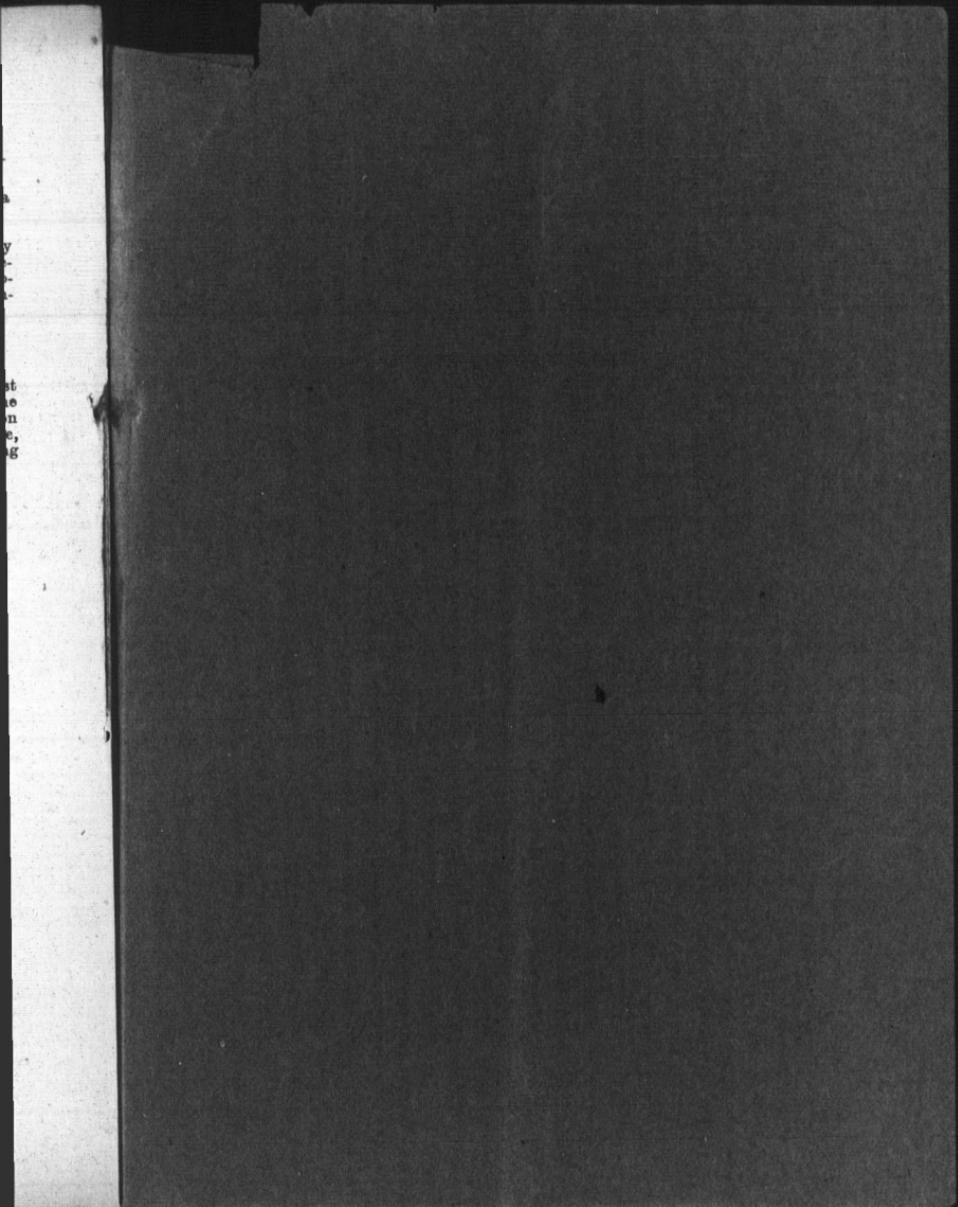
Mr. Mann craved leave to enter his dissent, and craved extracts.

It was moved by Mr. Straith, seconded by Mr. D. Gordon, and unanimously carried, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the minister and office-bearers of Knox Church, St. Catharines, for the excellent accommodations provided; to the Christian citizens for their kind hospitality, and to the railway companies which have granted reduced fares to the members of Synod.

ADJOURNMENT.

The business of the Synod having been concluded, Mr. Straith, at the request of the Moderator, engaged in prayer; after which, and engaging in praise, the Moderator declared the Synod dissolved, to meet at Brantford, and within Zion Church there, on the second Monday of April, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, at half past seven o'clock p. m., and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

GEORGE BELL, LL.D., Moderator.
WM. COCHRANE, D.D., Clerk.



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REV. GEO. BELL, LL. D., WALKERTON.

CLERK:

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