

THE HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD OF DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

FROM OCTOBER 28TH., 1866, TO JANUARY 27TH., 1867.

Names of Probationers	Oct.	Nov. 4 Sabbs.	Dec. 5 Sabbs.	Jan. 4 Sabbs.
Rev. Frederick Bates	P. 4.	P. 1, K. 2 3 4.	K. 1 2 3 4, M. 5.	M. 1 2 3 4.
" J. Donaldson.	Hu. 4.	Hu. 1 2 3, L. 4.	L. 1 2 3 4 5.	St. 1 2 3, P. 4.
" Allan Findlay.	H. 4.	H. 1, St. 2 3 4.	St. 1 2, G. 3 4 5.	On. 1 2 3 4.
" Robert Fleming.	Cob. 4	Cob. 1 2 3 Gy. 4	Gy. 1 2 3 4 5.	Gy. 1, G. 2 3 4.
" James Hume.	Ot. 4.	Ot. 1 2 3 4.	Ot. 1 2 3 4, B. 5.	B. 1 2 3 4.
" Samuel Jones.	L. 4.	L. 1 2 3 4.	L. 1 2, Hu. 3 4 5	Hu. 1 2, L. 3 4.
" Ewen McLean.	On. 4.	On. 1 2, T. 3 4.	T. 1 2 3, Gy. 4 5.	Gy. 1 2 3 4.
" Ch. McKerracher.	T. 4.	T. 1 2 3, B. 4.	B. 1 2 3, Ot. 4 5.	Ot. 1 2 3 4.
" William Reeve.	Gy. 4.	Gy. 1 2 3 4.	Cob. 1 2 3 4, K. 5	K. 1 2 3 4.
" W. H. Simpson	L. 4.	L. 1 2 3 4.	L. 1, P. 2 2, H. 4 5	H. 1, Cob. 2 3 4
" J. H. Thom.	G. 4.	G. 1 2 3, L. 4.	L. 1 2 3 4 5.	L. 1 2 3 4.
" Alex. Thomson.	M. 4.	M. 1 2 3 4.	M. 1 2 3 4 5.	M. 1 2, Ot. 3 4.
" Walter Wright	B. 4.	B. 1 2 3, On. 4.	On. 1 2 3, T. 4 5.	T. 1 2, L. 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; Cob. Cobourg; K. Kingston; B. Brockville; Ot. Ottawa; M. Montreal.

There are 54 vacant congregations reported, and 13 probationers. The attention of Preachers and Clerks of Presbyteries is directed to the resolution of Synod (see page 34 of printed minutes), "That during the winter half-year all probationers on the roll be put at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee, for Home Mission work, for a third part of the time." The above scheme is made out with this enactment of Synod in view. The number of groups of Missionary Stations in each Presbytery, as reported in the last Home Mission Report, is added to the number of vacant congregations reported; and these, together, made the basis of distribution.

J. DICK, *Convener of Committee.*

REMINISCENCES OF THE ORIGIN OF TWO PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGES IN CANADA.

It is often regretted that we have not more definite and accurate information respecting the origin of many institutions, literary and theological. And, although our country is but new, and our theological institutions of recent origin, yet those who have been connected with their rise are fast passing away to the bourne whence no traveller returns. It is then desirable that each should contribute what he has in his hands towards the general history of the Institutions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. And this is all the more necessary, as several errors have appeared in accounts already published. In the year 1831, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, was formed. Previous to that period, however, the "United Presbytery;" or, as it was called from 1832, "The United Synod of Upper Canada," was formed; and, at an early period of their history, had before them the subject of establishing a Presbyterian Theological Institution for Upper Canada. I find, by an address of a Committee of the "United Presbytery," in 1830, that they then numbered 15 ministers in Upper Canada. At that time, according to the census, the Presbyterians were computed at some 30,000; so that we have increased about *twelve-fold* in 30 years; as the census of 1861, though defective, and not giving the entire Presbyterian population, yet gave in over 360,000. In the