

Robert Hall, of the second year, and David Waters of the third year, and that they had performed all the exercises assigned them to the satisfaction of the Presbytery.

Grey.

The Presbytery of Grey reported that Mr. William Donald, Student of the second year, had been under their inspection during last summer, and that he had performed all the exercises prescribed to him with great credit to himself and highly satisfactory to the members of Presbytery.

Distribution of Preachers.

The Committee for the distribution of Preachers submitted their report, which is of the purport following :—

Report of Committee.

Report of Committee for the distribution of Probationers.

During the three months from July to September, 1857, there were five probationers to supply 26 vacancies. At the close of this quarter Messrs. James, King and Moffat were ordained. In October, the names of Messrs. Allison, Greig and McFaul were placed on the list of Preachers. The list then contained six preachers to supply 32 vacant congregations and stations. From January to March, 1858, there were seven probationers on the list, viz : Messrs. Allison, Balmer, Greig, Hamilton, McFaul, Scott and Todd, and the vacancies still as many as formerly, thus affording to each vacant congregation and station somewhat less than one quarter supply, irrespective of what was given by the Presbyteries. During the current quarter, i.e., from March to June there are twelve probationers, including those who have lately arrived from Scotland, to supply some thirty-five or thirty-six vacancies.

There have been ordained or inducted to pastoral charges during the past twelve months, that is, from July 1858, up to the present date the following preachers : Mr. James, to Galt ; Mr. King, to Columbus ; Mr. Moffat to Walkerton, in the township of Brant, and Mr. McFaul to Caledon and Orangeville.

There are two matters to which your committee would call the attention of Synod ; and they would suggest that some action should be taken on them, and instructions given to Presbyteries and the Distribution Committee. These matters are,

1st. Preachers and Ministers not received into regular connection with the Church, obtaining appointments, in some way, to vacant congregations, and being called by them, yet their names not on the list of probationers, and the rules which the Synod has laid down to regulate the appointments of probationers being thus set aside and injustice done to those who go the usual round of appointments.

The second matter is this,—Your Committee is sometimes placed in difficulties by preachers withdrawing their services from the Church and refusing to fulfil appointments,—giving themselves up to some secular calling, for a time ; thus making