

On motion of Mr. Torrance, duly seconded, the Report was received, and it was agreed to consider its recommendations *seriatim*. The first and second recommendations were read and agreed to. The third recommendation was read. In connection with this clause there was taken up an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, transmitted by the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, directing attention to the expediency of adopting measures to remove the discrepancies in the returns in the Statistics of the Church. On motion of Mr. McBain, duly seconded, the Assembly agreed as follows :—Receive the Overture, and instruct the Committee on Statistics to provide a column in the Schedules sent down to congregations for all families connected with the congregation. The third recommendation was then adopted. The recommendations as a whole are as follows :—

1. That Presbyteries be enjoined at once to adopt measures to have all arrears of stipend due by congregations in their bounds paid.

2. That Presbytery Clerks be reminded of their duty to return all names on their rolls, both Professors in Colleges, Ministers who have retired with leave of the Assembly, and others, and that the salaries of such be entered in the column for stipend paid as well as promised.

3. That steps be taken to secure fuller, more accurate and seasonable reports from Presbyteries, and that, with a view to this, each Presbytery be instructed to appoint a Committee at its first meeting after the beginning of the year or sooner, charged with the duty of collecting and tabulating the Statistical and Financial Reports of Congregations in the bounds; and that it be referred to the Committee to be appointed by the Assembly for the ensuing year to endeavour to ascertain if the Congregational year might not in all cases, as it is now in many, be made coterminous with the calendar year.

4. Added as above—Instruct the Committee on Statistics to provide a column in the Schedules sent down to Congregations for all families connected with the congregation.

REPORT ADOPTED.

It was moved by Mr. K. McLennan, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, and agreed to:—That the Report of the Committee on Statistics, with the amendments marked in the Minutes, be now adopted as a whole; that Presbyteries and others be urged to co-operate cordially with the Committee in the important work committed to their oversight; that the thanks of the Assembly be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener for their valuable services; and that the usual allowance be continued to the Convener.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Assembly adjourned to meet again at ten o'clock to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and the Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

TWENTY-FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Toronto, and within St. James' Square Church there, Friday, the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four years, at ten o'clock in the forenoon :—

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, prayer being offered at the request of the Moderator by Mr. James Robertson.