

Sec. 4.—Should the Treasurer's office from any cause whatever, become vacant, the President, with the advice and consent of the other officers, shall appoint a Treasurer, and shall take measures at once to have delivered to his appointee all monies, documents, and papers, in the hands of the previous incumbent.

ARTICLE XI.—OF MINISTERS.

Sec. 1.—It is the duty of the Pastors to preach the Word of God, to administer the Holy Sacraments, to give regular Catechetical Instruction, and to Confirm; to have oversight of Sunday Schools belonging to the congregations; to visit the sick, to bury the dead; to install regularly elected members of the Church Council and in connection with them to administer discipline; and to be an example to the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Sec. 2.—No pastor shall confirm any person without a previous examination of the candidate as to his knowledge of the Order of Salvation, with special reference also to his knowledge of the distinctive doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Sec. 3.—No minister shall preach or perform any ministerial duty within the pastoral charge of a brother, except at his request or with his consent, only under extraordinary circumstances. A standing exception of this rule being made and understood in favor of the Synods missionary at large. Rev. Carl Ernst Cossmann.

Sec. 4.—Every pastor shall present a verbal report of the *status* of his pastorate at each regular meeting of Conference, and a written parochial report once during each year; said reports to embrace such matters as Conference may designate.

Sec. 5.—Every pastor shall diligently endeavor to increase the interest of the members of his congregations

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