

5. Should the Committee on Bills and Overtures or that on References, Complaints, and Appeals refuse to transmit to the Synod any matter brought before them, their decision may be appealed from, which appeal the Synod shall hear and dispose of; or persons interested may apply to the Synod by Petition setting forth reasons why such matter should come before the Court; and the Synod shall consider such petition and act as seems meet in the matter.

6. The Boards of Management and Committees having charge of the Public Schemes of the Church are appointed as provided for by the Statutes of Incorporation or the Acts of the Synod thereanent, and they are required to make their reports to the Synod, as directed by existing enactments, or as specially ordered.

7. When a Presbytery reports to the Synod its judgment that a minister ought to be loosed from his pastoral charge for reasons other than his suspension or deposition from office, the Synod shall duly consider the case as sent up (the minister and a commissioner from the congregation having opportunity to be heard), and shall pronounce a judgment, empowering and instructing the Presbytery to separate the minister from his charge from and after a day named; or shall otherwise decide and instruct the Presbytery as to what further action it should take.

8. The Moderator may call a *pro re nata* meeting of the Synod in extraordinary circumstances, provided the business requiring it affects the whole Church, and when the want of a meeting might cause serious injury to the property or interests of the Church, and further when he shall have received a requisition asking him to call it, signed by five members of Synod, or else when he shall have consulted as many members of the Synod as possible, and shall have been generally advised by them to call it. To call such a meeting, the Moderator shall transmit at least three weeks before the time of meeting a circular letter addressed to each member whose name appears on the Roll of the last preceding annual session, naming the time and place for the meeting, and the business to be done. No business can be done other than that named in the circular letter calling the meeting.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

(Act in force, adopted, May 26th, 1859.)

JUVENILE MISSION SCHEME.*

The Report on the Juvenile Mission and Indian Orphanage Scheme having been given in by Mr. John Paton and read, it was moved by Mr. William Bain, seconded by Mr. Livingstone, and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive the report; thank the Treasurer for the zeal which he continues to manifest in this interesting Scheme; learn with much satisfaction that the Canadian School in Kidderpore is so numerously attended and its instruction likely to be fraught with such blessed results; are gratified to hear of the marked success which, under the blessing of God, appears to crown this—peculiarly the Mission of the children of our Sabbath Schools; resolve to merge this and the Sabbath School Scheme into one Scheme, to be called the "Juvenile Mission and Sabbath School Scheme," with headquarters at King-

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