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At Brantford, and within Zion Church there, the eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty one years, at half past seven o'clock p. m., which day and place the Synod of Hamilton and London of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met and after sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Geo. Bell, L. L. D., from the Gospel according to John, sixteenth chapter and thirteenth verse, was duly constituted by prayer.

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

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

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.	
1 Wm. Hancock.....	Retired		1 A.
2 M. W. Livingstone.....	Retired		2 R.
3 *John Porteous.....	John Denton.....	Port Dalhousie	3 Jol
4 Samuel Fenton.....		Vittoria	
5 S. C. Frazer, M. A.....		Retired	
6 *Thomas Goldsmith.....	Angus Reid.....	Hamilton, St John's	
7 Wm. Cleland.....		Niagara, St. Andrew's Church	
8 *James Black.....	A. C. Buck.....	Caledonia and Allan Settlement	1 T
9 *John Laing, M. A.....	J. C. Wyld.....	Dundas, Knox Church	2 I
10 *James Gordon M. A.....	W. McFarlane M. D.	Niagara Falls, St. Andrew's	3 *I
11 James McEwen.....		Welland and Crowland	4 *V
12 *William Craigie.....		Port Dover.	5 *I
13 *John McMechan.....	Andrew Wilson.....	Waterdown.	6 *V
14 James Pullar.....		Lynedoch and Silverhill.	7 *V
15 *John James, D. D.....	William Gillespie.....	Hamilton, Knox Church.	8 *V
16 John G. Murray.....	Wm. Cruikshank.....	Grimsby and Muir Settlement	9 *J
17 James Herald.....		Retired.	10 *I
18 Donald H. Fletcher.....	*John McDonald, M.D.	Hamilton, McNab St. Church	11 *I
19 *Thomas Wilson.....	Geo. Ellwood.....	Caledonia, Sutherland St.	12 *J
20 *George Burson.....	*Robert Lawrie.....	St. Catharines, Knox Church	13 I
21 Alex. Grant, B. A.....	A. D. McLeod.....	Oneida, Indiana and Seneca	14 *J
22 *Robt. Thomson, L.L.D.	John Clark.....	Drummondville and Chippewa	15 *
23 *J. L. Robertson, M. A.	Jas. Sanderson.....	Strathane.	16 *
24 R. M. Croll.....	Rev. Geo. Grant B.A.	Simcoe, St. Paul's Church.	17 *
25 *Geo. A. Yeomans.....		Dunnville.	18 *
26 *Geo. Chrystal.....	*Wm. Henderson.....	Flamboro' West.	19 I
27 *Samuel Lyle.....	R. M. Wanzer.....	Hamilton, Central Church.	20 *
28 *Robt. J. Laidlaw.....	*James Hutchison.....	Hamilton, St. Paul's Church.	21
29 W. P. Walker.....		Binbro' and Saltfleet.	22
30 *Robert Thynne.....	R. McQueen.....	Beverly.	
31 *Geo. Bruce, B. A.....	W. J. McCalla.....	St. Catharines, 1st. Church.	
32 *O. D. McDonald.....	Arch. Dobbie.....	Thorold and Port Robinson.	
33 *John H. Ratcliffe.....	*Geo. Thomson.....	Ancaster and Alberton.	
34 *D. C. McIntyre.....	Wm. Zimmerman.....	Beamsville and Clinton.	
35 *S. R. Warrender.....		St. Anns and Wellandport.	
36 *D. Munro.....	O. W. Fares M. D.	Port Colborne.	
37 R. H. Abraham.....	John Waldie.....	Burlington and Nelson.	
38 *Thomas Secular.....	A. I. McKenzie.....	Hamilton, Erskine ch.	1 V
39 Vacant.....		Pelham.	
40 ".....	Henry Fleming.....	Jarvis and Walpole.	
41 ".....	*Adam Spears.....	E. Seneca, Blackheath and	
42 ".....		Castor.	
43 ".....		St. Catharines, Haines Av.	1
44 ".....	J. Young.....	and Merriton.	2 *
45 ".....	John Agnew.....	Kilbride.	3

Mission Stations.

- 1 Louth.
- 2 Fort Erie, Victoria, &c.

Residing within the Bounds.

- 1 A. Forbes..... Waterdown P. O.
- 2 R. G. McLaren..... Grenville P. O.
- 3 John Gauld..... Hamilton P. O.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 Thomas Lowry.....	*Robert Russell.....	1st Church, Brantford.
2 Donald McKenzie.....	Emeritus.....	Ingersoll.
3 *Thos. Alexander, M.A.....	*George Bryce.....	Mt. Pleasant and Burford.
4 *Walter Inglis.....	*A. Marshall.....	Stanley St. Church, Ayr.
5 *Robt. Scringecour.....	*Wm. Ronald.....	Glenmorris.
6 *Wm Robertson, M. A.....	*J. Shields.....	Chesterfield.
7 *W. T. McMullen.....	*Wm. Anderson.....	Knox Church, Woodstock.
8 *Wm. Cochran D.D.....	*John Montgomery.....	Zion Church, Brantford.
9 *John McEwen.....	*Wm. Patterson.....	Erskine Church, Ingersoll.
10 *Robt. Hume, M. A.....	*W. B. Wood.....	St. George.
11 *R. N. Grant.....	*Hugh Davidson.....	Knox Church, Ingersoll.
12 *James Little.....	*James Rutherford.....	Princeton and Drumbo.
13 D. D. McLeod.....	T. McCosh.....	Dumfries St., Ayr.
14 *John Thomson, M. A.....	*Alex. Robson.....	Knox Church, Ayr.
15 *W. A. McKay, M. A.....	*J. C. Ross.....	Chalmers Church, Woodstock.
16 *Gustavus Munro.....	Farguhar Noble.....	Knox Church, Embro.
17 *W. M. Martin.....	John W. Snyder.....	Norwich and Windham.
18 *D. M. Beattie.....	*Wm. Weir.....	St Andrews Blenheim.
19 Robt. Chambers.....	Missionary.....	Erzroom.
20 Vacant.....	*Peter Wilson.....	River St., Paris.
21 ".....	John Richardson.....	Ratho and Innerkip.
22 ".....	John Allison.....	Tilsonburg and Culloden.

Mission Stations.

- 1 Old St. Andrews, E. O.
- 2 King's Ward, Brantford.

Residing within the Bounds.

- 1 Wm. Barr..... Brantford.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 Wm. R. Sutherland.....		Knox Church, Ekfrid.
2 *Jas. B. Duncan.....	Donald McMillan.....	Forest and McKay.
3 J. J. A. Proudfoot, D.D.....		1st Church, London.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON (Continued.)

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
4 J. McConnell.....	J. L. Anderson.....	N. and S. Delaware.
5 John Stewart.....	Alex. McLean.....	Kintyre.
6 *David Mann.....	R. Mowbray.....	New Glasgow.
7 *John Rennie.....	John McEarg.....	Ailsa Craig and Carlisle.
8 *J. Alister Murray.....	James Bell.....	St. Andrews, London.
9 *Geo. Cuthbertson.....	David Miller.....	Wyoming and Plympton.
10 John McRobie.....		Petrolia.
11 *John Milloy.....		Argyle Church, Aldboro'.
12 *Neil McKinnon.....	Wm. Leitch.....	Moss.
13 Peter McDiarmid.....		Point Edward.
14 Alex. Frazer.....	James Cooper.....	Guthrie's Church, Longwood, and Cooks Church, Caradoc.
15 *Lachlan Cameron.....	Alex. McMillan.....	Thamesford.
16 John Wells.....	Duncan McEwen.....	Nairn and Beechwood.
17 K. McDonald.....	*James Shields.....	Belmont.
18 *John Thompson.....	Hon. A. Vidal.....	St. Andrews, Sarnia.
19 *Don. Stewart.....	Don. McArthur.....	Wallacetown.
20 Geo. Sutherland.....	Dun. Turner.....	Fingal.
21 *Mungo Frazer.....	D. K. McKenzie.....	St. Thomas.
22 James Carswell.....	B. Kincaid.....	West Adelaide and Arkona.
23 *A. Beamer.....	Jas. Douglas.....	Wardsville and Newbury.
24 *J. A. McDonald.....	Dr. Ross.....	Bridgen and Bear Creek.
25 *J. M. Goodwillie.....	John Jardine.....	Knox Church, Camlachie.
26 *Robert Scobie.....	Thos. Gordon.....	St. Andrews, Strathroy.
27 *D. B. Whimster.....	*J. Scott.....	English Settlement and Proof Line.
28 John M. Munro.....	Alex. Sutherland.....	Kintore.
29 D. McEachern.....	John Gibbs.....	Parkhill and McGillivray.
30 John McAlmon.....	Andrew Duncan.....	Burns' Church and Moore Line.
31 *Hector Currie.....	John Taylor.....	Knox Church, Thedford, and Lake Road.
32 *Alex. Erquhart.....		Chalmers' and Duffs' Church Dunnwich.
33 *Alex. Henderson.....	James Ross.....	Hyde Park and Komoka.
34 Peter C. Goldie.....	Hugh McKenzie.....	Watford and Main Road.
35 Farquhar McRae.....	Saml. Milligan.....	W. Williams.
36 Jos. H. Paradis.....		Port Stanley.
37 *F. Ballantyne M. A.....	Neil Munro.....	N. and S. Westminster.
38 *A. H. Kippen.....	Robert Wood.....	N. and S. Dorchester.
39 J. McLintock.....	*Donald Ferguson.....	Maudsamin.
40 Hugh Cameron.....	Alex. Cameron.....	St. Andrews, Glencoe.
41 *John Johnston.....	*Alex. McLean.....	Loxo and Caradoc.
42 J. H. Wright.....	Wm. Brown.....	London East.
43 Vacant.....	J. McPhail.....	Alviston and Narier.
44 ".....		Lucan and Biddulph.
45 ".....	*Wm. Webster.....	St. James, London.

Mission Stations.

- 1 James McCutcheon.....Corunna and Meoretown.

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- 2 Springfield.
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Residing within the Bounds.

- 1 Duncan McMillan Komoka.
- 2 Wm. Doak Sarnia.
- 3 Geo. Simpson St. Thomas.
- 4 Alex. Burr Komoka.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

- | MINISTER. | ELDER. | CONGREGATION. |
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| 1 *A. W. Waddell..... | *Wm. Coltart..... | Harwich. |
| 2 A. McColl..... | *Kenneth Urquhart..... | 1st Church, Chatham. |
| 3 John Logie..... | *F. B. Stewart..... | East Tilbury. |
| 4 *Wm. King..... | | Maidstone. |
| 5 J. W. Chestnut..... | John Taylor..... | Tilbury West and Comber. |
| 6 *Wm. Walker..... | | 1st Church, Chatham. |
| 7 Arch. Currie..... | *Finlay McKerricher..... | Kilnarmock. |
| 8 F. K. Smith..... | J. Gibb..... | Amherstburg. |
| 9 Neil McDiamid..... | | Elmira, Ill., U. S. |
| 10 John Becket..... | *Wm. McKerricher..... | Thamesville, &c. |
| 11 John Gray..... | Alex. Bartlett..... | Windsor. |
| 12 *D. McKerracher..... | W. D. Webster..... | Wallaceburg. |
| 13 *G. G. McRobbie..... | Donald McLaren..... | Bidgetown. |
| 14 *J. B. Scott..... | Geo. Ansalie..... | Mersea. |
| 15 *D. L. McKechnie..... | J. McKeown..... | Bothwell. |
| 16 *J. R. Battisby..... | J. R. Gemmel..... | St. Andrews, Chatham. |
| 17 C. Lafontaine..... | | |
| 18 Vacant..... | Wm. Webster..... | Florence and Dawn. |
| 19 | Joseph Black..... | Dresden and Knox Church. |

Mission Stations.

- 1 D. Taylor..... Buxton.
- 2 Sombra.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

- | MINISTER. | ELDER. | CONGREGATION. |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 *Thos. McPherson..... | Retired..... | Stratford. |
| 2 *John Fotheringham..... | Retired..... | St. Marys. |
| 3 James Boyd..... | *Peter Dewar..... | Wellesly. |
| 4 Daniel Gordon..... | *Donald Murray..... | Harrington. |
| 5 *Robert Hamilton..... | *Robt. Bell..... | Fullerton and Avonbank. |
| 6 Robert Hall..... | Alex. Bannerman..... | Nissouri N. and S. |
| *John K. Hislop..... | *Robt. Boyes..... | Avonton and Carlingford. |
| *Arch. Stewart..... | *Duncan Forbes..... | North Easthope. |
| *Robert Renwick..... | John Bell..... | Elma Centre and W. Monkton. |
| 10 John McAlpine..... | *Fergus McMaster..... | Widder St., St. Marys. |

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD (Continued.)

MINISTERS.	ELDEES.	CONGREGATION.
11 *John Kay.....	Robt. Struthers.....	Milverton and North Morn- ington.
12 *J. Edgar Croly, M. A.	And. Burnet.....	Millbank.
13 *John W. Bell, M. A.	Jno. J. Hamilton.....	Listowel.
14 *Peter Wright.....	Wm. Jeffery.....	Knox Church, Stratford.
15 *Peter Scott.....	Geo. Miller.....	Hibbert.
16 *R. Wallace Waits.....	Samuel Robb.....	St. Andrews, Stratford.
17 *Jno. McClung.....	*Duncan Stewart.....	Shakespeare, St. Andrews and Hampstead.
18 *Robert Scott.....	Donald McLevin.....	Burns' Church and Brooksdale.
19 *Thos. T. Johnston.....	Arch. McDonald.....	Molesworth.
20 *James Smith.....	Missionary.....	Ahmednagar, India.
21 *W. A. Wilson.....	M. Laughton.....	Knox Church, St. Marys.
22 Vacant.....	Wm. Fotheringham.....	Biddulph.
23 ".....	Wm. McCulloch.....	Mitchell.

Residing within the Bounds.

- 1 Robt. D. McKay..... Shakespeare.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 *Charles Fletcher.....	Retired.....	Goderich.
2 Robert Ure, D.D.....	Captain Gibson.....	Knox Church, Goderich.
3 John Ross.....		Brucefield.
4 *Matthew Barr.....	Retired.....	Seaforth.
5 *A. D. McDonald.....	S. G. McCaughey.....	Seaforth, 1st Church.
6 *Math. Paterson.....	Wm. Sterling.....	Bayfield, St. Andrews, &c.
7 Hugh Cameron.....	James Long.....	Kippen and Hill's Green.
8 A. Y. Hartley.....	Robt. McLaren.....	Rodgersville.
9 J. S. Lochead, M. A.....	James Elliott.....	Hullett and Londonborough.
10 *Arch. McLean.....	John S. Laidlaw.....	St. Andrews, Blyth.
11 Peter Musgrave.....	And. Govenlock.....	Duff's Church, McKillop, &c.
12 James Pritchard.....	Thos. Andersen.....	Manchester and Smith's Hill.
13 *Mark Danby.....	John Rowat.....	Bayfield Road and Bernae.
14 Andrew Glendinning.....	John Reith.....	Grand Bend.
15 Thos. G. Thomson.....	R. Landseborough.....	Union Church, Brucefield.
16 *Alex. Stewart, B. A.....	Arch. Matheson.....	Willis' Church, Clinton.
17 *Joseph McCoy, M. A.....	Sam. Carnahan.....	Egmondville.
18 Colin Fletcher, M. A.....	Robert Kidd.....	Thames Road and Kirkton.
19 Vacant.....	W. H. Moncey.....	Caven Church, Exeter.

Mission Station.

- 1 Goderich, Guelic.

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- 1 Wm. Graham..... Egmondville.

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PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 *Alex. Sutherland....	Peter McDonald.....	Knox Church, Ripley.
2 *Samuel Jones.....	*Thos. Strachan.....	Knox Church, Brussels.
3 *Duncan Cameron.....	James Baird.....	Knox Church, Lucknow.
4 *George Brown.....	James Wylie.....	Wrexeter.
5 Alexander Grant.....		Ashfield.
6 *A. T. McQueen.....	Rod. Campbell.....	Huron.
7 Charles Cameron.....	Murdoch McDonald.....	Chalmer's Church, Kincardine Tn.
8 *Robert Leask.....	Robert Lockhart.....	St. Helen's and East Ashfield.
9 *Hector McQuarrie....	John Dickson.....	Wingham.
10 *W. T. Wilkins, B.A....	Joseph Dunbar.....	Belgrave.
11 *J. L. Murray, M.A.....	John Morrison.....	Knox Church, Kincardine.
12 John McFarlane.....	Donald Blue.....	Pine River.
13 *Duncan Davidson.....	Duncan Ross.....	Langside.
14 J. B. Taylor.....	Wm. Geddes.....	St. Andrews, Lucknow.
15 Alex. McNaughton.....	James Smellie.....	Duff's Church, Walton.
16 *Robt. W. Leitch.....	Robert Davidson.....	Duncannon and Port Albert.
17 *D. B. McCrae.....		Cranbrook and Ethel.
18 Thomas Muir.....	Alex. Edgar.....	Fordwich and Gorrie.
19 *James Ross, B. A.....	James Mitchell.....	Melville Church, Brussels.
20 *J. B. Hamilton, M. A....	Wm. Taylor.....	St. Andrews Ch., Kincardine.
21 Jas. A. Anderson, B.A....	Thomas Wilson.....	Whitechurch and Fordyce.
22 Vacant.....	Duncan King.....	Bluevale and Eadie's.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

MINISTER.	ELDER.	CONGREGATION.
1 *George Bell, LL D....	Jas. Blair.....	St. Paul's, Walkerton.
2 John Scott.....	Angus McKinnon.....	North Bruce and St. Andrews, Saugeen.
3 A. Tolmie.....	John McFarlane.....	Southampton and W. Arran.
4 John Anderson.....	John Dewar.....	Tiverton.
5 *Peter Currie.....	John McKenzie.....	Zion Church, Teeswater.
6 David Wardrobe.....	Wm. McKague.....	Westminster Ch., Teeswater.
7 *John Straith.....	Wm. Rusk.....	Paisley, Knox Church.
8 R. C. Moffat.....	James Nesbet.....	Free St. John's, Walkerton.
9 A. G. Forbes.....	Wm. Malcolm.....	Kinloss and Bervie.
10 Daniel Duff.....	D. McCallum.....	North Brant and W. Bentick.
11 Wm. Ferguson.....	N. Fitzsimmons.....	Glamis.
12 Jas. Gourlay, M. A....	James Rowand.....	Port Elgin and Dunblane.
13 Geo. McLennan.....	James Brown.....	Underwood and C. Bruce.
14 Wm. Blain.....	James Dunn.....	Tara, Allanford and Elsie nore.
15 John Eadie.....	Wm. Clark.....	Pinkerton and W. Brant.
16 John Ferguson.....	A. Ewart.....	Chesley.
17 Jas. I. Paterson.....	A. S. McEdward.....	Hanover and North Ner- manby.
18 Hugh McKay.....	(Ordnated Missionary)	Gore Bay, &c.
19 Wm. Gallagher.....	do do	Sault St. Marie.

Mission Stations.

1	Riversdale and Enniskillen.
2	Palaklava.
3	Prince Arthur's Landing.
4	Salem Church, Elderslie.
5	Manatawaning, &c.
6	St Joseph's Island
7	Bruce Mines and McGilveray Tp.

CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

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

TRANSLATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Thomas McGuire, from Jarvis and Walpole, to Emerson, Manitoba, on the first day of February, 1881.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. J. M. Aull, from Ratho and Innerkip, to Knox Church, Palmerston, in the Presbytery of Saugeen, on the eighteenth day of October, 1880.

Mr. G. G. McRobbie, of Tilsonburg, and Culloden, to Ridgetown, in the Presbytery of Chatham, on the fifteenth day of February, 1881.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. David Camelon, from St. James', London, to St. Andrew's, Vaughan, in the Presbytery of Toronto, on the tenth day of October, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. P. McF. McLeod, from Knox Church, Stratford, to Central Church, Toronto, on the sixth day, of July, 1880.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. R. H. Abraham was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Burlington, on the first day of June, 1880.

Mr. Thomas Scouter was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Erskine Church, Hamilton on the seventh day of December, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Donald Stewart was inducted into the charge of Wallacetown, on the fifth day of October, 1880.

Mr. Jas. Carswell was inducted into the charge of West Adelaide and Arkona, on the nineteenth day of October, 1880.

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Mr. J. McConnell was inducted into the charge of North and South Delaware, on the first day of December, 1880.

Mr. John Johnston was ordained and inducted into the charge of Lobo and Caradoc, on the third day of August, 1880.

Mr. John Knox Wright was ordained and inducted into the charge of London East, on the eighteenth day of October, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. Neil McDiarmid inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Elmira, Illinois, U. S., on the twenty-first day of April, 1880.

Mr. Jno. Bayne Scott inducted into the pastoral charge of Mersea, on the first day of September, 1880.

Mr. D. McKeracher inducted into the pastoral charge of Wallaceburg, on the twenty-ninth day of November, 1880.

Mr. Wm. King inducted into the pastoral charge of Maidstone, on the twenty-eighth day of December, 1880.

Mr. G. G. McRobbie inducted into the pastoral charge of Ridgetown, on the fourteenth day of March, 1881.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. Peter Wright, of Chalmer's Church, Montreal, inducted into Knox Church, Stratford, on the eight day of December, 1880.

Mr. Robert Scott, of Wrenbridge, inducted into Burn's Church and Brookdale, on the second day of February, 1881.

Mr. John McClung, of Balaklava, inducted into Shakespeare, St. Andrews, and Hampstead, on the tenth day of February, 1881.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

Mr. J. B. Hamilton ordained and inducted into St. Andrew's Church, Kincardine, on the twenty-seventh day of April, 1880.

Mr. Jas. A. Anderson ordained and inducted into Whitechurch and Fordyce on the seventh day of October, 1880.

Mr. Charles Cameron inducted into Chalmer's Church, Kincardine Township, on the eighteenth day of November, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. Jas. T. Paterson was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Hanover and North Normanby, on the twenty-second day of July, 1880.

Mr. Wm. Gallagher was ordained as Missionary to Sault Ste Marie, on the thirtieth day of August, 1880.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. John Anderson, of River St. Paris, on the eighteenth day of October, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Wm. Galloway, of Lucan and Biddulph, on the thirtieth day of January, 1881.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. Wm. King demitted the pastoral charge of Buxton on the fifteenth day of April, 1880.

Mr. Arch. Currie the pastoral charge of Ridgetown, on the fifteenth day of September, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. David Mann, of Biddulph, on the fourth day of August, 1880.

Mr. Jas. W. Mitchell, M. A., of Mitchell, on the eighteenth day of January, 1881.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. James Sieveright, B. A., colleague of Dr. Ure, and Minister of Knox Church, Goderich, Leeburn and Union Church, on the ninth day of November, 1880, having accepted an appointment of the Home Mission Committee to Prince Albert, N. W. T.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. J. R. McLeod demitted his charge of Sault Ste Marie on the first day of May, 1880.

Mr. D. M. McKeracher demitted his charge of the mission field at Prince Arthur's Landing on the first day of November, 1880.

Mr. John McClung resigned his charge of Balaklava on the sixteenth day of January, 1881.

Mr. D. G. McKay, Minister of Bluevale and Eadies, on the fourth day of April, 1881.

LICENSURES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. James Craigie was licensed to preach the gospel on the eighteenth day of May, 1880.

Mr. Thomas Scouler on the twentieth day of July, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. Wm. Shearer on the fourth day of August, 1880.

Mr. P. R. Ross on the eight day of December, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. Wm. Gallagher was licensed on the tenth day of August, 1880.

Mr. James A. Anderson, B. A., was licensed on the sixth day of July, 1880.

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL TIE.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

The Presbytery dissolved the pastoral tie between Mr. Donald Currie and Dover and Chalmers Church, on the twenty-eighth day of September, 1880.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Kilbride and Nelson separated, and Nelson united to Burlington, on the twentieth day of July, 1880.

Pearl Street Mission, in the city of Hamilton, organized as a congregation, to be thenceforth known as Erskine Church, Hamilton, on the twenty-first day of September, 1880.

Port Robinson separated from Pelham, and united with Thorold, on the sixteenth day of March, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

North East Adelaide ceased to be a Mission Station, and was joined with Centre Road and 21st Concession Williams, under the pastoral charge of Mr. Farquhar McRae, on the first day of August, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Ridgetown and Kilmarnock separated into two pastoral charges on the third day of August, 1880, Mr. Currie, the former minister of both charges when united, to be in the future minister of Kilmarnock alone.

Buxton reduced to a Mission station on the fifteenth day of March, 1881.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Burn's Church and Brooksdale, constituted a pastoral charge on the twentieth day of October, 1880.

Tavistock, placed under the pastoral charge of Mr. Arch. Stewart, of North Easthope, and New Hamburg, given into the care of the Presbytery of Guelph, on the tenth day of February, 1881.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Caven Church, Exeter, disjoined from that of Rodgerville, on the ninth day of November, 1880, to place it on the list of vacancies, or on that of Mission Stations, the Presbytery not having as yet decided which.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

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

Mr. W. T. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. W. King, that the Rev. John Thompson, of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, be the Moderator for the ensuing year. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

On motion of Mr. John Laing, M. A., seconded by Mr. Thos. McPherson, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring Moderator for the manner in which he had discharged his duties in the chair, and for the excellent sermon preached before the Synod.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Clerk reported the following as the Committee on Bills and Overtures, along with the Synod and Presbytery Clerks.

Presbytery of Hamilton.—Mr. J. H. Ratcliff, Minister, and John Waldie, Elder.

Presbytery of Paris.—Mr. R. N. Grant, Minister, and W. Anderson, Elder.

Presbytery of London.—Mr. Lachlan Cameron, Minister, and Mr. David McNair, Elder.

Presbytery of Chatham.—Mr. J. R. Battisby, Minister, and W. McKerrcher Elder.

Presbytery of Stratford.—Mr. J. W. Bell, M. A., Minister, and Mr. Duncan Forbes, Elder.

Presbytery of Huron.—Mr. J. H. Lochead, M. A., Minister, and Mr. Robert McLaren, Elder.

Presbytery of Maitland.—Mr. J. L. Murray, M. A., Minister, and Mr. Robt. Lockhart, Elder.

Presbytery of Bruce.—Mr. R. C. Moffatt, Minister, and Mr. James Blain, Elder.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE RECORDS.

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

On the Records of Hamilton Presbytery.—Messrs. John Straith and Gustavus Munro, Ministers, and J. W. McKisno, Elder.

On the Records of Paris Presbytery.—Messrs. John Rennie and Hector McQuarrie, Ministers, and D. McNair, Elder.

On the Records of London Presbytery.—Messrs. W. Craigie and R. Hamilton, Ministers, and James Hutchison, Elder.

On the Records of Chatham Presbytery.—Messrs. J. McMechan and W. A. Wilson, Ministers, and F. M. England, Elder.

On the Records of Stratford Presbytery.—Messrs. N. McKinnon and A. H. Abraham, Ministers, and R. Lockhart, Elder.

On the Records of Huron Presbytery.—Messrs. J. A. Murray and A. Stewart, Ministers, and A. Marshall, Elder.

On the Records of Maitland Presbytery.—Messrs. J. E. Croly and G. G. McRobbie, Ministers, and J. Paterson, Elder.

On the Records of Bruce Presbytery.—Messrs. James Little and S. Lyle, Ministers, and John Dickson, Elder.

COMMITTEE ON COMMISSIONS OF ELDERS.

Messrs. George Guthbertson, J. H. Ratcliffe and Jno. McEwen, Ministers, and J. G. McCaughey and M. Laughton, Elders, were appointed a Committee on Commissions of Elders.

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT THE TREASURER'S BOOKS.

Mr. J. Hyslop, Minister, and R. Boys, Elder, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's books.

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PRESBYTERIES ALLOWED TO MEET.

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

SEDERUNTS OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Sederunts of Synod should be from 9:30 to 12:30, 2:30 to 5:30, and 7:30 to 10 p. m., and that the first hour of the next Sederunt should be spent in devotional exercises.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 9:30 a. m., and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Zion Church, Brantford, the twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one years, 9:30 a. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. John Thompson, Moderator. Devotional exercises were engaged in during the first hour of the Sederunt conducted by the Moderator and Messrs. Burson, McMullen, Fraser, Battisby and Black.

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

COMMITTEE ON COMMISSIONS OF ELDERS.

On motion of Mr. Arch. McLean, Mr. Mark Danby was added to the Committee appointed on the Commissions of Elders.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Arch. McLean, on behalf of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented the first report as to the order of business for the day, which was on motion adopted. The recommendations are as follows:

FORENOON AND AFTERNOON.

1. Petition of the Congregation of Molesworth, praying to being transferred from the Presbytery of Stratford to that of Maitland.
2. Protest and appeal of Rev. Mr. Henderson against a decision of the Presbytery of London.
3. Protest and appeal of the Rev. D. Wardrope against a decision of the Presbytery of Bruce.
4. Petition of Rev. D. Mann. The Committee note in connection with this matter that Mr. Mann was not present when the Presbytery of Stratford refused to transmit his petition, and could not protest and appeal.
5. Protest and complaint of Rev. D. Cameron, against a decision of the Presbytery of Maitland.

EVENING.

1. Report of Committee on State of Religion.
2. Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

BRANTFORD LADIES' COLLEGE.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. T. M. McIntyre, Principal of the Ladies' College, Brantford, requesting the Synod to visit the College this evening from 8:30 to 8 p. m. The invitation was accepted.

PETITION FROM THE CONGREGATION OF MOLESWORTH FOR TRANSFERENCE TO MAITLAND PRESBYTERY.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the petition from the Molesworth congregation for transference from the Presbytery of Stratford to that of Maitland.

The petition having been read, also minutes of the Presbytery of Stratford, Mr. Thos. T. Johnston was heard on behalf of the Molesworth congregation, and Messrs. McPherson and Croly on behalf of the Presbytery, who opposed the transference sought.

Parties having been removed, and questions having been put and answered, the Synod proceeded to deliberate.

It was moved by Mr. Walter Inglis, seconded by Dr. Thomson, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Mr. Little moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Gordon, that the prayer of the petition be not granted.

The motion and amendment having been put to the vote, the motion was carried by a large majority, and became the judgment of the court. Against this decision, Mr. McPherson and Mr. Croly protested, and appealed to the ensuing General Assembly for reasons to be given in.

PROTEST AND APPEAL OF THE REV. MR. HENDERSON AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Synod next proceeded to consider Mr. Henderson's protest and appeal against a decision of the London Presbytery. The minutes of the London Presbytery were read, also Mr. Henderson's protest and appeal, and the answers to the reasons of protest and appeal. Parties having been called, there appeared for the Presbytery of London, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Currie, for Hyde Park congregation Messrs. James Weir and D. McKenzie, for Komoka congregation Mr. A. Dewar, and Mr. Henderson for himself. (The Moderator being a member of the Presbytery of London, at this stage left the chair, which was taken by Dr. Bell.) When Mr. Henderson had finished his speech, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned to meet again at half-past two o'clock, and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD Sederunt.

Zion Church, Brantford, the twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty one years, half-past two o'clock p. m.

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The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted. Rev John Thompson, Moderator.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and sustained.

COMMITTEE ON ELDERS' COMMISSIONS.

Mr. Cuthbertson, on behalf of the Committee on Elders' Commissions, reported that they had received commissions in favor of Mr. Donald McMillan, of Duff's Church, Dunwich, and Mr. T. M. England, of Port Dover. The report was received, and the names of said elders added to the roll.

MR. HENDERSON'S PROTEST AND APPEAL.

The Synod resumed consideration of the protest and appeal of Mr. Henderson, against the Presbytery of London.

Mr. Weir and Mr. McKenzie were heard on behalf of the Hyde Park congregation, and Mr. Dewar on behalf of Komoka, and Messrs. J. B. Duncan and H. Currie on behalf of the Presbytery.

Mr. Henderson having been heard in reply, and questions put and answered, parties were removed from the bar, and the Synod proceeded to issue the case.

It was moved by Mr. Fotheringham, seconded by Mr. James Gordon: That the union of Komoka with Hyde Park, and the placing of Komoka under Mr. Henderson's pastoral charge was sanctioned by the Presbytery on the conditions that Hyde Park should contribute \$400 stipend a year, Komoka \$200, and the Home Mission Committee \$200; that when the last of these conditions failed, it became necessary to decide upon new conditions or make new arrangements, and that Mr. Henderson was entitled to insist upon this or tender his resignation, and for these reasons sustain the protest and appeal. At the same time, Synod approves of the aim of the Presbytery of London, to unite contiguous supplemented stations, and to bring the arrangements at Hyde Park and Komoka into conformity with the rules of the church as to supplements; and, finally, remit the case to the Presbytery of London, to take action in the light of this decision:

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Goldsmith: Sustain the appeal only in so far as there is complaint against the Presbytery for not allowing Mr. Henderson's resignation to take effect, and instruct the Presbytery to give further consideration to this subject.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Laidlaw, seconded by Mr. A. McLean: Dismiss the appeal, express sympathy with the pastor and people of Hyde Park and Komoka, in view of their misunderstanding as to the position of the minister of a supplemented charge, and instruct the Presbytery of London to reconsider the case, using due diligence to satisfy the pastor and congregations of Hyde Park and Komoka, as to the wisdom and expediency of the course pursued in not accepting Mr. Henderson's resignation.

The vote being taken, the second amendment of Mr. Laidlaw was put against the amendment of Mr. Laing, when the latter was carried by a majority. Mr. Laing's amendment was then put against the main motion of Mr. Fotheringham, when the latter was carried by a majority, and thus became the judgment of the court.

Parties were then recalled, and the judgment of the Synod intimated to them, in which they all acquiesced.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

The Rev. Wm. Inglis, of the "Canada Presbyterian," and the Rev. W. Donald, of Pictou, Nova Scotia, being present in court, were, on motion duly

made and seconded, invited to sit as corresponding members.

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

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Zion Church, Brantford, the twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one years, half-past seven o'clock p. m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted, Rev. John Thompson, Moderator. Dr. James, at the request of the Moderator, engaged in prayer.

Minutes of former Sederunt were read and approved.

CASE OF MOLESWORTH CONGREGATION.

The Synod appointed Mr. John Laing, M. A., and Mr. W. T. McMullen, to defend the judgment of the Synod in this case at the bar of the General Assembly. The Moderator also cited *apud acta* the Stratford Presbytery—the Maitland Presbytery, Molesworth congregation, and the Trowbridge congregation to appear for their interests at the bar of the ensuing General Assembly.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Mr. John McEwen, on behalf of Mr. D. D. McLeod, Convener of the Committee on the State of Religion, read the report.

On motion of Mr. McEwen, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, the report was received, and its recommendation adopted, the thanks of the Synod tendered the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their diligence, and that the report be forwarded to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion.

The recommendation adopted is as follows: That the members of Synod should make the questions sent down on the State of Religion, and the answers given by each session, subject matter of a discourse to the people at some diet of worship on the Lord's day.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. Mungo Fraser, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, gave in the annual report.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. Gustavus Munro, the report was received, and its recommendation adopted, the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for their diligence, and the report forwarded to the Assembly's Convener on Sabbath Schools.

The recommendation is as follows: That hereafter, Presbyteries endeavour to have before them in good time, all the Sabbath School reports within their bounds, and see that they are as perfectly tabulated as possible, and forwarded.

At this stage the Synod engaged in singing the 98th Psalm, vs. 1-4, and Mr. John Laing, M. A., at the Moderator's request, led the Synod in prayer.

The remainder of the Sederunt was devoted to addresses on the State of Religion by members of court, after which the Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 9:30 a. m., and the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

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FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Zion Church, Brantford, the thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one years, at half-past nine o'clock. The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. John Thompson, Moderator, and was duly constituted. Mr. Inglis and Mr. McMechan, at the request of the Moderator, engaged in prayer.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Arch. McLean, from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, gave in a second report as to the order of business for the day, which on motion made and seconded, was adopted. The order of business is as follows:

1. Applications of Presbyteries for the licensing of students.
2. Report on Buxton Building Fund.
3. Statement anent Library Fund of Knox College.
4. Appointment of time and place of next meeting of Synod.
5. Report of Committees on Presbytery Records.
6. Report of Auditors.
7. Report of Sabbath observance and special legislation on the Sabbath question.
8. Petition of Rev D. Mann.
9. Protest and appeal of Rev. D. Cameron against a decision of the Presbytery of Maitland.
10. Reference from Bruce Presbytery.
11. Reappointment of Standing Committees.

FOR THE EVENING.

1. Special Education.
2. Report on Temperance.
3. Communication from Dominion Temperance Alliance.
4. Overture on Psalmody.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Applications were read by the Clerk from the Presbytery of Hamilton for leave to take on trial for license Mr. David James, and from the Presbytery of London for leave to take on trial for license Messrs. McColl and Stalker. On motion the applications were granted.

BUXTON BUILDING FUND.

Mr. J. R. Battisby presented the report of the Buxton Building Fund as follows: Your Committee met on April 8th to examine the statement of the Treasurer, and also the report of the Auditors. According to the written statement of the auditors, the books of the Treasurer were reported correct. The Synod is aware that it has under its control in connection with the above fund, the sum of \$3,000, invested as follows: \$1,000 in the Canadian Saving and Loan Company, \$1,000 in the Agricultural, both of which have 8 per cent., and also \$1,000 in the Huron and Erie, having interest at the rate of 10 per cent. From the above Societies your Treasurer received from June 1st, 1880, up to March 29th, 1881, the sum of \$280.56. This sum, along with a balance of \$74.37, report-

ed to the Synod of last year, makes a total of \$334.93, all of which has been duly paid to the Rev. Wm. King, as directed by the Synod. To this report of your Committee will be found appended a written statement of the Treasurer, showing all monies received by him, as well as those disbursed. All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion of Mr. Battisby, duly seconded, the report was received and adopted, and the clerk instructed to hold the financial statement *in retentis*. The following were appointed as the Committee for the ensuing year: Messrs. Wm. King, J. R. Battisby, Wm. Webster, A. McColl, K. Urquhart, and J. B. Gemmell; Mr. Battisby Convener.

LIBRARY OF KNOX COLLEGE.

The Moderator, Mr. John Thompson, having left the chair (which was occupied by Mr. R. Hamilton,) addressed the court in reference to a movement proposed by the Alumni Association of Knox College, for the increase of the library of that institution.

The Synod unanimously adopted the following resolution: That this Synod recognize the fact of the library of Knox College not being in a satisfactory condition from the want of new books, and also the necessity of something being done to make it more complete by the purchase of such. They express their sympathy with the movement inaugurated at the late meeting of the Alumni Association, by which it is sought to raise \$12,000, at least \$2,000 of which is to be spent immediately on the purchase of books, and the other \$10,000 to be invested as a permanent fund, and the interest arising therefrom to be spent annually in making additions of such works as may be deemed most necessary to secure. This court would heartily recommend the scheme to all the ministers and congregations within their bounds, and earnestly request that all the members will use their influence in carrying forward so desirable a project to a successful issue.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of Synod be held in Ingersoll, and within Knox Church, on the second Monday of June, 1882, at half-past 7 o'clock, evening.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Reports from the Committees, appointed to examine the Presbytery Records within the bounds, were read, and the Moderator instructed to attest them in accordance therewith.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of London having called attention to a minute, ordering a Kirk Session to restore a certain minute which said session had expunged, the Synod instructed the Presbytery to order that the minute of said Kirk Session (referring to Mr. Symington,) be expunged.

The Clerk was instructed to minute that the Records of the Bruce Presbytery had not been sent for examination.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

The Rev. J. C. Heron, of the United Presbyterian Church of British North America, being present in court, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Synod.

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SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. R. N. Grant, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath observance, read the annual report.

Dr. James, from the Special Committee appointed to confer with the Premier of Ontario, with a view to securing such legislation as would prevent the running of excursion trains, &c., on the Lord's day, gave in their report.

In regard to the report on Sabbath observance, Mr. McEwen moved, seconded by Dr. James, receive the report, return thanks to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for their diligence, and appoint the following as the Committee for the ensuing year: Mr. R. N. Grant, Convener; Dr. James, P. Wright, John Laing, J. R. Battisby, George Burson, Mungo Fraser, N. McKinnon, and H. McQuarrie, Ministers, and Messrs. Hugh Davidson, Thomas Gordon and J. Charlton, M. P., Elders.

On motion of Mr. Inglis, seconded by Mr. Laing, it was agreed that the Committee be instructed to prepare and issue a pastoral letter, to be read from the pulpits within the bounds, directing the attention of our Christian people to the infringement on the sanctity of the Lord's day, referred to in the report, and presenting for their guidance such considerations as will prevent the church from being compromised in the desecration of the Sabbath.

On motion of Mr. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. Burson, the report of the Special Committee, presented by Dr. James, was received, and thanks tendered the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their efforts in the work assigned them.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

The Auditors gave in their Report, as follows:

"Your Auditors appointed to examine and report on the books of the Synod Treasurer, have examined the vouchers for payments amounting to one hundred and seventy dollars and ninety-three cents (\$170.93) including the balance from last year of \$11.06. The receipts from congregations since the audit of 1880 are one hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$171), leaving an overdrawn balance of \$10.93. There appears to be much neglect on the part of Treasurers of congregations, seeing that only seventy-six congregations out of about two hundred have made payment up to the present audit for the current year, and of those not having made returns some are three or more years in arrears.

JOHN K. HISLOP, } Auditors.
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On motion duly made and seconded, the report was received, and the cordial thanks of the Synod tendered Mr. Walker for his long and faithful labors as Synod Treasurer. The Synod further request Mr. Walker to transmit the names of congregations in arrears to the Synod fund to their respective Presbyteries, that said congregations may send the Treasurer the amount now due.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, and the Synod adjourned to meet again at 2.30 P. M.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Zion Church, Brantford, April thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, half-past two o'clock p. m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted, the Moderator, the Rev. John Thompson, and Mr. Straith, conducting the devotional exercises.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The following were appointed as the Committee on State of Religion for the ensuing year.

Messrs. D. D. McLeod (convenor), McKinnon, Waite, Thompson (Sarnia), Goldsmith, Anderson (Tiverton), Ross, and Hartley, ministers; and Messrs. J. Henderson, Barr, Gordon, G. Black, Mundell, Ballantyne, and Montgomery, Elders.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Messrs. John Straith (convenor), Arch'd McLean, Goodwillie, and W. A. Wilson, Ministers; and Messrs. A. Mathieson, D. K. McKenzie, and Hon. A. Vidal, Elders.

COMMITTEE ON S. SCHOOLS.

Messrs. M. Fraser (convenor), J. McEwen, B. Hamilton, and Becket, Ministers, and Messrs. Hossie, D. D. Wilson, and Dr. McDonald, Elders.

PETITION OF REV. D. MANN.

A petition of Rev. D. Mann, regarding certain acts of the Presbytery of Stratford, and praying the Synod to take such steps as in its wisdom it might see fit, for the protection and defence of his ministerial character, was next read.

Mr. Mann was heard at length in support of his petition.

It was thereafter moved by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. A. D. McDonald, "Having heard the petition of Mr. Mann, and having heard the petitioner in support of the same, the Synod receive the petition, and appoint a commission of Synod, with power to call for documents, cite parties, and issue the case.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. John Laing, seconded by Mr. James Gordon: The Synod having heard the petition of Mr. Mann, and heard Mr. Mann in support of the same, resolve that inasmuch as it is manifest that the dealings of the Presbytery of Stratford have failed to allay the unhappy troubles in the congregation of Biddulph—that the character of Mr. Mann has suffered in consequence of what has occurred, and that the peace of the congregation has been endangered, thereby resolve, that the Synod take the whole matter out of the hands of the Presbytery, and appoint a commission of Synod, with power to call for persons and papers, to proceed to Biddulph, meet with all parties, investigate the whole matter, and dispose of it.

On the vote being taken between the motion and amendment, the motion was carried and became the judgment of the court.

From this decision Mr. Laing dissented for the following reason: I record my dissent from this decision in my own name and in the name of those who may adhere to it, because the Synod has thus received a petition, which the Presbytery of Stratford had deliberately refused to transmit, because of statements contained therein, without first having passed judgment on the reasons for the Presbytery's refusal to do so, thus ignoring the Presbytery's unquestioned right to judge of the terms in which a petition is expressed which contains grave reflections against them.

Messrs. McPherson, Croly, Whimster, Hamilton and McEwen joined Mr. Laing in his dissent.

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It was agreed that the Moderator should name the members of the commission at the evening Sederunt.

PROTEST AND COMPLAINT OF REV. D. CAMERON.

The Synod then took up the protest and appeal of the Rev. D. Cameron against a decision of the Presbytery of Maitland, granting a new organization at a place called the Fourth Concession, or Grey Ox.

The papers in the case having been read, parties were called to the bar.

There appeared for the Presbytery of Maitland: Messrs. Sutherland and Leask; for the parties petitioning, Messrs. Dugald McKinnon and David Henderson, and Messrs. Cameron and McQueen as protestants against the decision of the Presbytery.

While Mr. Cameron was addressing the court, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned, to meet again at half past seven o'clock, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT

Zion Church, Brantford, the thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one years, half-past seven o'clock p.m. The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment. Rev. John Thompson, Moderator. Mr. McEwen, at the request of the Moderator, engaged in prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved of.

COMMISSION ON MR. MANN'S CASE.

The Moderator nominated as the commission to issue this case: Mr. McMullen, convener, Mr. Laing, Mr. McEwen, Dr. Cochrane, Mr. Whimster, Dr. James, Dr. Bell, Mr. McQuarrie, ministers; and Hon. A. Vidal and Dr. McDonald, elders.

The commission was instructed to meet at Stratford, and within Knox Church there, on the eleventh day of May next, at 2 p.m., and the convener of the commission was appointed to cite all parties to appear at that time for their interests.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Dr. James from the committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to bring in a report on the subject of public education, gave in the report, setting forth the efforts of the committee in the direction contemplated.

After addresses by several members of the court, the following motion moved by Mr. Croly and seconded by Dr. Cochrane, was agreed to: Receive the report, and tender the thanks of the Synod to the committee for their great diligence; reappoint the committee with instructions to continue their diligence in this most important matter, affecting the highest welfare of our youth, and take such steps during the ensuing year as they may see fit in the premises.

MR. MANN'S CASE.

The Presbytery of Stratford and Mr. Mann were, at this stage cited *apud acta*, to appear for their interests before the commission of Synod, indicted

to meet in Knox Church, Stratford, on Wednesday the eleventh day of May next, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., and to produce all documents in their possession relative to the matter of the petition of Mr. Mann.

MR. CAMERON'S PROTEST AND APPEAL.

Mr. Cameron then continued his address in support of his protest and appeal against a decision of the Maitland Presbytery, followed by Mr. McQueen, the other appellant. Messrs. Sutherland and Leask were heard on behalf of the Presbytery, and Messrs. McKinnon and Henderson on behalf of the parties seeking the new church organization.

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

It was moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Thos. McPherson, that the protest and appeal be sustained, in so far as the Synod deem it inexpedient to organize another congregation in present circumstances, at so short a distance from Lucknow as 2½ miles, and in a locality already furnished with the means of grace. The Synod therefore remit the matter to the Presbytery to organize, if necessary, said congregation, at some point where a new organization will not interfere with existing congregations, or where it may be united with some other congregation already existing in the neighborhood.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. N. McKinnon, that the protest and appeal be sustained, in so far as the Synod deem it inexpedient to organize another congregation in present circumstances at so short a distance from Lucknow as 2½ miles, and in a locality already furnished with the means of grace; and in view of what appears to be a division of the charge known as South Kinloss or Lucknow, which the Presbytery has recognized, remit to the Presbytery to make further effort to restore harmony; but should this be found impracticable, instruct the Presbytery to have the church located on the 4th Concession.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Straith, seconded by Mr. N. Paterson, that inasmuch as the locality in which a new congregation is asked lies so adjacent to four established organizations, in all of which the gospel is preached in the language of the petitioners; and inasmuch as the proposed congregation could only subsist and increase by weakening others in the neighborhood, therefore sustain the appeal, in so far as it lies against a separate organization, and recommend the Presbytery to use conciliatory measures toward the petitioners, and prevent if possible the formation of another congregation in that locality.

The vote having been taken, the second amendment was lost when put against the first, and the first amendment of Mr. Laing having been put against the main motion of Dr. Cochrane, the latter was carried by a large majority.

Parties having been recalled, the judgment of the court was intimated to them by the Moderator, in which they acquiesced.

Mr. Leask, on behalf the Presbytery of Maitland, craved extracts, which were granted.

Mr. Cameron also craved extracts, which were also granted.

OVERTURE ON PSALMODY.

An Overture on Psalmody transmitted by the Presbytery of Chatham, was then read. Mr. Frank B. Stewart appeared on its behalf.

On motion of Mr. Laing duly seconded, the Synod received and adopted the overture, and ordered it to be transmitted to the ensuing General Assembly, and appointed Mr. John Thomson, M. A., and Mr. Stewart to support it before that court.

MR. GALLAGHER'S ORDINATION.

Minutes of Bruce Presbytery were read of the fourteenth day of September 1833, asking the Synod to confirm the ordination of Mr. Gallagher, Missionary at Sault Ste Marie, which was irregular, in so far as it was done at a pro re nata meeting of Presbytery, and when there was not sufficient members present to form a quorum.

After hearing Mr. Straith's explanation of the matter, it was agreed to confirm the ordination, notwithstanding the above irregularity.

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

A circular from the Dominion Alliance, accompanied with copies of petitions to the Senate and House of Commons and the Governor-General against the Scott Act, were read.

The documents were ordered to be transmitted to the Committee on Temperance.

It was then moved by Dr. James, seconded by Mr. Straith, and unanimously carried, that the thanks of the Synod are due to the Minister and Office-bearers of Zion Church, Brantford, for their excellent arrangements; to the Christian people of the city for their generous hospitality, and to the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways for greatly reduced rates of fare to the members of Synod.

ADJOURNMENT.

The business having been concluded the Moderator engaged in prayer, and declared the Synod dissolved to meet in Knox Church, Ingersoll, on the second Monday of April, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

The Moderator then pronounced the benediction.

JOHN THOMPSON, Moderator.

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

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