

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Dr. R. P. Howard, of Montreal, Chairman of the Committee on Preliminary Examination, presented the following report :

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION.

The Committee on Preliminary Examinations beg to submit the following recommendations :

1. That all persons intending to study Medicine in the Dominion of Canada, shall furnish proof of possessing a good moral character, be required to pass a Matriculation Examination in preliminary education, and that their professional education shall be held to commence from the time of their having passed such Matriculation examination.

2. That the Matriculation examination for students in Medicine in the Dominion of Canada shall be (with some alterations to be presently mentioned) that recommended by the Council of Medical Education and Registration of Great Britain, and adopted in the amended Medical Act of Upper Canada, and shall be as follows :

“ Compulsory English or French language, including grammar and composition ; arithmetic, including vulgar and decimal fractions ; Algebra, including simple equations ; Geometry, first two books of Euclid ; Latin, translation and grammar ; natural history and logic, and one of the following optional subjects : Greek, French or English (according to the nationality of students) ; German—and the Committee are of the opinion that mental and moral philosophy should be made compulsory at as early a period as possible.”

3. That although an acquaintance with Greek is very desirable, yet, as the British Medical Council have (at their meeting in July last, 1868,) deemed it advisable to defer at present enforcing a knowledge of Greek on all Medical students in Great Britain, this Committee, while recommending that language to all students, doubt the propriety of at present fixing the period at which a knowledge of it shall be compulsory.

4. That with the view of rendering the Matriculation examination efficient and uniform, it be conducted by persons engaged in general teaching and officially connected with the Universities, Colleges, or Seminaries of the Dominion.

5. That the certificate of having passed the Matriculation examination shall testify that the student has been examined in (1) English or French language, including grammar and composition ; (2) arithmetic, including vulgar and decimal fractions ; (3) algebra, including simple equations ; (4) geometry, first two books of Euclid ; (5) Latin, including transla-