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London, April
30th, 1900.

At London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, this thirtieth day of April, A. D., one thousand nine hundred, at half-past seven o'clock p. m., which day and place the Synod of Hamilton and London met, and after sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Mungo Fraser, D. D. from the Revelation of St. John, chapter two, verse ten, was constituted with prayer.

Roll.

The Roll of the Synod as attested by the Clerks of Presbyteries was laid on the table, and is as follows: Those present are marked with an (:)

Presbytery of Hamilton.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATION. |
|----|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | James Black..... | | Retired..... |
| 2 | John G. Murray .. | | Retired.. |
| 3 | John Laing, D.D..... | J. Connell | Dundas, Knox Church |
| 4 | D. H. Fletcher, D.D. .. | J. Dingwall | Hamilton, McNab St. |
| 5 | F. McCuaig | | Welland |
| 6 | M. Fraser, D.D. | W. Given | Hamilton, Knox Church .. |
| 7 | S. Lyle, D.D..... | :Geo. Rutherford... | Hamilton, Central Church |
| 8 | N. Smith | | Niagara, St. Andrew's .. |
| 9 | S. W. Fisher, B.A. | :R. A. Thompson... | Flamboro and Lynden |
| 10 | T. G. Thomson | T. Gentle..... | Hamilton (Locke St) Barton |
| 11 | D. C. McIntyre, Sc. D. | | Beamsville and Clinton.... |
| 12 | W. J. Dey, M.A. | Frank Reid..... | Simcoe, St. Paul's |
| 13 | J. H. Ratcliffe | G. W. Hodgetts | St. Catharines, First Church |
| 14 | R. H. Abraham, Sc. D. | J. Morrin..... | Burlington, Knox Church.. |
| 15 | E. B. Chestnut..... | J. Calder | Carluke, St. Paul's..... |
| 16 | T. L. Turnbull, M.A. | | Oneida |

Presbytery of Hamilton—Continued.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | |
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| 17 | W. M. Cruickshank | | St. Anns and Wellandport | 1 |
| 18 | A. McD. Haig, B.A. | | Smithville and Muirs | 2 |
| 19 | D. H. Hodges | John Smith | Ancaster and Alberton | 13 |
| 20 | J. Young, M.A. | A. I. McKenzie | Hamilton, St. John Church | 4 |
| 21 | G. A. McLennan, B.A. | W. D. Clark | Jarvis and Walpole | 5 |
| 22 | A. McWilliams, B.A. | Andrew Wilson | Hamilton, Wentworth | 6 |
| 23 | J. Robertson, M.A. | | Port Dover and Vittoria | 7 |
| 24 | J. Crawford, M.A. | J. Logan | Niagara Falls, St. Andrews' | 8 |
| 25 | W. A. Cook | George Gray | Thorold | 9 |
| 26 | Alex. Barclay, M.A. | J. Charlton | Lynedoch and Carholn | 10 |
| 27 | John Muir, M.A. | D. J. McKinnon | Grimsby, St. John's | 11 |
| 28 | C. A. Webster, M.D. | | Beyrut, Syria | 12 |
| 29 | N. McPherson, B.D. | W. Wilson | Hamilton, St. Paul's | 13 |
| 30 | C. H. Lowry | John Smith | Hagersville | 14 |
| 31 | J. D. Edgar, Ph. B. | J. S. Murray | Cayuga | 15 |
| 32 | William Wallis | | Port Dalhousie | 16 |
| 33 | Arch. McLaren, B. A. | R. H. Appleyard | Port Colborne | 17 |
| 34 | G. H. Smith, Ph. D. | R. Lawrie | St. Catharines, Knox Church | 18 |
| 35 | Hugh Ross | | Binbrook, Saltfleet, Abingdon | 19 |
| 36 | D. D. McDonald | D. McGregor | Caledonia | 20 |
| 37 | T. R. Robinson, B.A. | J. Cryslar | St. Davids | 21 |
| 38 | J. Lovell Murray, M.A. | John McCalla | St. Catharines, Haynes Ave. | 22 |
| 39 | P. J. McLaren, M.A. | James McQueen M.D. | Strabane and Kilbride | |
| 40 | James Gourlay, M.A. | J. Moir | Dunnville | |
| 41 | Vacant | S. McLeod | Blackheath and East Seneca | |
| 42 | Vacant | | Nelson and Dundas St. | |
| 43 | Vacant | M. Cololeugh | Bridgeburg and Fort Erie | |
| 44 | Vacant | R. McQueen | Beverly | |
| 45 | Vacant | S. Moffat | Merritton | |
| 46 | Vacant | Warren Cross | Pelham and Louth | |
| 47 | Vacant | James Wilson | Drummondhill, Chippawa | |
| 48 | Vacant | J. Brown | Hamilton, Erskine Church | |
| 49 | Vacant | P. Creen | Waterdown | |

MISSION STATION.

Port Robinson

Residing Within the Bounds.

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| 1 | John Gauld | Hamilton | 1 |
| 2 | A. McLaren | Hamilton | 2 |
| 3 | J. B. Watt | Port Nelson | 3 |
| 4 | D. P. Niven, B. A. | St. Catharines | 4 |
| 5 | J. W. Mitchell, M. A. | Thorold | 5 |
| 6 | J. B. Hamilton, M. A. | Dundas | 6 |
| 7 | A. G. Jansen | Hamilton | 7 |
| 8 | Geo. McLennan | Trafalgar | 8 |
| 9 | J. G. Shearer, M. A. | Hamilton | 9 |
| 10 | D. G. Cameron | Hamilton | 10 |
| 11 | D. B. Marsh | Hamilton | 11 |

Presbytery of Paris.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 : W. T. McMullen, D. D .. | : William Pott | Woodstock, Knox Church.. |
| 2 : W. A. McKay, D. D .. | D. Sutherland..... | Woodstock, Chalmers |
| 13 : John Thompson, M. A .. | David Brown | Ayr, Knox Church..... |
| 4 : R. Pettigrew, M. A..... | John A. Smith | Glenmorris |
| 5 : E. Cockburn, M. A..... | R. H. Guthrie..... | Paris |
| 6 : P. Straith, M. A..... | : Robert McLean | Innerkip and Ratho |
| 7 : G. C. Patterson, M. A.... | John Sutherland..... | Embro, Knox Church..... |
| 8 : D. Y. Ross, M. A..... | David Reid | St. George..... |
| 9 : M. McGregor, M. A..... | Andrew Slater | Tilsonburg |
| 10 : W. K. Shearer, B. A | J. D. Cowan | Princeton and Drumbo.... |
| 11 : E. R. Hutt | R. J. Robertson..... | Ingersoll, St. Paul's |
| 12 : W. A. J. Martin | S. M. Thompson | Brantford, Zion Church |
| 13 : R. M. Hamilton, B. A | J. S. Howie..... | Brantford, First Church |
| 14 : W. H. Johnson, B. A..... | Dr. Dewar | Chesterfield |
| 15 : J. M. Millar, B. A | S. R. Lee..... | Norwich |
| 16 : E. C. Currie..... | James McKnight | Windham and Delhi |
| 17 : S. O. Nixon | : William Lockie | Ayr, Stanley St. |
| 18 : J. Skinner Scott, B. D .. | : W. B. Wood..... | Brantford, St. Andrew's |
| 19 : A. Stewart..... | John McRae | Verschoyle and Culodden.. |
| 20 Vacant | | Mount Pleasant and Burford |
| 21 Vacant | Adam Kennedy | East Oxford and Blenheim |
| 22 Vacant | John Crawford | Brantford and Onondaga.. |

Residing Within the Bounds.

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| 1 | John James, D. D..... | Paris |
| 2 | William Lohead | Brantford |
| 3 | Andrew Hudson..... | Onondaga |
| 4 | W. S. Wright, B. A..... | Brantford |

Presbytery of London.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 : J. J. A. Proudfoot, D. D .. | | Lecturer in Knox College.. |
| 2 : John Milloy | James McLean | Aldboro. Argyle Church .. |
| 3 : George Sutherland, D. D .. | Angus McLarty | Fingal |
| 4 : James Little..... | Alexander Grant | Bethel and Bryanston |
| 5 : R. W. Leitch | James I. Sutherland.. | Delaware and Caradoc |
| 6 : Donald Kelso | John Robb | Wallacetown |
| 7 : Alexander Henderson.... | Hector McFarlane.... | Appin and Taits Corners .. |
| 8 : J. G. Stuart, B. A | : Andrew Thomson | London, Knox Church |
| 9 : John Currie | A. J. Campbell | Belmont and Kilmartin.... |
| 10 : W. H. Geddes..... | : Duncan Gray | Ailsa Craig and Carlisle.... |
| 11 : Robert Stewart | J. D. Campbell | Melbourne and Riverside.. |
| 12 : Thomas Wilson | E. Grieve..... | London, King St..... |
| 13 : Robert McIntyre..... | | Tempo and South Delaware |
| 14 : R. Johnson, D. D | A. S. McGregor..... | London, St. Andrew's |
| 15 : W. J. Clark | H. S. Saunders | London, First Church |
| 16 : Alexander Wilson | Alex. McAlpine | Wardsville and Newbury .. |
| 17 : M. N. Bethune..... | Andrew Murray..... | Aylmer and Springfield.... |

Presbytery of London—Continued.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
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| 18 : John F. Scott | J. O. Waterman..... | New Glasgow and Rodney |
| 19 : John H. Barnett | James Fleming | Kintyre |
| 20 : John H. Courtney | James Meek | Port Stanley |
| 21 : James Wilson, M. A. | Isaac Rathburn | Glencoe |
| 22 : D. R. Drummond, B. D. .. | John Lochore | St. Thomas, Knox Church.. |
| 23 : Samuel Lawrence, B. A. .. | A. W. Baty | English Settlement |
| 24 : W. M. Kay | James Nichol | Dorchester and Crumlin .. |
| 25 : James Steven | D. Campbell | Dutton |
| 26 : Walter Moffat | S. W. Milliken | London, Chalmers Church |
| 27 : W. A. Wyllie, B. A. | Edward Waugh | Hyde Park and Komoko .. |
| 28 : George Gilmore, B. A. | George Cairncross..... | London, St. George's Church |
| 29 : A. J. McGillivray, M. A. .. | D. C. Johnson | London, St. James' Church |
| 30 : John Lindsay | Murdo McKenzie | Kintore |
| 31 : H. W. Reede | Wm. Watson | St. Thomas, Alma St |
| 32 : Isaac McDonald, B. D. .. | J. McPhail | Mosa, Burns' Church |
| 33 : Wm. Gauld, M. A. | | Formosa |
| 34 : Vacant | W. H. Sutherland | Thamesford, Knox Church |
| 35 : Vacant | Thomas Campbell | Westminster |
| 36 : Vacant | D. Crosson | Chalmers, Duff's, Dunwich |

MISSION STATIONS.

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Residing Within the Bounds.

- 1 A. Stewart
- 2 D. C. Johnson
- 3 J. McNeil

Presbytery of Sarnia.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
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| 1 : John Eadie | McLeister | Point Edward |
| 2 : John Thompson, D. D. .. | J. R. Geddes | Sarnia, St. Andrew's |
| 3 : H. Currie, B. A. | John Taylor | Theford Knox Church, and Lake Road |
| 4 : J. C. McKee, Ph. D. | R. M. Brown | Brigden and Bear Creek .. |
| 5 : R. Haddow, B. D. | R. McKenzie | Watford, (Knox), Warwick. |
| 6 : R. Aylward, B. A. | Alex. Smith | Parkhill and McGillivray.. |
| 7 : S. G. Livingston, B. A. .. | R. Smith | Burns C. and Moore Line.. |
| 8 : John McKinnon, B. D. | Lachlan Galbraith | W. Williams, E. Adelaide.. |
| 9 : J. Elliott, B. A. | D. Stewart | Nairn and Beechwood |
| 10 : R. Drinnan | Geo. Scott | Camachie and Aberarder.. |
| 11 : A. L. Budge, M. A. | Ed. Hilliers | Mandaumin and Vyner |
| 12 : A. E. Hannahson, B. A. .. | E. M. Copeland, M. D .. | Arkona and W. Adelaide .. |
| 13 : T. A. Bell, B. A. | D. McGugan | Napier, (Chalmers), Brooke. |
| 14 : A. A. Graham, B. D. | R. Stewart | Petrolia |
| 15 : W. G. Richardson, B. A. .. | D. M. Robertson | Wyoming and Plympton .. |

Presbytery of Sarnia—Continued.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
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| 16 : W. D. Bell, B. A. | D. McRae | Corunna, Moortown, Court- right and Knox C., Moore Forest |
| 17 : James Barber, M. A. | A. McPherson | Sarnia, Albert St. |
| 18 : J. R. Hall, M. A. | A. McDougall | Strathroy, St. Andrew's .. |
| 19 Vacant | Thomas Banks | Black Creek, Plum Creek and Guthrie |
| 20 Vacant | D. Prittie | Oil Springs and Oil City .. |
| 21 Vacant | John Miller | Inwood, Tenth Line Brooke |
| 22 Vacant | | Alvinston and Euphemia .. |
| 23 Vacant | P. A. McDiarmid | |

MISSION STATIONS.

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| R. McNeil | Sombra and Duthel |
| A. McWilliams | Marthaville, and St. John's, Enniskillen |

Residing Within the Bounds.

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| 1 J. McRobie | |
| 2 R. Weir, B. A. | |

Presbytery of Chatham.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
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| 1 A. McColl, D. D. | | Retired |
| 2 : G. Munro, M. A. | : James Law | Ridgetown .. |
| 3 : W. H. Jamieson, Ph. D. D | Chas. Stewart | Bethel, Ridge, Bridge End Chatham, St. Andrew's .. |
| 4 : J. R. Battisby, Ph. D. | John McCorkir | Wallaceburg, Calvin Church |
| 5 : D. Currie | John Crawford | Dover, McColl, and Rich- mond, S. H. |
| 6 J. W. McLintock | Thos. Campbell | Essex |
| 7 W. M. Fleming | Geo. Dewar | Duart |
| 8 James Argo | F. McKerracher | Thamesville and Turin .. |
| 9 : J. McInnis | : Dr. Stewart | Chatham, First Church .. |
| 10 : F. H. Larkin, B. A. | And. Thompson | Windsor, St. Andrew's .. |
| 11 : J. C. Tolmie, B. A. | : Alex Bartlet | Amherstburg .. |
| 12 T. Nattress, B. A. | R. Atkinson | Blenheim and Guilds |
| 13 : J. M. McLaren, B. A. | J. S. Laird | Tilbury East and Valetta .. |
| 14 J. P. McQuarrie | D. R. Farquharson .. | Dawn Centre, North Dawn |
| 15 N. Lindsay | Robert Currie | Bothwell, Florence, and Sutherland's Corners .. |
| 16 : J. J. Brown, B. A. | Thomas Trotter | Blytheswood, Goldsmith, and Strangfield |
| 17 : John Radford | W. Robinson | Comber and Tilbury West |
| 18 : A. McGregor, B. A. | D. Stewart | Tilbury |
| 19 W. D. McPhail | James Stewart .. | Leamington |
| 20 W. D. Keith, B. A. | J. C. Ross | Dresden |
| 21 R. J. Ross | James McConnell .. | Botany and Kent Bridge .. |
| 22 Vacant | | |

Presbytery of Chatham—Continued.

| MISSION STATIONS. | | |
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| 1 | Geo. Yeomans, M. A. | John Baur Puce, Remeaud Line, and Bell River |
| 2 | | John Milton..... Harrow and Kingsville ... |
| 3 | A. A. Laing, B. A. | Morpeth, Scotland and Troy |
| 4 | | John McNaughton..... Bent Path..... |
| 5 | | Buxton and Union |
| | | South Bush |

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Presbytery of Stratford.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
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| 1 : Robert Hamilton, D. D. . . | Robert J. Brown | Motherwell and Avonbank |
| 2 Alexander Grant, M. A. . . | John Leslie | St. Marys, Knox Church . . |
| 3 Peter Scott | : Donald Park | Hibbert |
| 4 E. W. Panton | James Bradley | Stratford, St. Andrew's . . . |
| 5 : J. W. Cameron, B. A. . . . | William Waddell | North Mornington |
| 6 A. G. McLachlin, B. A. . . . | Donald McKenzie | Hiarrington |
| 7 : J. D. Ferguson, B. A. . . . | George Manson | Burns, E. Zorra, Brooksdale |
| 8 J. S. Hardie | William Haddow | Listowell |
| 9 : M. L. Leitch | James Callin | Stratford, Knox Church . . . |
| 10 : D. Anderson | William Chalmers | Milverton and Wellesly . . . |
| 11 J. H. Graham, B. A. | John Campbell | Avonton and Carlington . . |
| 12 P. A. McLeod, M. A., B.D. | James Dickson | Atwood |
| 13 T. A. Cosgrove, M. A. | Alexander Wood | St. Marys, First Church . . |
| 14 W. M. Haig, B. A. | Robert Hooley | Millbank and Crosshill . . . |
| 15 W. W. Craw, B. A. | John Gibson | North and South Nissouri |
| 16 : R. F. Cameron | : Duncan Stewart | N. East Hope, Hampstead |
| 17 : E. F. McL. Smith, B. A. . . | John McMehen | Granton, Lucan, Fraser C |
| 18 : Hugh Cowan, M. A. | George McCallum | Shakespeare St. Andrew's . . |
| 19 H. McCulloch, B. A. | M. Steele, M. D. | Tavistock, Knox Church . . |
| 20 James Abrey | James Ingles | Monkton St. Paul's, Logan |
| 21 Vacant | John Rankin | Mitchell |

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Wellesly Village

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Presbytery of Huron.

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| 1 Robert Ure, D. D. | | Retired |
| 2 Matthew Barr | | Retired |
| 3 A. D. McDonald, D. D. . . . | | Retired |
| 4 Archibald McLean | John Brigham | Blyth, St. Andrew's |
| 5 Peter Musgrave | George Habkirk | Duff's Church, McKillop and Caven Winthrop |
| 6 : Wm. M. Martin, B. D. . . . | : J. P. Ross | Caven, Exeter, Chislehurst |
| 7 Alex. Stewart, B. A. | John Walkinshaw | Clinton, Willis' Church . . . |
| 8 Samuel Acheson | R. P. Bell | St. Andrew's, Kippen and Hillsgreen |
| 9 : Colin Fletcher, M. A. . . . | Alex. Duncan | Thames Road and Kirkton |

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Presbytery of Huron—Continued.

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| 10 | E. H. Sawers | J. S. McQueen | Brucefield, Union Church.. |
| 11 | J. A. Anderson, B. A | Wm. Warwick | Goderich, Knox Church .. |
| 12 | S. A. Carriere | Chris Borthwick | Grand Bend and Corbett .. |
| 13 | J. S. Henderson | Wm. Moir | Hensall, Carmel Church .. |
| 14 | J. A. Hamilton, M. A. | John D Melville | Burns', Hullet and Knox, Londesboro |
| 15 | James Hamilton, B. A | Donald Lawson | Leeburn and Union Church, Goderich Tp |
| 16 | Robert Henderson | Gordon Young | Knox Church, Auburn and Smith's Hill |
| 17 | Neil Shaw, B. A | John McLellan | Edmondville |
| 18 | Vacant | John Wilson | Seaforth, First Church |
| 19 | Vacant | Wm. Purdy | Varna and Blake |
| 20 | Vacant | John Fraser | Bayfield and Bethany |

Presbytery of Maitland.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
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| 1 | David Wardrope | Retired | Retired |
| 2 | John McNabb | Retired | Retired |
| 3 | J. L. Murray, D. D. | William Millar | Kincardine, Knox Church.. |
| 4 | John McFarlane | Donald Blue | Pine River |
| 5 | Robert Fairbairn, B. A | James Quaid | Erskine Church Dungannon and Pt. Albert |
| 6 | D. B. McRae | Robert Barr | Knox Church, Cranbrook and Ethel |
| 7 | A. C. Stewart | Samuel Nay | McIntosh and Belmore. |
| 8 | F. A. MacLennan | William Dawson | South Kinloss |
| 9 | Alexander Miller | Hugh Chambers | Ashfield |
| 10 | John Ross, B. A | G. A. Deadman. | Brussels, Melville Church.. |
| 11 | Angus McKay | John Archibald | Lucknow |
| 12 | James Malcolm | Andrew Sharp | Teaswater, Knox Church .. |
| 13 | George Ballantyne | Robert Elliott. | Molesworth |
| 14 | Roderick McLeod, B. D. | John Cameron | Ripley, Huron Church |
| 15 | David Perrie | Peter S. Linklater | Wingham |
| 16 | R. S. Anderson, M. A. B. D | J. S. McTavish | Wroxeter, Knox Church .. |
| 17 | John Maxwell | William McDonald | N. Kinloss, Riversdale and Enniskillen |
| 18 | W. T. Hall | James Ferguson | Knox Church, Belgrave and Calvin C. East Wawanosh |
| 19 | S. M. Whaley, B. A | Francis Scott | Calvin Church, St. Helens and East Wawanosh |
| 20 | W. J. West, M. A | Arthur Murphey | Bluevale and Eadies |
| 21 | Vacant | H. D. Henderson | Whitechurch and Langside |
| 22 | Vacant | Duncan Murchison | Knox C., Ripley and Bervie |
| 23 | Vacant | Jonathan Moore. | Duff's Church and Walton |

Presbytery of Maitland—Continued.

Residing Within the Bounds.

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| 1 | George McKay | Lucknow |
| 2 | Andrew McNab, M.A | Ripley |
| 3 | Colin Sinclair | Lucknow |
| 4 | David Forrest | Ripley |
| 5 | John Buchannan | |
| 6 | J. P. McInnes | |

Presbytery of Bruce.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
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| 1 Andrew Tolmie | | Retired |
| 2 John Anderson | | Retired |
| 3 Hector McQuarrie | John McKinnon | North Bruce and Saugeen, St. Andrew's |
| 4 James R. Fitzpatrick, B.A. | John McKinnon | Underwood, Centre Bruce |
| 5 Alexander Leslie, M.A .. | Duncan McCallum .. | North Brant, West Bentic |
| 6 John Johnston | W. J. Chisholm .. | Paisley, Knox Church .. . |
| 7 J. R. Craigie, M.A | George Wingham | Hanover and Hampden .. |
| 8 D. A. McLean | R. C. Bruce | Tara, Knox Church |
| 9 William Mowat | A. A. Hagerman .. | Allenford, Elsinore, Skipness |
| 10 J. S. Conning | William Rowand .. | Walkerton, Knox Church.. |
| 11 F. O. Nichol | J. C. Ekford | Pinkerton and West Brant |
| 12 K. McLennan, M.A | James Murray .. | Tiverton |
| 13 A. Mahaffy, M.A | R. Munro | Port Elgin |
| 14 W. T. Ellison | Thomas Robertson .. | Southampton |
| 15 S. D. Jamieson | J. Craig | West Arran and Dumblane |
| 16 P. M. McEachern | | Glammis, Armow |
| 17 Vacant | M. A. Halliday | Chesley, Geneva Church .. |
| 18 Vacant | | Salem, Dobbinton and Gilles Hill |

The Clerk submitted the changes in the Roll, which were received and ordered to be entered in the minutes. Changes in the Roll.

Translations.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

- 1 Mr. W. H. Geddes from Haynes Avenue, St. Catharines, to Ailsa Craig and Carlisle in the Presbytery of London, on the 16th day of May, 1899.
- 2 Mr. James Buchanan from Pelham and Louth to Dundalk and Ventry in the Presbytery of Orangeville on the 21st day of November 1899.
- 3 Mr. J. P. McQuarrie from Nelson and Dundas Street to East Tilbury and Fletcher in the Presbytery of Chatham on the 21st day of November, 1899.
- 4 Mr. James Wilson from Drummondhill and Chippawa to Glencoe in the Presbytery of London on the 6th day of February, 1900.
- 5 Mr. P. M. McEachern from Waterdown to Glammist and Armow in the Presbytery of Bruce on the 3rd day of April, 1900.

Presbytery of Paris.

- 1 Mr. J. S. Hardie from Stanley Street, Ayr to Listowell in the Presbytery of Stratford on the 23rd day of May, 1899.
- 2 Mr. P. W. Anderson from Mount Pleasant and Burford to Shelbourne in the Presbytery of Orangeville on the 3rd day of October, 1899.

Presbytery of London.

- 1 Mr. Robert McIntyre from Alma Street, St. Thomas to S. Delaware and Tempo in the Presbytery of London on the 14th day of March, 1899.
- 2 Mr. R. W. Ross from Glencoe to Knox Church, Guelph in the Presbytery of Guelph on the 15th day of August, 1899.
- 3 Dr. G. H. Smith from Thamesford to Knox Church, St. Catharines in the Presbytery of Hamilton on the 13th day of September, 1899.
- 4 Mr. E. H. Sowers from Westminster to Brucefield in the Presbytery of Huron on the 26th day of September, 1899.

Presbytery of London—Continued.

5 Mr. N. Lindsay from Lobo and Caradoc to Dresden in the Presbytery of Chatham on the 13th day of March, 1900.

Presbytery of Sarnia.

1 Mr. R. T. Cockburn from Black Creek, Plum Creek and Guthrie to Grand Valley and South Luther in the Presbytery of Orangeville on the 20th day of November, 1899.

2 Mr. C. H. Daly from Oil Springs and Oil City to Lyn, Mallorytown and Caintown in the Presbytery of Brockville on the 31st day of December, 1899.

3 Mr. W. G. W. Fortune from Alvinston and Euphemia to Cranbrook in the Presbytery of Kootenay on the 16th day of April, 1900.

Presbytery of Chatham.

1 Mr. Hugh Cowan from Dawn Centre and North Dawn to St. Andrew's and Shakespeare in the Presbytery of Stratford on the 1st day of January, 1900.

Presbytery of Stratford.

1 Mr. W. T. Bradley from Mitchell to Berlin in the Presbytery of Guelph on the 6th day of November 1899.

Presbytery of Huron.

1 Mr. William Graham from Bayfield and Bethany to Latona and Burns' Church in the Presbytery of Owen Sound on the 23rd day of May, 1899.

Presbytery of Bruce.

1 Mr. Isaac McDonald from Glamis and Armow to Mosa in the Presbytery of London on the 8th day of October, 1899.

2 Mr. E. A. McKenzie from Geneva Church, Chesley to St. Matthew's Church, Montreal in the Presbytery of Montreal on the 1st day of January, 1900.

Ordinations and Inductions.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

- 1 Mr. Archibald McLaren into Port Colborne on the 21st day of August, 1899.
- 2 Dr. G. H. Smith into Knox Church, St. Catharines on the 26th day of September, 1899.
- 3 Mr. Hugh Ross into Binbrook, Saltfleet and Abingdon on the 5th day of December, 1899.
- 4 Mr. D. D. McDonald into Caledonia on the 14th day of December, 1899.
- 5 Mr. T. R. Robinson was ordained and inducted into St. Davids on the 21st day of December, 1899.
- 6 Mr. John Lovell Murray was ordained, and inducted into Haynes Avenue, St. Catharines on the 4th day of January 1900.
- 7 Mr. P. J. McLaren into Strabane and Kilbride on the 28th day of February, 1900.
- 8 Mr. James Gourlay into Dunnville on the 14th day of March, 1900.

Presbytery of Paris.

- 1 Mr. W. A. J. Martin into Zion Church, Brantford on the 11th day of May, 1899.
- 2 Mr. J. Skinner Scott into St. Andrew's, Brantford on the 7th day of November, 1899.
- 3 Mr. S. O. Nixon into Stanley Street, Ayr on the 30th day of January, 1900.

Presbytery of London.

- 1 Mr. M. N. Bethune into Aylmer and Springfield on the 28th day of March, 1899.
- 2 Mr. Robert McIntyre into S. Delaware and Tempo on the 30th day of March, 1899.
- 3 Mr. W. H. Geddes into Ailsa Craig and Carlisle on the 13th day of June, 1899.
- 4 Mr. W. H. Reede into Alma Street, St. Thomas on the 22nd day of August, 1899.
- 5 Mr. Isaac McDonald into Burns' Church, Mosa on the 3rd day of October, 1899.
- 6 Mr. James Wilson into Glencoe on the 1st day of March, 1900.

Presbytery of Chatham.

- 1 Mr. John McInnes into Thamesville and Turin on the 1st day of June, 1899.
- 2 Mr. T. C. Hood was ordained and designated as Foreign Missionary at Harrow on the 2nd day of August, 1899.
- 3 Mr. A. McGregor into Comber and W. Tilbury on the 3rd day of October, 1899.
- 4 Mr. J. P. McQuarrie into Tilbury East and Fletcher on the 30th day of November, 1899.
- 5 Mr. A. A. Laing was ordained and appointed to the Home Mission field of Mørpeth, Scotland and Troy at Ridgetown on the 12th day of December, 1899.
- 6 Mr. R. J. Ross into Dawn Centre and North Dawn on the 11th day of April, 1900.
- 7 Mr. N. Lindsay into Dresden on the 17th day of April 1900.

Presbytery of Stratford.

- 1 Mr. James Abrey was ordained and inducted into Monkton and St. Paul's, Logan on the 29th day of August, 1899.
- 2 Mr. J. S. Hardie into Listowell on the 9th day of June, 1899.
- 3 Mr. Hugh Cowan into St. Andrew's and Shakespeare on the 4th day of January, 1900.

Presbytery of Huron.

- 1 Mr. E. H. Sawers into Union Church, Brucefield on the 18th day of October, 1899.

Presbytery of Bruce.

- 1 Mr. D. A. McLean into Knox Church, Tara on the 9th day of May, 1899.
- 2 Mr. S. D. Jamieson was ordained and inducted into West Arran and Dunblane on the 1st day of November, 1899.
- 3 Mr. F. O. Nichol into Pinkerton and West Brant on the 7th day of November, 1899.
- 4 Mr. A. Mahaffy into Port Elgin on the 18th day of January, 1900.
- 5 Mr. Alexander Leslie into North Brant and West Bentic on the 3rd day of April, 1900.
- 6 Mr. P. M. McEachern into Glammis and Armow on the 17th day of April, 1900.

Demissions.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

- 1 Mr. D. G. Cameron, Strabane and Kilbride, July 18th, 1899.
- 2 Mr. F. D. Roxborough, Bridgeburg and Fort Erie, September 30th, 1899.
- 3 Mr. F. Ballantyne, Beverly, November 21st, 1899.
- 4 Mr. J. Lindsay Robertson, Merritton, November 21st, 1899.
- 5 Mr. J. G. Shearer, Erskine Church, Hamilton, January 16th, 1900.

Presbytery of Paris.

- 1 Mr. Alexander Leslie, St. Andrew's, E. Oxford and St. Andrew's, Blenheim, December 12th, 1899.

Presbytery of Sarnia.

- 1 Dr. W. G. Jordan, St. Andrew's, Strathroy, to accept the appointment of the General Assembly to the chair of Old Testament Exegesis and Criticism in Queen's University, July 22nd, 1899.
- 2 Mr. Richard Weir, Marthaville, Tenth Line Brooke and Inwood, December 16th, 1899.

Presbytery of Chatham.

- 1 Mr. J. A. Mustard, Botany, McKay's Corners and Kent Bridge, October 10th, 1899.

Presbytery of Stratford.

- 1 Mr. Richard Pyke, Shakespeare and St. Andrew's, July 1st, 1899.

Presbytery of Huron.

- Mr. John A. McDonald, Varna and Blake, December 5th, 1899.

Presbytery of Maitland.

- 1 Mr. Andrew McNab, Whitechurch and Langside, May 7th, 1899.
- 2 Mr. Colin Sinclair, Knox Church, Ripley, and Knox Church, Bervie, August 28th, 1899.
- 3 Mr. David Forrest, Duff's Church, Walton, November 21st, 1899.

Presbytery of Bruce.

- 1 Mr. A. H. Drumm, Port Elgin, October 1st, 1899.

Licensures.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

1 Mr. R. Burton, May 16th, 1899.

Presbytery of Chatham.

1 Mr. T. C. Hood, April 25th, 1899.

Presbytery of Stratford.

1 Mr. James Abrey, August 29th, 1899.

Presbytery of Maitland.

1 Mr. J. Lovell Murray, May 10th, 1899.

Ministers Received.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

1 Mr. Archibald McLaren, by leave of the General Assembly, July 18th, 1899.

Presbytery of Paris.

1 Mr. W. S. Wright from the Presbytery of Kamloops, July 11th, 1899.

Presbytery of Maitland.

1 Mr. H. W. Reede by leave of the General Assembly, July 20th 1899.

2 Mr. J. P. McInnes from the Presbytery of Chatham, Jan. 16th, 1900.

3 Mr. John Buchanan from the Presbytery of Barrie, Jan. 16th, 1900.

Transferences.

Presbytery of Huron.

1 Mr. J. A. McDonald to the Presbytery of Algoma, December 5th, 1899.

Presbytery of Maitland.

1 Mr. H. W. Reede to the Presbytery of London, July 20th, 1899.

Deaths.

Presbytery of London.

- 1 Mr. John M. Munro, June 4th, 1899.

Presbytery of Bruce.

- 1 Mr. Daniel Duff, minister of North Brant and West Bentic, August 27th, 1899.
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Congregational Changes.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

- 1 The Congregations of Binbrook, Saltfleet and Abingdon were united to form one charge, July 18th, 1899.
- 2 The Congregations of Blackheath and E. Seneca were united to form one charge, July 18th, 1899.

Presbytery of Paris.

- 1 Balfour Street, Brantford and Onondaga were united to form one charge, March 13th, 1900.

Presbytery of Sarnia.

- 1 Marthaville was disjoined from Inwood and Tenth Line Brooke and united to St. John's, Enniskillen, to be known as the Mission Field of St. John's, Enniskillen and Marthaville.

Presbytery of Huron.

- 1 The name of the Congregation of Bayfield Road was changed to Varna, December 5th, 1899.

Presbytery of Bruce.

- 1 The Mission Field of Salem, Dobbinton and Gilleshill was granted the status of a Pastoral Charge, March 13th, 1900.

The attention of the Synod was called to a lack of uniformity on the part of Clerks of Presbyteries in reporting the dates of Translations. On motion of Dr. Laing, duly seconded, it was agreed to appoint the Clerk of Synod and the Clerks of Presbyteries a Committee to consider the matter and report. To the same Committee was referred the reading of the changes in the Roll at the opening of Synod.

Election of Moderator.

The Moderator then stated that the period for which he had been appointed having expired, the Synod was prepared to elect a successor, and thanked the Synod for the support he had received. On motion of Mr. John Johnston, seconded by Dr. Laing, the Rev. Gustavus Munro of Ridgetown was nominated as Moderator. No other name being proposed, Mr. Munro was unanimously elected and took the Chair. In appropriate terms he thanked the Synod for the honor done him.

Moderator thanked.

On motion of Mr. A. Henderson, seconded by Dr. McMullen, the thanks of the Synod were given to Dr. Fraser for his able and efficient conduct in the Chair during the past year, and for his excellent sermon.

Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Synod appointed the following its Committee on Bills and Overtures: The Clerk of Synod, the Clerks of Presbyteries and Messrs. John Crawford, E. Cockburn, A. Henderson, J. R. Hall, J. C. Tolmie, D. Anderson, W. M. Martin, D. B. McRae and K. McLennan, Ministers; Messrs. R. A. Thompson, Wm. Lockie, Andrew Thompson, A. McDougall, A. Bartlett, James Dickson, J. P. Ross and G. A. Deadman, Elders.

Presbyteries may meet.

Presbyteries were allowed to meet during the intervals between the Sederunts of Synod.

Auditors Appointed.

Messrs. Andrew Thompson and A. Bartlett were appointed Auditors.

Hours of Meeting.

It was resolved that the hours of meeting should be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Report of Conference Committee.

Mr. W. J. Clark reported for the Conference Committee, presenting a printed programme. He suggested that to suit the convenience of Mr. Wood, the subjects set down for Wednesday afternoon be transposed. The report and the suggested change were adopted.

Adjourned.

After a number of notices had been given, the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9.30, and the Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

Second Sederunt.

At London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, this first day of May, A.D., one thousand nine hundred, at 9 30 a m. the Synod of Hamilton and London met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Constituted.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Bills and Overtures the Synod decided to spend the first hour in devotional exercises. At the close of the devotional hour the Minutes of the previous Sederunt were read and approved. Minutes Read.

The first report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read by Mr. A. Henderson, Clerk of the Committee and the order of business adopted. Report of the Committee on Bills.

The Synod appointed the following Committees:

To Examine Presbytery Records:

Presbytery of Hamilton.—Mr. D. B. McRae, minister and Mr. Wm. Lockie, elder.

Presbytery of Paris.—Mr. W. J. Clark, minister and Mr. R. A. Thompson, elder,

Presbytery of London.—Mr. P. Straith, minister and Mr. J. B. Ross, elder.

Presbytery of Sarnia.—Mr. J. F. Scott, minister and Mr. Donald Park, elder.

Presbytery of Chatham.—Mr. T. A. Bell, minister and Mr. W. B. Wood, elder.

Presbytery of Stratford.—Mr. John Johnston, minister and Mr. James Law, elder.

Presbytery of Huron.—Mr. John Crawford, minister and Mr. H. S. Saunders, elder.

Presbytery of Maitland.—Mr. F. H. Larkin, minister and Mr. John Mitchell, elder.

Presbytery of Bruce.—Mr. R. Pettigrew, minister and Mr. Wm. Pott, elder.

Elders Commissions:

Messrs. E. Sawers, C. Fletcher and John Thomson.

The Moderator was requested to nominate a Committee to strike standing Committees.

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Letter from Mrs. Cochran. A letter was read from Mrs. Cochran acknowledging receipt of the Minute of Synod regarding the removal by death of the late Clerk, Dr. Cochran.

Letter from Sir O. Mowat. A communication from Sir Oliver Mowat, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario regarding the Canadian Patriotic Fund was read. A Committee consisting of Dr. McMullen, Dr. Fraser, Mr. E. Cockburn and Mr. A. Bartlett was appointed to prepare a deliverance on the subject.

Overture from Presbytery of Hamilton. An Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton with regard to the Bible in Education was read. Dr. Laing and Dr. Fraser were heard in support thereof. On motion of Dr. Laing, seconded by Mr. A. McWilliams, the Synod approved of the Overture. It is as follows:

WHEREAS the Presbyterian Church has always publicly avowed that the education of youth should be founded on the Revealed Will of God for the formation of Christian Character, while giving instruction in other subjects for the development of the intellectual, æsthetic and social faculties;

WHEREAS for many years the Bible has not had a recognized place in the course of studies pursued in our institutions of learning in the Province of Ontario;

WHEREAS at the present time there seems to be a revived interest in this subject, and a very generally expressed desire to give the Bible the place it should have; and

WHEREAS the difficulties which of late years have prevented such use of the Bible are in a large measure overcome so that the introduction of the Bible into the schools of Ontario may now be effected with comparative ease,

The Presbytery of Hamilton hereby overtures the Synod of the bounds to take such steps as in its judgment will secure this privilege for our youth; and to seek the co-operation of the other Synods within the Province in an effort in this direction.

Mr. E. Cockburn then moved that a Committee be appointed to co-operate with a similar Committee that may be appointed by the Synod of Toronto and Kingston to approach the Ontario Government with a view to securing changes in the regulations now affecting the use of the Bible in schools. The motion was seconded and carried.

Overture from Dr. Proudfoot. An Overture from Dr. Proudfoot regarding the Constitution and Powers of Synods was read. Dr. Proudfoot was heard in support of the Overture, and moved its reception, which was agreed to by the Synod. On motion of Dr. McMullen seconded by Dr. Johnston the Overture was referred to a Committee to consider and report to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod proceeded to fix the time and place of its next meeting. Mr. W. M. Martin moved seconded by Mr. H. Currie, that the next meeting of Synod be held in the First Church, London, on the last Monday in April, at 8 p.m. Dr. Hamilton moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. J. W. Cameron that the Synod meet in Knox Church, Stratford at the time mentioned in the motion. On being put to the House the amendment prevailed.

Time and
place of next
meeting.

The Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, was welcomed by the Synod. The Rev. Dr. James was asked to sit with the Synod and correspond.

Dr. Campbell
welcomed.

A petition from Mr. Alexander Miller of the Presbytery of Maitland was reported by the Committee of Bills and Overtures as not having been transmitted by the Presbytery, with a recommendation that the Presbytery be instructed to meet and deal with the transmission of the petition. The recommendation was adopted.

Petition from
A. Miller.

A petition from Mr. Richard Young and others, members of the Botany Congregation in the Presbytery of Chatham, was reported by the Committee of Bills and Overtures as not having passed through the Presbytery, with the recommendation that the Presbytery be instructed to meet and deal with the transmission of the papers. This recommendation was adopted.

Petition from
R. Young.

The Presbytery of Hamilton applied for leave to take Mr. F. S. Wrinch on trials for license. The papers were sent to the Committee on the Licensure of Students.

Application
on behalf of
F. S. Wrinch.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in this place at 2.30 p.m. and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

Third Sederunt.

At London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, this first day of May, A.D., one thousand nine hundred, at 2.30 p.m. the Synod of Hamilton and London met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of the previous Sederunt were read and approved. The Moderator nominated the following Committees, which were accepted by the Synod.

Committees
Appointed.

To consider Dr Proudfoot's Overture:—Dr, McMullen, Convener; Dr. Proudfoot, Dr. Fletcher, A. Henderson, Robert Haddow, W. J. Dey, John Johnston, Ministers; Andrew Murray, D. McMillan, John Sutherland W. Robertson, Eiders.

On the Overture anent the Bible in Education:—Dr. Laing, Convener; Dr. Thompson, (Sarnia), Dr. Johnston, (London), A. McWilliams, M. Leitch, John Ross, Ministers; D. D. Wilson, George Atkins, Elders.

To strike Standing Committees:—Dr. W. A. McKay, M. McGregor, D. McGillivray, J. Malcolm, C. Fletcher, Ministers; R. McQueen, I. Rathburn, Elders.

Auditor's Report.

The Auditors reported that they had examined the Treasurer's books and vouchers and found them correct, with a balance of \$376.06 on hand. The report was on motion, received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Licensure.

The Committee on the Licensure of Students reported through Dr. Laing, Convener, that the papers of Mr. F. S. Wrinch were regular and recommended that the Presbytery of Hamilton be granted permission to take him on trials for License. The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

To License Mr. G. W. Dunn.

At the request of the Presbytery of Maitland leave was granted that Presbytery to take on trials for License, Mr. G. M. Dunn, whose papers are not forward and who is lying ill, if his papers are found to be regular.

Committee of the whole.

The Synod resolved itself into Committee of the whole, Dr. McMullen in the chair, and entered upon the programme prepared by the Conference Committee.

Mr. Dey read a paper on "The Future Life", and was followed by Mr. Pettigrew.

Dr. Campbell Addressed the Synod.

The Committee agreed to rise, and asked leave to sit again. The Moderator took the chair and called upon Dr. Campbell, Moderator of the General Assembly and Agent of the Century Fund to address the Court. At the close of Dr. Campbell's address the Synod's Century Fund Committee reported, through Mr. W. J. Clark. the following recommendations, which were adopted: That the Synod enjoin all ministers to send in returns in duplicate to the Presbytery Conveners, and to the General Agent by May 12th, inst. at the latest, of all subscriptions made to the Century Fund.

Century Committee Reported.

That the Synod urge Presbyteries to use diligent oversight to have the canvass completed in order that full reports may be made to the General Assembly.

That the balance at the credit of the Synod Fund to the extent of \$250.00, be donated to the Common Fund of the Century Scheme.

Thanks to Dr. Campbell:

Dr. Hamilton moved that the cordial thanks of the Synod be given to Dr. Campbell for his excellent and impressive address which we have now heard regarding the necessity of faithful efforts which must

be made in order to complete the object which the last Assembly had in view in resolving to raise the sum of one million dollars for the further advancement of our Church which God has these years so largely prospered; and resolve to make further efforts that the end may be attained. The motion was carried.

The Synod again resolved itself into Committee of the whole, Dr. McMullen in the chair. Hymn 278 was sung, after which Mr. G. C. Patterson read a paper on "Present Day Preaching." He was followed by Mr. James Malcolm and other members of Synod.

Committee of
the whole.

At the close of the discussion the Committee rose and the Moderator resumed the chair. Dr. McMullen reported, and asked leave to sit again.

The Synod adjourned to meet again at 7.30 p.m. and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

Fourth Sederunt.

At London, and within St. Andrew's Church, there, this first day of May, A.D., one thousand nine hundred, at 7.30 p.m., the Synod of Hamilton and London met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of the preceding Sederunt were read and approved.

Dr. McMullen reported on behalf of the Committee appointed to consider the communication from the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; and moved, seconded by Mr. Cockburn the following: That the Synod acknowledge the receipt of the communication from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, in regard to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, express hearty approval of the objects for which the Fund is being founded, and commend its claims to the loyal and generous support of our people throughout the bounds of the Synod. The resolution was adopted.

Report re
Lieutenant
Governor's
Communica-
tion.

Mr. Henderson reported for the Committee on Bills and Overtures, recommending that the Augmentation Committee's Report be read before Dr. Robertson speaks to-night. The recommendation was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Church Life and Work was presented by Mr. McGillivray of London, in the absence of Mr. D. R. Drummond, Convener. The report was on motion of Mr. McGillivray received and its recommendations considered. After full discussion, the recommendations were amended and the report as a whole adopted. The recommendations are:

Church Life
and Work
Report.

1 That in view of the many favorable and encouraging evidences of Christian Life and Activity within our congregations, this Synod unites in earnest thanksgiving to God the giver of all good; and prays that, guided by His Holy Spirit, we may be used for larger and truer service in the days to come.

2 That we note with great satisfaction, the loyalty of old and young, members and adherents within our bounds, and especially the growing spirit of reverence for sacred things among the young, and earnestly urge upon parents and teachers such careful oversight and direction of this spirit as may offer it the truest expression.

3 We welcome the growing sense of the need and value of a weekly rest-day for all man's highest interests; the forward steps taken by the Lord's Day Alliance in the appointment of Rev. J. G. Shearer, one of our Ministers, as Field Secretary of the work; we pledge him our heartiest sympathy and support, and would urge upon all Ministers, Elders, Communicants and others to whom our words come with any degree of authority, earnest and persistent effort to preserve the day against the inroads of indifference, love of pleasure and gain.

4 We heartily approve of the effort determined upon by the General Assembly of raising a Million Dollar Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund, and commend the same to the liberality and support of all within our bounds; at the same time we would urge all Sessions to keep prominently in mind the cultivation of a true spirit in giving, in connection with this special effort.

5 We note with pleasure the growth of the Temperance sentiment, and urge all Ministers and Elders within the bounds of our Synod to exercise the greatest watchfulness lest while the traffic may seem to decrease, it may not be quietly gaining a foothold in another form; and we recommend, that the Convener of our General Assembly's Temperance Committee be instructed to correspond with the Government with a view to securing the rigorous enforcement of the law forbidding the sale of intoxicating drinks on the military camp grounds.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod decided to continue in session for half an hour longer.

Augmentation
Report.

Mr. A. Henderson, Convener, presented the Report of the Augmentation Committee, and moved the reception of the report and the consideration of its recommendations, which was agreed to. After discussion, the report as a whole was adopted. The following are the recommendations:

1 That the Synod sustain the action of the Convener and the Synod's Treasurer in defraying the expenses of members of Committee

attending the meetings during the year, and also authorize the payment of all necessary expenses in the future.

2 In view of the pressing requirements of the Augmentation scheme in the interests of Church extension at the present juncture in the development of our country, Presbyteries be instructed to give special consideration to this scheme, by conference or otherwise, and devise what means they may respectively deem best to arouse and intensify the interest of congregations therein; and that all congregations, especially aid receiving, be urged to see that a fair proportion of their contributions to the schemes of the Church be given to the Augmentation Fund.

3 Further, that Presbyteries be instructed to exercise a thorough oversight of all aid-receiving congregations with a view to the reducing as far as possible the demands upon the Fund, that they appoint annually a standing Committee on Augmentation, and that each aid-receiving congregation besides been visited by deputation prior to the March meeting of the Committee, be required to furnish the Presbytery's Committee with a copy of its annual report, giving a clear statement of all receipts and expenditure not only by the congregation proper, but by all societies within it.

A request from Messrs. J. J. Brown and A. McGregor members of the Chatham Presbytery was tabled, requesting the Synod to call a meeting of the Presbytery of Chatham at nine o'clock to-morrow morning. The Synod on motion duly made and seconded, instructed the Presbytery to meet at the time mentioned.

Chatham
Presbytery
Meet

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

Fifth Sederunt.

At London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, this second day of May, A.D. one thousand nine hundred, at 9 a.m. the Synod of Hamilton and London met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

London,
May 2nd 1900.

The Minutes of the previous Sederunt were read and approved.

Mr. Henderson reported for the Committee on Bills and Ordinances the business yet to come before the Synod, and suggesting the order. The report was adopted.

The Petition of Mr. A. Miller was read and Mr. Miller heard in support thereof. On motion of Dr. McMullen, duly seconded, the

Petition of
A. Miller.

Presbytery of Maitland was called to the Bar. Dr. J. L. Murray, Mr. John Ross, and Mr. R. S. G. Anderson were heard for themselves. After discussion, Dr. McMullen moved seconded by Mr. W. M. Martin the following finding: Receive the petition and refer the matter of Mr. Miller's petition to the Presbytery, requesting said Court to carefully review the proceedings referred to, with the view of removing the grievance complained of, with permission to delete any minute that the Presbytery may deem advisable to have removed from their Record.

Mr. Cockburn moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. McGillivray, that the petition be received; that the Presbytery of Maitland hold a conference with Mr. Miller with a view of securing an amicable settlement before the Synod rise, the Presbytery having permission to delete any minute that may be found necessary. On being put to the House the motion was carried. This decision was announced to the parties who were removed from the Bar.

Sabbath
School
Report.

The Synod called for the report of the Sabbath School Committee, which was presented by Mr. R. S. G. Anderson, Convener, who moved its reception and the consideration of its recommendations. This was agreed to. The recommendations were then considered, and on motion the report as a whole adopted. The recommendations are:

- 1 That this Synod impress upon all Ministers and others having charge of congregations the duty of forwarding full, definite, and accurate reports of the Sabbath Schools under their care to the Presbytery Conveners, as early as possible after the beginning of the year.
- 2 The Synod instruct all Presbyteries and Sessions within their bounds to visit officially the Schools under their care during the present year and report to the Presbytery and Synod Conveners. The visitation to be made by deputation.
- 3 That the Synod instruct Presbyteries to make an investigation of their fields during the present year and report to the Synod's Convener, through the Presbytery's Committee on Sabbath Schools, concerning the practicability and advisability of establishing additional district Sabbath Schools within their bounds.
- 4 That the Synod express its sense of the need of a forward movement in the Sabbath School work of the Church, in the line of better organization and supervision.
- 5 That the Synod express anew its desire that the Sabbath School Helps and Papers issued by our own Church be used in all the Sabbath Schools. At the same time the Synod impresses upon all Ministers and office bearers the duty and necessity of having scholars

make constant use of their Bibles in the school, and also the need of guarding against the use of Helps in their place.

The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Dr. Robertson, Field Secretary of the Home Mission and Augmentation Committees. The Synod decided to hear Dr. Robertson at 3 50 this afternoon.

Dr. Robertson
Welcomed.

The Report of the Committee on Young People's Societies was presented by Mr. J. S. Henderson, Convener, who moved its reception and the consideration of its recommendations. This was agreed to. After discussion, the report as a whole was adopted. The recommendations are:

Young
People's
Societies
Report.

1 That the Synod express its hearty sympathy with the Young people in their efforts to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom; gratefully recognize the value of services rendered and liberality shown, and encourage them in their loyalty to Christ and the Church.

2 That in order to secure full and accurate reports and have them forwarded with despatch, Ministers and Sessions assist in filling up the Annual Schedules.

3 In view of the need and growing demand for more systematic study of the Scriptures in our young people's societies, the Assembly's Committee be asked to enlarge the present plan of study so as to meet the felt want.

4 That Sessions be asked to confer more frequently with young people, assist the members in planning for their meetings, and guide them in their work, as opportunity may afford.

The Appeal of Mr. F. H. Larkin against the action of the Presbytery of Chatham in refusing to transmit the petition of Mr. Richard Young and others, members of the Botany congregation, was taken up. The Moderator being a member of the Presbytery of Chatham asked the ex-Moderator to take the Chair. The papers in the case were read, and also the petition of Mr. Young, and reasons for the petition. Mr. Larkin was heard in support of his appeal. It was announced that Mr. Young was obliged to return home in the afternoon, and the Synod decided to hear him at this stage. Mr. Young was heard at length.

Appeal of
Mr. Larkin.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet at 2 30 p.m. and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

Sixth Sederunt.

At London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, this second day of May, A D., one thousand nine hundred, at 2 30 p.m. the Synod of Hamilton and London met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of the previous Sederunt were read and approved.

Records of
Presbyteries
Attested.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris, London, Sarnia, Chatham, Stratford, Huron, Maitland and Bruce were reported as carefully and correctly kept, and were ordered to be attested by the Moderator.

Report of
Conference
Committee

The Conference Committee reported through its Convener, Mr. W. J. Clark, recommending:

1 That a Conference be held next year in connection with the meeting of Synod.

2 That, as this year, the business and conference sessions be alternated.

3 That the following Committee be appointed to make arrangements: Messrs. E. W. Panton, Convener; E. R. Hutt and A. J. McGillivray. The Report was received and adopted.

On motion of Mr. A. Henderson duly seconded, the thanks of the Synod were given to the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their diligence in preparing the programme for this meeting of Synod.

Committee of
the whole.

The Synod resolved itself into Committee of the whole, Dr. McMullen in the Chair, and proceeded to consider the subjects for the afternoon conference. Mr. W. B. Wood read a paper on "Trusts: Are They Immoral." Dr. Jamieson and Mr. J. H. Courtney followed on the same subject. At this point the Committee rose, the Moderator resumed the Chair, and the Committee asked leave to sit again.

Dr. Robert-
son's Address.

Dr. Robertson, Field Secretary of the Home Mission and Augmentation Committees, addressed the Synod. At the close of his address, Dr. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Straith that the thanks of the Synod be given to Dr. Robertson for his forcible and stirring address, and commends to our congregations the work in which he is engaged. The motion was carried by a standing vote.

Committee of
the whole.

The Synod again resolved itself into Committee of the whole, Dr. McMullen in the Chair. Mr. John Ross read a paper on "Question 1, in Rules and Forms of Procedure for admission to full Communion, Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God?"—Implication of this question." The discussion of this subject was continued by Mr. C. Fletcher and Mr. K. McLennan.

The Committee rose, the Moderator resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the printed programme had been gone through with. The report was received and the thanks of the Synod given to those who had prepared papers for the Conference. A motion to have the papers printed was lost.

Report.

The Committee appointed to strike standing Committees reported, and the Synod appointed the following Committees.

Report of Committee to Strike Standing Committees.

Church Life and Work.

Mr. R. M. Hamilton, Convener; the Conveners of Presbyteries' Committees and Messrs. John Crawford, A. J. McGillivray, Robert Haddow, Dr. Eattisby, Robert Henderson, P. A. McLeod, James Malcolm, Isaac McDonald and M. McGregor, Ministers; T. Nesbit, F. Reid and A. S. McGregor, Elders.

Sabbath Schools.

Mr. E. R. Hutt, Convener; the Conveners of Presbyteries' Committees, and Messrs. A. McWilliams, E. W. Panton, C. Fletcher, J. M. McLaren, Ministers; Messrs. John Meyers, Robert McQueen, J. C. Eckford, Elders.

Young People's Societies.

Mr. J. S. Henderson, Convener; the Conveners of Presbyteries' Committees, and Messrs. James Wilson, J. S. Conning, T. A. Bell, A. Grant, John Young, A. A. Graham, Ministers; Messrs. Joseph Richardson, John Lockhead, J. P. Ross, Elders.

Augmentation.

Mr. A. Henderson, Convener; the Conveners of Presbyteries' Committees, and Messrs. W. B. Wood, D. K. McKenzie, C. R. Somerville, Dr. Hodge, George Malcolm, Elders.

The Committee of Clerks of Presbyteries appointed at the first Sederunt reported as follows:

Committee of Clerks Report.

1 That the date of Translations to be reported to the Clerk of Synod shall be the date on which the translation is granted.

2 That it be an instruction to Clerks of Presbyteries to forward to the Clerk of Synod the Roll of Presbytery intended for the Assembly according to date of Ordination; also the Roll of Presbytery for the Synod according to date of Induction into the Presbytery.

3 That the permanent Record of the proceedings of Synod be hereafter in printed form, according to the decision of last General Assembly, to be properly signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

These items were severally considered, and adopted by the Synod.

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The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was decided to continue in session until 6.15 p.m.

Mr. Larkin's
Appeal.

The consideration of the appeal of Mr. Larkin was resumed, Mr. Cockburn at the request of the Moderator taking the Chair. Mr. McInnis was heard for the Presbytery of Chatham.

During the progress of Mr. McInnis' address the hour of adjournment arrived. The Synod adjourned to meet at 8 p.m. and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

Seventh Sederunt.

At London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, this second day of May, A.D., one thousand nine hundred, at 8 p.m. the Synod of Hamilton and London met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of the previous Sederunt were read and approved.

Mr. Larkin's
Appeal.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the appeal of Mr. Larkin, Mr. Cockburn in the Chair. Mr. McInnis, who was addressing the Court at the hour of adjournment, resumed his address. Mr. Larkin was heard in reply. The parties were removed from the Bar, and the Synod proceeded to deliberate. The Court decided not to travel any further in the case, but resolved on motion of Dr. McMullen, seconded by Dr. Johnston.—The Synod, having heard the appeal of Mr. Larkin against the action of the Presbytery of Chatham in refusing to transmit the petition of Mr. Richard Young and others to the Synod, and having also heard Mr. Young on behalf of the petitioners, and having heard the Presbytery in defence of the action complained of, resolve to appoint a Commission of Synod to proceed to Botany and meet with the parties, with the view of harmonizing differences and conserving the interests of the Church in that section.

On motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Synod appointed Dr. McMullen, Convener; Dr. Johnston, Messrs. E. Cockburn, A. Henderson, Ministers; Messrs. Isaac Rathburn, C. R. Somerville, Elders, the Commission, with instructions to meet with the Botany congregation on the 22nd day of May current at 3 p.m. The decision of the Synod was announced to the parties by the Moderator, when Mr. McInnis for the Presbytery of Chatham, and Mr. Larkin on behalf of the Petitioners, acquiesced.

Vote of
Thanks.

The Moderator resumed the Chair. On motion of Dr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. H. Currie the thanks of the Synod were tendered to

Minister and Officebearers of St. Andrew's Church for the use of their building and the arrangements made for the accomodation and comfort of the Synod; to the Press for its reports of the proceedings; and to the Railway Companies for reduced rates to members.

The Minutes of this Sederunt were read and approved.

The business having been completed, hymn 613 was sung, and the Moderator said:—By authority of the Synod, the Moderator now declares this Synod adjourned, to meet in Knox Church, Stratford on the last Monday in April, 1901, at 8 o'clock p.m., and pronounced the Benediction.