

2. The General Assembly regret that Sessions have not more generally returned answers to the questions issued by the Committee, and instruct them, in future, to take order that information be regularly communicated on this important subject whether in the form of direct replies to questions proposed, or, in such other way as they deem most suitable.

3. In view of the evidence which the Report presents of the growing tendency to worldliness and worldly conformity, and, in some quarters, of the indulgence, on the part of church members, in practices inconsistent with their Christian profession, the General Assembly would earnestly counsel all under their care, who have named the name of Christ, to depart from iniquity, to come out from the world and to be separate, and to touch not the unclean thing, to avoid the very appearance of evil, to walk in wisdom toward them that are without, and, in the temper of their words, the tone of their conversation, and the tenor of their deportment, to give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

4. The General Assembly would direct special attention to the repeated allusions of the Report to the prevailing sin of intemperance as the fruitful source of misery in the world, and of evils manifold and disastrous in the church; they would also rejoice in the testimony borne of a growing interest throughout the church in the progress of temperance, and would affectionately counsel all our office-bearers to have special regard to the causes of intemperance within their respective bounds, and to do what in them lies, by earnest precept and consistent practice to have these removed.

5. The General Assembly feel gratified by the proofs which the Report supplies of increasing attention throughout the church to Christian liberality, and personal effort for the good of others. In view, however, of the fact also brought out that the faithful and godly up-bringing of our children, and especially the duty of family worship, are not attended to as generally as the Word of God and the Covenant engagements of church members demand, the General Assembly would direct special attention to these vital duties as most intimately associated with the progress of a healthful piety in our church.

6. The General Assembly would recommend to Synods and Presbyteries to continue the conferences on the state of Religion, which are now happily becoming general, and to have the devotional element increasingly pervading their ordinary meetings.

7. The General Assembly instruct Sessions to hold periodical meetings for prayerful deliberation respecting the spiritual state of their respective congregations, and for considering the best means of promoting a more faithful discharge of the duties entrusted to them.

8. The General Assembly would also recommend the revival of the goodly practice of Presbyterial visitations, and also the sending forth of deputations to engage in Evangelistic work throughout different districts of the Church.

9. The General Assembly resolve hereafter, in connection with the presentation of the Report on the state of Religion, to hold a conference on the subject, and that it be remitted to the Committee to arrange for this conference as they see fit.

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

The Report of the Committee appointed by last General Assembly to revise the report then submitted on the subject of Marriage with a de-