

the Church of Scotland, whom, by his character, gifts, and requirements, they consider best fitted to edify and instruct the Congregation. And having made up their minds, they shall duly present the person, on whom their choice has fallen, with an invitation in the name of the Church and Congregation to come their Minister. And having received his acceptance, the same, together with the Presentation, shall be laid before the Presbytery of the Bounds, in order that the Presentee may be invested with full powers as a Minister of said Church, according to the laws and practice of the Church of Scotland.

ARTICLE XVI.—The Minister's Stipend shall be guaranteed out of the revenues of the Church, and shall be paid four quarterly instalments, each quarter in advance.

#### OF THE REVENUES OF THE CHURCH.

ARTICLE XVII.—The rents of the pews and all other revenues of the Church, except the weekly collections, shall be appropriated to the payment of the Minister's Stipend, and to the defraying any incidental expenses, which may be incurred respecting said Church, other than those specially provided out of the weekly collections. And should any surplus remain it shall be under the controul of the Temporal Committee, for the benefit of the Church and Congregation.

#### OF THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.

ARTICLE XVIII.—The weekly collections, and the moneys received for the use of Pall Cloth, shall be a fund, under controul and management of the Session. Out of this fund shall be paid the salary of the Precentor, and half of the salary of the Minister for Communion Elements, and to defray the expenses incurred by him on Sacramental occasions, and attending Church Courts. The travelling charges of the ruling Elders when attending Church Courts shall be paid from this fund. These items being paid, the surplus funds shall be applied to the relief of the poor of this Church and Congregation, such only being entitled to that aid, who shall have been previous to their application for such aid, regular communicants and constant in their attendance on Divine worship, for three years immediately preceding. Others in extreme distress and Emigrants, Members of the Church of Scotland, may be assisted at the discretion of the Session. Should there be a surplus of funds, it shall be paid over annually to the Temporal Committee, for the general interests of the Church. And should the weekly collections, or donations, in aid of the Session Fund be found at any time inadequate for the several purposes aforesaid, an appeal shall be made to the Congregation.