

REV. DEAR SIR :—The Committee on the State of Religion, appointed by the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, at their meeting in June last, have instructed me to send you the following questions, with the request that you submit them to your Kirk Session at an early day, and return me their answers to the same by 1st Feb., 1867, signed by yourself as Moderator, and by your Session Clerk.

1. Do the members and adherents of the congregation regularly attend the stated ordinances of Divine Worship?

2. Have you anything interesting to report regarding the gathering in of the careless, and the edification of believers, during the past year?

3. Are there any hopeful indications in connection with Prayer Meetings, Bible Class, and Sabbath School in your congregation?

4. Is your congregation divided into districts for the convenience of the Elders in visiting, and are the Elders faithful in discharging this department of their duty?

5. What is the state of Family Religion, as ascertained through the official labours of the Pastor and Elders?

6. Are there any forms of vice specially apparent and prevalent in the neighbourhood?

7. Have you any remarks to offer on the state of religion generally in your locality.

I remain, Rev. dear Sir,
Yours truly,

ROBERT TORRANCE.

GUELPH, December, 1866

PROCEEDINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met at Stratford on the 27th November. A call from the congregation of Biddulph and Fish Creek, signed by 99 members and 62 adherents, to Mr Allan Findlay, was sustained and presented to Mr. Findlay and accepted by him.

Mr. David Beattie's resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Mornington was accepted, and Mr. James Boyd was appointed Moderator *ad interim* of the Church Session, and to preach to the congregation on the 2nd inst., and declare the church vacant. The congregation of Knox's Church, Mitchell, having petitioned for the moderation of a call to a minister, Mr. John Fotheringham was appointed to preach at Mitchell on the 11th December and to moderate in a call. Mr. Thomas Lowry accepted a call from the congregation of Wellington Street, Brantford, the Presbytery agreed to his translation and appointed Moderator *ad interim* of the Church Session.

Mr. Robert Renwick was appointed to preach at West's Corners and Gamble settlement and to declare the church vacant on the 23rd inst. Mr. Renwick was also appointed.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Stratford on the *third* Tuesday of January, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

WILLIAM DOAK, Presbytery Clerk.

THE LATE REV. JAMES BAIKIE.

We have to record the removal, since our last issue, of a young labourer in the Lord's vineyard, who, after scarcely a year's work, has been called to his rest and his reward. We refer to the Rev. James Baikie, minister of the West Church, Toronto. Mr. Baikie was a native of Wick, in the north of Scotland, but came with his family to this country, while still at an early age. His mind was early stored with religious truth, and his heart appears to have been early impressed with a love of the truth, and of Him who is pre-eminently THE TRUTH. He, at a comparatively early age, contemplated entering the ministry, but for some years the state of his health forbade his giving himself to study. He was