

3. This Synod has to speak in this matter because
 - a. Synod 1954 recommends the King James Version only;
 - b. Synod 1958 agreed "that the King James Version has become somewhat antiquated as since the time it was made additional ancient manuscripts have been discovered and also the English language has undergone certain modifications, which destroy the clarity of many passages." (Acts p.225)

SUPPLEMENT 3

(Ag. Report I, 10; Art. 71; compare Suppl. 4, 5)

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY-GOVERNORS APPOINTED BY SYNOD EDMONTON, 1965.

To the General Synod of the Canadian Reformed Churches, which will meet, the Lord's day, on November 7th, 1968, at Orangeville, Ontario.

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

Deputies for the "Training of the Ministry", appointed by Synod Edmonton, 1965, submit to your Assembly a report of their activities for your consideration.

The mandate and instructions given to us were laid down in the following decisions of Synod 1965:

"De Synode besluit

"Aan Curatoren voor het opzetten van een bibliotheek een bedrag van \$6,000.00 beschikbaar te stellen. Hierin is begrepen het bedrag dat door de vorige Synode voor dit doel beschikbaar was gesteld doch niet is gebruikt." (Acta Art. 99)

De Synode besluit

"1. Drie Curatoren te benoemen uit het ressort van het Oosten en drie uit het ressort van het Westen, met secundi.

2. Curatoren te machtigen de tegenwoordige docenten vergoeding te geven voor de arbeid door hen verricht of te verrichten.

3. Aangezien de Synode, bij gebrek aan voldoende kennis van zaken, geen verantwoordelijke beslissingen nemen kan inzake verscheidene door Curatoren ingediende voorstellen, Curatoren te verzoeken de gehele zaak van een Theological College in alle aspecten te onderzoeken, tezamen met het College van Docenten, en dienaangaande een gezamenlijk rapport te zenden aan de volgende Generale Synode.

Voorts Curatoren te verzoeken een afschrift van dit rapport minstens een half jaar voor die Synode ter kennisneming aan de Kerken toe te zenden.

4. Curatoren te machtigen een "estate" aan te kopen in de Provincie Ontario. Tot zulk een aankoop zullen zij niet overgaan dan nadat zij vooraf gunstig advies van deskundigen hebben ontvangen en de Particuliere Synode van Ontario definitieve goedkeuring heeft gegeven. Tot de voorwaarden waaraan voldaan zal moeten worden behoort ook, dat er een behoorlijk terrein is voor eventuele verdere uitbouw en dat affiliatie met een Universiteit mogelijk is.

5. Personen boven de 30 jaar zullen kunnen worden toegelaten tot de lessen en examens der Opleiding zonder in het bezit van een B.A. degree of daarmee gelijkstaande graad te zijn, indien zij met goed gevolg een admissieexamen hebben afgelegd, waarvoor de vereisten zullen worden vastgesteld door het College van Docenten, zulks onder nadere goedkeuring van Curatoren; evenwel zo, dat deze niet zullen uitgaan boven hetgeen vereist is voor de graad van Bachelor of Arts.

6. De volgende bepalingen uit de door Curatoren voorgestelde "Rules and Regulations" thans reeds te aanvaarden:

- I. De Kerken verzorgen de Opleiding tot de dienst des Woords doormiddel van Curatoren, die benoemd en geïnstrueerd worden door de Generale Synode. Curatoren worden voorgedragen door de mindere vergadering. Iedere Particuliere Synode draagt drie Curatoren met secundi voor.
- II. Curatoren zullen in ieder geval eenmaal per jaar samen vergaderen. Docenten zullen het recht hebben deze vergaderingen bij te wonen als adviseurs. Curatoren zullen van hun vergaderingen een Kort Verslag publiceren.
- III. Curatoren zullen toezicht uitoefenen op het onderwijs, teneinde daaruit geweerd worde al wat niet in overeenstemming is met de Schrift en de Belijdenisgeschriften der Kerken. Zij stellen, met advies van docenten, een curriculum op.
- IV. Curatoren zullen aan de Generale Synode een voordracht doen toekomen voor de benoeming van docenten ter vervulling van bestaande vacatures. De Generale Synode zal niet aan deze voordracht gebonden zijn.
Curatoren zullen een aparte regeling opstellen voor de onderbreking of beeindiging van de dienst der Docenten.
- V. Een Docent moet lid zijn van een Canadian Reformed Church of van een Kerk met welke de Canadian Reformed Churches correspondentie onderhouden. Voordat zij hun dienst beginnen, zullen docenten ondertekenen het "Form of Subscription of Docents at the Theological College of the Canadian Reformed Churches", opgesteld door de Generale Synode van Edmonton, 1965.
Docenten zullen zich in hun arbeid onderwerpen aan het toezicht der Curatoren, doch zullen te allen tijde het recht behouden zich op de Generale Synode te beroepen.
- VI. Curatoren zullen de Generale Synode adviseren inzake het aantal Docenten dat nodig wordt geacht." (Acta, Art. 199)

Synod decides

"1. To appoint three governors from Western Canada and three from Eastern Canada with alternates;

2. To authorize the governors to compensate the present Docents for their work, already done or still to be done;

3. To request the governors to study the whole matter of the Theological College in all its aspects; to do this together with the college of Docents; and to submit a joint report about the matter to the next General Synod, since Synod, for lack of sufficient knowledge of these matters, cannot at present make warranted decisions with respect to several proposals made by the governors;

4. To authorize the governors to purchase an estate in the Province of Ontario. Such a purchase shall be made only upon preceding favourable advice of experts and upon definite approval of the Particular Synod of Ontario.

Among the conditions which have to be met are these, that a fair-sized plot be available for possible further extension; and that affiliation with a university be possible.

5. Persons over 30 years of age may be admitted to the courses and examinations of the College without being in the possession of a B.A. degree or its equivalent, if they pass successfully an admission-examination, the requirements for which shall be set up by the College of Docents with concurrent approval of the Governors; on the understanding that these requirements shall not exceed what is required for a Bachelor of Arts degree.

6. To adopt at this moment already the following provisions from the "Rules and Regulations" which were proposed by the Governors:

I. The Churches shall take care of a Theological College through Governors, who shall be appointed and instructed by the General Synod. Governors shall be nominated by the Minor Assembly. Each Particular Synod shall nominate three Governors with alternates.

II. The Governors shall meet at least once a year; Docents shall have the right to attend these meetings in an advisory capacity. The Governors shall publish a brief report of their meetings.

III. The Governors shall exercise supervision over the instruction given in order that may be barred whatever is not in accordance with the Scripture and Creeds of the Churches.

IV. The Governors shall submit to the General Synod a nomination to appoint Docents for existing vacancies. The General Synod shall not be bound by this nomination.

The Governors shall draw up separate regulations covering leave of absence and the termination of the service of Docents.

V. A Docent shall be a member of a Canadian Reformed Church or of one of the Churches with which the Canadian Reformed Churches maintain correspondence.

Before entering upon their service, Docents shall subscribe to the "Form of Subscription for Docents at the Theological College of the Canadian Reformed Churches", drawn up by the General Synod of Edmonton, 1965. (See Dutch text of Acts, Article 180).

Docents shall submit themselves in their work to the supervision of the Governors, but shall always retain the right of appeal to the General Synod.

- VI. The Governors shall advise the General Synod about the number of Docents which is deemed necessary." (Brief Report, Art. 38)

In connection with decision 6 sub IV (combined meetings) we have been able to convene two such meetings, one on October 18th and 19th, 1966, at Abbotsford, B.C., and another on July 10th and 11th, 1967, at Burlington, Ont. We are very grateful that this opportunity was given by the previous Synod and we assure your assembly that a closer contact has facilitated our work.

The idea of giving a chronological account of our deliberations was rejected; instead we decided to submit to you the material which was at our disposal, the observations resulting from our research and a report of the discussions on specific matters. At the end of the report we will submit a number of recommendations.

Consequently we report on the following matters:

- I. Meetings of the Board of Governors.
- II. Theological College.
- III. Students.
- IV. Estate.
- V. Admission and Curriculum.
- VI. Appointment Teachers
- VII. Library
- VIII. Report Teaching Staff
- IX. Financial Matters:
 - Remuneration Teachers
 - Report Treasurer
 - Investments
 - Contributions of the Churches.

I. MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

A. *Mandate.*

The Governors shall meet at least once a year. Teachers shall have the right to attend these meetings in an advisory capacity. The Governors shall publish a short report of these meetings. (Acta Synod 1965, Art. 199 sub 6-11; as translated in Art. 38 of the 'Brief Report').

B. *Material.*

1. Minutes of the meeting of Governors, held on October 18th and 19th, 1966 at Abbotsford, B.C.
2. Minutes of the meeting of Governors, held on July 10th and 11th, 1967, at Burlington, Ont.

C. *Observations.*

At the first meeting officers of the Board were elected: Rev. W. LOOPSTRA President; Rev. D. VANDERBOOM, Secretary; Rev. H. A. STEL, Assessor.

At the request of 'Deputaten van de Synode van de Free Reformed Churches of Australia' it was decided "to forward the minutes of the meetings of the Board to these Deputies".

At the request of the Teaching Staff, Rev. G. VANDOOREN was appointed Principal, Rev. W. W. J. VANOENE, Vice-Principal of the Teaching Staff.

Rules for the method of communication between the Governors from Eastern and Western Canada were adopted. For these rules we refer to pages 3 and 4 of the Minutes of the Board meeting of October 18th and 19th, 1966.

II. THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

A. *Mandate.*

To request Governors to study the whole matter of the Theological College in all aspects; to do this with the college of Teachers (Teaching Staff); and to submit a joint report about the matter to the next General Synod, since Synod, for lack of sufficient knowledge of these matters, cannot at present make responsible decisions with respect to several proposals made by the Governors. (Acta Synode 1965, Art. 199, sub 3; translation from Art. 38, sub 3 of the 'Brief Report').

B. *Material.*

1. Extracts from the Rules of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario (with a copy of the Private Bill, an Act to Incorporate MacMaster Divinity College);
2. Report of Information received at the Departments of Education and University Affairs, with an additional report (see under Observations);
3. Two letters from Messrs. Shepherd, McKensie, etc., concerning the matter of legal aspects of the set-up of a Theological College in the Province of Ontario;
4. Two letters containing information received from the Minister of Education of the Province of British Columbia and from Registrars of Universities in this province.

C. *Observations.*

The information received by Deputies concerning the set-up of a Theological College or Seminary was discussed at both meetings of the Board. To give your assembly an idea of the issue we transcribe here a part of the material at hand, as mentioned under Material No. 2.:

Synod 1962 decided: Tot de lessen en examina aan de Opleiding worden toegelaten zij, die lid zijn van een van de Canadian Reformed Churches . . . en in het bezit zijn van een B.A. degree, of daaraan gelijk te stellen graad.

This decision was taken contrary to the advice of Deputies 'om de eigen Opleiding te doen aansluiten bij de aan een High School volbrachte studie'. The conclusion may be drawn that it was the intention of Synod to establish a College with full academic training and standing with the right to confer the B.Th and/or B.D. degrees. With this conclusion in mind information was gathered at the above mentioned Departments.

There are three possibilities:

1. *Provincial Charter by Private Bill.*

To be able to confer a degree a Charter of the Provincial Legislature is needed. Such a

charter must be obtained by Private Bill. This Bill must be drafted by a lawyer's firm and the application for granting the Bill must be sent to Parliament and to the Lieutenant Governor of the Province (see Application Forms). When the application is accepted in principle (first reading), the applicants are called before a standing committee on University Affairs to explain the petition and they are requested to give sound reasons why a denominational College is wanted. Some of the issues which will be considered by the standing committee are:

- (a) Have arrangements been made for affiliation with an existing University in the place where the College is going to be established; is this affiliation granted.
- (b) Proof must be given that the College is not only going to be established, but that there is sufficient support for a certain length of time. This is an important matter since some Colleges in the Province have terminated their educational program for lack of funds.
- (c) Certain guarantees must be given as to the academic standing of the Teachers to be appointed; curriculum and rules for examination must comply with the requirements for higher learning.
- (d) Are there facilities for the accommodation of out of town students.

It was made clear that the Provincial Government wants to prevent a further proliferation of denominational Colleges. When the Standing Committee has decided upon the matter, the approval of the Department of University Affairs is needed before the Bill can be put on the Agenda of the House. If this Department has no objections, a Member of the Legislature must be found willing to defend the Bill. Much opposition can be expected. As soon as Parliament has accepted the Bill in second and third reading, it will be published and becomes law. The College will then be recognized throughout all the Provinces of the Dominion.

2. *Incorporation by The Corporations Act.*

There is a second possibility, *nl.*, to seek recognition as a Theological College by way of The Corporations Act. It is a purely legal matter. According to the Deputy Minister of University Affairs most denominational colleges have such a charter. Degrees conferred by these colleges are not honoured at Universities on this Continent.

Since January 1964 the Department of Education and the Department of University Affairs are working closely together with the office of the Provincial Secretary in their joint effort to deny certain institutions the name of College. Many young people, they say, are herded into institutions with the idea that they are going to receive a recognized degree, but they find out too late that in many cases they are not able to continue their studies at another College or University.

The following requirements must be met:

- (a) A Board of Trustees (Governors) must apply for a legal charter under the Corporations Act.

(b) The authorities must be satisfied concerning financial matters and concerning the scientific standard of the Teaching Staff.

(c) Library facilities must be up to certain standards, since there will be no affiliation.

(d) Degrees may be conferred, but it cannot be done within the scope of the Law of Higher Education. These degrees are valid only within the denominational organization concerned, and for those denominations which consider such degrees sufficient for their clergy.

3. *Theological School.*

Apparently there is a third possibility, namely to confer a Certificate. We should keep in mind that the initials B.A. and B.D. behind the names of ministers is not to 'show off', but to indicate that ministers have an academic standing, contrary to 'self-made' preachers.

In the case of a Theological School a Certificate to Preach, or a Certificate of Candidacy in Theology is the only thing that can be conferred upon the student.

Without any evaluation this report was submitted to the Board of Governors.

At the request of the Board an additional report was submitted to the next meeting. It reads:

Re: Provincial Charter by Private Bill.

It must be repeated that such a charter is a must if we want to establish an independent College. The question of affiliation has implications which cannot be evaluated at the moment, because such affiliation might endanger the independence of the College.

Nothing can be added to the procedure mentioned in the first report. Observations and reports from Queen's Park and the Newspapers make it clear that a Private Bill (even in non-ecclesiastical matters) has not much chance of success. The request might never reach the floor of the Legislature because of the necessity of being approved by the Department of University Affairs and the Standing Committee on educational matters.

The preliminary work cannot be done by Deputies, but an experienced and competent lawyer is necessary ('die de knepen van het vak kent'). We, as Deputies, are not able to start such procedures unless specific authorization is given.

Re: Corporations Act.

This method seems to open an easier way, but has the disadvantage that the establishment of a College under this Act does not give the right to confer degrees which are recognized as such at other institutions of learning.

As additional information the following can be mentioned:

To become incorporated as a Society or Corporation, application must be made for an "Official Name". The purpose of the Corporation must be FULLY explained. These applications can be handled only by people who are fully conversant with the Corporation Laws. This application must, again, be presented to the Department of University Affairs, with all the implications already mentioned in the first report.

D. Considerations.

a. Concerning possibility 1 (Provincial Charter by Private Bill), we also refer to the letter of Messrs. Shepherd, etc. (20 September 1966): "With respect to the second course of action mentioned above, we wish to advise that the main draw-backs to this course of action are firstly, the possible delays in processing a Private Bill through the Legislature, and secondly, the expenses involved. In addition to the usual fees to be paid to the clerk of the Legislature and costs of advertising, the cost of printing the private bill for which the applicant is responsible, can be very prohibitive. The benefit of a private statute is, however, that you will be able to grant your own degrees. In addition to the provisions as to fees and advertising, you will note that a private bill must be introduced in the Legislature by a member thereof, who has been approached beforehand for that purpose."

Concerning affiliation with Universities, we received the following information: "With respect to affiliation, we understand that you are investigating this possibility. Affiliation with an institution such as Knox College would be the least expensive of the two alternatives referred to above (affiliation or incorporation). If affiliation is the course of action decided by you, it is our opinion that you would have to incorporate a private company without share capital under the provisions of The Ontario Corporations Act. In this case, funds would be obtained through the annual subscription of members and . . . through any donations you might receive. The main drawback of this instance is, however, that you will not be in a position to grant your own degrees". (Letter Messrs. Shepherd, etc., 20 September 1966).

"The University Act makes provisions for affiliation of Theological Colleges with any of the provincial universities under section 71. Policy has been that affiliations has been entered into only with those theological colleges established on the campus of the University. The affiliation does not therefore grant university blessing to the academic or professional studies and has no effect on the recognition of the degrees granted by the theological colleges. May I give you my personal opinion that 'affiliation' as known here, would not accomplish the objective you have in mind, and, further, that there is a strong possibility that the Senate of this University would not want to add to its present list of affiliates." (Letter of the Registrar of the University of British Columbia)

"Since the University is not prepared, in the foreseeable future, to allocate more campus space for additional theological colleges there is no possibility that any additional affiliation will be considered." (Letter of the Registrar of the University of British Columbia).

". . . regarding your recent letter suggesting an affiliation between the Theological College of the Canadian Reformed Churches and Simon Fraser University, . . . , the Board of Governors and the Senate . . . have received a number of requests for affiliation by such groups as yours and to date none of these requests have been granted." (Letter of the Registrar of Simon Fraser University, British Columbia).

b. Concerning possibility 2 (Incorporation under the Corporations Act without affiliation), Deputies, although convinced that the full emphasis should be laid upon the truly Reformed character of a Theological College, want to bring to your attention that the Law requires (as we have mentioned before, page 6, 2(b)) that in the instruction given at such a College sound academic standards are maintained.

The basic requirement for such a training would be the appointment of at least three professors (Old Testament, New Testament and Dogmatics) whereas the other disciplines could be taught by lecturers. It appears to be difficult to give a complete and detailed budget for such a set-up. What follows is no more than an estimate and might be very conservative.

1. Remuneration Professors	\$30,000.00
2. Lecturers	3,600.00
3. Travel Expenses – Lecturers	1,500.00
4. Rent Buildings	4,000.00
5. Library	2,000.00
6. Administration	1,000.00
	\$42,100.00

To the figure of \$42,100.00 must be added – for the first year – costs of Incorporation. From information received it became clear that lawyers' fees for the preparation of the material for incorporation are \$40.00 – \$70.00 per hour. Since we know from the same sources that 100 or more hours are necessary an amount of \$7,000.00 to \$10,000.00 must be considered. Statistics show that at the end of 1968 the membership of our Churches will be approximately 7,000, of whom approximately 3,000 are confessing members. This would bring the contribution of the Churches to \$6.00 per member per year, or \$14.00 per confessing member per year. (For the first year after incorporation: \$7.00 and \$16.50 respectively)

c. Concerning possibility 3 (Theological School) we bring to your attention the following considerations:

In their last meeting the Governors agreed “that the Report to Synod must contain the following items and recommendations:

- a. a good, academically sound training is a necessity;
- b. a complete and detailed budget of the costs is required;
- c. no estate should be acquired, but use should be made of the facilities of one of the Churches;
- d. two professors must be appointed who can request the assistance of lecturers.”

The report deals already with “a” under Chapter II-C; with “c” under Chapter IV. As to “b” (budget) we can submit an estimate only since recommendations for appointments of lecturers could not be made (see under VI: Appointments).

1. Remunerations Professors	\$20,000.00
2. Lecturers	
3. Travel expenses	
4. Rent Buildings	4,000.00
5. Library	2,000.00
6. Administration	1,000.00
	\$27,000.00 PLUS

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- Ad. 1. The remuneration of professors should be such that they can provide for their own dwelling, transportation and other expenses. The possibility of being covered by the Fund for Superannuation could be considered.
- Ad. 2. Since it was agreed to recommend to Synod that "professors can request the assistance of lecturers", it is almost impossible to estimate the costs involved. This will be possible when Synod, with the advice of, or upon the request of professors, has appointed lecturers, and when it is known where these lecturers have their residences.
- Ad. 3. These last facts leave the item of travel expenses a complete guess.
- Ad. 4. Referring to Chapter IV, we realize that there might be a Church with facilities for lecturing, but we feel that there is no church which has sufficient room available for a Library. Space must be rented, which means an expense in addition to the amount of \$2,000.00 for the set-up of a library.
- Ad. 5. Deputies appointed by Synod 1958 reported to Synod 1962 that \$2,000.00 per year would be a minimum for the set-up of a Library. Synod 1965 decided that the Governors make available for the Library an amount of \$300.00 per teacher per year for the period to the next Synod. Since there are six instructors this means an amount of \$1,800.00.

Ad. 6. Administration costs are usually 3 - 4% of the total budget.

E. Conclusions.

Ad. a. It is the conviction of the Board of Governors that the establishment of a College under Charter by Private Bill is almost impossible, due to technical and legal complications, and to the tremendous costs involved.

There seems to be no possibility either for affiliation, witness not only the latest information from Universities in British Columbia but also the earlier reactions of University Senates in Ontario.

Ad. b. Our conclusion with respect to incorporation is that further investigations are necessary to ascertain the need and the possibilities of such a course of action.

Ad. c. Since Deputies, at the time, were not in a position to foresee the complications of the set-up of a College, and were not allowed to anticipate decisions concerning the appointment of lecturers, further conclusions could not be made and we restrict ourselves to the recommendation which was agreed upon.

III. STUDENTS.

A. Mandate.

"With respect to the suggestions of the Rev. G. VanDooren concerning contact with future students of theology the following (is decided): Synod expresses the desirability of contact with students who are planning to study theology, but does not judge it to be in its province to make a decision in that direction. (Acta Synode 1965, Art. 199, add. decisions 3, translation 'Brief Report' Art. 38).

B. Material.

Oral information of the Principal of the Teaching Staff and one of the Governors, that some young men have decided to register at other institutions of learning;

Oral information of Classical Deputies ad Art. 19 that one student is registered at the Theologische Hoogeschool at Kampen.

C. Observations.

We want to inform Synod that at the time of preparation of this report

- (a) One student is studying at our own Training-institute for the Ministry;
- (b) Two men of over 30 years are preparing for the admission examinations, and
- (c) Four young men of our Churches are registered at other institutions of learning.

IV. ESTATE

A. Mandate.

To authorize the Governors to purchase an Estate in the Province of Ontario. Such a purchase shall be made only upon favourable advice of experts and with the approval of the (Particular) Regional Synod of Ontario. Among the conditions which have to be met are these: That a fair-sized lot be available for possible further extension; and that affiliation with a University be possible (Acta Synode 1965, Art. 199, sub 4, translation 'Brief Report', Art. 38 sub 4).

B. Material.

We refer to the quotations from several letters concerning affiliation (See page 8 of our Report).

C. Observations.

It was observed that the advice of experts is not favourable, and that it is doubtful whether affiliation would ever be possible. Consequently the matter of purchasing an Estate was not given further consideration, as being premature in the present situation.

V. ADMISSION AND CURRICULUM.

A. Mandate.

Persons over 30 years of age may be admitted to the courses and examinations of the College without being in the possession of a B.A. degree or its equivalent, if they pass an entrance examination, the requirements for which shall be set by the Teaching Staff with approval of the Governors; on the understanding that these requirements shall not exceed those for a B.A. degree. (Acta Synode 1965, Art. 199, sub 5; translation 'Brief Report', Art. 38).

Curatoren stellen met advies van Docenten een Curriculum op. (Acta Synode 1965 Art. 199 sub 6-III).

B. Material

1. Letter from the Teaching Staff concerning requirements for entrance Examination
2. The Draft Curriculum will be part of the report of the Teaching Staff.

C. Considerations.

The Board decided to approve the requirements of the entrance examination for people of 30 years and older (See letter Teaching Staff and minutes of Board meetings).

The Board requested the Teaching Staff 'to draw up a Curriculum with the system as found in the calendar of Westminster Theological Seminary as a model, and in the meantime to consider the fact that students, for the time being, have to study in Western as well as in Eastern Canada.

VI. APPOINTMENT TEACHERS.

A. Mandate.

The Governors shall submit to the General Synod a nomination to appoint instructors in case of vacancies.

The Governors shall advise the General Synod about the number of instructors considered necessary (Acta Synode 1965, Art. 199, sub 6-IV and VI; translation 'Brief Report', Art. 38).

B. Observations.

Deputies observed that Synod 1965 did not reappoint the Rev. H. Krabbendam as Teacher for the 19th and 20th Century Theology. The Rev. G. VanDooren was asked to accept responsibility for this subject.

The number of instructors to be appointed depends on the decisions of Synod 1968 regarding the set-up of a College; consequently no advice is given.

VII. LIBRARY

A. Mandate.

Synod decided: Aan curatoren voor het opzetten van een bibliotheek een bedrag van \$6,000.00 beschikbaar te stellen. Hierin is begrepen het bedrag, dat door de vorige Synode voor dit doel beschikbaar was gesteld, doch niet is gebruikt. (Acta Synode 1965, Art. 99).

B. Material.

Report Librarian.

A brief report on the Library is added as Appendix I.

C. Considerations.

The Rev. J. Mulder was appointed by the Board as Librarian. He was requested to set up a Library, and authorized to purchase the books requested by the Teachers. At a later date the Board decided that the Librarian will inform the Teaching Staff that the Board considers it necessary that only such books should be acquired which a minister usually does not buy.

VIII. REPORT TEACHING STAFF.

This Report has not passed the Board and apparently will be submitted directly to Synod.

IX. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

A. Mandate.

To authorize the Governors to compensate the present instructors for work already done or still to be done (Acta Synode 1965, Art. 199, sub 2; translation 'Brief Report', Art. 38).

To request the Governors to pay attention to Br. Leffers' suggestion for a better investment of the moneys available; to request the Governors to remind the Churches that the General Synod of Hamilton 1962 requested the sum of \$1.00 per member per year for the Theological College. (Acta Synode 1965, Art. 199 - additional decisions 4 and e; translation 'Brief Report, Art. 38).

B. Material.

Several letters from Churches concerning the contribution of Churches.

C. Observations.

(a) Remuneration of Teachers.

The Board has requested the Teachers to give an estimate of the work and time involved in the past. Some have answered that request. In the discussion of this part of the mandate, it became clear that Deputies did not have a clear picture of the work involved. Consequently the following was decided: 'The Board of Governors decides to give the Teachers who instructed Mr. C. VanSpronsen toward the Office of Minister of the Gospel, an amount of \$250.00 as a token of appreciation instead of a remuneration, since the Board was not able to make a correct estimate of each teacher's work'.

One of the teachers informed the Board that he was not satisfied with this decision, but that he left the case to the forthcoming General Synod.

(b) Treasurer's Report.

This report will be submitted to Synod by the Treasurer, Mr. H. Leffers.

(c) Investments.

After discussing a communication from the Treasurer, the Board decided:

1. To approve the course of action taken by the Treasurer re the investment of the moneys, as explained in his letter to the Board;
2. To inform br. Leffers that the Board is of the opinion that the remaining funds of \$12,497.10 should not be invested 'on long term' in view of certain decisions of Synod concerning Library and Estate.
3. To mention in the Press Release of the meeting that a better investment of the moneys contributed has been considered, approved and enacted.

(d) Contribution Churches.

This matter was discussed in connection with the report of the Treasurer to the Board. The following was decided: 'The Board of Governors decides that the Treasurer shall be requested to inform the Secretary of the Board about those Churches which are behind in their contributions, and that the Secretary shall forward a letter to these Churches on behalf of the Board to remind them of the fact that the Synod of Hamilton, 1962, decided: "inzake de kosten verbonden aan de uitvoering van de genomen besluiten (Acta 1962, Artt. 95 and 162) spreekt de Synode uit dat het voor het uitvoeren dezer besluiten betreffende de opleiding noodzakelijk is, dat de kerken tot de eerstkomende Synode \$1.00 per ziel per jaar opbrengen", and to ask them to make up for the arrears.

In the course of time several Churches have submitted to the Board questions and requests concerning this matter. In connection with some of these questions it was decided:

- (a) Re the question brought up by two Churches concerning contributions for 1963, to inform these Churches that the practice has been in our Churches to commence payment of \$1.00 per member per year immediately after publication of the Press Release, and
- (b) to grant the request of one of the Churches in view of certain circumstances (See minutes of the Board meetings).

Other requests could not be considered because they were received after the last Board meeting.

To be informed about the contributions of the Churches, the Board requested the Treasurer to inform the Board about Churches which are behind in contributions and to forward a letter to remind them of the decisions of Synod 1962 and 1965. In the course of time financial statements have been prepared and forwarded to the Churches. The Board was informed that the result has been a more regular payment of contributions.

Deputies also received a copy of an appeal of two Churches against the decisions of Synod 1965 to ask from the Churches an amount of \$7.00 per confessing member per year. Cognizance was taken of this information.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Deputies respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. To appoint new Deputy-Governors with the mandate to be diligent in all matters pertaining to the Training for the Ministry.
2. To give the privilege of the floor of General Synod to the President and the Secretary of the Board of Governors.
3. To authorize Deputies to forward copies of the minutes of their meetings to corresponding Churches, if so requested (See Chapter I Report).
4. (a) Not to proceed into the direction of a Charter by Private Bill. To continue investigating the possibility of affiliation with an existing College; however, for the time being, not to proceed into that direction because of insurmountable obstacles.
(b) To charge the Deputies-to-be-appointed to advise the next General Synod whether it is warranted to proceed to the establishment of a Theological College under the Corporations Act, with a view to the need and the possibilities of such a course of action. Deputies are convinced that, at the present time, such a procedure is unwarranted.
(c) To appoint two Professors who can request the assistance of Lecturers (Chapter II-Report).
5. To adopt the following rule, in view of the fact that several of our Church members study at other institutions of learning: 'To be admitted to the Ecclesiastical Examinations, theological students must submit to the Classis, which will examine them, a Certificate issued by the Teaching Staff of our own Seminary' (See Chapter III-Report).
6. Not to acquire an Estate, neither to authorize Deputies to purchase any Real Estate property before a definite decision concerning incorporation or affiliation has been made (See Chapter IV-Report).
7. To assign an amount of \$2,500.00 annually for the Library.

We trust that with this report we have fulfilled the mandate given to us by Synod 1965, Edmonton.

Praying that the Lord may bless Synod in all her work, and guide her also in the discussions and decisions concerning this important matter to the edification of the Church of Christ in this country, we respectfully submit this report to your Assembly.

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