

the Church of Scotland, whom, by his character, gifts, and acquirements, 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 become 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 in 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 for out of the weekly collections. And should any surplus remain it shall be under the control of the Temporal Committee, for the benefit of the Church and Congregation.

OF THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS.

ARTICLE XVIII.—The weekly collections, and the money received for the use of Pall Cloth, shall be a fund, under the control and management of the Session. Out of this fund the salary of the Precentor, and half of the salary of the Beadle shall be paid. A certain allowance shall be made to 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 Elder 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 the 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 still 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 for a Special Collection to supply the deficiency.

OF PROPRIETORS.

ARTICLE XIX.—Every person having purchased a pew or pews in said Church, and paid for the same, and who shall produce a deed duly executed by the Trustees, is a Proprietor, and entitled to all the privileges belonging to proprietors, as specified in these articles.

Proprietors may transfer their property by sale, gift, or last testament; but no transfer can be valid but upon the express condition of the new Proprietor being approved of by the Trustees, and subscribing these articles.

Any Proprietor who shall refuse or neglect to pay the annual rent fixed on his pew, agreeable to his deed, for the space of Eleven calendar Months, from the time the said rent shall have become due, shall be considered as having forfeited his pew to the Church; and the Committee after notice from the Precentor's desk, on two preceding Sabbaths, shall be empowered to sell the said pew to the highest bidder. The proceeds of sale shall be applied to the payment of the rent due, and if any surplus remains the last Proprietor shall receive it.

OF PEW-HOLDERS.

ARTICLE XX.—Any person who shall lease a pew from the Temporal Committee for one year, and pay the rent thereof, shall be considered a Pew-holder. The rent of pews and sittings is to be paid annually, in advance, from the first of January; the current year is included, when in these articles it is stated, as a qualification, that the individuals must have paid rent for three years, and are members of three years standing, &c.

SALE OF PEWS.

ARTICLE XXI.—The Temporal Committee are empowered to offer for sale, at an upset price not less than the fixed annual rent, at such times as they may think proper in each year, and subject to an annual rent over and above the purchase money, all the Pews in the possession of the Church.

CONGREGATION.

ARTICLE XXII.—The term, *Congregation*, implies in these articles the Proprietors, Pew-holders, Members in full communion with the Church and regular Sitters, whose names are entered in the Church Books, collectively.

CHURCH.

ARTICLE XXIII.—The term *Church* in these articles, referring to persons, comprehends those Members of the Congregation collectively, who are in full communion.

ROLL OF MEMBERS IN COMMUNION.

ARTICLE XXIV.—The Session shall make out an accurate Roll of the Members in full Communion with the Church, and shall yearly correct the same, by marking off those who have been removed by death or otherwise, and entering those who have been admitted within the year preceding such annual correction. This roll to be open for the benefit of the Congregation.

ROLL OF CONGREGATION.

ARTICLE XXV.—The Temporal Committee shall mark in a book, kept for that purpose, the names of the Proprietors, Pew-holders, and Sitters. When more than one individual rents a pew, they are all to give in their names to the Committee, that they may be entered on the roll of the Congregation.

ELECTION ROLLS.

ARTICLE XXVI.—The Temporal Committee shall make up lists or rolls of Members qualified to vote in the Election of Trustees, the Temporal Committee, and Committee for electing a Minister, previous to said elections.

CUSTODY OF THE KEYS.

ARTICLE XXVII.—During a vacancy, the Custody of the Keys of the Church shall lie with the Kirk Session, and with the Minister during his incumbency. It being understood that the right of free entrance into the Church shall belong to the Congregation, at all times appointed by the Kirk Session for the worship of God, and to the Trustee and Committees, on all occasions connected with the business of the Church. That in all other cases the consent of the Minister, together with three of the Temporal Committee must be obtained, before the use of the Church can be granted.

JURISDICTION OF PRESBYTERY AND SYNOD.

ARTICLE XXVIII.—This Church shall be under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, as sanctioned by the declaratory enactment of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, passed 24th May, 1833. It being understood that no act nor declaration of said Synod shall contravene Article I. of the constitution of this Church; and in the event of any doubt or dispute arising on points connected with the administration of the ecclesiastical affairs of this Church, which cannot be amicably arranged or settled by an appeal to the Synod, reference shall then be made to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, craving their advice, which advice being obtained, this Church shall consider the same as binding on their observance, and shall act accordingly.

OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH.

ARTICLE XXIX.—The preceding articles shall be considered as the Laws and Constitution of this Church, commonly called St. Andrew's Church. And no change respecting them shall be made unless such change be first proposed at a general Meeting of Proprietors, and others, to whom this constitution extends the right of voting, and who shall not be in arrears of rent, which Meeting must be called for this special purpose from the pulpit or Precentor's desk, immediately after Divine service; and further, before any change can be finally adopted, it must be posted on the doors of the Church, and another General Meeting of the Proprietors and Voters called by notification from the pulpit or Precentor's desk, to take the same again into consideration; and a majority of at least three-fourths of the number then present, shall be necessary to concur with said change before it can be ratified; this second General Meeting shall not be held within ten days from the Meeting at which such change in these laws shall have been first proposed. Should it be found expedient, that Bye-Laws, not at variance with the foregoing articles, may be from time to time made, as they shall be found necessary.

ARTICLE XXX.—Every person, whether Proprietor, Pew-holder, Sitter, or Member of the Church, shall, before he can be competent to elect, or be elected to any of the offices aforesaid, or to have any voice in the management of this Church, subscribe these Articles.

5th May, 1835.