

tioners and Presbyteries to the following Regulations of Synod, passed at several times, and still in force:

I. That the Probationers under the inspection of Synod, be, so far as practicable, appointed by Presbyteries to officiate in the same locality *not less than two Sabbaths*, and that during the intervening week they shall be expected to visit, ministerially, two or three days. That one Probationer begin his visitations where the former one terminated his; that the Elders, or Managers, keep in view the arrangements; and that in all cases the Minister or Preacher respect the arrangement, and abide by it.

II. This Synod resolves and ordains, that no Minister or Preacher be allowed to decline the appointments he has on hand from the Committee of Distribution at the time of his accepting a Call; and that no Presbytery proceed to the settlement of any Minister or Preacher till the said appointments have been fulfilled. And further, that the Committee of Distribution be instructed not to extend the appointments beyond a period of three months.

III. That although Preachers are urgently required to supply vacant Congregations and Stations, yet it is reasonable and proper that they be allowed at least two Sabbaths each, every year, to be at their own disposal, for the purpose of embracing opportunities of observing the Lord's Supper in Congregations within their reach. It is left with the preachers themselves, and with the Presbyteries, to fix those Sabbaths when the several preachers might be left unemployed, with a view to the object contemplated.

IV. That preachers be enjoined to attend the meetings of Presbyteries in whose bounds they may happen to be, so far as practicable: and that the Presbyteries take opportunities of conversing with them, for the purpose of receiving information, and giving advice and direction, and that Presbyteries be also enjoined to enforce the laws of Synod respecting the duties of preachers; and that preachers be exhorted to a diligent and conscientious discharge of all the services expected of them.

In connection with this distribution of probationers it may be stated that there are complaints made by some Presbyteries against a few preachers, and they (the Presbyteries,) object to their being sent to them. It is the duty of the Committee of Distribution to appoint to the several Presbyteries, those preachers whose names have been placed on the list of probationers by the Synod; they have no power to remove any one. The Committee have appointed the preachers to the several Presbyteries in strict accordance with the regulations of Synod, and if some preachers be continued longer in, or sent oftener to, certain Presbyteries than they seem to desire, the reason is, there are four or even five times the number of vacancies in those Presbyteries to which they are sent than there are in other Presbyteries. Every care is taken to do justice to all parties, and injury to none.

JAMES DICK, *Gen. Com.*

Richmond Hill, 14th March. 1861.

#### MEETING OF U. P. SYNOD.

The following circular has been issued:—

“BOND HEAD. March 11, 1861.

“REV. SIR,—I am instructed to inform you that a *pro re nata* Meeting of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in the Bay Street United Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 9th day of April, next ensuing, for the purpose of considering the emergency occasioned by intimation having been given to the Moderator, by Professor Taylor, that he adheres to the resignation of the office of Professor of Divinity, which he tendered to the Synod on the 4th of October last.—(See Minutes of Synod, October, 1860, pp. 423, 425, 426.) And also for the purpose of considering the propriety of corresponding with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, acquainting them with the contemplated Union.