

REFERENCE FROM PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO ANENT STANDING OF DR. WILLIS.

On a reference from the Presbytery of Toronto, and the position of Dr. Willis, who has removed beyond the bounds of the church, a Committee was appointed to consider the matter and report. A reference from the Presbytery of London was committed to the same Committee, and it was remitted to them to bring up a rule for the consideration of the Assembly which should apply to similar cases. In due time the Committee reported with reference to the special cases remitted to them, that the name of Dr. Willis should be retained in the roll of the Presbytery of Toronto, and that of Rev. Donald McKenzie in the roll of the Presbytery of London. The concluding clause in the report with reference to the position of retired members, &c., generally, was sent down for the consideration and judgment of Presbyteries.

RESIGNATION OF PROFESSOR YOUNG.

A communication was read from Professor G. P. Young intimating his appointment to the chair of Metaphysics and Ethics in University College, Toronto, and resigning his Professorship in Knox College. A Committee was appointed to consider the matter and report at a future sederunt. The Committee subsequently presented a report, and, in accordance therewith, it was agreed that the Assembly accept with regret the resignation of Prof. Young, and express their sense of the great value of the services rendered by him in connection with Knox College, and of the loss sustained by his withdrawal from it. The Assembly, at the same time, are glad to know that in consequence of his appointment to the chair of Metaphysics and Ethics, in University College, the students of the church, who prosecute their studies in Toronto will still have the opportunity of availing themselves of Prof. Young's inspections. Further, the Assembly direct the Board of Knox College to enter into communication with Professor Young, with the view of ascertaining whether his new duties may consist with continued connection to any extent with the work of Knox College, and, if so, the Board is hereby authorized to learn whatever services Professor Young may be able to offer.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

On the evening of Wednesday 5th the Report on the State of Religion was called for, and the same was given in and read by Mr. John McTavish, Convener. After reading the report, Mr. McTavish intimated his desire to be relieved of the Convener'ship. The Assembly agreed that the Report be received, the thanks of the Assembly tendered to the Committee and especially to the Convener, and that the Report be remitted to a Committee to consider the recommendations contained therein, and report to the Assembly. At a subsequent diet the Committee appointed in this matter reported the following deliverance, which was adopted by the Assembly.

The Committee appointed to frame a deliverance for the General Assembly with reference to the Report on the State of Religion, reported, through Dr. Burns, Convener, as follows:—

1. The General Assembly rejoice in the evidences presented in the Report of an increasing interest in spiritual things throughout many portions of the church, and record their sense of devout gratitude to God for every hopeful symptom of His presence and blessing, at the same time, they find cause for deep humiliation in the review of past sins and shortcomings, and abundant reason to labour and pray for a general revival of the Lord's work in the midst of us.