

Toronto, and a memorial from Mr. W. N. Hossie, of Brampton, on the same subject. The Report was received, and the thanks of the Assembly were given to the Convener for his diligence, and for the admirable report which he had submitted. The Report, with all other documents on the subject, were referred to a small committee to prepare a deliverance. Before the rising of the Assembly the Committee reported. The following motions were adopted: 1. That the Sabbath School Committee's Report be printed in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly. 2. That the preaching of occasional sermons to the young be strongly recommended. 3. That ministers and Kirk Sessions, in all their dealings with the young, keep prominently in view that the children of professing believers are members of the visible church.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

On the evening of Wednesday, 8th, the Assembly called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee, which was given in and read by Mr. John Laing, Convener of the Committee. From the Report it appeared that, connected with the Committee, or otherwise cultivated in connection with the Church, there are, mission fields, 90; preaching stations, 165; families, 2791; communicants, 2657. In connection with the operations of the committee there are also supplemented congregations 64, with 82 churches, 3,378 families, 4500 communicants. Making allowance for stations whose statistics are not given, it may be safely stated that in connection with the Home Mission work of the Church, more than 20,000 souls on an average hear the Gospel, while more than 6000 families receive pastoral oversight. These stations and congregations received from the Home Mission fund about \$9,586, while they contributed, besides the board of missionaries, \$27,828. During the year there has been an increase of 13 mission fields. The balance for the operation of the year recently entered upon, with the amount received during the month of May, may be stated as \$1,199.01.

The Report was received, the thanks of the Assembly given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, and the recommendations in the Report referred to a Committee, to report at a future sederunt. This Committee presented their report on Monday, 13th. The Report was considered, and a deliverance embracing the following resolutions was adopted:—

1. That the students be requested to report to the Home Mission Committee the operations of their Missionary Society—the several localities in which they carry on missionary work, that the information they furnish may be incorporated in the Annual Report of the Assembly.

2. That the Assembly instruct Presbyteries promptly and faithfully to deal with congregations and mission stations that have not sent in their contributions by the close of each year.

3. That Presbyteries be enjoined to make quarterly returns of all the vacancies within their bounds that are ready to call, so that each may receive its fair proportion of supply from the list of Probationers, and to take all means to secure remuneration from vacant congregations, in proportion to their ability, to those who occasionally minister among them.

4. That the liberality of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in the grant of £100 stg., during the past year, be gratefully and cordially acknowledged.

5. That the Assembly renew the recommendation of the General Synod last year, that Presbyteries take action to have missionary organizations, or what may be regarded as equivalent thereto, at once instituted in all the congregations within their bounds in which they do not exist.