

11. The Presbytery and Synod are open Courts, but, in the trial of certain causes, to avoid scandals, it is desirable to sit with closed doors. A motion to have a particular matter discussed with closed doors is therefore competent.

12. It is incompetent for any inferior Court to erase any part of the Records of a former meeting, unless when ordered by a superior Court.

13. It is the duty of the Moderator to see that the Minutes, as taken down, correctly record the proceedings of the Court, and for this purpose he shall have the portions of the Minutes as they are framed, read and amended or corrected as necessary, until he is satisfied of their accuracy.

14. In all Courts the following fees shall be payable to the Clerk by the parties concerned, namely :

Each person recording a dissent simpliciter, 25 cents.

For reasons entered on the Minutes in support of such dissent, 20 cents for the first, and 10 cents for each subsequent one.

For Extracts of Minutes or copies of papers furnished to individuals, for every 100 words or fraction thereof, 12½ cents.

The proceeds of such fees in the Synod to be applied in aid of the Synod fund, and in the other Courts to such purpose as the Court may direct.

II. STANDING ORDERS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Copy of the Act adopted May 31, 1859, with the following additions: (*Motions*.) XVII. If a motion under debate contains several parts, any two members may have it divided and the question taken on each part.

Miscellaneous.

I. During a Session the Synod shall meet every morning at half past nine, and, before proceeding to any business, engage in devotional exercises:—continue each Diet till five o'clock, P.M., with an interval between one and half past two; and resume proceedings in the evening at seven, when considered necessary.

II. The Synod, at its Annual Meeting, shall nominate a Committee on business for the following year, to meet at the place where the Synod shall be appointed to be held, and previous to the Synod's meeting, to arrange as far as possible the whole business of the Session, and prepare and print a docket for the use of members. The Moderator and Clerk of Synod, the Presbytery Clerks, and nine other members of the Synod, of whom five must be elders, the best qualified for this purpose that the Synod can select, shall compose this Committee. Papers of every description, without exception, intended to be submitted to the annual meeting of Synod must be laid before this Committee at their said meeting; and accurate intimations of their contents must be forwarded to the Synod Clerk, at least four clear days before the meeting of Synod; nevertheless this order shall not be held as preventing any papers from being presented and received by permission of the Synod, at any time in the course of the meeting, when they refer to matters arising out of the proceedings of the meeting to which they are presented, but such papers only shall it be competent to receive in this way.

III. In order that all documents coming before the Synod may be preserved in a form easy of access and convenient for reference, Reports, Overtures, References, Appeals, Extract Minutes, and all other matters whatsoever, intended to be submitted to the Synod, or Commission of Synod, shall be written on foolscap paper with sufficient margins, so as