

MINUTES OF SYNOD, MONTREAL, JUNE 9TH, 1863. 33

certification thereof with proof. If objections be offered, proceedings shall be stopped until they are disposed of. If no objectors appear the minister appointed to officiate shall begin the usual order of public worship.

2. After sermon and prayer, the officiating minister shall state the occasion of the meeting, narrating the principal steps taken towards filling the vacancy.

3. He shall then call on the Inherent to answer the following questions in the presence and audience of the congregation :—

1st.—Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and manners ?

2nd.—Do you sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approved by the General Assemblies of the Church of Scotland, and ratified by law in the year 1690, to be founded upon the Word of God ; and do you acknowledge the same as the confession of your faith ; and will you firmly and constantly adhere thereto, and to the utmost of your power assert, maintain, and defend the same, and the purity of worship as presently practised in this Church, and asserted in Act xv. Assembly 1707, entitled, Act against innovations in the Worship of God ?

3d.—Do you disown all Popish, Arian, Socinian, Arminian, Bourignian, and other doctrines, tenets, and opinions, whatsoever, contrary to and inconsistent with the aforesaid Confession of Faith ?

4th.—Are you persuaded that the Presbyterian government and discipline of this Church are founded upon the Word of God, and agreeable thereto ; and do you promise to submit to the said government and discipline, and to concur with the same, and never to endeavour, directly or indirectly, the prejudice or subversion thereof, but to the utmost of your power, in your station, to maintain, support, and defend the said discipline and Presbyterian government by Kirk Sessions, Provincial Synods, and General Assemblies, during all the days of your life ?

5th.—Do you promise to submit yourself willingly and humbly, in the spirit of meekness, unto the admonitions of the Brethren of this Presbytery, and to be subject to them, and all other Presbyteries and superior judicatories of the Church, where God in his providence shall cast your lot ; and that, according to your power, you shall maintain the unity and peace of this Church, against error and schism, notwithstanding of whatsoever trouble or persecution may arise, and that you shall follow no divisive courses from the present established doctrine, worship, discipline, and government of this Church ?

6th.—Are not zeal for the honour of God, love to Jesus Christ, and desire of saving souls, your great motives and chief inducements to enter into the function of the holy ministry, and not worldly designs and interest ?

7th.—Have you used any undue methods, either by yourself or others, in procuring this Call ?