

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee appointed to devise and suggest means by which the Synod's resolution in page 46 of the printed minutes may be rendered more efficient, have agreed to recommend,

1st. That there be a standing Committee on Missions, consisting of at least four ministers and as many elders, with the Synod's Treasurers.

2nd. That the Committee be selected, so far as distance does not imperatively forbid, from the various Presbyteries, and that annually, the minister and elder whose names are found at the head of the list retire, their places being supplied by a new appointment.

3rd. That the Committee shall have under its charge, and give authority to the Treasurers for disbursing the Missionary funds of the Synod, consisting of the annual grant from the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, and the sum raised for Missions by collections and contributions in the church in Canada.

4th. That it shall be a special object of the Committee to effect, if possible, the diminution, from year to year, and the gradual extinction of the need of foreign aid, for existing congregations and stations, by the increasing amount and efficiency of the resources obtained in the Province.

5th. That Congregations applying for aid, shall send their Petitions, with all the necessary documents, to their respective Presbyteries for examination, certification, and transmission to the Committee, who shall make all appropriations from year to year, immediately after the date fixed by Synod for the return of the Congregational Statistics.

6th. That the Committee shall use all diligence to have one or more of the Stations, or weaker congregations, aided to the necessary extent, by grants from the fund raised in Canada, and in this way proceed to the point at which the whole church, at least to its present extent, may be sustained by its own resources.

7th. That the Committee, paying strict regard to the rights of Presbyteries, and in due consultation and concert with them, shall endeavour to have the collections enjoined by the Synod punctually reported, shall correspond with ministers or session clerks for the purpose, shall be free to send a deputy or deputies of their own number, or such as they shall obtain by Presbyterial appointment, to lay the claims of the mission before congregations, to stimulate liberality of all and induce them who are in the receipt of aid to exert themselves