

was read from Messrs John Dunlop, William Dunlop, James Foote, James Davidson, David B. Morris, George Peil, John Peil, James Cron, and Daniel Jackson, students of the Academy, who had finished their curriculum of theological and literary study. Committees were appointed to converse with the several applicants, and having reported favourably of their Christian experience and acquirements, their applications were sustained and their recognition proceeded with according to the usual form.

Messrs Stuart and Craig, delegates from the Winton Place Church, Kilmarnock, brought before Conference the subject of "Catechetical Instruction," and suggested the propriety of recommending to churches the carrying out of that mode of instruction in the families and schools of the connection. After a considerable amount of discussion,

The Rev. W. ADAMSON moved, that the Conference, having duly considered the suggestion of the Winton Place Church with regard to issuing a deliverance to the churches recommending a catechetical mode of instruction, resolve that they deem it unnecessary in the meantime, to issue such a recommendation.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. R. HUNTER.

The Rev. W. B. M'WILLIAM moved, as an amendment, that the recommendation of the Winton Place Church be received with thanks, and that further consideration of the matter be postponed till next Conference.

The amendment was seconded by the Rev. R. WALLACE.

The motion and amendment having been put to the meeting, the latter was carried by a majority.

A lengthened report was read by the Rev. Hugh Riddell, Secretary of the Home Mission, showing the operations of the Mission during the past year. This report is a most encouraging document. A great amount of good has been done by the Mission, in new churches being organized, and churches formerly in existence sustained and revived.

The Rev. John Andrew, Secretary of the Academy Committee, read the following report of the Academy:—

The good hand of our God has brought us to the 21st session of our Evangelical Union Academy. The session was inaugurated on the 2d of August, by an address on "Our work as co-workers with God," delivered by Professor Taylor—an address, the grasp and heart of which was calculated to give a firm and full practical influence to the session. The Hebrew chair which the Rev. Fergus Ferguson was constrained, through feeble health, at the time to decline, has been ably filled by Rev. R. Hunter, Forres.

*Hebrew.*—The number of students attending the Hebrew class this session was forty. Nine of these formed the junior class. After some preliminary study of the grammar, and reading in various portions of the Hebrew Bible, this class read, translated and critically analysed the 3d chapter of Exodus. In the senior class the study of the grammar was prosecuted; the first four chapters of Exodus, and the 1st and 32d Psalms were read, translated and critically analysed. The portions read formed the basis of frequent exegetical and practical remarks.

*The Practical Class* has been occupied, during this session, with the