

The District Meeting shall require the Superintendent of the Circuit from which any young man is recommended to be received on trial, to give a written statement of his religious character, talents and usefulness, educational advantages and acquirements, employment and means of support, and such other particulars as the meeting may deem necessary; which statement shall be signed by him and recorded in the District Book.

If in any given year the number of Candidates recommended by the District Meetings shall be greater than the Stationing Committee deem it prudent to employ for that year, the examining Board shall meet at Conference, and determine who are the most suitable to be employed in our Itinerant work, and who are to be placed on the List of Reserve; being governed by their own class lists and those of the District Meetings.

The District Meeting shall examine, as heretofore, all the Candidates in regard to their religious experience and belief of our doctrines, together with their general qualifications and suitability for our Itinerant work, and shall arrange them in three classes, according to the results of this Examination.

The Conference requires Candidates for our Ministry to preach a Trial Sermon before the District Meeting by which they are recommended, or before a Committee appointed by the District Meeting, who shall report their opinion on the sermon, and embody it in the recommendation of such Candidate to the Conference.

In addition to the usual thorough Theological Examination of Candidates before the District Meeting, the Chairman shall examine each Candidate as to his studies and general reading for the year, with a view to giving advice as to his course and method of study. No Candidate shall be allowed the year of probation until the studies for that year are completed.

Nothing in our present Course of Study shall be understood to prevent a District Meeting, in special cases, from