

It was also resolved that a copy of the resolutions on Collegiate Education be sent to the Boards of the various Institutions referred to in these resolutions.

The Committees then adjourned.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

APPENDIX N.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH.

In handing in their Report on the Life and Work of the Church, your Committee have to state that, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, they met at Paisley, on the tenth day of October last and drew up the following questions on this all-important subject, and shortly after they addressed them to every Minister of the Church, expressing a desire, also, that the matter should be submitted to the Kirk Sessions, and that answers as full and explicit as possible be returned by the first of day March.

QUESTIONS.

- 1.—What is your average attendance at Divine Service ; and what proportion does your average attendance bear to the whole number of your congregation ?
- 2.—To what extent is Family Worship observed among your people ? Could you give us the number, or something near to the number, of families that attend to this duty ?
- 3.—Have you any meetings for Prayer and the reading of the Scriptures, in connection with your congregation ? If so, the Committee would like to know to what extent they are attended, and whether any besides the Minister take a leading part in conducting them.
- 4.—What work are your Elders doing for the furtherance of RELIGIOUS LIFE in your congregation ?
- 5.—Is there any work of the same kind done by members of the Church other than Elders ?
- 6.—Have you any Sabbath School or Schools connected with your congregation ? and if so, what evidence of fruitfulness or Religious Life do they afford ?
- 7.—To what extent is the Shorter Catechism used in the Sabbath Schools and families ?
- 8.—Does intemperance prevail to any extent in your congregation ? and if so, what are the Elders and members of the Church doing to suppress it ? Do you subject those known to be guilty of this sin to discipline ? Have there been any such cases before you during the past year ?
- 9.—How often in the course of the year do you visit your people, as a pastor ? and how are your visitations conducted ?
- 10.—Is there any particular evil hindering the work of God and the prosperity of your congregation ?
- 11.—To what extent have your people contributed to the support of ordinances and the Missions of the Church during the year ?