

the lay and clerical elements, that every second lay vote should be ready to neutralize the other. This system ought to be put a stop to without further delay; no intelligent man can be deceived by such a juggle; if the clergy do really desire to secure lay co-operation, they must give the laity a *bona fide* vote, and any injudicious friends of the church, who are anxious by this device to secure her from inexperienced meddlers, may rest assured that, if they succeed, they will only infuse disgust and suspicion into the minds of many of their staunchest allies, and ultimately, in all likelihood, end by depriving themselves of even those privileges which would now be cheerfully assigned to them. When the synod assembled, it would receive reports from the various congregations of the state of their affairs, for the purpose of ensuring regularity in which it would probably be necessary to send round circulars to the different vestries, a short time before the annual meeting of the synod—a copy of one of which supposed circulars is here inserted for the better illustration of the writer's meaning, and also as giving some idea of this important part of the synod's functions.

#### PROPOSED FORM OF CIRCULAR.

1. What is the total number of sittings in your church?
2. How many are occupied and paid for up to date of circular, and of your election?
3. By what number of voters were you jointly or severally, as the case may be, elected?
4. Have you taken care that the proceedings of each general meeting, held during the period you have been in office, were duly recorded and signed by an absolute majority of the pew and seat holders?
5. What salary did you vote your minister?
6. Is it paid up to date of circular?
7. If not, how far is it in arrear?
8. Please state from what sources it is made up, and how much you obtain from each?
9. Are the church and parsonage (if any) in good repair?

These, or documents of a similar nature, would, if properly filled up, enable the synod to inform itself of the material condition of the various congregations almost at a glance, and