

from the Presbytery of Durham to that of Bruce, to be connected with Salem. An application of the Presbytery of Hamilton with reference to Mr. Henderson, a student under their inspection, was favourably received, and the Sentate of the College authorized to admit Mr. Henderson as a student of the second year. On application by the Presbytery of Brockville, leave was granted to place the name of Rev. E. D. McLaren, M.A., B.D., on the roll of the Presbytery; the names of Messrs. D. J. Caswell, D. McKeracher, and W. Kay were ordered to be placed on the rolls of the Presbytery of Bruce.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Applications were made by several Presbyteries for leave to receive ministers from other churches. On the report of a committee on the subject, the Assembly granted leave to the Presbyteries, applying to receive Messrs. Black, McLeod, F. W. Smith, Benson, Sinclair, Martin and McKechnie. Leave was also granted to Presbyteries to take on trial for license several students who had completed their theological course,

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The Report of this Committee was called for on the evening of Monday, 8th. The report was read by one of the clerks in absence of the convener of the committee, the Rev. W. McLaren, who had been called away in consequence of the death of a brother. Detailed accounts were given as to the different departments of the work among the Indians of the North-West, and in Formosa, where the Rev. G. L. McKay has been labouring with great devotedness and no little success. Reference was made to the sending out of two female missionaries to India, where they were labouring in the meantime in connection with the missionaries of the American Presbyterian Church, and to the appointment of Dr. J. B. Fraser, son of the Rev. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, one of the Clerks of Assembly, as a medical missionary to labour in Formosa in connection with Mr. McKay. The report referred also to the prosperous state of the Foreign Mission Fund, the receipts from all sources being \$12,085, which, with a balance from last year of \$5,150, made a total of \$17,235. The expenditure amounted to \$8,814, leaving a balance of \$8,421.

Dr. Fraser, at the request of the Assembly, gave a brief address referring to the peculiar responsibility of his position, and to the encouragement derived from the promises of God. He asked the sympathy and prayers of the Church.

Several members of Assembly spoke with reference to the report, and specially as to the suitability and eminent fitness of Dr. Fraser for the work on which he was entering. The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the committee and especially the convener, and the report was referred to a committee. The following deliverance was subsequently adopted:—

1. The Assembly record its gratitude to Almighty God for the report on the subject of missions to the heathen; for the safe arrival at their destination of the missionaries sent to India; for the care taken of the life and health of the Missionaries in different fields, and for any success vouchsafed; and especially for the preservation of the life and health of our missionary to Formosa amid the peculiar dangers and trials which have surrounded him, and for success, the reality of which has in some respects been too sadly yet gloriously proved in the joyful endurance of persecution, and in the death of some of the converts graciously given to him; and they pray that the number of missionaries may be greatly increased, and that the power of Christ may rest on them and on their labours.