

assigned to them by the Presbyteries, at whose disposal they may have been placed, by the Home Mission Board, for the time being.

II. These duties comprise generally, conducting public worship on Sabbath, and prayer-meetings in the course of the week—teaching Bible Classes—superintendence of Sabbath Schools—visitation of families, and especially of the sick.

III. In Mission stations and vacant congregations, a record of family visitation shall be kept; and each Missionary shall commence visiting where his predecessor left off, till all the families be thus overtaken.

IV. Ordained Ministers in the service of the Board, in admitting parties to the fellowship of the Church, shall act with the concurrence of the Eldership of the congregation, and shall take order that the names of said parties be inserted in the congregational records.

V. Missionaries are required not to interfere unnecessarily in the congregational business or arrangements of localities in which they may be labouring, and especially when congregations may have in view to call a pastor.

VI. Missionaries are required to submit to Presbyteries, a written report of their proceedings, to be transmitted, after approval, to the Board.

VII. Catechists in Gaelic-speaking districts, are expected to report at least once a year to their Presbyteries:—said report, or the substance thereof, to be transmitted to the Board shortly before the meeting of Synod.

VIII. Missionaries may receive money in congregations and stations in which they labour, but shall account faithfully to the Presbytery, and through them to the Board.

IX. Missionaries are to be exceedingly careful to observe a godly life and conversation, that their intercourse with the people in private, may confirm their public teachings.

HINTS FOR PRESBYTERY CLERKS.

1. It would be advisable to exhaust such business as may belong to the Presbytery in connexion with a Missionary Report, especially in the way of securing payment of the salary, before transmitting such Report to the Board:—unless the Clerk retain in his own hands a copy of the account appended to it.

2. Measures should be taken to secure promptitude, as far as possible, in the payment of salary by the congregations, and in the disposal of Home-Mission business generally; for otherwise either the Missionary must be exposed to inconvenience, or the Board must incur the undesirable responsibility of advancing payments, in anticipation of the Presbytery applying for them.

3. In reference to the payment of yearly or half-yearly supplements to weak congregations, the Board would recommend that the usual certificate of the congregation having fulfilled their part in the arrangement made with them, be transmitted *through the Presbytery*, instead of being forwarded, as in some cases hitherto, direct to the Board.

A. McKNIGHT, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF COLPORTAGE.

To the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

Never during the ten years of our existence in our present capacity, have we had such difficulty in preparing to appear before you. Not that we lack materials for an interesting report, but because of our peculiar and critical situation, the task of bringing it to your notice, and of presenting it in its proper light, is rendered both difficult and delicate. Duty however and necessity alike require that we should be plain and candid in this matter; and by an unvarnished tale, report the crisis at which we have arrived; and the only remedy which we can suggest, as likely to carry us through and give our prospects a cheering aspect.

We have made no addition to our stock since last year. We did indeed