

In thus expressing our gratitude on account of the blessed results of evangelistic services in various localities, we would not be understood as exalting these above the stated ministrations of the gospel, which we believe to be the means ordinarily blessed of God for the awakening and conversion of sinners, as well as for the edification of saints; but as declaring our conviction that, with them, evangelistic services may be advantageously combined in the hope, that, as God has blessed them, He may still do so, and even more abundantly.

Let us be earnest in prayer for a copious outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. This is the want of the age. There is a shaking. Bone has come to his bone; sinews and flesh have covered them. But, humbly recognizing the Spirit of God as the source of all spiritual life, let our prayer ascend: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

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QUESTIONS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

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1. What is the number of communicants in your congregation? Number received during the past year? How many by certificate? How many on profession of faith?

2. Is family worship generally observed? Have you reason to believe that parents are faithful in instructing and catechising their children, and earnestly seeking their conversion to God?

3. Is there any congregational prayer meeting? If so, how conducted? How attended? Are there any district prayer meetings conducted by the elders?

4. Have you a Sabbath school, or schools? If so, are the teachers sustained, in any good degree, by the sympathy and co-operation of the members of the Church? Is the Shorter Catechism used? Are the older children generally familiar with it?

5. Is there any evidence of increasing liberality in the congregation, in the support of gospel ordinances among themselves, and in contributions to the schemes of the Church?

6. What means are used to increase the interest of the congregation in Missions and in the various schemes of the Church?

7. Are there any particular hindrances to the advancement of Christ's cause among you? If so, any special means or efforts to counteract them?

8. Can you report any specially hopeful indications of spiritual life among the young, or in the congregation generally?

9. Have any Evangelistic services been held in the congregation? If so, can you give any report as to the results?

The Committee on the State of Religion would earnestly appeal to you, as a session, to aid them with material for a full report to be laid before the Assembly in June. Besides such answers as you may be able to give to the foregoing questions, the committee would gladly receive any information or suggestions that may enable them more efficiently to prosecute their work. If there are any of the questions which you may not be prepared to answer, or which, for any reason, you may judge it best not to answer, the committee hope that you will not, on that account, refrain from answering the others.