

The Committee know too well that it is not always a pleasant thing to report on the state of a congregation's religious life; but is it not just then that it needs to be considered closely? And the making a report furnishes an occasion for doing so, and becomes thus a source of profit. The Committee have reason to believe that some have found it a benefit, and they are therefore the more emboldened to entreat all to come to their aid; and they would take the liberty of reminding fathers and brethren that our vows pledge us to the discharge of this duty as well as of others.

They request also that the questions be brought under the notice of the congregations.

QUESTIONS.

1. Do the members of the church in full communion appear to recognize it as their duty to be, at once and in all things, like the Lord Jesus—holy and devoted as he was to God's cause?

2. Do such of them as are parents hold themselves responsible for the use of all scriptural means for the conversion of their children to God, in the full confidence that God will fulfil His own promise to them that do so?

3. Do they observe family worship morning and evening, and do Sessions regard their doing so as essential in order to their continuance in membership?

4. Do the members work for the conversion of the world, and especially of their neighbors, and for the edification of one another?

5. Do they give liberally for the cause of God, and how far may this be regarded as an evidence of godliness?

6. On what grounds are applicants for full communion admitted, and in what way are they dealt with before they are received?

7. What proportion of the congregation is in full communion?

8. What proportion of these attend the prayer-meetings, and how are these conducted?

9. Do they give any evidence of special interest in the Redeemer's cause?

10. Do the elders visit the congregation?

11. Are the Sabbath schools well attended, and do the teachers aim at the conversion of their pupils?

12. Is the Shorter Catechism used in the families and the Sabbath schools?

13. Do the youth of the congregation show any interest in the Kingdom of Christ, and what do you think are the chief obstacles to their doing so?

14. Is intemperance on the decrease in your neighborhood, and to what extent do the members of the church oppose the drinking customs by abstaining from intoxicating drinks as a beverage?

15. Are there any means which you would recommend with the view of promoting a revival of religion in the Lord?

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Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—The last regular meeting of this Presbytery was held within Bank St. Church, Ottawa, on Oct. 31st, and Nov. 1st. There were present 12 ministers and 5 elders. The opening sermon was preached by Mr. Aitken, late missionary at British Columbia.

The records and rolls of the various congregations within the bounds were called for; several were presented, examined and attested, and the others were