

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

1. The following Remit is again sent down to Presbyteries, in terms of the Barrier Act, with instructions to them to report their views thereon to Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto, not later than February 28th, 1901. (See page 32) :

Whereas experience has shown that much of the time of the General Assembly is taken up in dealing with matters of detail, which could fully and more conveniently be dealt with at the meetings of our several Synods ;

And *whereas*, according to the procedure hitherto followed, cases are permitted to come by way of appeal to the General Assembly which might well be issued in one of the inferior judicatories, and with which the General Assembly cannot satisfactorily deal without unduly extending the sittings of that Court, and also involving the parties concerned in much needless expense.

Therefore, the Venerable, the General Assembly, is hereby humbly overtured by the Synod of Toronto and Kingston :—

That the power of the Synods of the Church shall be extended by conferring upon them the right of exercising final jurisdiction in all matters of petition, reference, complaint or appeal coming from Presbyteries within their own bounds, which do not involve matters of administration or of doctrine affecting the Church as a whole, or matters of discipline affecting the ecclesiastical status of any member or office-bearer of the Church.

2. *Re Aids to Social Worship*.—That the Committee be continued and instructed to ascertain the mind of the Church more fully in regard to the use of such a Manual, for the purposes contemplated. (See page 50.)

3. Presbyteries are asked to arrange meetings for conferring with Dr. Campbell, Agent of the Century Fund. (See page 33.)

4. Presbyteries are asked to make returns to the Clerks of Assembly of all Remits sent down to them before April 1st next. (See page 69.)

5. The question of the desirability of having a Sabbath School and Field Secretary for each Synod is referred to the several Presbyteries and Synods. (See page 62.)