

that Hall as a Professor's would. There should be a memorial of that kind of the late U. P. Divinity Hall, on the walls of the Convocation Hall of Knox College. If portraits of both Mr. Proudfoot and Dr. Taylor cannot be obtained, there should be, at any rate, one. It should be of a goodly size. Ministers, Elders, and private member of the late U. P. Church, should help to do honor to the memory of "their auld respected mither" in the way which I have described. Although I never was connected with the United Presbyterian Church, I have wrought, more or less during the past two years, to get a memorial of the kind already described. Some to whom I applied, answered cheerfully and liberally. One or two ministers did not answer courteously. One or two paid no attention whatever to my application. Dr. Gibson of London, has subscribed a goodly sum, and offers to double it, if necessary. He thinks, however, that I should have no difficulty in obtaining the necessary amount. Were he in my place, he would find that he is greatly mistaken.

But notwithstanding past discouragements, I intend to keep "toiling on, toiling on," till I win the day, or see plainly that it is of no use keeping up the struggle.

I would now ask the attention of the reader to the following particulars.—

1. The amount necessary for a portrait the size of Prof. Young's, Prof. Greggs, or Prof. Thomson's, is \$120, which includes a suitable gilt frame. The portrait—still better, portraits—should not be of a less size.

2. Only a "promise to pay" asked till a sufficient amount has been subscribed.

3. I shall have nothing to do with either the choice of the Professor, whose portrait is to be painted—in the event of enough for only one being obtained—or the choice of the artist. I shall merely take in the money, then hand it over to the Senate, and let that body "do the rest."

4. Every subscriber shall be at liberty to say whose portrait he would prefer, should he have a preference.

5. The proposed memorial is not to be so much a mark of respect to the memory of the Professor represented—supposing only one portrait can be obtained—as of respect to the memory of the late United Presbyterian Church. I wish this to be clearly understood. Notwithstanding all my efforts to bring out this idea clearly, some to whom I have applied, have looked on the proposed memorial as a personal thing, instead of a denominational one. Hence, one part has said: "I will give only for this Professor's portrait," the other: "I will give only for that one's." Others have said: "I will leave the choice with the Senate." It is to be hoped then, that all future subscribers, while expressing their preference, will follow the example of those last mentioned. Otherwise, there may not be enough for even one. Should enough for two be raised, there will be no difficulty about the memorial. I fear, however, that enough will not be raised for even one of a suitable size.

6. Ministers, elders, and private members of the late U. P. Church, and those brought up in it, though too young at the Union to be communicants in it, are expected to contribute. They ought to raise among them enough for two portraits of suitable size—only \$240.

I have tried to express myself clearly in few words. I shall be pleased to give further information regarding this matter to any one applying for it. I am ever ready to receive promises of the kind aforesaid. I hope they will be "thick as the leaves in Vallombrosa." The more money, the larger the memorial. Already \$121 have been subscribed, but about one half is for one professor's portrait, the rest, for the others. As I have already said, a memorial portrait for Convocation Hall, should be, at least, one of \$120 size.

The Question of Supply.

OVERTURE BY THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Following is the overture by the Presbytery of Hamilton on the supplying of vacant congregations:—

To the Venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The overture of the Presbytery of Hamilton humbly sheweth.

1. Whereas it is the duty and right of Presbyteries to determine how and by whom Vacancies within their

bounds are to be supplied, without the interference of any Committee:

2. Whereas the Synods of Montreal and Ottawa, Toronto and Kingston, and Hamilton and London are alone subject to the action of the Committee on Distribution, while the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, Manitoba and the North West provinces, and British Columbia are free from its operations.

3. Whereas the Home Mission Committee (Western Section) as instructed by the Assembly of 1893 reported to the Assembly of 1891 a scheme for the supply of Vacancies which was referred to a "Special Committee to report at a subsequent sederunt in printed form,"

4. Whereas this Committee did report recommending that the "Interim Act at present in operation for the supply of Vacancies be continued," proposing eight additional regulations: and "your Committee also beg leave to lay on the table of the Assembly the following proposed scheme for the supply of Vacancies submitted by the Home Mission Committee, without any recommendation," when it was resolved that the report be reserved, the scheme in force be continued for another year, and that the report of the special Committee—together with the scheme submitted by the Home Mission Committee be sent down to the Presbyteries of the Church for consideration

5. Whereas in 1892 it was found that twenty-one Presbyteries out of the forty three (not counting the Missionary Presbyteries of Indore and Honan) reported. Of these twenty-one were in favor of the Interim Act simpliciter, the others either disapproving of it or favoring the Scheme of the Home Mission Committee: but as it did not come before the Assembly until the last Sederunt, it was laid on the table and the Interim Act continued in operation for another year.

6. Whereas this Interim Act, with the eight additional clauses which have not been approved by any Assembly, is that under which the Committee has carried on its work for the last six years, and has not been found suited to the needs of this Presbytery, inasmuch as the names of many desirable licentiates are not on the roll of Ministers at the disposal of the Committee, and no provision is made whereby information regarding those whose names do not so appear can be obtained.

Therefore the Presbytery most respectfully overtures the Venerable the General Assembly to consider, and so far as it may be found or made suitable, adopt the plan submitted by the Home Mission Committee in 1891.

SCHEME FOR THE SUPPLY OF VACANCIES.

1. A Committee shall be appointed for the sole purpose of gathering and distributing information regarding vacant charges, and Ministers and licentiates desiring settlement.

2. This Committee shall consist of three members to be appointed annually by the General Assembly, one of whom shall be Secretary, whose duties shall be,

1. To receive from Presbytery Clerks, who shall supply the information at the close of each regular meeting of Presbytery.

(a) The names of all congregations falling vacant, and of all congregations as they are settled within the bounds, with the names of Ministers inducted.

(b) The names of Ministers without charge desiring settlement and licentiates duly certified, with post office addresses,

2. To issue monthly.

(a) To Home Mission conveners in the several Presbyteries (or the person appointed by the Presbyteries to have charge of the supply of Vacancies) a list containing the names of Ministers by Presbytery Clerks.

(b) To Ministers on the list, the names of the vacant congregations and of the Home Mission conveners (or other persons appointed) in the several Presbyteries.

3. To publish in the Record the monthly list of Ministers and Vacancies.

3. The Presbytery shall supply all the Vacancies within its bounds through its Home Mission Committee or other Committee charged with the supply of Vacancies, which shall report at each regular meeting of Presbytery.

4. All Ministers without charge and all licentiates desiring settlement shall have their names upon this list, and the Presbyteries shall not employ in Vacancies Ministers without charge or licentiates whose names do not so appear.