

he had performed the exercises assigned him to the satisfaction of the Presbytery.

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report  
deferred.

Agreed to pass, in the meantime, item No. 3, in the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, namely: Report on the Tri-centenary of the Scottish Reformation.

Proba-  
tioners,  
limitation  
of term  
retained on  
list.

Read and received an Overture from Professor Taylor and Mr. Pringle, transmitted by the Presbytery of Toronto, requesting the Synod to take into consideration the propriety of fixing the period during which those placed on the roll of Probationers may retain that position. Also, read and received an Overture from the Presbytery of Durham of a similar purport, and asking the Synod to make such regulations as may be deemed right in the premises.

Regulations  
proposed by  
Professor  
Taylor.

With a view to the disposal of these Overtures the subjoined Paper was submitted by Professor Taylor:

Regarding the period of Probation it is recommended that the Synod shall enact:—

1. That the period for which the name of a Probationer shall be placed on the roll shall not exceed *three* years; and that if he has previously held a pastoral charge in this Church, the period shall not exceed *two* years; but if he find it necessary, on account of personal or relative affliction, to abstain, for a time, from receiving appointments, that time shall not be held part of his period.

2. That with respect to those whose names are at present on the roll, the time they have been there shall be reckoned just half of what it has actually been; and that no name shall be dropt from the roll till after one year from this date.

3. That Probationers whose names have been dropt from the roll, if they continue in good standing as members of the Church, may receive appointments from any Presbytery, but such appointments shall not be to the prejudice of Probationers whose names are on the roll, and no remuneration shall be secured to them beyond what the supplied congregation may give: also, that such Probationers may be called to the pastoral office by any vacant congregation, but no Minister moderating in a call shall place the name of any of them on