

the list of candidates without a certificate being presented from the Session of the Congregation with which he is connected, bearing that he is a member of the Church, of irreproachable character, which certificate, in the event of his being called, shall be laid before the Presbytery, along with the Call, to be judged of by them.

It was moved by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Duff, that the foregoing Regulations be adopted by this Synod, as limiting for the future the services of Probationers. Motions on.

It was moved by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Coutts, that the Regulations be read and submitted to the Synod, *seriatim*. The amendment was carried by a majority, and the Synod proceeded to consider the Regulations in terms thereof:

The first Regulation having been read, it was moved by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Duff, that it be adopted. 1st Regulation adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Cross, that the term of probation mentioned in the said Regulation be extended, in the first case, to *five* years, and in the other, to *three* years. It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. Caven, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the terms be respectively, *four* years and *two* years.

A vote was taken between the last and the first amendments, when the first amendment was lost. A vote was then taken between the last amendment and the original motion, when the motion was carried, and the Synod adopted the first Regulation without amendment.

The second Regulation being read, was, on motion of Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Duff, agreed to. 2nd Regulation adopted.

The third Regulation was read, and, on motion was adopted. 3rd Regulation adopted.

The Report of the Committee for the Distribution of Preachers was given in by Mr. Dick, the Convener, in the terms following: Distribution Committee report.

The Committee for the Distribution of Probationers respectfully report, that from July to September, 1859, there were ten Probationers on the list, whose services were distributed among the several