

ing into effective operation the Act of Synod anent the Reception of Ministers, Licentiates, and Students of Divinity from other Churches, not in connection with this Church, that more full provision be made in regard to the conducting of the examinations required by the said Act, the Synod hereby resolve that a Committee of Synod be formed, whose duty it shall be to examine thoroughly and strictly such candidates as shall be recommended to them by any Presbytery under the jurisdiction of the Synod, on Literature, Philosophy, Exegetical and Systematic Theology, and Hebrew, and, if satisfied, shall, in good faith to the Church and to the applicant himself, certify the same.

All Students of Divinity, Probationers, or Ministers from Churches not in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, desirous of joining this Church, shall, first, place their Certificates of Character and of Literary and Theological Curriculum on the Table of the Presbytery of the bounds within which they reside, who shall examine the same, and discern,—and, if sustained, shall transmit the same, with their Deliverance thereon, to the Synod at its next meeting or to the Examining Committee who are authorised to receive and act on the same. The applicant shall then compare before the Examining Committee and undergo a thorough examination on the several branches of education required by this Church.

The Examining Committee shall then certify to the kind and degree of knowledge and acquirements the said applicant has been found to possess; and this certificate shall be laid on the Presbytery table before any further action be taken in the case, and being considered, the Presbytery shall proceed according to the Standing Rules of this Church, viz., that they shall examine him, and, if a Student of Divinity, shall determine what further course of study he shall pursue, or issue circulars announcing their intention of taking him on trials for license,—and, if a Probationer or Minister, shall proceed according to the Act of Synod, September 14, 1847, anent the Reception of Ministers and Licentiates from other Churches.

And Presbyteries are enjoined, notwithstanding the appointment of this Synodical Committee of Examination, to take special care that there be no relaxation in the trials of Candidates for the Holy Ministry, but to remember that some of the most important interests of the Church are involved in the faithful discharge of their duty in this matter.

The Synod then appointed the following Examining Committee under the above Act, viz:—Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John Cruickshank, Mr. Andrew Bell, Dr. Hugh Mair, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. John McMorine, Dr. John Machar, Professor Williamson, Professor Romanes, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. James George, Dr. Alex. Mathieson, Mr. Walter Roach, Dr. John Cook, and Mr. Robert McGill.

The Synod instructed the above named Committee to report for the consideration of the Synod, such arrangements as may seem to be necessary for carrying out the objects of their appointment.

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