

APPENDIX.

Resolutions revised by the Committee, after having been approved in substance by the Synod—transmitted to the Clerk after the close of the Synod. See page 32, 33.

The Synod having considered the Report of the Committee on the subject of Revival of Religion, feel persuaded that many as have been the tokens of the Lord's goodness and mercy, there is yet cause for the deepest humiliation in the review of past sins and shortcomings, and for the present low state of religion in our Church. Further, while the Synod acknowledge that Revival must be the Lord's own work, yet recognising the duty of using appointed means for promoting spirituality among all the office bearers, and members, they resolve as follows:

I.—The Synod earnestly recommend that the whole of the third Thursday of October next, or such part of it as every several session may see fit, be set apart throughout the Congregations and Mission Stations of the Church, for grateful acknowledgments for past mercies, solemn humiliation for past sins, and prayer and exhortation, with a view to the promotion of a greater measure of spirituality and devotedness among us.

II.—The Synod enjoin Presbyteries at their ordinary meetings to give earnest and special attention to the conducting of Devotional Exercises, to investigations respecting the state of religion, and devising measures for its revival within their bounds, and to mutual counsel and encouragement with respect to the discharge of Ministerial duties.

III.—The Synod enjoin that an Annual Presbyterial Visitation should be carried out in all the Congregations with a view to ascertain their economical and religious statistics, and to stir them up to greater diligence: and that an Annual Report of the results thus obtained be prepared by each Presbytery and transmitted to the Clerk of Synod, at least ten days before the Annual Meeting of Synod.

IV.—That the Lord's Supper should be dispensed at least once a quarter, and that ministers should, if necessary, dispense it without assistance from brethren in their neighbourhood, rather than not dispense it thus frequently.

V.—Sessions are recommended to hold regular and stated meetings at least quarterly 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.

VI.—The Synod recommend a concert for prayer by all the ministers and other office bearers, on the Friday evening of each week, between the hours of seven and eight o'clock.

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