

affixing to the church door or other most public place of resort an Edict of the following tenor :—

XII. The Presbytery of _____ having sustained the trials of _____ called to be Minister of the Congregation of _____ and having resolved to proceed with the Ordination of the said _____ to the pastoral charge of the said Congregation, according to the rules of the Church, Notice is hereby given, to all concerned, especially the members of the Congregation, that if any of them have any thing to object to the life and doctrine of the said _____ they may repair to the Presbytery, which is to meet in _____ on _____ the _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, with certification that if no person offer any relevant objection, the Presbytery shall then forthwith proceed to ordain the said _____ to the office of the Holy Ministry, and admit him to the pastoral charge of the said Congregation of _____

XIII. Although by use and wont, it has been the practice of the Church of Scotland to allow ten free days to intervene between the serving of the Edict and the day of meeting for Ordination, the Presbytery, if they see meet, may dispense with this practice, as the person to be ordained is to be admitted a Minister of the Church, upon the Call of the Congregation, and not as in Scotland, upon any crown or lalck presentation, in which case it is presumed that the Congregation shall have previously taken care to obtain sufficient knowledge of the character and principles of the person called by them.

XIV. The Presbytery having met according to appointment, proclamation shall be made at the church door, three several times, that if any person has any objection to offer against the life, doctrine, or conversation of Mr. A. B., being ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted as Minister of this Congregation, the said person shall immediately repair to the Presbytery, and lodge certification, with proof why the said A. B. should not be ordained. If notice be given to the Presbytery that no one objected, the Presbytery should then proceed in the proper and more solemn work of the day.

XV. The Minister presiding, after having preached, shall narrate the cause of the vacancy and the steps which have been taken towards filling it up, and shall then call on the Intraant, in the face and audience of the Congregation to answer the following questions :—

1.—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 ?

2.—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 con-