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As these returns were ordered to be sent to the committees in charge of such matters, your Committee has not tabulated them.

RECOMMENDATIONS *re* REMITS.

1. *Re* College of ex-Moderators. That no action be taken.
2. *Re* extension of the powers of Synods, that inasmuch as this matter was sent down under the terms of the Barrier Act, and a minority of the Presbyteries have approved, your Committee recommends that no action be taken.
3. Your Committee further recommends that the returns on Aids to Social Worship, Regulations on Deferred Annuities, and Probationers' Scheme be sent to the committees in charge of such matters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The first recommendation was agreed to.

The second recommendation was amended to read that the Remit be again sent down to Presbyteries, in terms of the Barrier Act, with instructions to Presbyteries to report to Dr. Warden not later than February 28th next.

The third recommendation was agreed to.

On motion of Dr. Somerville, duly seconded, the report, as a whole, thus amended, was adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath School Publications, which was presented by Dr. Warden, *Convener*, and which, being printed and in the hands of members, he referred to in speaking of the work of the Committee.

Rev. R. D. Fraser addressed the Assembly, giving particulars regarding the publications.

Dr. Thompson moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Dr. A. B. MacKay, and adopted :—

The General Assembly has heard with gratification the very encouraging report of the Committee on Sabbath School Publications, given in by the Convener, and notes with pleasure the great advancement made during the year in the additional matter provided in the *Lesson Helps*, the high standard of the work, both in matter and form, and the greatly increased circulation, showing that these publications are rapidly finding their way into the confidence and life of the Church.

It is also matter of congratulation that the transformation of *The Children's Record* into an illustrated weekly, under the name of *The King's Own*, has been successfully accomplished, and that both *The King's Own* and *Jewels*, the illustrated paper for the little ones, have already attained a large circulation.

The financial aspect of the undertaking is specially gratifying and warrants the Committee in seeking still further improvement. It has greatly strengthened the hands of the Committee that their efforts have so speedily met with such ready and generous support on the part of the Church. And, in order to make these publications, which is now the established policy of this Assembly, still more successful, and to secure their more general adoption, the practical co-operation of ministers, elders, superintendents and Sabbath School workers generally is earnestly solicited.

Special reference is hereby made to the very able and efficient work of our editor, Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., whose labours are the chief cause of the remarkable success attending this branch of the Church's work.