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PROBATIONERS AND VACANCIES.

As there seems to be a misunderstanding in some quarters regarding the resolution of the Synod passed in 1867, and which was published in the *Record* in the month of November last, a few remarks on the subject may be of use. When the present Home Mission Scheme was put in operation, the distribution of Probationers among vacancies was entrusted to a distinct Committee, of which Rev. James Dick was Convener. After the experience of two years, it was thought better to put this work into the hands of the Home Mission Committee, and, with no little reluctance and some misgiving as to the effect which the combination of these two departments of Church work would have, the Home Mission Committee accepted the trust. When this was proposed, statements having been made by the Convener as to "difficulties connected with the work, and complaints which came to the Committee from various quarters," and also by Mr. W. Moore, in behalf of the Presbytery of Ottawa, and Mr. Proudfoot for the Presbytery of London, this resolution was passed:—

On motion of Mr. McTavish, seconded by Mr. J. Dick, it was agreed "That the distribution of Probationers be left in the hands of the Home Mission Committee, and that Presbyteries be strictly enjoined not to grant employment to Probationers or Ministers without charges, except such as come