

FIRST PLAN.

The first plan proposes the adoption of the rotary principle, in supplying the supposed stations with divine service, and that each station shall have service every second week, during *nine months*, it being difficult, for nearly three months, to visit many; from bad roads, or the state of the weather. The number of services at each station during that time would be about eighteen: of these, let nine be given on week days, and nine on sabbath days. By this rotation every minister would be absent from his congregation nine sabbaths in fifty-two. If twelve were given on week days and six on the sabbath, it would reduce his absence to six in the course of the year. But, by accommodation services, his congregation might be supplied on the greater number of the nine or six sabbaths: for example, in towns where more than *one* congregation exists, the rotation of itinerary duties might be so managed that only one minister, on the same sabbath, would be absent from his flock. In his absence the minister of the neighbouring congregation might divide the services of the sabbath between both congregations. Such arrangements would not *leave* congregations to be without divine service but *few sabbaths* in the course of the year; and, surely, no congregation would object to be without service for a very *few sabbaths*, that their destitute brethren might have the gospel preached unto them a *few sabbaths* in fifty-two. This plan would require that the rotation of the duties of the several clergymen, and the successive days of preaching at each station, should be so regulated and timed, that each would be absent at certain, regular intervals of time, that no congregation might be without service, on the sabbath, oftener than once in five or six weeks, during the months that itinerary preaching would be practicable. For this purpose, it should be required of each Presbytery to draw up tables annually, exhibiting, in regular rotation, the days on which service would be performed at each station, and associating with each day in the table the name of the individual minister by whom the service would be conducted; and, to prevent