

APPENDIX III

STANDING ORDERS OF SYNOD AND  
REPRESENTATION OF FOREIGN  
PRESBYTERIES

✓ STANDING ORDERS FOR THE SYNOD

*Cases coming before the Synod*

1. That all papers addressed to the Committee on Bills, viz., Memorials, Petitions, Applications, References, Complaints, and Appeals, with Extracts of Minutes of inferior courts relative thereto, as also Reasons of Complaints or Appeals; and in the case of Libel—the Libel, with the Defences and Evidence adduced, shall be transmitted in manuscript to the Clerk of Synod,—who shall, if in his judgment it is practicable, issue to all members of Synod, these papers in typescript with the draft agenda paper of the Synod's business: and that all papers shall be duly dated and numbered by the Clerk of the inferior court through whom these papers have been sent to the Synod.

*Report of Committees*

2. That Reports of Standing Committees shall be transmitted to the Clerk of Synod at least one week, if possible, before meeting of Synod.

3. That Reports shall not be engrossed in the Record, but after being certified by the Clerk of Synod as being given in to the Synod, shall be printed in the Free Presbyterian Magazine, and that this be noted in the minutes of the Synod.

4. That the final deliverance of the Synod upon the Report of any Committee shall always follow immediately after the consideration of said Report, except in the event of a special reason for the contrary having been approved of by the Synod, and entered in the Minutes.

*Rules as to the Length of Speeches*

5. That, in the discussion of any question, no speaker except the proposer of the first motion, and the proposer of the second motion in the appointed order, shall address the Synod for a longer period

than may be agreed upon by the Synod unless the Moderator ascertains that the Synod desire him to continue, and shall intimate the ascertained desire to that effect.

6. That the proposer of the first motion, and the proposer of the second motion in the appointed order, shall not address the Synod longer than may be agreed upon by the Synod, unless the Moderator shall, in the same manner as in the preceding case, ascertain and intimate the ascertained desire to that effect.

*Conducting Causes*

7. In the case of Causes brought before the Synod in no case shall there be more than two speeches for each party at the bar, including the reply to which the appellant or complainer shall be entitled; and when there are more than two parties there shall be only one speaker, and one speech for each, besides the reply, it being understood that where there is more than one complainer, each shall be considered as a different party only in case of its appearing to the Synod that the complaints rest upon distinctly separate grounds; members of Synod, however, will be permitted to ask questions bearing on the cause before the Court.

8. That, previously to hearing the parties in any cause, the Clerk shall read the following announcement—"The members are reminded that justice requires the pleadings at the bar to be heard by all those who vote in the cause, and that in particular, no member ought to vote against either side of the bar who has not heard the pleadings on that side."

9. That the Synod shall decide when a case should be dealt with in private.

*Motions and Votes*

10. Every motion, whether original or amended, shall be given in to the Clerk in writing, as soon as it shall be made to the Synod.

11. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the Synod, excepting in the shape of an amendment, or second or third motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod.

12. The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter the debate shall be held to be definitely closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting with regard to the manner of putting the vote.

13. All motions after the first shall be considered as amendments on the first, and disposed of accordingly.

14. When there are only two motions before the Synod, the question put to the vote shall be motion or amendment or first or second motion.

15. When there are three motions, the first question shall be, whether the second or third motion shall be put as the amendment against the first; and the second question shall be, whether the

first motion or the amendment so fixed shall be the decision of the Synod.

16. When there are more than three motions, the first question shall be, whether that last proposed shall be put as the amendment, and so on till only three remain, when the procedure shall be as prescribed in article preceding.

#### *Dissents*

17. That no dissents against any deliverance of the Synod be given in until the matter in which it is pronounced is for that sederunt disposed of, the minutes are completed and adjusted, and the Synod is ready to proceed to other business.

#### *Standing Orders*

18. That the Standing Orders be held as read immediately before the appointment of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

#### 2. ACT VI. 1873—ANENT REPRESENTATION OF FOREIGN PRESBYTERIES

The General Assembly enact as follows:—

1. That every regularly recognised Presbytery of this Church in foreign countries, whether it consists largely of Missionaries or not, shall be authorised to send at least one minister and one ruling elder to represent them in the General Assembly.

2. That no such Presbytery shall send more than one minister and elder, unless it comprise within its jurisdiction more than three sanctioned Congregations with regularly-inducted pastors, members of the Presbytery.

3. That, if the number of Congregational charges in a Presbytery exceed three, it shall be authorised to send a number of ministers and elders in due proportion to the number of such charges, according to the rules applicable to Presbyteries in Scotland.

4. That while no other position except that of a pastor over a congregation, even though it may constitute a minister a member of a foreign Presbytery, shall be reckoned as adding to the number of charges affecting the representation of such a Presbytery, no charge shall be considered as sanctioned, or shall be taken into account in representation, until it has been recognised as a regular congregational charge by the Committee on Foreign Missions, or the Colonial or Continental Committees, and until the Report of the Committee recognising it shall have been approved of by the General Assembly.

The General Assembly, with respect to the time of election of representatives to Assemblies by Presbyteries in Foreign Countries, hereby appoint that such election shall be made at any time after the first day of January every year, and not less than forty days before the meeting of Assembly, but at any hour of the day that may be found suitable.

## APPENDIX IV

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### REGULATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRAINING OF STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

*Regulations  
for Students*

#### I. APPLICANTS

1. No application for admission as a student shall be entertained unless the applicant is a member in full Communion with the Church.

2. Applicants must have procured and read the Synod's Regulations for the reception and training of Students for the ministry.

3. Applicants shall in the first instance apply to their particular Kirk-Session for recommendation to the Presbytery of the bounds.

It shall be the duty of Kirk-Sessions to satisfy themselves with regard to the piety and manner of life of applicants and to enquire as to the evidences of a special call to the work of the ministry. In this connection, Kirk-Sessions are expected to take account, not only of the call of the Word, but also of the state of applicants' knowledge of the Scriptures and of their gifts in general.

When a Kirk-Session decides to grant an application, the Clerk shall supply the applicant with an extract of minute bearing on his case, which extract the applicant should forward to the Clerk of Presbytery, on his applying to that Court. When, on the other hand, an application is refused, the Kirk-Session shall instruct the applicant as to his right of appeal to the Presbytery.

4. The Clerk of Presbytery, on receiving an application together with the relative extract minute, shall intimate to the applicant the date and place of the first meeting of Presbytery at which the application shall be considered, and shall request the applicant's attendance, due regard being had to his convenience.

The Presbytery shall examine the applicant further as to his grounds for desiring to go forward to the ministry, and, in addition, shall address to him the following questions:—

(1) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and manners?

(2) Are you in full sympathy with the doctrinal position of this Church as set forth in the Confession of Faith?

(3) Do you accept wholeheartedly the form of worship, discipline and government presently practised in this Church?

(4) Do you approve of the position of this Church taken up in 1893 as set forth in the Deed of Separation?