

to perform all the duties of a faithful minister of the gospel among this people?

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO PROBATIONERS.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, the same as the foregoing.
7. Do you promise that you will subject yourself to the several publications of this church, and are you willing to subscribe to these things?

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO AN ELDER.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, the same as the foregoing.
7. Do you accept of the office of an Elder of this church, and promise through grace, faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully, to discharge the duties thereof.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO A DEACON.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, same as the foregoing.
7. Do you accept of the office of a Deacon of this church, and promise through grace, faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully, to discharge the duties thereof.

The Synod ordained that the aforesaid Formula and Questions, shall be used by Presbyteries according to territorial limits, and the same was sustained and adopted, and the Synod in terms thereof ordained as follows:
That the Presbytery of Hamilton and Toronto, be divided into two Presbyteries. The Presbytery of Hamilton and that of Toronto.
That the Presbytery of Hamilton consist of the District of Gore, with the exception of the townships of Trafalgar and Esquesing, also of the Brock, London, Huron, Talbot and Western Districts.
That the Presbytery of Toronto, consist of the Home District, together with the townships of Esquesing and Trafalgar, and the Simcoe District.
That the Presbytery of Cobourg, consist of the Newcastle and Colborne Districts.
That the Presbytery of Kingston, consist of the Victoria, Prince Edward, Midland, Johnstown and Bathurst Districts.
And that the Presbytery of Montreal, consist of the Eastern and Ottawa Districts, and of Canada East.

XIV. Resolutions of the Synod at the Public Meeting held in Mr. Roof's church, on the evening of Tuesday, the 15th October.

After prayer and praise, the moderator stated that it was the object of this meeting to lay before the members of the Church in Toronto some of the principal matters that had occupied the attention of the Synod during its first Session, in connection with a series of Resolutions that were to be submitted to the Synod. It was then moved by Mr. Henry—supported in an address by him—and being seconded, was unanimously agreed to:—

“That the Synod, deeply impressed with a sense of their responsibilities as office bearers in the Church of Christ, and solemnized by a sense of their own shortcomings in all duty, do now humbly and faithfully enjoin on all ministers and preachers under their charge to cultivate a high standard of personal piety, and to give themselves more unreservedly than ever to the great work of winning souls to Christ; and they further enjoin Presbyteries, at their earliest meetings, to take the whole subject of the state of religion into their most serious consideration.”

It was then moved by Mr. King of the Free Church of Scotland—supported in an address by him—and being seconded was unanimously agreed to:—

“That the Synod, convinced that an effective Eldership, zealous for the Lord's glory, and active in carrying out the great end for which the office of the Elder has been constituted by the Head of the Church, is essential to the prosperity of the Church, entreat their brethren to ponder well the exhortations and advices tendered already by this Synod regarding the qualifications and duties of the Elder and the Deacon; believing that a well organized, pious, energetic, and spiritually minded session, assisted by a deaconship of corresponding character, is a blessed instrument in God's hand for reviving his own work, and establishing the purity of his Church.”

Mr. Bayne addressed the Synod and meeting in support of the following resolution; and the same having been seconded, was unanimously agreed to:—

“That the Synod, considering that the purity of the Church, as subordinate to its glorification and the glory of God, is the very highest end of all gospel ordinances; and that her extension in the world depends mainly on her purity; and considering that, apart from all the labours of Church officers, the purity of the Church is to be promoted and prayed for by every individual member thereof: do now earnestly entreat and exhort all the members of this Church to strive after personal holiness, and the culture of brotherly affection towards each other; and to pray unceasingly for the fulfilment of the divine promises respecting a universal effusion of the Holy Spirit.”

Mr. McNaughton, of the Free Church of Scotland, addressed the Synod and meeting in support of the following resolution; and the same having been seconded was unanimously agreed to:—

“That this Synod, persuaded that its characteristic principles are essentially Scriptural, Protestant and Missionary, resolves under God, to cast its great schemes for support on the piety and principle of the Christian people—relying on the grace of the Lord for any faith and benevolence that may be necessary to carry them out to a successful issue.”

Mr. Rintoul then moved the following resolution, and the same having been seconded was unanimously agreed to:—

“That the Synod, in view of the varied and refreshing communications received from the Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, and the Commission of the General Assembly and Colonial Committee of said Church; and especially of the visit of Mr. King and Mr. McNaughton, the deputation from that Church, and the experience had of the wise and faithful counsels—the instructive, edifying, and powerful addresses of these brethren: do now record their sense of the obligations under which they are laid to the Free Church of Scotland, and their hope that, in the fruit, which may be reaped from the visit of the deputation, both the deputation themselves, and those who commissioned them, may have abundant cause for praise and thanksgiving to Him who has called and enabled them to witness so nobly for the truth. And in view of the travels and labours in which the deputation are engaged, and especially of the early return of Mr. McNaughton to his family and flock in his native land, the Synod desire to commend the deputation to the guidance and keeping of the Great Head of the Church.”

XV. Resolutions appointing Committees of this Synod to meet with Committees of the Synod in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on the communication from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and the same having been produced and read, was sustained; and the Synod in conformity with its recommendations, resolved as follows:—

First. That this Synod being desirous of preventing, as far as possible, all strife and unseemly litigation about church property, and of bringing

about a fair and equitable adjustment of claims made on such property, whether it be possessed by congregations of this Synod, or those of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, appoint two committees to act along with the corresponding committees of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, in the hope that some scheme may be devised and arranged by which all disputes regarding church property may be settled on the principles of Christian equity. The committee for Canada West, to be Mr. Wm. Rintoul, Minister; and John McMurrich, James Shaw, and Joseph C. Morrison, Esquires. That for Canada East, Mr. Henry Esson, Minister; and James Leslie, John Redpath, and Isaac Buchanan, Esquires.

Secondly. That while the Synod hold fast by the testimony they have been privileged to give for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the sole and Supreme Head of the Church, and for the liberties and rights of his blood-bought people, and while they feel confident that the step taken by the brethren of this Synod, in the recent separation, was warranted and demanded alike by a regard to Christian principle and their own frequent, open, and well known avowals; and while firmly resolved, through grace, to avoid the responsibilities of a connection with the Established Church of Scotland, as at present constituted, yet being anxious to promote the peace and unity of the Church of Christ; they declare their readiness to meet with any of the brethren of the Synod still in connection with the Scottish Establishment, who may be willing to act out practically their own resolutions, and arrange with them such terms of union as may be honourable to principle, and conducive to the glory of the Redeemer: And the Synod, earnestly desirous of being actuated by no hostility but a hostility to error, declare that they cannot, in the meantime, desist from any ministerial services whatever, which they may deem necessary to the maintaining of the truth for which they are called to witness, or to the well-being and purity of the Presbyterian Church, which they are solemnly engaged to uphold; and appoint Mr. Alexander Gale (convener), Mr. Henry Esson, Mr. William Rintoul, Mr. Mark Y. Stark, Mr. John Bayne, Ministers; and Mr. James Webster, Mr. J. F. Westland, Mr. James Gibb, and Mr. James Leslie, Elders, a committee to conduct any negotiations toward a re-union with the brethren of the Synod in connexion with the Church of Scotland;—it being understood that the negotiations on their part must be in harmony with this resolution.

XVI. Respecting Correspondence with other Churches.

The Synod agreed to refer the Correspondence with other Churches to the Commission.

XVII. Act appointing the Commission of Synod.

The Synod appointed the following members to constitute their Commission for the ensuing year, to watch over the general interests of the Church, and attend to all matters specially referred to them, viz:—

The Moderator and Clerk of Synod.

From Presbytery of Hamilton:—Messrs. A. Gale, J. Bayne, G. Cheyne, D. McKenzie, A. Mackintosh, G. Smellie, W. Meldrum, Ministers. Messrs. J. Webster, W. Dixon, A. Henderson, G. Davidson, J. Colville, Elders.

From Presbytery of Toronto:—Messrs. J. Harris, A. King, Ministers. Messrs. J. F. Westland, M. McLellan, J. Weylie, Elders.

From Presbytery of Cobourg:—Messrs. J. M. Roger, T. Alexander, W. Reid, Ministers. Messrs. A. Milne, J. Monroe, Elders.

From Presbytery of Kingston:—Messrs. H. Gordon, R. Boyd, J. Rodgers, A. McLean, Ministers. Messrs. A. Lindsay, R. Campbell, D. Agnew, Elders.

From Presbytery of Montreal:—Messrs. H.