

ceased wife's sister, was read by Mr. Gregg the Convener. The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for their diligence. It was further moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Report, as now submitted, be printed in Tract form, and circulated, as an excellent exposition of the grounds on which the standards of the church are based on this subject.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sabbath School Report was given in by Mr. Cochrane, of Brantford, Convener. There was also read a report on the selection of Sabbath School books; also an overture from the Presbytery of Guelph recommending the preparation of a uniform scheme of lessons for the Sabbath Schools of the church.

The Reports were received, and the thanks of the Assembly tendered to the Committees, especially to the Conveners, for their diligence. The reports, with the overture, were referred to a special Committee to consider the several points connected with the subjects, and report to an early diet of the Assembly.

At a subsequent diet the Committee on the Sabbath School Report and other papers presented a report, in accordance with the recommendations of which the Assembly ordered the Report to be printed in the appendix to the minutes of Synod; the Assembly recommended the Synodical and Presbyterian Conferences on Sabbath School work. The Committee on Sabbath School books was continued with certain instructions; and a Committee was appointed to consider the propriety of preparing a uniform series of lessons. It was recommended too, that so far as may be practicable, Presbyteries make arrangements for holding Sabbath School Institutes or training classes for teachers within their bounds.

DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

The Assembly appointed a Committee to arrange for a day of thanksgiving, and to correspond with other Evangelical churches now holding their annual meetings, that the same day may be observed as generally as possible throughout the land. The Committee subsequently reported, through Dr. Burns, Convener, that the 14th November appeared to be the most suitable day, and it was appointed accordingly.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Applications were made by various Presbyteries for leave to receive several ministers applying for admission, and also for leave to admit to public probationary trials several students of Divinity who had finished the prescribed curriculum. The Assembly appointed a Committee to consider maturely the several cases and report. In accordance with the report of the Committee the Assembly granted leave to the Presbytery of Montreal to receive Rev. L. Dionne, of the French Evangelical church; to the Presbytery of Ottawa to receive Mr. Turnbull, formerly a minister of the Church of England; to the Presbytery of Hamilton to receive Rev. Mr. J. R. McKeecheon, from the United Presbyterian Church of North America. The Assembly also agreed to receive into the Church, Messrs. D. Taylor, D. McIntosh, J. Smith, and J. Galloway, who had not had an opportunity of applying to any Presbytery of the Church.

The Assembly granted leave to the several Presbyteries applying to admit to public probationary trials and license, the following students:—Messrs M. Danby, J. Stewart, R. Whillins, W. Kay, E. Cockburn, R. Pettigrew, W. Armstrong, J. Macalister, D. D. McLennan, H. Sinclair.