

# 30 MINUTES OF SYNOD, MONTREAL, JUNE 9TH, 1863.

III. The Representative Elder shall in every case hold office till his successor is appointed, or till the expiry of the two months, whichever shall first happen.

IV. It shall be competent for Representative Elders to resign and for Sessions to appoint successors, whose Commission shall be valid when sustained by the Presbytery, or Synod if no meeting of Presbytery intervene.

V. The Elders of a Charge consisting of more than one congregation shall constitute one Session for the purposes of this Act.

VI. All former Laws, Regulations, and Resolutions passed by this Synod anent the representation of the Eldership in the Superior Church Courts, are hereby repealed.

Agreeably to the same Report, and as approved of by a majority of Presbyteries, the Synod amended the Act of 1840, entitled an "Act prohibiting the collection of contributions for building churches," &c., and in lieu thereof passed, and hereby passes, the following requirements into a permanent law of the Church :—

## *Act anent soliciting contributions for church purposes.*

WHEREAS, the soliciting of contributions from the public for ecclesiastical purposes by unauthorized individuals, is a practice which is liable to abuse, and it is proper to subject the said practice, so far as this Church is concerned, to suitable regulations, it is hereby enacted :—

I. That no minister or member of any congregation under the jurisdiction of this Synod shall collect contributions, beyond the bounds of his congregation, for local ecclesiastical purposes, until he has first obtained from his Presbytery permission to that effect, and an attested subscription list to be used in collecting.

II. That it shall also be necessary to have the sanction of the Presbytery within whose bounds it is intended to apply for contributions; and individuals proceeding to collect are required to follow the directions which such Presbytery may give as to time and mode of collecting.

III. That accounts of all moneys so collected, together with statements of their application, shall be laid before the Presbytery to which the collector belongs, for the purpose of being audited.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Synod on Presbytery Records to inquire what evidence is furnished, by said Records, of the attention paid by Presbyteries to the requirements of this Act.

## *FORM OF PROCESS FOR THE CALLING AND SETTLING OF MINISTERS.*

Agreeably to the same Report the Interim Act, on form of process for the calling and settling of ministers, was rejected, because disapproved of by a majority of Presbyteries. A new draft of process, submitted by the Presbytery of Montreal, was, after amendment, converted into an Interim Act, and transmitted to Presbyteries to be reported on to next Synod. The said draft is as follows :—

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