

their number, (the members of which might be ordained as Elders or Deacons, if suitably qualified,) with a Secretary and Treasurer. 3rd.—To intimate to the people at each station what supplies of preaching the Minister in charge of it can give, until a Missionary can be obtained for the district. 4th.—To explain and enforce the duty of assembling for social worship and religious instruction on the Lord's day, and of contributing to the support of the Gospel.

3. *The Duties of the Office-bearers or committees at the several Stations.*—The office-bearers or members of Committee at each station should be instructed to proceed immediately after their appointment to make up a roll of the members and adherents of the Church connected with the station—and a certain number of families having been assigned to each of them—to visit such families for the purpose of obtaining their concurrence in the arrangements of the Presbytery—and of receiving their free-will offerings to the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund—which they ought to collect at stated periods, quarterly or oftener, as may be thought expedient. In the absence of Ministers, Missionaries, or other supplies by the Presbytery, they ought also to meet with the people on the Sabbath for religious exercises, to be conducted according to such order as has been sanctioned by the superintending Minister, and to establish and conduct Sabbath Schools for the young. The Treasurer should transmit quarterly to the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund the contributions of the people, and the Secretary should furnish the Minister in charge of the station with a quarterly report, shewing the total number of souls belonging to the Presbyterian Church connected with the station—the number of contributors to the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund—the amount of contribution during the quarter—the numbers attending the meetings for worship on the vacant Sabbaths—the number of Sabbath Schools connected with the station, and the number of scholars attending—together with any further information or suggestion regarding the interest of the station or mission.

4. *Home Mission committees and Funds.*—It is recommended that each Presbytery appoint a Committee to superintend their Home Missionary operations; and besides Ministers and Elders a suitable number of the members of the Church should be placed on it, so that a quorum might conveniently be assembled by the Convener at all times. This Committee ought to have the charge of the Presbytery's separate Record for Home Missions, and enter in it minutes of all their proceedings—the substance of the Reports from the Station Committees, and of the Reports of Ministers and Missionaries—submitting the same at the ordinary meetings of the Presbytery for their judgment and further direction. A Gen-

eral Home Mission Fund should also be instituted forthwith in each Presbytery, under the charge of a Treasurer appointed by the Presbytery, by whom all contributions for that object would be received and all disbursements made under the direction of the Committee, and a report of the state of the fund submitted to the Presbytery at their ordinary meetings. This fund would be raised and sustained, 1st.—By the periodical contributions from the several stations. 2nd.—By such Sabbath-day collections as may be made in behalf of it in the several congregations by appointment of the Synod or Presbytery. 3rd.—By the annual contributions of associations formed in the several congregations under the direction of the Presbytery or Committee, and with the concurrence of the Ministers and Elders and Deacons in each case. 4th.—By an annual collection made at each preaching station in the several missionary districts established within the bounds of the Presbytery.

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7. *Reports.*—Besides the Quarterly Reports by the Committees at the several stations, Presbyteries should require the ministers in charge of the several districts, and all the Missionaries and Catechists, to keep regular journals of their missionary services, carefully written out in suitable books, to be submitted yearly, or oftener, as may be deemed necessary, for the inspection of the Home Mission Committee and the Presbytery, and eventually to be deposited with the Convener of said Committee. Missionaries and Catechists should also be required to furnish Monthly Reports of their services to the Home Missionary Committee. Each Presbytery should prepare a General Annual Report for the Synod, on the state of Missions within their bounds, comprising specific statements on the following points:—The number of Missionary Districts and of the stations in each of them, as established by the Presbytery; the number of members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church in each District: the amount of Missionary service extended to each District, and whether rendered by Ministers, Missionaries, or Catechists; the usual attendance on the religious services at the several stations in each District; the number of Sabbath Schools and of scholars attending them in each District; the state of the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund, exhibiting its receipts derived from the contributions and collections of the several stations, and from collections and contributions by the several congregations—and its disbursements, in payment of salaries to Missionaries and Catechists, and the allowances to Ministers.

II. That it shall be the duty of the Home Mission Committee to apportion among the several Presbyteries the Missionary Labourers at the disposal of the Church; and in order that this may be done in an equitable