

*Fifth*,—Has he competent *abilities* for our *Itinerant* work?

A *separate* answer to each of these questions is expected to appear on the District Minutes.

4. The Chairman, at each District Meeting, shall, in addition, examine every Preacher on trial, respecting his acquaintance with the Books recommended to him, and the general course of reading which he may have pursued during the preceding year. For this purpose every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District, a list of the Books which he has read since the preceding District Meeting. This list shall be laid before the Meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving to the junior Preachers such advices and directions respecting their studies as may appear necessary.

5. The Chairmen are required not only to examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, all persons proposed to travel as Preachers among us, as directed in ch. III. sec. V. ; but also to report distinctly in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings after such examination, respecting their *health*, *piety*, and *moral character*, ministerial *abilities*, belief of our *doctrines*, attachment to our *discipline*, and freedom from *debt*, as well as from all *secular encumbrances*.

6. The Chairmen are required to examine into the case of every Preacher who has married during the year, whether the *Fourth* of the "Rules of a Preacher" has been obeyed, which says, "Take *no* steps towards marriage, without first consulting with your *Brethren* ; and to report to the Conference any cases in which that important direction shall appear to have been violated. This rule shall be considered as requiring, *in particular*,