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Synod met. At Brantford and within the First Presbyterian Church, the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine 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

Constituted. met according to adjournment, and, after devotional exercises and sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. F. McCuaig, of Welland, from Luke 24th Chapter and 44th verse, was duly constituted with prayer. The Moderator then stated that shortly after the death of the late Clerk he had requested Dr. Laing to fill the vacant office as "Acting Clerk" and prepare the business for the Synod. This Dr. Laing had done, and he with the approval of the Synod asked the the Clerk to call the roll. This was done and the attendance marked; and after a few changes had been made at the request of parties concerned, and by permission of Synod, the roll was adopted. It is as follows:—Those present being indicated by the * affixed to their names.

Dr. Laing as acting Clerk.

Roll called.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATION.
1 *James Black...		Retired...
2 J. G. Murray...		"
3 * John Laing, D. D....	*J. B. Hamilton, M.A....	Dundas, Knox Church
4 *D. H. Fletcher, D.D....	*John Gauld....	Hamilton, McNab Street
5 *F. McCuaig....	A. Robertson....	Welland and Crowland.
6 *M. Fraser, D. D....	*J. Johnson....	Hamilton, Knox Church
7 *Samuel Lyle, D. D....	Wm. Woods....	Hamilton, Central Church

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—Continued.

8	N. Smith...	Alex. McIntyre...	Niagara, St. Andrews.	
9	*S. W. Fisher, B. A....	S. Adams...	W. Flamboro and Lynden.	
10	T. G. Thomson...	Thos. Gentle...	Hamilton, Locke Street	
11	D. C. McIntyre, Ph. D. W. A.	Comfort, M.D....	Beamsville and Clinton.	1 *
12	*W. J. Dey, M. A....	F. Reid...	Simcoe, St. Paul's.	2 *
13	*J. H. Ratcliffe...	G. W. Hodgetts...	St. Catharines, First Church	3 *
14	*F. Ballantyne, M. A....	R. McQueen...	Beverly.	4 *
15	*R. H. Abraham, Sc. D....	J. Morrine...	Burlington.	5 *
16	E. B. Chestnut...	R. Calder...	Carlucke, St. Paul's.	6 *
17	D. G. Cameron...	Alex. McFarlane...	Strabane and Kilbride	7 *
18	*J. Lindsay Robertson, B.D.	John Moffat...	Merritton.	8 *
19	W. H. Geddes...	John McCalla...	St. Catharines, Haynes Avenue	9 *
20	*T. L. Turnbull, M. A....		Oneida.	10 *
21	W. M. Cruickshank...	John Henry...	St. Anns and Wellandport.	11 *
22	*A. McD. Haig...	D. W. Eastman...	Smithville and Muirs.	12 *
23	D. H. Hodges...	T. A. Walker...	Ancester and Alberton.	13 *
24	John Young, M.A....	A. I. McKenzie...	Hamilton, St. John.	14 *
25	*G. A. McLennan, M. A....	S. Hunter...	Jarvis and Walpole	15 *
26	*J. G. Shearer, M. A....	*James Brown...	Hamilton, Erskine	16 *
27	*A. McWilliams, B. A....	Andrew Wilson...	Hamilton, Wentworth Church	17 *
28	*John Robertson, M.A....	John King...	Port Dover and Vittoria	18 *
29	*John Crawford, M.A....		Niagara Falls, St. Andrew's	19 *
30	J. P. McQuarrie...		Nelson and Dundas Street	20 *
31	*W. A. Cook...	Geo. Gray...	Thorold	21 *
32	James Buchanan...	Warren Cross...	Pelham and Louth	
33	P. M. McEachern...		Waterdown	
34	Alex. Barclay...		Lynedoch and Carholme	
35	John Muir, M. A....		Grimsby, St. John's	
36	C. A. Webster, M. D....		Beyrout, Syria	
37	*James Wilson, B. A....		Drummond Hill and Chippawa	
38	*Neil McPherson, B. D....	Wm. Wilson...	Hamilton, St. Paul's	
39	C. H. Lowry...		Hagersville	
40	*J. D. Edgar, Ph. B....	John Thompson...	Cayuga	
41	F. D. Roxborough, M.A....		Port Erie and Bridgeburg	
42	Wm. Wallis...		Port Dalhousie	
43	Vacant...	J. Moir...	Dunnville	
44	"		St. Davids	
45	"	R. Lawrie...	St. Catharines, Knox Church	
46	"	W. Scott...	Caledonia	
47	"	J. R. Cook...	Binbrook and Saltfleet	1
48	"	E. Senn...	Blackheath, E. Seneca and Abingdon	2
49	"	R. H. Appleyard...	Port Colborne	3

MISSION STATION.

Port Robinson

RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

1	John Gauld...	Hamilton	10
2	Alex. McLaren...	Hamilton	11
3	D. P. Niven, B. A....	St. Catharines	12
4	J. W. Mitchell, M. A....	Thorold	13
5	J. B. Hamilton, M. A....	Dundas	14
6	James Gourlay, M. A....	Dunnville	15
7	J. B. Watt...	Port Nelson	16

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 * W. T. McMullen, D. D.	* Wm. Pott	Woodstock, Knox Church
2 W. A. McKay, D.D.	Alex. McGaw	Woodstock, Chalmers Church
3 * John Thomson, M. A.	James Lillico	Ayr, Knox Church
4 * R. Pettigrew, M. A.	* Geo. Atkin	Glenmorris
5 * E. Cockburn, M. A.	R. H. Guthrie	Paris
6 P. Straith, M. A.	Henry Arnott	Innerkip and Ratho
7 * Alex. Leslie, M. A.	Wm. Weir	E. Oxford and Blenheim
8 * G. C. Patterson, M. A.	John Sutherland	Embros, Knox Church
9 D. Y. Ross, M. A.	David Reid	St. George
10 * M. McGregor, M. A.	Andrew Slater	Tilsonburg
11 * J. S. Hardie	Chas. McKinley	Ayr, Stanley Street
12 * W. K. Shearer, B. A.	Wm. Cockburn	Drumbo and Princeton
13 * E. R. Hutt	R. J. Robertson	Ingersoll
14 * R. M. Hamilton, B. A.	J. S. Howie	Brantford, First Church
15 W. H. Johnston, B. A.	James Hunter	Chesterfield
16 * J. M. Millar, B. A.	S. R. Lee	Norwich
17 * P. W. Anderson	* Geo. Bryce	Mount Pleasant
18 * E. C. Currie	James McKnight	Windham and Delhi
19 * A. Stewart	John McRae	Verschoyle and Culloden
20 Vacant	* W. B. Wood	Brantford, Zion Church
21 " "	" "	Brantford, St. Andrew's

MISSION STATIONS.

Onondaga
Brantford, Balfour Street

MINISTERS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

John James, D. D.	Paris
Wm. Lochhead	Brantford
Andrew Hudson	Onondaga

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
1 J. J. A. Proudfoot, D.D.	" "	Lecturer, Knox College
2 John Milloy	James McLean	Argyle Church, Aldboro
3 Geo. Sutherland, D. D.	Angus McLarty	Fingal
4 James Little	* Isaac Langford	Bethel and Bryanston
5 R. W. Leitch	James Sutherland	Delaware and Caradoc
6 Donald Kelso	D. McKillop	Wallacetown
7 * Alex. Henderson	J. G. Lethbridge	Appin and Tait's Corners
8 * E. H. Sawers	Thos. McDougal	Westminster
9 J. G. Stewart	Andrew Thomson	London, Knox Church
10 * John Currie	A. J. Campbell	Belmont and Kilmartin
11 Robert Stewart	D. C. Fletcher	Melbourne and Riverside
12 Thomas Wilson	Eliot Greve	London, King Street
13 R. McIntyre	Wm. Watson	St. Thomas, Alma Street
14 * R. Johnston, D. D.	A. S. McGregor	London, St. Andrew's
15 * W. J. Clark	Andrew Greenlees	London, First Church
16 G. H. Smith, B. D.	Alex. McKay	Thamesford

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—Continued.

17	*Alex. Wilson...	D. Innes...	Wardsville and Newbury	19
18	*John McNeill...	D. A. McNabb...	Chalmers and Duff Church	
19	*N. M. Bethune...	Andrew Murray...	Ayler and Springfield	20
20	*Norman Lindsay...	John Scott...	Lobo and Caradoc	21
21	John H. Scott...	W. McCallum...	New Glasgow and Rodney	
22	John H. Barnett...	Duncan McLean...	Kintyre	
23	*John H. Courtenay...	James Meek...	Port Stanley	22
24	*R. W. Ross, M. A.	*Isaac Rathburn...	Glencoe	23
25	*D. R. Drummond, B.D.	D. K. McKenzie...	St. Thomas, Knox Church	
26	Samuel Lawrence...	W. O. Telfer...	English Settlement	
27	*W. M. Kay...	R. Woods...	Dorchester and Crumlin	
28	*James Steven...	James McArthur...	Dutton	
29	Walter Moffat...	S. W. Milliken...	London, Chalmers Church	
30	*W. A. Wylie...	Edward Waugh...	Hyde Park and Komoka	
31	Geo. Gilmore...		Pottersburg, London	
32	A. J. McGillivray...	D. C. Johnston...	London, St. James' Church	
33	J. Lindsay...	John McKay...	Kintore	Jol
34	Vacant...		Moia	
35	"		Ailca-Craig and Carlisle	
36	"		Tempo and S. Delaware	

MISSION STATION.

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MINISTERS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

D. C. Johnson...	London	1
Archibald Stewart...	London	3
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PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.		
1	*John Eadie...	Wm. Mitchell...	Point Edward	10
2	*John Thomson, D.D.	John Douglas...	Sarnia, St. Andrew's	11
3	H. Currie, B.A.	Thos. Carmichael...	Thedford, Knox Church and Lake Road	12
4	J. C. McKee, Ph.D.	Peter Gauld...	Brigden and Bear Creek	13
5	*W. G. Jordan, B.A.	Wm. Ireland...	Strathroy, St. Andrew's	14
6	*Robert Aylward, B.A.	Alex. Smith...	Parkhill and McGillivray	15
7	*Robert Haddow, B.A.	Duncan McGill...	Watford, Knox Church and Warwick	16
8	S. G. Livingstone, B.A.	Wm. Elliot...	Bruce Church and Moore Line	17
9	John McKinnon, B.D.	David Sands...	W. Williams and E. Adelaide	18
10	J. Elliott, B.A.	David Waters...	Nairn and Beechwood	19
11	Richard Weir, B.A.	A. McWilliam...	Marthaville, Tenth Line, etc	20
12	W. G. W. Fortune, B.A.	P. A. McDiarmid...	Alviston and Euphemia	21
13	C. H. Daly, B.A.	A. Wilson...	Oil Springs and Oil City	22
14	Robt. Drinnan...	D. McMillan...	Camlachie and Aberarder	J.
15	A. L. Budge, M.A.	A. McDonald...	Maudaumin and Vyner	A.
16	A. E. Hannahson...	John McLeish...	Arkona and W. Adelaide	
17	*T. A. Bell, B. A.	Neil McBain...	Napier and Chalmers Church Brocke	
18	A. A. Graham, B.D.	Robt. Stewart...	Petrolia	

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA—Continued.

- 19 *R. T. Cockburn... .. R. Prittie... .. Black Creek, Plum Creek and Guthrie
 20 W. G. Richardson, B.A... D. M. Robertson... .. Wyoming and Plympton
 21 W. D. Bell, B.A... .. M. McRae... .. Coruna, Mooretown, Court-right and Knox church Moore
 22 James Barber, M.A... .. John Fisher... .. Forest
 23 *J. R. Hall, M.A... .. A. McDougall... .. Sarnia Albert Street

MISSION STATIONS.

- R. McNeil... .. Sombra and Duthel, St. John's, Enniskillen

RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

- John McRobie... .. Petrolia

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

CONGREGATIONS.

- 1 A. McColl, D.D... .. Retired... ..
 2 *G. Munro, M.A... .. *James Law... .. Ridgetown
 3 W. H. Jamieson, D.D... Isaac McDonald... .. Bathel, Ridge, etc
 4 *J. R. Battsby, Ph. D... D. McMillan... .. Chatham, St. Andrew's
 5 D. Currie... .. John Crawford... .. Wallaceburg, etc
 6 J. W. McLintock... .. James Walker... .. Dover, McColl, etc
 7 W. M. Fleming... .. Alex. Laing... .. Essex
 8 *James Argo... .. W. Gillanders... .. Duart
 9 *F. H. Larkin, B.A... .. W. Robertson... .. Chatham, First Church
 10 *J. C. Tolmie, B.A... .. Alex. Bartlett... .. Windsor, St. Andrew's
 11 *T. Nattress, B.A... .. R. Atkinson... .. Amherstburg
 12 J. M. McLaren, B.A... .. A. Denholm... .. Blenheim and Guilds
 13 J. A. Mustard, B.A... .. Dr. McRitchie... .. Botany and Kent Bridge
 14 Hugh Cowan, B.A... .. J. Johnston... .. Dawn Centre and North Dawn
 15 John Radford... .. R. Keith... .. Blytheswood, etc
 16 J. J. Brown, B.A... .. Robt. Young... .. Bothwell, etc
 17 W. D. McPhail... .. James Stewart... .. Tilbury
 18 *N. D. Keith, B.A... .. J. Ross... .. Leamington
 19 Vacant... .. W. Sherman... .. Thamesville and Turin
 20 " .. D. Stewart... .. Comber and W. Tilbury
 21 " .. D. R. Farquharson... .. Tilbury East, etc
 22 " .. J. Lawrence... .. Dresden

MISSION STATIONS.

- J. P. McInnes, (O.M.)... .. John Purvis... .. Puce, Renaud Line, etc
 A. McGregor, B.A., (O.M.)... Thos. Hood... .. Harrow and Kingsville
 Buxton and Sanderson
 Bent Path
 Morpeth and Scotland
 South Bend

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM—Continued.

MINISTERS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS.

1	R. Stevenson...	Morpeth
2	J. B. Scott...	Leamington
3	W. Galloway...	Ridgaton
4	A. McDiarmid...	Windor

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

CONGREGATIONS.

1	*Robert Hamilton, D.D.	Alma Grant	Motherwell and Avonbank
2	Alex. Grant, M.A.	John N. Gray	St. Marys, Knox Church
3	Peter Scott	T. Laing	Hibbert
4	*E. W. Panton	Alfred Mowat	Stratford, St. Andrew's
5	John W. Cameron, B.A.	Wm. Waddell	N. Mornington
6	*A. G. McLachlin, B.A.	*D. McKenzie	E. Zorra and Brooksdale
7	*J. D. Ferguson, B.A.	*Wm. Ross	Harrington
8	M. L. Leitch	James Collin	Stratford, Knox Church
9	John Graham, B.A.	*Robert Boyes	Avonton and Carlingford
10	Richard Pyke	James Riddle	St. Andrew's and Shakespere
11	W. A. Bradley, B.A.	Thomas Gourley	Mitchell
12	T. A. Cosgrove, M.A.	*F. McMaster	St. Marys, First Church
13	W. W. Craw, B.A.	J. Dunn	N. and S. Nissouri
14	Robt. F. Cameron	Geo. Mayberry	N. Easthope and Hampstead
15	*Ed. F. McL. Smith, B.A.	John G. Stewart	Granton, Lucan and Fraser Church
16	P. A. McLeod, M.A., B.D.	Wm. Spence	Atwood and Monkton
17	*W. M. Haig, B.A.	R. C. Smith	Millbank and Crosshill
18	D. Anderson, B.A.	M. H. Reid	Milverton and Wellesley
19	H. McCullough, B.A.	M. Steele, M.D.	Knox Church, Tavistock
20	Vacant	D. Anderson	Listowell
21	"	"	Monkton and Logan

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

CONGREGATIONS.

1	Robert Ure, D.D.		Retired
2	Matthew Barr		"
3	A. D. McDonald, D.D.	D. D. Wilson	Seaforth, First Church
4	*Archibald McLean	Neil McDonald	Blyth, St. Andrew's
5	Peter Musgrave	Michael Murdie	Duffs Church, McKillop, etc
6	J. A. McDonald	Wm. Purdy	Bayfield Road, etc
7	W. M. Martin, B.D.	Adam Whiteford	Exeter, Caven Church
8	Alex. Stewart, M.A.	James Walkinshaw	Clinton, Willis Church
9	Samuel Acheson	James Mellis	Kippen, St. Andrew's
10	Colin Fletcher, M.A.	R. G. Ratcliffe	Thames Road and Kirkton
11	*J. A. Anderson, B.A.	Alex. Saunders	Golerich, Knox Church
12	S. A. Carriere	Chris. Borthwick	Grand Bend
13	J. S. Henderson	Robert McLaren	Hensall, Carmel Church
14	J. A. Hamilton, M.A.	Wm. Lowry	Burns Church, Hullett, etc
15	*James Hamilton, B.A.	Wm. McMath	Leeburn, Union Church, etc

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE—Continued.

	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
6	John Johnston...	John Petrie...	Paisley, Knox Church
7	James R. Craigie, M.A.	John Cooper...	Hanover and Hampden
8	*A. H. Drumm...	Allan Barbour...	Port Elgin
9	Wm. Mowat...	Robert Millar...	Allenford, Elsinore and Skipness
10	Isaac McDonald, B.D....	M. L. Martin...	Glammiss, St. Paul's
11	J. S. Conning...	Robert Marr...	Walkerton, Knox Church
12	K. McLennan, M.A....	D. Matheson...	Tiverton
13	E. A. McKenzie, B.D....	M. A. Halliday...	Chesley, Geneva Church
14	W. T. Ellison...	Angus McCauley...	Southampton
15	Vacant...	R. C. Bruce...	Tara
16	"	J. C. Eckford...	Pinkerton and West Brant
17	"	Peter Stewart...	West Arran and Dumblane

MISSION STATIONS.

Salem Church, Elderslie
Dobbinton and Gillis Hill

The changes on the rolls were then submitted, except in the case of Stratford. It was resolved to receive them to be carefully revised by the Permanent Clerk and engrossed on the Record. Changes in
the Rolls.

TRANSLATIONS.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

1.—Mr. S. C. Graeb was translated from Port Dalhousie to Fern Ave., Toronto, on the 12th day of June, 1898.

2.—Mr. J. S. Conning on the 29th day of January, 1899, from Caledonia to Walkerton in the Presbytery of Bruce.

3.—Mr. James Murray from Knox Church, St. Catharines, to Erskine Church, Toronto on the 6th day of February, 1899.

Presbytery of Paris.

Mr. J. K. Cranston was translated from Verschoyle and Culloden to Eden Mills and Rockwood in the Presbytery of Guelph, on the 16th day of May, 1898.

Presbytery of Chatham.

1.—Mr. W. Patterson was translated from Leamington to Buckingham in the Presbytery of Ottawa on the 28th day of November, 1898.

2.—Mr. T. D. McCullough from Dresden to Guthrie Church, Harriston in the Presbytery of Saugeen on the 10th day of April, 1899.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

1.—Mr. A. McD. Haig was inducted into the charge of Smithville and Muir's Settlement on the 26th day of April, 1898.

2.—Mr. James Buchanan was inducted into the charge of Pelham and Louth on the 4th day of August 1898.

3.—Mr. Wm. Wallis was ordained and inducted into the charge of Port Dalhousie on the 8th day of October, 1898.

Presbytery of Paris.

Mr. A. Stewart was ordained and inducted into Verschoyle and Culloden January 17th, 1899.

Presbytery of London.

Mr. A. J. McGillivray was inducted into St. James Church, London, July 26th, 1898.

Mr. J. Lindsay was translated from Banks, Etc., in the Presbytery of Barrie, and inducted into Kintore Dec. 29th, 1898.

Presbytery of Sarnia.

Mr. W. G. Richardson was ordained and inducted into Wyoming and Plympton, June 21st, 1898.

Mr. W. D. Bell was ordained and inducted into the charge of Corunna, Moretown, etc., July 26th, 1898.

Mr. James Barber was ordained and inducted into the charge of Forest, November 1st, 1898.

Mr. John R. Hall was ordained and inducted into the charge of Albert St., Sarnia, March 14th, 1898.

Presbytery of Chatham.

Mr. J. J. Brown was ordained and inducted into the charge of Bothwell, Florence and Sutherland's Corners on the 10th day of May 1898.

Mr. Gustavus Munro was inducted into the charge of Ridgetown on the 23rd day of June 1898.

Mr. W. D. McPhail was ordained and inducted into the charge of Tilbury on the 11th day of October, 1898.

Mr. N. D. Keith was ordained and inducted into the charge of Leamington on the 8th day of January, 1899.

Presbytery of Stratford.

Mr. D. Anderson was inducted into the charge of Milverton and Wellesly on the 31st day of March, 1898.

Mr. H. McCulloch was ordained and inducted into the charge of Tavistock on the 31st day of May, 1898.

Presbytery of Maitland.

Mr. Colin Sinclair was inducted into the charge of Knox Church, Ripley and Knox Church, Bervie on the 11th day of July, 1898.

Presbytery of Bruce.

Mr. W. T. Ellison was ordained and inducted into the charge of Southampton on the 27th day of September, 1898.

Mr. J. S. Conning was inducted into the charge of Walkertown, Knox Church on the 2nd day of February 1899.

DEMISSIONS.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

Mr. W. P. Walker, demitted the charge of Binbrook and Saltfleet on the 26th day of March, 1899.

Mr. D. B. Marsh demitted the charge of Blackheath, East Seneca and Abingdon on the 26th day of March, 1899.

Presbytery of London.

Mr. John Munro demitted the charge of Kintore on the 1st day of June 1898.

Mr. D. L. Dewar demitted the charge of Ailsa Craig and Carlisle on the 8th day of November, 1898.

Mr. W. H. Anderson demitted the charge of Aylmer and Springfield on the 8th day of November 1898.

Mr. A. Fraser demitted the charge of Mosa, Nov. 8th, 1898.

Presbytery of Sarnia.

Mr. James Pritchard demitted the charge of Forest on the 28th day of May, 1898.

Mr. F. O. Nichol demitted the charge of Albert St. Church, Sarnia, on the 5th day of November, 1898.

Presbytery of Chatham.

Mr. John Bracket demitted the charge of Thamesville and Turin on the 31st day of December, 1898.

Mr. A. L. Manson demitted the charge of Tilbury East and Valetta on the 30th day of January, 1899.

Mr. A. T. Coulter demitted the charge of Comber and Tilbury West on the 20th day of February, 1899.

Presbytery of Stratford.

Mr. William Cooper demitted the charge of Listowel on the 11th day of December, 1898.

Presbytery of Huron.

Mr. Walter Muir demitted the charge of Union Church, Brucefield, on the 14th day of March, 1899.

A. D. McDonald, D.D., demitted the charge of Seaforth, March 28th, 1899.

Presbytery of Bruce.

Mr. A. H. Kippen demitted the charge of Tara on the 25th day of September, 1898.

Mr. George McLennan demitted the charge of Pinkerton and West Brant on the 13th day of November, 1898.

DEATHS.**Presbytery of Paris.**

Wm. Cochrane, D. D., Minister of Zion Church, Brantford, and Clerk of the Synod of Hamilton and London, died on the 17th day of October, 1898.

Presbytery of Sarnia.

Mr. James Pritchard, late of Forest, died at Goderich on the 29th day of January, 1899.

Presbytery of Stratford.

Mr. W. M. McKibbin, Clerk of the Presbytery of Stratford, died on the 30th day of May, 1898.

Presbytery of Maitland.

Mr. John Stewart, retired, died at Kincardine on the 29th day of December, 1898.

CHANGES IN CONGREGATIONS.**Presbytery of Hamilton.**

The name of the congregation of Siverhill was changed to Carholme on the 17th day of January, 1899.

Presbytery of Paris.

St. Andrew's Mission, Brantford, was granted organization as a self supporting pastoral charge on the 14th day of March, 1899.

Presbytery of Sarnia.

A Mission Station was organized in Enniskillen to be known as St. John's Church, Enniskillen, on the 14th day of March, 1899.

Presbytery of Chatham.

A Mission Station was organized at South Bush on the 27th day of September, 1898.

A Mission Station was organized and united with the Buxton Mission on the 11th day of October, 1898.

Presbytery of Maitland.

McIntosh and Belmore were received from the Presbytery of Saugeen, and their minister's name, Mr. A. C. Stewart, placed on the roll, on the 19th day of July, 1898.

Presbytery of Bruce.

Chalmers Church, Kincardine Township was received from the Presbytery of Maitland on the 1st day of August, 1898.

LICENSURES.**Presbytery of London.**

Mr. A. P. Sinclair was licensed to preach the Gospel on the 12th day of July, 1898.

Presbytery of Sarnia.

Mr. W. D. Bell was licensed to preach the Gospel on the 21st day of June, 1898.

Presbytery of Huron.

Mr. R. W. Dickie was licensed to preach the Gospel on the 12th day of July, 1898.

MINISTERS RECEIVED.**Presbytery of Chatham.**

Mr. A. McDiarmid was received on Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Sarnia, as a minister without charge residing within the bounds on the 13th day of September, 1898.

Presbytery of Maitland.

The name of Mr. David Wardrope, retired minister, was placed on the roll on the 7th day of March, 1899.

Mr. Colin Sinclair was received as a minister of this church by permission of the General Assembly on the 30th of June, 1898.

TRANSFERS.**Presbytery of Sarnia.**

Mr. Archibald McDiarmid, minister without charge, was transferred to the Presbytery of Chatham on the 12th day of July 1898.

Presbytery of Maitland.

Mr. George Law was transferred to the Presbytery of Melita on the 25th day of January, 1899.

Presbytery of Bruce.

Mr. George McLennan was transferred to the Presbytery of Hamilton on the 15th day of December, 1898.

A suggestion was also received and adopted that the Clerks of the several Presbyteries be instructed to observe a uniform order in reporting the several changes in the roll.

Moderator
Elected.

The Moderator then stated that the period for which he had been appointed to the office, having expired, the Synod was prepared to elect a successor; and thanked the Synod for the support he had received.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Ratcliffe, seconded by Mr. W. J. Dey, the [Rev. Mungo Fraser, D. D., was nominated as Moderator. No other name having been proposed, Dr. Fraser was elected unanimously, and took the chair. In appropriate terms he thanked the Synod for the honor done him.

Committee
re death of
Dr. Cochrane.

On motion of Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. McMullen, a committee was appointed to prepare a suitable minute in reference to the removal by death of the late Clerk, Dr. Cochrane, viz: Dr. Thompson, Dr. McMullen and Dr. Hamilton, to report to-morrow forenoon.

Moderator
thanked.

On motion of Mr. Alex. Henderson, seconded by Mr. S. W. Fisher, the thanks of the Synod were given to Mr. McCuaig for his able and efficient conduct in the chair during the past year, and for the excellent and timely sermon preached to-night.

Dr. Laing
ad. interim
Clerk.

On motion of Dr. McMullen, duly seconded, the Synod heartily approved of the conduct of the ex-Moderator in requesting Dr. Laing to act as Clerk to prepare the business for this meeting, and appointed Dr. Laing clerk ad interim, until a permanent Clerk should be appointed.

Clerk to be
appointed
to-morrow.

It was moved by Mr. E. Cockburn, seconded by Mr. G. C. Patterson, that a committee be appointed to nominate a Clerk, on being put the motion was lost.

It was then agreed that the election of a permanent Clerk take place to-morrow at noon.

The Business Committee then reported, and after careful consideration the following committees were appointed:

Report of
Business
Committee.

1.—Committee on Bills and Overtures—The Clerks of Presbyteries with Messrs. W. A. Cook, D. Y. Ross, E. H. Sawers, James Argo, P. A. McLeod, James Anderson, Dr. Murray, James Fitzpatrick, R. Aylward; Ministers; F. Reid, A. McGaw, I. Rathburn, Alex. Bartlett, J. C. Stewart, Wm. Fotheringham, W. Little, M. A. Halliday, Alex. Smith, Elders.

Committee
on Bills.

2.—Committees to examine Presbytery Records:

HAMILTON—Messrs. R. M. Hamilton, R. Pettigrew and Peter Clark.

PARIS—Messrs. A. McWilliams, Geo. Munro and Jas. Law.

LONDON—Messrs. W. G. Jordan, E. R. Hutt and F. McMaster.

CHATHAM—Messrs. D. Duff, G. C. Patterson and W. Waddell.

STRATFORD—Messrs. R. Henderson, W. R. Ross and R. Boyse.

HURON—Messrs. A. McD. Haig, J. C. Tolmie and J. Johnston.

MAITLAND—Messrs. R. Haddow, A. H. Drumm and W. Pott.

BRUCE—Messrs. J. S. Hardie, J. McNeil and R. J. Robertson.

SARNIA—Messrs. W. J. Dey, J. H. Ratcliffe and Neil McDonald.

Messrs. J. H. Ratcliffe and J. S. Howie were appointed Auditors.

Auditors.

Committee on Licensing Students—Dr. Thompson, A. McLean and R. H. Guthrie.

Licensing
Students.

Committee to Nominate Standing Committees—Mr. Alex. Henderson, Convener; Messrs. E. Cockburn, S. W. Fisher, F. H. Larkin, Dr. Hamilton, A. H. Drumm, T. A. Bell, S. M. Whaley and James Hamilton.

To nominate
Standing
Committees.

It was resolved that the hours of meeting be from 9.30 a. m. to 12.30 p. m., from 2 p. m. to 5.30 p. m., from 7.30 p. m. to 10.00 p. m.

Hours of
Meeting.

Presbyteries
allowed to
meet.

Leave was given to Presbyteries to meet during the intervals between the Sederunts.

Report of
Committee
on Conference

The Committee on Conference reported through Mr. J. G. Shearer, Convener, who stated that a copy of the programme had been sent to each member of Synod. The report was received and adopted.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 9.30 a. m. and the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Constituted.

At Brantford and within the First Presbyterian Church there, the twenty fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine years, at 9.30 a. m., the Synod of Hamilton and London met according to adjournment and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Minutes read.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and approved.

Report of
Committee
on Bills:

The report of the Committee on Bills and Ordinances was presented, received and the order adopted.

Dr. Robertson
to be heard.

It was resolved that Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, should be heard to-morrow at 11 a.m.

Letter from
Miss Phillipotts.

A letter was read from Miss Phillipotts, Lady Principal of the Brantford Young Ladies College, inviting the members of the Synod to visit the College to-day or to-morrow between the hours of 4 and 6 p. m.

Dr. Fletcher moved, seconded by Mr. Drummond, that we accept on behalf of the members of Synod the invitation to visit the College to-day from 4 to 6. The motion was carried.

Committee of
the whole
Conference.

It was agreed on motion of Dr. McMullen, duly seconded, that the Synod resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and proceed with the conference programme previously adopted. Dr. Fletcher in the chair.

Dr. Thompson read a paper on "The message of the Church to the Nations." He was followed by Mr. J. D. Edgar, Dr. McMillen, Dr. Lyle, Mr. T. Nattress and Dr. Johnstone.

Dr. Lyle read a paper on "The Sin of Adam, its Nature and Transmission." The reading of this paper was followed by an animated discussion, participated in by a number of members of Synod.

At twelve o'clock the moderator took the chair and the election of a permanent Clerk was proceeded with. It was agreed that the election should be by nominations and ballot. Mr. F. McCuaig nominated Mr. J. H. Ratcliffe, of St. Catharines. Mr. Gustavus Munro nominated Mr. Alex. Henderson, of Appin. The scrutineers appointed by the moderator reported that Mr. Ratcliffe had received a majority of the votes cast. On motion of Dr. Lang, duly seconded, Mr. Ratcliffe was appointed permanent Clerk of Synod. In a few words Mr. Ratcliffe thanked the Synod for the honor conferred upon him.

Moderator
took the
chair.

Election of
Clerk.

Mr Ratcliffe
appointed
Clerk.

Dr. Thompson reported to the Committee appointed to prepare a minute regarding Dr. Cochrane, late clerk of the Synod, which was adopted, ordered to be entered into the minutes and a copy sent to Mrs. Cochrane. It is as follows:

Minute re
Dr. Cochrane

The Synod desires to put on record its sense of the great loss which it has sustained since its last meeting in the removal by death of our venerable and venerated brother, Dr. Cochrane, whose works of faith and love in the Church have been so abundant and so varied.

Ever since the formation of this Synod, at the time of the Union of the Churches, Dr. Cochrane has performed the duties of Clerk, extending over a period of twenty-four years, and during all this time he commended himself to the most exacting judgment of the brethren, and was among them all "a brother beloved."

Further, this Synod hereby expresses its appreciation of the great and unceasing services which Dr. Cochrane was enabled to render the whole Church of which for thirty-six years he was a cherished member, and a most faithful Minister of the Gospel, and one who endeared himself, not only to his own ever increasing flock, who now fondly cherish his memory, but to the church at large which he served so long and faithfully.

Our departed brother had many and rare gifts which fitted him for a many-sided service in the Gospel ministry, and all of which he used without stint and to the utmost of human possibility. His influence has been felt in every department of the Church work and throughout the bounds of the Dominion. He has put the whole church under a debt of gratitude to the

Master who gave us His servant to labor so faithfully in his vineyard.

The Synod would make special mention of his invaluable services in connection with our Home Mission work, of whose committee he was the trusted Convener for 27 years. Here he showed a devotion seldom known among men, for his interest instead of flagging, grew in intensity with the growth of years.

His brotherly disposition and genial manner—so free and lively and unrestrained—endeared him to all to whom he ever stood in any relation.

We thank God for the distinguished place He was pleased to give our brother in the church, the rare endowments with which he was blessed, which made him a guide and a leader in our Church Courts, and one who helped to shape her policy.

We feel that our brother has left us who yet serve in the ministry a singularly noble example of devotion to duty, of untiring industry, of loyalty to the church of which he was an ornament, as well as his deep and abiding interest in those other questions that concern the welfare of our country and in all the institutions of our land that have for their object the welfare of our fellow men. As a citizen and a patriot no less than as a churchman we may well copy his life. We pray for a baptism into his spirit of self forgetful devotion and zeal in all noble works, and for efficiency in the Gospel Ministry, and that the Lord of the Vineyard may raise up other laborers into the harvest.

The Synod adjourned to meet at 2.30 p. m. and the sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At Brantford and within the First Presbyterian Church, the twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine years, at 2.30 p. m. the Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted with devotional exercised.

Huron record
attested.

The records of the Presbytery of Huron were attested as carefully and correctly kept.

Report of the
Committee re
Salary of
Clerk.

The special committee appointed with reference to the salary to be paid to the late Dr. Cochrane, reported recommending that the estate of Dr. Cochrane

be paid the full salary for the year, and that Dr. Laing be allowed the sum of fifty dollars for his services as Acting Clerk. The report was on motion received and its recommendations adopted.

The Synod again entered upon the work of the Conference, Dr. Fletcher presiding. Mr. W. G. Jordan read a paper on "The Minister, God's Messenger," which was followed by another prepared by Mr. John Young, and a helpful discussion.

Conference resumed.

The subject of "Public Worship" was introduced. Dr. Laing gave an address on "Order of Service in Public Worship," Mr. E. Cockburn read a paper on "Prayer in Public Worship," and Mr. R. Haddon on "Praise in Public Worship." Discussion followed, participated in by several brethren until the time of adjournment.

The Moderator resumed the chair, announced that the Synod would stand adjourned till 7.30 p. m. and closed the sederunt with the Benediction.

Moderator in chair. Adjourned.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At Brantford and within the First Presbyterian Church there, the twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine years, at 7.30 p. m. the Synod of Hamilton and London met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Constituted.

The minutes of the morning and afternoon sederunts were read, amended and approved.

Minutes read.

Dr. Thompson presented the report of the Committee on the Licensing of Students. It sets forth that application had been made to take on public trials for licenses four young men who had completed their studies; from the Presbytery of Hamilton, on behalf of Mr. James R. Harcourt and Mr. Robert Burton; from the Presbytery of Stratford, on behalf of Mr. James Abrey; from the Presbytery of Chatham on behalf of Mr. T. C. Hood; that the papers in each case were regular, and recommended that the leave craved be granted. The report was on motion duly seconded, received and its recommendations adopted.

Report of Committee on Licensing Students.

The Auditors reported that they had examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and found them correct. The report was received and the thanks of the Synod tendered to Mr. Rutherford for his faithful services.

Auditors Report.

Conference resumed.

The Conference resumed consideration of the subjects set down for the evening, Dr. Fletcher in the chair.

Mr. R. Wm. Ross read a paper on "The Pre-eminence of Christ" followed by Mr. Robert Aylward, Mr. E. R. Hutt and others.

Moderator in chair.

Mr. F. H. Larkin read a paper on "The Work of the Holy Spirit as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles" and was followed by Mr. A. McWilliams, Dr. Johnston, Mr. Frank Reid and other members of the Court. After a few closing remarks by the Chairman, the Moderator took the chair. The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock and the sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

Adjourned.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Constituted.

At Brantford and within the First Presbyterian Church, this twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine years at 9.30 a. m. the Synod of Hamilton and London met according to adjournment and was constituted, Mr. Munro, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

Minutes read.

The minutes of the previous sederunt were read and sustained.

Report of Committee on Bills.

The report of the Committee on Bill and Overtures was presented, on motion it was adopted fixing the order of business.

Report of the Brantford Y. L. C.

The report of the Brantford Young Ladies' College was presented and read by Dr. Laing. On motion the report was received. The Board of Directors asked the Synod to appoint a Visitor, and, in view of the removal of Dr. Cochrane, the Governor of the College, to appoint an advisory committee to co-operate with the Board.

Visitor appointed.

The Synod agreed to grant the request of the Board. Mr. W. J. Clarke was appointed Visitor; and the Committee to advise with the Board, Dr. Laing, Mr. E. Cockburn, Mr. Neil McPherson, Dr. Thompson and Mr. W. J. Clark.

Advisory Committee appointed.

Will of Thos. McMullen.

A paper from M. T. H. Luscombe, with correspondence, regarding the will of the late Thomas McMullen was read. Mr. Frank Reid moved, seconded by Dr. Laing, that the Clerk be instructed to reply to the communication from T. H. Luscombe re will of Mr. McMullen.

len, that the Synod does not see that it is in any way interested in the funds mentioned in the said will, but thinks that it is a matter for the executors to refer to the Civil Court for interpretation.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. John Currie and seconded by Mr. I. Rathburn, that all the correspondence re the will of the late Thomas McMullen be referred to the London Presbytery. On the vote being taken the amendment was carried.

Dr. John James was, on motion of Dr. McMullen, asked to sit with the Synod and correspond. Mr. G. W. Kerby, pastor of the Brant Avenue Methodist Church, was also invited to correspond.

Dr. James asked to sit with the Synod, also Mr. G. W. Kerby.

The following overture from Mr. W. J. Dey was read:—That at future meetings of this Synod the formality of calling the roll be omitted, as is the practice of the General Assembly, and that the attendance of all members present be noted as the attendance of members who arrive after the roll-call is now noted, namely, from their cards sent in to the Clerk giving name and Presbytery. The Synod decided in favor of the overture.

Overture from Mr. Dey.

A letter was read from Mr. John A. Leitch, Chairman of the Public School Board, inviting the members of the Synod to visit some of the Public Schools. On motion the communication was received.

Letter from Mr. Leitch.

At the hour appointed, 11 a. m., Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and the Northwest, addressed the court. At the close of his address, Dr. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. McCuaig, that the Synod expresses its gratification with the address of Dr. Robertson, and pledges itself to support to the utmost the work the work which he so ably represents. This motion was heartily adopted by the Synod.

Dr. Robertson heard.

The Synod proceeded to fix the time and place of its next meeting. On motion of Dr. Thompson, duly seconded, it was agreed to meet on the last Monday of April at 7.30 p. m. in St. Andrew's Church, London.

Next meeting in London.

Mr. D. R. Drummond presented the report on Church Life and Work, the organizing idea of which was 1 Tim., 6: 10, "The love of money is the root of all evil." The report was on motion received and its recommendations considered. During the consideration of the recommendations the hour of adjournment

Report on Church Life and Work.

arrived. Mr. T. Nattress gave notice that at a later sederunt he would move the following:—That at the Synod next year the Conference and Business Sessions of the Synod be alternated.

Mr. R. C. Tibb, Clerk of Toronto Presbytery, and Mr. F. O. Nichol of Brantford were invited to correspond.

Adjourned.

The Synod adjourned to meet at 2 p. m and this sederunt was closed with the benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Constituted.

At Brantford, and within the First Presbyterian Church there, this twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine years, at 2 p. m., the Synod of Hamilton and London met according to adjournment and was constituted, Mr. Haddow at the request of the Moderator leading in prayer.

Minutes read.

The minutes of the previous sederunt were read and sustained.

Church Life and Work.

The Synod resumed consideration of the recommendations in the report on Church Life and Work. After making certain changes, the recommendations as amended were adopted as a whole, on motion of Mr.

Recommendations adopted.

Drummond, seconded by Dr. Johnston. The recommendations are—

1.—That this Synod having heard of the large measure of success attending the various departments of church life and work in the congregations within her bounds during the past year, expresses her profound gratitude and thanksgiving to God; heartily commends the spirit of willing service that has moved so many of her people to give of their time and money; and earnestly prays that, guided by God's Holy Spirit into all truth, she may so read and understand the signs of the times and may so initiate and carry forward methods of work as will hasten the coming of her Master's Kingdom.

2.—That inasmuch as the answers received by the Presbyteries' Conveners indicate that the replies to Assembly's questions have been prepared by one or two individuals, frequently by the Minister alone, the Synod would suggest that the questions be answered in a full meeting of the Session and that the answers be afterward read at a meeting of the congregation,

3.—Remembering the Sacred and All-powerful in-

fluence of home and early religious instruction and noting with apprehension the grave danger to which our present industrial, social, educational and ecclesiastical conditions expose us, this Synod urges that continued and increased diligence be exercised by Ministers, Elders and heads of families in enlarging and deepening the spirituality of the family religious life, giving special prominence whenever occasion offers to the beauty and blessing of the family altar.

4—Believing that a day of weekly rest and opportunity of public worship is a possession of priceless value to the sons of toil and all others, especially in our busy age, this Synod exhorts all, to whom its words come with any degree of authority, to heartily support by vote and the influence of precept and example, all efforts at guarding the sanctity of our Sabbath, and preserving it for the future, free from the inroads of unnecessary labor, pleasure-seeking and gain.

5—In view of the fact that all men are only Stewards of what God has given them power to acquire, and of the further fact that, even though the sense of stewardship is growing and with it systematic and increased giving for God's cause, open doors at home and abroad are inviting the Church into which she cannot enter because she has no funds; in view of the uniform testimony of the reports that worldliness is the great hindrance to our Church life and work, this Synod would press upon the anxious and prayerful consideration of all members and adherents within her bounds these facts; would urge Sessions and Teachers in our Sunday School to lay upon the intelligence and conscience of those in their charge their opportunity and obligations in the use of God's gifts; and upon all who have charge of the financial affairs of our congregations diligent use of such literature and methods as may tend to develop an intelligent, sympathetic and practical interest in all Christian work.

6—This Synod heartily commends the Press for her generous help in publishing Church news, reports of sermons, and communications on moral and religious questions, and expresses the hope that the day may be far distant when for any cause our Canadian press will pander to the unhealthy craving for the sensational, the brutal and the scandalous.

7—We note with great hopefulness the admitted

decrease in intemperance, and inasmuch as our country has voiced its opinion by the plebiscite, and the Government has given its answer thereto, we would urge upon our people a more hearty and active enforcement of the laws already upon our statute books; the practice of total abstinence on Scriptural, philanthropic, moral and scientific grounds, an honest and unpartizan exercise of the franchise on the true line of advance if we are ever to secure the legal prohibition of a traffic that is inimical to social well-being and contrary to the Spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Report to be printed.

It was agreed on motion of Dr. Johnston, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, that the report on Church Life and Work be printed and sent out with the Minutes of Synod. Also that ministers be urged to bring the important matters contained in the report before their congregations. On motion a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Drummond for his most excellent report.

Dr. Drummond thanked

Visitors report B. Y. L. C.

Mr. Shearer read the report of Mr. McPherson, the Synod's visitor to the Biantford Young Ladies' College, which was on motion received.

Report of Conference Committee.

Mr. Shearer reported for the Conference Committee, recommending (1) That a Conference be held next year in connection with the meeting of the Synod, (2) That a committee be appointed to make arrangements. The report was received and its recommendations adopted. The following Conference Committee was appointed:—Mr. W. J. Clark, Convener; Dr. Johnston and Mr. N. McPherson. To this Committee was referred the motion of which Mr. Nattress gave notice at the previous sederunt.

Committee appointed.

Dr. McMullen in the chair.

The Moderator requested Dr. McMullen to take the chair as he was under obligations to return home. Dr. McMullen took the chair as requested.

Report of the Committee to strike standing Committees.

The Committee appointed to strike standing committees reported through Mr. A. Henderson, Convener. The report as adopted is as follows.

Sabbath School Committee.

Messrs. R. S. G. Anderson, Convener; the Conveners of Presbyteries' Committees; A. McWilliams, J. H. Graham, W. Graham, Dr. Jamieson, Ministers; Messrs. McMaster, T. Nesbit and J. C. Eckford, Elders.

Young Peoples' Societies.

Messrs. J. S. Henderson, Convener; the Conveners of Presbyteries' Committees; R. Wm. Ross, J. S. Conning, T. A. Bell, T. A. Cosgrove, N. McPherson, G. Munro, Ministers; Messrs. D. D. Wilson, H. D. Henderson and J. Law, Elders.

Church Life and Work.

Messrs. D. R. Drummond, Convener; the Conveners of Presbyteries' Committees; John Crawford, W. J. Clark, J. C. Tolmie, A. G. Livingston, J. A. Anderson, J. W. Cameron, James Malcolm, Isaac McDonald, Dr. McKay, Ministers; Hon. A. Vidal, Messrs. A. S. McGregor and F. Reid, Elders.

Augmentation.

Messrs. A. Henderson, Convener; the Conveners of Presbyteries' Committees, with Messrs. W. B. Wood, D. K. McKenzie, Geo. McGillivray (London) and Dr. Hodge (London), Elders.

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

Records
Attested.

The report of the Committee on the Remit re travelling expenses of members of Synod was presented by Mr. M. Hamilton. The report set forth that seven Presbyteries reported, of which five disapproved and two approved. It was moved by Dr. Laing and duly seconded, that the report be received, the diligence of the Committee be commended and thanks be given to them and particularly to the Convener for the care with which it is prepared; but the Synod, not seeing its way clear to institute such a scheme at present, lays the report in the meanwhile on the table. This resolution was carried.

Remit re
travelling
expenses.

Dr. Laing reported on the Remit re a Synodical Evangelist. Three Presbyteries reported, disapproving. It was decided to take no action.

Synodical
Evangelist.

The report of the Sabbath School Committee was read by Mr. Ratcliffe in the absence of Mr. R. S. G. Anderson, Convener. The report was received and its recommendations adopted.

Report of S
S. Commit-
tee.

S. S. publications commended.

The publications of our own church were brought to the notice of the Synod, whereupon it was agreed on motion duly made and seconded that the Synod heartily commends our own Sabbath School publications to the schools within the bounds.

Recommendations adopted.

The recommendations of the Committee adopted by Synod are—

1—That in order to secure accuracy and fulness, as well as promptness of despatch, the Pastor or Session superintend the preparation and issuing of the Sabbath School report.

2—That Clerks of Presbytery be asked to instruct Presbyterian Conveners as to the reports to be prepared and to secure and forward the schedules and reports to the Synodical Convener at least two weeks before the meeting of Synod.

3—That more attention be paid in congregational reports to the Spiritual aspect and to the general work of the Sabbath School, and that this be more fully embodied in the Presbyterial report.

4—That in order to aid the Spiritual life of the family and to increase the interest of the parents in the Spiritual education of their children, Sessions be advised wherever possible to introduce the Home department.

5—That the Ministers and Elders urge a more regular attendance of the children at the public services of the sanctuary.

Augmentation report.

The report of the Augmentation Committee was presented by Mr. Ratcliffe in the absence of Mr. J. C. Tolmie, Convener. The report was received and ordered to be forwarded to the Convener of the Assembly's Augmentation Committee, together with the following resolution adopted by the Synod—

Resolution re Augmentation.

That the work of Augmentation be referred to the Synod's Committee with instructions to correspond with Presbyteries to secure that a representative from the Synod be heard in congregations wherever it is deemed advisable in the interests of the work.

Letter from Mrs. Beatty.

A letter from Mrs. Beatty, Provincial Secretary of the unfermented Wine department of the W. C. T. U., regarding the use of unfermented wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was read. The communi-

cation was was received and laid on the table. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the letter in terms of the above resolution.

Mr. Hutt, in the absence of the Convener, read the report of the Committee on Young Peoples' Societies. The report was received and ordered to be forwarded to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee.

Report of
Committee
on Young
Peoples' So-
cieties.

On motion of Mr. E. R. Hutt, seconded by Mr. James Law, the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Minister and office-bearers of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, for the use of their building and the arrangements made for the meeting of Synod; and to the railways for reduced rates.

Thanks of
Synod.

The business having been concluded, the minutes of this Sederunt were read and sustained.

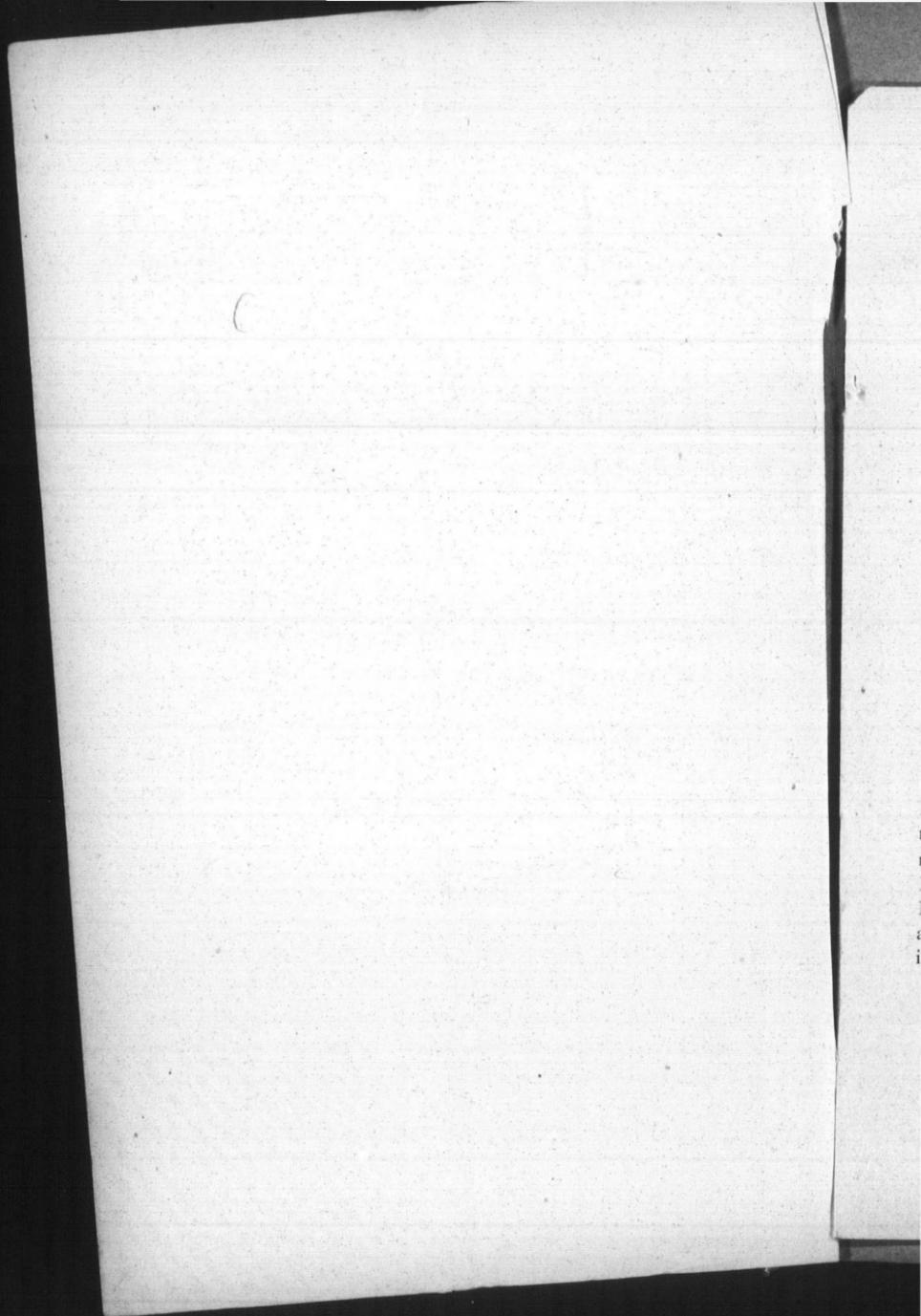
Minutes
read.

The Moderator declared the Synod adjourned to meet again in St. Andrews' Church, London, on the last Monday in April at 7.30 p. m. and closed by pronouncing the Benediction.



The Journal Press, St. Catharines.





Synod of Hamilton and London.

Report of Committee

on

Church Life and Work

1898.

At Brantford and within the First Presbyterian Church this twenty-sixth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety nine, the Synod of Hamilton and London met and was constituted.

Inter Alia.—Mr. D. R. Drummond presented the report on Church Life and Work. The report was, on motion, received and its recommendations considered. After making certain changes, the recommendations as amended were adopted. It was agreed, on motion of Dr. Johnston, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, that the report on Church Life and Work be printed and sent out with the minutes of Synod; also that ministers be urged to bring the important matters contained in the report before their congregations.

Extracted from minutes.

J. H. RATCLIFFE, Clerk of Synod.

St. Catharines, May 2nd., 1899.

To the Reverend, the Synod of Hamilton and London,

MR. MODERATOR, FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

TEXT.—I Tim. 6 : 10. "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."

Your Committee desire to report as follows : Carefully prepared reports have been received from the various conveners on Church Life and Work in every Presbytery within our bounds. We wish (1) to present you with two or three general considerations ; (2) to seek to justify the choice of our text as indicating the point of weakness and of special danger, but also of splendid opportunity in our church life and work.

I. (CONDENSED).

(a) Abundant reasons for thanksgiving to God for many blessings.

(b) The General Assembly's Committee ask questions dealing with, (1) The Home ; (2) The Congregation ; (3) The Sabbath ; (4) Social Questions.

Summarizing the replies it would seem that as regards (1) The Home Religious Life. While the majority refuse to admit decline family worship is at the best irregular and by no means universal, and the teaching of the children is too much delegated to Sunday School and strangers.

(2) The Congregation. Sabbath and communion services are well attended but prayer meetings are very slimly attended ; workers can be readily secured ; giving for the Schemes is not yet up to the mark ; Presbyterians take high rank for integrity in business, and good behaviour in social relationship.

(3) The Sabbath. Well kept but with a tendency decidedly strong against its reverent observance, owing to the bicycle, the love of pleasure and the hope of gain.

(4) Social Questions. We rejoice in a clean, high-toned press, in the main on the side of morality and religion, but with a tendency, for money's sake, to the sensational and culpably prying. The

amusements of the people we leave strictly alone, trusting to the educated conscience of our people, as we ought, to guide them as to the influence for good or evil which their example will exert, and the indulgence which is therefore legitimate.

It is cheering to know that everywhere intemperance is decreasing. In one village a former bar is now a circulating library. And yet when one remembers that there is probably not a single congregation within our bounds in which the sin of intemperance is not a decided hindrance to Christian work ; that there is far more than one session of which the same is true ; that church members on every hand are giving money over the bar for drink, which our reports show is needed to carry forward our mission work at home, or to evangelize the heathen abroad, surely there comes a loud call for sustained, vigorous fight until this giant evil is cast out—root and branch.

(c) But in the midst of hopefulnes and just thankfulness for large success from end to end of the Synod, if you listen attentively you hear an undertone of dissatisfaction and apprehension. In an attempted interpreting of this the balance of our report will consist.

II.

We wish to approach by the following consideration :

The Presbyteries of Huron, Bruce, Maitland and Stratford, chiefly rural, present the most cheering report of progress and satisfactory condition, and evidence their truth by their good works. Every congregation in Huron had enough interest in church life and work to send in a report : every congregation but one in Maitland.

But as we come further south and east, into the district in which our larger towns and cities with their competition and strain are to be found, through which our busier railroads pass, and upon which a greater influence is exerted from across the Line in these we find a less general response, 8 or 10 or 12 congregations in a Presbytery not reporting. At the same time a less hopeful note is struck and a greater apprehension is manifest as to the satisfactoriness of conditions prevailing.

The longer your Committee pondered the replies sent in and the facts thus brought to light the more convinced were they that our text for to-day, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil,"

indicates the point of weakness and of special danger, but also points the direction of great possibility for church life and work in our Synod. Let us illustrate our thoughts by reference to the four main divisions of our Church Life and Work questions.

(a) THE HOME.

While a number very justly lay the blame as a hindrance to family religious life upon mid-week meetings in church and other societies, and another suggests that at least three nights a week should be spent at home, the great majority find the chief difficulty in the competition and struggle of life for money.

The percentage of rural population to city population is greatly diminishing, and even in rural districts conditions are so changed that the old customs are not so easily followed. The increased stock-feeding and the growth of dairying, necessitating early morning work to catch morning trains for the cities, or the preparing for cheese or butter factory nearer home, make imperative demands upon the morning hours just when a family might gather for worship.

A growing percentage of our people find employment on the rail; come and go at all hours of day and night, Sunday or Saturday, and all that breaks in upon the family worship and religious training, while the employees in machine and other shops are up and away in the morning too early, in many cases, for the family to gather.

Thus at both ends of the day, by reason of new industrial and social conditions, families see less of each other and have less opportunity *in the old way* for the development of the family religious life. We must devise methods and lay it upon the conscience of our people to regulate family life to meet the new industrial and other conditions. Why, *e. g.* should not many a family have family worship at noon when the children are home from school, the parents from work, and thus together acknowledge the giver of life's blessings and of all true family joys?

By use of prepared prayers for family worship (the publishing of such a book by the church deserving great consideration—a copy of which, one session suggests, might be given to newly married couples); by placing in every family the *Children's Quarterly* to supply daily readings and cement the older and younger members

of the congregation more fully ; by every possible means let us aid parents in their duty. If we can convince our people that our age makes severer demands upon high manhood and womanhood than any age that has past and that these things that make family worship in the old way difficult, are the very best proof of the need of family religious life, we will develop in them a desire for it. When once there is a will in every home there will be found a way and time.

We are not implying at all that it is not a Christian thing for the heads of families to be up and away to the shop or by rail and thus miss meeting the other members of the family or be otherwise active, late and early, to succeed in life's legitimate labor. We are merely wishing to point the fact which we believe cannot be successfully denied, that our great danger lies in this direction, and that the love of money—money that we must have and that it is right we should have if we use it right—may unconsciously and insidiously be *the* root as well as *a* root of all manner of evil to our home religious life.

(b) THE CONGREGATION.

Sabbath services, when people have nothing else to do, are well up to the mark ; but stock-feeding, railroad and other work begins, to tell in some quarters. But for mid-week meetings we have another tale. The great percentage of our members do not take the prayer-meeting seriously, and back of all reasons we believe that it will be found that it is not time that is wanting ; that it is not the quality of the meetings—the most regular goers are most ready to acknowledge blessing received, it is the pre-occupation of the life by the things of the world—things that may be right in themselves but which, receiving undue space in the life, become roots of all kinds of evil.

It is in another direction, however, that we wish to show the bearing of our text, viz : The givings of the people.

It is quite gratifying to believe that Presbyterians, "God's silly sheep," lead all Canadian churches in their giving, both as to its readiness, amount and spirit ; but none the less, the judgment of our sessions as a whole is that we have not yet attained the necessary liberality.

It is probable that the day of the old style evangelism is gone, and that the next great revival, for lack of which

the Christian church is losing ground with God and men, will be along the line of converted pocket-books, bringing forth fit works in a missionary Christian socialism. Many a Christian is throttling to death his new-born life by too tightly drawn purse-strings. One report says with too much truth, "Christians refuse to take risks on God's promises."

In spite of all the methods followed, envelopes, weekly, monthly, quarterly; half-yearly and yearly offerings, supplemented by young people as collectors, old people, or even the minister as collectors, and all manner of devices it is evident that the information and organization have not yet resulted in the much-needed consecration of our people's wealth.

Men are offering to go abroad and the church cannot send them. Fields are crying out for men at home and the church cannot send them. Our committees cut and carve to make ends meet, and all the time the church has in the hands of professing Christians enough and to spare would they but put it out to the service of Jesus Christ.

Men can expend on social functions ^{parties} and political excitement, and out-rivalling of neighbors in coat or carriage or calves, sums that if given under their name or through their congregations for the Schemes the church would so electrify their fellow-members and point the standard of duty that hundreds and thousands of dollars more would come in.

And, again, we are not implying that these social functions and expenditures are wrong. If they were Christ would never have sat at the feast in Simon's house and have defended the wasteful woman who poured out her costly nard with wanton hand. But this we do imply, and pray that the church in all her membership may soon come to believe that if professing Christians spend all or even the greater portion of their gifts in these selfish ways they are untrue to the Spirit of the Lord who bought them by the pouring out of His life, and said to the disciples, "as the Father has sent Me into the world even so have I sent you. Herein is My Father glorified that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be My disciples."

It is worthy of the church's serious thought that the only miracle of cursing our Lord ever performed was in withering a fruitless fig tree, not because it produced poisonous, dangerous fruit, but because

its show of leaves—its profession of worth—was not backed up by corresponding fruit.

Brethren, there is not a Presbytery; there are only a few congregations in all our bounds, in which these reports do not prove that we have not imbibed and imparted such a controlling sense of stewardship as will lay upon the altar all needed monies. The love of money *overcome* would offer our church her grandest possibility.

Your Committee would humbly suggest that the time has come when our theological colleges should have at least this much of a course in Applied Christianity that some level-headed, practical, consecrated business man, lay or clerical, should give a short course of lectures on the Christian meaning and purpose and use of money or other possession; the Schemes of our church, their number, origin, purpose and accomplishment; the missionary activity at home and abroad; how much money we expend; how and at what cost; so that when our young men go out into harness they may know whereof they speak and may have a sympathy for our church's work as distinguished from merely parish congregational effort.

Failing such a course some, if not all the young men, and old, would do well either before or after, preferably before, advocating the Schemes or other money matters to consult with some sympathetic but shrewd Christian business man who, with his hard-headedness and good sense, will point out the weakness or sentimentality or worse of our attempts in finance, and thus give to our utterance both sound and sense.

The Presbytery of London has commenced a campaign of education on Bible giving. A committee drafted a statement which was discussed in Presbytery very fully before reaching final form. This is being published in pamphlet form under the direction of the Convener, Rev. Alex. Henderson of Appin, for distribution among all families of the Presbytery.

There is practically but one answer from all our congregations as to the great hindering cause to Christian work: Worldliness, worldliness, worldliness; the love of money in converted men and women; and conversely we may hold that if, as a church, we were delivered from this sin of sins, gracious quickening everywhere would come and blessing descend upon our labor.

(c) THE SABBATH.

The same thought reasserts itself in connection with Sabbath Observance. The value of a quiet Sabbath in making church attendance possible and removing a depressing, benumbing atmosphere only those rightly appreciate who are deprived of it. How the whole tone of spiritual life in the home and congregation and world is lowered when every day is alike, and work and toil and the annoying things keep us from the house or worship of God.

Fortunately we in our Province do not suffer as some do, but love of money in those who cater to the love of pleasure in others; love of money in large corporations is taking from not a few their day of rest, and is dulling the public conscience about a matter of supremest moment to individual character, church activity and national well being.

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Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. We cannot give this matter too early or too earnest heed. We cannot show too much sympathy with the Lord's Day Alliance. By denying ourselves our rights, e.g. chaining up some "bikes"; by standing firm for the rights of others whose injustice ^{in order to} minister to our selfishness (e.g. employees of railroads, etc.); ^{household} keeping before our people and the public the necessity of rest and of worship in the laws underlying our physical, mental and spiritual nature, especially in these days of rush and strain, we may curb a little the fearful and ever active strength of the commercial spirit of our commercial age, and keep for our country and people its richest possession—one day in seven in which not to forget the responsibilities and duties of our common days but to learn their deeper significance and revive the strength in which to face them worthily and well.

(d) SOCIAL QUESTIONS.

Under the fourth head nothing need be said more than to emphasize the same thought. If we had in our hotels men who wished to minister merely to a legitimate social instinct and would therefore refuse to sell to the incapable and underserving; if the love of money did not determine the whole affair, we might rest easy about the whole temperance question. But when we know that to most in the business love of money is more than love of souls, sense of honesty, comfort of homes or rights of helpless wives and

children, we must arm ourselves for a continued, long, hard fight till this giant evil is worsted and cast out.

So of the press and reading of the people. Papers and books are primarily business enterprises. As a printer said to me talking on this very matter the other day: "We must make the business pay or burst." Sensational things sell; details of horrible murders; prize fights; the sewer sides of private and public life sell because the people, including church members, buy and buy greedily and read. These buyers are the ultimate cause of the success of such stuff in the press. None the less the press and caterers to amusements are largely responsible for discovering and revealing to the people their own bad taste and yielding to its evil demands.

We are not condemning the press more than its best friends condemn it. In the main it is pure, high-toned, and its columns open to church notices, sermons, letters on religious and moral questions. We are merely noting the point of dangerous temptation against which we need to educate our people and against which Christian editors and newspaper men need to set their faces like a flint.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your Committee desire to present the following recommendations:

1. That this Synod, having heard of the large measure of success attending the various departments of Church Life and Work in the congregations within her bounds during the past year, expresses her profound gratitude and thanksgiving to God; heartily commends the spirit of willing service that has moved so many of her people to give of their time and money, and earnestly prays that, guided by God's Holy Spirit into all the truth, she may so read and understand the signs of the time and may adopt such methods of work as will hasten the coming of the Master's Kingdom.
2. That inasmuch as the answers received by the Presbyteries, conveners and transmitted to, this committee indicate that the replies to the Assembly's questions have been prepared by one or two individuals, frequently by the minister alone, this Synod would suggest that the questions be answered in a full meeting of the Session, and be afterward read at a meeting of the congregation.

3. Remembering the sacred and all-powerful influence of home and early religious instruction and noting with apprehension the grave dangers to stated family worship and religious instruction in the home, to which our present educational, industrial, social and ecclesiastical conditions expose us, this Synod urges that continued and increased diligence be exercised by ministers, elders and heads of families in enlarging and deepening the spirituality of the family life of the people, giving special prominence, as occasion offers, to the beauty and blessing of the family altar.

4. Believing that a day of weekly rest and opportunity of public worship is a possession of priceless value to the sons of toil and all others, especially in our busy age, this Synod exhorts all to whom its words come with any degree of authority, to heartily support by vote and the influence of precept and example all efforts at safeguarding its sanctity and preserving it for the future free from the inroads of unnecessary labor, pleasure seeking and gain.

5. In view of the fact that all men are only stewards of what God has given them power to acquire, and of the further fact that, even though the sense of stewardship is growing and with it, systematic and increased giving for God's cause, open doors at home and abroad are inviting the church into which she cannot enter because she has no funds; in view of the uniform testimony of these reports that worldliness is the great hindrance to Christian work, this Synod would press upon the anxious and prayerful consideration of all members and adherents within her bounds, these facts: would urge sessions and teachers of Sunday Schools to lay upon the intelligence and conscience of those in their charge their opportunity and obligations in the use of God's gifts; and upon all who have charge of the financial affairs, diligent use of such literature and methods as may tend to develop an intelligent, sympathetic and practical interest in all Christian work.

6. This Synod heartily commends the press for their generous help in publishing church news and communications on moral and religious questions, and expresses the hope that the day may be far distant when, for any cause, our Canadian press will pander to the ~~the~~ ^{an} unhealthy craving for the sensational, the brutal and the scandalous.

7. We note with great hopefulness the admitted decrease in intem-

perance and inasmuch as our country has voiced its opinion by the plebiscite, and the government has given its answer thereto, we would urge upon our people a more hearty adoption and active enforcement of the laws already upon our statute books, the practice of total abstinence on scriptural, philanthropic, moral and scientific grounds, an honest, unpartisan exercise of the franchise as the true line of advance if we are ever to secure the ~~legal prohibition~~^{total abstinence} of a traffic that is inimical to social well-being and contrary to the Spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

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