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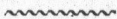
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At Stratford, and within Knox Church there, the eighteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two, at half-past seven o'clock, p.m., which day and place the Synod of Hamilton and London of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and after sermon by the Rev. Andrew Tolmie, the retiring Moderator, from 2nd Corinthians, Chap. 5th, verse 21st, was duly constituted by prayer.

The Clerk then read the following roll of all the ministers within the bounds with their elders, as attested by the Presbytery Clerks.

The Members present are indicated by an asterisk affixed to their names,

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

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PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 James Black.....	Retired.....	Hamilton, P.O.
2 John G. Murray.....	J. C. Bain.....	Grimsby and Muir's Settlement
3 George Burson.....	Robert Laurie.....	St Catharines, Knox Church
4 W. P. Walker.....	.....	Saltfleet and Binbrook
5 *D. H. Fletcher, D.D.	John Taylor.....	Hamilton, McNab St.
6 John Laing, D.D.....	Alex. McIntosh.....	Dundas.....
7 J. H. Ratcliffe.....	G. W. Hodgetts.....	St Catharines, 1st Church
8 Samuel Lyle, B.D.....	*G. Rutherford.....	Hamilton, Central Church
9 *R. J. Laidlaw, L.L.D.	*James Watson.....	Hamilton, St Paul's Church
10 *D. C. McIntyre, Ph.D.	J. H. Fell.....	Beamsville and Clinton
11 R. H. Abraham, M.A.....	.....	Burlington
12 *S. W. Fisher, B.A.....	John Lawson.....	W Flamboro and Lynden
13 *J. A. Hamilton, M.A.....	John Charlton.....	Lynedoch, Delhi and Silver Hill
14 Mungo Fraser, D.D.....	*John Donaldson.....	Hamilton, Knox Church
15 John Young, M.A.....	J. Dobbie.....	Drummondville and Chippawa
16 R. McKnight, M.A.....	N. Lockie.....	Dunnville
17 Finlay McCuaig.....	T. D. Cowper.....	Welland and Crowland
18 *W. J. Dey, M.A.....	F. Reid.....	Simcoe
19 *Jas. Murray, M.A., B.D.	John Kirkness.....	Hamilton, Wentworth Ch
20 J. G. Shearer, B.A.....	M Turnbull.....	Hamilton, Erskine Ch
21 N. Smith.....	J McFarlane.....	Niagara
22 *I. Robertson, B.A.....	.....	Port Dover and Vittoria
23 W. M. Cruickshank.....	.....	St Anns and Smithville
24 E. B. Chestnut.....	J McCalla.....	St Cath., Hayne's Ave., St Davids
25 *D. G. Cameron.....	J Agnew.....	Strabane and Kilbride
26 *T. L. Turnbull.....	John Smith.....	Oneida
27 T. G. Thomson.....	.....	Hamilton, Locke St and Barton
28 R. Moreton, (Hon).....	A J McKenzie.....	Hamilton, St John's
29 John Crawford, M.A.....	M B McMaster.....	Niagara
30 Walter Muir.....	Jas Gibson.....	Carlisle, St Paul's
31 J. B. McQuarrie.....	John Millar.....	Nelson and Dundas St
32 Jos. W. Johnston.....	John Thompson.....	Cayuga and Mt Healy
33 *J. W. Mitchell, M.A.....	.....	Thorold
34 J. S. Conning.....	D McGregor.....	Caledonia
35 A. K. Caswell.....	Jas McKnight.....	Waterford and Windham Centre
36 W. A. Reid, M.A.....	D Bruce.....	Port Dalhousie and Louth
37 P. M. McEachern.....	W McMonies.....	Waterdown
38 W. Morrin.....	R H Appleyard.....	Port Colborne
39 *G. A. McLennan.....	N McNeill.....	Jarvis and Walpole
40 Frank Ballantyne.....	R McQueen.....	Beverley
41 Vacant.....	J Robertson.....	Merritton
42 do.....	J Brandon, M.D.....	Ancaster and Alberton
43 do.....	.....	Hagersville
44 do.....	.....	N Pelham and Wellandport
45 do.....	.....	Blackheath, Abingdon, E Seneca
Mission Station.		
..... Fort Erie, etc.		
Ministers residing within the bounds.		
1 John Gauld.....	Hamilton, P.O
2 John Scott, D.D.....	Hamilton
3 T B Watts.....	Burlington

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18 *J B
19 *John
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21 Geo

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 Thos Alexander, M.A. Retired.	Brantford	
2 *W T McMullen, D.D.* James Bell	Woodstock, Knox Church	
3 *Wm Cochrane, D.D.	Adam Spence	Brantford, Zion Church
4 *John Thomson, M.A.	*Wm McDonald	Ayr, Knox Church
5 *W A McKay, B.A.	*John Weir	Woodstock, Chalmer's Ch
6 *D M Beattie, B.D.	M McIntyre	E Oxford and Blenheim, St And'w's
7 M McGregor, M.A.	Geo Younie	Tilsonburg and Culloden
8 R Myers, B.A.	J H Harrington	Norwich and Windham
9 R Pettigrew, M.A.	Wm Wallace	Glenmorris
10 *J S Hardie	Thos Phillips	Ayr, Stanley St
11 W S McTavish, B.D.	Alex Hunter	St George
12 R G Sinclair	*Geo Bryce	Mt Pleasant and Burford
13 *E Cockburn, M.A.		Paris
14 *J C Tolmie, B.A.	Robt Russell	Brantford, 1st Church
15 *E R Hutt	John Birss	Ingersoll, St Paul's
16 *W K Shearer, B.A.	John Shears	Drumbo
17 *P Straith, M.A.	*Robt McLean	Innerkip and Ratho
18 Vacant	Jas Hunter	Chesterfield
19 do	H S McKay	Embro
20 G L McKay, D.D.	Missionary	Formosa
21 Robert Chambers	do	
22 J H Buchanan, M.D.	do	
	Mission Stations.	
		St Andrews, Brantford
		Balfour St, Brantford
		New Dundee
		Residing within the bounds.
S Fenton		Brantford

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 W R Sutherland		Strathburn
2 *J J A Proudfoot, D.D.	Lecturer, Knox College.	London
3 John Milloy	James McLean	Argyle Ch, Aldborough
4 W S Ball	*B Charlton	English Settlement
5 *Duncan Cameron	David Wyllie	East Williams
6 *Lachlan Cameron	J Patterson	Thamesford
7 Alex Dawson, B.A.	Colin Campbell	S Delaware and Tempo
8 W M Roger, M.A.	F Cheeseboro'	London East
9 Geo Sutherland	Duncan Turuer	Fingal
10 J A Murray	Rev J Gordon	St Andrews, London
11 *Alex McKay, D.D.	David Crossen	Duff and Chalmer's, Dunwich
12 James Little	Isaac Longford	Bethel, Proof Line
13 John M Munro	D M McKay	Kintore
14 Donald Kelso	D C Kellar	Wallacetown
15 *Alex Henderson	John McIntyre	Appin and Tait's Corners
16 *A S Stewart	P Mitchell	Mosa
17 *E H Sawers	*Jno Flowers	N and S Westminster
18 *J B Hamilton	J Douglas	Wardsville and Newbury
19 *John Currie	A Pearson	Kintyre
20 Dugald Currie	Angus McNish	Glencoe
21 Geo A Francis	D McNaughton	Rodney and New Glasgow

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON (CONTINUED).

22	*J Ballantyne.....	Andrew Thompson.....	London South
23	*Thos Wilson.....	Jas McArthur.....	Dutton
24	A McIntyre.....	D Forbes.....	St Thomas, East
25	*F C Simpson.....	John' Graham.....	Melbourne
26	*D L Dewar.....	Dr Anderson.....	Ailsa Craig and Carlisle
27	*W J Clark.....	John Cameron.....	First Ch, London
28	*N P Talling.....	*H Ormond.....	St James Ch, London
29	*W A Cooke.....	John Gilmour.....	Dorchester and Crumlin
30	*J J A Thompson.....	J Mitchell.....	Alymer and Springfield
31	*W M Haig.....	Angus Grant.....	Hyde Park and Komoka
32	*J A McDonald.....	D K McKenzie.....	Knox Ch, St Thomas
33	Vacant.....	James Meek.....	Port Stanley
34	do.....	*A Shields.....	Belmont and Kilmartin
35	do.....	T McMullen.....	N Delaware and Caradoc
36	do.....	John McVicar.....	Lobo and Caradoc

Mission Station.

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Residing within the bounds.

1	Jas Gordon, M A.....	London
2	R Stevenson.....	do
3	M Lowry.....	do

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS:

CONGREGATIONS:

1	*Geo Cuthbertson.....	D M Robertson.....	Wyoming and Plympton
2	Wm Lohead.....		Mandaumin and Vyner
3	*Geo McLennan.....	*Wm Symington.....	Camlachie and Alexander
4	John Thompson, D D.....	*George Leys.....	St Andrews, Sarnia
5	*J S Lohead, B A.....	Isaac Lachlan.....	Parkhill and McGillivray
6	Jas Pitchard.....	N McColl.....	Forest
7	*Abijah Beamer.....	*G B Robson.....	Petrolia
8	*Alex Urquhart.....	John Morrison.....	Corunna and Moretown
9	*Robt W Leitch.....	George Brown.....	Point Edward
10	*Hector Currie, B A.....	Robt Rae.....	Thedford and Lake Road
11	J C McKee.....		Brigden and Bear Creek
12	*W G Jordan, B A.....	*Wm Ireland.....	St Andrews, Strathroy
13	*J Campbell.....	Reuben Burr.....	Burn's Ch and Moore's Line
14	*R V McKibbin, B A.....	Wm Simpson.....	Oil Springs and Oil City
15	*J H Graham, B A.....	W P McLaren.....	Watford and Main Road
16	*J McKinnon, B D.....	Hugh Watson.....	W Williams and N E Adelaide
17	Jas McMillan, B A.....	P A McDiarmid.....	Alviston
18	Vacant.....		E Williams
19	do.....	Mal Fisher.....	Napier and Chalmers Ch, Brooke
20	do.....		Guthrie and Black Creek
21	do.....	Robt Kincaide.....	Adelaide and Arkona

Residing within the bounds.

John McRobie..... Petrolia

Mission Stations.

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

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1	A W Waddell.....	Retired.....	Blenheim P O
2	A McColl.....	do.....	Chatham P O
3	W King.....	do.....	do
4	A Currie.....	do.....	do
5	R M Croll.....	D McNaughton.....	Dresden, etc
6	Jno Beckett.....	S B Ripley.....	Thamesville
7	Jno Gray.....	Alex Bartlett.....	Windsor
8	J R Battisby, Ph D.....	R Riddell.....	St Andrews, Chatham
9	D Currie.....	Dr Stewart.....	Wallaceburg, etc
10	J A Morrison.....	J Johnston.....	Cavan Ch and North Dawn
11	W M Fleming.....	Alex Laing.....	Essex
12	M Watson, B A.....	J McR Selkirk.....	Leamington
13	F H Larkin, B A.....	John McKeay.....	First Church, Chatham
14	A L Manson.....	Wm Gardiner.....	East Tilbury
15	W M Kay.....	P McAskile.....	Duart and Highgate
16	T Nattrass, B A.....	Jno Anderson.....	Amherstburg
17	Neil Shaw, B A.....	J Richardson, Jr.....	Tilbury Centre
18	J M McLaren, B A.....	Andrew Denholm.....	Blenheim and Guild
19	R J Hunter.....	Donald Patterson.....	Mt Zion, Ridgetown
20	J W McLintock.....	Andrew Ross.....	Dover, etc
21	W H Jamieson, Ph D.....	Donald McCoig.....	Bethel and Bridge-end
22	J W Black.....	Ordained Missionary.....	Blytheswood
23	Vacant.....	D McAllister.....	Tilbury W and Comber
24	do.....	do.....	Buxton
25	do.....	Walter Gay.....	Bothwell, etc
		Mission Stations.....	
		.....	Colchester
		.....	Wabash and Kent Bridge
		.....	Puce and Renaud
		Residing within the bounds	
1	J B Scott.....	.....	Leamington
2	Alex Russell.....	.....

PRESBYTERR OF STRATFORD.

1	R Hamilton.....	C Baird.....	Motherwell and Avonbank
2	P Scott.....	A McClellan.....	Hibbert and Roy's Church
3	A Stewart.....	J McGunagle.....	N Easthope and Hampstead
4	J Kay.....	J Riddell.....	Milverton and Wellesley
5	A F Tully.....	W Boyers.....	Mitchell
6	A Henderson, M A.....	J McNaught.....	Atwood and Monkton
7	E W Panton.....	C J McGregor.....	St Andrews, Stratford
8	I Campbell, Ph B.....	J Thompson.....	Listowel
9	John Campbell.....	J Brooks.....	Granton, Lucan and Fraser Ch
10	W M McKibbin, B A.....	J W Chalmers.....	Millbank and Crosshill
11	A Grant.....	A Smith.....	Knox Church, St Mary's
12	J W Cameron, B A.....	J Baird.....	North Mornington
13	R Pyke.....	G McCallum.....	Shakespeare and Tavistock
14	M L Leitch.....	J Callia.....	Knox Church, Stratford
15	T A Cosgrave, M A.....	W Oliver.....	1st Church, St Mary's
16	W W Craw, B A.....	E Dunn.....	N and S Nissouri
17	A H Drumm.....	F Bell.....	Avonton and Carlingford
18	Vacant.....	J C Ross.....	Harrington
19	do.....	G Manson.....	Burn's Ch and Brooksdale
		Residing within the bounds	
	G. Chrystal.....	.....	Stratford

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 Robert Ure, D D.....	Retired.....	
2 *Matthew Barr.....	do.....	
3 *A D McDonald, D D.....	James Cowan.....	First Ch, Seaforth
4 *Arch'd McLean.....	Donald Fraser.....	St Andrews, Blyth
5 *Peter Musgrave.....	John Kerr.....	Duffs Church, McKillop, etc
6 *John A McDonald.....	Wm Carnie.....	Bayfield Road and Blake
7 W M Martin, B D.....	John Strong.....	Cavan Church, Exeter
8 *Alex Stewart, B A.....	James Scott.....	Willis Church, Clinton
9 Samuel Acheson.....	George McKay.....	St Andrew's, Kippen
10 *Colin Fletcher, M A.....	Thos Somerville.....	Thames Road and Kirkton
11 J A Anderson, B A.....	Jas Buchanan.....	Goderich, Knox Ch
12 S A Carriere.....	Wm Turnbull.....	Grand Bend and Corbett
13 *J S Henderson.....	Wm Moir.....	Carmel Ch, Hensall
14 *J H Simpson.....	J McQueen.....	Union Ch, Brucefield
15 R Henderson.....	J Torrance.....	Bayfield and Bethany
16 *George Needham.....	Henry Carter.....	Egmondville
17 Vacant.....	Walter Riddell.....	Burns Ch, Hullett, etc
18 do.....	Alex Young.....	Knox Ch, Manchester, etc
19 do.....	Donald Cumming.....	Leeburn and Union Ch
	Mission Station.	

.....Chiselhurst
Residing within the bounds.

1 Wm Graham.....	Egmondville
2 J B Taylor.....	
3 Alex Koss.....	

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

1 Alexander Sutherland.....	Peter Fisher.....	Knox Church, Ripley
2 Adam F McQueen.....	Francis McDonald.....	Huron Church, Ripley
3 *Hector McQuarrie.....	John Gray.....	Wingham
4 J L Murray, M A.....	Alex Campbell, J P S.....	Kincardine
5 Donald B McRae.....	Wm Spence.....	Cranbrook and Ethel
6 *John Ross, B A.....	*Alexander Stewart.....	Melville Church, Brussels
7 John McFarlane.....	John Watson.....	Pine River
8 Alex T Hartley.....	Robert Maxwell.....	Bluevale and Eadies
9 George Law.....	Albert Cole.....	Belgrave
10 Archibald Stevenson.....	Duncan McDonald.....	Molesworth
11 *Angus MacKay.....	John Archibald.....	Lucknow
12 *Finlay A MacLennan.....	John McKenzie.....	South Kinloss
13 *Thos Davidson, M A.....	Robert Douglas.....	Wroxeter
14 *R S G Anderson, M A.....	R E Lane.....	St Helen's and East Ashfield
15 David Forrest.....	Jonathan Moore.....	Walton
16 W H Geddes.....	Thomas Wilson.....	Whitechurch and East Wawanosh.
17 George McKay.....	Duncan Campbell.....	Chalmer's Ch and Bervie
18 *Robert Fairbairn, B A.....	John Bennett.....	Dungannon and Port Albert
19 *David Millar.....	Thomas Strachan.....	Knox Church, Brussels
20 Samuel James.....	Retired.....	Brussels
21 Alexander Grant.....	do.....	Lucknow
22 John MacNabb.....	do.....	Lucknow
23 Vacant.....	Hugh Chambers.....	Ashfield
24 do.....	William Dawson.....	Langside

Residing within bounds.

1 W D Ballantyne, M A.....	Without charge.....	Kincardine
2 John Stewart.....	Retired.....	Kincardine
	Minister without charge	

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PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 * Andrew Tolmie.	James Murray.	Southampton
2 John Anderson.	Retired.	Tiverton
3 David Wardrope.	William Little.	Teeswater
4 John James, D.D.	William Muir.	Knox Ch, Walkerton
5 * John Eadie.	William Fiddes.	N Bruce and St Andrew's, Saugeen
6 * Daniel Duff.	Chas Symons.	N Brant and W Bentick
7 * Robert Gray.	George Duff.	Kinloss, Riversdale, etc
8 * Jas Gourlay, M.A.	John Doherty.	Port Elgin and Dunblane
9 * John Johnston.		Knox Ch, Paisley
10 W A Duncan, B.A.		St Andrew's, Sault Ste Marie
11 * Jas Malcolm.	S Kirkland.	Knox Ch, Teeswater
12 Wm Mowat.	Thos Broadfoot.	Allenford, Elsinore and Skipness
13 * David Perrie.	D M Halliday.	Geneva Ch, Chesley
14 W E Wallace, B.A.		Little Current
15 * David Campbell.	J C Eckford.	Pinkerton and W Brant
16 * Donald McKenzie.	R C Bruce.	Knox Church, Tara
17 Vacant.	Murdoch Martin.	Glammiss
18 do.	John Cooper.	Hanover and Normanby
19 do.	John McLaggan.	St Andrew's, Paisley
20 do.	Peter Stewart.	West Arran
21 do.	John McKinnon.	Underwood and Centre Bruce

Ordained Missionaries.

John Rennie.	Manitowaning, etc
D H McLennan, M.A.	Bruce Mines, etc
J K McGillivray.	Gore Bay, etc
	Thessalon
	Spanish Mills
	Tarbutt
	St Joseph's Island
	Goulais Bay
	Day Mills
	Webbwood
	Cockburn Island
	Burpee
	Providence Bay
	Kagawong
	Cook's Mills
	Blind River
	Encampment

Retired Ministers.

1 John Scott, D.D.	Hamilton
2 Peter Currie.	Strathroy

CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

The Clerk then submitted a tabulated statement of the charges affecting the Synod Roll since last meeting, as set forth in the report of the several Presbyteries.

TRANSLATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. J. L. Turnbull, from Port Colborne; to Oneida, on August 18th, 1891.

Mr. J. W. Penman, from Blackheath, to the Mission field in the North West, on December 1st, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—

Mr. Gustavus Munro, from Knox Church, Embro', to Guthrie Church, Harriston, on October 22nd, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. James A. Brown, from Belmont and Yarmouth, to Knox Church, Scarboro', on November 18th, 1891.

Mr. F. Ballantyne, from Lobo and Caradoc, to Beverley, on April 3rd, 1892.

Mr. R. McIntyre, from N. Delaware and Caradoc, to St. Thomas, on March 29th, 1892.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. G. G. McRobbie, Sc. D., from Ridgetown, to Shelburne, on April 26th, 1891.

Mr. W. Farquharson, B. A., from Dover, etc., to First and Second Chinguacousey, on April 24th, 1891.

Mr. G. A. McLennan, from Tilbury West and Comber, to Jarvis and Walpole, on February 18th, 1892.

Mr. P. Boudreaux, with congregation of St. Anne, Kankakee, U.S., to Presbytery of Chicago, U.S., on March 8th, 1892.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. D. M. Ramsay, B.A., B.D., from Burn's Church, Hullett and Knox Church, Londresborough, to the Presbyterian Church, Mt. Forrest, on August 4th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. John Moore, M.A., from Allenford, etc., to St. Andrew's Church, Seymour, etc., on August 3rd, 1891.

Mr. John Rennie, ordained missionary, from Spanish Mills, to Manitowaning, in September, 1891.

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Mr. James Little, from Underwood, etc., to Bethel Church and Proof Line, on December 21st, 1891.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr J. S. Conning was ordained and inducted at Galedonia, on June 4th, 1891.

Mr. A. K. Caswell was inducted at Waterford, on June 23rd, 1891.

Mr. W. A. Reid was ordained and inducted at Port Dalhousie, on August 3rd, 1891.

Mr. P. M. McEachern was ordained and inducted at Waterdown, on September 10th, 1891.

Mr. W. Morrin was ordained and inducted at Port Colborne, on February 2nd, 1892.

Mr. G. A. McLennan was inducted at Jarvis, on February 10th, 1892.

Mr. Frank Ballantyne was inducted at Beverley, on April 8th, 1892.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. W. M. Haig was inducted at Hyde Park, Komoka, on August 4th, 1891.

Mr. J. G. A. Thompson was inducted at Aylmer, on August, 11th, 1891.

Mr. J. A. MacDonald was ordained and inducted at Knox Church, St. Thomas, on November 17th, 1891.

Mr. James Little was inducted at Bethel, Proof Line, on December 22nd, 1891.

Alex. McKay, D.D., was inducted at Chalmer's Church, Dunwich, on December 30th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. John C. McKie was inducted into the charge of Brigden and Bear Creek, on July 21st, 1891.

Mr. James McMillan, B.A., was ordained and inducted at Alviston, on July 22nd, 1891.

Mr. John McKinnon, B.D., was inducted into the charge of Williams and N. E. Adelaide, on February 27th, 1892.

Mr. Wm. Lohead was inducted at Mandaumin, on February 24th, 1892.

Mr. Alex. Urquhart was inducted into the charge of Corunna and Mooretown, March 8th, 1892.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. R. J. Hunter, B.A., was ordained and inducted at Ridgetown, on September 1st, 1891.

Mr. J. W. Black was appointed as ordained missionary at Blythwood, on September 15th, 1891.

Mr. W. H. Jameison, Ph.D., was inducted at Bethel and Bridge End, on November 26th, 1891.

Mr. J. W. McLintock was inducted at Dover, Chalmer's Church and Richmond School-house, on December 22nd, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. A. H. Drumm was inducted at Avonton, on May 27th, 1891.

Mr. T. A. Cosgrove was ordained and inducted into Widder Street Church, St. Mary's, on May 27th, 1891.

Mr. M. L. Leitch was inducted into Knox Church, Stratford, on June 23rd, 1891.

Mr. W. W. Crow was ordained and inducted at S. Nissouri, on August 6th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. John A. McDonald was inducted at Bayfield Road, etc., on November 24th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. David Millar was inducted into Knox Church, Brussels, on January 5th, 1892.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. J. R. MacGillivray was ordained as missionary to Gore Bay, on 19th May, 1891.

Mr. W. E. Wallace, B.A., was inducted into Little Current, on August 26th, 1891.

Mr. W. Mowat was inducted to Allenford, etc., on February 2nd, 1892.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. John McClung demitted Ancaster and Alberton, on June 7th, 1892.

Mr. William Mowat demitted Merriton, etc., on January 19th, 1892.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. W. H. W. Boyle, B.A., demitted the charge of Knox Church, St. Thomas, on May 31st, 1891.

Mr. J. A. Bloodsworth demitted the charge of Port Stanley, on October 4th, 1891.

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PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. John Lees demitted West Williams and N. E. Adelaide, on May 31st, 1891.

Mr. John W. McLintock demitted Guthrie and Black Creek, on March 23rd, 1891.

Mr. Robert Hume, M.A., demitted Adelaide and Arkona, on January 4th, 1892.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. Alexander McMillan demitted Manchester and Smith's Hills, on September 8th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. Duncan Davidson demitted Langside, on September 8th, 1891.

Mr. K. McDonald demitted Ashfield, on December 22nd, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. A. G. Jansen demitted Gore Bay, on May 20th, 1891.

LICENSURES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. J. S. Corning was licensed on April 22nd, 1891.

Mr. T. Elliot was licensed on April 22nd, 1891.

Mr. P. M. McEachern was licensed on April 22nd, 1891.

Mr. W. J. Pereival was licensed on April 22nd, 1891.

Mr. C. A. Welster was licensed on April 21st, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Messrs. James McMillan and H. Ross., were licensed July 7th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. J. R. MacGillivray was licensed on May 19th, 1891.

DEATHS.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. Wm. Walker, late minister of First Church, Chatham, died on May 14th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. Robert Scott, late minister of Burn's Church and Brooksdale, died on October 3rd, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. George Brown, retired minister of Wroxeter, died on August 25th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. James Ferguson, ordained missionary at St. Joseph's Island, died August, 1891.

RECEPTION.

Mr. John McKie was received by the Presbytery of Sarnia as a minister of this church, on July 7th, 1891.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—

The congregation of Alberton was separated from Ancaster, on September 15th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—

St. Thomas, East, was raised to the status of a regular congregation, on October 1st, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Strangfield was united with Blythswood and Goldsmith, on April, 21st 1891.

Strangfield was separated from Blythswood and Goldsmith, on October 20th, 1891.

Buxton, Greenbush and Raleigh were erected into a congregation on March 8th, 1892.

The congregation of St. Annes, Kankakee, Ill., U.S., was transferred to the bounds of the Presbytery of Chicago, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the U.S., on March 8th, 1892.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Millbank has been permitted to change its name to Knox Church, Millbank, and Harrington to that of Knox Church, Harrington.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Leeburn and Union Church, Goderich township, were separated from Knox Church, Goderich, and formed into one charge, on March 10th, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

The congregations of Westminster and Zion Churches, Teeswater,

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were united into one pastoral charge, to be known as Knox Church, Teeswater, under the pastorate of Mr. James Malcolm, on May 5th, 1891.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

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

Nominations having been called for, Mr. George Burson, seconded by Dr. Battisby, moved that the Rev. John Gray, of Windsor, be elected Moderator. In amendment, Mr. John Ross moved, seconded by Mr. F. A. McLennan, that Mr. Hector McQuarrie, of Wingham, be elected Moderator. On the vote being taken, 53 voted for Mr. McQuarrie, and 46 for Mr. Gray. On motion of Dr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Gray, the election of Mr. McQuarrie was made unanimous. The Moderator-elect then took the chair, and thanked the Synod for the honor conferred upon him.

THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, seconded by Mr. Musgrave, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring Moderator, for his conduct in the chair, and the excellent sermon preached at the opening of Synod.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

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

Presbytery of Hamilton—Mr. James Murray, minister, and Mr. George Rutherford, elder.

Presbytery of Paris—Mr. P. Straith, minister, and Mr. Adam Spence, elder.

Presbytery of London—Mr. A. Henderson (Appin), minister, and Mr. D. K. McKenzie, elder.

Presbytery of Sarnia—Rev. Geo. McLennan, minister, and Mr. Robt. Rae, elder.

Presbytery of Chatham—Mr. Thos. Natrass, minister, and Mr. Wm. Gardner, elder.

Presbytery of Stratford—Mr. Peter Scott, minister, and Mr. John Callin, elder.

Presbytery of Huron—Mr. Robert Henderson, minister, and Mr. John Strang, elder.

Presbytery of Maitland—Mr. David Millar, minister, and Mr. William Spence, elder.

Presbytery of Bruce—Mr. J. Malcolm, minister, and Mr. John Doherty, elder.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

On the records of Presbytery of Hamilton—Messrs. E. W. Panton and P. Musgrave, ministers, and Mr. Adam Spence, elder.

On the records of Presbytery of Paris—Messrs. S. W. Fisher and M. P. Talling, ministers, and Mr. Jas. Watson, elder.

On the records of Presbytery of London—Messrs. C. Fletcher and D. Campbell, ministers, and Mr. James Douglas, elder.

On the records of Presbytery of Sarnia—Messrs. J. S. Hardie and J. G. Murray, ministers, and Mr. John Doherty, elder.

On the records of Presbytery of Chatham—Messrs. Hector Currie and Geo. A. Francis, ministers, and Mr. John Flowers, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Stratford—Messrs. D. M. Beattie and D. Perrie, ministers, and Mr. James Bell, elder.

On the records of Presbytery of Huron—Messrs. J. Pitchard and A. Henderson (Atwood), ministers, and Mr. Wm. Wallace, elder.

On the records of Presbytery of Maitland—Messrs. James Ballantyne and W. G. Gordon, ministers, and Mr. Wm. Ireland, elder.

On the records of Presbytery of Bruce—Dr. Mungo Fraser and Mr. W. M. McKibbin, ministers, and Mr. J. W. Chalmers, elder.

COMMITTEE ON ELDERS' COMMITTEE.

Dr. W. T. McMullen and A. McKay, ministers, and Mr. George Rutherford, elder.

AUDITORS.

Mr. W. J. Dey, minister, and Mr. C. J. McGregor, elder.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Mr. George Cuthbertson, Dr. Laing, Dr. McDonald and Mr. M. L. Leitch, ministers, and Messrs Jas. Shields and A. McLennan, elders.

PRESBYTERIES ALLOWED TO MEET.

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

COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator, on motion, duly moved and seconded, was requested to nominate a committee to strike the Standing Committee for the year.

SEDERUNTS OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Sederunts of Sydod should be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and from 7.30 to 10 p.m.; and that

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the first hour of the Sederunt should be spent in devotional exercises, the Synod to meet for business at 10 a.m.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning for devotional exercises at 9 a.m., and for business at 10 a.m., and was closed, by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SEDERENT.

At Stratford, and within Knox Church there, the nineteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two years, at 10 a.m.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, when devotional exercises were engaged in from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in which the Moderator, and Dr. Laing, Mr. Peter Scott, Mr. John Gray, ministers, and Mr. Geo. Rutherford, elder, took part, after which the Synod was duly constituted.

The minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. P. Straith presented the first report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, as to the order of the day. The report was adopted in accordance therewith, and the Synod called for the

REPORT OF THE BUXTON FUND.

The report was read by the Clerk, showing that the sum of \$230.50 had been received from the investments during the year, and paid over to Mr. King. Thanks were tendered the committee for their diligence, and the committee appointed for the ensuing year, as follows: Dr. J. R. Battisby, convener, and Messrs. A. McColl and F. H. Larkin, ministers, and Mr. R. Urquhart, elder.

TRANSCERENCE OF WATERFORD AND WYNDHAM CONGREGATIONS FROM HAMILTON TO PARIS PRESBYTERY.

Extract minutes were read of the Hamilton Presbytery, praying that the congregations of Waterford and Wyndham be transferred from that

Presbytery to that of Paris. Minutes of the Presbytery of Paris were also read, agreeing to the proposed transference. Mr. W. J. Dey was heard in support of the request of the Hamilton Presbytery, after which the transference was agreed to, and the congregations of Waterford and Wyndham were placed under the care of the Paris Presbytery.

TRANFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATION OF TEES- WATER FROM BRUCE TO MAITLAND PRESBYTERY.

The Synod considered a petition from Teeswater, transmitted through the Bruce Presbytery, asking that it be transferred from that Presbytery to that of Maitland. Mr. Malcolm was heard by the Synod in support of the petition. It was intimated by the Moderator that the Maitland Presbytery were willing for the transference being made. On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, the transference was agreed to, and Teeswater placed under the care of the Maitland Presbytery.

TRANFERENCE OF ALBERTON FROM HAMILTON TO PARIS PRESBYTERY.

There were read extract minutes from the Hamilton Presbytery, asking that the congregation of Alberton be transferred to the Presbytery of Paris, with a view of its being united with the congregation of Onondoga into one pastoral charge. Minutes of Paris Presbytery were also read agreeing to the transfer.

Drs. Laing and McMullen were heard in support of the proposed transference, which, on motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, was agreed to, and Alberton accordingly placed under the care of the Paris Presbytery.

ELDERS' COMMISSIONS.

Dr. McMullen, from the Committee on Elders' Commissions reported, recommended that Mr. John Shipley be placed on the roll of London Presbytery, for Ailsa Craig, in room of Dr. Anderson, and that Mr. Wm. Telford's name be placed on the roll of Paris Presbytery for Paris congregation, the appointment not having been made before last meeting of Presbytery.

COMMITTEE ON SYNOD FINANCES.

Mr. George Rutherford, Treasurer of the Synod, asked the Synod to appoint a small committee to consider the method of collecting the Synod rates. His request was agreed to, and the following committee appointed: Messrs. George Rutherford, convener, and Messrs. E. W. Pantan, P. Musgrave, Hector Currie and J. S. Hardie.

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AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Rev. Wm. Burns, agent for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, addressed the Synod, pressing the claims of the regular fund and of the endowment fund, upon the serious attention of the members of the Synod and their congregations. On motion of Mr. W. J. Dey, seconded by Dr. Laing, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the Synod having heard the statement of the Rev. Wm. Burns, in reference to the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund, express their gratitude at the progress made in raising an endowment, and commend both the endowment fund, and the regular fund, to the sympathy and liberality of the churches within the bounds."

COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator nominated the following committee to strike standing committee, and report at an early sederunt: Messrs. John Gray, convener, A. Henderson, (Appin), A. F. Tully, A. McLean, John Eadie, R. Pettigrew, S. W. Fisher, W. Ross and J. C. Tibb, ministers, and Messrs. R. Rutherford, James Shields and George Leys, elders.

INDUCTION AT LITTLE CURRENT.

Extract minutes of Bruce Presbytery were read to the effect, that a the induction of W. E. Wallace, at Little Current, on the 26th day of August last, only one minister of the Presbytery was present, the others having been unavoidably absent. Mr. Rennie, the member of the Presbytery, present, conducted the induction service in the circumstances, and the Presbytery now ask the Synod to condone the irregularity. On motion the Presbytery's action in approving of Mr. Rennie's action was sustained.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 2 p.m., and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At Stratford, and within Knox Church there, the nineteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two, at 2 p.m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, with devotional exercises, Dr. McMullen engaging in prayer.

The minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

OVERTURE ANENT AUGMENTATION FUND.

There was read an overture, transmitted by the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., from the Home Mission Committee, asking the Synod to take into consideration, how the interest of the Augmentation Fund could be more successfully promoted by the oversight of Synodical committees, or otherwise, so that an equitable and economical administration of the fund may still further be secured.

Dr. Cochrane and Dr. Laing were heard in support of the overture.

The overture was then received.

After lengthened reasoning, the following resolution, on motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Straith, was adopted :—The Synod expresses its satisfaction with the results of the Augmentation scheme, in aiding and developing weak congregations, until they have become self-sustaining. It greatly regrets the deficits that have arisen during the last few years, and earnestly commends the scheme anew to the interest and liberality of the church at large. The Synod approves generally, of the suggestion made in the overture for a Synodical Committee, which shall revise the applications of Presbyteries for grants for augmentation, before being presented to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, and will support any other well deserved measures that the General Assembly in its wisdom may see fit to enact. Further, the Synod is of opinion that the applications for grants from the Home Mission fund, should in like manner be revised by the Synodical Committee, before being transmitted to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

REFERENCE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF
HAMILTON.

The Synod then proceeded to consider a reference from the Hamilton Presbytery *in re* Mr. James Watson's complaint. The finding of the Synod last year in this case was as follows :—

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

At a meeting, held the 15th May, 1891, the Presbytery, after considering the judgment of the Synod, passed the following motion by a vote of 14 to 6: "That inasmuch as the Presbytery finds difficulty in carrying out the decision of the Synod into effect, the matter be referred to next Synod for advice."

Dr. Laing stated the reference.

The reference was sustained.

Pending the further discussion of the reference, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned to meet again at 7.30 p.m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At Stratford, and within Knox Church there, the nineteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two, 7.30 p.m.

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

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Reports of Standing Committee were called for, and presented as

follows: That on the state of religion, by Mr. Hector McQuarrie (the Moderator), during the presentation of which, the ex-Moderator, Mr. Tolmie took the chair; that on Sabbath schools, by Mr. J. C. Tibb, in the absence of Mr. T. W. Nisbet, the convener; that on temperance, by Mr. Edward Cockburn, and that on Sabbath observance, by Mr. Peter Musgrave.

The reports were received. The recommendations of the committee on Sabbath schools were then considered seriatim, and the following adopted:

1st. That the duty and privilege of supporting the Mission schemes of the Church, be urged upon all our schools.

2nd. That we deplore the multitude of forms in which vicious literature is circulated, and would urge the strictest oversight in the selection of S. S. Libraries.

3. That we commend the principles of the Assembly's scheme of Higher Religious Instructions to the favorable attention of our superintendents and teachers.

The recommendation of the committee on Temperance was adopted, and is as follows:—

The committee recommend the Synod to urge upon the members and adherents of the church, that in the exercise of the franchise, they use all due means to secure the election of good men to School Boards, Municipal Councils, the Provincial Legislature, the Dominion Parliament, and other positions of trust, who are known to be in favor of the entire prohibition of the liquor traffic, and will work and vote for that end.

The recommendations of the committee on Sabbath Observance, as follows, were also adopted:

1. That Presbyteries be charged to appoint, along with their other committees, one on Sabbath Observance.

2. That the subject of Sabbath observance be brought definitely before each Presbytery, at least once a year.

3. That reports from each Presbytery be forwarded to the Synod's convener on that subject, three weeks before the meeting of Synod.

On motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Dr. Battisby, the report on the state of religion was adopted; on the motion of Mr. J. C. Tibb, seconded by Mr. Musgrave, the report on Sabbath schools was adopted; on motion of Mr. W. A. McKay, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson, the report on Temperance was adopted, and on motion of Dr. Cochrane, the report on Sabbath Observance was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. A. F. Tully, on behalf of the committee appointed to nominate standing committees, reported, and the recommendations of the committee were adopted, as follows:

State of Religion.—Messrs. John Ross, convener, W. G. Jordan, B.A.,

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Temperance.—Messrs. A. Beamer, convener, J. S. Henderson, and John Anderson, ministers, and Messrs. James Bell, J. W. Chalmers, and Dr. Arnot, elders, with the conveners of the Presbyterian committees.

Sabbath Schools.—Messrs. Jas. Ballantyne, convener, J. A. Anderson and W. J. Dey, ministers, and Messrs. T. W. Nesbit, A. Bartlett, G. Rutherford, and W. N. Hossie, elders, and the conveners of the Presbyterian committees.

Sabbath Observance.—Messrs. John Young, convener, W. J. Clarke, R. W. Leitch and T. Nattrass, ministers, and Messrs. John Charlton, M.P., D. D. Wilson, Robt. Laurie and George Leys, elders, with the conveners of the Presbyterian committees.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Mr. Cuthbertson, from the Committee on the Licensing of Students, gave in an interim report recommending that leave be given to the Presbytery of Sarnia, to take on trial for license, Mr. D. Strachan; to the Presbytery of London, to take on trial Messrs. John McNair, Wm. Gauld, J. S. Davidson and W. H. Grant, and to the Presbytery of Chatham, to take on trial for license, Mr. Peter McNab. The recommendations were agreed to.

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

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, Stratford, the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two, 9 a.m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted, Mr. Fletcher, at the request of the Moderator, engaging in prayer.

The minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained,

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Mr. Cuthbertson, from the Committee on Licensing of Students, gave in a concluding report, recommending that leave be given to the Presbytery of Hamilton to take on trials for license Mr. Thomas McLaughlin, and to the Presbytery of Paris, to take on trials for license, Messrs. W. H. Johnston, Daniel Spear, Cunningham Moore and H. McLennan. The recommendations were adopted.

REFERENCE FROM HAMILTON PRESBYTERY.

The Synod resumed consideration of the reference from the Hamilton Presbytery, after lengthened discussion.

Dr. Cochran moved, seconded by Dr. A. D. McDonald, that a committee be appointed to prepare a deliverance on the reference, with power to call all parties before them, in the hope that a decision may be arrived at, that shall be satisfactory to all parties, and that may end the case. The committee to report at a future sederunt.

The Moderator appointed the following committee: Dr. Proudfoot, Dr. McMullen, Dr. McDonald, Messrs. McKay, McLean and Gray, ministers, and Messrs. Ross, Bell and Symington, elders.

BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE.

Dr. Cochran presented the report of the directors of the Young Ladies' College for the year. The report gave interesting details regarding the increased attendance, the efficiency of the teaching staff, and the results of the examinations. On motion of Mr. E. Cockburn, M.A., seconded by Dr. Mungo Fraser, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, after several members had testified to the excellencies of the College:

Receive the report and express gratification at the largely increased attendance, the growing popularity, and the high state of efficiency of the College, and the excellent character of the work done, during the past year.

The Synod also expresses satisfaction, that the college still enjoys the valuable services of Dr. Cochran as Governor, and that the staff of instructors in every department is so complete. The Synod cordially commends the college to the ministers and congregations of the church, as one in which young ladies find a religious home, and receive a thorough christian training, and appoints the Moderator of Synod, the Rev. Hector McQuarrie, of Wingham, as Visiting Director for the year.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Synod in Knox Church, St. Thomas, on the third Monday of April, 1893, at 7.30 p.m. The Moderator and Clerk were empowered to call the Synod in March, should the

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General Assembly, by appointing a Synodical committee, to revise Home Mission and Augmentation grants, make this necessary.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The committees appointed to examine the Presbytery Records of Hamilton, Paris, London, Sarnia, Chatham, Stratford, Huron, Maitland and Bruce, reported the same as carefully and correctly kept, and the Moderator was instructed to attest them, in accordance with said reports.

PROPOSED NEW PRESBYTERY OF ALGOMA.

There were read extract minutes of the Presbytery of Maitland, approving of the remit sent down by last General Assembly, regarding the erection of a new Presbytery, to be composed of churches and stations in the districts of Algoma and Nipissing; also minutes of the Presbytery of Bruce, likewise approving of the erection of the Presbytery; also a communication from ministers, missionaries and elders, labouring in the Algoma and Nipissing districts, asking the Synod to forward their petition for the erection of said Presbytery, and to appoint parties to support the same before the General Assembly.

On motion of Dr. Laing the Synod approved of the erection of this new Presbytery, leaving it to the General Assembly to take action as to its Synodical relations, and other details.

Dr. Laing and Dr. Cochrane were appointed to support the petition at the General Assembly.

SYNOD FUND.

Mr. George Rutherford, convener of the Committee on Synod Finances, reported the following recommendations, which after consideration were adopted:

That the Synod Treasurer be instructed to collect annually in future from each Presbytery (through its treasurer) a sum equal to one half cent for each member on the roll, leaving to the Presbytery treasurer the duty of levying this rate on each congregation.

That the sum of \$200 be paid to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund out of the balance now in the Treasurers hands.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Mr. W. J. Dey, from the Committee to audit the treasurers' books and accounts, reported that they were correctly kept and balanced.

OVERTURE FROM LONDON PRESBYTERY.

The Synod took up an overture from the Presbytery of London, asking the General Assembly to rescind its action of last year, permitting students to be licensed and ordained after two years' study in theology,

and also to rescind or amend the law requiring ministers from other churches to give a year in the mission field, before being eligible for a call.

Mr. A. Henderson, of Appin, supported the overture.

After discussion and the proposing of several motions, it was agreed to consider the two parts of the overture seriatim. On motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr D. M. Beattie, the first part of the overture was unanimously adopted.

At this stage the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod accordingly adjourned to meet again at 2 p.m.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, Stratford, the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two, 2 p.m.

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

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

OVERTURE FROM LONDON PRESBYTERY.

The Synod proceeded to consider the second part of the overture from London Presbytery, which asks the General Assembly to rescind or amend the law requiring ministers from other churches to give a year in the Mission field, before being eligible for a call. On motion by Dr. Cochrane, this part of the overture was also adopted. Drs. Proudfoot and Laing

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were appointed to support the overture as a whole, before the General Assembly.

THE HAMILTON PRESBYTERY REFERENCE.

Dr. Proudfoot presented the report of the committee on the reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, which was in the following terms :

"The Synod regrets that the Presbytery should have difficulty in interpreting the decision of last year. The court now give the following interpretation of the decision in question, viz., that the cancelling of the certificate would have been fulfilled by declaring it cancelled, and making intimation thereof to the parties concerned ; and referring the memorialists to the session of St. Paul with a certified extract to that effect, and a copy of the Synod's decision was all that the Presbytery was required to do in order to fulfil the duty laid upon it by the Synod in that particular. The Synod regrets that this course was not taken by the Presbytery. In view, however, of all the circumstances the Synod is of opinion that no good would result from further prosecution of the matter, and, therefore, enjoins all parties "to follows after the things that make for peace," it being understood that Mr. Henderson be regarded as under the care of the session of the church in which he now worships, the session of St. Paul's Church having cordially consented to this in terms of section I4. of the book of forms."

Dr. Proudfoot intimated to the Synod that all parties had acquiesced in this judgment, and moved, seconded by Mr. Musgrave, that this be accepted as the finding of the Synod.

The Synod unanimously adopted the finding, and Dr. Proudfoot, at the request of the Moderator, engaged in prayer.

THE CHICAGO EXPOSITION.

Mr. McKibbin brought under the notice of the Synod, the proposal of the American authorities, to open the Chicago Exposition of 1893, on Sabbath, and proposed the following resolution :

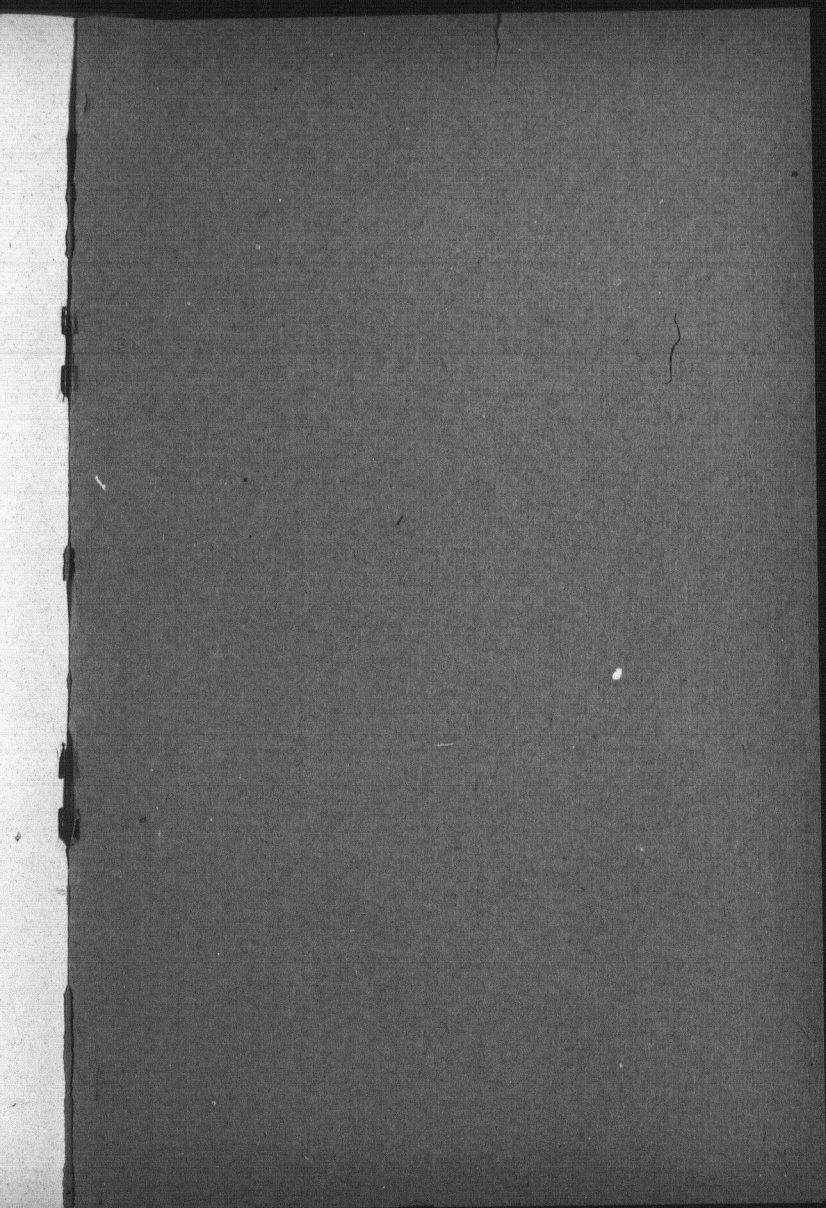
"That this Synod, recognizing its duty and privilege to maintain and defend to the uttermost of its powers the sacredness of the Sabbath, and noting the attitude with respect to the holy days, of parties in power, connected with the preparations for the World's Fair in Chicago, resolves to petition and hereby does petition the Government of our Dominion to firmly oppose and, as far as possible, repress any action done in the name of our country, or any exhibitor therefrom, that would look towards a participation in the threatened desecration of the Lord's Day. This resolution was adopted.

Dr. Cochrane moved that the Moderator and Clerk be instructed to prepare and transmit a petition praying that the Dominion authorities should not permit the opening on Sunday of the Canadian portion of the Chicago Exposition in 1893. This resolution was also adopted."

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, the cordial thanks of the Synod were given to the ministers of Knox Church and St. Andrew's Church, and the office-bearers of Knox Church for the use of their building ; to the committee, who had made arrangement for the entertaining of members, for the business of the Synod, and to the railways for reduced rates.

The business being concluded, the Moderator, after devotional exercises, and prayer by the Rev. Andrew Tolmie, ex-Moderator, declared the Synod adjourned, to meet again in Knox Church, St. Thomas, on the third Monday of April, 1893, at 7.30, p.m., and the sederunt was closed with the benediction.



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