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THE attention which has recently been directed to the terms upon which members are admitted into full communion in the Presbyterian Church, is not greater than the subject deserves. In a body constituted like the Presbyterian Church, it is of vital moment that correct views on this question should prevail. We offer no apology for presenting our contribution towards its elucidation. We might discuss what the terms of communion are, or what they ought to be, in the Presbyterian Church. We shall, however, confine ourselves to the former. But as the terms of communion in the Presbyterian Church are substantially what in our judgment they ought to be in any body which regards itself as a Church of Christ, the discussion of the one topic may throw some light on the other.

In the Presbyterian Church the entire denomination constitutes one body. It has a common creed, a common government and a common practice in the reception of members. When anyone is admitted into fellowship, he becomes a member not merely of the congregation with which he worships, but of the