

STANDING RULES.

1. All ministerial candidates belonging to Congregational or Independent Churches, for admission to this Union, shall make their application in writing, and shall furnish therewith certificates of good moral standing in the body from which they come, and a full and clear statement of their views on Christian doctrine and Church polity. In the case of candidates who present satisfactory letters of dismissal from a recognized sister Union, such certificates and statements may be dispensed with. Candidates for admission from other denominations shall be required, in addition to the above-mentioned certificates and statements, to produce certificates of having passed through a course of literary and theological training, equivalent to that provided by our colleges. Failing this, they shall be required to undergo an examination in the several departments which constitute the theological course of study in the Congregational College of B. N. A. This examination shall be conducted by a Committee of Examiners, consisting of members of this Union, who shall be appointed annually for this special purpose. The said board shall appoint the course of reading, and the mode of conducting the said examination, subject always to the approval of this Union, and shall report the results of the same to the membership Committee. All applications shall be reported to the Union, and shall be, with their accompanying documents, referred to the Committee on Membership (or a special committee) for full inquiry. Candidates, upon whose application the Membership Committee has favourably reported and recommended, shall be eligible for immediate admission into the Union, provided always that a unanimous vote be required for such admission. In other cases, with the consent of the Union, candidates shall stand proposed for membership until the next annual meeting of the Union (with the privilege of honorary membership), at which, after a favourable report from the Membership Committee, they shall be eligible for admission.

2. The Union shall meet annually on the Wednesday after the first Sabbath in June, at 7.30, p.m., when the annual Sermon shall be preached, by appointment of the previous Annual Meeting.

3. The Union shall then be organized under the presidency of the retiring Chairman, or, failing him, the pastor in the place of meeting, by the election of Minute Secretaries and Reporters, the calling of the Roll, and the appointment of Standing Committees on Business, Membership, Examination, Nominations, and Finance, on nomination by the Committee of the Union.

4. On Thursday morning, after the devotional exercises, the retiring Chairman shall deliver an address, and the new Chairman shall be elected, after nomination by the Committee of the Union, or by any member of the Union.

5. After the election of a new Chairman, the Committee of the Union shall present their annual report.

6. The meetings shall be daily opened and closed with prayer; the morning devotional exercises to extend to an hour.

7. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded; no member shall speak twice to the same motion, without permission from the chair; and every motion shall be presented in writing by the mover, if required by the chair.

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