

plete alteration of the proposition moved ; which amendments must be introduced in the same way as original motions.

XIX. The last amendment or proposition admitted to discussion shall be the first that is put to the vote.

XX. In the case of competing motions, the names of the movers and seconders, of any motions and amendments admitted by the Synod, shall be entered on the minutes.

#### DELIBERATION AND DISCUSSION.

XXI. Every speaker on any motion or amendment before the Court, shall rise and address the Moderator.

XXII. Members in speaking shall confine their remarks to the subject under consideration, and avoid all irrelevant matter.

XXIII. When two or more members rise and attempt to speak at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who shall be first heard.

XXIV. No member shall speak more than once on any one subject before the Court, except for explanation, without the special permission of the Synod.

XXV. The proposer of any motion or overture shall be heard in reply, after the other members have spoken.

XXVI. No member shall be interrupted by another member while speaking, except in reference to a point of order.

XXVII. A member when called to order (which may be done by another member or by the Moderator), shall sit down until the Moderator shall have decided on the point of order, which he may do without assigning reasons.

XXVIII. An appeal from the chair on a point of order shall be decided without debate.

XXIX. When the Moderator desires to speak on any subject before the Court, he must leave the chair.

#### THE VOTE.

XXX. When there is no debate, or it appears to be concluded, the Moderator shall rise, and, having distinctly read the motion, shall enquire—Are you ready for the question? No objection being offered, nor any one rising to speak, he shall put the question thus: Shall this motion (or amendment, or resolution, as the case may be) pass? And pausing for a moment, shall add: As many as are in favor thereof, hold up the right hand. And then, reversing the question: As many as are of a contrary mind, signify the same by holding up the right hand.

XXXI. If any member of Court desires it, or the party concerned, the Roll may be called, and the votes marked.

XXXII. No member shall be excused from voting when his name is called, but by the consent of the Synod.

XXXIII. When a number of members feel themselves perplexed, and unable to come to a conclusion, it may be prudent to defer a decision, or to take the previous question, whether they shall vote or not on the main question.

XXXIV. When members are equally divided, and the Moderator feels himself too much embarrassed to give the casting vote, the question shall be deferred till the next Sederunt; and if, on the second trial, the equal division and the Moderator's embarrassment remain, it shall lie over for future consideration.

XXXV. When the vote has been taken, the Moderator shall declare the motion carried or lost, as the case may be; and after this, or after the Clerk has begun to call the Roll on a division, no further discussion thereon shall be permitted.

XXXVI. The yeas and nays may be recorded at the request of one-fifth of the members present, but not otherwise.