

We have no desire to undertake the responsibility of answering questions, which might be submitted to any of the courts of the church. But with reference to the question just stated, we would beg to inform our correspondent, that, undoubtedly the care of vacant congregations, including the apportionment of the service of probationers, rests with the Presbytery of the bounds. A Presbytery will, of course, generally seek to make the most equitable distribution of the supply sent to it.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—It will be seen from an advertisement in this number of the *Record*, that the Institution for the education of young ladies, conducted for some years with such success by Mrs. Dr. Burns, is about to pass into the hands of the Misses Skinner of Hamilton. They bring to their new sphere of labor, valuable experience, and a high reputation for efficient teaching—acquired while similarly employed in that city. It is satisfactory to know, at a time when vigorous efforts are being made by Roman Catholics, and High Churchmen, to increase their hold on the rising generation, through the multiplication of Educational Institutions, that there are still to be found several such Institutions in Toronto, well deserving of the confidence and support of Presbyterian parents.

Proceedings of Presbytery.

PRESBYTERY OF GREY.—A special meeting of this Presbytery was held within the church North Brant, on the 28th January, at which meeting, after hearing delegates, &c., it was resolved to grant a moderation in a call to North Brant, West Brant, and South Elderslie.

This Presbytery also held its Ordinary Meeting in Durham on the 25th and 26th of February—Mr. Moffat, Moderator, in the chair. There were present nine ministers and six elders. The Home Mission Report was given in by Mr. Tolmie, when it was agreed that due efforts should be made to collect all sums due from vacant congregations and Missionary Stations; to probationers and missionaries; and also that the convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee be empowered to apply to the Central Fund for \$150, to wipe off the entire indebtedness of the Presbytery. It was further resolved to apply for two probationers and five students for the summer, and that Mr. Tolmie attend the next meeting of the Home Mission Committee on behalf of this Presbytery. Messrs. Tolmie, Bremner and Fraser, were appointed a Home Mission Committee for the ensuing year—Mr. Tolmie Convener.

Parties cited to appear in the case of a petition from Crawford Station, praying to be erected into a congregation were heard, when it was agreed to send a deputation into Bentinck, for the purpose of trying to unite Crawford Station with another station in the neighbourhood known as Storer's Station, and failing in this to cite all the parties interested to appear at next Ordinary Meeting of Presbytery. Commissioners appeared from Rocky Saugeen and Durham Road, in furtherance of a petition, presented at a former meeting, praying for the services of their Pastor, the Rev. C. Cameron, every alternate Sabbath, in each Station; when it was moved by Mr. J. Cameron, and agreed to, that the Presbytery, taking into consideration the interests of the whole field, and especially of the Toronto Line, resolved that it is inexpedient, at present, to make any change in the arrangements of the Pastors charge.

A petition was presented from Knox Church, Sydenham, praying, that in as much as some doubts have been thrown on the standing of this congregation, the Presbytery take such order as shall set our existence as a congregation beyond all doubt, so that we may know our true position as a congregation, and have the power of calling a minister when convenient. Commissioners appeared and were heard, when Mr. Moffat, having left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Bremner, moved, seconded by Mr. Nisbett,—That the consideration of the petition of Knox