

INTERIM ACT ANENT CALLING AND SETTLING OF MINISTERS.

The Synod heard the Report of the Committee on the Form of Process for the calling and settling of Ministers, and agreed to amendments therein suggested, transmitted the Act with said amendments as an Interim Act, that Presbyteries may report upon it to next meeting of Synod, and ordered the Clerk to print copies thereof for distribution. The said Act is as follows :—

WHEREAS it is highly expedient that the Form of Process, in the calling and Induction of Ministers, into the Congregations of this Church, should be clearly defined, both for the preventing of confusion in said congregations, and securing uniformity in the manner of procedure throughout the Church ;—Be it therefore enacted, &c., &c., &c.

1. That no Congregation shall be received as a Congregation of this Church, and entitled to have a Minister set over them in holy things by any Presbytery of this Church, until, through means of Elders, Trustees, or other adhering members, duly authorized thereunto, they shall have first solemnly declared their willingness to adhere to the faith, government, worship, and discipline of this Church, and, in all cases, submit to the jurisdiction thereof,—which declaration shall be subscribed and presented to the Presbytery ; and, farther, said Congregation shall satisfy the Presbytery of the bounds, as to the security of Church property, by good and sufficient title, to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. The said Declaration shall be of the following tenor :—

UNTO THE REVEREND THE PRESBYTERY OF

THE MEMORIAL OF US, THE UNDERSIGNED,

Humbly Sheweth,—

That we, your Memorialists, residing in _____ County of _____ and neighborhood, Members and Adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, desirous of being formed and received as a Congregation within the bounds of your Reverend Presbytery, crave to be so received, as we, by these presents, declare our willingness to adhere to the faith, government, worship, and discipline of the above said Church, and to submit, in all matters affecting our interests as a Congregation, to the jurisdiction of the Courts of the said Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church