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thought to attend the present method of conducting its educational work by the Church, it is the judgment of Synod, that the present method is to be sustained until a better one is found out, and that to argue—as many are doing—that because the present method is not in all respects satisfactory, therefore nothing is to be done, is an act of treason against Him who has laid the command upon His Church, “Go preach the Gospel.” and an infraction of the apostolic charge, “The things which thou hast heard of me—among many witnesses—commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

Sixth—That the thanks of Synod are tendered to Dr. Richardson for his presence with us on this occasion, and for the appeal and statements which he has made in his address.

JOS. B. STRATTON, Chairman.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. C. W. Grafton, touching the work of Sunday-schools, was adopted :

#### SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Inasmuch as the Sunday-school has grown to such dimensions among us, and so greatly promotes the interests of Education, and whereas the spiritual interests which are so greatly affected by it are lodged in the hands of our Church courts ;

*Resolved*, That the Synod recommend the Presbyteries composing this body to take a more careful supervision of the Sunday-schools within their bounds; that they be not content with the ordinary statistical reports on this matter; that they take steps to diffuse a more accurate knowledge of the true relation of the Sunday-school to the parental relation and to the Church. To accomplish these ends, let the Presbyteries appoint a day, during their annual sessions, if the way be clear, to consider and discuss this whole matter, to awaken a deeper interest in the right direction, and thus make the Sunday-school what it ought to be—a help to the parent and a nursery for the Church, and a means of adding to the ranks of the living ministry in the house of God.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. J. B. Stratton, D. D., on the subject of Home Missions, was adopted :

#### HOME MISSIONS.

*Resolved*, That the present condition of the work of Home Missions, in its various departments, is such as to inspire hopefulness and call for gratitude to God for the support hitherto granted to it. At the same time, this condition is so critical, that without large increase to the contributions of the churches it must suffer embarrassment and contraction. Therefore, the Presbyteries of this Synod are earnestly urged to attempt, through their pastors and sessions, to make every particular church within their bounds a contributing church to the Committee of Home Missions.