

IV. For the French Mission—on the First Sabbath of July.

V. For the Sustentation Fund—on the First Sabbath of September.

VI. For the Scholarship and Bursary Scheme—on the First Sabbath of November.

VII. For the Synod Fund—special collection on the First Sabbath of December.

Provided always that when the Lord's Supper shall be observed on any of the said Sabbaths, or when any of the said Sabbaths shall be deemed unsuitable, then another day may be selected by the Session within two months thereafter; Provided also that congregations preferring to raise their contributions in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund under their control, shall be at liberty to do so.

The Synod takes this opportunity of anew recommending to Kirk-Sessions and Congregations the Schedule system as a systematic and Scriptural method of contributing as the Lord hath prospered them to the advancement of His Kingdom.

All Ministers of the Church are appointed at least to exhort their Congregations, on all the days above specified, to contribute towards the maintenance and spread of the Gospel of Christ; and, on a Sabbath preceding that on which a collection is to be made, to give due intimation from the pulpit, together with such information on the object of it as they may have been able to acquire. The Conveners of the several Committees and Boards for the management of the Schemes herein specified are required to forward, in good time, to all the Ministers, notices of these appointments as they become due, together with such statements as it may be of use and interest to read along with their intimations; and, in particular, the Synod enjoin the several Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to enquire into the diligence of all their Ministers and Congregations in this matter, and record reports thereof in their Books, and likewise instruct the Committee of Synod for revising Presbytery Books to notice how far Presbyteries attend to this injunction; and the Synod, while rejoicing at the increased fruits of Christian effort in this Church, yet considering that the means hitherto supplied are quite inadequate to the extent of the field daily opening up to the operations of the Church, and far within what might be expected from the gratitude and love due to a crucified Saviour, earnestly urge on all the people seriously to consider the duty of contributing liberally for the advancement of Christ's cause, according to the ability wherewith God has blessed them. This act shall be annually renewed, with such amendments as the Synod may deem called for, and the expense of printing it for distribution among Ministers shall be borne equally by the several Schemes, and the funds of each Scheme shall be charged with all the expenses of its own management.

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