

The Examining Committee shall then certify to the kind and degree of knowledge and acquirements the said applicant has been found to possess; and this certificate shall be laid on the Presbytery table before any further action be taken in the case, and being considered, the Presbytery shall proceed according to the Standing Rules of this Church, viz., that they shall examine him, and, if a Student of Divinity, shall determine what further course of study he shall pursue, or issue circulars announcing their intention of taking him on trials for license,—and, if a Probationer or Minister shall proceed according to the Act of Synod, September 14, 1847, anent the Reception of Ministers and Licentiates from other Churches.

And Presbyteries are enjoined, notwithstanding the appointment of this Synodical Committee of Examination, to take special care that there be no relaxation in the trials of Candidates for the Holy Ministry, but to remember that some of the most important interests of the Church are involved in the faithful discharge of their duty in this matter.

The Synod called for Returns from Presbyteries on the Act anent the course of study for the Holy Ministry, and, in accordance with the opinions of Presbyteries, the said Act, embodying the amendment proposed at last meeting, was adopted, as a standing Law of this Church, and is as follows:—

Whereas it is expedient, that the course of Study to be henceforth pursued by those who look forward to the office of the Holy Ministry in the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, should be more definitely prescribed than it has heretofore been: It is hereby enacted, by the Synod of the aforesaid Church, that the literary and scientific Course of Study shall embrace three Sessions' attendance on the classes of Queen's College; each Session to consist of seven months; the classes to be attended in the following order:—

1st year, Junior Latin, Junior Greek, and Junior Mathematics.

2nd Year, Senior Latin, Senior Greek, Senior Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy.

3rd Year, Third Greek, Natural Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, Logic and Rhetoric, and with Third Latin or Third Mathematics, as may be determined, in each case, by the Senatus.

But Students whose circumstances do not permit them to attend Sessions of seven months each, and whose case shall have been specially certified and recommended thereto, by the Presbytery within whose bounds they reside, shall be allowed to attend Sessions of six months each, provided they attend four such sessions; the Classes to be attended in the following order:—

1st year, Junior Latin, Greek and Mathematics.

2nd year, Senior Latin, Greek and Mathematics.

3rd year, Third Latin, Greek and Third Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy.

4th year, Logic, Rhetoric, and Moral Philosophy.

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