

The Synod had transmitted to them an Overture for the appointment of an Interim Committee for the management of the Library for the Synod that is expected from Scotland. The Synod adopted the same and appointed the Moderator, Mr. Rintoul, and Mr. Bell, a Committee for this purpose.

The Synod considering that the judgments of God have been recently visited on these Provinces as well as other parts of the world, in the drying up of some of the sources of temporal prosperity and the infliction of other calamities, and that there is great reason to fear that men have not humbled themselves under the Divine chastenings and learned righteousness, and considering also that the whole Church does greatly need the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit in order to the growth and extension of true religion. Resolved, that a day be observed throughout the Church for fasting, humiliation, and prayer, and that such day be the seventh of December next ensuing; that the Ministers and people may on that day as with one heart humble themselves as under the mighty hand of God, deprecate his deserved displeasure, and entreat his favour towards, and the quickening influences of the Holy Spirit on themselves and all the Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Committee on Overtures and Reports transmitted an Overture respecting the payment of the expense of ministers and elders in attending the meetings of Synod, and the Committee accompanied said Overture with a recommendation that it should be transmitted to the several Presbyteries, and through them to the several Church Sessions, with recommendation to them to make collections for defraying the expenses of Ministers and elders to the Synod next year, under the scale of appropriation contained in the Overture, and that the judgments of Presbyteries be reported to the next meeting of Synod, with a view to the adoption of a permanent measure. The tenor of the Overture is as follows:—

Whereas all the Congregations of the Church have a common relation to the Synod, and all are equally interested in the proceedings, and whereas the manner in which the business is conducted and the government of the Church administered, depends much on the attendance of members at the annual meetings of Synod, and that it is manifestly of the highest importance that there should be a full attendance of members from every part of the Church. And forasmuch also as the expense of this attendance falls so disproportionately heavy on the more distant members, as not unfrequently to amount to a prohibition in their attendance, thereby throwing the expense and labour of conducting the business of the Church upon those members more centrally situated; while, on the other hand, where a sense of duty impels distant members to attend, their expenses, whether borne by themselves or their Congregations, are burdensome and injurious; and as the duty to be discharged by all the members is the same, and ought not to be more oppressive to one than to another, it seems just and necessary that some measure be