

The report of the Committee on Psalmody was given in and read by Mr. Thomas S. Chambers, Convener. On Motion by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. W. B. Clark, it was agreed that the Report be received, the thanks of the Synod tendered to the committee, and that said committee be not re-appointed.

The Synod called for the report of the standing Committee on the State of Religion which was presented and read by Mr. James Whyte, Convener. The report set forth that from all the committee knew directly and indirectly of the state of religion within the bounds of our Synod, we have much reason to thank God and take courage, and offered *two* recommendations for the consideration of the Synod.

The first recommendation as finally agreed to is as follows :—

The Committee would recommend that each presbytery be instructed by the Synod according to the injunction of the General Assembly to examine carefully into the state of religion within its bounds, and report thereanent each year to the Synod. They would also recommend that these Presbyterian reports, as well as all information on this subject, given by individual congregations, whether in the shape of answers to questions, or general statements, or special narratives, be transmitted to this Synod through the Committee on the State of Religion, instead of being sent to the Clerk of Synod, or Convener of the Assembly's Committee.

The second recommendation was read and is as follows :—

The Committee would remind the Synod of the Overture or Special Evangelistic Services, which was adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly last year, and which the Assembly remitted to a Committee on Evangelistic work, and they would recommend that the subject of the Overture be considered by this Synod, for the purpose of putting the scheme which it contemplates into practical operation within the bounds.

A committee of which Mr. James Whyte was convener, was appointed to mature a plan for the carrying out of this recommendation, and to report at an early sederunt. At a subsequent stage this committee submitted a report which was received and adopted, and is to the following purport:—

That a committee be appointed to carry out the plan of evangelistic services referred to in the report of the Committee for the state of religion. The Synod then agreed to entrust this matter to the standing Committee on the State of Religion.

The following directions to the Committee for the carrying out of this plan were read and agreed to :—

1. In all cases the Committee shall take action after consultation with the minister or ministers of the place to which deputation may be sent, or in the case of vacancies, the Moderator of session ; and it is expected that ministers and other office-bearers shall co-operate with the deputation of Synod.

2. The deputation shall consist of not less than two persons : if possible a minister and an elder.

3. The period for Evangelistic services shall not be less than two weeks.

4. It is recommended that the principal feature of the work shall be (1) a daily evangelistic service. (2) Visiting from house to house, and (3) if possible personal conference with enquirers.

5. The Committee shall be instructed to correspond with, and secure the services of persons deemed suitable for the work.

6. The localities where evangelistic services shall be held, will be determined by the Committee ; Presbyteries or ministers desiring such services are invited to correspond with the Committee.

7. All other details necessary for carrying on the work shall be left to be arranged by the Committee.

The Synod held a conference on the state of religion within the bounds, on the evening of the second day of meeting, at which there was a large attendance of the members and adherents of the church. The following ministers gave ad-