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PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 J Porteous	Retired	Galt P O
2 S Fenton	Retired	Harley P O
3 Thos Goldsmith	A I Mackenzie	Hamilton, St John's
4 *John Laing, D D	Thos Kennedy	Dundas, Knox Church
5 *John G Murray	James Smith	Grimsby and Muir's Settlement
6 Wm D Rees	Thos Shaw	Blackheath, Caistor, &c
7 *D H Fletcher	J McDonald, M D	Hamilton, McNab St
8 *John Wells, M A	Jas Williamson	Jarvis and Walpole
9 *George Burson	Robert Lawrie	St Catharines, Knox Ch
10 Mungo Fraser, M A	David McLellan	Hamilton, Knox Ch
11 George Crombie	John Lundy	St Ann's and Smithville
12 R M Croll	John Wallace	Simcoe, St Pauls
13 Sammel Lyie, B D	James Watson	Hamilton, Central Ch
14 R J Laidlaw	James A Cooke	Hamilton, St Paul's
15 W P Walker	Wm Henderson	Binbrook and Saltfleet
16 S Fisher	T M England	West Flamboro
17 Robert Thynne	W Zimmerman	Port Dover
18 D C McIntyre, M A	R Moderwell	Beamsville and Clinton
19 O D McDonald, B D	D W Beadle	Thorold
20 J H Ratcliffe	J A Davidson	St Catharines 1st Ch
21 R H Abraham	Robt McQueen	Burlington
22 S Carruthers	Peter Green	Beverly
23 *Wm Robertson	John Charlton, M F	Waterdown
24 *J A Hamilton, B A	Jas Sanderson	Lynedoch and Silverhill
25 W J Bell	John Smith	Niagara
26 J W Cathcart	J Cruickshank	Strabane and Kilbride
28 A K Caswell	Al Chapman	Oneida and Hagersville
29 John Young, M A	J E Hutt	Niagara Falls South & Chippewa
30 A C Ross		Ancaster and Alberton
31 Thos Peatchall		N Peluam and Wellandport
32 Vacant		Caledonia
33 do	James Gibson	East Ancaster
34 do	John Wills	Niagara Falls
35 do	John Smellie	Hamilton, Erskine Ch
36 do	George Cowper	Welland
37 do	Wm Robertson	Merriton and Port Robinson
38 do		Port Dalhousie and Louth
39 do		Fort Erie, Victoria, &c
40 do	David Ewing	Hamilton, Wentworth St
41 do		Dunnville

Mission Stations.

42	W Fares, M D	Port Colborne
43		Vittoria
44	John H Young	Barton
45		Crowland
46	Arch Spence	Cayuga and Mt Healy
47		St. Catharines, Haynes Avenue

Residing Within Bounds.

1	John Gauld	Hamilton
2	Thos McGuire	Hamilton
3	James Gordon	

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PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 W Robertson, M A.....	John Harvie.....	Chesterfield
2 *W T McMullen.....	*James Bell.....	Woodstock, Knox Ch
3 *Wm Cochrane, D D.....	*M Thomson.....	Brantford, Zion Ch
4 *Jno Thomson, M A.....	Robt Lillico.....	Ayr, Knox Ch
5 *G Munro, M A.....	Angus McKay.....	Embro
6 James Little.....	Adam Alison.....	Princeton and Drumbo
7 *W A McKay, B A.....	Jas Symington.....	Woodstock, Chalmers Ch
8 D M Beattie, B D.....	Arch McArthur.....	St Andrews, E Oxford & Blenheim
9 *M McGregor, M A.....	John Allison.....	Tilsenburg and Culloden
10 F R Beattie, D D.....	James Reid.....	Brantford, 1st Ch
11 W McKinley.....	John Dickie.....	Ratho and Innerkip
12 P R Ross.....	James Gordon.....	Ingersoll, St Andrews
13 *Robert Myers.....	James McKnight.....	Norwich and Wyndham
14 *Robert Pettigrew, M A.....	*Stephen Harvie.....	Glenmorris
15 W H W Boyle, B A.....	Wm Telfer.....	Paris, Dumfries St
16 Thos Atkinson.....	Jas J Wilson.....	Ingersoll, Knox Ch
17 J S Hardie.....	*Thos Stevenson.....	Ayr, Stanley St Ch
18 W S McTavish.....	Robt Turnbull.....	St George
19 William Wylie.....	*John Deans.....	Paris, River St Ch
20 R G Sinclair.....	George Bryce.....	Mt Pleasant and Burford
21 Thos Alexander.....	Retired.....	Mt Pleasant, Mohawk P O
22 Robert Chambers, Miss'y.....	.....	Erzroom, India
23 G L McKay, D D, Miss'y.....	.....	Tamsui, China

Mission Stations.

24	Onondaga
25	Balfour St, Brantford
26	Old St Andrews, E Oxford

Residing Within the Bounds.

1 Robt Stevenson.....	Brantford
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PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 J J A Proudfoot, D D.....	*S M Fraser.....	London, 1st Ch
2 *W S Ball.....	*R Williams, A Langford	English Settlement & Proof Line
3 *John Rennie.....	Geo McDonald.....	Alisa Craig and Carlyle
4 *John Milloy.....	.....	Argyle Ch, Aldborough
5 *Neil McKinnon.....	Wm Leitch.....	Mosa
6 Lachlan Cameron.....	Roderick Young.....	Thamesford
7 *Jas McConnell.....	Colin Campbell.....	Maud St, Delamare
8 *Geo Sutherland.....	Duncan Turner.....	Fingal
9 *W M Roger.....	Wm Brown.....	London, East Ch
10 *D McGillivray.....	B Ferguson.....	London, St James Ch
11 *J A Murray.....	Dr Fraser.....	London, St Andrews Ch
12 Alex Urquhart.....	*D Stewart.....	Chalmers & Duff Chs, Dunwich
13 *John M Munro.....	Alex McKay.....	Kintoe
14 *Alex Henderson.....	*Edward Waugh.....	Hyde Park and Komoka
15 *E H Sawers.....	J Elliott.....	N and S Westminster
16 *J B Hamilton.....	*J Douglas.....	Wardsville and Newbury
17 *John Johnston.....	Alex McNeil.....	Lobo and Caradoc
18 *John Currie.....	Robert Homal.....	Kintyre
19 J S Henderson.....	.....	Wendigo and Caradoc
20 *A W McConochy.....	Joseph Moore.....	Port Stanley
21 *F W Archibald, Ph D.....	*D R McKennie.....	St Thomas
22 *J Ballantyne.....	*Alex Gauld.....	London, South

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—(Continued.)

23	Wm Galloway.....	A Wood.....	Dorchester and Crumlin
24	*J A Brown.....	James Shields.....	Belmont
25	John K Wright, Missn'ry.....		Trinidad
26	Vacant.....	*J A Younge.....	Glencoe
27	do.....		New Glasgow and Rodney
28	do.....	Dan McArthur.....	Wallaceburg and Dutton

Mission Stations,

.....	Springfield and Aylmer
.....	Tempo or North Street

Residing Within the Bounds.

1	Dun McMillan.....	London
2	W A Sutherland.....	Strathburn
3	James McEwen.....	London
4	James Gordon.....	London

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

CONGREGATIONS.

1	John Lees.....	Arch McLachlin.....	West Williams
2	*George Cuthbertson.....	D M Robertson.....	Wyoming and Plympton
3	Robert Hume, M A.....	Francis Orone.....	Adelaide and Arkona
4	*George McLennan.....	Donald McMillan.....	Cambridge and Alexander
5	*John Thomson, D D.....	*Daniel McKenzie.....	Sarnia, St Andrew
6	John S Lechead.....		Parkhill and McGillivray
7	*James Pritchard.....	*James H Laird.....	Forest
8	*Thos Macadam.....	*Thos Gordon.....	St Andrews, Strathroy
9	*John A McDonald.....	John Brown.....	Bridgen and Bear Creek
10	*Jas McCutcheon.....	Wm Bartlett.....	Corunna and Mooretown
11	*A Beamer.....	Jas Harley.....	Petrolia
12	*Robt W Leitch.....	Wm Bryce.....	Point Edward
13	*John Anderson.....	Thos Wyatt.....	East Williams
14	Hector Currie, B A.....	Jas Bell.....	Knox Ch Thedford & Lake Road
15	*D C Johnson.....	*Wm Bis.....	Oil City and Oil Springs
16	John W McLintock.....	*David Nesbit.....	Manaudamin and Vvner
17	*J C Tibb, M A, B D.....	*Wm Cola.....	Burns Ch and Moore Lins
18	*Hugh Cameron, B A.....	Hugh McKenzie.....	Watford and Main Road
19	J R Johnston, M A.....	P A McDiarmid.....	Alvinston and Napier

Mission Stations.

20	.....	Geo Stokes.....	Sombra
21	.....		Wilkesport
22	.....		Marthaville and Brooke
23	.....		Inwood

Residing Within the Bounds.

1	Peter Currie.....	
2	John McRobie.....	Petrolia
3	Wm Doak.....	Sarnia

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	
1	*A H Waddell	*Wm Coltart	Harwich	4
2	*A McColl	Thos W Taylor	Chatham, 1st Ch	5
3	J Logie	*Geo Hope	East Tilbury	6
4	*W King	Retired	Buxton	7
5	W Walker		Chatham, 1st Ch	8
6	Thos Tallach	*Thos B Anderson	Dresden and Knox Ch	9
7	*Arch Currie	F McKerricher	Duart and Highgate	10
8	*John Becket	*Jas Thomson	Thamesville, &c	11
9	*John Gray	Alox Bartlett	Windsor	12
10	*J H Paradis	J Anderson	Amherstburg	13
11	*G G McRobbie	Duncan Smith	Ridgetown	14
12	*J B Scott	Geo Ainslie	Leamington, &c	15
13	*J R Battisby	*Rich'd Linton	Chatham, St Andrews	16
14	*D Currie	David McArthur	Wallaceburg	17
15	*Alex Russell	*Jas McKeown	Bothwell, &c	18
16	W M Fleming	Alex Laing	Essex Centre	
17	Wm Farquharson	*Jas Walker	Dover and Chalmers Ch	
18	*C Chiniquy		St Anne, Illinois	
19	C Lafontaine		do do	
20		*John Johnson	Cavan and North Dawn	1
21			West Tilbury and Comber	2
22			Elmira, Illinois	
Mission Stations.				
23			Tilbury Centre and Windfall	
24			Buxton	
25			Price and Renaud line	

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	
1	Thos McPherson		Retired	1
2	*James Boyd	Thos Freeborn	Wellesley and Crosshill	2
3	Daniel Gordon	J Yool	Harrington	3
4	*Robert Hamilton	Jas Parker	Fullarton and Avonbank	4
5	*Peter Scott	*And McClelland	Hibbert	5
6	*Arch Stewart	Jas McGinnagle	North Easthorpe	6
7	*John Kay	Wm. Chalmers	Milverton	7
8	*Peter Wright, B D.	*Jas. Callin	Knox Ch Stratford	8
9	Robt. Scott	Geo. Ellis	Brooksedale	9
10	John McClung	James McDonald	Shakespeare	10
11	*A F Tully	Wm Stuart	Mitchell	11
12	*A Henderson, M A.	Thos Smith	Attwood	12
13	*E M Panton	C J McGregor	St Andrews, Stratford	13
14	Isaac Campbell	John Livingston	Listowel	14
15	*Geo Chrystal	Peter Muir	Avington and Carlingford	15
16	*J A Turnbull, B A, LL B.	John Headley	1st Ch, St Marys	16
17	John Campbell		Granton and Lucan	17
18	*W M McKibben, M A.	J M Chalmers	Millbank	18
19	A Grant	Alex Smith	Knox Ch, St Marys	19
20	Vacant	John Brown	N and S Nissouri	20
21	do	Jas Baird	North Morington	21

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	
1	Robert Ure, D D.	Jas Buchanan	Goderich, Knox Ch	1
2	*Matthew Barr	Retired	Seaforth P O	2
3	*A D McDonald	M Y McLean	Seaforth, 1st Ch	3

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—(Continued).

4	*Archd McLean	Andrew McCaa	St Andrews, Blyth
5	*Peter Musgrave	Thomas Dodds	Duff's Ch, McKillop, &c
6	*W M Martin, B D	Adam Whiteford	Gaven Ch, Exeter
7	Alex Stewart, B A	James Broadfoot	Willis Ch, Clinton
8	Samuel Acheson	John McEwen	St Andrews Ch, Kippen
9	*Joseph McCoy, M A	Samuel Camochan	Egmondville
10	Colin Fletcher	Dr Irwin	Thames Road, &c
11	S A Carriere	Wm Turnbull	Grand Bend, &c
12	R Y Thomson, M A, B D	*James Sutherland	Carmel Ch, Hensall, &c
13	*D M Ramsay, B A, B D	Robert Scott	Burns Ch, Hullett, &c
14	David Forrest	Chas Simons	St Andrews Ch, Bayfield, &c
15	*J H Simpson	*David Bell	Union Ch, Brucefield
16		Wm Carnie	Bayfield Road and Berne
17		Joseph Dobie	Manchester and Smith's Hill

Mission Stations.

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Residing Within the Bounds.

1	William Graham	Egmondville
2	J B Taylor	Blyth

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

MINISTERS. ELDERS. CONGREGATIONS.

1	Alex Sutherland	Norman McDonald	Knox Ch, Ripley
2	Samuel Jones	Thomas Strachan	Knox Ch, Brussels
3	George Brown	John Miller	Wroxeter
4	Alex Grant, retired		
5	*Adam F McQueen	John McDonald	Huron
6	Charles Cameron	Robt B Campbell	Chalmers Ch, Kincardine
7	George Law	James Ferguson	Knox Ch, Belgrave
8	Alex McKenzie	Dugald McKinnon	South Kinloss
9	Alex Y Hartley	Robert Aitkin	Bluevale and Eadie
10	Kenneth McDonald	Finlay McLennan	Ashfield
11	*Robert Leak	John Gordon	St Helens and East Ashfield
12	Hector McQuarrie	Alexander Dawson	Wingham
13	*John L Murray, M A	Malcolm McPherson	Knox Ch, Kincardine
14	John Macnabb, retired		Lucknow
15	John McFarlane	John Watson	Pine River
16	Duncan Davidson	William Dawson	Langside
17	A Stevenson	Robert Elliott	Molesworth and Trowbridge
18	Donald McRae	John McIntosh	Crabrook and Ethel
19	Thomas Muir	Wm Giles	Fordwich and Gorrie
20	F Ballantyne	James Smillie	Duff's Ch, Walton
21	John Ross, B A	W E Wilson	Melville Ch, Brussels
22	Jas A Anderson, B A	Robert Shields	Whitechurch and East Wawanosh
23	D G Cameron	H W Duff	Dungannon and Port Albert
24	Vacant	James Baird	Lucknow

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

MINISTERS. ELDERS. CONGREGATIONS.

1	James B Duncan	Wm McLeod	Paisley, St Andrews
2	John Scott, D D, retired		Dunblane P O
3	Andrew Tolmie	James Craig	Southampton and Arran
4	John Anderson	Murdoe McLeod	Tiverton
5	Peter Currie, retired		

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE—(Continued.)

6	David Wardrope retired.....	Teeswater	
7	John MacMillan.....	Nath Fitzsimmons.....	Glamis
8	John James, D.D.....	James Nisbett.....	Walkerton
9	Nath Paterson.....	John Cooper.....	Hanover and W Normanby
10	John Eadie.....	John Davidson.....	Pinkerton and W Brant
11	David Duff.....	Geo McNally.....	N Brant and W Bentick
12	Robert Gray.....	Wm Malcolm.....	Kinloss, Riverside & Enniskillen
13	James Gourlay, M.A.....	James Bowand.....	Port Elgin and Dunblane
14	*John Ferguson, M.A, B.D.	Andrew Dobie.....	Chesley
15	John Moore, B.A.....	Donald Reid.....	Allenford, &c
16	James Malcolm.....	John Henderson.....	Underwood and Centre Bruce
17	W G Hanna, B A.....	George Dunn.....	Tara
18	Adam B Linton, M A, B D	Alex McIntyre.....	Teeswater, Zion Ch
19	Angus McLeod.....	John McKinnon.....	N Bruce & St Andrews, Saugeen
20	Vacant.....	John McIntyre.....	Falsley, Knox Ch
21	do.....	Jas Henderson.....	

Mission Stations.

22	D H McLennan, M A.....	Thessalon
23	Duncan Cameron.....	Manitowaning
24	E B Rodgers.....	Sault St Marie
25	J L Campbell.....	Gore Bay
26	.....	Bruce Mines
27	.....	Tarbut,
28	.....	Spanish River
29	.....	Blind River
30	.....	Providence Bay
31	.....	Little Current
32	.....	Cockburn Island
33	.....	Silver Water and Eurpee
34	.....	Mud Lake

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 reports of the different Presbyteries.

TRANSLATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Thomas Scouler was translated from Erskine Church, Hamilton, to St. Andrews' Church, New Westminster, B. C., on the thirty-first day of December, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. John Robbins was translated from Glencoe congregation to First Presbyterian congregation, Truro, Nova Scotia, on the twenty-first day of November, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. James Pritchard, Manchester and Smith's Hill, to Forest, Presbytery of Sarnia, on the thirtieth day of November, 1886.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Robert McIntyre was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Nelson and Dundas Street congregation on the tenth day of August, 1886.

Mr. A. K. Caswell was inducted into the pastoral charge of Oneida and Hagersville, on thirty-first day of August, 1886.

Mr. John Young, M. A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Niagara Falls South and Chippawa, on the second day of November, 1886.

Mr. Herbert C. Ross was inducted into the pastoral charge of Ancaster and Alberton on the ninth day of December, 1886.

Mr. Thomas Peatchall was inducted into the pastoral charge of North Pelham and Wellandport on the fifth day of April, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Wm. Galloway was inducted into the pastoral charge of Dorchester and Crunlin, on the twenty-seventh day of July 1886.

Mr. James A. Brown was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Belmont, on the twenty-eighth day of July, 1886.

Mr. Edward H. Sowers was inducted into the pastoral charge of North and South Westminster, on the fifth day of October, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

Mr. Richard C. Tibb was ordained on the twenty-ninth day of June, 1886.

Mr. A. Beamer was inducted into the charge of Knox Church, Petrolia, on the twenty-ninth day of April, 1886.

Mr. James Pritchard was inducted into the charge of Forest, on the twenty-fifth day of November, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. Alexandef Russell was inducted into the pastoral charge of Bothwell, Sutherland's Corners and Florence, on the ninth day of September, 1886.

Mr. Wm. Farquharson was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Dover and Chalmers Church, on the 31st day of March, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. James Hamilton, B. A., was ordained for mission work in the North West Territory, on twentieth day of September, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. J. H. Simpson was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Union Church, Brucefield on the first day of June, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

Mr. F. Ballantyne was inducted into the pastoral charge of Duff Church, Walton, on the fifth day of October, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. John MacMillan was inducted into the pastoral charge of Glamis on the eleventh day of May, 1886.

Mr. John L. Campbell, B. A., was ordained as Missionary to Gore Bay on the twelfth day of May, 1886.

Messrs. Duncan Cameron and E. B. Rogers, were appointed ordained missionaries to Manitowaning and Sault Ste Marie, for a term of two years, on the twelfth day of May, 1886.

John James, D. D., was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Walkerton, on the twenty-ninth day of July, 1886.

Mr. Robert Gray was inducted into the pastoral charge of Kinloss, Riverdale and Enniskillen on the fifth day of August, 1886.

Mr. Adam R. Linton, M. A., B. D., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of North Bruce and St. Andrews, Sauguen, on the thirteenth day of April, 1887.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. James Gordon, M. A., demitted the charge of Niagara Falls, on the twenty-fourth day of October, 1886.

Mr. James Black demitted the charge of Argyle Street Church, Caledonia, and Allan Settlement, on the first day of December, 1886.

Mr. George Yeomans demitted the charge of Dunnville, on the tenth day of December, 1886.

Mr. Thomas Wilson demitted the charge of Sutherland Street Church Caledonia, on the thirty-first day of December, 1886.

Mr. Robert Thomson demitted the charge of Drummondville and Chippawa, on the eighteenth day of May, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. John A. McAlmon demitted the pastoral charge of Dover and Chalmers Church, on the first day of June, 1886.

Mr. Neil McDiarmid demitted the pastoral charge of Knox Church Elmira, Illinois, U. S., on the fifteenth day of March, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. J. W. Penman demitted his charge of North and South Missouri, on January 30th, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. Mark Danby demitted the pastoral charge of Bayfield and Bruce, on the tenth day of July, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. John Mordy, M. A., demitted the charge of Balaklava, on the first day of August, 1886.

Mr. George B. Greig demitted charge of Knox Church, Paisley, on the twenty-seventh day of September, 1886.

Mr. David Wardrope demitted the charge of Westminister Church, Teeswater, on the eighth day of March, 1887.

LICENSURES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. J. H. Simpson was licensed to preach the gospel on the twentieth day of April, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

Mr. Richard C. Tibb was licensed on the twenty-ninth day of June, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. Alexander U. Campbell was licensed to preach the gospel on the thirteenth day of April, 1886.

Mr. Wm. Farquharson was licensed to preach the gospel on the thirteenth day of April, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. J. B. Hamilton was licensed to preach the gospel on the fifteenth day of September, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. John Young, M. A., was licensed to preach the gospel on the thirteenth day of July, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. John L. Campbell, B. A., was licensed to preach the gospel on the twelfth day of May, 1886.

DEATHS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Martin W. Livingstone died at Simcoe on the twenty-first day of March, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. Wm. Barr died at Brantford on the fifth day of May, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. John Ross, minister at Brucefield, died on the eighth day of March, 1887.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The congregation of Oneida was separated from Cayuga and Indiana, and united with Hagersville to form one charge, on the sixth day of April, 1886.

The congregations of Merriton and Port Robinson were united to form one charge, on the twentieth day of July, 1886.

The congregations of Louth and Port Dalhousie were united to form one charge, on the twentieth day of July, 1886.

The congregations of Pelham and Wellandport were united to form one charge, on the twentieth day of July, 1886.

The name of the congregation of Drummondville, was changed to that of Niagara Falls South, on the seventh day of October, 1886.

The congregation of Argyle Street, Caledonia was separated from Allan Settlement, and united with that of Sutherland Street, to form one congregation in Caledonia, on the ninth day of January, 1887.

The congregation of East Ancaster, Erskine Church, was united with that of Allan Settlement to form one congregation, on the ninth day of January, 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

Vyner, within the bounds of the congregation of Mandaumin was erected into a congregation, and united with Mandaumin under the designation of Mandaumin and Vyner, on the twenty-first day of December, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

A new congregation at Richmond school house was erected and united with Dover and Chalmers Church, on the twenty first day of September 1886.

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A new congregation was erected at Strangfield and united with West Tilbury and Comber, on the fifteenth day of March 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mornington was separated from Milverton, and erected into a separate charge on the fourteenth day of September, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

The congregation of Corbet was added to Mr. Carriere's pastoral charge, on the ninth day of November, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

The congregation of Knox Church, Lucknow, was united to the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, there, on the thirteenth day of July, 1886, under the name of the Presbyterian Church, Lucknow.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

The congregations of Free St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Walkerton, were united under the name of Knox Church, Walkerton, on the thirteenth day of July, 1886.

Skipness was erected into a congregation and united with Allenford and Elsinore as one pastoral charge on the fourteenth day of December, 1886.

Silver Water and Burpee were placed on the list of Mission Stations on the fifteenth day of September, 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. John Johnston, seconded by Mr. A. D. Macdonald, Mr. W. S. Ball, of English Settlement, was unanimously elected Moderator, and took the chair accordingly.

On motion of Dr. John Thomson, seconded by Mr. Robert Hamilton, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his conduct in the chair, and for the 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. George Burson, minister, and Mr. John Wallace, elder.

Presbytery of Paris—Mr. R. Pettigrew, minister, and Mr. James Bell, elder.

Presbytery of London—Mr. John Johnston, minister, and Mr. Jas. Shields, elder.

Presbytery of Sarnia—Dr. John Thomson, minister, and Mr. Thomas Gordon, elder.

Presbytery of Chatham—Mr. John Gray, minister, and Mr. Alexander Bartlett, elder.

Presbytery of Stratford—Mr. James Boyd, minister, and Mr. Andrew McLellan, elder.

Presbytery of Huron—Mr. D. M. Ramsay, minister, and Mr. Thomas Dodds, elder.

Presbytery of Maitland—Mr. J. A. Anderson, minister, and Mr. John Gordon, elder.

Presbytery of Bruce—Mr. John Ferguson, minister.

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

On the recommendation of the Business Committee, the following committees were appointed to examine the records of the various Presbyteries within the bounds.

On the records of the Hamilton Presbytery—Messrs. Robt. Hamilton and James Pritchard, ministers, and John Brown, elder.

On the records of Paris Presbytery—Messrs. Joseph McCoy and W. Robertson, ministers, and Richard Linton, elder.

On the records of the London Presbytery—Messrs. George Cuthbertson and R. H. Myers, ministers, and Jas. Bell, elder.

On the records of the Sarnia Presbytery—Messrs. W. M. Martin and D. McGillivray, ministers and D. K. McKenzie, elder.

On the records of the Chatham Presbytery—Messrs. Thos. Macadam and W. M. Roger, ministers, and W. Robertson, elder.

On the records of the Stratford Presbytery—Messrs. J. B. Scott and E. H. Sawers, ministers, and John Deans, elder.

On the records of the Huron Presbytery—Messrs. Peter Scott and J. A. Hamilton, ministers, and Jas. Thomson, elder.

On the records of the Maitland Presbytery—Messrs. J. A. Turnbull and John Thomson, ministers, and Jas. H. Laird, elder.

On the records of the Bruce Presbytery—Messrs. R. W. Leitch and John Kay, ministers, and Isaac Langford, elder.

COMMITTEE ON ELDERS COMMISSIONS.

The following were appointed a committee on the commissions of elders: Messrs. R. Leask and J. A. Brown, ministers, and David Bell, elder.

AUDITORS.

The following were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's books and accounts: Mr. Wm. Walker, minister, and Mr. J. B. Anderson, elder.

 LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

The following were appointed a committee to receive applications for the license of Students: Messrs. W. T. McMullen, A. D. McDonald and Dr. Laing, ministers, and Mr. R. Williams, elder.

SEDERUNTS OF SYNOD.

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

PRESBYTERIES ALLOWED TO MEET.

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

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

 SECOND SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, the twenty sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven years, at 10 a. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. W. S. Ball, Moderator.

Devotional exercises were engaged in during the first hour, in which the Moderator and Messrs. McKinnon, Ramsay, McMullen, McConechy, McCoy, Campbell, ministers, and James Bell, elder, took part.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Gray, from the committee on Bills and Overtures, presented their first report as to the order of business for the day, which, on motion, was adopted.

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

BUXTON FUND.

The Clerk presented the report of the committee on the Buxton Fund showing that the sum of \$239.99 had been received during the year and paid over to Mr. King. On motion the report was received, and the committee reappointed for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Wm. King was heard before the Synod, in reference to his work in past years in connection with the Buxton Mission.

 COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator submitted the following names as the Committee to strike Standing Committees for the year: Messrs. D. H. Fletcher, James Boyd, John Gray, D. M. Ramsay, R. Leask, W. M. Martin, ministers, and Messrs. Jas. Bell, Thomas Gordon and Samuel Fraser, elders.

PETITION FROM BRUCE PRESBYTERY.

A petition from the Presbytery of Bruce, asking the Synod to agree to the transference of Balaklava from that Presbytery to the Presbytery of Saugeen, was read and considered.

On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, duly seconded, the Synod agreed to grant the prayer of the petition to transfer the charge of Balaklava to the Presbytery of Saugeen, to be by them connected with some other congregation as they may deem best, said action to be subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

OVERTURE ANENT AGED AND INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND.

There was read and considered an overture from the Chatham Presbytery to the General Assembly, asking that the Assembly should appoint or enjoin the appointment of one or more ministers or members to canvass the church for the increase of the aged and infirm minister's fund.

The overture having been read, Messrs. Becket and Gray were heard in its support.

The overture was received.

On motion of Mr. D. H. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Geo. Burson, the Synod adopted the overture and ordered it to be transmitted to the General Assembly. Dr. Thomson and Mr. John Gray, ministers, and Mr. J. A. Younge, elder, were appointed to support the overture.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 2:30 p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

 THIRD SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven years, 2.30 p. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. W. S. Ball, Moderator, who constituted the Synod by prayer.

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The minutes of the former Sederunt were read and sustained.

On motion of Dr. Thomson, duly seconded, the address of Mr. Goforth, on Foreign Missions, was postponed until the evening Sederunt.

BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES COLLEGE.

The Clerk read a report transmitted by the Board of Directors of the Young Ladies College, Brantford, giving particulars as to the present encouraging condition of the institution, and its prospects for still greater usefulness, and asking the continued patronage and support of the members of the Synod, and that a visitor be appointed for the ensuing year.

Dr. T. M. MacIntyre, the Principal of the College, addressed the court, pressing the claims of the institution upon the attention of ministers and elders within the bounds of the Synod, and Presbyterian families generally.

After questions had been asked of Dr. MacIntyre in regard to the college, and brief addresses by Drs Thomson, Cochrane and others the following resolution, on motion of Dr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Becket, was unanimously adopted.

"That the Synod receive the Memorial, and express pleasure in receiving the statement of the Directors of the Brantford Ladies College, and is gratified to learn through Dr. MacIntyre, the Principal, of the good work which is being done by this institution, for the cause of Christian training, and for its power for good in the Presbyterian Church. That the Synod commend the institution to the members within its bounds, and earnestly urge them to take an active interest in promoting in every way the success of such a centre of influence, within, and under the supervision of the church. That the Synod has pleasure in granting the petition of the memorial, and nominates the Rev. W. T. McMullen, Woodstock, as a visitor from the Synod of Hamilton and London for the ensuing year."

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Mr. W. A. McKay, Convener of the Committee on Temperance, presented the report for the year, and gave a summary of the returns made to the questions sent down to Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries by the General Assembly's Committee on Temperance.

After discussion the report was unanimously received and adopted, as also the following recommendations of the Synodical Committee:

1. That in advancing this work we give ourselves with increased earnestness to the preaching of Christ. Faith in Christ can alone save society, and make a temperate, peaceable, orderly people of God. Let us therefore hold up Christ in our pulpits, in our prayer meetings, Sabbath Schools, bible classes and families, as the only foundation of Temperance and social reformation.

2. That we persevere in our conflict on the platform of civil law until we obtain through the whole land a law that will prohibit, instead of sanctioning and protecting this great evil.

3. That we express our gratification at the intention of the Provincial Government to impart Temperance instruction in all our public schools.

4. That our people be advised in accordance with the repeatedly expressed mind of our General Assembly to support at the polls only efficient men, who are known for their christian Temperance principles.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod then adjourned to meet again at 7:30 p. m., and the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven years, 7:30 p. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. W. S. Ball, Moderator. After devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator and Mr. J. A. Murray, London, the Synod was duly constituted.

The minutes of the former Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION, SABBATH SCHOOLS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The reports on the state of Religion, Sabbath Schools and Sabbath Observance were then called for and submitted by Mr. Alexander Henderson, Mr. George Rutherford, and Mr. John Gray, the respective conveners of the said committees.

The reports were all received.

At this stage of the evening's sederunt, Mr. Goforth, of Knox College, under appointment by the students to the foreign field, was heard on the claims of the heathen world, upon the sympathies and prayers of Canadian christians.

After Mr. Goforth's address, the Synod proceeded to consider the recommendations of the committee on the state of religion seriatim. They were unanimously adopted and are as follows:

1. That sessions be recommended to divide their congregations into districts, where such is not already the case, for the more systematic oversight thereof, and that Presbyteries in their religious conferences during the year endeavor to render such kindly counsel as may conduce to the greater efficiency of our sessions and managing boards.

2. That the attention of ministers and sessions be again drawn to the recommendation of last General Assembly, anent the religious instruction of the young, and that parents be affectionately aroused to the duty and responsibility to teach their children piety at home, as well as by the other agencies of the church.

3. That our christian people especially in towns and cities, be exhorted to give all possible encouragement and help to those who in a legitimate way by the early closing movement, are seeking the relief of both merchants and their clerks from the grievous bondage of late shopping, especially on Saturday nights."

The recommendations of the committee on Sabbath Schools were then considered seriatim, and also unanimously adopted. They are as follows :

1. That each Presbytery require from its Sabbath School Committee a report of every school within the bounds, to be presented at its March meeting

2. That each Presbytery devise and adopt if possible, some scheme of supervision or visitation whereby the efficiency of each of their schools may be ascertained and enhanced.

3. That Presbyteries recommend wherever practicable the use of the Assembly's series of registers.

4. That Presbyteries impress on sessions and superintendents the duty of recording the Sabbath school scholars who have become communicants during the year, and also of urging every school to connect itself by some contribution, however small, with the great mission work of the church.

MINUTE ANENT MR. GOFORTH'S MISSION.

On motion of Mr. Burson, the Synod adopted the following resolution : "The Synod desires to put on record its gratitude to God that so many of our students, to the number of thirty-one, have offered themselves to the Foreign Mission field, and their pleasure in hearing Mr. Goforth, who is to be sent by the students to the Foreign Mission field, and assure him of the sympathy of this Synod, and their prayer that he may be eminently successful as a laborer in the gospel in the heathen field."

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

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrews Church Chatham, the twenty-seventh day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty seven, 9 a. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. Mr. Ball Moderator.

After devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator and Messrs. Cameron and Sawers, the Synod was duly constituted.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. Leask, from the committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a second report, which on motion was adopted, and the recommendations as to the order of business followed.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. D. H. Fletcher, Convener of the committee to nominate standing committees, gave in a report which was adopted, and is as follows :

STATE OF RELIGION.—Alexander Henderson, Convener; D. H. Fletcher, W. McKinley, D. Davidson, John Beckett, J. A. Turnbull,

Samuel Acheson, John Anderson, J. C. Tibb, ministers; and Messrs. John Wallace, Stephen Harvey, David Bell, K. Urquhart, Wm. McKenzie, Robert Harrison, and Jas. McLagan, Elders.

TEMPERANCE.—W. A. McKay, Convener; J. L. Murray, W. Robertson, (Waterdown), John Currie, James Pritchard, Thos. Tallach, Isaac Campbell, W. M. Martin, Wm. G. Hannah, ministers; and Messrs. John McMaster, J. Deans, E. Waugh, Geo. Leys, A. Lang, D. D. Wilson, elders.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—George Rutherford, Convener; John Anderson, Mungo Fraser, Robert Pettigrew, James Ballantyne, W. M. Fleming, Colin Fletcher, Alexander Grant, A. Stevenson, J. Ferguson, ministers; and Messrs. James Bell, D. Nisbet, Samuel Fraser, Alexander Bartlett, James Sutherland and J. Gordon, elders.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—John Gray, Convener; Geo. Burson, Wm. Wylie, Dr. Archibald, Dr. John Thomson, R. W. Leitch, John McClung, H. McQuarrie, D. M. Ramsay, ministers; and Messrs. A. I. McKenzie, John Charlton, M. P., J. C. Eckford, J. S. Laird, Robert Lillico, J. A. Younge, H. S. Strang and A. Wilson, elders.

BUXTON MISSION.—J. R. Battisby, Convener; A. McColl, W. Walker, ministers; and Messrs. J. H. Taylor, and K. Urquhart, elders.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Mr. W. T. McMullen, 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 Chatham to take on trials for license, D. G. McQueen, and Mr. J. W. Rae; to the Presbytery of Huron to take on trials for license, Mr. John McGillivray, and Mr. J. W. Orr; to the Presbytery of Sarnia to take on trials for license, Mr. George A. McLennan; and to the Presbytery of London, to take on trials for license, Mr. J. E. Browne, and John J. Dobbin.

CHATHAM COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

The clerk read a letter from Judge Bell, inviting the members of Synod to visit the new buildings recently erected for the Chatham Collegiate Institute. The clerk was instructed to acknowledge the courtesy and kindness of Judge Bell in sending the invitation.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the Synod meet next year in St. Andrews Church, London, on the last Monday in April, 1888, at half-past seven p. m.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris, London, Chatham, Stratford, Sarnia, 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.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Synod resumed consideration of the report of the committee on Sabbath Observance, postponed from last night's Sederunt.

On motion of Dr. Archibald, seconded by Mr. A. Henderson, the report was adopted in the following terms: Having heard the report of the Synod's committee on Sabbath Observance, the Synod of Hamilton and London receive and adopt the same, and in doing so desire to reaffirm their conviction that our ministers and people ought to use every available means to counteract the tendency to sabbath desecration so prevalent throughout our land, and especially that they should unite with the people of other christian denominations in a strenuous effort to prevent railway and steamboat travelling on the sabbath.

OVERTURE ANENT THE LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Dr. Laing presented an overture to the General Assembly anent the licensing of students, and was heard in its support. On motion made and seconded, the Overture was adopted, and Dr. Archibald and Mr. Burson appointed to support it before the General Assembly.

OVERTURES ANENT ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.

There was taken up and read an Overture regarding the relation of Missionaries to the church courts, and asking the next General Assembly to consider the matter, and give direction to the inferior courts as in its judgment may be deemed proper.

Dr. Laing was heard in support of the Overture, which was, after consideration, unanimously adopted, and Dr. Cochrane and Mr. Burson appointed to support it before the General Assembly.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS.

Mr. Walker, Convener of the committee to audit the Treasurer's books and accounts, gave in a report to the effect that they had examined the books and vouchers and found the same correct, and the business transacted in a highly satisfactory manner. The report was received, and on motion the thanks of the Synod tendered through the Moderator, to Mr. Rutherford, the Treasurer.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Chrystal, that the thanks of the Synod are due to the minister and officers of St. Andrews Church, Chatham; for the use of their building and the arrangements made for the work of the Synod; to the committee in providing homes

for the delegates ; to the christian people of the town, for their generous hospitality ; and to the Grand Trunk Railway for reduced rates to the members of the Synod.

The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.

The business of the Synod having been concluded, the Moderator, after an earnest and suitable address, declared the Synod adjourned to meet in St Andrews Church, London, on the last Monday of April, 1888, at 7.30 p. m., and after the Synod engaged in praise, pronounced the benediction.

W. S. BALL,
Moderator.

WM COCHRANE, D. D.,
Clerk.

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