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.

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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.

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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 clders 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.

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REGULATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRAINING OF STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

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 aplication 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?

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(5) Do you promise that you will subject yourself to the courts of the Free Presbyterian Church?

(6) Provided you are accepted as a student, do you promise (a) that, should you be conscious of a change of mind on any of these matters during your student course, you will at once intimate this to the Clerk of Presbytery by whom you were received, and (b) that if, in consequence of such a change of mind, you cease to be a student of the Church, you will, as a matter of honour, refund to the Church any money you may have received from the College Fund?

5. When a Presbytery is satisfied with an applicant, they shall receive him as a student in training for the ministry of the Church and the Clerk shall immediately intimate the fact to the Training of the Ministry Committee. When, on the other hand, an application is refused, the applicant shall be instructed as to his right of appeal to the Synod and all relevant documents shall be sent to the Synod Clerk.

11. PRELIMINARY COURSES.

1. The Training of the Ministry Committee shall make full enquiry into the state of the student's education and shall decide as to whether he shall take the *University Arts Course* or the *General Arts Course*.

2. In the event of the student not possessing the necessary qualifications for entry to these Courses, the Training of the Ministry Committee shall prescribe a preliminary course so that the student can obtain these qualifications.

III. University Arts Course

1. Course of Study.

Students shall be required to attend graduation classes in at least seven subjects during their three years' university course. In advising a student that he is to take the University Arts Course, the Training of the Ministry Committee shall indicate the subjects which the student shall consider with his University Director of Studies. The subjects which a student is to take must be submitted to the Training of the Ministry Committee for approval immediately after the student has discussed them with his University Director of Studies.

2. Class Certificates

On completing their university course, students shall present to the Training of the Ministry Committee class certificates setting forth that they have attended the classes regularly and passed the class and degree examinations. Failing the receipt of such certificates, the Training of the Ministry Committee shall report to the Synod, who shall decide whether further attendance at the University is necessary.

3. Presbytery Examinations

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University Students shall be examined once a year by their Presbyteries on religious subjects as follows:—

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First Year.

Scripture
*Larger Catechism
Shorter Catechism
†Books - - - Dr. Bonar's Life of
MacCheyne; Bunyan's
Pilgrim's Progress.

Second Year.

Scripture - Acts to Galatians.

*Larger Catechism Questions 30-61.

Shorter Catechism Questions 53-107.

†Books - - Edward's Life of David Brainerd; Bunyan's Holy War.

Third Year

Scripture - - Ephesians to Revelation.

*Larger Catechism
Shorter Catechism
†Books - - - Questions 1-107.

Autobiography of Dr. J. G.
Paton; Guthrie's
Christian's Great
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IV. GENERAL ARTS COURSE

1. This course is intended for students who have not had a Senior Secondary School education and who enter the ministry after having been away from school for some time.

2. The minimum age of entry is 25 at the time of commencement

of the Course.

- 3. With respect to the requirements for entry, it is desirable that the student should have passes in two subjects on the Higher Grade and two subjects on the Ordinary Grade, in either the Preliminary Examination in Arts of the Scottish Universities Entrance Board or the Scottish Certificate of Education. The minimum requirement for entry shall be one subject on the Higher Grade and two on the Ordinary Grade. In both of these cases, one of the subjects taken on the Higher Grade must be English.
- Students will not be required to repeat the answers to questions in the Larger Catechism, but will be expected to know their general nature and scope.
- † These books are not prescribed as text-books, but for general reading' Questions, however, may be put to ascertain whether students have read them with due care.

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4. The Course shall consist of two sessions embracing six subjects:

Rhetoric and English Literature
Moral Philosophy and Logic
New Testament Greek
Scottish History
Biology
Hebrew.

5. The Training of the Ministry Committee shall be responsible for running this Course, appointing Tutors and Examiners. All necessary expenses shall be met out of the College Fund.

6. Presbytery examinations shall be conducted as for those taking the 2nd and 3rd Year University Arts Course.

V. DIVINITY COURSE

1. Theological Course

The Theological Course shall extend through three sessions of at least five months each.

The following subjects and such other subjects as the Synod may from time to time determine, shall be included in the course, and divided among the three Tutors as follows:—

(1) Hebrew; Old Testament Criticism; Church History; Pastoral Theology; Bible Instruction.

(2) Greek; New Testament Criticism; Catechetics; Church Law; Bible Instruction.

(3) Systematic Theology; Apologetics; Bible Instruction.

2. Entrance Examination

Before admission to the Theological Classes, students shall be required to pass the Board of Examiners' entrance examination in Scripture, Larger and Shorter Catechisms, Greek and Hebrew. The prescribed work shall be as follows:—

Genesis, Isaiah, Matthew and Scripture -Ephesians. Questions 1 to 90. Larger Catechism Questions 1 to 107. Shorter Catechism Grammar. The elements of New Greek -Testament Greek. Wenham. Greek text of Gospel according to Mark, Chaps. 1 to 8. Davidson's Grammar, Chaps. Hebrew to 26. Hebrew text of the Book of Ruth.

The Board of Examiners shall communicate the results of this examination to the Training of the Ministry Committee, who shall certify the Tutors in respect of all students eligible for admission to the Theological Classes. Should any student fail to pass the entrance examination, the Training of the Ministry Committee shall report his case to the Synod and, unless in very exceptional circumstances, he shall not be permitted to enter the Theological Classes.

3. Exit Examinations

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There shall be an exit examination at the end of each session. Papers will be set on the work covered in the theological classes during the session. The Board of Examiners shall communicate the results of these examinations to the Training of the Ministry Committee, who in turn shall report to the Synod.

4. Presbytery Examinations

Divinity Students shall be examined by their Presbyteries on the following subjects during their theological course:

First Year

Scripture - - Genesis to Ruth.

Confession of Faith

*Larger Catechism

Shorter Catechism

Ouestions 91-121.

Questions 1-52, with proof texts.††

Books - - Bunyan's Grace Abounding,

Spurgeon's Lectures to my

Students (First series).

Second Year

Scripture - - I Samuel to Psalms.

Confession of Faith

*Larger Catechism Questions 122-160.

Shorter Catechism Questions 53-107, with proof texts. ††

†Books - - - Edwards on Religious Affections;

Spurgeon's Lectures to my

Students (Second series).

Third Year

Proverbs to Malachi. Scripture Chapters 1-33, with Shaw on the Confession of Faith Confession. Questions 161-196. Catechism *Larger Questions 1-107, with Fisher's Shorter Catechism Catechism. Pastor: Reformed Baxter's †Books Samuel Rutherford's Letters.

- Students will not be required to repeat the answers to questions in the Larger Catechism, but will be expected to know their general nature and scope.
- † These books are not prescribed as text-books, but for general reading. Questions, however, may be put to ascertain whether students have read them with due care.
- 1† Students will not be expected to have more than a general acquaintance with these proof texts. For their own personal advantage, however, they should study them very carefully.

5. Presbytery Sermon

Divinity Students shall be required to preach a popular sermon, without manuscript, before their Presbytery at least once during their theological course, the date and place of meeting and also the prescribed text to be intimated to them by the Clerk of Presbytery at least two weeks beforehand.

6. Licence

(1) No student shall be taken on trials for licence until (a) he produces a certificate from the Training of the Ministry Committee showing that he has passed his exit examinations; (b) the Clerk of the Presbytery to whom he has applied has notified the other Presbyteries of the Church; and (c) leave has been granted by the Synod to proceed with his licence trials.

(2) The following exercises shall be prescribed by Presbyteries

as trials for licence:—

(a) An exercise on some stated controversial subject.

(b) A popular sermon on a given text.

(c) An exegetical exercise on some prescribed portion of the / Hebrew Old Testament.

(d) An exegetical exercise on some prescribed portion of the 5 Greek New Testament.

Questions shall also be put to test the student's knowledge of the Scriptures, Confession of Faith, *Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

of a Presbytery, he shall be asked to answer the †questions appointed to be put to students at their licensing, and to sign the †formula. He shall then be licensed by the Moderator, in the name of the Presbytery, to preach the gospel, and the Clerk shall supply him with an extract of his licence.

If, on the other hand, a student does not satisfy his Presbytery, he shall not be granted licence, but in such a case the Presbytery shall instruct the student as to his right of appeal to the Synod.

VI. GENERAL

1. The Board of Examiners

(1) The Board of Examiners shall consist of the three theological tutors and three additional members appointed by the Synod.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Board of Examiners to conduct the entrance and exit examinations of divinity students. In this connection, they shall appoint one examiner for each subject, and shall arrange the time at, and the conditions under which, these examinations will take place, due notice being given to the students concerned.

• Students will not be required to repeat the answers to questions in the Larger Catechism, but will be expected to know their general nature and scope. | See pages 124 and 126.

2. Pass-mark

The recognised pass-mark for the purposes of the entrance and exit examinations shall be (a) in Scripture, Confession of Faith and Catechisms, 60%, and (b) in other subjects, such marks as shall be approved by the Training of the Ministry Committee.

3. Preaching

Students will ordinarily be expected to help, when necessary, in supplying vacant congregations or otherwise as their Presbyteries may direct. Presbyteries, however, shall in this connection take into account whether such employment of students is calculated in any particular instances to unduly interfere with their studies.

Divinity Students, while attending the theological classes, will be expected to give assistance to their tutors in supplying their

pulpits when required.

Students are notified that their preaching in public may, at any time, be subject to review by members of Presbytery and that such members are authorised to report to their Presbytery.

4. Presbytery Examinations

Presbyteries are specially required, in the interests of students to hold their examinations as soon after the intersessional vacation as possible, and to notify the students concerned at least three weeks beforehand.

5. Transfer of Students

Any student, prosecuting his studies or supplying a congregation outwith the bounds of his own Presbytery, may, on application to his Presbytery, obtain a transfer, for the purpose of Presbytery examinations, or, in the case of Divinity Students, of the Presbytery sermon or licence, to the Presbytery within whose bounds he is for the time being situated. In such a case, the Presbytery transferring shall give due notice to the other Presbytery and shall obtain from them a report as to the results. Presbyteries, however, are recommended to ensure that only when circumstances render it expedient shall such an arrangement be resorted to.

6. Fees for Courses

The Training of the Ministry Committee shall be responsible for fixing fees for the various classes.

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1. From and after the date of Synod Resolution approving the Constitution the following provisions shall have effect:—

(i) A Training of the Ministry Committee shall be appointed annually by the Synod, and shall consist of at least four members of the Synod, of whom at least one shall be from each Presbytery.

(2) The Synod shall appoint one of the members of the Training of the Ministry Committee to act as Convener.

(3) The Committee may, if it see fit, appoint a Vice-Convener. 2. (1) The Training of the Ministry Committee shall be responsible for and shall, subject always to any Resolutions of the Synod, supervise the education of the students for the Ministry of the Church and shall direct them as to their studies in accordance with the Regulations for the time being in force for the Reception and Training of Students for the Ministry of the Church.

(2) The Training of the Ministry Committee shall in each year prepare a Report on its actings during its year in office and submit such Report to the next annual meeting of the Synod after its appointment.

(3) The Training of the Ministry Committee shall be entitled to obtain such professional advice as it may require in order to enable it to carry out its duties, and payment to be made therefor out of the College and Library Fund.

3. (1) The Training of the Ministry Committee shall appoint one of its members as Clerk to the Committee who shall convene meetings of the Committee as instructed by the Convener of the Committee, and shall keep proper Minutes of Meetings of the Committee and enter the same in a Sederunt Book, and shall prepare the Report to be submitted annually by the Committee to the Synod in accordance with the provisions of Clause (2) of the Constitution.

(2) The Training of the Ministry Committee shall meet at such times and at such places as the Convener may determine, having reasonable regard to the nature and amount of business to be transacted and the convenience of the majority. The Convener shall be bound to cause a meeting of the Training of the Ministry Committee to be convened on receiving a requisition to that effect signed by at least two of the members of the Training of the Ministry Committee specifying the nature of the business which it is proposed should be transacted thereat, and in doing so he shall inform each of the members of the Training of the Ministry Committee, other than the requisitioners, of the nature of such business. Any meeting convened on such requisition shall take place not more than twenty-one days from the receipt of such requisition. In the event of the Convener failing to cause a meeting to be convened in accordance with the provisions of this section, the requisitioners, after the expiry of the said period of twenty-one days, may proceed forthwith to hold a meeting at which, if duly constituted in accordance with the provisions of Section (3) of this clause, any decision duly arrived at in accordance with the provisions of that section shall be as effective as if taken at a meeting duly convened on the instructions of the Convener, in terms of this section.

(3) At any meeting of the Training of the Ministry Committee three members present shall constitute a quorum. The Convener shall be the Chairman. If the Convener be not present and if the Vice-Convener be present he shall be the Chairman. Otherwise those members present shall appoint a Chairman from among their number. Voting shall be by majority, and in the event of equality the Chairman shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

(4) If any business falls to be considered by the Training of the Ministry Committee which may be suitable for transaction without the necessity for convening a meeting as aforesaid, such transaction shall, if recorded in a Minute subscribed by each of the members of the Committee, and entered by the Clerk in the Sederunt Book, be as effective as if done at a Meeting of the Committee duly convened and constituted in accordance with the provisions of Sections (2) and (3) of this Clause.