

in the object of benevolence commended by Conference, and to enlarge their liberality toward such objects to wit: missions, education of young men of the ministry, the support of widows and orphans, the circulation of the Holy Scriptures and suitable religious and devotional books and periodicals.

*Sec. 6.*—It is the duty of pastors to seek out talented and devout men and endeavor to secure their services for the Church. All such young men wishing to receive assistance in the prosecution of studies intended to fit them for the holy ministry, shall present themselves in person before Conference and be subject to examination as to their qualifications and motives in desiring to enter the ministerial office.

*Sec. 7.*—This Conference holds it as a general principle that such young men should be prepared at a Theological Seminary, under the special care of the Faculty of the Seminary, the pastor from whose charge they come, and the executive Committee of Synod.

*Sec. 8.*—Any business or office foreign to the nature and injurious to the influence of the ministerial is and shall be considered, incompatible with it.

## ARTICLE XII.—OF THE ADMISSION OF MINISTERS.

*Sec. 1.*—When ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or lawfully ordained ministers of some other recognized Christian denomination, apply for reception into this Conference, they shall:

(a) Present satisfactory evidence that they have maintained an unblemished character in their previous ecclesiastical relation:

(b) Be subject to a colloquium with the examining Committee, in order to establish their agreement with the confessions and usages of this Conference.

If upon the report of the Examining Committee, two-