

to supply every family in the respective congregations with a copy of the *Record*.

2. That the conveners of the various mission committees be instructed to furnish the editor from time to time with such communications as may tend to enlarge the sympathy of our people with the different departments of work in which the Church is engaged.

3. That the editor, as formerly, be instructed to abridge as he may deem necessary the reports of the proceedings of Presbyteries, in order that more space may be devoted to missionary intelligence.

The report was received and adopted.

#### GENERAL PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

In accordance with overtures presented, and a communication received from the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Assembly, approving of the object proposed, appointed a Committee to correspond with other Churches, on the matter of a general Presbyterian Council.

#### DEPUTATIONS.

In the course of the Assembly's sittings several deputations from other Churches addressed the Assembly, conveying the fraternal greetings of the several Churches. The first delegate who addressed the Assembly was the Rev. H. Gordon, delegate from the United Presbyterian Church of North America, who spoke on the evening of Thursday, the 4th. The Rev. Dr. Van Neste, delegate from the Reformed (Dutch) Church in North America, addressed the Assembly on Friday evening; and on the evening of Tuesday, 9th, the Assembly had the pleasure of listening to delegates from the Free Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. The former were the Rev. J. C. Burns, of Kirkliston, a nephew of the late Dr. Burns, and the Rev. J. H. Wilson, of Barclay Church, Edinburgh; and the latter deputation consisted of the Rev. H. M. Williamson, Belfast, successor to the late Rev. Dr. Morgan, and the Rev. H. McMeekin, who formerly laboured in Canada. The deputies from Scotland, especially Mr. Wilson, gave much interesting information with reference to the religious revival in Edinburgh and other places, in connection with which he has himself been very much engaged, and both expressed the very warmest feelings of Christian interest on the part of the Free Church of Scotland. The deputies from Ireland gave most interesting and encouraging particulars as to the progress of the Church in Ireland, and of the greatly increased spirit of liberality manifested throughout the Church since the withdrawal of the *Regium Donum*. Mr. McMeekin also brought before the Assembly many interesting facts with reference to education in Ireland. To all the deputies the Moderator replied in very appropriate and happy terms.

#### DELAYED BUSINESS.

Several reports and other matters not of pressing importance were left over till the adjourned meeting of the Assembly, to take place in Toronto in November.

#### CONCLUSION.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Accommodation Committee, the friends in Ottawa, the Trustees of Knox Church, the several railway companies, the Dominion Telegraph Company and the press, the Assembly broke up with the usual formalities at a late hour on the evening of Wednesday, 10th.

The office-bearers of the churches in Ottawa and the friends in the city deserve all praise for the very efficient and admirable way in which all the arrangements were made and carried out.