

seconded it was agreed that the report be received and adopted; that the thanks of the Assembly be given to the auditors for their attention to the work committed to them; and also, and especially, that the thanks of the Assembly be given to the general agent of the church for the faithful and highly successful manner in which he has always conducted the financial business of the church.

MINISTERS TO BE RECEIVED.

On application made by the several Presbyteries, the Assembly granted permission to receive the following ministers and probationers, viz.:—

Messrs. C. D. McDonald, D. Smythe, A. Schroeder, G. M. Clark, J. A. M'Almon, M. Ami, R. Harkness, M. M. Bouse, Allan Bell, R. M'Kenzie, A. C. Stewart, W. Stewart, J. R. Battisby, J. Frazer, W. Johnston, J. P. Casey.

Application was made by the Presbytery of Chatham in behalf of Mr. F. X. Jacquemet, formerly a priest of the Church of Rome. It was agreed that, after attending Montreal College for one year he may be licensed by the Presbytery of Chatham, and that in the meantime he be placed under the care of the Presbytery of Montreal, under whose direction he may be employed in missionary work as they may see proper.

STUDENTS TO BE LICENSED.

The General Assembly, on application made, granted leave to Presbyteries, to license the following students:—

Messrs. C. Brouillette; W. S. Dey, B.A.; T. Muir; W. M. McKibbin; D. McRae; E. D. Pelletier; A. F. Tully; W. Reid; Alexander Stewart, B.A.; P. Strath, M.A.; J. S. Stewart; A. M. McClelland, B.A.; D. B. McRae; Robert Scott.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The report on Sabbath Schools was presented by Mr. J. Thompson, of Sarnia, the Convener. The report stated that there were 87,675 scholars attending the Sabbath Schools connected with this Church—the number of teachers being 4,478, while there were 96,726 volumes in the libraries. The Committee recommend the formation of Juvenile Missionary Societies in the Sabbath Schools; also, that in all the principal cities there should be established training classes for teachers, such as those that have been conducted by Dr. MacVicar in Montreal.

After conference on the subject, it was agreed that the report be received and printed in the minutes: and the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for his diligence; further, the Assembly desires to record their gratitude for the evident progress and blessed results of Sabbath School work within the bounds of the Church during the past year, and again renew their frequently expressed opinions as to the close relations which should exist between our Kirk-Sessions and Sabbath Schools, and the duty of parents carefully watching over the religious training of their children, and supporting by their prayers and countenance in the Sabbath Schools the teachers in their self-denying labours.

STATISTICS.

The Rev. R. Torrance, Convener of the Committee on Statistics, presented, on behalf of the Committee, a very full report of the statistics