

condition of the various Congregations within their bounds, and see that they be so organized that the public business of the Church be attended to regularly and advantageously.

The Draft of the Form of Procedure in the calling and settling of Ministers was again remitted to the Presbytery of Montreal, as a Committee of the Synod, with instructions to perfect the same as far as practicable in accordance with the opinions of the several Presbyteries sent into them, and report to next Synod.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, the Draft of an Act anent regulating the public Collections in the several Congregations, and having maturely considered the same and made several amendments thereon, adopted it as an Interim Act, and transmitted it to Presbyteries that their opinions thereon may be sent up to next meeting of Synod. The same is as follows:—"Whereas great inconvenience has resulted from the irregular manner in which many Congregations have contributed to the several Funds for carrying on the Missionary and other operations of the Church;—and whereas it is desirable that a more uniform and regular mode of raising the said Funds should be observed throughout the Church,—the Synod enact that all Ministers of this Church shall annually have collections made in their several Congregations on behalf of each of the following objects at the time specified, viz:—1. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on the First Sabbath of January.—2. For the French Mission, on the First Sabbath of May.—3. For the Synod Fund, on the First Sabbath in July.—4. For the Home Mission Fund, of the Presbytery of the Bounds, on the First Sabbath of October.—Provided always that when the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper happens to fall on any of the said Sabbaths, or any of the said Sabbaths is otherwise deemed unsuitable or inconvenient for making the collection, then the collection shall be made within at least four weeks thereafter;—and provided also that in case of any Congregation preferring to raise the contributions required of them in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund under their control, they shall be at liberty to do so.—The Synod also enjoin Ministers to explain and advocate the object for which the collection is to be made, upon a previous Sabbath. And the Synod, also, enjoin Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to enquire and take account of how Ministers have attended to the injunctions of the Synod in giving their Congregations an opportunity to contribute, and to deal with those who have disobeyed unless a sufficient reason be given."

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