

and the following plan is submitted to Presbyteries with the view of securing some decisive action on the subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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PLAN FOR THE EDUCATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE HOLY MINISTRY IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND; DRAWN UP BY ORDER OF THE SYNOD IN 1838, TO BE CONSIDERED BY PRESBYTERIES, AND REPORTED UPON TO THE SYNOD IN 1839.

I. OF THE ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS.

1. No person shall be received as a candidate for enrollment unless recommended by two or more Ministers of the church.
2. The Ministerial recommendations shall embrace the following matters :
 1. Certification of the moral character and piety of the candidate.
 2. . . . of his abilities.
 3. . . . of his progress in study and acquirements.
 4. Statement of his age and the nature of his previous employments so far as known to the certifier.
 5. . . . of the certifier's opportunities of acquaintance with him.
 6. . . . of the certifier's belief that he is likely to become an acceptable and useful minister of the gospel.
 7. . . . of such special circumstances, (if there be any,) as may, in the opinion of the certifier, influence his acceptableness and usefulness.
3. Every candidate shall, at least a fortnight before an ordinary meeting of the Presbytery within whose bounds he has generally resided, address an intimation of his desire to prepare for the ministry to the Presbytery, and lodge the same with his ministerial recommendations in the hands of the Presbytery clerk.
4. The intimation and recommendations shall be laid before the Presbytery by the clerk at the next ordinary meeting, at which the candidate shall attend; and the candidate having been caused to retire, the Presbytery shall read and consider them, and if three fourths of the members present shall be satisfied therewith, the candidate shall be called in, questioned and examined, and shall again retire. The Presbytery shall then take into consideration the

answers returned by the candidate and all the various circumstances of the case, and if it shall appear to three fourths of the members present that there is a reasonable prospect of the candidate's becoming an acceptable and useful minister of the gospel, he shall be enrolled as student for the ministry in a list to be kept by the clerk, and shall be encouraged and advised as may seem proper.

5. No candidate shall be enrolled as a student whose ministerial recommendations do not embrace all the matters specified in article second, or who shall not be found upon examination acquainted with scriptural history and the shorter catechism; with English grammar and the rudiments of the Latin language, or who shall not have completed his fourteenth year.
6. After enrollment every student shall be entirely under the superintendence and control of the Presbytery in all matters relating to his studies and conduct.

II. OF THE SUPERINTENDENCE OF STUDIES.

7. The Presbytery within whose bounds a student is to prosecute his studies may, (without compelling,) recommend him to study at any seminary or under any teacher within their bounds. They may also discountenance and even forbid his studying in a particular school or under a particular master.
8. Every student shall be placed by his Presbytery under the particular superintendence of one of the ministers of the Presbytery, whose duty it shall be to counsel and direct him and to examine him privately in his studies.
9. No student shall remove beyond the control of his appointed superintendent without the previous consent and approbation of the Presbytery. The Presbytery may change the superintendent for the convenience or advantage of the student.
10. During temporary sickness or absence the superintendent may place the student under the charge of another till next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

III. OF THE COURSE OF STUDY.

11. The course of study for the ministry shall be divided into the Theological, the Philosophical and the Literary courses.

IV. OF THE LITERARY COURSE.

12. The Literary course shall comprehend the study of the Latin and Greek languages, of the elements of English composition and literature, of ancient and modern History and Geography.