

to the Convener of said Committee before the first day of May, a statement of the number of teachers male and female, scholars male and female, and the number of each on the roll, the average attendance, and the increase or diminution during the year, the number and kind of books in the Sabbath School library, and all other matters of interest affecting the welfare of the local school or the general institution; instruct the Committee to prepare a report and digest of said statements, to be laid before the Synod.

The Synod warmly recommend (June 8, 1861) this vital and important object to the affectionate regard of all our people; and require Sessions to see to the constant direct teaching of Scripture and the Shorter Catechism in their Sabbath Schools.

The Synod recommend the Committee (June 12, 1865), to publish a Scheme of Lessons.

#### SECTION SEVENTH—SEEKING OUT AND TRAINING YOUNG MEN FOR THE MINISTRY.

The Synod recognize the special duty (July 2, 1841), of the members of this Church to be earnest in prayer for the Divine blessing on the Missions of the Church, and the means employed for raising up well qualified men for the work of the Ministry.

The Synod resolve anew that we are specially called of God to use our utmost exertions to raise up a supply for the Ministry among us from the youth of this land,—instruct Ministers to make continued supplication unto God, as well in their private as in their public prayers, that He may be pleased to send forth more labourers into the harvest, and also enjoin them frequently to admonish parents to consider what may be the call of God upon them in reference to the consecration of their children unto Him in whatever department of service they may be qualified;—and, further, enjoin upon all Presbyteries and Sessions to make careful and diligent enquiry, in the several Congregations within their respective bounds, to ascertain whether any young men may be found in them whose attention should be specially called to the claims of Christ upon them, in regard to the Ministry of this Church—and to aid and encourage by all the means in their power such suitable young men as may declare their purpose to consecrate themselves to this sacred vocation.

The Synod recommend both to Presbyteries and individual Ministers (July 4, 1851), to look out for youths of promising abilities and of piety to be brought under the education and training necessary to their entering College,—and, further, recommend to Presbyteries to use all diligence in watching over the youths now studying Theology,—and also recommend to Ministers to aid such youths in their studies privately, and, on their removing to College, to commend them specially to the pastoral superintendence of the Minister resident at the seat of the University. The Synod, further, enjoin all their Students of Divinity to appear before the Presbyteries, within whose bounds they reside, at least once during the Summer recess, for the purpose of being examined, and, on their re-entering the Divinity Hall, to produce a certificate from their Presbyteries that they have done so.

The Synod resolved,—

3. That all the Ministers of this Church be earnestly recommended (May 31, 1860), to preach on the second Sabbath of February in each year, or the first convenient Sabbath thereafter, on the call to the Gospel Ministry, setting forth the wants of the Church and the existing destitution of our land, and, at the same time, to hold up for consider-