

from their experience in former years, entertained no hope of obtaining full and complete information on the subject, and had, therefore, not issued circulars. The Synod resolved to merge this Committee into the Committee on the Juvenile Mission Scheme, already appointed, and, impressed with the importance to the interests of the Church of giving careful attention to the establishment and efficient management of Sabbath Schools in every congregation and mission-station, earnestly recommend to each Presbytery to foster by every means in its power this important Scheme.

STATISTICS.

Mr. Dobie, Convener of the Synod's standing Committee on Statistics, reported verbally that a meeting of the Committee had not been held, and that, therefore, circulars soliciting statistics had not been issued during the past year. The Synod agree to continue in existence a Committee on statistics; enjoin Presbyteries to see that returns are made by each congregation within their bounds, and, for the better carrying out of this object, instruct each Presbytery to appoint a Statistical Committee; and the Synod hereby appoint their own Committee to consist of Mr. Croil, Convener, and the Conveners of the Committees of the several Presbyteries.

INEBRIATE ASYLUM.

The Synod, having had their attention called to a movement for the establishment of a public Asylum for the reformation of Inebriates, authorized the Moderator to sign, in the name and by the appointment of the Synod, any duly authenticated memorials to the Legislature for assistance in founding such an Institution.

ACT FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

The Synod renewed the Act for regulating Public Collections as follows:—

THE Synod appoint the following Public Collections to be made in all the churches during the ensuing year, viz. :—

- I. For the French Mission—on the First Sabbath of July.
- II. For the Home Mission—on the First Sabbath of October.
- III. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund—on the First Sabbath of January.

- IV. For the Bursary Scheme—on the First Sabbath of March.

And recommend congregations to contribute for Foreign Missions on some convenient Sabbath.

Provided always that, when the Lord's Supper shall be observed on any of the said Sabbaths, or when any of the said Sabbaths shall be deemed unsuitable, then another day may be selected by the Session within three months thereafter; Provided also that congregations, preferring to raise their contributions in any other way, as by subscrip-

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