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## COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

1876-77.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell, Convener, and Messrs. McKinnon, McTavish, J. C. Smith, Wilkins, Goldsmith, Anderson, of Tiverton, Ministers; and Messrs. J. Henderson, Barr, Gordon, G. Black, Mundell and Ballantine, Elders.

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## COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. R. N. Grant, Convener, and Dr. Bell, Messrs. Fletcher, Wadell, McCuaig, Burson, Ministers; and Dr. Aberdeen, Messrs. McCalla, Hudson, and Thom, Elders.

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Recommendations attached to the report of the Synod of Hamilton and London's Committee on the State of Religion, and adopted by the Synod.

1.—That the Synod urge on Presbyteries the frequent holding of conferences on the State of Religion within their bounds.

2.—That the Synod direct each Presbytery to appoint one of its members to receive the reports on the State of Religion from Sessions, and prepare a report based on them for submission to Presbytery; and that he be *ex-officio* a member of the Synod's Committee.

3.—That the Presbyteries be enjoined to forward their reports to the Convener of the Synod's Committee at least two weeks before the meeting of Synod.

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ERRATUM.—On page 6th, line 6th, for *Presbytery of Chatham*, read *Presbytery of Stratford*.

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At Hamilton, and within Saint Paul's Church there, the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six 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. Thomas Lowry, from Ephesians chapter fourth, verses 11th and 12th, was duly constituted by prayer.

The Clerk then read the following Roll of all the Ministers holding pastoral charges, 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 *Geo. Cheyne, M. A.		Tapleystown.
2 M. W. Livingstone		Simcoe.
3 A. Forbes.....		
4 *William Hancock..	A. Elder.....	Pelham and Port Robinson.
5 Samuel Fenton.....	Wm. Guiley.....	Victoria, Charlotteville
6 *Alex. McLean, M.A.	*James Sanderson Nairn.	
7 *S. C. Fraser, M.A.	James McCabe.....	Thorold and Merriton.
8 *James Black.....	A. C. Buck.....	Argyle, St. Caledonia, &c.
9 *John Laing, M. A.	*J. C. Wyld.....	Knox Ch. Dundas.
10 *William Craigie....	Robt. McKettrick.	Knox Ch. Port Dover.
11 *John G. Murray....	J. Gullan.....	Grimsby and Muirs Settlement.
12 James Herald.....	J. Gilmour.....	St. Andrew's Dundas.
13 Charles Campbell....	R. M. Ball.....	St. Andrew's, Niagara
14 *D. H. Fletcher.....	Peter Budge.....	McNab St., Hamilton.
15 *Thos. Wilson.....	James Stewart.....	Sutherland St., Caledonia.
16 George Burson.....	*Robert Lawrie....	Knox Ch., St. Catharines.
17 *Alex. Dawson, M.A.	Mathias Durham.	Beamsville & Clinton.
18 *Alex. Grant, B.A.	*A. D. McLeod....	Oneida, Indiana and Cayuga.
19 *Thomas McGuire....	S. Hunter.....	Jarvis and Walpole.
20 *James C. Smith....	T. C. Kerr.....	St. Paul's, Hamilton.
21 John McColl.....	*J. M. Henderson..	Central Ch., Hamilton
22 *James Little.....	*Jas. Henderson...	St. John's, Hamilton.
23 *Jas A. F. McBain.	*A. Aberdeen, M.D.	Drummondville and Chippewa.
24 *George Yeomans...		Dunnville.
25 Malcolm M. McNeill		St. Paul's, Seneca.
26 *W. P. Walker.....	J. Soules.....	Binbrook & Saltfleet.
27 *Edward Vincent...	Wm. Brown.....	East Seneca, Blackheath and Caistor.
28 *E. Wallace Waits	Thos. Little.....	Waterdown & Nelson.
29 *S. W. Fisher.....	*Andrew Wilson...	Waterdown and Wellington Square.
30 Isaac Campbell.....	—	McLure, M.D. Killride.





PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

1	Donald McKenzie...	Ingersoll.	37
2	Alex. Sutherland...Thos. Gordon.....	Guthrie's Church and Cooke's Ch., Caradoc.	38 39 40 41 42
3	Wm.R.Sutherland James Allan.....	Ekfrid.	43
4	James B. Duncan...James Moffatt.....	Forest and McKay.	44
5	J. J. A. Proudfoot,D.D. Wm. Grieve	1st Church, London.	45
6	*James Gordon.....James Weir.....	Dorchester.	46
7	James Ferguson ...D. McTaggart.....	Alvinston & Euphemia.	47
8	*John Rennie .....James Spence.....	Carlisle & Ailsa Craig.	48
9	John McRobie.....P. Barclay.....	Petrolia.	49
10	David Camelon.....James Canan.....	St. James, London.	
11	John Milloy.....	Argyle Ch., Aldboro.	
12	Neil McKinnon.....Alex. Cameron....	Belmont & Yarmouth	
13	Peter McDiarmid..Adam Bell .....	Moore.	
14	*Jas. Donaldson...Wm. Stevely.....	Wardville.	
15	*George Simpson...James. Armstrong	Westminster.	
16	*Lachlan CameronThos. Paterson ...	Thamesford.	
17	Arch'd Stewart....Wm. Lietch.....	Mosa.	
18	John Thompson....George Leys.....	St. Andrew's, Sarnia.	
19	George Sutherland Jno. McAlpine....	Fingal.	
20	J. Allister Murray.Andw. Thompson.	St. Andrew's, London	
21	Joseph Eakins.....Andw. Elliott.....	Parkhill.	
22	Hugh Currie.....	Napier.	
23	Robt. Chambers ....Wm. Milne.....	Williams, East.	
24	*Jas. P. Baikie.....	Port Stauley.	
25	John A. McDonald.John Strathdee...	Dorchester.	
26	John Abraham.....*John Ross.....	Watford.	
27	*J. R. Hay.....Hugh Scott.....	Delaware & Komoka.	
28	D. F. Sage.....D. McKenzie.....	Parkhill & McGilvray,	
29	*Gustavus Munro.*J. R. Ross .....	Zorra.	
30	Robert Scobie.....James Thomson...	Strathroy.	
31	John Munro.....Dan. Campbell....	New Glasgow.	
32	*G. G. McRobbie....Alex. McDougald..	Mandaumin.	
33	*Robert Thynne.....Thomas Robson...	John Carmichael.English Settlement & Proof Line.	
34	Donald McDonald..Hugh McPherson	St. Andrew's, Westminster.	
35	John M. GoodwillieWm. Symington..	Camlachie.	
36	D. McEachern .....DuncanMcGregor	Glencoe and Dunnich.	

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37	C. D. McDonald.....	James Brown.....	Point Edward.
38	Hugh McGregor...		Kintyre.
39	Hector Currie.....	Donald McKellar	Widder.
40	Vacant.....	Alex. McColl.....	St. Thomas.
41	do .....	Robert Gow .....	Wallacetown.
42	do .....	David Crossin.....	Currie Road and Chalmer's Ch., Dunnich.
43	do .....	D. S. Robertson...	Wyoming and North Plympton.
44	do .....		Nissouri.
45	do .....		Pt. Burwell & Vienna.
46	do .....		Oil Springs.
47	do .....		Corruna & Mooretown
48	do .....		Springfield.
49	do .....		London East & Hyde Park.

#### PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

1	*Alex. W. Waddell	Joseph Laird .....	Harwich.
2	Angus McColl.....	Wm. Coulthard...	Adelaide St., Chatham
3	Wm. King .....	David Taylor.....	Buxton & Raleigh.
4	Wm. Walker.....	Fred. Bates .....	Wellington St., Chatham.
5	Wm. Forrest .....	James Campbell...	Tilbury East.
6	Arch'd Currie .....	Donald McLaren..	Ridgetown and Kilmar-nock.
7	*Robt. H. Warden, Agent.....		College, Toronto.
8	Fred. Smith.....	Alex. Callam .....	Amherstburg.
9	John Becket.....	Wm. McKerracher	Thamesville, &c.
10	*John Gray .....	Alex. Bartlett.....	Windsor.
11	D. L. McKechnie...	John Taylor .....	Bothwell.
12	C. Lafontaine. ....		St. Anne, Ill., U. S.
13	Vacant .....		1st Presbyt'n Church, St. Anne, Ill., U. S.
14	do .....		St. Andrew's, Chatham
15	do .....		Florence and Dawn.
16	do .....		Elmira, Illinois.
17	do .....		Wallaceburg and Sydenham.
18	do .....		Scotch Ch., Chicago.
19	do .....		Dover and Oliver's Section.

## Mission Stations...

do	Sombra.
do	Dresden and Corktown.
do	Tilbury West.
do	Mersia.
do	Maidstone.

## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

1	Thos. McPherson...*	Da. Barton .....	Knox Ch., Stratford.
2	Jas. Boyd .....	John B. Campbell	Wellesley.
3	*A. A. Drummond	Da. Robertson ....	Shakespeare & Hampstead.
4	Dan. Gordon .....	Wm. McKenzie...	Hannington.
5	*R. Hamilton.....*	R. Mackie.....	Fullerton and Avon Bank.
6	Robt. Hall.....	Jas. Henderson...	Nissouri Nam S.
7	*John K. Hyslop...	Alex. Robertson...	Avanton & Carlingford.
8	Robt. Renwick.....	Alex. McRobb ....	Elma Centre and West Monkton.
9	*John McAlpine ...	*Alex. Wood.....	St. Marys.
10	*W.T. Wilkins, B.A.	Sam. Robb.....	St. Andrew's, Stratford
11	*J.W. Mitchell, M.A	James Briston...	Knox Ch., Mitchell.
12	*Peter Musgrave...	James Gamble...	Milverton and North Mornington.
13	*J. E. Croly, M.A.	Matt. Reid.....	Millbank.
14	J. W. Bell, M. A.	Donald Gordon...	Knox Ch., Listowel.
15	*Peter Scott .....	Thos. Laing.....	Hilbert.
16	*J.J. Cameron, M.A	Jas. Crerar.....	St. Andrew's Ch., North Easthope.
17	Vacant .....	John Stewart.....	North Easthope.
18	do .....	James Grant .....	Biddulph and Frazer Church.
19	do .....	Peter Murray .....	Burns Ch., East Zora.
20	do .....		Molesworth and Trowbridge.
	Mission Stations...		Elice and Logan.

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

1	Charles Fletcher ...	Goderich.
2	*Thos. Goldsmith...Robert Turnbull..	Seaforth.
3	Robert Ure, D. D...Robert Young .....	Knox Ch., Goderich.
4	John Ross.....	Brucefield.
5	*Samuel Jones.....Thos. Strachan...	Knox Ch., Brussels.

- 6 \* Matthew Barr....David Campbell...McKillop and Tucker-smith.  
 7 George Brown.....Alex. L. Gibson...Wroxeter & Fordwich.  
 8 Alex. Grant .....John Douglass.....Ashfield:  
 9 James Sieveright....Knox Ch., Goderich.  
 10 \*Finlay McCuaig...Arch'd Matheson...Willis Ch., Clinton.  
 11 Hugh Cameron ....Geo. Thomson.....Kippen.  
 12 Alex. Y. Hartley...Robt. Harrison....Dungannon, Port Al-  
 bert, &c.  
 13 \*John Ferguson....James Smellie.....Melville Ch., Brussels.  
 14 Henry Gracey .....John Gardner .....Thames Road, & Kirk-  
 ton.  
 15 Robert Leask.....\*John Gordon.....St. Helens and White  
 Church.  
 16 Stephen Young....James Elliott.....Manchester & Hallett.  
 17 \*Arch'd McLean...Andrew McCrea...Blyth and Belgrave.  
 18 James Pritchard...John Messer.....Bluevale.  
 19 Mark Danby.....John Mildren.....Bayfield Road & Varna  
 20 \*Thomas Thomson. James Killen.....Duff's Ch., McKillop, &c  
 21 \*John B. Scott.....David Manson...Egmondville.  
 22 Vacant.....John Dickson...Wingham.  
 23 do .....William Reith.....Roderville and Exeter  
 24 do .....Hugh Bannerman...Bayfield and Betham.  
 25 do .....Spence ....Cranbrook and Ethel.  
 26 do .....Brucefield.  
 Mission Station....Stephen.  
 do Goderich (Gaelic).

## PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

- 1 \*Geo. Bell, L.L.D. James Blair.....St. Paul's, Walkerton  
 2 Wm. Graham.....Donald Blue.....Pine River.  
 3 John Fraser.....Robt. Stroner.....Knox Ch., Kincardine.  
 4 John Scott.....Alex. McKimmon...North Bruce.  
 5 Andw. Tolmie.....Southampton and W.  
 Arran.  
 6 \*Duncan Cameron. James Baird.....Lucknow and S. Kin-  
 loss.  
 7 John Anderson.....John Dewer.....Tiverton.  
 8 \*Peter Currie....James Lean.....Zion Ch., Teeswater.  
 9 \*John Stewart.....Forbes Robertson Chalmer's Ch., Kincar-  
 dine.  
 10 \*David Wardrope..Wm. McKague...Westminster Ch., Tees-  
 water.  
 11 \*John Straith.....\*R. M. Kay.....Knox Ch., Paisley.



12 R. C. Moffatt.....	R. Gowanlock....	Free St. John's, Walkerton.
13 Adam F. McQueen	James Bell.....	Huron.
14 W. Anderson, M.A.	Mal. McPherson..	St. Andrew's Church, Kincardine.
15 Adam McKay.....		Knox Ch., Ripley.
16 *A. G. Forbes.....	Wm. Malcolm....	Kinloss and Bervie.
17 Daniel Duff.....		N. & W. Brant.
18 Geo. McLennan....	E. J. Brown .....	C. Bruce and Underwood.
19 Donald Fraser, M.A.	D. J. McGillivray	Saugeen.
20 John Bethune.....	Wm. Park.....	Chesley and Salem.
21 Duncan Davidson..	James Gordon....	Langside.
22 Wm. Ferguson.....	Angus Macdonald	Glammis.
23 J. B. Taylor.....	Donald Denoon...	St. Andrew's, Lucknow
24 D. J. Caswell.....		Silver Islet.
25 Wm. Kay, M. A....		Sault St. Marie.
26 D. McKerracher...		Prince Arthur's Landing.
27 Jas. Gourlay, M. A.	Arnold Ross.....	Port Elgin.
28 Vacant.....		Riversdale and Enniskillen.
29 do .....		Tarra, Allanford, and Elsinore.
Mission Station....		Pinkerton.

## CHANGES IN 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, as follows:

## TRANSLATIONS.

## PRERBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

W. P. Walker, from Ancaster East, and West to Binbrook and Saltfleet, on first September, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

D. D. McLeod, from Ancaster and Barton, to Dumfries Street Church, Paris, on twenty-ninth December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

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## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Wm. Cavan, from Tilsonburg and Culloden, to St. Paul's Church, Frederickton, N. B., on twenty-eighth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## INDUCTIONS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

W. P. Walker, to Binbrook and Saltfleet, on first September, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Edward Vincent, to East Seneca, Blackheath and Caistor, on the twenty-fifth January, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Malcolm M. McNeill, to St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, on second March, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

George Yeomans, to Dunnville, on April twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

D. D. McLeod, to Dumfries Street Church, Paris, on the twenty-ninth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

John McEwen, to Erskine Church, Ingersoll, on the thirtieth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Rev. James Donaldson, to Wardsville, on the nineteenth of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Rev. Donald McDonald, St. Andrew, West minster, on the fifth of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Rev. J. P. Baikie, to Port Stanley, on the twenty-eighth of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Rev. J. Allister Murray, to St. Andrews, London, on the twenty-ninth December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Rev. Hugh McGregor, to Kintyre, on the fourth of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Rev. J. M. Goodwillie, to Camlachie, on the twenty-seventh of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

#### PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Rev. George McLennan, to Centre Bruce and Underwood, on the twelfth of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Rev. Adam McKay, to Knox Church, Ripley, on the thirtieth of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

#### ORDINATIONS.

#### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. George Bruce, M. A., First Congregation, St. Catharines, on the twenty-eighth of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Mr. James Frazer, St. Anns and Wellandport, on the eighth of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-six

#### PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. W. M. Martin, Norwich and Windham, on the twenty-first of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

#### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. D. McEachern, Glencoe and Dunnich, on the eighth of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-five

Mr. C. D. McDonald, Point Edward, on the twenty-third of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Hector Currie, Widder, on the twenty-fifth of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

#### PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. D. L. McKechnie, Bothwell, on the twenty-eighth September, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

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## DEMISSIONS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. John Porteous, minister at Beverly, on the twenty-ninth July, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Mr. George Chrystal, minister of Silverhill and Lynedoch, on the thirteenth February, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Martin W. Livingstone, minister of St. Andrew's Church, Simcoe, on the twenty-ninth February, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Aaron W. Benson, minister at Flamboro West, on the eleventh April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. John Dunbar, minister at Glenmorris, on the twenty-eighth March, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. George Cuthbertson, minister of St. Thomas, on the thirty-first December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Mr. Alexander McNaughton, of North and East Adelaide, on the twenty-third April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. C. Chiniquy, First Presbyterian Church, St. Anne, Illinois, U. S., on the eleventh June, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Mr. John Rannie, M.A., St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the twenty-eighth March, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. Daniel Allen, minister of North Easthope, on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. Hamilton Gibson, minister of Bayfield and Varna, on the twenty-fifth August, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Mr. John Logie, minister of Rodgerville and Exeter, on the fourteenth November, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Mr. James Pritchard, minister of Wingham (part of his charge) on the eleventh April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. John Gordon, B. A., of St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, on the thirtieth September, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

## LICENSURES

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. Hector Currie, B. A., on the thirteenth July, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

## MINISTERS RECEIVED.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS:

Rev. A. F. Kemp, L. L. D., from the Presbyterian Church, U. S., on the fourteenth December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON:

Rev. Mr. McCrae, from the Free Church of Scotland, on the fourteenth December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. John A. McAlmon, from the Presbyterian Church of the United States, on the twenty-seventh July, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Mr. G. M. Clark, from the Presbyterian Church of the U. S., on the twenty-seventh July, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

## DISMISSION:

## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. G. M. Milligan, on the twelfth April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to join with his congregation the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

## DEATHS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. W. H. Rennleson, M. A., on the fifteenth February, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. William Troup (a minister without charge) on the twenty-eighth January, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

St. Andrew's Church and Norfolk Street Church, Simcoe, united on the ninth February, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

The two congregations in Lynedoch united on ninth February, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Dunnville congregation re-organised, as a pastoral charge, on the eleventh April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, united to St. Paul's Church there, on the eleventh April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The congregations of North and South Plympton were separated on the fourteenth December, and Wyoming and South Plympton united in one charge.

Camlachie erected into a separate charge on the fourteenth December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Wallacetown and Duff's Church separated, and Wallace-town erected into a congregation on the fourteenth April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.



Duff's Church and Chalmer's Church, Dunnich, united into one charge on the fourteenth April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Frazer's Church, Biddulph, separated from Granton, in the Presbytery of Stratford, and united with Lucan, in the Presbytery of London, on the fourteenth March, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

London East and Hyde Park erected into a congregation in September, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Springfield erected into a congregation on March fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

#### PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Scotch Church, Detroit, transferred with its pastor to the Detroit Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, on the twelfth April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Oliver's Section organized into a congregation on the twenty-eighth March, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and united to Dover same date.

Corktown disjoined from Dover on twenty-eighth March, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Tilbury West disjoined from Mersea on twenty-eighth March, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

#### PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

The name of the Listowel congregation changed to "Knox Church, Listowel," and that of Avon Church, Downie, to that of Avonton, on the twenty-eight December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

The congregation of Molesworth separated from Listowel, and together with the mission station at Trowbridge, erected into a new charge.

#### PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Winthrop organized in August last, and united with Duff's Church, McKillop.



Wingham separated from Bluevale and formed into a separate charge on the eleventh April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

New congregation formed at Brucefield on the eleventh April, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Knox Church and St. Andrew's Church, Goderich, united into one charge, to be known as Knox Church, Goderich, on the tenth August, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

#### PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Riversdale and Enniskillen separated from Pinkerton, on the thirteenth July, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and erected into two vacant congregations.

#### MISSION STATIONS.

##### PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Goderich Gaelic erected into a Mission Station in October, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

##### PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Pinkerton erected into a Mission Station, on the eleventh January, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

#### ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The roll having been called and the attendance marked, the Moderator briefly addressed the court, and intimated that the first business was the election of a new Moderator. Nominations having been called for, Mr. McTavish moved, seconded by Mr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, that Mr. James Black, of Caledonia, be elected Moderator. Mr. McMullen moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. James Henderson, that Mr. J. C. Smith, of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, be elected Moderator. On a vote being taken, Mr. Smith was elected by a majority.

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Robertson, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his sermon, and for the manner in which he presided over the former meeting of Synod.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE—REPORT OF.

Dr. Cochrane read the report of the Business Committee. The report was received, and on its recommendations the following appointments made:

1. To be a committee on the commissions of elders—Messrs. Laing and Lowry, ministers, and Mr. James Henderson, elder.

2. To be a committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Hamilton—Messrs. Forbes and Grant, ministers; and Mr. Alex. Ward, elder.

3. To be a committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Paris—Messrs. Straith and W. T. Wilkins, ministers; and Mr. Hay, elder.

4. To be a committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of London—Mr. S. C. Fraser and Dr. Bell, ministers; and Mr. R. Lawrie, elder.

5. To be a committee to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Chatham—Messrs. McLean and Wait, ministers; and Mr. Mackie, elder.

6. To be a committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Stratford—Dr. Proudfoot and Mr. D. D. McLeod, ministers; and Mr. J. M. Henderson, elder.

7. To be a committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Huron—Messrs. Dr. Bell and J. W. Mitchell, ministers; and Mr. John Dewar, elder.

7. To be a committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Bruce—Messrs. McCuaig and McMullen, ministers; and Mr. Robb, elder.

## PRESBYTERIES ALLOWED TO MEET.

The various committees within the bounds were permitted to meet for the transaction of necessary business, during the intervals between the sederunts of Synod.

## SEDERUNTS OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the sederunts of Synod should be from 10 a. m. to 1. p. m., from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m., and from 7:30 to 10 p. m.

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## AUDITORS.

Mr. Rennie and Mr. J. M. Henderson, elder, were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's books, and report before the close of the meeting of Synod.

It was agreed that the Rev. Mr. Ritchie, Missionary of the English Presbyterian Church to Formosa, and the Rev. J. F. Campbell, our own Missionary to India, should be heard by the Synod on Wednesday evening.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at ten o'clock tomorrow morning, and after singing the Doxology was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

## SECOND SEDERUNT:

St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, Wednesday, May third, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, ten o'clock a. m. The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. J. C. Smith, M. A., Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator and Mr. Straith, after which the Synod was constituted and proceeded to business.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

### COMMITTEE ON ELDERS COMMISSIONS.

The Committee on Elders Commissions gave in their report to the effect that they had received Minutes of Kirk sessions, appointing William Guiler as representative elder from Vittoria, before the Synod and Assembly, and Mr. George Kennedy as representative from St. Anns and Wellandport. The Committee recommended that these names be added to the roll, which, on motion, the Synod unanimously agreed to.

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

The first report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read by Dr. Cochrane, and its recommendations adopted as follows:

#### FOR THE FORENOON.

1. Overture anent constituting the roll of Presbytery.
2. Report of Committee on Sabbath observance.

3. Time and place of next meeting of Synod.
4. Overture anent the appointment of a Mission Secretary agent.
5. Overture anent demoralizing amusements.

#### AFTERNOON.

1. Report of Committee on State of Religion.
2. Report of Committee on Presbytery Records.

#### EVENING.

To hear the Rev. Mr. Ritchie, of Formosa, and the Rev. Mr. Fraser, Missionary to India.

#### OVERTURE ANENT ROLL OF PRESBYTERY.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, anent the constituting of the roll of Presbytery. The Clerk read the Overture, and Messrs Fraser and Laing were heard in support thereof.

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Smith, the overture was received, and a Committee consisting of Dr. Bell, Mr. S. C. Fraser, Mr. Laing, ministers; and Dr. Aberdeen, elder, appointed to prepare an overture on the subject, to be transmitted to the next General Assembly, and report at a future sederunt.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE REPORT.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was delayed for. At the request of the convener of said Committee, the giving in of the report was delayed until the afternoon sederunt.

#### CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

On motion duly seconded, the Revds. Messrs. Lewis, Poole and Stephenson, of the Methodist Church, and Messrs. Stewart and Campbell, of our own Church, and Mr. Ritchie, of the English Presbyterion Church, were asked to sit as corresponding members.

## OVERTURE ANENT MISSION AGENT.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the overture anent the appointment of a Mission Secretary Agent. The Clerk having read the overture, Messrs. Goldsmith, Lowry and Gray were heard in support of it.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Gray, the overture was received.

## ROLL CALLED.

Pending the subject of this discussion the roll was called.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING OF  
SYNOD.

The Synod then proceeded to fix the time and place of next meeting of Synod.

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson, that the next meeting of Synod be held in London.

Mr. McCuaig moved, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that it be held in Woodstock.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Croly, that the Synod meet next year in Stratford.

On the vote being taken the Synod agreed by a majority to meet in Woodstock, and on the second Tuesday of April next, at seven o'clock p. m., within Knox Church there.

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



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### THIRD SEDERUNT.

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St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, Wednesday, third May, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, three o'clock p. m. The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator, Rev. J. C. Smith, M. A.

The Minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

#### MISSION AGENT.

The Synod then resumed consideration of the overture anent the appointment of a Mission Agent.

It was moved by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an overture for the assembly in the direction indicated by the overture now before the court.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, that in view of the fact that a Committee of Assembly is now sitting with instructions to suggest what changes, if any, are required in the administration of the Home Mission scheme and relative matters, the Synod deems it inadvisable to commit itself at present to any given course, and therefore declines overturing the assembly on the subject.

On the vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a small majority.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

The convener of the Committee on Sabbath Observance gave in a verbal report, that nothing had been done by the Synod's Committee during the year.

On motion duly seconded, the Committee on Sabbath Observance was re-appointed.

## SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a second report, which, on motion, was adopted. The report recommended the consideration of an overture from the session of Wroxtor, transmitted by the Huron Presbytery anent Home Mission; also, an overture from certain members of Synod in reference to a hymn book for the united church.

## REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The report of the State of Religion was called for, and given in by Mr. J. W. Mitchell, the convener.

On motion of Mr. Lowry, the report was received and its recommendations adopted, the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee, and especially to the convener, for their great diligence, and said Committee re-appointed for the ensuing year. The Synod still further desires to express its gratitude to Almighty God for the marked outpouring of His Spirit in many of the congregations within the bounds, and resolves that special thanksgiving be now made by the Synod for the religious interest manifested, and prayer for a continuance and increase of this work of grace.

At the request of the Moderator, Mr. James Black, of Caledonia, engaged in prayer.

## PRESBYTERY RECORDS ATTESTED.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris, Chatham, Huron and Bruce reported that said records were carefully and correctly kept. The Synod instructed the Moderator to attest said records in the usual form.

## OVERTURE ANENT AMUSEMENTS.

The Synod then proceeded to consider an overture from the Presbytery of Bruce anent demoralizing amusements. The overture having been read, Dr. Bell and Mr. Cameron were heard in support of it.

It was then moved by Mr. Wm. T. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. Straith, that the prayer of the overture be granted, and a small Committee be appointed to prepare a deliverance on the subject and submit it to a subsequent sederunt of Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that the parties presenting this overture be recommended to withdraw it and re-model it.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. McLeod, and duly seconded, that the overture be received and allowed to lie on the table, and that the Synod enjoin the ministers to call the attention of the people to the subject of the overture in such a manner as will promote the object the Synod has in view.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Laing, that the overture be received, but in the meantime be laid on the table.

On the vote being taken between the motion and several amendments, the amendment of Mr. McMullen was carried over the amendments of Mr. Fletcher and Mr. McLeod, and the original motion of Mr. Wilkins.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Synod adjourned to meet again at half-past seven o'clock, and was closed with the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

#### FOURTH SEDERUNT.

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At Hamilton, and within St. Paul's Church, there, the third day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, at half-past seven o'clock p. m., the Synod of Hamilton again met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by praise reading of the word and prayer, conducted by the Moderator and Rev. Mr. McPherson.

#### MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The Minutes of the afternoon sederunt were read and sustained.

#### ADDRESSES BY MESSRS. RITCHIE AND CAMPBELL.

According to resolution the Synod proceeded to hear the Rev. Mr. Ritchie, of the Formosa Mission of the English Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, our missionary to India.

The Rev. Mr. Lowry, having introduced the missionaries, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Campbell gave interesting addresses on missionary work in China and India.

Thereafter, on motion of Mr. D. H. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. W. T. McMullen, the Synod unanimously agreed to the following: "The Synod having heard the addresses of the Rev. Mr. Ritchie, of the English Presbyterian Mission in Formosa, and the Rev. J. F. Campbell, our own missionary to India, desire to return their thanks to the brethren for their interesting addresses. They rejoice at the great success which has attended the missions of the English Presbyterian Church in China, and desire

Mr. Ritchie to convey to said church the thanks of the Synod for the great assistance given to our missionaries there. They pray that Mr. Ritchie may long be spared to labor successfully in the Island of Formosa, and that God's blessing may ever attend him.

They also rejoice in the mission of our own church to India, and commend it to the prayers and liberality of the church at large."

The Moderator, in suitable terms, tendered to Messrs. Ritchie and Campbell the thanks of the Synod.

#### OVERTURE ANENT HYMN BOOK.

The Synod then considered the overture from members of Synod regarding the preparation of a suitable hymn book for the church. Mr. McBain was heard in support of it.

On motion of Mr. McBain, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the Synod agreed to receive and adopt the overture, and transmit it to the General Assembly indicted to meet in the City of Toronto in June next. Mr. McBain and Dr. Bell were appointed to support the overture before the assembly.

#### OVERTURE ANENT HOME MISSIONS.

An overture was read from the Wroxeter session; transmitted by the Huron Presbytery, regarding a division of the Home Mission Funds.

On motion duly seconded, it was resolved to receive and transmit the overture *simpliciter* to the general assembly.

#### OVERTURE ANENT PRESBYTERY ROLLS.

The Committee appointed at a previous sederunt to prepare an overture to the assembly on the constituting of Presbytery rolls, reported the following through Dr. Bell, the convener, which was received, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the general assembly:

"The Synod of Hamilton and London hereby overture the venerable the general assembly, in order to secure uniformity in the making up of Presbytery rolls, to declare what names shall be entitled to a place on said rolls."



### APPROPRIATION TO HOME MISSION FUNDS.

The Clerk, having intimated that the Treasurer, after paying the necessary expenses of Synod, had the sum of one hundred dollars unappropriated, it was moved by Mr. Lowry, duly seconded, that the amount be divided equally between the Home and Foreign Mission Funds of the church.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. W. Robertson, duly seconded, that the entire amount be given to the Home Mission Fund.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. McCuaig, that seventy-five dollars be given to the Home, and twenty-five to the Foreign Mission Fund.

On the vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. Robertson, appropriating the entire amount to the Home Mission Fund, was carried by a considerable majority.

### VOTES OF THANKS.

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. McMullen, votes of thanks were passed to the minister and office-bearers of St. Paul's Church for the accomodation provided; to the Christian friends in the city for their generous hospitality, and to the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railway Companies for granting reduced rates to the members.

### ADJOURNMENT.

The Minutes of the sederunt were then read and sustained, after which the Synod engaged in praise, and the Moderator declared the Synod dissolved, and appointed the next Synod to meet at Woodstock, and within Knox Church there, on the second Tuesday of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, at seven o'clock p. m., and closed the session by pronouncing the apostolic benediction.

J. C. SMITH, M. A., Moderator.

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





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