

minutes of the previous Sederunt shall then be read, and on being sustained, shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk in presence of the Synod.

VII. Immediately after the minutes of the first Sederunt are read and sustained, the Moderator shall give notice, that an opportunity shall be afforded to any member to move the correction of any inaccuracy in the printed minutes of the previous meeting of Synod.

VIII. The appointment of the following Standing Committees shall be made on giving in their reports to Synod:—

*First*—A Committee of Missions, whose duty it shall be to attend to the wants and Missionary operations of the church.

*Secondly*—A Committee of Theological Education, consisting of members from different Presbyteries.

*Thirdly*—A Committee of Distribution, whose duty it shall be to superintend the appointments of Probationers.

#### COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE.

IX. Important business shall be referred as much as possible to Select Committees, which shall be nominated by the Moderator, but subject to the vote of Synod, if any member require it.

X. Papers referred to a Committee, with a copy of their appointment, when it contains any specification of their duty, and a list of members in the order of their nomination, shall be forthwith delivered by the Clerk to the Convener, who shall always be the person first named, unless it be ordered otherwise.

XI. Committees, in making their reports, shall give a concise and lucid statement of facts and reasons, with reference to the proof; and may, if they see cause, close their reports with one or more propositions in the form of resolutions, which resolutions, when read aloud from the chair, shall be equivalent to a motion or motions regularly before the Court.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

XII. The Synod may resolve itself into a Committee, consisting of all the members thereof, called the Committee of the whole House; in which case the Moderator shall appoint a Chairman, subject to the vote of Synod.

XIII. The Committee of the whole cannot adjourn; it must always rise and report. When it rises the Moderator resumes the chair, and the Chairman reports its proceedings to him. If the business referred to it be not finished, the Committee, through their Chairman, reports progress, and asks leave to sit again, which the Synod may grant or refuse at its discretion. Refusing such leave discharges the Committee, and leaves the business at the disposal of the Synod.

XIV. If the Synod concur in the report of the Committee, their resolutions are approved and sustained as the determination of the Synod. This is ascertained by the Moderator proposing the question—Does this Synod adopt the Report of the Committee of the whole?

XV. The Committee of the whole may be discharged, either at its own request, or on a motion for that purpose.

#### ON MOTIONS.

XVI. The Synod cannot act but in virtue of a motion regularly before it; and no motion shall be considered as regularly before it, either for disposal or discussion, until it shall have been announced by the Moderator from the chair in the words of the motion.

XVII. No motion, or amendment thereto, except for adjournment, reference to a committee, or such like matters, shall be received by the Moderator, unless reduced to writing, and seconded.

XVIII. Motions are always open to amendments, even to the com-