

Presbyteries as nearly as possible in proportion to the number of vacancies returned. Your Committee in appointing Preachers, send them in rotation to the several Presbyteries, as far as this can be effected; but sometimes Congregations and Presbyteries claim the services of certain Preachers for location, which prevents those thus located from going the usual round of the Presbyteries, and causes your Committee to send other Preachers to certain Presbyteries, before their proper time according to the usual rotation. There have been several complaints made against certain Preachers being sent, because others who ought to have been sent were located.

At the end of the first three months appointment, Mr. Daniel Todd withdrew his name from the list of Probationers.

There have been nine Probationers on the list from October, 1859, to the present time. The Rev. William Peattie withdrew his name, having accepted a Call from Mount Pleasant Congregation, and the Rev. Geo. Murray had his name put on, and appointments assigned him, in virtue of the action of Synod at its last meeting. Your Committee have also to report that the name of the Rev. George Kennedy was put on the list of Probationers, at the beginning of the current quarter, in virtue of a certificate from the Secretary of the Mission Board in Scotland, and which your Committee regarded as sufficient warrant to them to do so, meeting the requirement of the law of Synod, respecting the reception of Ministers and Probationers. (See Minutes, p. 330, paragraph No. 3.)

The Rev. Mr. Hall had his name placed on the list from the 3rd Sabbath of October to the 4th Sabbath of December, 1859, when he withdrew it, in order to be permanently settled in Missouri. Also, Mr. Hume withdrew his name at the end of March last, having accepted a Call from St. George's Congregation.

The following Probationers have been located for several months during the past year: Mr. Hume in the Congregation of Esqueness, Wellington Presbytery, for five months; Mr. Howie in the Congregation of Windsor, for three months; the Rev. Walter Scott in the Congregation of Grant County, Wisconsin; the Rev. Wm. Clarke in the Congregation of Bokeaygeon, in the Presbytery of Durham; the Rev. George Kennedy in the Congregation of Delaware and Lambeth, London Presbytery, during the last three months.

The Report was received, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Committee for their diligence.

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