

MATTERS TO WHICH THE ATTENTION OF PRESBYTERIES IS DIRECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

I.

Re STATISTICS.

That the Assembly renew with emphasis its injunction to Presbyteries to be careful, prompt and faithful in having returns from all the charges, whether vacant or settled, and stations in their bounds procured and forwarded to the Committee in good time, as required by previous injunctions of the Supreme Court.

That Presbyteries have reported to them by their Clerk or Convener of their Committee on Statistics the returns made, and that they spend some time considering the same. See p. 22.

II.

Re 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF WESTMINSTER ASSEMBLY'S WORK.

The General Assembly recommends to Presbyteries and Sessions to take suitable measures for celebrating the 250th anniversary of the completion of the Confession of Faith and Catechism by the Westminster Assembly of Divines. See p. 40.

III.

Re APPLICATIONS OF MINISTERS TO BE RECEIVED.

That, owing to the defective form in which some of the applications are sent up to the General Assembly, it be an instruction to Presbyteries to have regard in their applications to the provisions of the Act on the Reception of Ministers. See p. 45.

IV.

Re CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

That Presbyteries and Sessions be urged anew to bring before all parents and guardians of youth the supreme importance of family religion, and strive to roll away from professedly Christian homes the reproach of neglected family altars.

That Presbyteries be strongly recommended to adopt some form of Presbyterial visitation, with the special design of promoting the spiritual life of the people. See p. 48.

V.

Re WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

That the Assembly renew its instruction of some years ago to Presbyteries to see that ministers at ordination are reminded of this fund, and of the desirability of their connecting themselves with it. See p. 54.

VI.

Re DECEASED MINISTERS.

That it be an instruction to Clerks of Presbyteries in the case of the decease of each minister to send an obituary notice to the Clerk of the General Assembly, for its use ; and to send a copy of such notice to the *Presbyterian Record*. See p. 56.