

REPORT ON JUVENILE MISSION.*

The Report on the Juvenile Mission and Sabbath School Scheme having been given in and read, the following deliverance was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Dr. Jenkins and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive the Report; thank the Convener and especially the Secretary-Treasurer for their services; invite all schools connected with the Church to contribute to the Mission; instruct the Committee to take steps to secure a sum sufficient for the support of at least one Zenana Teacher; and re-appoint the Committee.

OVERTURE ANENT MINIMUM STIPEND.

There was read an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, praying the Synod to substitute the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) in lieu of four hundred dollars (\$400) as the amount of *minimum* stipend in the Act anent the Maintenance of Ministers, passed on May 31, 1861, and re-enacted in Form of Polity, Book IV. cap. 10, section 5. Mr. Croil was heard in support of the Overture. The Synod unanimously resolved to decern in terms of the Overture, pass the same into an Interim Act and send it down to Presbyteries for consideration, with instructions to send up their opinions thereon to next meeting of Synod.

OVERTURE ANENT BETTER SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.

There was also transmitted by the Committee on Bills and Overtures an Overture on the better support of the Ministry, sent up by the Presbytery of Perth. Said Overture is of the following tenor, viz. :—

“ In view of the inadequacy in present circumstances of the
 “ stipend paid to most Ministers to support them in a state of
 “ freedom from worldly straits and anxieties proper to the
 “ efficient discharge of their duties, the Synod is hereby over-
 “ tured to take such steps as to its wisdom may seem proper in
 “ order to stir up the congregations connected with it to a more
 “ Scriptural discharge of their duty in this matter—a matter,
 “ in the judgment of the Presbytery, more essential to the
 “ spiritual welfare of the people than even necessary for the
 “ comfort and efficiency of Ministers.”

After considerable discussion, the Synod unanimously resolved to instruct Presbyteries to take steps at their first ordinary meeting after the rising of this Court to secure by Presbyterial visitation or otherwise that congregations not only fully implement the promise of pecuniary support made by each to its Minister, but also increase the amount to a rate proportioned to the great advance in the cost of living which has taken place within the past few years, and to the ability of the congregation—said increase to be, if possible, sufficient

* Appendix K.