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**DISTRICTS.** 18. For the better discharge of his duty, each elder has, in ordinary cases, a district of the congregation assigned to him, of the members in which he ought to keep a roll; and it is his duty to cultivate acquaintance with the members, by visiting them not only in affliction, but at other times—to be ready to counsel and encourage them in every good work, and to give seasonable warning against all appearance of evil.

*Sect. II.—Presbyteries.*

1. A Presbytery consists of the ministers of the several congregations within the bounds fixed by the supreme court together with an elder from each ministerial charge.

**POWERS AND  
DUTIES.**

2. The duty of the presbytery is to receive and judge in petitions from the sessions of the congregations within its bounds, in complaints or appeals against their sentences, or in references from them—to transmit petitions or overtures addressed to the Synod or General Assembly—to grant supplies of sermon on the application of persons within the district, or to congregations within their bounds, either during a vacancy, or in the event of the illness or absence of the minister—to erect new congregations—to grant admission to the Theological Colleges—to superintend the education of students of theology—to try candidates for license to preach the Gospel—to license those who, after examination and the required course of study, are found qualified—to grant moderations in Calls to congregations and to receive, sustain, or reject the same—to try the qualifications of candidates for the ministry, and ordain them to the pastoral office—to receive and judge of complaints against ministers or preachers—to inquire into reports affecting their character—to admonish, rebuke, suspend, depose, or excommunicate offenders—to receive demissions and loose ministers from their charges—to examine, approve or censure the records of sessions, and generally to superintend the congregations and sessions within their bounds.

**HOW FORMED.** 3. A new presbytery is formed by the supreme court and in the deed or act constituting it, the bounds are fixed, the time and place of