

Young Men's Course of Study.

Q. What shall be the course of study for our young preachers on probation ?

A. I. That each Candidate for the Ministry recommended according to rule shall, before being engaged to enter upon the work, undergo an examination before the Board of Examiners of his District, upon the following subjects :—

1. On the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments, in the present authorized version.

2. On the Fundamental Doctrines contained in those Testaments, as stated in the Discipline of the Church, and as explained by Wesley, Cooke, Garner, and other Methodist writers.

3. On Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, Reading, and Writing. The Candidate to read a chapter of the Bible, and to write from dictation any passage that may be given him.

4. On his Call to the Ministry ; on Pastoral Work ; and on Sermonising : the Candidate to produce a written outline of a sermon, for the examination and satisfaction of the Board.

The Board to report the said Examination, with its recommendation or non-recommendation of the Candidate, to the ensuing District, General Committee, or Missionary Committee Meeting, as the case may be.

II.—That each Probationer shall pursue the following Course of Study, each year of his probation ; and also be duly examined thereupon, on the day previous to the Annual District Meeting of his District (or as may be otherwise arranged), by the authorised Board of Examiners, who shall report thereupon to the District Meeting.

III.—That the said Examination shall be upon the Text Books specified in the subjoined Course of Study. It is hoped, however, that each Student will, if possible, secure and read the recommended works, as they will be found of great service in studying the Text Books.

IV.—That a Series of Questions on each year's studies shall be prepared, by the Committee appointed by Conference for the purpose ; and that a printed copy of the same shall be sent by the District Conveners to the Probationers, some time previous to each examination.