

of Ministers and Licentiates from other Churches. In terms of its recommendations, the Assembly resolved :—

1. To admit Messrs. John Kay, J. W. McClintock, Thomas M. Reikie, as Ministers of this Church.

2. To recognize the standing of Mr. George Blair, M.A., as a Minister of the Gospel, under the care of the Presbytery within whose bounds he may for the time being be residing.

3. To admit Mr. Wm. N. Chambers as a Licentiate of this Church.

4. To permit the employment of Mr. Gilbert A. Smith as a Catechist.

5. To refer back to the Presbytery of Sydney the application of Mr. Wm. Luke Cunningham, with all the documents thereanent, transmitted by the Presbytery to the Assembly, together with such other documents in relation to the matter as have been submitted to the Assembly's Committee, that they may be duly considered by the Presbytery ; and, forasmuch as no return has been made in regard to Mr. Cunningham's literary and theological qualifications, authorize the Presbytery, if they see fit, to examine him, and to recommend him as a student to one of our Colleges, so that he may have assigned to him such standing as his attainments may warrant.

6. To decline to entertain the application of Mr. John H. Elliott.

7. To re-commit the application of Mr. William Doak.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

Dr. Cochrane, on behalf of the Scrutineers appointed to examine the ballot-papers in connection with the election of Delegates to the Second General Presbyterian Council, reported, That the following names stood highest in the vote, viz. :—

MINISTERS.

Principal McKnight,
Principal McVicar,
Principal Grant,
Principal Caven,
Dr. Reid,
Dr. Jenkins,
Dr. Burns,
Mr. D. J. McDonnell,

These were declared elected.

ELDERS.

Mr. T. W. Taylor,
Hon. A. Morris,
Mr. Jas. Croil,
Hon. J. McMurrich,
Dr. McDonald,
Mr. Thos. McCrae,
Mr. J. B. Fairbairn,
Mr. J. K. Blair.

DELEGATE FROM INTERNATIONAL SABBATH ASSOCIATION.

The Rev. Yates Hickey was introduced to the Moderator and addressed the House on the claims of the International Sabbath Association. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Robert Murray, seconded by Dr. Burns and carried unanimously, That the General Assembly thank Mr. Hickey for his address, and cordially approve of the object of the International Sabbath Association, whose aim is to arrest and put down all Sabbath desecration by Railway and Steamboat Companies and by other methods, whether for business or pleasure ; and instruct the Standing Committee on Sabbath observance to co-operate with that Association in all well-directed efforts to secure the better observance of the Lord's day.

REPORT OF MR. CROIL.

The Assembly next heard Mr. James Croil, who had been commissioned as a Delegate to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Mr. Croil gave an interesting account of the proceedings of that Assembly and of the cordial reception with which he had met. He further stated that, though not commissioned to attend the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, he had by request addressed that Venerable House on the wants