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## COMMITTEES.

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### COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION

1877-78.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., Convener, and Messrs. McKinnon, McTavish, J. C. Smith, Hamilton, Goldsmith, Anderson, of Tiverton, Mimsters; and Messrs. J. Henderson, Barr, Gordon, G. Black, Mundell and Ballantine, Elders.

Recommendations attached to the report of the Synod of Hamilton and Linton's Committee on the State of Religion, and adopted by the Synod

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.

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At Woodstock, and within Knox Church there, the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven 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. James C. Smith, M. A., from the gospel of John, chapter seventh, verse seventeenth, 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 .....	North Pelham and Port Robinson.
2 Samuel Fenton....	Wm. Guyler.....	Vittoria, &c.
3 *James Black.....	A. C. Buck.....	Caledonia, Argyle St. and Allan Sett'l'nt.
4 *John Laing, M.A....	Thos. Kennedy....	Dundas, Knox Ch.
5 *Jas. Gordon, M.A....	Wm. Duncan....	Clifton, St. Andrew's.
6 *William Craigie....	Wm. Burt.....	Port Dover, Knox Ch.
7 *John James, D.D....	*Andrew Wilson...	Hamilton, Knox Ch.
8 *John G. Murray...	J. D. Fitch.....	Grimsby and Muir's Settlement.
9 Chas. Campbell....	R. N. Ball.....	Niagara, St. Andrews.
10 *D. H. Fletcher.....	James Watson...	Hamilton, McNab St.
11 *Thomas Wilson...	James Stewart....	Caledonia, Sutherland St.
12 George Burson....	Robert Lawrie....	St. Catharines, Knox Church.
13 *Alex. Davidson....	Matt. Durham...	Beamsville & Clinton.
14 Alex. Grant, M.A....	A. D. McLeod.....	Oneida, Indiana, &c.
15 *Thos. McGuire....	L. Hunter.....	Jarvis and Walpole.
16 *J. C. Smith, M.A....	J. Hutchinson...	Hamilton, St. Paul's.
17 *James Little.....	A. I. McKenzie....	St. John's.
18 *J. A. F. McBrain...	H. C. Howard.....	Drummondville, &c.
19 Geo. Yeomans.....		Dunnville.
20 *George Chrystal...	*Wm. Henderson...	'Flamboro' West.
* 21 *Malcolm M. McNeil.	*John Scott.....	Simcoe, St. Paul's Ch.
22 Wm. P. Walker....	John Soules.....	Binbrook, &c., &c.
23 James Pullar.....	J. Charlton, M.P..	Lyndoch & Silverhill.
24 *Edward Vincent....	Wm. Brown.....	East Seneca, Blackheath, &c.
* 25 *Ed. W. Waits.....	Thos. Little.....	Waterdown & Nelson.
26 *S. W. Fisher.....	*Wm. Bunton.....	Wellington Square & Waterdown.
27 *Geo. Bruce, B.A....	W. J. McCalla.....	St. Catharines, 1st con
28 James Frazer....	*Alex. Makeague...	St. Ann's & Welland-port.
29 *John H. Ratcliff...	Geo. Thompson...	Ancaster & Alberton.

*R. J. Davidson  
J. Goldsmith*



- Retired Ministers :
- 30 Geo. Cheyne, M. A. ....
  - 31 \*M. W. Livingstone
  - 32 S. C. Frazer, M. A. ....
  - 33 James Herald. ....
  - 34 A. Forbes .....
  - 35 Robt. G. McLaren. ....

## Vacancies

- |                             |                    |                        |          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 36 <i>John L. Robertson</i> | Jas. Sanderson.... | Nairn Ch., Strabane.   | Settled. |
| 37 <i>C. B. R. Oswald</i>   | James McCabe....   | Thorold & Merritt.     |          |
| 38 <i>Robt. Thymme</i>      | Robt. McQueen..    | Beverly.               |          |
| 39 .....                    |                    | Welland, Crowland, &c. |          |
| 40 <i>S. D. S. L.</i>       | Hugh Young.....    | Hamilton, Centr'l Ch.  |          |
| 41 .....                    | Dr. Wm. McLure..   | Kilbride.              |          |

## Mission Stations :

- |         |                 |                       |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 ..... | <i>Hamilton</i> | St Catharines, Aymes  |
| 2 ..... |                 | Av. Ch.               |
| 3 ..... |                 | Port Dalhousie.       |
| 4 ..... |                 | Fort Erie & Ridgeway. |
| 5 ..... |                 | Stevensville.         |
|         |                 | Delhi.                |
|         | <i>Boston</i>   | <i>Quebec East</i>    |

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

- 1 \*Thomas Lowry.... \*Wm. Turnbull.... Wellington St. Brantford.
- 2 Thos. Alexander.... George Bryce..... Mt. Pleasant & Burf'd
- 3 Walter Inglis. .... \*Peter Marshall... Ayr, Stanley St. Ch.
- 4 John McTavish ... \*D. McDonald. ... Woodstock, Chalmers
- 5 \*W. T. McMullen... \*S. Rutherford.... " Knox Ch.
- 6 \*W. Robertson, M. A. .... \*John Oliver..... Chesterfield.
- 7 \*Wm. Cochrane, M. A. D. D. \*Adam Spence, Brantford, Zion Ch.
- 8 \*John McEwen .... \*W. T. Root ..... Ingersoll, Erskine Ch.
- 9 \*Robt. Hume, M. A. .... \*T. W. Charlton.... St. George.
- 10 \*Hugh Thomson... \*Wm. Kennedy... East Oxford, St. Andrew's Ch.
- 11 \*R. N. Grant..... \*Hugh Davidson.. Ingersoll, Knox Ch.
- 12 \*D. D. McLeod .... \*David Turnbull... Paris, Dumfries St.
- 13 \*J. M. Aull ..... Thos. Nichol.... Ratho & Innerkip.
- 14 \*J. Thomson, M. A. .... \*James Lillie.... Ayr, Knox Ch.
- 15 \*A. Glendinning ... \*Wm. Ronald..... Glenmorris.
- 16 G. C. McRobbie... John Dewar..... Tilsonburg and Culoden.
- 17 \*John Anderson.... Peter Wilson..... Paris, River St. Ch.

Hamilton St Paul's ch.  
 " St John's ch.  
 Simcoe St Paul's "  
 Watford  
 Port Colborne

18	*Wm. M. Martin...	*Hugh McKee.....	Norwich & Wyndham.	29
			Vacancies :	30
19	.....	*Jas. Rutherford..	Princeton & Drumbo.	31
20	.....	*A. McArthur.....	Richwood & Shower's Corners.	32

## Mission Stations :

1	.....	St. Andrew's, East Oxford.	33
2	.....	Brantford, West Ward Mission.	34
3	.....	Beachville.	35

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

1	*D. McKenzie.....		
2	*W.A. Sutherland...	JohnMcCracken..	Ekfrid.
3	James B.Duncan...	James Moffatt ....	Forest and McKay.
4	*J.J.A.Proudfoot...	Wm. Grieve ....	1st Church, London.
5	*James Ferguson...	DonaldMcLean...	Alvinston and Euphemia.
6	*John Rennie.....	Andrew Farish...	Carlisle & Ailsa Craig
7	John McRobie...		Petrolia.
8	*David Camelon....	*James Cowan.....	St. James, London.
9	*John Milloy.....		Argyle Ch, Aldboro'.
10	Neil McKinnon....	*Alex. McCallum	Belmont & Yarmouth
11	P. McDiermid....		Moore.
12	*James Donaldson..	James Douglas...	Wardsville.
13	George Simpson...	Robt. Fleming....	Westminster.
14	*Lachlin Cameron..	T. Paterson.....	Thamesford.
15	*John Thompson...	Alex. Craise.....	Sarnia, St. Andrews.
16	G. Sutherland.....	Alex. Steele.....	Fingal.
17	*James A.Murray...	Robert Scott.....	St. Andrew's, London
18	*Mungo Fraser.....	*N. M. Campbell..	St. Thomas.
19	James P. Baikie...		Port Stanley.
20	*J. A. McDonald....	*Robert Gow.....	Wallacetown.
21	*John Abraham.....	J. McNaughton..	Watford.
22	Donald H. Sage ...	Alex. McKay.....	Parkhill & McGilvray
23	*Gustavus Munro...	*H. S. McKay.....	Zorra.
24	Robert Scobie....	*Jas. Thompson...	Strathroy.
25	John Munro.....	D. McArthur....	New Glasgow.
26	*Robert Thynne....	*Bar. Charleton...	English Settlement
		*David McNair ...	& Proof Line.
27	*J. M. Goodwillie ...	John Simpson....	North Plympton
28	D. McEachern.....	*K. McLean.....	Glencoe & Dunnich.

- 29 \*C. D. McDonald... Point Edward.  
 30 Hugh McGregor... John Lamont... Kintyre.  
 31 \*Hector Currie.....\*Mal. Thompson..Widder and Lake  
 Road.  
 32 \*Alex. Urquhart ... James Beattie....Chalmer's and Daff's  
 Ch., Dunnich.

## Vacancies:

- 33 ..... David Miller..... Wyoming&Plympton  
 34 ..... Hugh Scott..... Delaware.  
 35 ..... Thos. Gordon....Guthrie's Ch. Long-  
 wood.  
 36 ..... Robt. McAlpine... Mosa.  
 37 ..... Jas. Nichol .....Crumlin & Dorches-  
 ter Station.  
 38 ..... D. Campbell..... Lobo and Caradoc.  
 39 ..... East Williams.  
 40 ..... Napier.  
 41 ..... Parkhill.  
 42 ..... Lucan.  
 43 ..... Adelaide & Williams.

## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

- 1 Alex. W. Waddell... Joseph Laird..... Harwich.  
 2 Angus McColl..... Wm. Coltart..... Adelaide-st. Chatham  
 3 \*Wm. King.....\*David Taylor .... Buxton.  
 4 \*Wm. Walker ..... Jno. McKerral.... Wellington St., Chat-  
 ham.  
 5 Wm. Forrest ..... Jas. Campbell... Tilbury East.  
 6 Arch'd Currie ..... Donald McLaren.. Ridgetown aud Kil-  
 marnock.  
 7 \*Fred. Smith..... John Anderson.... Amherstburg.  
 8 John Becket ..... Wm. Staniforth... Thamesville.  
 9 John Gray ..... Alex. Bartlett..... Windsor.  
 10 \*D. L. McKechnie... Capt. Jno. Taylor.. Bothwell.  
 11 W.C. Armstrong... \*Wm. Webster... Florence and Dawn.  
 12 C. Lafontaine..... Teacher, St. Ann,  
 Vacancies : Illinois, U. S.  
 13..... St. Andrew's, Chat-  
 ham.  
 14..... Elmira, Ill., U. S.  
 15..... Wallaceburg.  
 16..... James Simpson... Dover and Oliver  
 Station.

## Mission Stations :

1.....	Sombra.
2.....	Dresden.
3.....	Wallaceburg.
4.....	Tibury West & Comber.
5.....	Mersea.
6.....	Maidstone.

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

1 *Thos. McPherson...	*Wm. Dunn .....	Knox Ch., Stratford.
2 *James Boyd .....	*Jas. Hammond...	Wellesley.
3 *Daniel Gordon ...	*Robert Heron.....	Harrington.
4 David Mann.....	W.Fotheringham.	Biddulph.
5 *Robert Hamilton...	*David Oliver.....	Fullarton and Avon Bank.
6 *Robert Hall .....	A.Bannerman.....	Nissouri N. & S.
7 *John K. Hislop....	*Alex. Robertson...	Avonton and Carlingford.
8 *Archd. Stewart ...	Jno.Stewart .....	North East Hope.
9 Robt.Renwick.....	Thos.Moore .....	Elma Centre & West Monckton.
10 *John McAlpine ...	*John McLean ...	St. Mary's.
11 *J.W.Mitchell,M.A...	George Graham...	Knox Ch., Mitchell.
12 Peter Musgrave....		Burns Ch., Milverton and Mornington.
13 J.Edgar Croly,M.A...	*J. W. Chalmers...	Millbank.
15 *John W. Bell,M.A...		Listowel.
15 *Peter Scott .....	*Jas.Crozier,B.A...	Hibbert.
16 J.J.Cameron,M.A...	G. McIntyre.....	St. Andrew's, North Vacancies : East Hope.
17 .....	R.D.McKay .....	Shakespere & Hampstead.
18 .....	Samuel Robb ...	St. Andrew's, Stratford.
19 .....	A.McDonald .....	Molesworth & Trowbridge.

## Mission Stations :

1 .....	Burns Ch, E. Zorra.
2 .....	Ellice & Logan.

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

1 *Charles Fletcher...
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1 \*G. Bell, B.A., L.L.D. .... James Blain..... St. Paul's, Walkerton.  
2 Wm. Graham ..... W. Calley..... Pine River.  
3 \*John Fraser ... .. Knox Ch. Kincardine.



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| 4       | *John Scott .....   | C. McRae.....      | North Bruce.                 |
| 5       | Andrew Tolmie ....  | Robert Esplin....  | Southampton & West Arran.    |
| 6       | Duncan Cameron..    | James Baird .....  | Lucknow & S. Kinloss.        |
| 7       | John Anderson ....  | John Dewer .....   | Tiverton.                    |
| 8       | *Alex. Sutherland.. |                    | Knox Ch, Ripley.             |
| 9       | William Blain.....  |                    | Tara, Allanford, &c.         |
| 10      | Peter Currie.....   | James Lean.....    | Rion Ch, Teeswater.          |
| 11      | John Stewart.....   | F. Robertson.....  | Chalmer's Ch, Kin-cardine.   |
| 12      | David Wardrope...   | Wm. McKague...     | Westminster..                |
| 13      | *John Straith ..... | R. M Hay.....      | Knox Ch., Paisley.           |
| 14      | A. F. McQueen ..... | *James Bell.....   | Grant's Ch, Huron.           |
| 15      | W. Anderson.....    | M. McPherson.....  | St. Andrew's, Kin-cardine.   |
| 16      | A. G. Forbes .....  | W. Malcolm.....    | Kinloss & Bervie.            |
| 17      | *Geo. McLennan...   | E. J. Brown.....   | Centre Bruce & Underwood.    |
| 18      | D. Fraser, M.A..... | D. G. McGilliveray | Saugeen.                     |
| 19      | John Bethune .....  | Wm. Park .....     | Chesley & S. Church.         |
| 20      | Duncan Davidson..   |                    | Langside.                    |
| 21      | Wm Ferguson.....    | A. McDonald.....   | Glammis.                     |
| 22      | *J. B. Taylor ..... | R. Malcolm.....    | St. Andrew's, Lucknow.       |
| 23      | D. McKerracher....  |                    | Prince Arthur's land-ing.    |
| 24      | Jas. Gemlay, M.A... | Arnold Ross.....   | Pt. Elgin & Dumblane         |
|         |                     | Mission Stations : |                              |
| I ..... |                     |                    | Riversdale and Ennis-killen. |
| 2 ..... |                     |                    | Pinkerton.                   |

# CHANGES IN ROLL.

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

## TRANSLATIONS.

### PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. Hector McQuarrie, from Princeton and Drumbo to Wingham, in the Presbytery of Huron, on the twenty-first day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. James Gordon, M. A., from Crumlin Church, North Dorchester to Clifton, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, on the twenty-fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Alexander Sutherland, from Guthrie's Church and Cook's Church, Caradoc, to Ripley, in the Presbytery of Bruce, on the third day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. John A. Macdonald, from Dorchester Station, to Wallacetown, on the 3rd day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. A. Stewart, from Mosa to North East Hope, in the Presbytery of Stratford, on the seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Mr. Hugh Currie, from Napier to Keady, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound, on the seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Mr. G. C. McRobbie, from Mandaumin to Tilsonburg, in the Presbytery of Paris, on the third day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. Alex. A. Drummond, from Shakespeare and Hampstead, to Newcastle, in the Presbytery of Whitby, on the twentieth day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. Alexander Y. Hartley, from Dungannon to Rodgerville and Exeter, on the first day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Thomas Thomson, from Duff's Church, McKillop and Winthrop, to Brucefield, Union Church, on the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

## INDUCTIONS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. W. F. Clarke to Welland, Crowland, and Port Colborne, on the twenty-fifth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. George Chrystal, to Flamboro', on the twenty-second day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. James Gordon, M. A., to St. Andrew's Church, Clifton, on the twenty-fourth day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. James Pallar, to Lynedoch and Silverhill, on the eleventh day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. John H. Ratcliff, to Ancaster and Alberton, on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

John James, D. D., to Knox Church, Hamilton, on the eleventh day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. Andrew Glendinning, to Glenmorris, on the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Mr. G. C. McRobbie, to Tilsonburg and Culloden, on the third day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Mungo Fraser, to St. Thomas, on the twenty-second day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. J. A. McDonald to Wallacetown, on the fifth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Alex. Urquhart, to Chalmer's and Duff's Church, on the twenty-second day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. David Mann, to Biddulph, on the fifteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Arch'd Stewart, to North East Hope, on the 10th day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. D. B. McRae, to Cranbrook and Ethel, on the eighteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. A. Y. Hartley, to Rodgerville and Exeter, on the thirtieth day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Hector McQuarrie, to Wingham, on the twenty-eighth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Thomas Thomson, to Brucefield, Union Church, on the twenty-first day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. William Blain, to Tara, Allanford, &c., on the sixteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Alexander Sutherland, to Knox Church, Ripley, on the thirteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## ORDINATIONS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. John H. Ratcliff, at Ancaster, on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

Mr. W. C. Armstrong, at Florence and Dawn, on the eighth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

## DEMISSIONS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. S. C. Fraser, Minister at Thorold and Merriton, on the twenty-sixth day of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. James Herald, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Dundas, on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Isaac Campbell, Minister at Beverly- on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. W. F. Clarke, Minister at Welland, Crowland and Port Colborne, on the eleventh day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Robert Chambers, Minister of East Williams, on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. James R. Hay, Minister of Delaware, on the thirteenth day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Joseph S. Eakins, Minister at Parkhill, on the twenty-seventh day of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. D. McDonald, Minister of St. Andrew's, Westminster, on the twentieth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. W. T. Wilkins, B. A., Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, on the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. D. Wardrope demitted part of his pastoral charge,



known as Eadie congregation, which was transferred to the Presbytery of Huron.

### LICENSURES.

#### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Alexander Henderson, on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

#### PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

Mr. A. M. Hamilton, on the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. D. C. McIntyre, on the nineteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

#### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Stewart Atcheson, on the eleventh day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

### MINISTERS RECEIVED.

#### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. Wm. Stephenson, from the Canada Methodist Church, on the eleventh day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

#### PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Mr. William C. Armstrong, Licentiate of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., on the second day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

#### PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Mr. David Mann, from the United Presbyterian Church of North America, on the eleventh day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## DISMISSIONS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. William Stephenson, to the Presbytery of Detroit, U. S., on the sixth day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Messrs. R. C. Moffatt and D. Duff, by action of General Assembly, to the Presbytery of Saugeen, on the twelfth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## DEATHS.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. John McColl, Minister of Central Church, Hamilton, on the seventh day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Alexander McLean, M. A., of Nairn Church, on the third day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Mr. Adam Mackay, of Knox Church, Ripley, on the twenty-eighth day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

North Dorchester and Dorchester Station, united into one pastoral charge, to be designated Crumlin and Dorchester Station, on the twentieth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Walton, separated from Melville Church, Brussels, and erected into a self-sustaining charge, on the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

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Belgrave, separated from Blyth, and erected into a self-sustaining charge, on the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Eadie, received from the Presbytery of Bruce, on the ninth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven; and united with Bluevale.

East Ashfield, separated from Dungannon and Port Albert, on the ninth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

#### 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. Nominations having been called for, Mr. Lowry moved, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that the Rev. John Laing, M. A., of Knox Church, Dundas, be elected Moderator. Mr. John Thompson, of Sarnia, moved, seconded by Mr. J. W. Mitchell, M. A., that the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Zion Church, Brantford, be elected Moderator. Dr. Cochrane having earnestly asked that his name should be withdrawn, the request was granted, and Mr. Laing unanimously elected.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Livingstone, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his sermon, and for the able manner in which he had presided over the former meeting of Synod.

The Clerk, Dr. Cochrane, read the report of the Business Committee. The report was received, and on its recommendations the following appointments made:

1. To be a Committee on the Commissions of Elders—Messrs. H. McQuarrie and M. Fraser, ministers; and Samuel Rutherford, elder.
2. To be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Hamilton Presbytery—Messrs. H. Gracey and H. Currie, ministers; and David Taylor, elder.

3. To be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Paris Presbytery—Messrs. J. G. Murray and John Thompson, Sarnia, ministers; and A. McCallum, elder.

4. To be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the London Presbytery—Dr. Bell and Mr. J. Little, Ministers; and Mr. Adam Spence, elder.

5. To be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Chatham Presbytery—Messrs. T. Lowry and Alex. Sutherland, ministers; and J. Lillico, elder.

6. To be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Stratford Presbytery—Messrs. John Scott and J. Sievereight, ministers; and N. M. Campbell, elder.

7. To be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Huron Presbytery—Messrs. John McAlpine and S. Fisher, ministers; and Thos. Patterson, elder.

8. To be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Bruce Presbytery—Messrs. F. McCuaig and John McEwen, ministers; and A. T. Root, elder.

#### COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following were appointed as the Committee on Bills and Overtures, with the Synod and Presbytery Clerks:

Presbytery of Hamilton.—Messrs. D. H. Fletcher, minister, and Andrew Wilson, elder.

Presbytery of Paris.—Messrs. D. D. McLeod, minister, and Wm. Turnbull, elder.

Presbytery of London.—Messrs. Lachlan Cameron, minister, and James Cowan, elder.

Presbytery of Chatham.—Messrs. C. McKechnie, minister, and W. Webster, elder.

Presbytery of Stratford.—Messrs. D. Gordon, minister, and Robert Heron, elder.

Presbytery of Huron.—Messrs. George Brown, minister, and Arch'd Matieson, elder.

Presbytery of Bruce.—Messrs. Geo. McLennan, minister, and E. J. Brown, 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 10 a. m., to 1 p. m.; from 3 p. m., to 6 p. m.; and from 7.30 p. m., to 10 p. m.

#### AUDITORS.

Rev. Mr. Walker (Chatham), and Mr. Wm. Webster, elder, were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's books and accounts, and report before the close of the meeting of Synod.

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It was agreed to receive the report of the Committee on the State of Religion, and hold a Synodical Conference thereon at the evening Sederunt of Wednesday.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet again at ten a. m. to-morrow morning, and after singing the one hundred and thirty-fourth Psalm, was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

#### SECOND SEDERUNT.

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Knox Church, Woodstock, the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, ten o'clock a. m.



The Synod met again, pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. John Laing, M. A., Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, and Messrs. T. Lowry, and John Thompson, of Sarnia.

The Minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Clerk gave in a report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, which on motion was unanimously adopted, and is as follows :

##### FORENOON.

I. Overture from the Presbytery of Huron, anent the Ontario Act for the registration of births, marriages and deaths.

II. Overture from the Presbytery of Paris, anent colleges.

III. Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, anent use of the Bible in public schools.

IV. Fix time and place of next meeting of Synod.

##### AFTERNOON.

Report of Committee on Sabbath observance.

##### EVENING.

Report of Committee on state of religion, and Conference on the state of religion within the bounds.

Overture from Presbytery of London on Home Mission matters.

#### OVERTURE ANENT ONTARIO REGISTRATION ACT.

The Synod then according to the above recommendations, proceeded to consider the Overture from the Presbytery of Huron. The Clerk having read the overture, Messrs. Sieveright and Gracey were heard in its support.

Mr. Sieveright then moved, seconded by Mr. John Thompson, of Sarnia, that the Synod adopt the overture, and that it be remitted to a Committee to prepare a deliverance. The mo-

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tion was unanimously adopted, and the following Committee appointed in terms thereof: Messrs. Sieveright (convener), J. C. Smith, J. Gordon, F. McCuaig, ministers; and Messrs. A. Henderson and Thos. W. Charlton, elders.

#### OVERTURE ANENT COLLEGES.

The Synod next took up the Overture from the Presbytery of Paris, in reference to theological education. The overture having been read, the Commissioners from the Presbytery, Messrs. McEwen and McLeod, were called upon to speak in favor of its transmission to the General Assembly.

Before the Commissioners were heard, Dr. Bell took objection to its being considered at all, on the grounds that it was unconstitutional.

This point having been debated at length, the Moderator ruled that there was nothing unconstitutional in the transmission of the overture, and that the Commissioners should be heard.

Messrs. McEwen and McLeod were then heard in favor of its being transmitted by the Synod to the Assembly.

The Court then proceeded to consider the question of transmission.

It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that the Overture be transmitted.

It was moved by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the Synod, while disapproving of the paragraphs relating to Queen's College in the Overture from the Paris Presbytery, agree to transmit said Overture to the Assembly.

It was moved by Mr. McCuaig, seconded by Mr. Milloy, that the Overture be transmitted as in all respects a regular and respectful document, but that the Synod disapprove of the recommendations anent Queen's College.

Pending the discussion of the Overture the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod accordingly adjourned, to meet again at three o'clock p. m. The Moderator then pronounced the benediction, and the Synod adjourned.

## THIRD SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, Woodstock, eleventh April, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, three o'clock p.m. The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator, the Rev. John Thompson, M. A., of Ayr, engaging in prayer.

The Minutes of the forenoon Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Presbytery of Paris, through its Moderator, asked leave of the Synod to retire, in order to consider certain proposed action connected with the Overture now under discussion by the Synod. Leave was granted the Presbytery to retire.

During the absence of the Paris Presbytery from the Court, the Synod agreed to proceed to the next item of business,

## THE BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton was then read, regarding the use of the Bible in our public schools, and Mr. Smith heard in its support. The Moderator having left the chair (which was filled by the ex-Moderator), also addressed the Synod as Commissioner from the Hamilton Presbytery.

After deliberation, it was moved by Dr. Bell, seconded by Mr. James Gordon, that the Synod sustain the Overture, and appoint the Moderator and Clerk, with Dr. Bell and Mr. J. C. Smith, M. A., a Committee to confer with the Honorable the Minister of Education on the subject.

The motion was carried unanimously.

## NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod next proceeded to fix the place and time of next meeting of Synod. The following places were nominated:—St. Catharines, London, Hamilton and Stratford. On a vote being taken, it was decided by a majority to meet at Stratford and within Knox Church there, on the second Tuesday of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, at half-past seven o'clock.

## CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

The Rev. Messrs. McKay, Wells, Ewing, Porteous, Cuthbertson, Fotheringham and Melville, ministers of our Church, and Mr. Clarkson, of the Canada Methodist Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

## OVERTURE ANENT COLLEGES.

Mr. Grant, as Moderator of the Presbytery of Paris, intimated that with the permission of the Synod the Presbytery desired that the Overture be transmitted, with the omission of the second clause.

On motion of Mr. Straith, leave was granted the Presbytery of Paris to expunge the second clause of their Overture.

The Synod then proceeded to vote on the motion and amendments on the Overture, presented at the forenoon Sederunt.

On the vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. McLean was carried by a large majority over the amendment of Mr. McCuaig, and again over the motion of Mr. Hall; and the Synod accordingly decided in the following terms: "That the Synod, while disapproving of the paragraphs relating to Queen's College in the Overture from the Paris Presbytery, agree to transmit said Overture to the Assembly."

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Synod then called for the Committee's report on Sabbath Observance. Mr. Grant, the convener, intimated verbally that nothing had been done during the year. On motion of Mr. J. Thompson, Sarnia, the report was received, and the committee reappointed.

On motion of Mr. D. D. McLeod, duly seconded, a Committee consisting of Messrs. McLeod (convener), Grant and Gordon, was appointed to draw up a deliverance on the subject of Sabbath desecration, in view of the discussion of the afternoon, and report at the evening Sederunt.

## REGISTRATION ACT.

The Committee appointed to prepare a deliverance on the Overture from the Presbytery of Huron, gave in a report, recom-

mending that the Synod appoint the Moderator to bring the subject matter of the Overture from the Presbytery of Huron, anent the Act for the registration of births, deaths and marriages, under the notice of the Premier of the Ontario Government, and respectfully urge its modification in the direction which the Overture indicates. The recommendation was adopted.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned until half-past seven p. m., and the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

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Knox Church, Woodstock, the eleventh April, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, half-past seven p. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. John Laing, Moderator, and was duly constituted, the Rev. Robert Hall engaging in prayer.

#### STATE OF RELIGION.

The report of the Committee on the State of Religion was called for, and read by Mr. J. W. Mitchell, M. A. Dr. Ure moved, seconded by Mr. John Scott, that "the report be received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee, and especially to the convener, for their diligence in collecting and presenting the interesting facts contained in the report: The Synod desire to record their gratitude to Almighty God for the large measure of success which has attended the labors of his servants during the year and the copious outpouring of His Spirit vouchsafed to many of our congregations—re-appoint the Committee, and continue the recommendations attached to last year's report, with the single change in the first recommendation—that Presbyteries be urged to hold *at least an annual meeting* on the subject of religion within the bounds."

#### SABBATH DESECRATION.

The Committee appointed to draw up a deliverance on the subject of Sabbath desecration, reported the following, which on motion, duly seconded, was adopted: The Synod deplores the prevailing forms of Sabbath profanation within its bounds, and inculcates upon ministers and other friends of religion, the duty



of taking such steps as will lead to the better enforcement of the existing civil laws, against Sabbath desecration in all its forms. The Synod further instructs the Committee to co-operate with the Assembly's Committee in using all legitimate means to enforce existing Sabbath laws, and influence public opinion at the particular points, to which the attention of the Synod has been directed.

#### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Synod appointed the following as a standing Committee for the year on Sabbath Schools, to present an annual report, and arrange for a conference at next meeting of Synod: Messrs. Mungo Fraser (convener), J. Thompson, (Sarnia), J. McEwen, R. Hamilton, and Thomas McGuire, ministers; and Messrs. A. I. McKenzie and Peter Marshall, elders.

#### COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The following Committee on Temperance was appointed: Messrs. J. Sieveright (convener), R. Hall, A. McLean, D. Fraser, ministers; and Mr. A. Mathieson, elder.

#### OVERTURE ANENT HOME MISSION MATTERS.

An Overture from the Presbytery of London anent certain proposed changes in the method of conducting the Home Mission work of the church, was read. In the absence of Dr. Proudfoot, Mr. John Thompson, of Sarnia, was heard in its support. After discussion it was agreed, on motion duly made and seconded, to transmit it to the Assembly.

#### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read the report of the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books, which on motion, duly seconded, was received and adopted. The cordial thanks of the Synod were tendered to James Walker, Esq., of Hamilton, who as Treasurer of Synod has so diligently discharged his duties.

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. J. C. Smith, M. A., votes of thanks were passed to the minister and office-bearers of Knox Church, Woodstock, for the ample arrangements

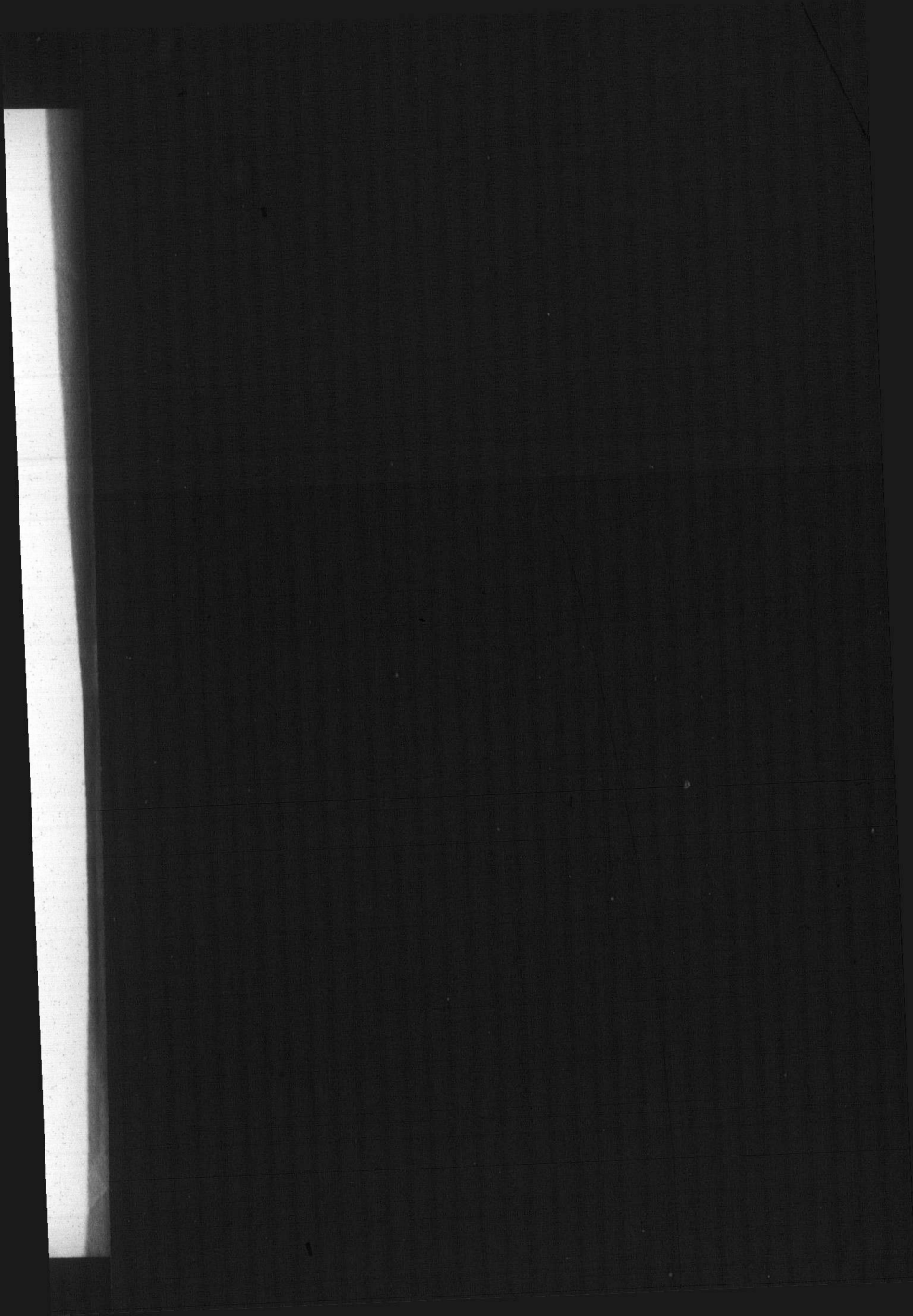
made to entertain the Synod ; to the christian friends in the town for their generous hospitality, and to the Great Western Railway Company for their kindness in granting reduced rates to the members.

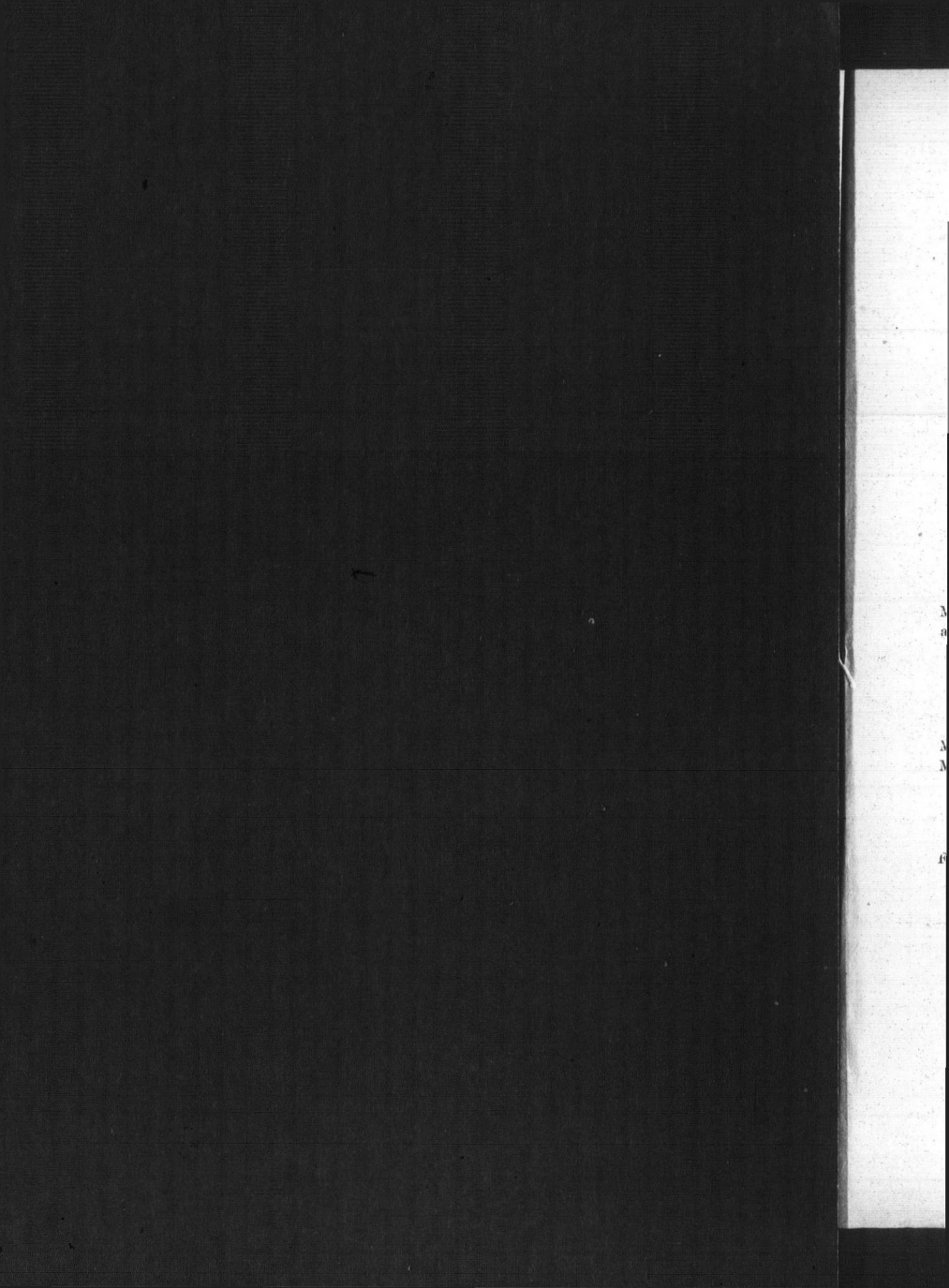
#### ADJOURNMENT.

The business having been concluded, the Synod engaged in singing the 183d Psalm ; after which the Moderator declared the Synod dissolved, and appointed the next Synod to meet at Stratford and within Knox Church there, on the second Tuesday of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, at half-past seven o'clock p. m., and closed the session by pronouncing the apostolic benediction.

JOHN LAING, M. A., Moderator.

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





## COMMITTEES.--(Continued.)

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### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. R. N. Grant, Convener, and Dr. Bell, Messrs. Fletcher, Wadell, McCuaig, Burson, Ministers; and Dr. Aberdeen, Messrs. McCalla, Hudson, and Thom, Elders.

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Mr. J. Sieveright, Convener, and Messrs. R. Hall, A. McLean, D. Fraser, Ministers; and Mr. A. Mathieson, Elder.



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