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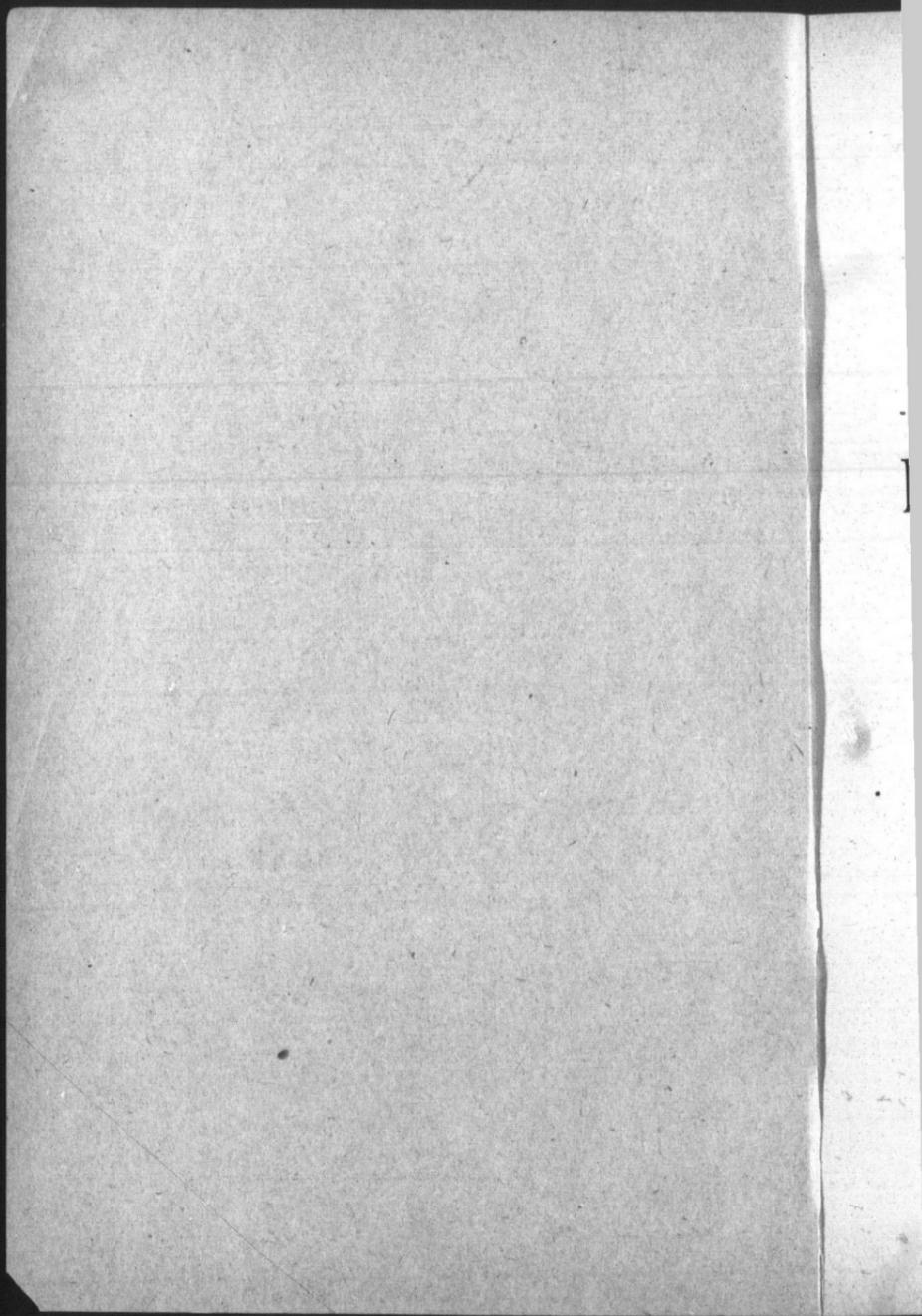
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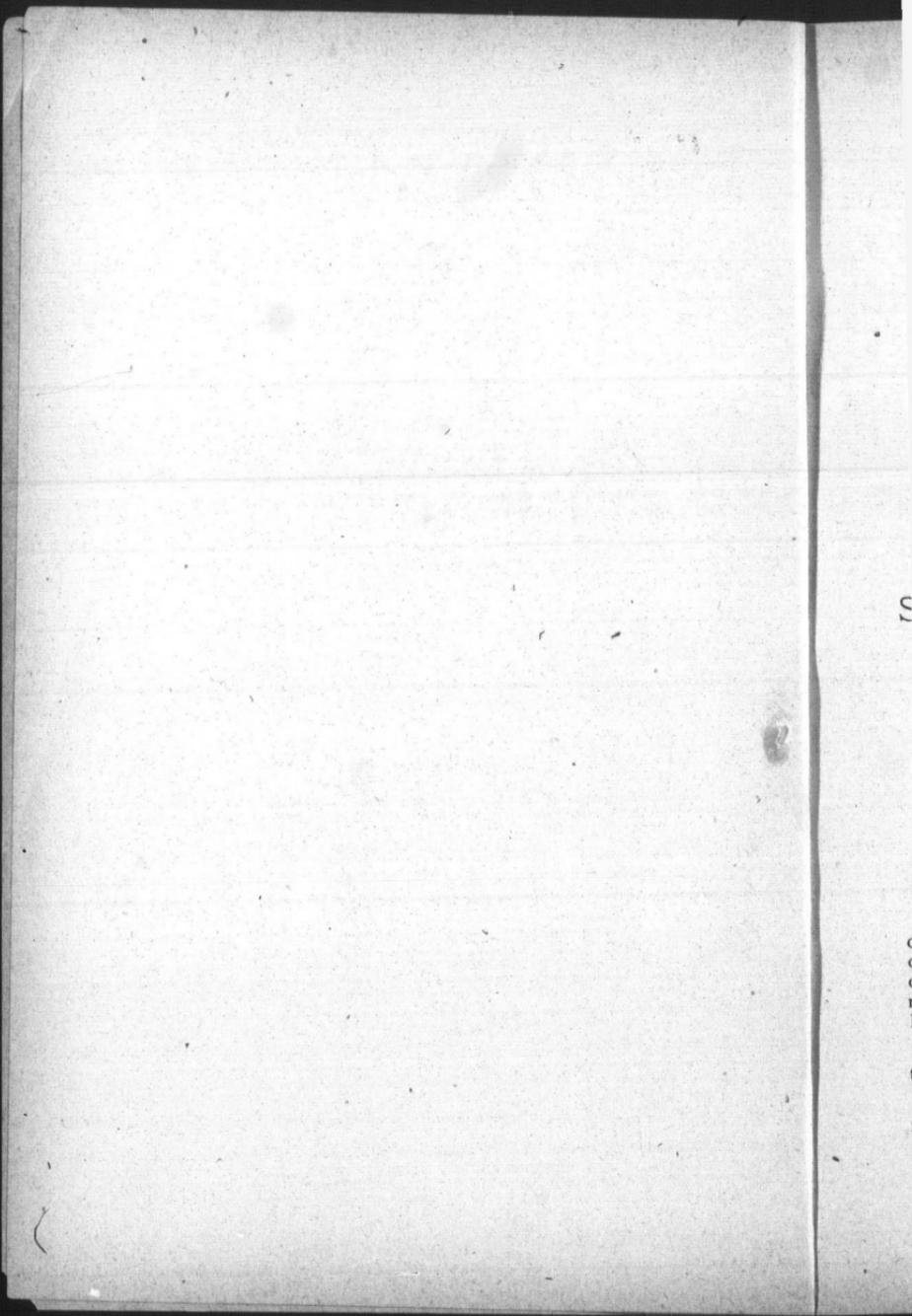
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

At Windsor, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the twentyfirst day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, at half past seven o'clock, p. m., which day and place the Synod of Hamilton and London, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, and after sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Revd. George Cuthbertson, of Wyoming, from Psalm 78, v. 5-8, was duly constituted by praper.

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

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

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | |
|----|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----|
| 1 | James Black | | Retired | |
| 2 | * John Laing, D. D. | James McQueen | Dundas, Knox Church | 1 |
| 3 | John G. Murray | James Smith | Grimsbay and Muir's Settlement | 2 |
| 4 | D. H. Fletcher, D.D. | Al. Davidson | Hamilton, McNab Street | 3 |
| 5 | F. McCuaig | J. H. Burger | Welland | 4 |
| 6 | John Wells, M. A. | W. Clark | Jarvis and Walpole | 5 |
| 7 | George Burson | R. Lawrie | St. Catharines, Knox Church | 6 |
| 8 | * Mungo Fraser, D. D. | A. McPherson | Hamilton, Knox Church | 7 |
| 9 | Sam. Lyle, B. D. | G. Rutherford | Hamilton, Central Church | 8 |
| 10 | Nath. Smith | T. D. Blain | Niagara, St. Andrew's Church | 9 |
| 11 | R. J. Laidlaw, LL.D. | J. Watson | Hamilton, St. Paul's | 10 |
| 12 | W. P. Walker | F. McBride | Binbrook and Saltfleet | 11 |
| 13 | John McClung | J. Brandon, M. D. | Ancaster and Alberton | 11 |
| 14 | S. W. Fisher, B. A. | Jas. George | West Flamboro and Lynden | 13 |
| 15 | D. C. McIntyre, Ph.D. | | Beamsville and Clinton | 14 |
| 16 | * W. J. Dey, M. A. | W. J. Best | Simcoe | 15 |
| 17 | J. H. Ratcliffe | W. J. McCalla | St. Catharines, First Church | 16 |
| 18 | J. Moody, M. A. | J. Logan | Niagara Falls, St. Andrew's Church | 17 |
| 19 | W. J. Penman | W. Brown | Blackheath, Caistor and E. Seneca | 18 |
| 20 | R. H. Abraham, M. A. | G. Thomson | Burlington | 19 |
| 21 | S. Carruthers | R. McQueen | Beverly | 20 |
| 22 | D. G. Cameron | A. Agnew | Strabane and Kilbride | |
| 23 | Jas. Murray, M. A. | W. Leckie | Hamilton, Wentworth Church | |
| 24 | J. A. Hamilton, M. A. | J. Charlton, M. P. | Lynedock, Silverhill and Delhi | |
| 25 | T. H. Peatchell | E. Hutt | West Pelham and Wellandport | |
| 26 | J. A. Young, M. A. | | Drummondhill and Chippawa | |
| 27 | R. McKnight, M. A. | John Moir | Dunnville | |
| 28 | Wm. Mowat | W. Jamieson | Merriton and Port Robinson | |
| 29 | J. G. Shearer, B. A. | Al. Douglas | Caledonia | |
| 30 | E. R. Hutt | D. Bruce | Port Dalkousie and Louth | Re |
| 31 | John Robertson | W. Ivy | Port Dover and Victoria | G. |
| 32 | W. M. Cruickshank | W. Morgan | St. Ann's and Smithville | J. |
| 33 | E. B. Chestnut | J. McCalla | Hayne's Avenue and St. David's | |
| 34 | T. L. Turnbull | W. Fares, M. D. | Port Colborne | |
| 35 | T. G. Thomson | A. Wilson | Waterdown | |
| 36 | Vacant | A. I. Mackenzie | Hamilton, St. Sohn's | 1 |
| 37 | do | | Hamilton, Erskine Church | 2 |
| 38 | do | M. McClung | Cayuga and Mount Healy | 3 |
| 39 | do | D. Mackay | Nelson and Dundas Street | 4 |
| 40 | do | J. Smith | Onelda and Hagersville | 5 |
| 41 | do | Geo. Gray | Thorold | 6 |
| 42 | do | John H. Young | Barton | 7 |
| 43 | do | J. Calder | Carluke, St. Paul's Church | 8 |
| | | | Mission Stations | |
| | | | Fort Erie and Victoria | 9 |
| | | | Windham Centre and Waterford | 10 |
| | | | Residing within the bounds. | 11 |
| 1 | John Gauld | | Hamilton | 12 |
| 2 | R. Moreton, Hon. and Rev'd. | | do. | 13 |
| 3 | W. Robertson | | Waterdown | 14 |
| 4 | G. Crombie | | Smithsville | 15 |
| 5 | K. M. Croll | | Simcoe | 16 |
| 6 | A. K. Caswell | | Waterford | 17 |
| 7 | S. Fenton | | Harley | 18 |
| 8 | J. Scott, D. D. | | Hamilton | 19 |

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|----|------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Thos. Alexander, M. A. | | Retired |
| 2 | Wm. Robertson, M. A. | James Smith | Chesterfield |
| 3 | W. T. McMullen, D. D. | James Bell | Woodstock, Knox Church |
| 4 | *W. Cochrane, D. D. | *Edward Jonathan | Brantford, Zion Church |
| 5 | W. A. McKay, B. A. | James Symington | Woodstock' Chalmers Church |
| 6 | *John Thomson, M. A. | *David Goldie | Ayr, Knox Church |
| 7 | Wm. Wylie | Peter Wilson | Paris, River St. Church |
| 8 | R. Pettigrew, M. A. | Jas. Murray | Glenmorris |
| 9 | E. Cockburn, M. A. | Geo. McVicar | Paris, Dumfries Street Church |
| 10 | G. Munro, M. A. | Jas. Smith | Emburo, Knox Church |
| 11 | D. M. Beattie, B. D. | Adam Armstrong | St. And'ws, E. Oxford and Blenheim |
| 11 | M. McGregor, M. A. | James Bradburn | Tilsonburg and Culloden |
| 13 | R. H. Myers, B. A. | James Barr | Norwich and Windham |
| 14 | R. G. Sinclair | Geo. Bryce | Mt. Pleasant and Burford |
| 15 | J. S. Hardie | *Peter Marshall | Ayr, Stanley Street |
| 16 | W. S. McTavish, B. D. | Jas. H. Fleming | St. George |
| 17 | *J. C. Tolmie, B. A. | Robert Russell | Brantford |
| 18 | Vacant | John Birss | Ingersoll, St. Pauls |
| 19 | do | Robert Spears | Princeton and Drumbo |
| 20 | do | — Silvester | Innerkip and Ratho |

Mission Stations.

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| | Onondaga |
| | Balfour Street, Brantford |
| | New Dundee |

Ordained Missionaries.

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| Robert Chambers | |
| G. L. McKay, D. D. | Tamsui |
| J. H. Buchanan, B. A., M. D. | |

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|----|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | J. J. A. Proudfoott, D. D. | | Lecturer Knox College |
| 2 | W. R. Sutherland | | Retired |
| 3 | *W. S. Ball | J W Robson | English Settlement |
| 4 | John Milloy | | Argyle Church, Aldborough |
| 5 | *L. Cameron | John McKay | Thamesford |
| 6 | W M Roger, M. A. | F Cheesboro | London East |
| 7 | *George Sutherland | P Stevenson | Fingal |
| 8 | J A Murray | Andrew Thompson | St' Andrews, London |
| 9 | *Alex Urquhart | Colin Campbell | Chalmers and Duffs Chs, Dunwich |
| 10 | J M Munro | Alex. McPherson | Kintore |
| 11 | Donald Kelso | Roderick McKenzie | Wallacetown |
| 12 | *Alex Henderson | C Carruthers | Appin and Tait's Corners |
| 13 | F Ballantyne | Robert Thompson | Lobo and North Caradoc |
| 14 | W Galloway | J Nichol | Dorchester and Crumlin |
| 15 | A S Stewart | Malcolm Munro | Mosa |
| 16 | Edward H Sowers | James Armstrong | North and South Westminster |
| 17 | *J B Hamilton | *James Douglas | Wardsville and Newbury |
| 18 | John Currie | Duncan McLean | Kintyre |
| 19 | *Dugald Currie | *J A Younge | Glencoe |

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON (CONTINUED).

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 20 W H W Boyle | D K McKenzie | St. Thomas |
| 21 George A Frances | James McNaughton | Rodney and New Glasgow |
| 22 J Ballantyne | A Guald | London South |
| 23 *Thomas Wilson | Robert McMillan | Dutton |
| 24 J A Brown | *James Shields | Belmont and Kilmartin Church |
| 25 G J A Thompson, Ph.D | Isaac Langford | Bethel Church |
| 26 J A Bloodsworth | Wm Cattanach | Port Stanley |
| 27 Duncan Cameron | David Wyllie | Williams |
| 28 *J B McLaren | John McMaster | Aylmer and Springfield. |
| 29 Robert McIntyre | Thomas McMillan | Delaware and Caradoc |
| 30 F C Simpson | J D Campbell | Melbourne and Riverside |
| 31 Vacant | S M Fraser | First Presbyterian Ch., London |
| 32 do | James Smith | Ailsa Craig and Carlisle |
| 33 do | J Wade | Hyde Park and Komoka |
| 34 do | J Scott | South Delaware and Tempo |
| 35 do | William Webster | St. James, London |

Residing within the bounds.

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| 1 James Gordon, M A |
| 2 R Stevenson |

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
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| 1 John Lees | Samuel Milliken | West Williams |
| 2 *Geo Cuthbertson | John Simpson | Wyoming and Plympton |
| 3 Robert Hume, M A | John McLeish | North Adelaide and Arkona |
| 4 *George McLennan | Robt Davidson | Camachie and Alexander |
| 5 *John Thompson, D.D. | *Francis Blaikie | St. Andrew's, Sarnia |
| 6 *John S Lochead, M.A. | T A Maybury | Parkhill and McGillivray |
| 7 James Pritchard | Angus McPherson | Forest |
| 8 Abijah Beamer | James Harley | Petrolia |
| 9 *John A McDonald | Lewis McBean | Bridgen and Bear Creek |
| 10 *Robt W Leitch | D C Cameron | Point Edward |
| 11 John Anderson | Dougald Frazer | East Williams |
| 12 Hector Currie, B.A. | Thos Carmichael | Theford and Lake Road |
| 13 John W McLintock | David Gray | Guthrie's Church, etc. |
| 14 Jas R Johnston, M.A. | P A McDiarmid | Alvinston and Napier |
| 15 J Campbell Tibb, B.D. | *Wm Neil | Burns Church and Moore Line |
| 16 *R V McKibbin, B. A. | Wm Bie | Oil Springs and Oil City |
| 17 John H Graham, B.A. | John Ross | Watford and Main Road |
| 18 W G Jordan, B. A. | Thomas Gordon | St. Andrews, Strathroy |
| 19 Vacant | | Mandaumin and Vyner |

Mission Stations.

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| | Duthel Church and Sombra |
| | Log Church, Brooke |
| | 10th Line, Brook, Weidman, Inwood |
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PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|----|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | A W Waddell | Wm Colthart | Harwich |
| 2 | A McColl | | Retired |
| 3 | *Wm King | | Retired |
| 4 | *Wm Walker | | Retired |
| 5 | *Arch'd Currie | *F McKericher | Duart and Highgate |
| 6 | John Becket | *Wm O'Neil | Thamesville, etc. |
| 7 | P Boudreau | | Ste. Anne, Illinois |
| 8 | *J Gray | Alex Bartlet | Windsor |
| 9 | *G G McRobbie, Ph.D. | *J Law | Ridgetown |
| 10 | *J R Battisby, Ph.D. | J W Corrie | St. Andrews, Chatham |
| 11 | D Currie | Dr Stewart | Wallaceburg, etc. |
| 12 | Alex Russell | Thos Trotter | Bothwell, etc. |
| 13 | *W M Fleming | Alex Laing | Essex |
| 14 | *Wm Farquharson, B.A. | J Walker | Dover, Chalmer's Church, etc. |
| 15 | *Murray Watson, B.A. | J McR Selkirk | Leamington |
| 16 | *G A McLennan, B.A. | D McAlister | West Tilbury and Comber |
| 17 | *Fredk Larkin, B.D. | J McKeal | First Church, Chatham |
| 18 | *Alex Manson | *F B Stewart | Tilbury East |
| 19 | Thos Mattass, B. A. | John Anderson | Amherstburg |
| 20 | Vacant | J Steel | Cavan Church and North Dawn |
| 21 | do | J S Stewart | Tilbury Centre |
| 22 | do | T B Anderson | Dresden |
| 23 | do | Wm Clourt | Harwich |

Mission Stations.

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| | A Best | Buxton |
| | | Price and Renaud Line |
| | J R Selkirk | Blythwood and Goldsmith |
| | | Wabash |
| | Wm Wood | Colchester |

Residing within the bounds.

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| J B Scott | Leamington |
| H Sinclair | Dresden |
| Wm Forrest | Tilbury Centre |

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|----|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | *Thos McPherson | | Retired |
| 2 | D Gordon | J C Ross | Harrington |
| 3 | *R Hamilton | John Bain | Motherwell and Avonbank |
| 4 | *P Scott | *D Park | Hilbert and Roy's Church |
| 5 | A Stewart | D Forbs | North Easthope and Hampstead |
| 6 | *J Kay | R Struthers | Milverton and Wellsley |
| 7 | R Scott | A McDonald | Brookdale and Burns Church |
| 8 | *A F Tully | Wm Roy | Mitchell |
| 9 | *A Henderson, M.A. | *Wm Lothead | Atwood and Monkton |
| 10 | *E W Panton | Wm Taylor | Stratford, St. Andrews |
| 11 | I Campbell | John Thompson | Listowel |
| 12 | G Crystal | John Campbell | Avonton and Carlingford |
| 13 | *J Turnbull, M.A., LL.B. | John McLean | First Church, St. Marys |

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD (CONTINUED).

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | |
|----|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----|
| 14 | J Campbell | James Gillies | Granton and Lucan | 12 |
| 15 | *W M McKibbin, M.A. | J W Chalmers | Millbank and Crosshill | 13 |
| 16 | Alex Grant | J Gibson | Knox Church, St. Marys | 14 |
| 17 | J W Cameron | James Baird | North Mornington | 15 |
| 18 | *D Perrie | John Ramsay | North and South Nissouri | 16 |
| 19 | R Pyke | James Field | Shakespeare and Tavistock | 17 |
| 20 | James Smith | | India | 18 |
| 21 | Vacant | James Callin | Knox Church, Stratford | 19 |

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | |
|----|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1 | Robert Ure, D.D. | Captain Gibson | Knox Church, Goderich | 22 |
| 2 | Matthew Barr | | Retired | 23 |
| 3 | *A D McDonald | *D D Wilson | First Church, Seaforth | 24 |
| 4 | J A McConnell | James Pollock | Bayfield Road and Berne | 25 |
| 5 | *Arch'd McLean | John Brigham | St. Andrew's Church, Blyth | 1 |
| 6 | Peter Musgrave | George Habkirk | Duff's Church, McKillop, etc. | 2 |
| 7 | W M Martin, B.D. | Adam Whiteford | Caven Church, Exeter | 3 |
| 8 | Alex Stewart, B.A. | James Scott | Willis Church, Clinton | 4 |
| 9 | Samuel Acheson | Thomas Mellis | St. Andrew's Church, Kippen, etc. | 5 |
| 10 | Colin Fletcher, M.A. | James Monteath | Thames Road and Kirkton | 6 |
| 11 | J A Anderson, B.A. | Captain Gibson | Knox Church, Goderich, etc. | 7 |
| 12 | S A Carrier | Wm Fulton | Grand Bend, etc. | 8 |
| 13 | *J S Henderson | James Sutherland | Carmel Church, Hensall | 9 |
| 14 | DM Ramsay, B.A., B.D. | Alex Reid | Burns Church, Hullett, etc. | 10 |
| 15 | J H Simpson | Wm Fotheringham | Union Church, Brucefield. | 11 |
| 16 | Alex McMillan | Samuel Bisset | Knox Church, Manchester, etc. | 12 |
| 17 | Vacant | Samuel Carnochan | Edgmondville | 13 |
| 18 | do | Charles Simons | Bayfield and Bethany | 14 |

Mission Station.

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Residing within the bounds.

William Graham

J B Taylor

PRERBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. | |
|----|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Alex Sutherland | Peter Fisher | Knox Church, Ripley | |
| 2 | *Adam F McQueen | John McDonald | Huron, Ripley | |
| 3 | George Law | James Ferguson | Belgrave | |
| 4 | Alex Y Hartley | John Hutton | Bluevale and Eadies | |
| 5 | Kenneth McDonald | Hugh Chambers | Ashfield | |
| 6 | Hector McQuarrie | W B Hutton | Wingham | |
| 7 | John L Murray | M McPherson | Kincardine | |
| 8 | John McFarlane | Donald Blue | Pine River | |
| 9 | Duncan Davidson | Wm Dawson | Langside | |
| 10 | George McKay | Wm Henderson | Kincardine Township and Bervie | |
| 11 | Arch'd Stevenson | Robert Elliott | Molesworth | |

PRERBYTERY OF MAITLAND (CONTINUED).

| | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|----|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 12 | Donald B McRae | Aaron Panabaker | Cranbrook and Ethel |
| 13 | Finlay A McLennan | Dugald McKinnon | South Kinloss |
| 14 | John Ross, B. A. | Gilbert McCollum | Melville Church, Brussels |
| 15 | Angus McKay | Wm Struthers | Lucknow |
| 16 | Thos Davidson, M.A. | J R Miller | Wroxeter |
| 17 | W H Geddes | John Dawson | Whitechurch and East Wawanosh |
| 18 | David Forrest | James Smillie | Walton |
| 19 | J B Howie, L.A. | Thos Strachan | Knox Church, Brussels |
| 20 | RSG Anderson, MA, BD. | Thos E Finlay | St. Helens and East Ashfield |
| 21 | Samuel Jones | Retired | Brussels |
| 22 | George Brown | do | Wroxeter |
| 23 | Alex. Grant | do | Lucknow |
| 24 | John McNabb | do | Lucknow |
| 25 | Vacant | John Bennett | Dungannon and Port Albert |

Residing within the bounds.

W D Ballantyne, M.A. Kincardine

Alex Mackenzie. do

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

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| 1 | John Scott, D.D. | Retired | |
| 2 | Andrew Tolmie | Adam Esplen | Southampton and West Arran |
| 3 | John Anderson | Neil Gitchrist | Tiverton |
| 4 | Peter Currie | Retired | |
| 5 | David Wardrope | Retired | |
| 6 | John Macmillan | Murdock Martin | Glamis |
| 7 | John James, D.D. | Andrew Kirstine | Knox Church, Walkerton |
| 8 | *Nathaniel Paterson | John Cooper | Hanover and N. Normanby |
| 9 | John Eadie | Peter Cavier | N. Bruce and St. Andrew's, Saugeen |
| 10 | Daniel Duff | Thomas Tulloch | N. Brant and W. Bentnick |
| 11 | James Little | Thomas Brown | Underwood and Centre Bruce |
| 12 | *John Gillis | James Sparron | St. And., Paisley, Salem Ch., Elderst |
| 13 | Robert Gray | Wm. Malcolm | Kinloss, Riversdale and Eniskillen |
| 14 | *James Gourlay, M.A. | D H Gilchrist | Port Elgin and Dunblane |
| 15 | John Johnston | Sam'l Steele | Knox Church, Paisley |
| 16 | John Moore, M. A. | Robert Miller | Allenford, Elnore and Skipner |
| 17 | James Malcolm | Wm Little | Westminster Church, Teeswater |
| 18 | *A R Linton, M.A., B.D. | Adam Sharp | Zion Church, Teeswater |
| 19 | David Campbell | J C Eckford | Pinkerton and West Brant |
| 20 | Donald McKenzie, B.A. | G G Mitchell | Knox Church, Tara |
| 21 | Vacant | D M Halliday | Geneva Church, Chesley |

Ordnained Missionaries. Stations.

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| D H McLennan, M. A. | Thessalon |
| John Rennie | Sault Ste. Marie |
| A G Jansen | Gore Bay |
| D B Rogers | Day Mills |
| | Spanish Mills |
| | Tarbutt |
| | Bruce Mines |
| | Manitowaning |
| | Little Current |
| | Providence Bay |
| | Burpee |
| | St. Joseph's Island |
| | Cockburn Island |
| | Blind River, Algoma Mills, |
| | Walford |

CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

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

TRANSLATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. W. J. Dey, from Erskine Church, Hamilton, to Simcoe, on January 12th, 1890.

Mr. C. D. McDonald, from Thorold, to Kildonan, in the Presbytery of Winnipeg, on March 1st, 1890.

Mr. R. McIntyre, from Nelson and Strabane, to Delaware, in the Presbytery of London, on August 1st, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. Alexander Henderson, from Hyde Park and Komoka in the London Presbytery, and inducted into Appin and Tait's Corners in the same Presbytery, on the 23rd day of January, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Rev. Thomas Macadam, from Strathroy, to Morrin College, Quebec, 22nd October, 1889.

Rev. John N. McLintock, from Mandaumin and Vyner, to Guthrie's Church and Station, in this Presbytery, on the 13th October, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. Peter Wright, B. D., from Knox Church, Stratford, to Portage la Prairie, in the Presbytery of Brandon, on the 21st day of June, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Mr. David Forrest, from Bayfield and Bethany, to Walton, Presbytery of Maitland, on the 15th of May, 1889.

Mr. Joseph McCoy, M. A., from Edmondville, to St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, Presbytery of Miramichi, on the 8th of August, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. D. G. Cameron, from the united congregations of Dunganon and Port Albert, to the charge of the united congregations of Strabane and Kilbride, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, on December 10th, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. W. G. Hanna, B. A., from Knox Church, Tara, to Chalmers Church, Uxbridge, in the Presbytery of Lindsay, on the 4th day of August, 1889.

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ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. E. R. Hutt, at Port Dalhousie and Louth, on June 4th, 1889.

Mr. John Robertson, at Port Dover and Vittoria, on July 30th, 1889.

Mr. W. M. Cruikshank, at St. Ann's and Smithville, on August 20th, 1889.

Mr. E. B. Chestnut, at Hayne's Avenue, St. Catharine's, and St. David's, on August 29th, 1889.

Mr. D. G. Cameron, at Strabane and Kilbride, on December 24th, 1889.

Mr. W. J. Dey, at Simcoe, on January 12th, 1890.

Mr. R. Turnbull, at Port Colborne, on March 11th, 1890.

Mr. T. G. Thomson, at Waterdown, on April 15th, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. J. C. Tolmie, B. A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of First Church, Brantford, on the 23rd day of April, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—

Mr Duncan Cameron was inducted into the pastoral charge of East Williams on the 23rd day of April, 1889.

Mr. J. B. McLaren was inducted into the charge of Aylmer and Springfield on the 23rd day of August, 1889.

Mr. R. McIntyre was inducted into the charge of North Delaware and Caradoc on the 3rd day of September, 1889.

Mr. James A. Beattie was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of South Delaware and Tempo on the 4th day of September, 1889.

Mr. Frederick C. Simpson was inducted into the pastoral charge of Melbourne and Riverside on the 8th day of October, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Rev. John N. McLintock was inducted into the charge of Guthrie's Church and Station October 15th, 1889.

Rev. W. G. Jordan, B. A., into St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, on the 4th April, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. Murray Watson, B. A., was inducted into the charge of Leamington on the 7th day of May, 1889.

Mr. Fredk. H. Larkin, B. D., was inducted into the charge of First Church, Chatham, on the 29th October, 1889.

Mr. Thomas Natrass, B. A., was ordained and inducted into the charge of Amherstburg on the 6th of February, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. Richard Pyke was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Shakespeare, St. Andrew's and Tavistock, on the 24th day of September, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

Mr. R. S. G. Anderson, M.A., B.D., was ordained and inducted into the charge of the united congregations of St. Helen's and East Ashfield on May 13th, 1889.

Mr. David Forrest was inducted into the charge of the congregation at Walton on May 30th, 1889.

Mr. W. H. Geddes was inducted into the charge of the united congregations of Whitechurch and East Wawanosh on July 25th, 1889.

Mr. George McKay was inducted into the charge of the united congregations of Chalmer's Church, Kincardine Township, and Knox Church, Bervie, on March 25th, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. A. J. Jansen was ordained as missionary at Gore Bay on the 30th day of April, 1889.

Mr. David Campbell was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Pinkerton and West Brant on the 5th day of November, 1889.

Mr. Donald McKenzie, B. A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Tara, on the 24th day of December, 1889.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. George Crombie, St. Ann's and Smithville, on June 7th, 1889.

Mr. Robert Croll, Simcoe, on July 1st, 1889.

Mr. A. K. Caswell, Oneida and Hagarsville, January 1st, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

Mr. W. McKinley, Innerkip and Ratho, on the 23rd day of April, 1889.

Mr. H. C. Ross, Knox Church, Ingersoll, on the 24th day of September, 1889.

Mr. P. R. Ross, St. Andrew's Church, Ingersoll, on the 15th day of October, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, First Presbyterian Church, London, on the 15th December, 1889.

Rev. D. McGillivray, St. James Church, London, on the 30th March, 1890.

Rev. James A. Beattie, South Delaware and Tempo, on the 30th March, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Mr. J. H. Paradis, Amherstburg, on the 14th of April, 1889, to accept a call from a French speaking congregation in Lowell, Mass., U. S.

Mr. Angus McColl, First Church, Chatham, on the 21st day of May, 1889, to retire from the active work of the ministry.

Mr. William Walker, First Church, Chatham, on the 21st day of May, 1889, to retire from the active work of the ministry.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

Mr. A. Stewart, Tavistock, on the 11th day of June, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. J. J. Elliott, B. A., ordained missionary at Spanish Mills, demitted his charge of the field in November, 1889.

LICENSURES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Mr. R. Hutt, on April 9th, 1889.

Mr. John Robertson, May 21st, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Mr. Dugald F. McMillan, on the 30th April, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Mr. George Needham, on the 5th of June, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Mr. A. G. Jansen, on the 30th of April, 1889.

DEATHS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON,—

Rev. A. E. Doherty, M. A., of Carluke, died on April 13th, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA,—

Rev. James McKutcheon, minister of Corunna and Mooretown, Died on Dec. 19th, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Rev. Thomas Tallach, minister of Dresden and Knox Church, Township of Chatham, died at Dresden on the 4th of February, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Rev. George Jamieson, minister without charge, on the 14th of February, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

Rev. John Ferguson, M. A., B. D., minister of Geneva Church, Chesley, died on the 15th of February, 1890.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS,—

The congregations of Knox Church, Ingersoll, and St. Andrew's Church, Ingersoll, were united into one pastoral charge, under the name of St. Paul's Church, on the 17th day of December, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON,—

Melbourne and Riverside were formed into a pastoral charge on the 1st day of April, 1889.

Caradoc congregation was separated from Melbourne, joined with North Delaware, and formed into a pastoral charge, on 30th day of April, 1889.

South Delaware and Tempo were united and formed into a pastoral charge on the 1st day of June, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM,—

Colchester was separated from Amherstburg and made a mission station on the 12th day of November, 1889.

The name of the congregation at Essex Centre was changed to that of Essex on the 11th day of March, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD,—

The congregation of Fullarton changed its name from "Fullarton" to "Motherwell" on the 14th day of January, 1890.

The congregations of North Easthope and Hampstead were united into one charge, under the care of Mr. A. Stewart, on the 11th day of June, 1889.

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On the same day the congregations of Shakespeare, St. Andrew's and Tavistock were united to form one pastoral charge.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND,—

The General Assembly, at its meeting in June, 1889, transferred the united congregations of Fordwich and Gorrie from the Presbytery of Maitland, to that of Saugeen, in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston.

Services were discontinued at Trowbridge on the 31st day of December, 1889.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE,—

St. Andrew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, was removed from the list of mission stations and erected into a pastoral charge on the 11th day of March, 1890.

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. A. D. McDonald, seconded by Mr. A. F. Tully, Mr. Arch'd McLean, of Blyth, was unanimously elected Moderator, and took the chair accordingly.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. John Thomson, seconded by Dr. Battsby, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his excellent sermon at the opening of the Synod, and the discharge of his duties during the year.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

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

Presbytery of Hamilton—Dr. Fraser, minister, and Mr. Geo. Rutherford, elder.

Presbytery of Paris—Mr. John Thomson, minister, and Mr. Edward Jonathan, elder.

Presbytery of London—Mr. Alexander Henderson, minister, and Mr. J. A. Young, elder.

Presbytery of Sarnia—Mr. Hector Currie, B. A., minister, and Mr. Francis Blaikie, elder.

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

Presbytery of Chatham—Mr. W. M. McKibbin, minister, and Mr. Donald Park, elder.

Presbytery of Huron—Mr. J. S. Henderson, minister, and Mr. Charles Simons, elder.

Presbytery of Maitland—Mr. A. Y. Hartly, minister, and Mr. W. Henderson, elder.

Presbytery of Bruce—Mr. A. R. Linton, minister, and Mr. Adam Sharp, elder.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

On the recommendation of the Business Committee, the following Committees were appointed to examine the Records of the various Presbyteries :

On the records of the Presbytery of Hamilton—Messrs. J. A. MacDonald and And'w Henderson, ministers, and Mr. David Goldie, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Paris—Messrs. George McLennan and Adam McQueen, ministers, and Mr. Thomas Gordon, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of London—Messrs. A. D. McDonald and W. M. McKibbin, ministers, and Mr. Wm. Lothead, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Sarnia—Messrs. J. S. Henderson and Peter Scott, ministers, and Mr. J. Law, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Chatham—Messrs. W. S. Ball and John Kay, ministers, and Mr. Charles Simons, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Stratford—Rev. Dr. Thompson and Mr. R. W. Leitch, ministers, and Mr. Edward Jonathan elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Huron—Messrs. A. Urquhart and J. C. Tolmie, ministers; and Mr. Wm. Taylor, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Maitland—Messrs. D. Perrin and J. A. Turnbull, ministers, and Mr. John Brigham, elder.

On the records of the Presbytery of Bruce—Dr. McMullen and Mr. W. H. W. Boyle, ministers, and Mr. D. K. McKenzie, elder.

COMMITTEE ON ELDERS' COMMISSIONS.

The following were appointed a Committee on the Commissions of Elders: Messrs. Geo. Cuthbertson and Geo. Sutherland, ministers, and Mr. T. W. Nisbet, elder.

AUDITORS.

The following were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's books and accounts: Mr. A. F. Tully, minister, and Mr. Alexander Bartlet, elder.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS

The following were appointed a Committee to receive applications for the Licensing of Students: Dr. John Thomson and Dr. McMullen, ministers, and Mr. John Hutton, elder.

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 PRESBYTERIES ALLOWED TO MEET.

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

COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, duly seconded, the Moderator was requested to nominate a committee to strike the Standing Committees for the year.

SEDERUNTS OF THE SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Sederunts of the Synod should be from 9 a. m. to 12 noon; from 2 p. m. to 5.30 p. m.; and from 7.30 p. m. to 10 p. m.; and that the first hour of the next Sederunt should be spent in devotional exercises, the Synod to meet for business to-morrow morning at 10 a. m.

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

 SECOND SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, the twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety years, at 9 a. m.

The Synod again met, pursuant to adjournment, when devotional exercises were engaged in from 9 to 10 a. m., in which the Moderator, Dr. Laing, and Mr. Gourlay, ministers, and Messrs. Blaikie and Wilson, elders, took part.

The Synod was then constituted for business by the Moderator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Alex. Henderson, from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented the first report as to the order of business for the day, which was adopted.

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

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator nominated the following Committee to strike Standing Committees: Dr. Laing, convener; John Thomson (Ayr), Alexander Henderson, Dr. Battsby, Dr. Thompson, A. F. Tully, A. D. McDonald, A. R. Linton, ministers; D. D. Wilson, Thomas Gordon and Edward, Jonathan, elders.

BUXTON FUND.

The Clerk read the report of the Committee on the Buxton Fund, showing that the sum of \$231.23 had been received during the year and paid over to Mr. King. On motion of Dr. Cochrane, duly seconded, the report was received and adopted, thanks tendered to the convener and the committee, and the committee re-appointed for the following year. The committee is as follows: Dr. J. R. Battsby, convener, and Messrs. A. McColl and W. Walker, ministers; and Messrs. J. A. Taylor and R. Urquhart, elders.

DIVISION OF MISSION FIELD IN THE BRUCE PRESBYTERY.

There were read deliverances from the Presbyteries of Bruce and Maitland, anent dividing the mission field of the Presbytery of Bruce—the Maitland Presbytery renewing their application for a division of the mission field, and the Bruce Presbytery opposing it. Mr. Gourlay appeared for the Presbytery of Bruce. On motion of Dr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. J. S. Henderson, the whole matter was left over till next meeting of Synod.

OVERTURE ANENT EMPLOYMENT OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

There was read an overture signed by Dr. Laing and other members of the Home Mission Committee and Synod, requesting the Synod to forward it to the General Assembly for full consideration, in order that certain rules may be enacted for the employment of students in Home Mission fields.

Dr. Laing was heard in support of the overture. After discussion, on the motion of Dr. Laing, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, the overture was received and adopted, and Dr. Thompson and Mr. Turnbull were appointed to support it before the General Assembly.

OVERTURE FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY, ANENT THE ENTERTAINMENT OF DELEGATES.

An overture from the Stratford Presbytery, asking for a reconsidera-

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tion of a resolution of last Synod, which discontinued the system of providing homes for ministers and elders attending the meetings of Synod, was read.

Minutes of Presbytery were also read, appointing Messrs. McKibbin, Scott and Turnbull, to support the overture.

Parties having been heard, the overture was discussed at length.

The Synod then proceeded to deliberate.

It was moved by Mr. W. M. McKibbin, and duly seconded, "That the Synod return to the mode of accommodating members of the Synod hitherto in vogue."

Pending the discussion the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 2 p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, the twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety years, 2 p. m.

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

Minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

COMMISSIONS OF ELDERS.

On report of the committee on the Commissions of Elders, the name of Mr. D. D. Wilson, Seaforth, was added to the roll of Synod.

STRATFORD OVERTURE.

The Synod resumed consideration of the overture of the Stratford Presbytery regarding providing homes for the members of Synod during its sessions.

It was moved in amendment to the motion of Mr. McKibbin, by Dr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. W. S. Ball, "That the overture be not entertained, but that the decision of last year be reaffirmed."

It was moved in further amendment by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. A. D. McDonald, "That the whole matter of providing homes for

ministers and elders attending meetings of Synod, be left to the decision of each congregation or locality where the Synod may be held."

Mr. McKibbin, with the consent of his seconder and the court, asked leave to withdraw his motion. This was granted.

The vote was then taken between the amendment of Dr. Cochrane and the motion of Dr. McMullen, when the amendment was carried by a large majority.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Mr. T. W. Nisbet, convener of the Sabbath School Committee, presented the annual report, which showed a gratifying increase in almost every particular.

The report was received, and the recommendations considered seriatim, and after emendations were adopted, as follows:

I. That all schools be urged to adopt the system of Records, authorized by the General Assembly, and strive to send in full returns to the Presbytery conveners.

II. That the Synod, while it is desirous of encouraging systematic study in Biblical and doctrinal truths, yet is not at present prepared to commend the scheme of higher religious instructions as now before the church.

III. That congregations be again enjoined to make more liberal provision for the support of their schools, and that the children be encouraged to do more for the schemes of the church.

IV. That the Assembly's committee be requested to simplify, and improve the class roll book and school register in their relation to one another, so that the register may more easily be filled in each Sabbath.

On motion duly made and seconded, a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. Nisbet for his great labors in compiling the Sabbath school returns, and the interesting report submitted.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD IN RE KNOX CHURCH, STRATFORD, AND REV. THOMAS MACPHERSON.

The Clerk laid upon the table the minutes of the commission held in Stratford May 13th, 1889, which were ordered to be engrossed in the minutes.

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD IN THE STRATFORD CASE.

At Stratford, and within Knox Church there, the 14th day of May, 1889, at three o'clock p.m., which day and place the commission of Synod in the Stratford Case met for conference, prior to the meeting of the congregation to be held in the evening.

Sederunt: Dr. Proudfoot, convener; Dr. Laing, Dr. McMullen, Dr. Laidlaw, Dr. James, Dr. Cochrane and Dr. Thompson, and Messrs. McCuaig, Henderson and McDonald, ministers; and Messrs. T. W. Nisbet and D. D. Wilson, elders.

Dr. McMullen, at the request of the convener, constituted the meeting by prayer. Dr. Cochrane acted as clerk.

Dr. Proudfoot reported that in accordance with the instructions of the commission given him at the close of the meeting of Synod, he had cited the congregation of Knox Church and the Rev. Thomas McPherson to meet with the Commission this evening at 7.30 p.m., and had also cited the Presbytery, to be present by representatives if they saw fit.

Dr. Proudfoot also read a letter from Mr. Wright, of date April 29, asking whether the commission desired the congregation to meet with them, or simply representatives chosen by the congregation. To this he had replied, that the commission desired to meet with the congregation direct, and not by representatives. The same letter also contained a request from the Session and Board of Management of Knox Church, presented by Mr. Wright, that Mr. Adair, formerly a member of Knox Church, but now a member of the Bracebridge congregation, should be invited to be present at the meeting of the commission and congregation. To this request Dr. Proudfoot had replied, that Mr. Adair being no longer a member of Knox Church, could in no way represent the congregation at said meeting.

The commission spent three hours in considering matters in connection with the meeting to be held to-night, and in reading over minutes of Session, Board of Management and Presbytery, and also the financial statement of the congregation from 1877 to 1889.

After which Dr. Proudfoot pronounced the benediction and the commission adjourned, to meet again with the congregation at 7.30 p. m.

Knox Church, Stratford,

May 13, 1889, 7.30 p. m.

The commission met, pursuant to adjournment, Dr. Proudfoot in the chair, and Dr. Cochrane clerk. Devotional exercises were conducted by Drs. Proudfoot, Laing and James. There was a very large attendance of the congregation, along with Mr. McPherson and the Presbytery of Stratford.

Before the business of the commission had been entered upon, Mr. Wright raised the question as to whether this congregational meeting should not have been constituted by the pastor of the congregation, and thereafter a chairman appointed. The commission, however, held that it was the function of the convener to preside, while at the same time all the members of the congregation would have the right, and fullest liberty to take part in all the business of the meeting.

Dr. Proudfoot introduced the business of the commission, and then

called upon the clerk to read the minutes of last Synod appointing the commission, and also the minutes of the Synod of 1888, when the reference was brought under its notice.

Drs. McMullen and Thompson, Mr. McDonald and Mr. McCuaig, and other members of commission having spoken upon the solemnity and results of the present meeting, the congregation was called upon to give its views as to the recommendation of the Synod, that the congregation should give Mr. McPherson \$1500.00 in final settlement of the matter at issue between them.

Mr. Wright and Mr. MacDonald then addressed the commission, calling attention specially to remarks made by Mr. McPherson at the Synod meeting in Brantford, as reported in the *Mail*, that Knox Church, Stratford, "was a disgrace to religion."

After several members of the congregation and commission had spoken at great length, it was agreed to take a vote of the members, yea or nay, on sustaining or not sustaining the Synod's finding, when there voted yea 20 and nay 86. The commission then, in view of the vote of the congregation, proceeded to give judgment in the circumstances of the case. It was then moved by Dr. Laing, seconded by Dr. Thompson, "That in accordance with the recommendation contained in the report of the committee, the commission find that Mr. McPherson is entitled to receive the sum of \$1500.00, which he has agreed to accept in final settlement of his claim for a retiring allowance, and the commission enjoins the congregation to make arrangements for paying that sum to Mr. McPherson."

After addresses by Dr. Cochrane, Mr. Nisbet, and others, the vote was taken on the motion of Dr. Laing, and unanimously agreed to by a standing vote.

The Presbytery was requested to report to the Synod, at Windsor, in 1890, what action had been taken by the congregation in reference to the injunction of Synod.

The commission then adjourned *sine die*, the benediction being pronounced by the convener, Dr. Proudfoot.

The Rev. Mr. Tully, clerk of the Stratford Presbytery, in accordance with the instructions of the commission given the Presbytery, submitted correspondence that had passed between Dr. Proudfoot, the convener of the commission, and certain members of a committee, which it was alleged had been appointed with full powers to meet with the commission of Synod, or with Synod itself.

It was then moved by Mr. A. D. McDonald, seconded by Dr. McMullen, that Messrs. McDonald, Dow and Bartlett, now present, and asking to be heard, as appointed by the committee of the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, in reference to the finding of Synod's commission in re Mr. McPherson, be heard, it being noted that the Synod does not regard them as properly representing the congregation.

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Mr. John Currie moved that all after the words "be heard," be omitted, but Mr. McDonald's motion was carried by a large majority.

It having been announced by the Moderator to the parties named, that they would be heard in terms of Mr. McDonald's motion, by the Synod, they declined to speak on such terms.

It was then moved by Dr. McMullen, seconded by Dr. Laing, and unanimously agreed, to receive the report of the Stratford Presbytery and appoint a small committee to recommend a course of action and a deliverance for the Synod's adoption; and that said committee be instructed to confer with Messrs. McDonald, Dow and Bennett, if these gentlemen wish to meet the committee—and report to-morrow morning.

The following committee was appointed: Dr. McMullen, convener; Dr. Laing, Messrs. A. D. McDonald, Alex. Henderson and J. A. Turnbull, ministers, and Messrs. D. D. Wilson, Geo. Rutherford, and Alex. Bartlet, elders.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Mr. Tully reported on behalf of the auditors, that the Treasurer's books and accounts were correctly and neatly kept. The report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given to Mr. Rutherford for his long and faithful services.

It was also agreed, that it be an instruction to the several Presbyteries that the amounts due the Synod funds, by each congregation within the bounds, be collected by the Presbytery's treasurer, and transmitted to the Synod Treasurer, not later than two weeks before the meeting of Synod.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. A. D. McDonald, from the Committee appointed to nominate Standing Committees, gave in the report, which on motion was adopted, and is as follows:

State of Religion.—Mr. W. Farquaharson, convener; and Messrs. D. Fraser, R. Myers, J. A. Murray, John Becket, E. W. Panton, J. S. Henderson, John Ross, James Gourlay and R. W. Leitch, ministers; and Messrs. Geo. Rutherford, Alex. Bartlet, Peter Marshall, Francis Blaikie and W. Lothead, elders.

Temperance.—Mr. E. Cockburn, convener; and Messrs. J. H. Ratcliffe, R. Pettigrew, W. M. Rogers, A. Beamer, and John Gillis, ministers; and Messrs. D. D. Wilson, Thos. Gordon, Donald Park, Hon. A. Vidal, F. B. Stewart, James Scott and John Charlton, M. P., elders.

Sabbath Schools.—Mr. T. W. Nisbet, convener; and Messrs. W. J. Dey, M. McGregor, J. A. Munroe, J. C. Tibb, D. Currie (Glencoe), P. Scott, J. H. Simpson, J. McFarlane, and John Johnston, ministers; and Messrs. J. H. Young, Edward Jonathan, J. B. Chalmers, James Law and S. Carnochan, elders.

Sabbath Observance.—Mr. P. Musgrave, convener; and Messrs. R. McKnight, J. S. Hardie, W. S. Ball, Dr. Thompson, John Gray, A. F. Tully, J. Y. Hartley and N. Patterson, ministers; and Messrs. David Goldie, J. A. Young, John McCavie, James Watson, James Callen and Captain Gibson, Elders.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 7.30 p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, the twenty-second of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, 7.30 p. m.

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

Minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

In the absence through sickness of the Rev. Dr. Fletcher, convener of the Committee on the State of Religion, Dr. Cochrane, the Clerk, read the report. After the reading of the report, on motion of Mr. W. S. Ball, the report was adopted, along with its recommendations, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to Dr. Fletcher for his able and comprehensive report.

It was ordered that the report should be transmitted to the convener of the Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion.

CONFERENCE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The reading of the report on the state of religion was followed by addresses given by Dr. Fraser, on the work of "The Christian Endeavor Society"; by Dr. McMullen, "On the lay element in church work," and by Dr. Laing, on "The best modes of utilizing the different workers in the church." Brief addresses followed by members of Court.

BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES COLLEGE.

Dr. John Thompson presented the report of the Directors of the Young Ladies College, and closed by moving the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson and carried unanimously. The Synod express its great satisfaction at the thorough efficiency of the college, and gladly recognise the noble work done by it during the past year. The Synod especially is glad to know that Dr. Cochrane has at the urgent request of the Directors seen his way to assume his former relations to the institution. This together with a most accomplished staff of Teachers, give the College a completeness it never had before; making it in every way worthy of the hearty co-operation and practical sympathy of ministers and members of the church. And the Synod would hereby commend it to the friends and guardians as an Institution where Young Ladies may have not only a thorough Christian training, but also a Christian home, and appoint the Rev. Robert Hamilton of Motherwell as visiting director for the ensuing year.

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

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, the twenty-third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, 9 a. m.

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

Minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Synod should meet next year in London, and within the Park Avenue Church there, on the third Monday of April, 1891, at 7.30 p. m.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The various committees appointed to examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris, London, Sarnia, Chatham, Huron, Stratford, Maitland and Bruce, having reported the same as carefully and correctly kept, the Records were ordered to be attested accordingly.

JESUIT ESTATES ACT.

Dr. Laing on behalf of the committee appointed at last Synod in connection with the "Jesuit Estates Act" gave in a report, stating what had been done during the year in the different courts of the Church, and recommended that a committee be again appointed to take charge of the matter and co-operate with other bodies if necessary. The report was received and it was decided to appoint a committee in terms of the recommendation, as follows the Moderator and Clerk, Dr. Laing, Dr. McMullen, Mr. Ball, Dr. Battisby, Mr. McQuarrie, J. S. Henderson, Dr. James, Mr. R. Hamilton, ministers; J. Charlton, M. P., J. C. Eckford, T. W. Nisbet, Thomas Gordon and D. D. Wilson, elders.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

An overture was read from the Presbytery of Paris asking that it be transmitted to the General Assembly, recommending that an account of the apparent insuperable difficulties in working the scheme, it be abolished. Dr. McMullen was heard in its support. On Dr. McMullen's motion seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson, the overture was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly, and Dr. Cochrane was appointed to support it.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

On the recommendation of the Committee on the Licensing of Students, leave was given to the Hamilton Presbytery, to take on trials for license, Mr. W. J. Clark and Mr. A. W. Hamilton.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STRATFORD
CASE.

Dr. McMullen from the committee on the Stratford case reported as follows: "That the Synod reaffirm the injunction of the commission of Synod; at the same time, having regard to the peculiar difficulties which attend this case, appoint a committee consisting of Messrs A. D. McDonald, Dr. Cochrane, ministers; and Mr. T. W. Nisbet, elder; if necessary to visit the congregation, and advise with them, so as to secure the maintenance of church order, and conserve the peace and best interest of the congregation."

On motion of Mr. Alex. Henderson seconded by Mr. Turnbull, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

On motion of Dr. McMullen, it was made an instruction to the committee and the Presbytery of Stratford to report to next Synod, as to the action of the congregation in this matter during the year.

OVERTURE FROM LONDON PRESBYTERY REGARDING
EAST WILLIAMS.

An overture from the London Presbytery was read, asking the Synod to place the congregation of East Williams under the entire jurisdiction either of the Presbytery of London or the Presbytery of Sarnia, as in its wisdom may seem best.

Mr. Alex. Henderson was heard in support of the overture.

Mr. Duncan Cameron minister of East Williams was also heard in behalf of the views of his congregation, that they desired to remain in the London Presbytery, while willing to submit to the judgement of the Synod. Minutes of the congregational meeting held at East Williams were also read to the same effect.

It was moved by Mr. Alexander Henderson, duly seconded that the overture be received and lie over for consideration till next meeting of Synod.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Mr. J. S. Henderson, in the absence of Mr. W. M. Martin, Exeter, presented the report of the Committee on Temperance.

On motion the report was received and the recommendations considered Seriatim, were carried, and thanks given to Mr. Martin the convener.

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The convener of the Sabbath observance committee being absent

through sickness, it was resolved that the report be forwarded direct to the Assembly's Committee.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, the cordial thanks of the Synod were given to the minister and office-bearers of St. Andrews Church, for the use of their building and the arrangements made for the work of the Synod, to the railways for reduced rates, and to the press for reports of the Synod's proceedings.

The business being finished and praise having been engaged in, the Moderator declared the Synod adjourned to meet in Park Avenue church, London, on the third Monday of April, A. D., 1891, at half past 7 o'clock, p. m., and the sederunt was closed with the benediction.

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