

THE HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD OF
DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS,
From February 3rd to April 28th, 1867.

| Names of Probationers. | February, 4 Sabbaths. | March, 5 Sabbaths. | April, 4 Sabbaths. |
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| REV. JAMES BOWIE... | G. 1, 2; Gy. 3, 4... | Gy. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5... | T. 1, 2; On. 3, 4. |
| " J. DONALDSON... | P. 1; St. 2, 3, 4... | G. 1, 2, 3; T. 4, 5... | T. 1, 2; Gy. 3, 4. |
| " JAMES HOWIE... | T. 1, 2, 3; On. 4... | On. 1, 2, 3; Co. 4, 5... | Co. 1; K. 2, 3, 4. |
| " JAMES HUME... | | | B. 3, 4. |
| " SAMUEL JONNS... | L. 1, 2, 3, 4..... | St. 1, 2, 3; H. 4, 5... | St. 1, 2, 3; L. 4. |
| " E. McLEAN... | | | Hu. 3, 4. |
| " O. McKERACHER... | | | Ott. 3, 4. |
| " WILLIAM REEVE... | Ott. 1, 2, 3, 4..... | Ott. 1, 2; On. 3, 4, 5... | G. 1, 2, 3, 4. |
| " W. H. SIMPSON... | | | M. 3, 4. |
| " J. H. THOM.... | L. 1, 2; T. 3, 4... | T. 1; L. 1, 2, 3, 4; [Ott. 5. | Ott. 1, 2, 3, 4. |
| " WALTER WRIGHT | L. 1, 2, 3, 4..... | L. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5..... | Hu. 1, 2, 3, 4. |

N.B.—The figures indicate the Sabbaths, the letters indicate the Presbyteries, e.g.: L., London; Hu., Huron; H., Hamilton; St., Stratford; G., Guelph; Gy., Grey; P., Paris; T., Toronto; On., Ontario; Co., Cobourg; K., Kingston; B., Brockville; Ott., Ottawa; M., Montreal.

There are about forty-eight vacant congregations, and only eleven probationers. Of these, four have been appointed to supply missionary stations, namely: Messrs. Hume and McKeracher, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal; Mr. W. H. Simpson within the bounds of the Presbytery of Cobourg; and Mr. McLean, within those of the Presbytery of Grey, during the months of February and March, and half of April; after that, they are appointed to vacant congregations.

JAMES DICK,
Convener.

Notices of Publications.

The Theory of the Ruling Eldership, or the Position of the Lay Rulers in the Reformed Churches, examined. By Rev. P. C. Campbell, D.D., Principal of the University of Aberdeen. Wm. Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh, 1866.

This little volume discusses a subject of great practical importance to all Presbyterian Churches. It is written by one who has evidently studied it with great care. Along with many others, he has doubtless felt the difficulty of accepting the common theory of the Eldership, in the Presbyterian Churches of the Scottish type, on the sole ground of Calvin's interpretation of 1 Tim. v, 17. According to our present ideas, we have the infelicity of resting the scriptural authority of one of the chief features of our church polity on an interpretation of a text that is far from being universally held; but on the contrary is with few exceptions denied by the most learned critics of the sacred text.

Dr. Campbell's object is to show that the interpretation which finds in 1 Tim. v, 17 an evidence that there exists, or should exist, in the Christian Church, two distinct species of officers, one whose function it is solely to rule, and another who may both teach and rule, under the general title of Presbyters, rests on no formal ecclesiastical sanction, and has long been abandoned as untenable by the most learned friends of the Eldership.