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APRIL 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH, 1878.

At Stratford, and within Knox Church there, the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight years, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., which day and place the Synod of Hamilton and London of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, and after sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. John Laing, M. A., from Malachi, chapter second and verse fourteenth, and the Acts of the Apostles, chapter sixteenth and verse thirty-first, was duly constituted by prayer.

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

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

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

| | MINISTER. | ELDER. | CONGREGATION. |
|------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| ✓ 1 | *Wm. Hancock..... | B. Beamer..... | N. Pelham and Port Robinson |
| 2 | John Porteous..... | J. Denton..... | Port Dalhousie. |
| ✓ 3 | *Samuel Fenton..... | Wm. Gulyer.... | Vittoria, &c. |
| ✓ 4 | Thos. Goldsmith... <i>J. Henderson</i> | A. I. McKennis | Hamilton, St. John's Ch |
| 5 | *James Black..... | A. C. Buck..... | Caledonia, Argyle St and Allan Settlement. |
| ✓ 6 | *John Laing, M. A. | *Thos. Kennedy.. | Dundas, Knox Ch |
| ✓ 7 | Jas. Gordon, M.A. | W. Duncan..... | Clifton, St. Andrew's |
| ✓ 8 | *Wm. Craigie..... | F.M. England... | Port Dover, Knox Ch |
| ✓ 9 | *John James, D.D. | *Jas. McMillan... | Hamilton, Knox Ch. |
| ✓ 10 | *John G. Murray... <i>J. M. Dingwall</i> | J. D. Fitch | Grimsby and Muir Settlement. |
| 11 | *Chas Campbell... <i>S. McDonald</i> | R N Ball..... | Niagara, St. Andrew's |
| 12 | *D. H. Fletcher..... | J. M. Dingwall | Hamilton, McNab St |
| 13 | *Thos Wilson..... | G. Ellwood..... | Caledonia, Sutherland St. |
| ✓ 14 | *Geo Barson..... | James Dougan.. | St. Catharines, Knox Church. |
| 15 | Alex Grant, M.A., <i>A. Fleming</i> | A D McLeod... <i>Thos. Hunter</i> | Oneida, Indiana, &c |
| ✓ 16 | *Thos McGuire.... <i>J. Harper</i> | Thos. Hunter | Jarvis and Walpole |
| ✓ 17 | J L Robertson, M.A. | W. Sanders | Nairn Ch., Strabane |
| 18 | Geo Yeomans..... | D. Simpson..... | Dunnville. |
| ✓ 19 | *Geo Chrystal..... | *W. Henderson.. | Flamboro' West. |
| ✓ 20 | Samuel Lyle..... | J.M. Henderson.. | Hamilton, Central Ch |
| ✓ 21 | *Robt J Lewis..... | *Jas. Hutchison.. | St. Paul's Ch |
| ✓ 22 | Wm P Walker... <i>J. Harper</i> | Jas. Davidson.. | Binbrook & Saltfleet |
| ✓ 23 | *James Lullar..... | J. Charlton, M.P. | Lynedoch, Silverhill &c |
| ✓ 24 | *Edward Vincent... | *Adam Spears... | East Seneca, Black bath and Caistor |
| ✓ 25 | *S W Fisher..... | Wm. Buntou.... | Burlington. |
| 26 | *Robert Thynne ... | R. McQueen..... | Beverly. |
| ✓ 27 | Geo Bruce, B.A. | Wm. McCalla... | St. Catharines, 1st Ch |
| ✓ 28 | C D McDonald... <i>J. Harper</i> | Jas. McCabe | Thorold. |
| ✓ 29 | James Frazer..... | G. Kennedy..... | St. Ann's and Welandport. |

May 78

- 1 Robbie... John Allison ..Tilsonburg and Cul-
loden.
- 16 *John Anderson... David Balingal,Paris, River street
- 17 *Wm M Martin...*J P Smith...Nerwich & Wyndham
- Vacancies :
- 18*Alex Watson..Woodstock, Chalmers Ch
- 19 Wm Dickson .. St.Andrew's,Blenheim
and East Oxford

Mission Stations :

Brantford W.,Mission
East Oxford, Bench-
ville & Sweabourg

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

- 1 Donald McKenzie. Ekfrid
- 2 W. R. Sutherland. Forest and McKay
- 3 James B. Duncan. Adam Murray, London, 1st Church
- 4 J. J. A. Proudfoot, D.D. Donald McDonald.*Angus McLean, Napier
- 5 *John Rennie..... John B. Shipley, Ailsa Craig & Carlisle
- 7 *J. A. Murray..... John Wilson ...London, St. Andrew's
- 8 *Geo. Cathbertson.*D.S. Robertson.. Wyoming & Plympton
- 9 John McRobie ... Petrolia
- 10 *John Milloy..... Argyle Ch, Alboro'
- 11 *David Camelon... James Cowan... London, St. James
- 12 Neil McKinnon ... Coliu Munro ...Mosa
- 13 *James Donaldson. James Douglas, Wardsville
- 14 *Lachlan Cameron. Alex. McKay ...Thamesford
- 15 *John Thompson...*David Gray.....Sarnia, St. Andrew's
- 16 Geo. Sutherland... Hugh Lynn.....Fingal
- 17 *Mungo Fraser..... C. McDougall...St. Thomas
- 18 J. A. McDonald... Robt. McDonald, Wallacetown
- 19 John Abraham ... S. Anderson ...Watford & Main Road
- 20 *David F. Sage ... Alex McKay ...Parkhill & McGillvray
- 21 *Gustavus Munro.*M. McKenzie ...Zorra
- 22 Robert Scobie..... D. Ferguson...Strathroy, St. Andrew's
- 23 *John M. Munro...*L. Patterson ...New Glasgow
- 24 *J. M. Goodwillie... John Jardine ...Camlachie
- 25 D. McEachern ... K. McLean.....Glencoe & Dunnich
- 26 Hugh McGrigor... John Lamont ...Kintyre

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| 6 | Fred Smith | Alex. Callum ... | Amherstburg | 15 |
| 7 | John Becket | *W. McKerrich... | Thamesville | 16 |
| 8 | John Gray | Alex. Bartlett... | Windsor | 17 |
| 9 | *D. L. McKechnie. | Jas. McKeown... | Bothwell | 18 |
| 10 | J. A. McAlmon.... | — McDonald... | Dresden | |
| 11 | *W. C. Armstrong. | Wm. Webster... | Florence and Dawn | 19 |
| 12 | John R. Battisby. | John Fleming... | St. Andrew's, Chatham | 20 |
| 13 | C. Lafontaine..... | | Teacher, St. An's | |
| Vacancies: | | | | |
| 14 | | | St. Ann, 1st Church | 21 |
| 15 | | | Elmira, I. L., U. S. | |
| 16 | | James Walker... | Dover & Oliver Station | 22 |
| 17 | | F. B. Stewart... | Tilbury East | |
| Mission Stations: | | | | |
| | | | Sombra | |
| | | | Wallaceburg | |
| | Robt. Keith | | Tilbury West & Comber | Pr |
| | | | Mersea | 1 |
| | | | Maidstone | 2 |
| | D. McVicar | | Knox Ch., Chat. Tp. | 3 |
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PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

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| 1 | *T McPherson..... | | | 6 |
| 2 | Dan Allan | | | 7 |
| 3 | *Jas Boyd | *Geo Manson... | Wellesley | 8 |
| 4 | *Dan Gordon | *Adam Green.... | Harrington | 9 |
| 5 | *David Mann | Jas McGowan... | Biddulph | 10 |
| 6 | *Robt Hamilton ... | *Geo Lowrie..... | Fallerton and Avon Bank | 11 |
| | | | | 12 |
| 7 | *Robt Hall | *Robt Paterson... | Nissouri N & S | 13 |
| 8 | *Jno K Hislop ... | *Alex Robertson. | Avonton and Carlingford | 14 |
| | | | | 15 |
| 9 | *Archd Stewart... | John Callin..... | North East Hope..... | 16 |
| 10 | *Robt Renwick..... | Geo Robertson... | Elma Centre & West Monckton | 17 |
| | | | | 18 |
| 11 | *John McAlpine...* | Wm Sterritt.... | St. Mary's | 19 |
| 12 | *J W Mitchell, M.A. | Wm McKenzie.. | Mitchell | |
| 13 | *J Edgar Croix, M.A. | *And Burnet ... | Milbank | 20 |
| 14 | *J W Bell, M. A..... | Wm Haddow... | Knox Ch., Listowel | |

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| 21 | *M Daney..... | Jas Pollock..... | Bayfield Road & Berne |
| 22 | A M Naughton.... | *Jas Smellie..... | Walton |
| 23 | *R W Leitch..... | A McPherson... | Dungannon & Pt Albert |
| 24 | *J G Thomson..... | J McCally | Union Ch., Brucefield |
| 25 | D B McRae..... | J McNair..... | Cranbrook & Ethel |
| 26 | *D McRae..... | *Wm Turnbull... | Grand Bend |

Vacancies :

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| 27 | | *Robt Turnbull... | Seaforth |
| 28 | | *A Mathieson... | Clinton, Willis Ch |
| 29 | | S Carnochan... | Egmondville |
| | | T Fortune..... | Bluevale and Eadie |

Mission Stations :

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| Robt Harrison... | East Ashfield |
| | Goderich (Gaelic) |
| | Chislehurst |
| | Hill's Green |

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

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| 1 | *G Bell, B.A., L.L.D. | Jas Blain..... | St Paul's, Walkerton |
| 2 | Wm Graham..... | Wm Colley..... | Pine River |
| 3 | *John Scott..... | A McKinnon... | North Bruce & St Andrew's, Saugeen |
| 4 | A Tolmie..... | Jas Craig..... | Southampton & West Arran |
| 5 | Duncan Cameron.. | J Archibald..... | Lucknow & S Kinloss |
| 6 | *John Anderson.. | J Dewar..... | Tiverton |
| 7 | Peter Currie | Jas Lean..... | Zion Ch, Teeswater |
| 8 | *John Stewart..... | D Campbell..... | Chalmer's Ch, Kincardine |
| 9 | David Wardrope... | Jas Reid..... | Westminster Ch, Teeswater |
| 10 | *J Straith..... | Jas Steele..... | Knox Ch, Paisley |
| 11 | *A F McQueen | Jas Bell..... | Huron |
| 12 | W Anderson, M.A.... | M McPherson... | St Andrew's Ch, Kincardine |
| 13 | A G Forbes..... | W Malcolm..... | Kinloss & Bervie |
| 14 | *G McLennan..... | R Cooper..... | Underwood and Centre Bruce |
| 15 | John Bethune..... | | Chesley |

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| 16 | *D Davidson..... | W Dawson..... | Langside |
| 17 | *W Ferguson | *J Doherty.... | Glamis |
| 18 | *J B Taylor | R Malcolm..... | Lucknow |
| 19 | D McKerracher... | | Prince Arthur's Land- ing |
| 20 | Jas Gourlay, M.A.... | Geo Duff..... | Pt Elgin & Dumblane |
| 21 | Wm Blain | | Tara, Allanford, &c |
| 22 | Alex Sutherland... | J McKay | Knox Ch, Ripley |
| 23 | Wm Stuart, B. A.... | | Sault Ste Marie |
| 24 | H McKay | | Manitoulin Islands |
| | | Vacancies : | |
| 25 | | *R Richardson... | Knox Ch, Kincardine |
| | | Mission Stations; | |
| | | John Miller..... | Riversdale and Ennis- kitten |
| | | Chas Andrews... | Pinkerton |
| | | Wm Park..... | Salem Ch, Elderslie |

CHANGES IN ROLL.

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

TRANSLATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. E. W. Waits, from Waterdown and Nelson to St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, on the 20th day of March, 1877.

Mr. James C. Smith, M. A., from St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, to St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the fifth day of June, 1877.

Mr. James A. F. McBain, from Drummondville and Chipawa to St. John's Church, Chatham, N. B., on the 1st day of November, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. John McTavish, from Chalmers Church, Woodstock,

to the Free East Church, Inverness, Scotland, on the 16th day of August, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Robert Thynne, from English Settlement and Proof Line to Beverly, on the 22nd April, 1877.

Mr. Neil McKinnon, from Belmont and Yarmouth to Mosa, on the 20th May, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. Peter Musgrave, from Milverton and North Mornington to Duff's Church, McKillop, and Caven Church, Winthrop, on the 23rd September, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. Finlay McCuaig, from Clinton to Chalmers Church, Kingston, on the 3rd July, 1877.

Mr. Stephen Young, from Manchester and Hullett to Cliford, on the 9th October, 1877.

Mr. Thomas Goldsmith, from Seaforth to St. John's Church, Hamilton, on the 5th December, 1877.

Mr. Henry Gracey, from Thames Road and Kirkton to Gananoque, on the 19th March, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. Donald Fraser, from St. Andrew's, Saugeen, to St. Andrew's, Mount Forest and Woodlands, on the 7th June, 1877.

Mr. John Fraser, from Knox Church, Kincardine, to Indian Lands, on the 5th day of February, 1878.

INDUCTIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Robert Thynne into the pastoral charge of Beverly, on the 1st day of May, 1877.

lay
Mr. John L. Robertson, M.A., into Nairn, on the 16th day of September, 1877.

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Mr. C. D. McDonald, into Thorold, on the 4th day of October, 1877.

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Mr. John Porteous, into Port Dalhousie, on the 1st day of November, 1877.

Mr. Thomas Goldsmith, into St. John's Church, Hamilton, on the 8th day of January, 1878.

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Mr. Samuel Lyle, into Central Church, Hamilton, on the 12th day of February, 1878.

Mr. Robert J. Laidlaw, into St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on the 12th day of March, 1878.

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PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

lif.
Mr. James Little, into Princeton and Drumbo, on the 24th day of July, 1877.

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PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

to
Mr. George Cuthbertson, into Wyoming and Plympton, on the 18th day of April, 1877.

Mr. Neil McKinnon, into Mosa, on the 28rd day of May, 1877.

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Mr. John Wells, into East Williams, on the 24th day of July, 1877.

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Mr. Donald McDonald, into Napier, on the 4th day of September, 1877.

Mr. Alex. Frazer, into Guthrie's Church, Longwood, and Cooke's Church, Caradoc, on the 18th day of November, 1877.

on
Mr. John Ferguson, into Lobo and Caradoc, on the 3rd day of April, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. John A. McAlmon, into Dresden, on the 27th day of November, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. E. Wallace Waits, into St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, on the 18th day of April, 1877.

Mr. Thos. J. Johnston, into Molesworth and Trowbridge, on the 31st day of October, 1877.

Mr. Patrick McFarlane McLeod, into Knox Church, Stratford, on the 30th day of January, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. R. W. Leitch, into Dungannon and Port Albert, on the 15th day of May, 1877.

Mr. Alexander McNaughton, into Walton, on the 24th day of July, 1877.

Mr. Peter Musgrave, into Duff's Church and Winthrop, on the 26th day of September, 1877.

Mr. Nathaniel Patterson, into Bayfield and Bethany, on the 30th day of January, 1878.

Mr. J. S. Lochead, M.A., into Hullett and Londesboro', on the 21st day of March, 1878.

Mr. W. T. Wilkins, B.A., into Knox Church, Belgrave, on the 3rd day of April, 1878.

ORDINATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Alexander Henderson, at Hyde Park, on the 10th day of October, 1877.

Mr. Peter C. Goldie, at Delaware, on the 15th day of No-

ember, 1877.

Mr. Farquhar McRae, at West Williams, on the 3rd day of January, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. John R. Battisby, at Chatham, on the 26th day of September, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. Robert Watt, at Shakespeare, on the 6th day of November, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. D. McRae, at Grand Bend, on the 29th day of January, 1878.

DEMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. James Little, Minister of St. John's Church, Hamilton, on the 15th day of May, 1877.

Mr. Malcolm McNeil, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, on the 18th day of September, 1877.

Mr. Alexander Dawson, Minister at Beamsville and Clinton, on the 18th day of December, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. Hugh Thompson, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, East Oxford, on the 24th day of July, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. C. D. McDonald, Minister of Point Edward, on the 31st day of August, 1877.

Mr. James Baikie, Minister at Port Stanley, on the 30th day of September, 1877.

Mr. George Simpson, Minister at Westminster, on the 30th day of September, 1877.

Mr. James Ferguson, Minister at Alvinston, Euphemia and Brooke, on the 31st day of December, 1877.

Mr. Peter McDiarmid, Minister of Bear's Creek and Burns' Church, on the 30th day of March, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. William Forrest, Minister at Tilbury East, on the 3rd day of July, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. Thomas MacPherson, Minister of Knox Church, Stratford, on the 15th day of July, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. J. B. Scott, Minister at Egmondville, on the 3rd day of July, 1877.

Mr. James Sieveright, B.A., part of his charge—namely, Smith's Hill—on the 9th day of October, 1877.

LICENSURES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. A. A. Scott, on the 19th day of September, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. R. P. McKay, on the 3rd day of July, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Peter C. Goldie, on the 22nd day of August, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. Alexander McFarlane, on the 3rd day of July, 1877.

MINISTERS RECEIVED.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. John L. Robertson, M.A., on the 17th day of July, with leave of the General Assembly.

Mr. Samuel Lyle, on the 31st day of January, 1878, on paper of transference from the Presbytery of Ballymena, Ireland.

Mr. R. J. Laidlaw, on the 26th day of February, 1878, on paper of transference from the Presbytery of Detroit, U.S.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Andrew Watson.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. Patrick McFarlane McLeod, on the 30th day of January, 1878, from the Presbyterian Church of England.

DISMISSIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. W. F. Clarke, declared no longer a Minister or member of the Church, on the 19th day of March, 1878.

DEATH.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. George Cheyne, a retired Minister of the Church, on the 1st day of April, 1878.

CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The congregation of Merritton was separated from that of Thorold on the 5th day of June, 1877, and was united to Hayne's Church, St. Catharines, to form one charge, on the 15th day of November, 1877.

Burlington was separated from Knox Church, Waterdown, on the 5th day of June, 1877, and made a distinct charge.

The congregations of Knox Church and Saint Andrew's Church, Waterdown, were united to form one pastoral charge, on the 5th day of June, 1877.

The congregation at Nelson was separated from that of Saint Andrew's Church, Waterdown, and united with Kilbride, to form one pastoral charge, on the 5th day of June, 1877.

Port Dalhousie was separated from East St. Catharines on the 18th day of September, 1877, and made a distinct charge.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Shower's Corners and Saint Andrew's Church, East Oxford, united into one pastoral charge, under the name of Saint Andrew's, Bienheim, and Saint Andrew's, East Oxford, on the 18th day of December, 1877.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Springfield and Aylmer were united into one charge on the 10th day of July, 1877.

Congregations of Belmont and Yarmouth changed to Belmont, on the 22nd day of August, 1877.

West Adelaide and Arkona were united into one charge on the 30th day of October, 1877.

Westminster and St. Andrew's, Westminster, were united into one pastoral charge, under the designation of North and South Westminster, on the 18th December, 1877.

Komoka was separated from Delaware, leaving Delaware and South Delaware one charge, on the 25th day of December, 1877.

The congregation of Widder and Lake Road is now designated as Knox Church, Thedford and Lake Road.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Wallaceburg was reduced to a Mission Station on the 25th day of September, 1877.

A new Mission Station was organised in the Township of Chatham and designated Knox Church.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Manchester and Hullett, disjoined on the 18th day of November, 1877.

Manchester and Smith's Hill, joined on the 18th day of November, 1877.

Hullett and Londesborough, united as one charge on the 18th day of November, 1877.

Grand Bend (formerly Stephen), raised from a Mission Station to a Vacant Congregation on the 9th day of October, 1877.

Londesborough, organised as a Mission Station on the 20th day of March, 1877

Chistlehurst, organised as a Mission Station on the 13th day of November, 1877.

Hill's Green, organised as a Mission Station on the 19th day of March, 1878.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

St. Andrew's Church, Saugeen, united to North Bruce, to form part of the pastoral charge of Rev. J. Scott, on the 25th September, 1877.

Salem Church, Elderslie, disjoined from Chesley and formed into a Mission Station on the 18th December, 1877.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The roll having been called and the attendance marked,

the Moderator addressed the Court, and intimated that the first business was the election of a new Moderator.

On motion of Mr. Thomas McPherson, seconded by Mr. Robert Hall, Mr. Robert Hamilton, of Fullerton, in the Presbytery of Stratford, was unanimously elected, and took the chair accordingly.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Wm. Robertson, M.A., a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his sermon, and the able manner in which he had presided over the former meeting of Synod and discharged his duties during the year.

The Clerk reported that the following had been appointed by the various Presbyteries within the bounds to act on the Committee of Bills and Overtures, with the Synod and Presbytery Clerks:

Presbytery of Hamilton.—Mr. James Black, Minister, and Mr. Wm. Henderson, Elder.

Presbytery of Paris.—Mr. John Anderson, Minister, and Mr. Alex. Watson, Elder.

Presbytery of London.—Mr. John Thompson, Minister, and Mr. D. S. Robertson, Elder.

Presbytery of Chatham.—Mr. Waddell, Minister, and Mr. W. McKerricher, Elder.

Presbytery of Stratford.—Mr. E. W. Waits, Minister, and Mr. Wm. Stearitt, Elder.

Presbytery of Huron.—Mr. Robert Leask, Minister, and Mr. Robert Turnbull, Elder.

Presbytery of Bruce.—Mr. George McLennan, Minister, and Mr. James Blair, Elder.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, the following committees were appointed:

TO EXAMINE PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Messrs. Hislop and M. Frazer, ministers ; and Mr. R. Turnbull, elder.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Messrs. Waits and McQuarrie, ministers ; and Mr. T. Kennedy, elder.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Messrs. McMullen and G. G. McRobbie, ministers ; and Mr. P. Marshall, elder.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Messrs. Sieveright and J. Thompson, ministers ; and Mr. D. S. Robertson, elder.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Messrs. Chrystal and D. Davidson, ministers ; and Mr. H. Rutherford, elder.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Messrs. A. F. McQueen and R. Hume, ministers ; and Mr. W. Henderson, elder.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Messrs. McKechnie and Fisher, ministers ; and Mr. A. Mathieson, elder.

COMMITTEE ON COMMISSIONS OF ELDERS.

Messrs. Fletcher, Pritchard, and Dr. Bell, ministers ; and Messrs. J. Dickson and McMillan, elders.

TO AUDIT THE TREASURER'S BOOKS.

Mr. R. Thynne, minister, and Mr. McMillan, elder.

PRESBYTERIES ALLOWED TO MEET.

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

SEDERUNTS OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Sederunts of Synod should be from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Committee on Bills and Overtures to meet to-morrow morning at 9 a.m.

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It was agreed that the report on the state of religion be received to-morrow evening as the first item of business, and that the remainder of the Sederunt be devoted to a conference on that subject.

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

SECOND SEDERUNT.

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Knox Church, Stratford, the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight years, half-past nine a.m.

The Synod met again, pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. Robert Hamilton, Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator and Messrs. McEwen and Fisher.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Synod then received the first report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, as follows, which was adopted:

FORENOON SEDERUNT. \

I. Report of correspondence anent the Registration Act

II. Report of Committee to confer with the Honorable the Minister of Education anent the use of the Bible in public schools.

III. Overture from the Presbytery of London anent uniformity in the use of a Hymn Book.

IV. Petitions from members of the Presbyteries of Huron and Bruce, anent the formation of a new Presbytery.

AFTERNOON SEDERUNT.

I. Report on Sabbath observance.

II. Protest and appeal of Mr. Donald McLellan against a decision of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

III. Report of the Committee on Temperance.

EVENING SEDERUNT.

Report on the state of religion and conference thereon.

MR. WATSON'S RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH.

The Clerk reported that in the statement of changes in the London Presbytery for the past year, it was stated that Mr. Andrew Watson had been received from the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland on the 21st day of August, 1877, and asked instructions from the Synod as to whether said reception should be engrossed as reported.

A committee consisting of Mr. Laing, Mr. McPherson, Dr. Bell, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Cameron, ministers, with Mr. Jas. Cowan, elder, was appointed to report on this case at a future Sederunt.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Leave was given the Presbytery of Bruce to hold an adjourned meeting at Port Elgin at 2 p. m. on the first day of May, 1878.

REGISTRATION ACT.

Mr. Laing, the ex-Moderator, gave in a report of his action regarding the Registration Act, to the effect that he had, according to instructions, corresponded with the Premier of the Ontario Legislature, in reference to the grievance, that ministers performing funeral services should make returns of the death of persons at whose funerals they may officiate.

The correspondence was read; after which, on motion of Mr. Mungo Fraser, duly seconded, the report was received and thanks tendered to Mr. Laing for his diligence in the matter.

On motion of Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Thompson, a committee consisting of Mr. Laing, Mr. Thompson, Dr. Bell, Mr. McMullen, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Sieveright, ministers, and Messrs. Lowry, Marshall, Gray, Renwick, McDougall and Mathieson, elders, were appointed to consider this whole matter and report at a future sederunt.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH MINISTER OF EDUCATION ANENT USE OF THE BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Mr. Laing presented the report of correspondence on this subject, and also an interview held with the Hon. Adam Crooks, Minister of Public Education for Ontario.

On motion, duly seconded, the report was received and the diligence of the committee commended.

After discussion on the reply received from the Minister of Education, the following resolutions were moved by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. King :

" The Synod having considered the report now submitted, in view of the great importance of the subject and the desirableness of securing united action among the Christian portion of the community, resolve :

" I. To express to the Hon. the Minister of Education their thanks for the courteous, full, and carefully prepared answer which he has sent to their representatives, and their great satisfaction with the conclusions at which he has arrived.

" II. That as it appears from the memorandum of the Minister of Education that there is no hindrance to be apprehended from the School Law, but that the Bible may be introduced into the public schools and be used as a text-book : Therefore, this Synod recommends and enjoins as a Christian duty on all the office-bearers within its bounds, and on all Christian parents, earnestly and constantly to use their influence as individuals, citizens, school trustees and teachers, towards such use of the Bible by the pupils of our public schools, beseeching and urging them to do this, as the highest interests of future generations for time and eternity depend on their thorough acquaintance with God's revealed will.

" III. That the Moderator prepare a pastoral letter on the subject, to be read from the pulpit in all the congregations of this Synod.

" IV. That, in order to secure action in the above direction as widely extended as possible, a copy of the report and these resolutions be sent to the General Assembly and the several Synods and Presbyteries of this Church, with the request that such action may be taken by these courts as may by them be deemed proper ; and also that a copy of the report and resolutions be sent to the Synod Conferences and Unions of the other Protestant churches, with the request that they will co-operate as far as practicable with this church in securing the use of the Bible in our public schools as a text-book."

OVERTURE ANENT HYMN-BOOK.

Minutes of the Presbytery of London were read, transmitting an overture for the Synod to adopt and transmit to the General Assembly, for such action as shall secure for the church an authorised book of praise.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that the overture be transmitted simpliciter to the Assembly.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Chrystal, that the overture be remitted back to the Presbytery of London to be remodelled.

On the motion and amendment being put to the vote, the amendment was carried by a large majority.

PETITION FOR THE ERECTION OF A NEW PRESBYTERY.

Minutes of the Presbyteries of Huron and Bruce were read, transmitting the petition of certain members of said Presbyteries requesting the formation of a new Presbytery to be composed of certain congregations at present in connection with the Presbyteries of Huron and Bruce.

The request of the petitioners and said Presbyteries was that said petitions be transmitted to the General Assembly; the Presbytery of Bruce, however, recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted in the meantime.

Pending the consideration of these petitions, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 8 p.m.

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Knox Church, Stratford, tenth April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, three p.m. The Synod again met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator engaging in prayer.

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The minutes of the forenoon Sederunt were read and sustained.

COMMITTEE ON ELDERS' COMMISSIONS.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Elders' Commissions, gave in a report recommending that the names of certain elders be placed upon the roll. On motion, the recommendation was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW PRESBYTERY RESUMED.

The Synod then resumed consideration of the petitions for the erection of a new Presbytery.

Representatives from the Presbyteries of Huron and Bruce were heard in reference to the petitions.

On motion, duly seconded, the Synod agreed to transmit the petitions and minutes of Presbyteries of Huron and Bruce simpliciter to the General Assembly.

OVERTURE ANENT HYMN-BOOK.

The overture from the Presbytery of London, remitted back to the Presbytery of London at the former Sederunt, was read and discussed.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Laidlaw, the Synod agreed to adopt and transmit the overture to the General Assembly. Messrs. Mungo Fraser and J. A. Murray were appointed to support it before the Assembly.

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. R. N. Grant, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, gave in the report for the past year.

On motion of Mr. Thomas McPherson, seconded by Mr. J. A. Murray, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Receive the report; adopt its recommendations; commend the

diligence of the Committee, and especially that of the Convener; express its thankfulness that Sabbath desecration on some of our railways is somewhat on the decrease; recommend that the report be printed in the *Canada Presbyterian*, and that the attention of the members of our churches be called to its suggestions, in the hope that they will exercise their influence against every form of Sabbath desecration.

The Synod also desire to express its most emphatic condemnation of Sabbath funerals, and would earnestly counsel the ministers within its bounds to refuse the performance of services at said funerals, except in cases of absolute necessity; and call upon our membership to support their ministers in such action.

The following were appointed members of the Sabbath Observance Committee for the ensuing year: Mr. R. N. Grant (convener), Messrs. P. McF. McLennan, Fletcher, Murray, J. A., Burson, Dr. Bell, and Dr. Ure, ministers; and Messrs. Thomas Gordon, Adam Spence, and J. Charlton, M.P., elders.

PROTEST AND APPEAL OF MR. D. McLELLAN.

The Synod then took up the protest and appeal of Mr. McLellan against a decision of the Presbytery of Hamilton, dismissing his dissent and complaint against the McNab street Kirk Session, which session had resolved to submit to a vote of the members of the congregation, the question of introducing additional hymns in the service of praise in the public worship of the congregation.

Parties having been called to the bar, Mr. Laing read a letter from the appellant, Mr. McLellan, intimating that on account of indisposition he could not be present, and requesting Mr. Laing to represent him before the Synod.

The Synod agreed that Mr. Laing should plead the case of the appellant. Dr. James and Mr. McGuire appeared for the Presbytery.

The Clerk having read all the papers in the case, parties were heard at length. Questions having been put and answer-

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ed, parties were removed from the bar, and the Synod proceeded to deliberate.

It was then moved by Mr. Cuthbertson, seconded by Mr. McCallum, Elder: "Having read papers and heard parties, the Synod, while in certain conceivable circumstances they might have refrained from strict adherence to the letter of terms of union of the churches in 1861, yet, for the conservation of the rights and interest of the appellant, and for the purpose of checking a growing disposition in congregations to anticipate the action of Superior Courts in matters not yet legislated upon, sustain the protest and appeal, express regret that dissension has to any extent been aroused within McNab street congregation, Hamilton, and counsel them to consider one another and seek for those things that make for peace.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Thompson, of Sarnia, and seconded by Mr. McMullen, that papers having been read and parties heard anent the protest and appeal of Mr. D. McLellan against the finding of the Presbytery of Hamilton sustaining the session of McNab street, the Synod now dismiss said appeal and sustain the finding of the Presbytery in the matter.

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



Knox Church, Stratford, the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, half-past seven o'clock p.m. The Synod met again, pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, Mr. Peter Scott also engaging in prayer.

The minutes of the former Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., Convener of the Committee, gave in the report on the state of religion.

It was then moved by Dr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Straith, that the Synod receive and adopt the report with the appended recommendations, and thank the Committee and especially the Convener for the zeal, care, and diligence with which it has been prepared.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. W. T. McMullen, that the report be received and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee and especially to the Convener for their diligence in the matter submitted to them; and that the Synod now proceed to confer regarding the topics submitted in the report, and that the speeches be confined to five minutes each.

On a vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a majority over the motion, and the Synod decided in terms thereof to confer regarding the topics submitted in the report.

The Synod then proceeded to confer, and consider the recommendations of the Committee.

On motion, duly seconded, recommendations 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. The fourth recommendation, which read as follows, was not adopted:—"That Presbyteries be recommended to institute Presbyterian visitations." The recommendations adopted are as follows:—

1. That the Synod urge on Presbyteries the holding of an annual conference on the state of Religion within their bounds.

2. That the Synod direct each Presbytery to appoint one of its members to receive the reports on the State of Religion from Sessions, and prepare a report based on them for submission to Presbytery, and that he be *ex-officio* a member of the Synod's Committee.

3. That the Presbyteries be enjoined to forward their reports to the Convener of the Synod's Committee at least two weeks before the meeting of Synod.

After short addresses by several members, the report was,

on motion, unanimously adopted, and the following committee appointed for the ensuing year: J. W. Mitchell, M. A. (convener), and Messrs. McKinnon, Waits, D. D. McLeod (Paris), Goldsmith, Anderson (Tiverton), ministers; and Messrs. J. Henderson, Barr, Gordon, G. Black, Mundell and Ballantine, elders.

After prayer by Mr. R. Hall, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, and the Synod adjourned, to meet again tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

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Knox Church, Stratford, the eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, nine o'clock a. m. The Synod met again, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator, who, along with Mr. D. H. Fletcher, conducted devotional exercises.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in their second report; which, on motion, was adopted, and the order recommended agreed to.

I. Reference from the Presbytery of London anent church property in Zorra, and minute of proceedings of Presbytery of Stratford thereanent.

II. Report of Committee on Registration Act.

III. Unfinished business.—Protest and appeal of Mr. D. McLellan.

IV. Appoint the time and place of next meeting of Synod.

V. Petitions from the Presbytery of London for division.

VI. Petitions from the Presbytery of London anent the interest of the widow of the late Rev. R. Scott.

VII. Report of Committee on Temperance.

VIII. Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

IX. Memorial and petition of Rev. J. Gauld for transmission to the General Assembly.

X. Report of Committees appointed to examine Presbytery records.

CHURCH PROPERTY IN ZORRA.

The Synod proceeded to consider the reference from the Presbytery of London anent the question of jurisdiction over "The Presbyterian Church of the township of Zorra in connection with the Established Church of Scotland." Minutes of London and Stratford Presbytery were read in the case.

Messrs. Cuthbertson and Murray were heard in support of the London Presbytery, and Messrs. McPherson, Mitchell, and Robb on behalf of the Presbytery of Stratford.

The Synod thereafter proceed to give judgment; whereupon it was moved by Mr. Mauro, of Embro, seconded by Mr. Cameron, of Kippen, that "inasmuch as the definition of what constitutes the bounds of the Presbytery of London in the year eighteen hundred and sixty one includes all the congregations in the counties of Oxford, Middlesex, Elgin, Lambton, Kent, and Essex, except the townships of Norwich, Blenheim and Blandford, and the minister and congregation of Harrington, and inasmuch as the property in question falls within the county of Oxford, this Court concludes that it is within the bounds of the Presbytery of London.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Thompson, "Sustain the reference, and find that the Brooksdale station is within the bounds of the Presbytery of Stratford.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Scott, seconded by Dr. James, "Sustain the reference, and find, in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly defining the bounds of Presbyteries, that the property, being in the county of Oxford, is within the bounds of the Presbytery of London; but as cer-

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tain persons claiming to belong to the Presbyterian Church of West Zorra, in connection with the Church of Scotland, desire to be associated with the Presbytery of Stratford, instruct these parties to apply to the General Assembly to be placed within the bounds of the Presbytery of Stratford.

The movers and seconders of the motion and first amendment were allowed by the Synod to withdraw them, whereupon the amendment of Mr. Scott became the only motion, and was agreed to. The yeas and nays having been called, three voted Nay.

Messrs. Duncan Davidson and John Ferguson, craved leave to enter their dissent.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries within the bounds gave in their several reports, and the records were attested by the Moderator in terms thereof.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting of Synod at London, and within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church there, on the second Tuesday of April, 1879, at half-past 7 p. m.

REGISTRATION ACT.

The committee appointed to consider what future action should be taken by the Synod in reference to the Registration Act reported through Mr. Laing, the Convener, as follows:

“ The Committee appointed to consider what action should be taken by the Synod and to prepare a deliverance anent the Registration Act beg leave to report the following minute for the adoption of the Court:

“ *Whereas*, it is provided by an Act of the Ontario Legislature, passed in 1875, for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages, in Section 8th, that “Every minister or other per-

son who shall bury or perform any funeral or religious service for the burial of any dead body, unless he has received a certificate under the hand of the Registrar of the division in which the death took place, according to the Schedule D to this Act annexed, that the particulars of such death have been duly registered, shall make a return of such death, according to Schedule C to this Act annexed, to the Registrar of the division in which the death took place within seven days after such burial," and again in Section 22 it is further provided that "If any clergyman or other person required by this Act to report deaths refuses or wilfully neglects so do so within the time named, such person shall, for each and every offense, forfeit and pay a sum not less than one dollar nor more than twenty dollars and costs";

"Whereas, from the above it is apparent that if any minister, elder, or private member of the church read the Scriptures or offer prayer at the funeral or burial of any dead body without having first ascertained that the death has been duly registered, or thereafter making returns for registration, he becomes an offender against the law, and liable to civil prosecutions and civil penalties; and,

"Whereas, the right of reading the Scriptures and offering prayer at any time and in any circumstances is a right which belongs to every Christian, and ought not to be interfered with, limited or restricted by any civil enactment;

"Whereas, also, such services as are observed by the church in connection with funerals are purely devotional exercises:

"Therefore resolved,

"I. That this Synod respectfully but firmly represent to the Government of Ontario their great dissatisfaction with the clauses of the Act above specified, and request that the Act be amended by the removal of the provisions which are regarded by this Synod as infringing upon the unquestioned right of Christian men;

"II. That a deputation consisting of the Moderator, Mr. Laing and the Clerk of Synod, with Mr. Charlton, M.P., be ap-

pointed to wait on the Honourable the Premier of the Ontario Government and lay this matter before him in personal conference ;

" III. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the other Synods of this church and to the General Assembly, asking their co-operation in seeking the end contemplated by this Synod."

On motion made and seconded, the report and recommendations of the Committee were unanimously adopted by the Synod.

PROTEST AND APPEAL OF MR. D. McLELLAN.

The Synod resumed consideration of Mr. D. McLellan's protest and appeal against a decision of the Hamilton Presbytery. The motion and amendment before the house were read by the Clerk. The Synod then proceeded with the discussion.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Anderson, " Sustain the protest and appeal, and reverse the decision of the Presbytery."

On a vote being taken between the amendment of Mr. Scott and that of Mr. Thompson, the latter was carried by a majority ; and on Mr. Thompson's amendment being put against the main motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, the amendment of Mr. Thompson was carried unanimously as against the motion. The Synod accordingly dismissed the appeal and sustained the finding of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Parties having been recalled to the bar, the decision was intimated to them ; whereupon Mr. Laing, on behalf of the appellant, protested, and appealed to the ensuing General Assembly and craved extracts. Mr. John Scott dissented from the decision of Synod.

Messrs. Thompson, McMullen, and Dr. Cochrane were appointed to defend the judgment of the Synod before the General Assembly. The Moderator formally cited all parties in the case to appear for their interests at the Assembly.

NEW PRESBYTERY.

The Synod took up a petition from members of the Presbytery of London, transmitted unanimously by said Presbytery, asking the Synod to transmit the same to the ensuing General Assembly. The petition asked for the erection of a new Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of Sarnia, to be composed of certain congregations lying within certain bounds of the Presbytery of London.

On motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed to transmit the petition to the Assembly.

APPLICATION FOR THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

A petition from the London Presbytery, asking that the General Assembly place as an annuitant on the widows' and orphans' fund the widow of the late Rev. Robert Scott, formerly of Camlachie, and more recently of New York, was read, and, on motion duly seconded, the Synod agreed to transmit it to the General Assembly.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Convener of the Committee on Temperance, Mr. James Sieveright, M.A., read the report for the year. On motion of Dr. Ben, seconded by Mr. Fletcher, the following resolution was agreed to:—"That the Synod receive and adopt the report, and, regarding intemperance as one of the chief hindrances to the advancement of Christ's cause, recommend their members prayerfully to consider the question of personal abstinence from intoxicating drinks; express their sympathy with the provisions generally of the Permissive Bill now before Parliament as pointing in the right direction, and urge upon all under their jurisdiction to endeavour, both by moral and religious means, to suppress the evils of intemperance."

MEMORIAL OF REV. JOHN GAULD.

A memorial from the Rev. John Gauld regarding certain

monies alleged to be due him from the congregation at Mooretown was read. The memorialist asked the Synod to transmit the paper to the Assembly, which the Synod agreed to.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet at half-past two o'clock p.m., and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

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Knox Church, Stratford, April the eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, three p.m. The Synod again met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

MR. WATSON'S CASE.

The Committee appointed at a former Sederunt to enquire into and report concerning the reception of Mr. Andrew Watson by the London Presbytery gave in their report through Mr. Laing, and is as follows:—"The Committee recommend that the Presbytery of London be requested to state to the Synod on what grounds Mr. Watson was received."

After discussion, the Synod resolved to refer the case to the General Assembly, and appointed Dr. Cochrane to state the reference.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

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

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. N. Patterson, the report was received and adopted, and thanks tendered to the committee, and especially to the convener, for their diligence. The following are the recommendations adopted:

I. Presbyterial conferences with the teachers.

II. Classes for training teachers.

III. Teachers' weekly meeting for the study of the lessons.

IV. That hereafter the portion of the report of the state of religion referring to Sabbath Schools be forwarded to the convener of the Sabbath School Committee.

The Synod then entered upon a friendly conference on the subject of Sabbath School work.

SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Sabbath School Committee for the ensuing year was appointed as follows:—Mr. Muigo Fraser (convener), Messrs. J. Thompson (Sarnia), McEwen, R. Hamilton, and Thomas McGuire, ministers; and Messrs. A. I. MacKenzie, Dr. Nichol, and Peter Marsuall, elders.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance was reappointed as follows:—Mr. J. Sieveright (convener), and Messrs. A. Hall, A. McLean, and D. Fraser, ministers; and Mr. A. Mathieson, elder.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The report from the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books was read, to the effect that the books and accounts were carefully and correctly kept.

The hearty votes of the Synod were tendered James Walker, Esq., the Treasurer, for his faithful services. He was empowered, should he see fit, to correspond with defaulting congregations and Presbyteries, in order that all arrears may speedily be liquidated.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Straith, votes of thanks were passed to the minister and office-bearers of

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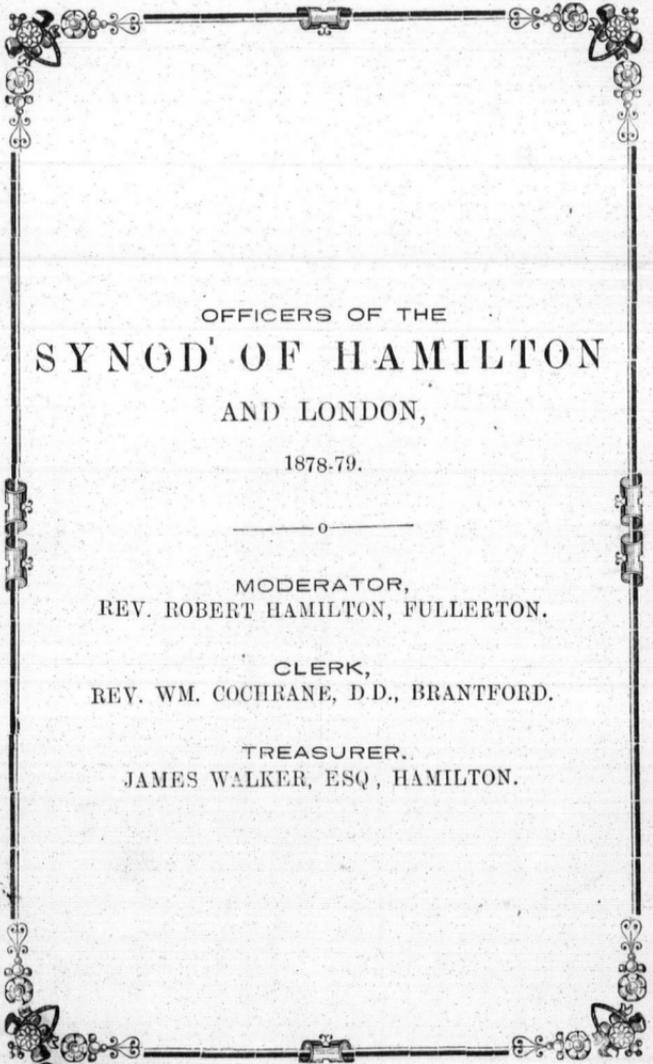
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Knox Church, Stratford, for the ample arrangements made to entertain the Synod; to the Christian friends in the town for their generous hospitality; and to the Great Western, Grand Trunk, and Port Dover & Lake Huron Railways for their kindness in granting reduced rates to the members.

ADJOURNMENT.

The business of the Synod having been concluded, the Synod engaged in singing three verses of the 72nd Psalm; after which the Moderator declared the Synod dissolved, to meet at London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the second Tuesday of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. and was closed by pronouncing the apostolic benediction.

ROBERT HAMILTON, Moderator.
WM. COCHRANE, D.D., Clerk of Synod.



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1878-79.

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