

matters brought up in the Report, the Assembly adopted the recommendations contained in the Report, viz.:—

1. That family worship be strongly insisted on.
2. That each Presbytery be enjoined to examine carefully into the State of Religion within its bounds, and report thereupon each year to the Synod, and the Synods to report to such Committee as the Assembly may appoint.
3. It was further resolved that, in addition to the recommendations of the Report already adopted, the Report be approved of as a whole, and that the Moderator, together with Prof. Caven, Messrs. Gregg, Reid and McTavish, be a Committee to draw up a pastoral letter, to be circulated throughout the Church, on the subject of family and social religion, and especially of family worship.

UNION WITH OTHER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

The question of Union was brought before the Assembly by several overtures on the subject, viz., from the Presbytery of Chatham and the Synod of Montreal, both overtures setting forth the expediency of union between the Canada Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces. Mr. Wilson and Dr. McVicar were heard in support of the overture from the Synod of Montreal.

There was read also an extract minute from the proceedings of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, embodying a letter from Dr. Ormiston to Dr. Jenkins, late Moderator of said Synod, on the subject of the union, in one Assembly, of all the Presbyterian Churches in the Dominion of Canada, and suggesting the appointment by said Synod of a Committee to meet with similar Committees of the sister Presbyterian Churches, should they be appointed, to confer on the subject of the union of the Churches represented by them; and the extract minute stated at the same time that Dr. Cook, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Snodgrass, Hon. A. Morris, Mr. Croil and Sheriff McDougall had been appointed by the Synod a Committee in terms of Dr. Ormiston's letter.

The Assembly adopted the following deliverance on the subject:—The Assembly having heard the overtures, and the communication from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, receive the same, and, in accordance with the action of the latter Church, appoint a committee of six to meet with the committees appointed by the other churches, the committee to consist of Dr. Taylor, Dr. Topp, Mr. Ure, ministers; with Mr. D. McKay, Hon. J. McMurrich, and Mr. T. McCrae, elders; Dr. Topp, Convener.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL RETURNS.

The Assembly called for the Report on Statistics on the evening of Wednesday, 15th. The same was given in and read by Dr. Waters, Convener of the Committee. The returns and report will appear in the RECORD at full length, and we shall, therefore, not attempt to give any synopsis of the results. We may only say that the report, both from the results brought out, and the very able and complete form in which they were presented, gave the highest satisfaction to the Assembly.

There was read in connection with this report an overture from the Synod of London, praying, for reasons stated, that the financial year be changed so as to run from 1st January to 31st December, and that an additional column be added to the tables, showing the total contributions of each congregation to the Schemes of the Church.