

In the case of the Rev. A. Wilson, Mr. Gordon moved the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee, viz. :—That the application of Rev. Andrew Wilson be not granted, as the medical testimony is not sufficient to establish infirmity.

A Memorial from Mr. Wilson was read, setting forth at length reasons for his application, and praying that on the grounds stated he be allowed to retire and to be placed on the Fund; also a medical certificate from Dr. W. B. Geikie, of Toronto.

It was moved in amendment by Professor Gregg, seconded by Mr. J. B. Mullan, that the application be granted. In amendment to the amendment, it was moved by Mr. J. Mutch, seconded by Mr. George Grant, that the application be referred to the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund (Western Section) for their favourable consideration. On being put to the House, the amendment of Professor Gregg was carried over that of Mr. Mutch, and the motion to adopt the recommendation of the report, over the amendment of Dr. Gregg. The original motion was accordingly declared to be the judgment of the House.

In the case of the Rev. John McMillan, the recommendation of the Committee was, that the application of the Presbytery of Peterborough on his behalf be not granted, as the medical testimony is not sufficient to establish infirmity. Mr. Gordon moved the adoption of the recommendation. It was moved in amendment by Mr. D. Sutherland (Warkworth), seconded by Mr. William Bennett,—That the application in the case of Mr. McMillan be granted. The amendment was lost, and the motion for the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Professor Gregg, by leave of the Assembly, gave notice that he would move, at the opening of the afternoon Sederunt, that the list of names composing the Standing Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund (Western Section) be reconsidered.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. The report was presented by Mr. T. F. Fotheringham, the Convener, who stated briefly the main features of the report, and laid on the table a proposed Hand-Book of Sabbath School Organization. The report was received and the recommendations considered in their order.

The first clause of the first recommendation, relating to Class Registers, was dropped, and the remaining two clauses adopted. The second recommendation was adopted. The third recommendation, relating to a Sabbath School Hand-Book was dropped. The fourth and fifth recommendations were adopted—the latter with the word "contribution" for "collection." The recommendations as thus amended were adopted as a whole, as follows :—

I. That the Questions sent out last year (see Appendix XI) be again issued, with the following changes :—

1. Question fourteen is changed so as to read, "How many scholars repeated the whole Catechism during the year?"

2. Question sixteen is added, "Is there a weekly Teachers' Meeting for lesson study?" [For questions in full, see Appendix No. 31].

II. That Presbyteries be recommended to print their Sabbath School Statistics for circulation within their respective bounds.

III. That the last Sabbath in September be appointed as a day of special prayer on behalf of the Sabbath Schools of the Church, and that such services be held as will bring prominently before our congregations the claims of the Sabbath school upon their