

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

3. To appoint one of their number to conduct public worship on the occasion.

VII. The process of calling shall be as follows :—

1. The minister appointed to officiate shall, before pronouncing the Benediction, intimate the occasion of the meeting and notify parties concerned to remain.

2. The officiating minister shall, after prayer, produce and read the Form of Call and section IV. of this Act, and invite parties qualified to subscribe the Call.

3. Sufficient opportunity having been allowed for signing the Call, the presiding minister shall make attestation thereon of the fulfilment of the appointment of Presbytery, of the name of the minister called, and of the number of subscribers.

4. It being desirable that persons not qualified to act as Callers should signify their pleasure in the choice of a minister, all persons belonging to the congregation, being of the years of discretion, may be allowed to subscribe a form of concurrence in the Call, but this shall not imply any right of objection.

VIII. The process between moderation and induction shall be :—

1. On the day of moderation, or at their first meeting thereafter, the Presbytery shall consider the Call, and, having judged it sufficient to warrant them in proceeding thereon, shall sustain it.

2. They shall inquire for the guarantee of minimum stipend if it has not been embodied in the Call, and consider its sufficiency, judging of the competency of the whole provision, both as to the amount and manner of payment proposed.

3. They shall present the Call to the minister named therein, and ask him to state in writing whether or not he accepts it, time for consideration being allowed if required.

4. On the acceptance of the Call, the Presbytery shall require of the acceptor certificate of his having taken the oath of allegiance, also, if he be an ordained minister without a charge, an extract of his ordination and a presbyterial certificate, or, if he be a licentiate, an extract of his license and a presbyterial certificate.

5. These documents being judged to be satisfactory the Presbytery shall appoint a meeting for the Induction, if the acceptor of the Call be an ordained minister, which meeting may be held on as early a day as may be convenient, and notice thereof shall be given to the congregation in the most practicable way.

6. The Presbytery shall appoint one of their number to conduct public worship on the occasion.

IX.—The process of Induction shall be as follows :—

1. The Congregation having assembled, and the Presbytery having been constituted, proclamation shall be made three several times in these terms :—If any person has to offer, against the Induction of (A. B.) as minister of this Congregation, any objection bearing upon his life, doctrine, or conversation, let him appear before the Presbytery and lodge

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