

probationary trials for License. Similar applications were made by the Presbytery of Guelph in behalf of Mr. D. Findlay ; by the Presbytery of Quebec in behalf of Mr. James T. Patterson ; by the Presbytery of Owen Sound in behalf of Mr. D. Bannerman ; and by the Presbytery of London in behalf of Mr. A. Smith and Mr. D. L. Munro.

On motion of Mr. McMullen, duly seconded, the Assembly unanimously agreed to refer these applications, with relative documents, to a Committee hereafter to be appointed, with instructions to report.

APPLICATIONS ANENT STUDENTS.

There were read Extract Minutes—

1. Of the Presbytery of Toronto making application :—

(a) To have Mr. George Wallace, M. A. of Weston, received as a Student of Divinity, with permission to license him after such a course of study as the Presbytery may deem necessary.

(b) For leave to take Mr. Thomas Scouler, who has passed the preparatory course and attended one session in Theology in Knox College, on trials for License after he has attended another Session of his Theological course, on the ground of his large experience in Missionary work.

2. Of the Presbytery of Montreal, with reference to Mr. William Mullens, who has attended two Sessions at the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

3. Of the Presbytery of Lindsay, craving permission to take Mr. Angus McLeod, who has attended one Session at Knox College and has had considerable experience in Missionary work, on trials for License after he has attended another Session in Theology at one of our Colleges.

4. Of the Presbytery of Barrie, making application in behalf of Mr. Joseph A. Andrew, formerly a Minister of the Methodist Church in Canada, whose case was before the General Assembly of 1876, that full Ministerial status be accorded to him.

On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, duly seconded, the Assembly agreed to refer these special cases to the Committee to be appointed on the Licensure of Students, with instructions to report at an early Sederunt.

There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Chatham, embodying a report with respect to Mr. John Cairns, in accordance with the instructions of last General Assembly. The report was received, and the Presbytery were instructed to continue their superintendence of the studies of Mr. Cairns.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator appointed a Committee, consisting of Dr. Grant, Dr. Gregg, Prof. Bryce, Prof. Hart, Messrs. K. MacLennan, A. McLean Sinclair, S. Houston, R. Campbell (Montreal), Wm. Moore, R. H. Warden, John Gray (Orillia), George Cuthbertson, D. H. Fletcher, D. D. McLeod ; Dr. Christie, Messrs. R. Murray, A. Macpherson, J. B. Fairbairn, J. Barr and George Hay, to nominate Standing Committees.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE.

There was read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Barrie, embodying an application on behalf of the Rev. William Fraser, D.D., for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry, and to receive an allowance from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Said application was accompanied with a medical certificate from Dr. Thorburn of Toronto. The Presbytery craved the permission of the Assembly to have Dr. Fraser recognised as the senior minister of the first West Gwillimbury Congregation. Application was made by the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island on behalf of the Rev. Alexander Campbell, recently minister of Strathalbyn, for permission to retire from the active duties of the