

ii.

MATTERS TO WHICH SPECIAL ATTENTION IS DRAWN.

III.

REMIT ANENT MISSION BOARD.

Whereas the administrative work of the Church, involving the raising and expenditure of money, is carried on by several Committees and Boards which, holding no stated conferences, act independently of one another ; and

Whereas the General Assembly, receiving and dealing with the reports in succession, is not thus in the best position to give that wise and effective direction to the policy of the Church which, with its whole work and resources in view, it might be expected to give ; and

Whereas, as the result of this mode of action, the resources of the Church are apt to be called forth rather by the special activity and methods of a particular Committee or Board than by the comparative needs and merits of the respective branches of the work as determined after a well-considered view of the whole situation by the Assembly ;

Now, therefore, the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories humbly overture the Venerable the General Assembly to take these premises into consideration, and to constitute a Committee in which the various Committees and Boards of the Church should have representation whose function it should be to take the whole work of the Church into consideration and to make such suggestions to the General Assembly as might aid in giving greater unity and consistency to the policy of the Church and to discharge such other duties as the Assembly may prescribe.

IV.

REMIT RE SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Resolved,—That the Sabbath School Committee be authorized to arrange for the carrying of the debt of \$5,000 incurred for another year, that in the meantime the work of publication be continued, and that the question of undertaking the responsibility of establishing a Board of Sabbath School publication, and the appointment of an editor, be referred to Presbyteries, to be reported on to next Assembly.

V.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE OVERTURE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND ON THE RECEPTION OF MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Your Committee having had under its careful consideration the subject matter of the overture from the Presbytery of Owen Sound begs leave to report upon the same. Your Committee did not consider itself called upon to deal with the reception of ministers from other Churches holding the Presbyterian system of doctrine and polity, inasmuch as such reception is at present surrounded with sufficient safeguards. In regard to the application of Presbyteries for leave to receive ministers from Churches which do not hold the Presbyterian system, your Committee recommends the General Assembly to enact as follows :

1. That no application be entertained by Presbytery unless the applicant present a clear and regular certificate of disjunction from the Church with which he was formerly connected.

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