

III. The third recommendation was adopted as follows :—

(1) That students who have completed the second year of the Theological Curriculum of the Church, and have been appointed to the Home Mission field, may be licensed to preach, and, if necessary, be ordained, but shall not be eligible for settlement in a pastoral charge until they shall have completed the examination of the third theological year ; for which purpose examination papers shall be transmitted by the College in which such men have prosecuted their studies to the Presbytery in which they are labouring, to be written on under care of the Presbytery—the answers to be returned to the College for valuation.

(2) That students who have completed their course and have not during their course given one year continuously in the mission field, be urged to do so before being permanently settled.

The fourth recommendation was then adopted as follows ;—an amendment of Mr. J. H. Beatt, seconded by Mr. C. J. Cameron, to substitute the word “requested” for the word “required” in the recommendation being lost on a vote :—

IV. That all ministers and licentiates received by the General Assembly from other Churches shall be required to serve one year in the mission field before being settled in a charge by a Presbytery.

On motion of Mr. Gordon the report as a whole, as above amended, was then adopted.

PORTIONS OF REPORT REMITTED.

The following are the portions of the foregoing report remitted for the consideration of Presbyteries :—

1. The whole question of a Summer Session. [See also next Sederunt, p. 57.]

2. *Re* Catechists, recommendation II., clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, as follows :—

(3) That a Committee of Assembly be appointed to provide, through co-operation with our Colleges, or otherwise, for a course of instruction to extend over two years, from April to October.

(4) The subjects shall include the following :—English, Biblical and Doctrinal instruction, Church Government and Pastoral work.

(5) In the case of students who show special aptitude for study, that training be given to enable them to matriculate in Arts or take the full Preparatory Course.

(6) That Presbyteries be instructed to secure that, as far as possible, the men who shall be employed by them as catechists shall, after the present year, take at least one session of the proposed course of instruction before being employed by the Home Mission Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Dr Laing now gave notice of a motion to be made by him at the forenoon Sederunt to-morrow in reference to an interim arrangement for the retaining of non-theological students in the mission field next winter, and for their instruction during the summer following.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet again at half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.