

tions having been offered in regard to any of the Records, instructed their Clerk to attest them accordingly.

RETURNS ON ACT ANENT STUDENTS.

Principal Snodgrass, Convener of the Committee appointed to consider the Returns of Presbyteries on the Act anent the examination of Students and Candidates for the Holy Ministry, reported that according to the Barrier Act of this Synod it may now be passed into a permanent law of the Church, inasmuch as a majority of Presbyteries express approval without suggesting any important change. In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, the Synod resolved to pass the same with a few alterations, chiefly verbal, into a permanent enactment of this Church, and the Moderator intimated accordingly. Said Act, as finally adopted, is as follows, viz. :—

ACT ANENT THE EXAMINATION OF STUDENTS AND CANDIDATES FOR THE HOLY MINISTRY.

WHEREAS it is desirable to consolidate into one Act the various Acts and Resolutions of the Synod regarding the Examination of Students who are Candidates for the Holy Ministry, and in some respects to define clearly the duties of such Candidates, and the obligations and powers of Presbyteries with reference to them, be it enacted as follows :—

I. That it be required of every person intending to become a Candidate for the Ministry :—

1. That, before entering College as a Student in Arts, he shall appear before the Presbytery within whose bounds he resides or a Committee appointed by the Presbytery ; submit to an examination on the ordinary branches of Education and the subjects prescribed by the College for Matriculation ; and obtain a certificate of proficiency therein, as also of good moral and religious character—which certificate he shall present to the authorities of the College when he applies for admission.

2. That he shall conform to the following course of study in Arts :—Latin, three sessions ; Greek, four sessions ; Mathematics, two sessions ; Natural Philosophy, two sessions ; Rhetoric, Logic, Metaphysics, Ethics, and Chemistry, one session each, in such order as the College authorities may prescribe.

3. That, after completing the course in Arts, he shall appear before the Presbytery within whose bounds he resides ; produce class-certificates from each of the Professors under whom he has studied, in evidence of his having complied with the requirement of the preceding clause ; submit to an examination on the subjects mentioned in the said clause ; and obtain a certificate of his proficiency, as also of his being of good moral and religious character—which certificate he shall present to the Professors of Theology when he applies for admission to the Theological Hall.

4. That he shall attend the following classes at one of the Theological Halls of this Church, or of the Church of Scotland, or at a Theological Hall expressly approved by this Synod, for three full sessions of six months each :—The classes of Divinity, Hebrew, Church History, and Biblical Criticism ; and during his Theological Curriculum shall deliver in order the following public discourses :—A Homily and an Exegesis in Latin, a Lecture and a Greek Exercise with additions, a popular Sermon and a Hebrew Exercise with additions.