

PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.—This Presbytery held their ordinary meeting at Durham on the 28th Sept. Messrs. Wm. Martin, Mark Danby, and Samuel Acheson, students, were examined, and passed satisfactorily, and the Clerk was instructed to grant them certificates to that effect.

Mr. McMillan gave in Home Mission report. It was resolved to apply for the services of three probationers for next term. Mr. McMillan was appointed to attend the meeting of the Home Mission Committee, as also member of the Foreign Mission Committee.

WM. PARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

On account of the space occupied with the proceedings of Synods, we are reluctantly obliged to leave over the proceedings of some Presbyteries.

Obituary Notices.

THE LATE REV. WILLIAM MOORE MACKEY.

Early in the spring of 1852, the writer of this notice received appointments to labour at North Gower—then a Mission Station in its infancy—and on the afternoon of the first Sabbath preached in the house of the father of him whose death we are called to record, William Moore Mackey, since then so favorably known and tenderly remembered by many of our congregations and Mission Stations. It was in these circumstances that our attention was first drawn to the fair-haired, bright-eyed lad of eighteen, as he listened with attention to an address on the words, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Then an intimacy was formed that was unbroken until our heavenly Father called him to reward and rest, on the 22nd of April last.

Mr. Mackey was born in the Township of Goulburn, County of Carleton, in the year 1834. The days of his boyhood were marked by much thoughtfulness and deep seriousness on the subject of personal religion, and at the early age of thirteen he gave satisfactory evidence of being acquainted experimentally with the constraining love of the Lord Jesus, confessing at that early period his faith in the Son of God. His constitutional tenderness made his deep affection toward his mother, with those who knew him best, very noticeable, while her faithfulness and prayer had much to do instrumentally with his early piety. We can never forget his own disclosures in the ear of friendship, of her wrestlings in prayer with and for the conversion of her boy; and she had doubtless in her own heart given him to the Lord and His work.

Every opportunity was given him for the cultivation of his mind, in attendance on the Grammar Schools at Prescott, and Kemptville. In 1850 he intimated his desire to be engaged in the work of the ministry, and shortly after this he is found, although just eighteen, addressing his fellow-men as opportunity presented, on their best interests for time and eternity. His tender animation and elegance of diction, accompanied with force of thought, through all his public services, rendered him highly acceptable, and much sought after by those who knew him best.

In the Fall of 1853 he went to Toronto, and entered on the prescribed course of Knox College. His ability, attainments and application to the routine work, as also his modest manner, soon marked him out, and won for him the esteem of the Professors and his fellow-students. In mathematics and classics he excelled, and he took a special pleasure in the exer-