

# 38 MINUTES OF SYNOD, MONTREAL, JUNE 10TH, 1873.

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## REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK.\*

The Report of the Committee on Christian Life and Work was called for and read by Mr. Morrison, Convener. The following deliverance was moved by Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Kenneth MacLennan and passed unanimously; Thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, for the very able and exhaustive report now presented; express their thankfulness to Almighty God for the many encouraging facts which it reveals; and in reference to the evils complained of, viz.:—the low spiritual life of certain congregations—the neglect of ordinances on the part of many of the people—the large number over the age of eighteen years living unpledged to a Christian life—the prevalence of certain sins in the country—and the very small share of the labour borne by many of the elders in caring for the souls of the people, the Synod deplore the same and appoint that in the devotional services to-morrow morning humble confession of these evils be made at a throne of grace and prayer be offered up for a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Further, the Synod appoint the Moderator in concert with the Committee to issue a Pastoral Letter, bearing on the evils referred to and calling upon their beloved brethren in the Eldership to take a larger share in the work of the Ministry. With regard to the membership of the people and the administration of the sacraments, the Synod resolve to re-affirm the doctrine of the standards touching the same and direct that her Ministers conform thereto as nearly as possible—that in the matter of Baptism they be careful to teach that it is an ordinance for believers only and that the ordinance be held up to the people in a light no less sacred than that of the Lord's Supper—that in reference to the Lord's Supper Ministers and Elders exercise a wise oversight over the flock as to their Christian knowledge and fitness to discern the Lord's body, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that they may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

The Committee were re-appointed with Mr. Morrison as Convener and Mr. Lang, as Vice-Convener.

Permission, having been asked, was granted to the Presbytery of Kingston to meet this day for the transaction of competent business,

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