

2. Reports to be ready.

The Synod strictly enjoin the Conveners (June 6, 1865,) of Synodical Committees, Chairmen of Boards of Trustees and Managers, Clerks of Presbyteries and others in charge of the business of the Church, to be prepared to submit to the Synod all Reports, Returns, Statements, References, Overtures, Appeals, &c., on the first day of the meeting of Synod.

Note. Some papers are required by special enactments to be furnished to the Synod Clerk before the meeting of Synod, and some Reports are appointed to be given in on fixed days of the Session.

3. Control of Church and use. (June 1, 1855.)

Whereas the acknowledged use of a Church is for the public worship of God, and the Minister, with the Session, is responsible to his Presbytery and to the Synod, for the use that is made of the church edifice, therefore it is the prerogative of the Minister and the Kirk Session to hold the key of the place of worship, and exercise their own discretion, under the Superior Church Courts, as to the uses to which it shall be applied."

4. Catechists. (May 31, 1860.)

The Synod enjoin Presbyteries to use diligence and exercise great caution in their selection of Catechists, and take order that none be engaged without their sanction; that the Synod require Catechists, before entering upon their work, to appear before the Presbytery or Committee of Presbytery, charged with the supervision thereof, that they may be examined as to their gifts and ability to expound the Holy Scriptures; that Catechists be required to write out beforehand whatever expositions or exhortations they may offer to the people (whether to be read or repeated *memoriter*), and to hold themselves in readiness to submit all such written expositions or exhortations to the Presbytery or Committee of Presbytery, and to read any one of them that may be named or called for; and further that along with their own expositions they read a printed sermon from some volume sanctioned by the Presbytery, in the services of public worship which they conduct among the people.

5. Maintenance of Ministers. (May 30, 1861.)

The Synod declared, that, in every case where the settlement of a Minister is about to take place, it is absolutely necessary that the minimum stipend exclusive of any allowance from the Temporalities Board, be not less than four hundred dollars; that Presbyteries be enjoined to do all in their power to see that the congregations within their respective bounds implement all pecuniary promises made by them to Ministers; and that the Synod retain all discretionary power in its own hands,

6. Retired Ministers.

(In Act anent Temporalities Board, May 31, 1856.)

Every case in which a Minister not provided (May 29, 1858,) for by deliverance of Synod 1856 craves to retire from the active discharge of his duties as a Minister on the ground of bad health, or any other cause, on condition of receiving his allowance from the 'Temporalities' Fund,