

physical science ; one on a subject connected with mental philosophy ; and one on a subject connected with moral philosophy.

49. No student shall be admitted to this examination who shall not, on reference to the register of Presbyterian examinations, be found to have discharged all the duties prescribed at ordinary examinations, or who shall not have been in the philosophical class at least *two* full years.

50. If the student shall pass this examination with the approbation of three fourths of the members of Presbytery present, and if the Presbytery shall unanimously approve of his conduct, they shall give him a certificate to the Synod recommending him as qualified to commence the study of Divinity, with a view to the ministry, and this certificate shall be signed by all the ministers present who shall be satisfied.

XIV. OF THE THIRD SPECIAL PRESBYTERIAL EXAMINATION.

51. Students in Divinity desiring to be taken on trials for license, shall proceed as required in articles 31, 33, 42, and 44, and the Presbytery shall proceed as required in articles 32, 39, and 44.

52. None shall be admitted to the third special examination who shall not be found, on reference to the register of Presbyterian examinations, to have discharged all the duties required, or who shall not have delivered all the exercises required by Art. 36, or be prepared to deliver such of them as have not previously been delivered ; or who shall not have been in the theological class at least *three* full years by next meeting of Synod.

53. The subjects of the third special examination shall be the whole of the branches previously studied, but especially those comprehended in the theological course, as specified in article 20. Students shall also be examined on the New Testament in the original, and on the books of Genesis, the Psalms, and that part of Daniel which is in Chaldee, "*ad aperturam libri.*"

54. If this examination shall be sustained, and the Presbytery are unanimous in their belief that the student is calculated to be an acceptable and useful minister of the gospel, they shall give him a certificate to the Synod, recommending him as qualified to be taken on trials for license, and this certificate shall be signed by all the ministers present. The Presbytery, if not satisfied, may remand the student for such period as they shall deem fit.

XV. GENERAL RULES FOR PRESBYTERIAL EXAMINATIONS.

55. Ordinary examinations may be conducted by committees, but special examination shall in every case be by the Presbytery.

56. The full particulars of every special examination shall be inserted in the minutes of the Presbytery. The minutes shall also state the subjects of the exercises prescribed for special examinations, when given out, as well as of all the discourses enumerated in Art. 36.

57. All these exercises and discourses shall be kept "*in retentis.*"

INFIDEL PARENTS AND WICKED CHILDREN.

Tell me, has this viperous brood disappeared from the earth with the forty-two at Bethel ? Would it were the case, and that the rising generation of the present day, not only amongst us, but every where, did not teach us the very reverse. And it is this which grieves us the most deeply, in the present evil times, that we look around us amongst them in vain for an anchorage of hope, with respect to the future. It is this which pains us most to the heart, that we perceive the practice, at least, of those profane and ungodly theories which their fathers have drunk down like an intoxicating potion, engrafted also into the rising generation. Alas ! the evil crops of your own sowing are already shooting up in luxuriant fecundity around you. You have eaten sour grapes, and your children's teeth are set on edge. You have conjured up spirits at which you are now yourself horrified. You would gladly lay them again, but where is the incantation to which they will listen ? You now reap the fruits of your own desires : you piped songs of liberty to your children, and you now see them dancing, alas ! upon your own authority ; you tore down the limits of the divine word, and reverence for it, and, therefore, ascribe it to yourselves, ye parents, guardians, and teachers, that a troop of youthful rebels now rages around you, of the restraining of whom you already begin to despair. You taught them to regard the religion of the Bible as a disgraceful chain, prepared by the superstition of a benighted age, and its preachers as proud priests and ambitious Jesuits. Your pupils were, alas ! only too susceptible and docile. We now command them, for God's sake, to honour father and mother ; you are aware how little attention they pay to our admonitions. You have said much to them of the years of discretion to which the present century has attained ; of emancipation, and the independence of reason, and the unalienable rights of man : see how they begin to