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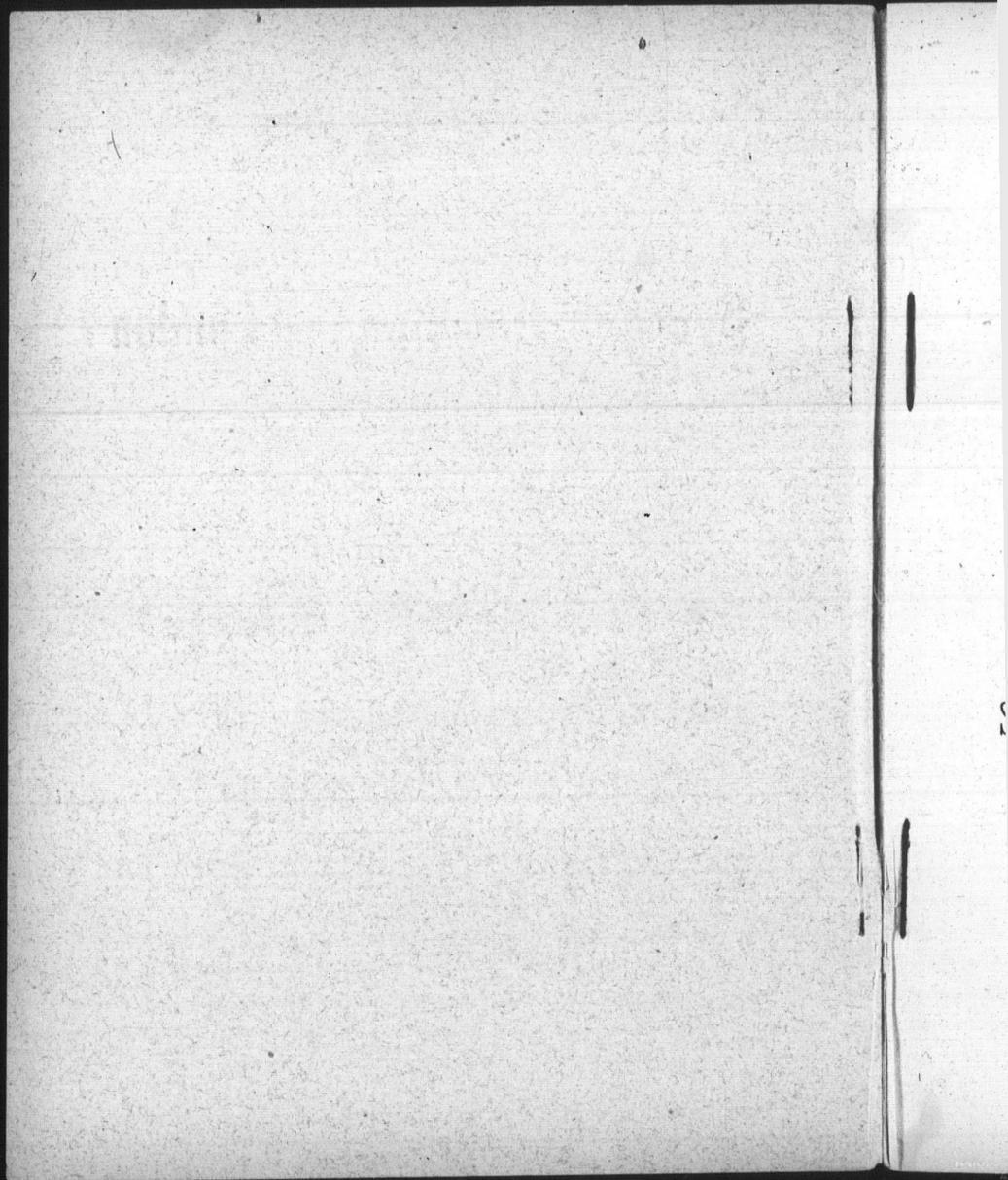
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At Sarnia, and within Saint Andrew's Church there, the twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six years, at half-past seven o'clock p. m., which day and place the Synod of Hamilton and London of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and after sermon from the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Wm. Robertson, A. M., of Chesterfield, from the Acts of the Apostles, second chapter, was duly constituted by prayer.

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

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

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|-----|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | J Porteous | Retired | |
| 2 | M. W. Livingstone | Retired | |
| 3 | S. Fenton | Retired | |
| 4 | Thos. Goldsmith | A. J. McKenzie | Hamilton, St. John's |
| 5* | James Black | James Gibson | Caledonia & Allen Settlement |
| 6* | John Laing, D. D. | Jacob Rymal | Dundas, Knox Church |
| 7 | James Gordon, M. A. | J. Wills | Niagara Falls |
| 8 | John G. Murray | J. D. Fitch | Grimsby & Muir's Settlement |
| 9 | W. D. Rees | | Blackheath and E Seneca |
| 10 | D. H. Fletcher | *J. McDonald, M. D. | Hamilton, McNab Street |
| 11 | John Wells, M. A. | James Williamson | Jarvis and Walpole |
| 12 | *Thos. Wilson | G. Elwood | Caledonia, Sutherland Street |
| 13 | *George Burson | Robt. Laurie | St. Catharines, Knox Church |
| 14 | Robt. Thomson, L.L.D.A. | Cruikshank | Drummondville and Chippawa |
| 15 | Mungo Fraser, M. A. | John Porteous | Hamilton, Knox Church |
| 16 | George Crombie | J. D. Harcourt | St. Ann's and Smithville |
| 17 | R. M. Coll | Rev. G. Grant | Simcoe, St. Paul's |
| 18 | G. A. Yeomans, M. A. | N. Lockie | Dunnville |
| 19 | Samuel Lyle, B. D. | Alexander Main | Hamilton, Central Church |
| 20 | R. J. Laidlaw | James Watson | Hamilton, St. Paul's |
| 21 | W. P. Walker | A. Jarvis | Pinbrook and Saltfleet |
| 22 | S. Fisher | W. Henderson | West Flamboro |
| 23 | Robert Thymne | | Port Dover |
| 24 | D. C. McIntyre, M. A. | W. Zimmerman | Beamsville and Clinton |
| 25 | *C. D. McDonald | James Paterson | Thorold |
| 26 | J. H. Ratcliffe | D. W. Beadle | St. Catharines, 1st Church |
| 27 | R. H. Abraham | *J. A. Davidson | Burlington |
| 28 | Thomas Scouler | John Ames | Hamilton, Erskine Church |
| 29 | S. Carruthers | Robert McQueen | Beverly |
| 30 | Wm. Robertson | Andrew Wilson | Waterdown |
| 31* | J. A. Hamilton, B. A. | John Charlton | Lynedoch, Silver Hill and Delhi |
| 32 | W. J. Bell | J. McFarland | Niagara, St. Andrew's |
| 33 | *J. W. Cathcart | John Agnew | Strabane |

Mission Stations.

| | | |
|----|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 34 | | Port Colborne |
| 35 | J. Dunn | Welland |
| 36 | | N. Pelham |
| 37 | J. Smith | Oneida, &c |
| 38 | | Vittoria |
| 39 | | Louth |
| 40 | William Robertson | Merriton |
| 41 | | Port Dalhousie |
| 42 | W. Walker | East Ancaster |
| 43 | J. Sinclair | Nelson and Dundas St |
| 44 | | Ancaster and Alberton |
| 45 | John Young | Barton |
| 46 | David Ewing | Hamilton |
| 47 | | Fort Erie, &c |
| 48 | | Crowland |
| 49 | | Port Robinson |

MINUTES OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—(Continued.)

Residing Within the Bounds.

- 1 J. A. Caswell.....
 2 John Gauld

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS, | CONGREGATION. |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 *W. Robertson, M. A. | John Shields | Chesterfield |
| 2 *W. T. McMullen | *Hugh Rose..... | Knox Church, Woodstock |
| 3 *Wm. Cochrane, D. D. | S. M. Thomson | Zion Church, Brantford |
| 4 *John Thomson, M. A. | *Robert Lillico | Knox Church, Ayr |
| 5 *G. Munro, M. A. | Hugh J McKay | Knox Church, Embro |
| 6 James Little | W G Hunter | Princeton and Drumbo |
| 7 W. A. McKay, B. A. | William Fraser | Chalmers Church, Woodstock |
| 8 D. M. Beattie, M. A. | *Arthur Smith | St Andrews, E Oxford & Blenheim |
| 9 M. McGregor, M. A. .... | ..... | Tilsenburg and Culloden |
| 10 F. R. Beattie, Ph D. | James Reid | First Church, Ingersoll |
| 11 *W. McKinley..... | *John Dickie | Innerkip and Ratho |
| 12 P. R. Ross | James Gordon | St Andrew's, Ingersoll |
| 13 Robert Myers ..... | ..... | Norwich and Wyndham |
| 14 *Robt Pettigrew, M. A. | William Wallace | Glenmorris |
| 15 W. H. Boyle, M. A. | Thomas Armstrong | Dumfries Street, Paris |
| 16 Thomas Atkinson | John Birse | Knox Church, Ingersoll |
| 17 *J. S. Hardie | W Richmond | Stanley Street, Ayr |
| 18 W. S. McTavish | W B Wood | St. George |
| 19 William Wylie | John Scott | River Street, Paris |
| 20 R. G. Sinclair | George Bryce | Mt. Pleasant and Burford. |

Ministers Without Charge.

- 1 William Barr
- 2 Thomas Alexander
- 3 Robt. Chambers, Miss'y.....
- 4 G. L. McKay, D. D.....

Mission Stations.

- Onondaga
- Balfour Street, Brantford
- Old St Andrew's, E. Oxford

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS, | CONGREGATION. |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 *J. J. A. Proudfoot, D D | *Samuel Fraser | 1st Church, London |
| 2 *W S Bal | *J Scott and P Cavan | Bethel and English Settlement |
| 3 *John Rennie..... | G McDonald | Ailsa Craig and Carlisle |
| 4 John Milloy | Dugald Stewart | Argyle Church, Aldbrough |
| 5 *Neil McKinnon | *W Robertson | Mosa |
| 6 *Lachlan Cameron | *H Davidson | Thamesford |
| 7 *James McConnell | T Ormiston | N & S Delaware |
| 8 *Donald Stewart | Duncan McArthur | Wallacetown |
| 9 *Geo Sutherland | Hugh Lynn | Fingal |

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—(Continued)

| | | | |
|----|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 10 | *Walter M Roger | James Gordon | London East |
| 11 | *D McGillivray | R Ferguson | St James Church, London |
| 12 | *J A Murray | J Frazer, M D | St Andrew's, London |
| 13 | *Alex Urquhart | David Crossen | Duff & Chalmers' Chs, Dunwich |
| 14 | *John Munro | D McKay | Kinton |
| 15 | *Alex Henderson | *R Mitchell | Hyde Park and Komoka |
| 16 | *J B Hamilton | J Douglas | Wardsville and Newbury |
| 17 | *John Johnston | Alex McLean | Lobo and Caradoc |
| 18 | *John Currie | R Hornal | Kintyre |
| 19 | *J S Henderson | D Murray | Wendigo and Caradoc |
| 20 | *A W McConechy | Joseph Moore | Port Stanley |
| 21 | F W Archibald | D K McKinzie | St Thomas |
| 22 | *James Ballantyne | Alexander Gall | London South |
| 23 | John Robbins | *J A Younge | Glencoe |
| 24 | John K. Wright | Missionary | Trinidad. |

Vacancies,

| | | |
|-------|--------------|------------------------|
| ..... | ..... | New Glasgow and Rodney |
| ..... | A Wood | Dorchester and Crimlin |
| ..... | John McInnes | N & S Westminster |
| ..... | W Brodie | Belmont |

Ministers Without Charge.

| | | |
|---|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | Duncan McMillan | London |
| 2 | W R Sutherland | Ekfrid |

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

MIXISTERS.

ELDERS.

CONGREGATION.

| | | | |
|----|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | *John Lees | S Milligan | West Williams |
| 2 | *Geo Cuthbertson | *Alex Gillatley | Wyoming and Plympton |
| 3 | *R Hume M A | Robert Kincade | Adelaide and Arkona |
| 4 | *Geo McLennan | John Davidson | Camlachie and Alexander |
| 5 | John Thompson, D D. | *Geo Leys | St. Andrew's, Sarnia |
| 6 | *John Lockhead, M A. | Andrew Grieve | Parkhill and McGillivray |
| 7 | *Thomas McAdam | *W Ireland | St Andrew's, Strathroy |
| 8 | *John A McDonald | James Alexander | Bear Creek and Bridgen |
| 9 | James McCutcheon | W Bartlett | Corunna and Mooretown |
| 10 | *Robert Leitch | *W Bryce | Point Edward |
| 11 | *John Anderson | Thomas Wyatt | East Williams |
| 12 | *Hector Currie, B A. | *Robert Rae | Theford and Lake Road |
| 13 | *D C Johnson | *W Kie | Oil Springs and Oil City |
| 14 | *J W McLintock | D Nesbit | Mandaumin |
| 15 | *J C Tibb, B D | *W Cole | Burns Church and Moore Line |
| 16 | *Hugh Cameron, B. A. | *James Lang | Watford and Main Road. |
| 17 | *J R Johnson, M A | John McPhail | Alvinston and Napier |
| | Vacant | ..... | Petrolia |
| | Vacant | James Laird | Forrest |

Retired Minister.

| | |
|---------|--------|
| Wm Doak | Sarnia |
|---------|--------|

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

| | MINISTERS' | ELDERS. | CONGREGATION. |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | A H Waddell | Wm Coltart | Harwich |
| 2 | A McColl | R Urquhart | First Church, Chatham |
| 3 | John Logie | Wm Gardiner | East Tilbury |
| 4 | W King | Retired | |
| 5 | *W Walker | | First Church, Chatham |
| 6 | *Thos Tallach | *M L Lent | Dresden, &c |
| 7 | Arch Currie | F McKerricher | Duart |
| 8 | Neil McDiarmid | | Elmira, Ill, U S |
| 9 | John Becket | James Thomson | Thamesville, &c |
| 10 | *John Gray | *Alex Bartlett | Windsor |
| 11 | Jos H Paradis | | Amherstburg, &c |
| 12 | G G McRobbie | | Ridgetown |
| 13 | *John H Scott | Chas Grant | Leamington, &c |
| 14 | John McAlmon | George Ainslee | Dover, &c |
| 15 | J R Battisby | James Walker | St Andrew's, Chatham |
| 16 | *D Currie | John Fleming | Wallaceburg, &c |
| 17 | Wm Fleming | D Henderson | Essex Centre |
| 18 | C Lafontaine | | St. Anne, Ill., U S |
| Vacancies: | | | |
| | | W Webster, sr. | Bothwell, &c |
| | | R Dadson | W Tilbury, &c |
| | | | Dawn |
| Mission Stations. | | | |
| | | | Tilbury Centre |
| | | | Buxton |
| | | | Price, Rhenand Line, and Belle River. |

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|----|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | *Thos McPherson | | |
| 2 | James Boyd | *W Taylor | Crosshill and Wellesley |
| 3 | D Gordon | *A Wood | Harrington |
| 4 | *R Hamilton | *W McKenzie | Fullarton and Avonbank |
| 5 | P Scott | D Forbes | Hibbert and Roy's Church |
| 6 | *A Stewart | *D Campbell | M Easthope and Tavistock |
| 7 | J Kay | P McVannell | Milverton and Mornington |
| 8 | *P Wright, B D | J L Russell | Stratford, Knox Church |
| 9 | R Scott | J Gibson | Brooksdale and Burns Church |
| 10 | John McClung | W Barten | Shakespeare and Hampstead |
| 11 | *A F Tully | *S Anderson | Mitchell |
| 12 | *J W Penman | J Yool | Nissouri |
| 13 | *A Henderson, M A | W Rutherford | Elma Centre and Monkton |
| 14 | *E W Pantan | *R Smith | Stratford, St Andrew's |
| 15 | *I Campbell | *J Rennie | Listowel |
| 16 | *G Chrystal | *J Stephens | Avington and Carlingford |
| 17 | *JA Turnbull, LL B | G Ellis | St Marys, Widder Street |
| 18 | *J Campbell | W Dunn | Granton and Lucan |
| 19 | *W M McKibben | Andrew Burnet | Millbank |
| 20 | A Grant | | St Marys, Knox Church |
| 21 | W A Wilson, M A | | Mhow, Central India |
| 22 | James Smith | | Ahmednagar, India |

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|----|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Robert Ure, D D | J R Miller | Knox Church, Goderich |
| 2 | John Ross | | Brucefield |
| 3 | *Mathew Barr | | Retired |
| 4 | A D McDonald | W Sproat | First Church, Seaforth |
| 5 | *Arch McLean | *Robert Laidlaw | St Andrew's Church, Blyth |
| 6 | P Musgrave | John Rear | Duff's Church, McKillop, &c |
| 7 | James Pritchard | James Dobie | Manchester and Smith's Hill |
| 8 | Mark Danby | W Carnie | Bayfield Road and Berne |
| 9 | Thos G Thomson | | Vancouver, British Columbia |
| 10 | W M Martin, B D | A Whiteford | Caven Church, Exeter |
| 11 | Alex Stuart, B A | James Broadfoot | Willis Church, Clinton |
| 12 | S Acheson | John Scott | Kippen and Hill's Green |
| 13 | Joseph McCoy, M A | D Manson | Egmondville |
| 14 | Colin Fletcher, M A | G Monteith | Thames Road and Kirkton |
| 15 | S A Carriere | Hugh Love | Grand Bend |
| 16 | *R Y Thomson, B D | George Murray | Rodgerville and Chiselhurst |
| 17 | David Ramsay, B A | W Riddell | Hullett and Loundesborough |
| 18 | David Forrest | Chas Simons | Bayfield and Bethany |
| | Vacant | W Fotheringham | Union Church, Brucefield |

Mission Station.

.....Goderich, Gaelic

Ministers Without Charge.

| | | |
|---|------------|-------------|
| 1 | W Graham | Egmondville |
| 2 | J B Taylor | Blyth |

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|----|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Alex Sutherland | R McDonald | Knox Church, Ripley |
| 2 | Samuel Jones | Thomas Strachan | Knox Church, Ripley |
| 3 | George Brown | John Millar | Wroxeter |
| 4 | Alex Grant | Retired | |
| 5 | *A McQueen | John Cameron | Huron |
| 6 | Chas Cameron | Robert Campbell | Chalmers Church, Kincardine |
| 7 | George Law | James Edmond | Knox Church, Belgrave |
| 8 | Alex McKenzie | D McKinnon | South Kinloss |
| 9 | Alex Hartley | Robert Maxwell | Bluevale and Eadie's |
| 10 | R McDonald | F McLennan | Ashfield |
| 11 | *Robt Leask | *Robert Harrison | St Helens and E Ashfield |
| 12 | *H McQuarrie | D M Gordon | Wingham |
| 13 | *J C Murray, M A | John Morrison | Knox Church, Kincardine |
| 14 | John McFarlane | John Watson | Pine River |
| 15 | Duncan Davidson | W Dawson | Langside |
| 16 | D B McRae | A Pennabaker | Cranbrook and Ethel |

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND—(Continued.)

| | | | |
|----|----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 17 | Thomas Muir | W Giles | Fordwich and Gorrie |
| 18 | Arch Stevenson | Robert Elliott | Molesworth and Trowbridge |
| 19 | John Ross, B A | G McCallum | Melville Church, Brussels |
| 20 | *James Anderson, B A | *Thos Wilson | Whitechurch and E Wawanosh |
| 21 | D G Cameron | John Bennett | Dungannon and Port Albert |

Vacancies.

| | | |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| ..... | Thos Johnstone | Duff's Church, Walton |
| ..... | George Matheson | Knox Church, Lucknow |
| ..... | W Sothers | St Andrew's, Lucknow |

Ministers Without Charge.

| | | |
|---|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | J B Eakin | Wingham |
| 2 | J Macnabb | Lucknow |
| 3 | A McKenzie | Kincardine |
| 4 | Murdo, McKenzie | Kintail |

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

MINISTERS. ELDERS. CONGREGATIONS.

| | | | |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | James Duncan | J McLagan | St Andrew's, Paisley |
| 2 | John Scott, D D | | Retired |
| 3 | Andrew Tolmie | James Craig | Southampton and West Ayr |
| 4 | John Anderson | Geo McCallum | Tiverton |
| 5 | David Wardrope | James Henderson | Westminster Church, Teeswater |
| 6 | *N Paterson | John Cooper | Hanover and W Normanby |
| 7 | *John Eadie | J C Eckford | Pinkerton and W Brant |
| 8 | D Duff | Geo McNally | N Brant and W Bentick |
| 9 | *James Gourlay | W Burgess | Port Elgin and Dumblane |
| 10 | John Mordy, M A | Geo Johnstone | Balaklava |
| 11 | *J Ferguson, M A, B D | Archd Ewart | Geneva Church, Chesley |
| 12 | Geo Brown Greig | James Steele | Knox Church, Paisley |
| 13 | John Moore, B A | W Burenash | Allenford and Elsinore |
| 14 | James Malcolm | John Henderson | Underwood and Bruce |
| 15 | W G Hanna, B A | Thos Newton | Tara |
| 16 | Vacant | N Beaton | Glanmis |
| 17 | " | James Nesbit | St Paul's Church, Walkerton |
| 18 | " | W Muir | N Bruce & St Andrew's, Saugeen |
| 19 | " | N McKenzie | Zion Church, Teeswater |
| 20 | " | James Bell | St Paul's, Walkerton |
| 21 | " | James Malcolm | Kinloss, Riversdale & Enniskillen |

Ordained Missionaries.

Mission Stations.

| | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | D H McLennan, M A | Thessalon |
| 2 | J A Jaffray | Sault Ste Marie |
| 3 | D McNaughton | Manitowaning |
| | | Tarbert |
| | | Salem Church, E'derslie |

Minister Without Charge.

| | | |
|---|----------|-----------|
| 1 | P Currie | Teeswater |
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CHANGES IN ROLL.

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

TRANSLATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Alex. Grant was transferred from Oneida, Indiana and Cayuga to Knox Church, St. Marys, in the Presbytery of Stratford, on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1885.

Mr. T. T. Johnston was translated from Ancaster and Alberton to the charge of Wick and Greenbank, in the Presbytery of Lindsay, on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Mungo Fraser was translated from Knox Church, St. Thomas, to Knox Church, Hamilton, on the thirty-first day of May, 1885.

Mr. K. McDonald was translated from Belmont to Ashfield, in the Presbytery of Maitland, on the tenth day of January, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

Mr. D. Bickell was translated from Molesworth and Trowbridge to the congregation of Mount Forest, in the Presbytery of Saugeen, on the fourteenth day July, 1885.

Mr. D. Cameron, of Lucknow, accepted the appointment of the Home Mission Committee to the mission field of Manitowaning, in the Presbytery of Bruce, on the 16th day of March, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Robert C. Moffatt, D. D., was translated from Free St. John's Church, Walkerton, to West Winchester, in the Presbytery of Brockville, on the twenty-second day of August, 1885.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. W. J. Bell was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrews Church, Niagara, on the twenty-sixth day of May, 1885.

Mr. Mungo Fraser was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church Hamilton, on the twenty-third day of June, 1885.

Mr. J. W. Cathcart was inducted into the pastoral charge of Strabane and Kilbride, on the twentieth day of August, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. J. S. Hardie was ordained and inducted into the charge of Stanley Street Church, on the second day of June, 1885.

Mr. W. S. McTavish was ordained and inducted into the charge of St. George on the eighth day of September, 1885.

Mr. William Wylie was inducted into the charge of River Street Church, Paris, on the twentieth day of October, 1885.

Mr. R. G. Sinclair was inducted into the charge of Mt. Pleasant and Burford on the nineteenth day of January, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. John Robbins was inducted into the Presbyterian congregation of Glencoe, on the twenty-ninth day of July, 1885.

F. W. Archibald, Ph. D., was inducted into the congregation of Knox Church, St. Thomas, on the twenty-ninth day of October, 1885.

Mr. J. B. Hamilton, was inducted into the charge of Wardsville and Newberry congregations on the fifth day of January, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

Mr. D. C. Johnson was inducted into the charge of Oil Springs and Oil City on the second day of September, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. Wm. Fleming was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Essex Centre on the 5th day of May, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. A. Hamilton was ordained as missionary to the North-west on the twenty-ninth day of September, 1885.

Mr. W. M. McKibbin was inducted to the pastoral charge of Millbank on the third day of March, 1885.

Mr. A. Grant was inducted to the pastoral charge of Knox Church St. Marys, on the tenth day of November, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. David Forrest was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Bayfield and Bethany on the eleventh day of August, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

Mr. Archibald Stevenson was inducted into the pastoral charge of Molesworth and Trowbridge on the twenty-ninth day of December, 1885.

Mr. Kenneth McDonald was inducted into the pastoral charge of Ashfield on the fourteenth day of January, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. J. A. Jaffray, B. A., was ordained as missionary to Sault Ste Marie on the fourteenth day of July, 1885.

Mr. James Malcolm was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Underwood and Centre Bruce on the twenty-ninth day of December, 1885.

Mr. W. G. Hanna, B. A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Tara on the fourteenth day of January, 1885.

Mr. D. H. McLennan was appointed ordained missionary to Thesalon in October, 1885.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. F. Ballantyne demitted the charge of North and South Westminster on the tenth day of January, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

Mr. John McRobie resigned his charge of Petrolia on the twenty-first day of July, 1885.

Mr. Robert Scrimgeour resigned his charge of Forest on the 15th day of October, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

Mr. Alex. McNaughton demitted the charge of Walton on the fifteenth day of December, 1885.

Mr. John Macnabb demitted the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, on the sixteenth day of March, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. E. B. Rogers demitted the charge of Manitowaning as ordained missionary in July, 1885.

John Scott, D. D., demitted the charge of North Bruce and St. Andrews Church, Saugeen, on the tenth day of August, 1885.

Mr. Jas. Ferguson demitted the charge of St. Joseph's Island and Tarbert, as ordained missionary, in October, 1885.

Mr. Peter Currie demitted the charge of Zion Church, Teeswater, on the eighth day of December, 1885.

Mr. A. Beamer demitted the charge of St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, on the ninth day of March, 1886.

LICENSURES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. W. A. Duncan was licensed to preach the gospel on the fifteenth day of April, 1885.

Mr. J. S. Hardie was licensed to preach the gospel on the fifteenth day of April, 1885.

Mr. Duncan McColl was licensed to preach the gospel on the fifteenth day of April, 1885.

Mr. Jas Malcolm was licensed to preach the gospel on the fifteenth day of April, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. Arch. Blair was licensed to preach the gospel on the twelfth day of May, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Jas. Hamilton was licensed to preach the gospel on the fifteenth day of April, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. Wm Fleming was licensed to preach the gospel on the fifteenth day of April, 1885.

Mr. Robert McNair was licensed to preach the gospel on the fifteenth day of April, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. J. A. Jaffray, B. A., was licensed to preach the gospel on the fourteenth day of July, 1885.

DEATHS.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

Mr. Robt. Scrimgeour died at Forest on the sixteenth day of November, 1885, aged 64 years.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. Wm. Blain, formerly of Tara, minister without charge, died in March, 1886.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The congregation of Crowland was separated from that of Welland on the twenty-first day of July, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

The congregation of Knox Church, Petrolia, was united with that of the first Presbyterian Church, Petrolia, on the first day of October, 1885.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

The congregation of Florence was separated from the congregations of Dawn Centre and North Dawn, and joined to the congregations of Bothwell and Sutherland's Corners on the ninth day of March, 1886.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

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

On motion of Mr. George Chrystal, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, Mr. George Burson, of Knox Church, St. Catharines, was unanimously elected Moderator, and took the chair accordingly.

On motion of Dr. Jno. Thompson, seconded by Mr. D. Stewart, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his conduct in the chair, and for the excellent sermon preached before the 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 Black, minister, and Dr. Macdonald, elder.

Presbytery of Paris—Mr. R. Pettigrew, minister, and Mr. S. M. Thomson, elder.

Presbytery of London—Mr. Alex. Henderson, minister, and Mr. D. McKenzie, elder.

Presbytery of Sarnia—Mr. Hector Currie, minister, and Mr. Alex. Gillatley, elder.

Presbytery of Chatham—Mr. J. R. Battisby, minister, and Mr. Alex. Bartlett, elder.

Presbytery of Stratford—Mr. Robert Hamilton, minister, and Mr. R. Smith, elder.

Presbytery of Huron—Mr. Samuel A. Carriere, minister, and Mr. William Carnie, elder.

Presbytery of Maitland—Mr. Thomas Muir, minister, and Mr. Robert Harrison, elder.

Presbytery of Bruce—Mr. John Ferguson, minister.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Business the following were appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries:—

On the records of the Hamilton Presbytery—Messrs. H. McQuarrie and J. Johnston, ministers, and Mr. R. Harrison, elders

On the records of the Paris Presbytery—Messrs. D. McGillivray and Hector Currie, ministers, and Mr. Alex. Gillatley, elder.

On the records of the London Presbytery—Messrs. R. Y. Thomson and Thomas McAdam, ministers, and Mr. Robert Laidlaw, elder.

On the records of the Sarnia Presbytery—Messrs. A. Urquhart and Alex. Henderson, ministers, and Mr. Thos. Wilson, elder.

On the records of the Chatham Presbytery—Messrs. W. S. Ball and Colin Fletcher, ministers, and Mr. George Leys, elder.

On the records of the Stratford Presbytery—Messrs. Geo. Sutherland and J. S. Henderson, ministers, and Mr. William Ireland, elder.

On the records of the Huron Presbytery—Messrs. Jno. Anderson (E. Williams) and Jas. McConnell, minister, and Mr. D. McArthur, elder.

On the records of the Maitland Presbytery—Messrs. James Pritchard and J. A. McDonald, minister, and Mr. Robert Kincaid, elder.

On the records of the Bruce Presbytery—Messrs. W. A. Cathcart and J. McCoy, ministers, and Mr. J. A. Davidson, elder.

COMMITTEE ON ELDERS COMMISSIONS.

The following were appointed a Committee on the commissions of Elders: Messrs. Lachlan Cameron and G. Munro, ministers, and Mr. Alex. Wood, elder.

AUDITORS.

The following were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's books: Mr. J. Campbell Tibb, minister, and Mr. D. McKenzie, elder.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

The following were appointed a Committee to receive applications for the licensing of students: Messrs. J. A. Murray and R. W. Leitch, ministers, and Mr. John Stephen, elder.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed a Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the ensuing year: Messrs. G. Cuthbertson, P. Musgrave, J. H. Ratcliffe, W. T. McMullen, J. Ferguson, R. Leask, E. W. Panton, J. Gray and Dr. Proudfoot, ministers; and Messrs. W. Richmond, T. Strachan and S. Fraser, elders.

SEDERUNTS OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Sederunts of Synod should be from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m., and from 7.30 p. m. to 10 p. m.; and that the first hour of the next Sederunt should be spent in devotional exercises, the Sederunt to-morrow morning to begin at 10 a. m.

PREBYTERIES ALLOWED TO MEET.

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

JUBILEE OF REV. DR. SMELLIE, OF FERGUS.

The following resolution, moved by Mr. W. S. Ball and seconded by Mr. W. T. McMullen, was unanimously adopted :

Inasmuch as the Presbytery of Guelph have appointed a special meeting, to be held at Fergus on Thursday next, to celebrate the fiftieth year of the ordination of the Rev. Dr. Smellie to the office of the holy ministry, and inasmuch as Dr. Smellie was a member of the Presbytery of Hamilton at a time when the bounds of that Presbytery covered all the territory now comprised in the bounds of the Synod of Hamilton and London : Resolved, That this Synod unite with the Presbytery of Guelph in extending to Dr. Smellie its hearty congratulations on the attainment of such an unusual period in his ministry, and express the hope that he may speedily recover his health, and be spared for years to come in the work of our Lord and Master.

The Moderator, with Mr. W. S. Ball and Mr. W. T. McMullen, were appointed to attend the meeting of the Guelph Presbytery on behalf of the Synod.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock, and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, the thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment—Rev. George Burson, Moderator.

Devotional exercises were engaged in during the first hour, in which the Moderator and Messrs. Walker, Pettigrew, McQuarrie, McMullen, Gray, and Dr. McDonald, took part.

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

Dr. Laing, as Convener of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented the first report as to the order of business for the day, which on motion was adopted.

The Synod proceeded to take up the business in the order recommended.

BUXTON FUND.

The Clerk presented the report of the Buxton Fund, showing that the sum of \$260.50 had been received during the year and paid over to the Rev. Wm. King. On motion, the report was received, and the Committee on the Buxton Fund reappointed for the ensuing year.

**OVERTURE ANENT ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY
MODERATOR.**

The Synod proceeded to consider an overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton anent the election of Moderator of the General Assembly.

Dr. Macdonald was heard in its support.

The overture was received.

It was moved by Mr. W. S. Ball, seconded by Mr. D. McGillivray, that the overture be transmitted *simpliciter*.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Chrystal, seconded by Mr. Colin Fletcher, that the Synod adopt and transmit the Overture to the General Assembly.

At this stage of the discussion Mr. Ball, with the consent of his seconder, withdrew his motion in favor of the amendment of Mr. Chrystal, which thus became the main motion.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Laing, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, that before adopting the overture, the following be added to the second provision: "Provided always, that the General Assembly may, if it sees fit, add one name to the list as provided for above, before proceeding to the ballot."

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, that the second provision be amended as follows: "It being always understood that the Assembly, before proceeding to ballot, shall have power to receive further nominations."

Pending the discussion of these motions, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned to meet again at two o'clock p. m.

The Moderator then pronounced the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, the thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, 2 p. m.

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

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

COMPLAINT AND APPEAL FROM THE PRESBYTERY
OF LONDON.

The Synod then proceeded to consider a complaint and appeal against a decision of the Presbytery of London, granting leave to certain petitioners in Glencoe, to be organized into a second congregation.

The Clerk having read the papers, parties were called to the bar.

There appeared in support of the complaint and appeal, Messrs. W. S. Ball, Dr. Proudfoot, J. A. Murray, A. Henderson, W. M. Roger, and James A. Younge; and in defence of the judgment of the Presbytery, Messrs. D. McGillivray, G. Sutherland, and W. W. Gordon.

Messrs. W. S. Ball, Dr. Proudfoot, and Mr. J. A. Younge were heard in support of the complaint and appeal, and Messrs. George Sutherland and D. McGillivray for the Presbytery.

Questions having been put and answered, parties were removed from the bar.

It was then moved by Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson: "Sustain the dissent and appeal, rescind the action complained of, and remit the matter to the Presbytery of London, with instructions to exhaust all legitimate measures to preserve the unity, and avoid the alternative of a second congregation at Glencoe."

Several amendments having been made and voted down, the original motion was put and carried by a very large majority. The Yeas and Nays were then taken, when the motion was carried almost unanimously.

Parties were again called to the bar, when the Moderator announced the judgment of the Synod, in which all parties acquiesced.

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

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, the thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, 7.30 p. m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator, Mr. W. M. Roger leading in prayer.

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION, &c.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented their report for the year through Dr. John Thompson, the convener: that on Sabbath Schools through Mr. Thomas MacAdam; that on Sabbath Observance through Mr. George Burson; and that on Temperance, through Mr. Archibald McLean.

The reports were all received.

On motion duly made and seconded, the report on the state of religion was adopted, and the committee, especially the convener, thanked for the masterly and elaborate report presented.

On motion duly made and seconded, the report on Sabbath Schools was adopted, and the committee thanked for their diligence. The following recommendations were also adopted:

I. The Synod instruct the Presbyteries, through their conveners, to forward to the Synod's convener, within six months, an accurate list of the Sabbath Schools within their bounds, with the names and addresses of the Ministers and Superintendents of each.

II. That Sabbath Schools be recommended to use the system of Registers prepared by the General Assembly's Committee, or to adopt some other method of securing the information these are designed to supply.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

Mr. J. Campbell Tibb, from the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books and vouchers, reported that the books and vouchers were all correct, and the business transacted in a highly satisfactory manner.

On motion the report was received, and the cordial thanks of the Synod tendered, through the Moderator, to the Treasurer, Mr. Ruth-erford, for the faithful and self-denying services rendered the Synod for many years.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 a. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, April the fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, 9 a. m.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

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

The Synod then proceeded to take up the business, in the order recommended.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE REPORT.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was considered. Mr. W. T. McMullen moved, duly seconded, that the recommendation of the committee, "as to the advisability of issuing such questions from year to year, for the consideration of Sessions and Presbyteries, in order to secure the fullest information possible on the subject," be adopted.

Dr. Laing moved in amendment, duly seconded, that hereafter the Synod's Committee on the State of Religion should take charge of the subject of Sabbath observance, and include in the list of queries sent by the Committee to the Presbyteries, such questions as may bring the matter before the Synod from year to year.

On the vote being taken, the motion was carried by a large majority.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was adopted. On motion duly made and seconded, it was ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly's Committee on the subject of Temperance.

OVERTURE ON SUPPLY OF VACANT PULPITS.

The Synod proceeded to consider the Overture on scheme for the supply of vacancies, remitted to Synods and Presbyteries by last General Assembly.

There was also taken up along with this Overture, another from the Presbytery of Stratford, recommending the continuance of the old distribution scheme, and the rejection of the Overture or scheme sent down by the General Assembly.

Messrs. Tully and Hamilton, Ministers, and Mr. Wood, Elder, were heard in support of the Overture.

After further consideration, both overtures were remitted to a committee, to report at the afternoon Sederunt. The committee was appointed as follows: Dr. Laing, Dr. McDonald, Mr. Tully, Mr. Renzie, Dr. Jno. Thomson, Mr. Cuthbertson, and Mr. R. Hamilton.

REV. FATHER CHINIQUY.

It was moved by Mr. W. T. McMullen, duly seconded, and agreed to, that the Presbytery of Chatham be instructed to ascertain from the General Assembly, by reference or otherwise, the relation in which Father Chiniquy stands to that Presbytery.

NEXT MEETING OF THE SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Synod meet next year in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the last Monday in April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven, at half past seven p. m.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

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

OVERTURE ANENT THE ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY
MODERATOR.

The Synod resumed consideration of the overture from the Hamilton Presbytery, anent the mode of electing the Assembly's Moderator. The motion of Mr. Chrystal, and the amendments were read again by the Clerk.

It was moved in further amendment by Dr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the second provision be amended as follows: "It being understood that the General Assembly does not hereby surrender its inherent right to elect as Moderator any commissioner it may see fit, whether nominated by a Presbytery or not.

The yeas and nays having been taken on the amendments and the motion, the motion was carried by a large majority. The overture which was thus adopted by the Synod, and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly, is as follows:

Whereas, there exist differences of opinion as to the mode in which the Moderator of the General Assembly should be elected;

Whereas, the practice of the church, assented to at the last Union, has been objected to and disturbed;

Whereas, in the election of the chief officer of the church for the time being, Presbyteries have hitherto claimed and exercised the right of nominating which claim should be respected;

Whereas, it is highly desirable that the mode of the election should be well defined and settled by the authority of the church as confirmed by Presbyteries;

Therefore, it is respectfully overtured by the Presbytery of Hamilton that the General Assembly consider the question, and take order in such way as may be deemed best to provide:

I. That in each and every Assembly the Moderator shall be chosen from a list of names transmitted by the Clerks of Presbyteries to the Clerk of the Assembly, so as to be in his hands at least twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the meeting of the court.

II. That such list shall consist of the names of those Commissioners who shall have been nominated for the office of Moderator by the several Presbyteries of the church, or by such Presbyteries as shall have made a nomination at a stated meeting, duly convened.

III. That the said list shall be submitted by the the Clerk, immediately after the Assembly has been constituted and the roll called.

IV. That the election shall be by the ballots of Commissioners present, cast for some one whose name is on the list.

V. That the person who shall in this manner obtain a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected, and shall take the chair.

Against this decision of Synod the following dissent was received and ordered to be recorded: "We beg leave to record our dissent from this overture on the ground that undue restriction is thus put upon the power of the Supreme Court of the church, in electing its chief officer." John Laing, J. A. Proudfoot, Thos. McAdam, ministers; Robert Harrison, elder.

Dr. MacDonald and Mr. D. H. Fletcher were appointed to support the overture before the Assembly.

REV. FATHER CHINIQUY.

The Rev. C. Chiquy being present in court was invited to a seat near the Moderator, and addressed the Synod.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Cuthbertson, Convener of the committee to nominate Standing Committees, gave in a report which, after slight changes, was adopted, and is as follows:

State of Religion.—Alex. Henderson, Convener; D. H. Fletcher, Jas. Little, John Anderson (Maitland), John Beckett, J. A. Turnbull, Wm. M. Martin, Jas. A. Anderson, John Eadie, ministers; and Dr. McDonald, Hugh Rose, Dr. Fraser, Alex. Gillatley, K. Urquhart, W. McKenzie, Geo. Murray, Robert Harrison, and James McLagan, elders.

Temperance.—W. A. McKay, Convener; Robert Thynne, Geo. Sutherland, R. W. Leitch, Thos. Tallach. E. W. Panton, A. McLean, Alex. Sutherland, D. Wardrope, ministers; and A. I. McKenzie, Jno. Dickie, R. Mitchell Geo. Leys, Jas. Thompson, J. S. Russell, D. D. Wilson, Thomas Wilson, and Wm. Burgess, elders.

Sabbath Schools.—George Rutherford, Convener; J. C. Tibb, Mungo Fraser, D. M. Beattie, John Ballantyne, Wm. M. Fleming, Geo. Chrystal, Colin Fletcher, D. B. McCrae, J. B. Duncan, ministers; and Thomas Armstrong, Samuel Fraser, D. Nisbet, Alex. Bartlett, S. Anderson, R. Laidlaw, W. B. Hutton, and James Craig, elders.

Sabbath Observance.—John Gray, Convener; Geo. Burson, G. Munroe, J. A. Murray, Dr. John Thompson, W. T. McMullen, James Mc. Connell, R. W. Leitch, W. M. Rogers, A. F. Tully, Alex. Stewart, H. McQuarrie, Andrew Tolmie, ministers; and James Watson, John

Charlton, M. P. ; J. Strachan, J. C. Eckford, Wm. Webster (Sen.), Wm. Ireland, and Jno. Scott (Clinton), elders.

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

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, April fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty six, at two o'clock p. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was duly constituted by the Moderator, Mr. McKinnon engaging in prayer.

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The minutes of the former Sederunt were read and sustained.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Mr. J. A. Murray, on behalf of the committee appointed to consider applications for the licensing of students gave in a report, recommending that leave be given to the Presbytery of Hamilton to take on trials for license, Mr. W. H. Simpson, ; to the Presbytery of Chatham, to take on trials for license, Mr. William Ferguson, B. A., and Mr. Alex. U. Campbell ; to the Presbytery of Sarnia, to take on trials for license, Mr. R. Campbell Tibb, B. A. ; and to the Presbytery of Bruce, to take on trial, Mr. J. L. Campbell, B. A.

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

PSALMODY COMMITTEE.

Mr. F. B. Stewart, Convener of the Psalmody Committee, presented the annual report, giving details of the prosecution of the work during the past year. The report was read and in terms of the recommendations of the committee, the Synod agreed to reappoint the committee with the names, in addition, of Revd. Thos. MacAdam and Revd. W. S. Ball ; also to transmit to the General Assembly the earnest desire of the Synod that the Assembly Hymnal Committee should issue without delay a Sol Fa edition of the Sabbath School Hymnal ; and further, that all ministers in charge should bring the subject of divine praise frequently before their congregations and co-operate with the committee in its efforts to improve this part of the service.

OVERTURES ON THE SUPPLY OF VACANT PULPITS.

Dr. Laing, from the committee appointed to consider and report on the overtures regarding the supply of vacant pulpits, presented the following :

The Committee beg to report that in their opinion there are so many points requiring full and careful consideration involved in any scheme for supplying vacant pulpits that they are not prepared now to present any scheme to the Synod. And as it is evident that the scheme sent down by last assembly to the Synod for consideration will not be approved without important modifications, and as an alternate scheme has been proposed by Mr. Laidlaw and an overture has come from the Presbytery of Stratford, asking for the re-establishment of a scheme to be worked very much on the lines of that which formerly obtained in this western section of the church, the Committee's recommends.

That a committee of Synod, consisting of Drs. Laing and Cochrane, and Mr. Laidlaw (convener), be appointed to consider the matter and confer with any committee that may be appointed by any other Synod of the church, and report, if they can do so, the results of deliberations to the General Assembly.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

OVERTURES ANENT ANNUITIES.

An overture from Rev. W. S. Ball, of the Presbytery of London, regarding annuities to clerical agents, professors and other officials was read, and Mr. W. S. Ball heard in its support. On motion of Dr. Laing, duly seconded, the Synod transmitted the overture simpliciter, to the ensuing General Assembly.

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was moved by Dr. Cochrane, duly seconded, and unanimously carried, that the thanks of the Synod are due to the minister and office bearers of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, for the use of their building and the arrangements made for the work of the Synod ; to the Committee (and especially Mr. Nisbet) on providing homes for the delegates ; to the Christian people of the city for their generous hospitality, and to the Grand Trunk Railway for reduced fares to the members of the Synod.

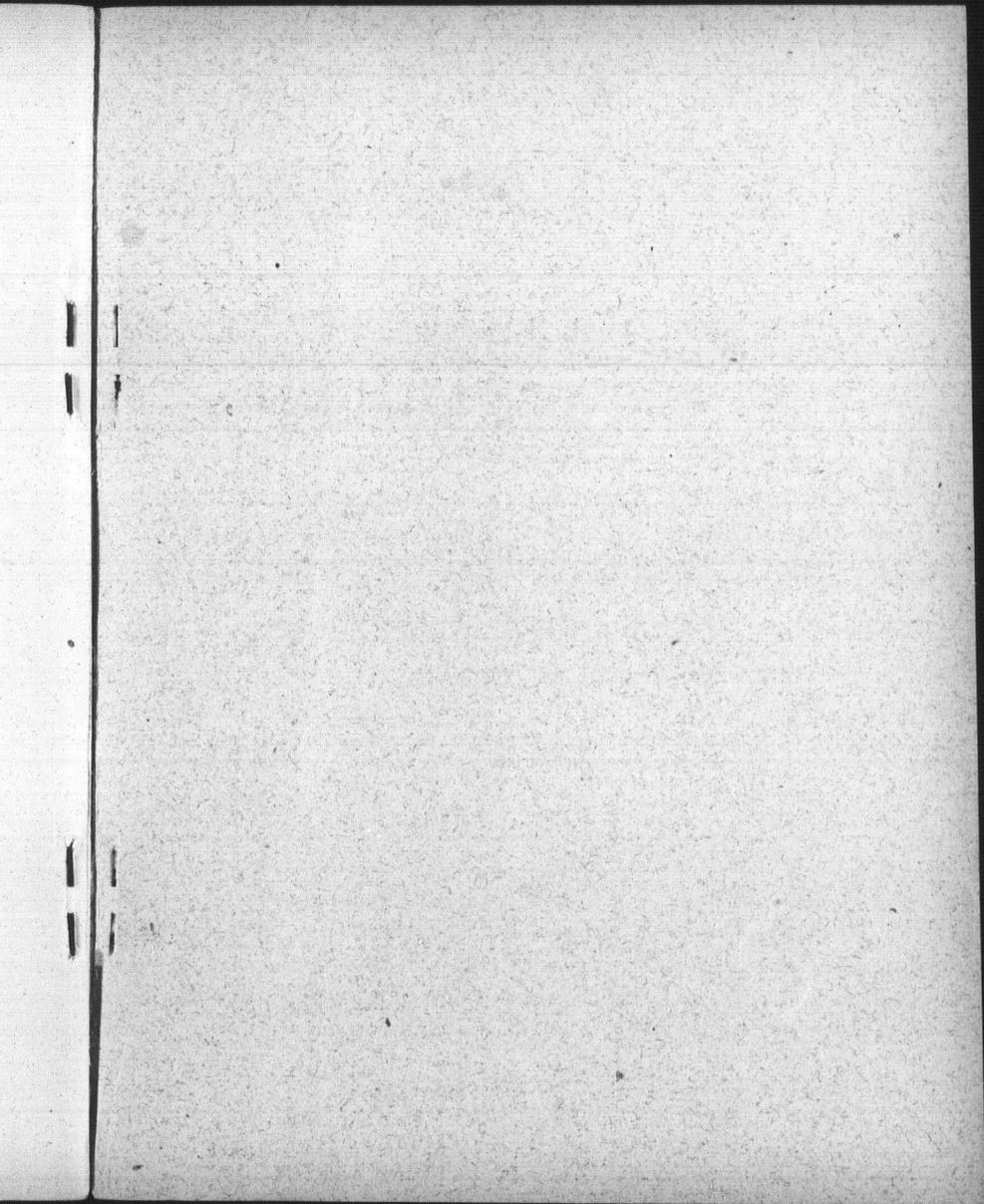
ADJOURNMENT.

The business of the Synod having been concluded, the Moderator, declared the Synod adjourned, to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the last Monday of April, eighteen hundred and eight seven, at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

The Moderator then pronounced the benediction.

GEORGE BURSON,
Moderator.

WM. COCHRANE, D. D
Clerk.



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1886-1887.

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