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**I. - Act anent Loyal and Dutiful Address to Her Majesty the Queen. (No. 1 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 26th May 1960.**

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Loyal and Dutiful Address of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

We, Your Majesty's Loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly at Edinburgh on the 24th day of May 1960, desire most respectfully to declare our wholehearted and devoted allegiance to Your Majesty's Person and Throne.

In common with all Your Majesty's loyal subjects everywhere we give thanks to Almighty God for his unfailing goodness to, and protection of Your Majesty, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and all the members of Your Royal House. We join with all the people of the British Commonwealth in tendering to Your Majesty our most respectful felicitations on the joy which has come to Your Royal House in the birth of the Young Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, and we pray God that the divine favour may ever accompany him

in his high station.

The General Assembly acknowledge with profound gratitude the fine example set by Your Majesty in devotion to the Church and regular attendance upon Divine Worship and they respectfully cherish the hope that Your Majesty will discourage every encroachment upon the sacredness of the Lord's Day.

We followed with deep interest the visit of Your Majesty to the Dominion of Canada, with His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, when Your Majesty opened the great St. Lawrence water-way to the heart of Canada, an event which promises a bright vista of prosperity for that great Dominion. We thank God for Your Majesty's untiring efforts for the welfare of the many nations which compose Your Majesty's far flung Commonwealth, and pray that in the present days of world tension these efforts may continue to be crowned with success.

We rejoice to observe the manifold manifestations of devotion to Your Majesty's Person and Throne which come from the various nations of the Commonwealth and we supplicate Almighty God that He may keep Your Majesty's vast territories firmly united together in the bonds of Peace and good fellowship.

We have rejoiced to observe the warmth of the reception given to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret and Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Kent and Princess Alexandra on their visits to various parts of the Commonwealth.

The courage and devotion to duty of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in visiting Africa in present circumstances has been in keeping with the best traditions of the British Royal House and has called forth our gratitude and admiration.

We rejoice with all Your Majesty's faithful subjects over the marriage of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret to Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones and pray that their union may be blessed with happiness and prosperity.

The intimation that Your Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh are to attend the Special General Assembly of the National Church of Scotland to be held in October in commemoration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation in Scotland has given unbounded pleasure to Your Majesty's Scottish subjects who are conscious of the immense benefits which have accrued to our land through that epoch making event.

We respectfully tender to your Majesty our sympathy in the bereavements which have befallen the Royal Family in the deaths of Countess Mountbatten and of the Earl of Carisbrooke.

We pray that God's rich blessing may rest upon Your Majesty's Person and Throne, upon His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, Their Royal Highnesses Prince Charles, Princess Anne and Prince Andrew, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret and Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones, and all the members of

Your Royal House.

So pray Your Majesty's most faithful subjects.

The Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland in General Assembly convened.

**II. - Act anent Regulations as to Ministers on the Roll of Probationers and Resigned Ministers. (No. 2 of Class II.) *Edinburgh, 25th May 1960.***

The General Assembly amend Act IV, 1896, as follows:

They alter the Title to read :-

ANENT REGULATIONS AS TO MINISTERS ON THE ROLL OF PROBATIONERS AND RESIGNED MINISTERS.

They add to the existing paragraphs the following, namely :-

4. In the case of resignation of a home charge by a minister, whose name is not entered on the Probationers' Roll in accordance with paragraph 1 above or, in the case of a minister whose time thereon has expired in terms of paragraph 3 above the name of the minister shall be entered upon a Roll of Resigned Ministers, upon which it shall be retained without any restriction of time; and jurisdiction over a Resigned Minister shall be exercised by the Presbytery within whose bounds his place of residence for the time being is situated.

5. The Committee which grants the application referred to in paragraph 1 above is the Highlands and Islands and Supply Committee, and the Committee responsible for maintaining the Rolls is the Assembly Arrangements Committee.

**III. - Act anent Collections. (No. 3 of Class II.)                      *Edinburgh, 25th May 1960.***

The General Assembly appoint Collections to be made during the ensuing year in all Congregations of the Church on behalf of the Schemes listed below.

As a guide to congregations which desire to apply for this end contributions from general congregational funds or from weekly or other offerings, the General Assembly recommend that the aggregate contribution for all the schemes undernoted should not be allowed to fall below one-fifth of the total collection for all purposes, including local congregational purposes.

For congregations which take special collections for these purposes, the General Assembly appoint dates as shown, the collection to be taken on the appointed date or the nearest convenient date thereto.

1. Retired Lay Agents    3rd Sabbath of June 1960 2. Highlands and Islands and Supply    ,,  
July 3. Aged and Infirm Ministers    ,, August 4. Foreign and Overseas Missions    ,,

September 5. Highlands and Islands and Supply „ October 6. Jewish Missions „  
November 7. Welfare of Youth and Publications „ January 1961 8. Training of Ministry „  
„ February 9. Buildings „ March 10. Home Missions, Evangelism and Testimony „  
April 11. College „ May

Conveners of Committees are instructed to see that timely notice of each Special Collection is sent to all Congregations of the Church.

The General Assembly commend to the loyal people of the Church the duty of contributing to the cause of God in the measure in which God has prospered them.

**IV. - Act anent Sustentation Fund. (No. 4 of Class II) Edinburgh, 25th May 1960.**

The General Assembly receive and adopt the report and thank the Committee, especially the Convener and Vice-Convener.

The General Assembly declare an Equal Dividend of £530 to every minister on the Equal Dividend Platform at 31st December 1959, exclusive of the Premium payable to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The General Assembly authorise the Committee to give effect to their proposals for the payment of Ministers in 1960, with discretion to the Committee in respect of further payments in May and November in terms of this report, it being understood that such payments in November and May shall apply to Ministers in settled charges at these dates.

The General Assembly instruct the Committee to apply the principle of the Equal Dividend in all settled charges without exception in accordance with the findings of previous Assemblies.

The General Assembly, in terms of Act 5, Class II., 1959, authorise the transference to the Supply Committee of such a sum, not exceeding £5,500, as will meet the cost of supplying vacant Charges in respect of the current year.

The General Assembly thank the Sustentation Fund contributors throughout the Church and those in charge of the collecting agencies within the Church, and pray for God's blessing upon their commendable service.

**V. - Act anent Appointment of Trustee to Widows' and Orphans' Fund. (No. 5 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 26th May 1960.**

The General Assembly re-appoint Mr John W. Baxter, B.Com., 23 Gracemount Road, Edinburgh, 9, as a Trustee.

**VI. - Act anent Regulations governing provision for Aged and Infirm Agents.**

**(No. 6 of Class II.)**

**Edinburgh, 26th May 1960.**

The General Assembly approve the Committee's recommendation to declare a pension of £4 per year of service to Retired Lay Agents, and a bonus, as far as funds permit, towards the end of the year.

They accordingly amend the Regulations governing provision for Aged and Infirm Agents, as set forth in Acts of Assembly 1946, p.p. 555-556, in respect of para. VIII., as follows:-

An Agent who retires from duty and has completed 15 full years of service, shall, during the pleasure of the Committee, receive a retiring allowance at the rate of £4 per year of service rendered, without deduction in respect of Insurance Benefit or Pension.

**VII. - Act anent Publications Department. (No. 7 of Class II). *Edinburgh, 24th May 1960.***

The General Assembly approve of the suggestion for improving the efficiency of Welfare Youth and Publications activities. They direct that The Instructor shall remain under the oversight of the Welfare of Youth Committee, and that the Editor of The Instructor be ex officio a member of that Committee. They set up a Publications Department, consisting of the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Welfare of Youth Committee, the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Public Questions Committee, the Editor of The Monthly Record, the Editor of The Instructor, one representative of the Senatus, and two elders. They define the functions of the Publications Department as follows : (i) Oversight of The Monthly Record - the Editor of The Monthly Record to be ex officio a member of the Public Questions Committee; (ii) Publication of new books; (iii) Re-publication of older works; (iv) Oversight of the Book Room and other agencies of distribution. They direct that the balance at the credit of the Welfare of Youth and Publications Committee at 31st December 1959, be allocated to the Publications Department; that the Publications Department be permitted to draw on the accumulated funds of the Book Room beyond such agreed sums as may be necessary for the needs of the Book Room; that the Assembly Collection formerly taken for Welfare of Youth and Publication be now allocated in toto to the Welfare of Youth Committee. They approve of the suggestion that general publications of the Publications Department should bear the imprint "Knox Press". They direct that the Publications Department report its activities to the General Assembly through the Welfare of Youth Committee.

**VIII. - Act anent Appointment of Commission of Assembly. (No. 8 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 27th May 1960.**

The General Assembly did, and hereby do, nominate and appoint a Commission consisting of all the members of Assembly, with the addition of Rev. W. R. Mackay named by the Moderator: To be a Commission of this General Assembly with power to the said Commission or their quorum which is hereby declared to be any fifteen or more of their number, whereof eight at least are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene at Edinburgh

on the third Wednesday of November and the first Wednesday of March next to come at eleven of the clock forenoon, and oftener when and where they shall think fit and convenient, and with power to choose their own Moderator; and the General Assembly fully empower the said Commission or their quorum above mentioned to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see cause, in every matter referred to them or which shall be referred to them, by or in virtue of any Act or Order of the Assembly, and to do everything contained in and conform to the instruction given, or to be given, by the General Assembly and to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable. Provided always that save as hereafter stated, this general clause be not extended to particular affairs or processes before Synods of Presbyteries that are not of universal concern to, or influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed that no private processes be determined except at the stated diets and that what shall be determined at one diet of the Commission with relation to private causes shall be unalterable by any other diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in force until disapproved by the General Assembly. And further, the said Commission are hereby empowered to receive and fully dispose of applications that may be forwarded to them for raising preaching stations or suppressed charges to fully sanctioned charges, for the appointment of Ministers Overseas and Foreign Missionaries in the Mission Fields of the Church, for authority to sell such property as is not held under the Model Trust Deed and to receive any reference and appeal that shall be made to them from Synods in matters of doctrine, and ripen such affairs for next General Assembly and to contribute what they can to the suppression of vice and immorality, and to give all needful advice and assistance to Synods, Presbyteries and Committees of Assembly upon application to them for that end. And the said Commission are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other matters than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned. And in all their actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that, in and for all their actings, they shall be accountable to and censurable by next General Assembly as they shall see cause. And this Commission shall continue and endure until another Commission is appointed. And members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission.

**IX. - Act anent appointing next General Assembly (No. 9 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 27th May 1960.**

The General Assembly appoint the next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to meet in Edinburgh on Tuesday, the 23rd day of May 1961, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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MAY XXIII., MCMLXI. (1961)

**CLASS I. - ACTS WHICH HAVE PASSED THE BARRIER ACT**

NONE

**CLASS II. - ACTS WHICH ARE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE CHURCH.**

**I. - Act anent Membership of Publications Department. (No. 1 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 23rd May 1961.**

The General Assembly direct that membership of the Publications Department shall consist of : The Editor of The Monthly Record, the Editor of The Instructor, the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Welfare of Youth and Public Questions Committees respectively, all these to be members ex officio. One representative from the College Senatus, two ruling Elders, and up to five other members drawn from the ministry of the Church.

The General Assembly direct that the Senatus representative shall hold membership by appointment of Senatus, the Elders by appointment of Assembly, and the rest by co-option at the discretion of the Publications Department.

The General Assembly direct that members, other than members who have appointment ex officio, shall hold office for a term of five years duration, and that members who retire shall be eligible for re-election.

The General Assembly appoint as additional to the present membership of the Department, Mr Alasdair Macdonald, Minister at Bishopbriggs.

**II. - Act anent Loyal and Dutiful Address to Her Majesty The Queen. (No. 2 of Class**

**II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1961.**

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Loyal and Dutiful Address of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's faithful and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly at Edinburgh on the 23rd day of May 1961, respectfully offer to Your Majesty this renewed expression of our unwavering attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Throne.

Mindful of the burden of weighty responsibility which Your Majesty in your exalted and commanding station has always to bear, we give thanks to Almighty God for the maintenance of Your Majesty's health, and we recognise with gratitude that in the faithful and unselfish discharge of the responsibilities of office Your Majesty has invariably furnished an inspiring example to all Your subjects.

Your Majesty's frequent visits to Scotland give untold pleasure to Your Majesty's subjects in the northern part of Your realm, and we remember with particular gratification the visit paid last summer by Your Majesty and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, to the Orkney and Shetland Islands, an event which will long be remembered by Your Majesty's loyal subjects in that part of Scotland. We rejoice in the marked success which has attended the recent Royal Tour of India, Pakistan, Nepal and Persia, and we give thanks to God for His protecting care over Your Majesty and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, during your long and arduous journeys.

We, Your Majesty's subjects of the Free Church of Scotland, are deeply conscious of the many blessings which have come to our nation in connection with that Reformed Faith with which Your Throne is so closely associated, and in common with all your Scottish Protestant subjects, we warmly welcome the presence of Your Majesty at the special General Assembly in October last as a gracious and appropriate gesture.

We learned, with deep pleasure, of the forthcoming marriage of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, and Miss Katharine Worsley, and we pray that God's richest blessing may be their constant enjoyment.

We view with prayerful concern the present critical world situation, and we pray that the unwearied efforts of Your Ministers in the cause of International Peace may be so successful by the blessing of God that the calamitous evil of war may be averted, and an enduring peace maintained among the nations of the world.

It is our prayer that Your Majesty's Throne may be established in righteousness; and that Your Majesty's Counsellors may be men of wisdom and of the fear of God, so that their counsel shall advance the highest interests of our land and the well-being of the wide world, to whose utmost bounds the British Commonwealth extends.

May the richest and deepest blessings of Divine Grace rest upon Your Majesty's Person and Rule, upon His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh their Royal Highnesses Prince Charles, Princess Anne and Prince Andrew, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret and Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones, and the other members of Your Royal House.

So pray Your Majesty's most obedient and faithful servants

The Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland in General Assembly convened.

**III. - Act anent Supplements and Allowances. (No. 3 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 24th May 1961.**

Whereas existing Regulations anent Supplements are in need of revision, the General Assembly repeal the three Acts undernoted and ordain as follows:-

1. A Congregation is reckoned self-sustaining or aid-receiving according as the amount of its annual contribution to the Sustentation Fund equals or falls below the amount of the annual stipend paid to its minister from the Sustentation Fund.
2. An aid-receiving Congregation is not entitled to make any Supplement to the stipend of its minister from its Congregational Funds.
3. A self-sustaining Congregation is entitled to make a Supplement to the stipend of its minister. The amount of such Supplement should not exceed the excess paid to the Sustentation Fund over the amount received from it in stipend.
4. Allowances should be made to a minister to meet National Health Contributions, Rates and Taxes on Manse, and reasonable amounts to cover Communion and Telephone Expenses, Car Allowance (if apposite), and Travelling Expenses. Such allowances are not reckonable as Supplement for the purposes of this Act.

Acts Repealed    Extent to which Repealed

Acts XI. 1889    Whole            VIII. 1893    Whole            XIII. 1894    Whole

**IV. - Act amending Act III., 1909, in respect of date for submitting Budgets, and repealing Act III., 1948.                      (No. 4 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 24th May 1961.**

The General Assembly amend Act III. 1909 (Act anent Finance) by the substitution of the sixth day of February in place of the fifteenth day of January in each year as the date on or before which Budgets of Standing Committees shall be submitted to the Finance Committee. They repeal Act III., 1948.

**V. - Act anent Collections. (No. 5 of Class II.)**

**Edinburgh, 24th May 1961.**

The General Assembly appoint Collections to be made during the ensuing year in all Congregations of the Church on behalf of the Schemes listed below.

As a guide to Congregations which use a weekly offering system for these and other purposes, the total amount required for the undernoted Schemes is found to be of the same order as the aggregate of the Collections used for local congregational purposes, and the amount required for Sustentation Fund of the order of one-third more than this aggregate.

For congregations which take special collections for the Schemes of the Church, the General Assembly appoint dates as shown, the collection to be taken on the appointed date or the nearest convenient date thereto.

1. Retired Lay Agents 3rd Sabbath of June 1961 2. Highlands and Islands „ July „  
3. Aged and Infirm Ministers and „ August „ Retired Professors 4. Foreign and  
Overseas Missions „ September „ 5. Supply „ October „ 6. Jewish Missions „  
November „ 7. Welfare of Youth „ January 1962 8. Training of Ministry „  
February „ 9. Buildings „ March „ 10. Home Missions, Evangelism and Testimony „  
April „ 11. College „ May „

Conveners of Committees are instructed to see that timely notice of each Special Collection is sent to all Congregations of the Church.

Envelopes in which to contribute a weekly offering of three-pence for Church Extension will be provided in any desired quantity on application to the General Treasurer.

The General Assembly commend to the loyal people of the Church the privilege of contributing regularly to the cause of God according to the measure in which God has prospered them.

**VI. - Act anent Sustentation Fund. (No. 6 of Class II.)**

**Edinburgh, 24th May**

**1961.**

The General Assembly receive and adopt the Report and thank the Committee, especially the Convener and Vice-Convener.

The General Assembly declare an Equal Dividend of £600 to every Minister on the Equal Dividend Platform at 31st December 1960, exclusive of the Premium payable to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The General Assembly authorise the Committee to give effect to their proposals for the payment of Ministers in 1961, with discretion to the Committee in respect of a further payment in November.

The General Assembly instruct the Committee to apply the principle of the Equal Dividend in all settled charges without exception in accordance with the previous findings of the Assembly.

The General Assembly, in terms of Act 5, Class II., 1959, authorise the transference to the Supply Committee of such a sum, not exceeding £5,500, as will meet the cost of supplying vacant Charges in respect of the current year.

The General Assembly authorise that the Congregation of Kinglassie be continued for another period on Special Arrangements provided they contribute £220 per annum to the Sustentation Fund, and that the Congregation of Paisley and Shettleston be placed on Special Arrangements provided they each contribute £200 per annum.

The General Assembly direct the Committee to formulate a definite policy with regard to Congregations which cannot contribute the minimum sum required for the Equal Dividend Platform.

The General Assembly note the Committee's diligence in the matter of statistics. The General Assembly direct Congregations and Presbyteries to ensure that all the particulars required are given in the Schedules.

The General Assembly approve the Committee's proposal with regard to the relation of Rev. W. R. Mackay, Hospital Chaplain, to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' and Retired Professors' Fund.

The General Assembly note the concern of the Committee in the matter of the relation of the College and the Professors to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' and Retired Professors' Fund. The General Assembly remit this matter to the Finance and Law and Advisory Committee for consideration, the Finance and Law and Advisory Committee to report to next General Assembly. The General Assembly cordially thank all contributors to the Sustentation Fund, and those in charge of the collecting agencies within the Church, and pray for God's blessing upon their most commendable service.

**VII. - Act anent Organisation of Standing Committees. (No. 7 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1961.**

The General Assembly direct that in place of the present Foreign, Overseas, and Jewish Missions Committee a separate Foreign, Overseas and Jewish Missions Board be appointed, consisting of eight Ministers and four Elders, membership to be for four years, and to be secured in normal course by nominations specially for this purpose from Presbyteries to the Nominations Committee which shall submit twelve names for approval to the General Assembly. To ensure that members of the Standing Committees shall not be excluded from membership of the Board it shall always meet on a day different from that appointed for the meetings of Standing Committees, its Chairman, however, to be a member of the Finance, Law and Advisory Committee. In order that this scheme may become operative from the

conclusion of this General Assembly, the Nominations Committee are instructed to nominate in place of the seven retiring members of the Foreign, Overseas and Jewish Missions Committee one of these retiring members to serve for one year further, along with three additional members to serve for three years and three to serve for four years; and the members of the Foreign, Overseas and Jewish Missions Committee not due to retire shall complete their normal three years' period, thus ensuring that in future not more than three members be due to retire each year. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-appointment without interval.

The General Assembly empower the Nominations Committee to nominate additional members to the Finance, Law and Advisory Committee so that the requirements of Standing Order VI. I. 10 (3) shall be met, these not necessarily members of Standing Committees. The General Assembly amend the relevant Standing Orders as follows:

V. (I) line one. After the words "Reports of" insert the words the foreign, Overseas and Jewish Mission Board and of "

VI.I. Delete all from and including the words "Forenoon Session" down to and including the line "(10) Finance &c. Committee from 5 till 7 p.m.", and substitute

#### FIRST GROUP.

Sustentation Fund Committee 9.30 a.m. to rise not later than 11 a.m. Home Missions, Evangelism and 11 a.m. to rise not later than 12 noon. Testimony Committee Buildings Committee 12 noon to rise not later than 1 p.m. Highlands and Islands and Supply 2 p.m. to rise not later than 1 p.m. Committee.

#### SECOND GROUP.

Public Questions, Religion and 9.30 a.m. to rise not later than 11.30a.m. Morals Committee Welfare of Youth and 11.30 a.m. to rise not later than 1 p.m. Publications Committee Training of the Ministry and 2 p.m. to rise not later than 3.30 p.m. Admissions Committee Psalmody Committee 3.30 p.m. to rise not later than 4.30 p.m. The Finance, Law and Advisory Committee shall meet from 4.30 till 6.30 p.m.

VI. 3. Delete the first sentence only and substitute :-

"3. That the Finance Committee shall consist of the Conveners of the other Standing Committees, and the Convener of the Foreign, etc. Mission Board, with such elders added as shall secure a majority of elders on the Committee ". VI. 5. Delete and substitute :-

"5. That every person nominated to the Standing Committees (with the exception of the Finance, etc. Committee) must serve on all the Committees of one Group ".

**VIII. - Act anent College Curriculum. (No. 8 of Class II.)  
May 1961.**

**Edinburgh, 25th**

The General Assembly remind Presbyteries of their responsibilities in recommending young men for acceptance as Students for the Ministry of the Free Church of Scotland. The General Assembly urge that all applicants should be examined by the Presbytery on general fitness for the ministry before being recommended to the Training of the Ministry Committee for acceptance.

The General Assembly ordain that, in ordinary circumstances, applicants before being accepted must obtain a Certificate of Attestation of fitness admitting them to a University Course. Thereafter they shall study the number of subjects required for graduation in one of the faculties of a University. In the case of applicants who have not fulfilled this condition and who are not attending a Senior Secondary School, the following tests shall be passed before they are accepted:-

- (a) An initial Ability and Attainments Test (to be administered by the Presbytery).
- (b) The Ordinary Level Examination of the Scottish Education Department.
- (c) An Examination in Scripture Knowledge and Doctrine (Shorter Catechism) to be held in June and September. This Examination shall be called the Acceptance (Modified Course) Examination.

Those whose age and equipment do not warrant their attempting to qualify for entrance to a Graduation Course shall then take two years in one of the faculties of a University and shall study four subjects to be approved by the Training of the Ministry Committee. Should admission to a University be denied to these students, they shall take two years at an approved Tutorial College. Thereafter they shall proceed to the Free Church College and take the full Course. Concessions in language may be granted to these students should adequate cause be found by the Training of the Ministry Committee.

The Acceptance Examination (Modified Course) shall come in to force in May 1962.

Applicants who have gained the Certificate of Fitness admitting to a full University Course shall study the number of subjects required to graduate in one of the Faculties of the University. Before entering on their University course they shall be required to obtain the approval of the Training of the Ministry Committee for the proposed course. In the event of failure to obtain a degree, the reasons for this failure must be submitted to the Training of the Ministry Committee.

Students who have completed their University course to the satisfaction of the Training of the Ministry Committee are required to pass the Entrance Examination to the College in all subjects except in so far as they have already passed Degree examinations in these subjects.

The Entrance Examination to the College shall be held in June and September. A student not passing the required number of subjects in June will be permitted to sit in September such subjects as are necessary for the completion of the Examination, it being understood that the Entrance Examination shall be completed in not more than two sittings; otherwise the student shall repeat the examination in all subjects.

The General Assembly enact that Students be required to study the English Bible under the supervision of the Professors, who shall respectively assign the sections of the Old and New Testaments for study of

CONTENTS only and for examination so that the whole English Bible may be covered by the end of a student's course.

The General Assembly ordain that classes in Psalmody shall be taken in the First and Second Years of a Student's course and that instruction in Elocution be for the three years of the course.

The General Assembly ordain that arrangements be made whereby Lectures in Preaching and Pastoral work and other subjects as may be determined, be given by Ministers in the active ministry and others equipped for such service. The training of the Ministry Committee, in consultation with the Senatus, shall make arrangements for these Lectures, determine who shall be invited, when the Lecture shall be delivered and what remuneration shall be given to the Lecturer.

The General Assembly ordain that Exit Examinations shall continue and that the work prescribed for these shall be brought, where applicable, into line with the College Syllabus. These Examinations shall be set by external Examiners, appointed by the Training of the Ministry Committee, these Examiner's shall consult with the Professors of the subjects concerned in framing the questions in the Examination Papers.

The General Assembly ordain that the regular Divinity Course shall be of three Sessions' duration. Of these, the first two Sessions shall consist of three terms each, two terms of twelve teaching weeks each and the third term devoted to practical training. The third Session shall consist of two teaching terms only, each of twelve weeks' duration. The third term of the first and second Sessions shall be of two months wherein students shall give such preaching and pastoral service as may be arranged by the Training of the Ministry Committee in consultation with the Supply Committee, the Committee on Evangelism and the Highways and Byways Mission, Presbyteries, Ministers and Interim-Moderators of vacant congregations; these regulations to be subject to review, in the light of experience, at the end of three years.

The General Assembly encourage the fostering of sacred scholar-ship. They recommend that all encouragement should be given to promising students who finish their prescribed training in the Free Church College to take a Post-College Course at an accredited seat of sound Theological Training.

Recognising that a well-stocked, methodically arranged Library is essential to the working of the College, the General Assembly ordain that a Library Committee be set up by the Training of the Ministry Committee to consist of three members of that Committee, together with the Professor acting as Librarian, the Professor-Librarian to be Chairman. They further ordain that the Committee budget for a sum, not exceeding £250 annually, for the needs of the

Library.

In as much as the Special Commission does not assign any reasons for maintaining the opinion as to the powers of the Training of the Ministry Committee expressed in the last paragraph of their Report, the Assembly receive this paragraph but reserve judgment upon it.

The General Assembly re-affirm the finding of the General Assembly on 21st May 1937 bearing upon the powers of the Training of the Ministry Committee (Act 1937) viz. :-"The Assembly affirm that the Training of the Ministry of the Free Church of Scotland is regulated by Acts of Assembly dealing therewith, and in particular Act XI. 1860, Act VI. 1864, Act II. 1873, Act IV. 1887 and such Acts amending these Acts as may have been passed by the Assembly in so far as the application of these Acts is practicable". The Assembly declare that the Training of the Ministry Committee has no authority in the training of students and no power to grant concessions but such as is conferred upon it by the Acts of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly ordain that two representatives from the Senatus be appointed to the Training of the Ministry Committee.

The General Assembly also ordain that, in place of the present Board of Studies, the Training of the Ministry Committee shall appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of six members to include one of the representatives of the Senatus on the Training of the Ministry Committee, to deal with all Examinations (other than College Class Examinations), to appoint Examiners, to advise under-graduate students on their Course and report to the parent Committee. Three of these shall be a quorum.

The General Assembly also ordain that, in place of the present College Committee, the Training of the Ministry Committee shall appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of six members to include one of the representatives of Senatus on the Training of the Ministry Committee to deal with all matters of Finance, Professors' salaries, students' bursaries and grants, and College Fabric (this last in consultation with, and subject to the approval of, the Finance, Law and Advisory Committee). Three of these shall form a quorum.

These Sub-Committees shall elect their own chairmen.

It shall be permissible for Professors, as it is for Ministers in pastoral charges, to retire on attaining the age of sixty-five years, without submitting a medical certificate.

The General Assembly recommend that in any future appointment to a Chair in the Free Church College, consideration should be given to the term of office to determine where there ought to be a fixed age for retirement.

The General Assembly commend the College, so vital to the evangelical witness of the Church to the Prayers and benefactions of her faithful people.

The General Assembly discharge the Commission.

**IX. - Act amending Act 6, Class II., 1960. (Act 9 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 25th May 1961.**

The General Assembly approve the Committee's recommendation to alter the conditions governing the award of the pension to Retired Lay Agents and accordingly amend the Regulations governing provision for Aged and Infirm Agents as set forth in paragraph VIII. of Act XI., 1940 (Acts 1940 pp. 424, 555-556, as amended by Act VI., 1960, as follows:-

The General Assembly repeal all after the first paragraph of Act VI., 1960. They substitute for paragraph VIII. of the aforesaid Regulations the following:-

VIII. - An Agent who retires from duty and has completed ten full years of service shall, during the pleasure of the Committee, receive a retiring allowance of £4 per year of service rendered, without deduction in respect of Insurance Benefit or Pension.

**X. - Act anent appointing Trustees to Widows' and Orphans' Fund (No. 10 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 25th May 1961.**

The General Assembly re-appoint the Rev. Professor David McKenzie, M.A., as a Trustee and appoint Mr James Stewart, 1 Riselaw Road, Edinburgh, a Trustee to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Mr John W. Baxter.

**XI. - Act anent appointing Commission of Assembly. (No. 11 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 26th May 1961.**

The General Assembly did, and hereby do, nominate and appoint a Commission consisting of all the members of Assembly, with the addition of Rev. W. R. Mackay named by the Moderator TO BE A COMMISSION of this General Assembly with power to the said Commission or their quorum which is hereby declared to be any fifteen or more of their number, whereof eight at least are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene at Edinburgh on the third Wednesday of November and the first Wednesday of March next to come at eleven of the clock forenoon, and oftener when and where they shall think fit and convenient, with power to choose their own Moderator: and the General Assembly fully empower the said Commission or their quorum above mentioned to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see cause, in every matter referred to them or which shall be referred to them, by or in virtue of any Act or Order of the Assembly, and to do everything contained in and conform to the instruction given, or to be given, by the General Assembly and to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable. Provided always that, save as hereafter stated, this general clause be not extended to particular affairs or processes before Synods or Presbyteries that are not of universal concern to, or influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed that no private processes be determined except at the stated diets and that what shall be determined at one diet of the Commission with relation to private causes shall

be unalterable by any other diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in force until disapproved by the General Assembly. And further, the said Commission are hereby empowered to receive and fully dispose of applications that may be forwarded to them for raising preaching stations or suppressed charges to fully sanctioned charges, for the appointment of Ministers Overseas and Foreign Missionaries in the Mission Fields of the Church, for authority to sell such property as is not held under the Model Trust Deed and to receive any reference and appeal that shall be made to them from Synods in matters of doctrine, and ripen such affairs for next General Assembly and to contribute what they can to the suppression of vice and immorality, and to give all needful advice and assistance to Synods, Presbyteries and Committees of Assembly upon application to them for that end. And the said Commission are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other matters than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned. And in all their actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that, in and for all their actings, they shall be accountable to and censurable by next General Assembly, as they shall see cause. And this Commission shall continue and endure until another Commission is appointed. And members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission.

**XII. - Act anent appointing next General Assembly. (No. 12 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 26th May 1961.**

The General Assembly appoint the next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to meet in Edinburgh on Tuesday, 22nd May 1962, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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**1. - Act anent Loyal and Dutiful Address to Her Majesty The Queen. (No. 1 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 22nd May 1962.**

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

The Loyal and Dutiful Address of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly on the 22nd day of May 1962, respectfully assure Your Majesty of our steadfast allegiance and devotion to Your Majesty's Person and Throne. We are grateful to God that Your Throne is firmly established not only in the loyalty but also in the affections of Your peoples.

We give thanks to Almighty God for His goodness in granting Your Majesty strength to bear the great responsibilities of Your exalted station and to discharge efficiently its manifold duties, and we pray that you may always be conscious of His guidance and support.

With all Your Majesty's loyal subjects we have been filled with admiration by the arduous journey undertaken by Your Majesty and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, to Ghana; and by his Royal Highness to countries in South America for the binding of commonwealth ties and the fostering of international goodwill.

It gives us unfeigned pleasure that His Royal Highness Prince Charles is restored to health and will receive part of his education in Scotland; and we pray that he and their Royal Highnesses, Princess Anne and Prince Andrew may be graciously upheld by God as they are being prepared for their high station in life.

It is our constant prayer that counsel and wisdom may be bestowed by God upon Your Majesty's Ministers as they handle the many perplexing problems confronting them in the fields of international, commonwealth and national relationships, so that the peace of the world and the prosperity of our nation may be promoted.

We pray that God may ever enable Your Majesty to do His will and that His richest blessing

may rest on Your Person, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and the other members of the Royal Family.

We have the honour to be Your Majesty's faithful subjects,

The Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland in General Assembly convened.

Signed in our names and with our approval by,

W.J. Cameron, Moderator

**I. - Act anent amending Standing Order VI. 1, re Committees on Highlands, etc., and Church Extension. (No. 2 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 23rd May 1962.**

The General Assembly amend Standing Order VI., 1 to give effect to the following enactments:

1. The Committee on Highlands and Islands and Supply shall take over from the Committee on Home Missions, Evangelism and Testimony the "Home Mission" functions of the latter Committee, as set out in Act II., 1954, Section I. (b), and Act IV., 1956. The latter Committee shall retain its responsibility for spiritual oversight of Church Extension work, as set out in Act II., 1954, Section I.(a), and its administration of Funds on behalf of the same (Act II., 1954, Section II.(a)), and shall be renamed the Committee on Church Extension.
2. The Committee on Church Extension as above shall take over from the Special Committee on Funds for Church Extension the duties allocated to that Committee, namely the raising of funds for the provision of Church and Manse buildings where the need is most urgent; and the above Special Committee, after reporting to the Assembly, shall be discharged.
3. The Committee on Church Extension shall take the place in the Committee time-table of the Committee on Home a Missions, Etc.
4. These changes shall take effect after the last of the existing Committees concerned shall have reported to the Assembly, and the Nominations Committee shall meet meanwhile to make any necessary adjustments to their report.
5. The Highlands and Islands and Supply Committee shall be provided with funds, either by allocation of a special collection, or by allotment from the income of Home Mission investments, sufficient to meet the Home Mission commitments assumed by them, after these have been carefully scrutinised to ensure that grants are given only where the circumstances call for a grant; the object being that Home Mission funds should eventually be applicable entirely to development work as against ordinary congregational maintenance grants.
6. The Evangelist shall continue under the jurisdiction of the Committee responsible for Church Extension, which shall co-ordinate with the Supply Committee his work in vacant charges.

**III. - Act anent Church Extension Charges. (No. 3 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh,  
23rd May 1962.**

With regard to the definition of a Church Extension Charge, the General Assembly approve the following clauses as declaratory of the general sense in which the term has been used in previous legislation, and enact them as legislation suitable for present application :-

A Church Extension Charge differs from a fully sanctioned charge only in the following respects :-

- (1) Its contribution to the Sustentation Fund is at a fixed or graduated rate for a specified period, the conditions being incorporated in the deliverance which constitutes it a Church Extension Charge.
- (2) The stipend of its minister is fixed at a figure not necessarily the same as the equal dividend.
- (3) If a contribution to the stipend of its ministers is made from Church Extension or similar funds, the Committee concerned may be given the right to be consulted regarding the calling of a minister.

In regard to East Kilbride, constituted a Church Extension charge by last General Assembly, the General Assembly enact as follows :-

- (1) Its contribution to the Sustentation Fund shall be £150 per annum for three years, after which the conditions shall be reviewed.
- (2) Its Minister shall receive an annual stipend £100 above 1962 Equal Dividend to continue at this value for three years, after which it shall be subject to review.
- (3) The stipend shall be provided in equal proportions by the Sustentation Fund Committee, the Supply Committee, and the Committee responsible for Church Extension.
- (4) The Committee responsible for Church Extension shall be consulted regarding the calling of a Minister.

**IV. - Act anent Sustentation Fund. (No. 4 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 23rd May  
1962.**

The General Assembly receive and adopt the Report and thank the Committee, especially the Convener and Vice-Convener.

The General Assembly declare an Equal Dividend of £625 to every Minister on the Equal Dividend Platform at 31st December 1961, exclusive of the Premium payable to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The General Assembly authorise the Committee to give effect to their proposals for the payment of Ministers in 1962, with discretion to the Committee in respect of a further payment in November.

The General Assembly instruct the Committee to apply the principle of the Equal Dividend in all Settled Charges without exception, in accordance with the previous findings of the Assembly.

The General Assembly, in terms of Act 5 Class II., 1959, authorise the transference to the Supply Committee of such a sum, not exceeding £5,500, as will meet the cost of supplying Vacant Charges in respect of the current year.

The General Assembly note, with regret, that a number of Congregations do not contribute the minimum relevant to the current Dividend, and they direct the Committee to report to the next General Assembly on their efforts to secure, so far as possible, that such Congregations shall contribute the minimum required.

The General Assembly accept the recommendation of the Committee with respect to Congregations on Special Arrangements, and instruct the Committee to review all Congregations on Special Arrangements in terms of this recommendation.

The General Assembly repeal para. 6 of Act 8, 1958, and direct the Committee to pay the usual grant towards funeral expenses, irrespective of the operation of the National Insurance Act.

The General Assembly cordially thank all contributors to the Sustentation Fund, and those in charge of the collecting agencies within the Church, and pray for God's Blessing upon their most commendable service.

**V. - Act anent Regulations constituting Examination Board. (No. 5 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1962.**

The General Assembly repeal Act VI., 1953. with the exception of the first paragraph amended to read : "The General Assembly hereby repeal the regulations constituting the Examination Board, approved by 1920 General Assembly and any previous unrepealed legislation relating to that Board, along with Act V., Class II., 1950, and enact that the regulations governing admission and training of students be as set forth in Act VIII., 1961."

**VI. - Act anent Representation of Senatus on Training of the Ministry, etc.,  
Committee. (No. 6 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1962.**

Further, in accordance with Act VIII., 1961, the General Assembly amend standing Order VI. (4) in respect of that part of it which concerns the Training of the Ministry and Admissions Committee, to read as follows:-

“That the Senatus shall have the right to appoint two of their number ex officio supernumerary members to the Training of the Ministry Committee, if there is no member of the Senatus already on that Committee; and one of their number, for the same purpose, if there is already one member of the Senatus on the Committee.”

**VII. - Act anent Students Training at Foreign Universities. (No. 7 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1962.**

The General Assembly repeal Act V., 1860, and substitute the following “Any student who desires to take part of his training at a foreign University must observe the following conditions:-

- (1) He must make application in the first instance to the Training of the Ministry Committee who shall consult with the Presbytery with which the student is connected and with the Senatus of the Free Church College.
- (2) He must produce evidence that he has completed two sessions of attendance at the Free Church College and that his attendance, progress in his studies, and conduct have been satisfactory to the Professors under whom he has studied.
- (3) He must satisfy the Committee by suitable evidence, including a certificate under the hand of a professional teacher, that he has made such proficiency in the language used at the University at which he intends to study, as will enable him to understand and profit by the lectures and other exercises of the classes.
- (4) He must satisfy the Committee in regard to the classes he means to attend, and also in regard to the congregation with which he means to connect himself, as well as in regard to the introduction which he has, or is likely to have, to the Professors of such classes, and the Pastor or Pastors of said congregation.
- (5) He must, immediately upon his return to this country, produce to the Training of the Ministry Committee satisfactory evidence, including certificates under the hands of the Professors whose classes he has attended, and the Pastor or Pastors with whose congregation or congregations he has been connected, that his attendance at the University has been regular, his diligence satisfactory, and his conduct, so far as may be known, suitable and becoming; and shall, moreover, submit, if required, to an examination by the Committee on the branches of study in which he has been engaged.
- (6) He will, moreover, be expected to sit, at the conclusion of his year abroad, the Exit Examinations appropriate to his year of training and the examination required by the Presbytery.”

**VIII. - Act anent Revision of Foreign Missionary Regulations (No. 8 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1962.**

The General Assembly note with satisfaction that the revision of the Missionary Regulations has been completed and they adopt the Revised Regulations as published in Appendix I. They also adopt the Regulations governing general procedure with the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia as found in Appendix II.

#### APPENDIX I.

#### FOREIGN, OVERSEAS AND JEWISH MISSIONS BOARD. GENERAL RULES FOR THE MISSIONS, AND THE GUIDANCE OF THE MISSIONARIES FROM SCOTLAND, OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

1. The Free Church of Scotland, through its Board above named, selects, appoints and sends forth to its present fields (and to any fields that may hereafter be taken up) the following classes of Missionaries:- (1) Ordained Ministers, who have passed through the regular course of study in Arts and Theology, and have been by a Home Presbytery inducted to a particular field or office. (2) Medical Graduates or Licentiates, who may either have received ordination as Ministers after a restricted course of Theological training or, having been ordained Elders in a Home Congregation of the Church, have been set apart by a Home Presbytery under the Deliverance of the General Assembly of 1882. (3) Male Graduates of Faculties other than those of Theology and Medicine in any University, members and, preferably, office-bearers in a Home Congregation of the Church who have been appointed Missionary Professors or Teachers in the Christian Colleges, or Institutions and Schools of the Church. (4) Certificated Male Teachers, members and, preferably, office-bearers in a Home Congregation of the Church. (5) Artisans Male, of experience and capability, members and, preferably, office-bearers in a Home Congregation of the Church. (6) Women who are Medical Graduates or Licentiates, Graduates of Faculties other than Theology and Medicine, Certificated Teachers, Zenana Visitors, Trained Nurses or Bible Women, members in a Home Congregation of the Church.

Membership in a Home Congregation will ordinarily be a requisite for appointment as a missionary, but the Board may appoint missionaries who are members of the Irish Evangelical Church as presently constituted upon recommendation from his/her minister and, subject to the special procedures agreed upon, missionaries who are members of the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia. Appointment outwith these limits shall require the direct authority of the General Assembly. To the Industrial and School Departments of the various Missions, Colleges or Institutions, local appointments are made by the Local Authority and duly reported to the Board. Missionaries, while appointed in the first instance to a particular station, may be transferred by or by authority of, the Board from one Station to another in the same field.

2. Medical Certificates. - All appointments are subject to medical certification for both Missionaries and their wives, and for those who go out to be married to Missionaries. Such certification will be provided both by the Missionary's family doctor and a doctor appointed by the Board at the time of application and again prior to embarkation.

3. Term of Office. - It shall always be within the power of the Board at the time of an appointment to enter into special arrangements with any Missionary, Ordained or Unordained, for a definite term of service of such length and subject to such conditions as

may be agreed on. Failing any such special arrangements (which are to be made only in exceptional circumstances and to be forthwith reported to the next ensuing General Assembly or meeting of its Commission), the following conditions shall apply, viz. :-

(a) Ordained Missionaries. - In the case of Ordained Missionaries the appointment contemplates a service for life, but terminable at any time either (1) by resignation, after six months' notice given to the Board and by them or by the General Assembly accepted; or (2) under the discipline of the Church Courts; or (3) by a resolution of the Board dispensing with the services of the Missionary for special reasons satisfactory to the Board, and confirmed by the General Assembly. In the case of the Board's resolution being confirmed, a year's notice to date from the resolution of the Board, or a year's salary, will be given, along with return passage if the Missionary whose services are so dispensed with shall not have already returned to Scotland at the expense of the Board. If a Missionary shall resign, as above provided for, and his resignation shall have been accepted, the Board shall not make payment of the passage home of the Missionary unless (i) the service of the Missionary since the time of induction or the date when his last furlough took end (whichever is the later date) shall have endured for at least one-half of the period which in the particular field warrants a furlough, and (ii) the Missionary shall sail for Scotland within three months of his resignation taking effect, without prejudice always to the Board's making payment of the passage home where in their judgement the circumstances justify their so doing.

Without prejudice to the provision of the foregoing paragraph, it shall be competent for the Board to enter into a written agreement with an Ordained Missionary, the terms of such written agreement being restricted to the delimitation of the Missionary's sphere of service and the financial and other material provisions of his appointment.

(b) All Unordained Missionaries (inclusive of Medical Missionaries, Teachers and other ordained as Elders) except such as shall be locally appointed to industrial and school departments, shall be appointed on a written engagement for a period which shall (subject to the terms of Rule 9 (v) terminate at the expiration of five years from the date of embarkation at the port of this country from which they leave, subject always to termination under discipline of the Church Courts, and subject also to a break at the end of three years on either side upon six months' notice. On the completion of the five years unbroken term, or of a term shortened by an authorised break, the Board shall pay three months' salary at furlough rate and also provide return passage, if the Missionary sails within three months after the expiry of the term. It is hoped, however, as has frequently been the case, that the five years' engagement will be renewed indefinitely or for a specified period. An engagement renewed indefinitely will be terminable at any time by resignation after six months' notice given to the Board, and by them accepted, in which event the conditions applicable in the case of the resignation of an Ordained Missionary shall apply. Each completed engagement, in the case of engagements for a definite period not renewed, and the operation of any authorised break in any such engagement, will found a claim for three months' salary at furlough rate and for return passage within three months of the date of leaving the Mission Station.

(c) Appointments run from the date of ordination and induction in the case of Ordained Missionaries, and in other cases from a date to be specified at the time of appointment. Salary shall be payable from these dates, but only at home (or furlough) rate until arrival at the seaport of the Mission country.

4. (a) Marriage. - If a Woman Missionary shall marry, her engagement under the Board shall at once terminate. If at the date of such marriage the Woman Missionary shall have served for less than three years since the date of entering upon duty, either for the first time or after furlough, she shall be bound to repay to the Board a proportion of the money paid to, or spent upon, her by the Board in name of outfit or passage money for her last outgoing corresponding to the proportion which the unexpired portion of the period of three years shall bear to the whole period of three years. In no case shall the Board be bound to provide return passage to Great Britain for a Woman Missionary whose engagement shall be terminated as aforesaid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be competent for the local authority to continue to employ a married Woman Missionary as a Member of the Staff, subject to such special adjustment of terms as to residence, remuneration and duration of engagement as the local authority in their discretion may deem proper, the action of such local authority to be forthwith communicated to the Board and to be subject to confirmation by the Board.

(b) Outfit. - Missionaries proceeding to any of the Church's Mission Stations shall receive such sums by way of outfit allowance as the Board shall deem appropriate in each case.

(c) Passage. - In every case the passage out shall be paid, including reasonable travelling expenses at each end.

5. Widows' and Orphans' Fund. - Every missionary who comes within the definition of "Missionary" in Order No. 19 (Widows' and Orphans' Fund) of the Commissioners acting under the Churches' (Scotland) Act, 1905, or any Act or Order coming in place thereof, shall become connected with the Free Church (Scotland) Widows' and Orphans' Fund, or any Fund coming in place thereof. The Fund is now known as The Churches' and Universities' (Scotland) Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The annual premium due to the Fund shall be payable by the Board. Entry Money and Marriage Tax required by the Regulations of the Fund shall be payable by the Missionary. These two rates shall in the first instance be advanced by the Board and be deducted thereafter from the first quarterly salary due to be paid to the Missionary. Any additional payment required, e.g. climate rate, shall be met by the Board.

6. Insurance of Missionaries. - As far as possible, Missionaries of insurable age, ordained and unordained, shall be insured under the British National Health Insurance Scheme, the contributions at the appropriate special rate being borne wholly by the Board. In order to give effect to these the missionary will, before leaving this country lodge his/her National Health Insurance Card with the General Treasurer by whom the requisite payments will be made. Should a missionary leave the service of the Board he/she will receive his/her Insurance Card stamped to the date of such termination of service and the Board's responsibility in this matter will then cease. In the special case of a missionary whose service is terminated by illness it shall be competent for the Board at their discretion to give such financial help as the circumstances shall warrant.

In the case of missionaries who are not insurable under the British National Health Scheme it shall be competent for the Board, should they deem it feasible, to arrange some other form of insurance.

Endowment Assurances already effected under Regulation 6 as amended and approved by the Commission of Assembly in November 1948 shall continue until they mature, the rights of the Board being conserved against any default by the assured.

7. Vernacular Language. - Missionaries must gain a working knowledge of the vernacular language and the Board is empowered to meet the cost of school fees or some agreed method of tuition. An acceptable certificate of progress must be received by the Board within two years of a Missionary's arrival at his station.

8. Leave. - Local leave of absence within the Mission country for not more than one month in each year may be granted by the Local Authority, it being recognised that climatic considerations may make it more imperative than at home for Missionaries to have an annual change. Sick-leave for not more than one month, on medical certificate, may be granted at any time by the same authority in cases of emergency. Local leave beyond a month or sick-leave for return home must be authorised by the Board. In cases of authorised sick-leave for return home, the Local Authority may advance the necessary travelling expenses.

Missionaries in India who, on account of the climate, may require a holiday in the hills, shall be entitled to an allowance for this purpose. The amount of the allowance will be determined by the Board.

Lay Agents who are Missionaries of the Free Church, appointed by and serving under the Foreign, Overseas and Jewish Missions' Board, are eligible for grants for the Invalid Ministers' and Lay Agent's Fund.

9. (i) Furlough for Ordained Missionaries shall, provided always that the state of the work of the Mission and the arrangements for carrying it on during temporary absence are such as warrant the Local Authority to recommend the furlough, be allowed, and passage money home and back to duty shall be paid by the Foreign Missions Board as follows:-

(a) India. - After a first term of five years service and each subsequent term of five years service on full pay, furlough for twelve months.

(b) South Africa. - After each term of five years' service as aforesaid, furlough for twelve months.

(c) Peru. - After each term of five years' service as aforesaid, furlough for twelve months.

(ii) The period of furlough shall be reckoned from the sailing of the first available steamer from the usual seaport of the Mission country after the Missionary leaves his station; and the period occupied by his journey back to that seaport shall be included in the furlough period.

(iii) The Board reserve the power to judge how far sick or special leave may affect furlough and the salary or allowance, if any, to be paid during that leave.

(iv) These regulations as to furlough for Ordained Missionaries shall apply also to Unordained Missionaries who shall have completed a term of five years and shall within

three months after such completion, have agreed to renew their services for a new and agreed on period or indefinitely, and with respect to Ordained Missionaries and such Unordained Missionaries as shall renew their service indefinitely, it is a condition that the acceptance of furlough shall imply an agreement by such Missionaries to continue service after furlough for a period equal to at least one-half of the period of service entitling to furlough.

(v) It shall be a definite condition, with reference alike to Ordained and Unordained Missionaries, that if the termination of a specified period of service on arrival of the time for furlough to begin shall occur during the currency of a School Session or a recognised year of operation in any College, Hospital or Institution in which the Missionary may be engaged such termination of service or beginning of furlough shall stand deferred until the close of such Session or recognised year.

(vi) In all stations, and especially in all District Missions, the aim of the Missionary must be to train Native Agents, so that during the temporary absence of a Missionary, the work may be efficiently carried on by them under the supervision of a neighbouring Missionary.

10. Salaries and Allowances. - The salaries of Missionaries shall be as may be specially arranged on the occasion of each appointment. In addition to such salaries an allowance shall be made for each child of a married Missionary according to a scale approved by the Board such scale to be subject to review from time to time.

11. Furlough (or Home Rate) Salary. - A Missionary, during time of furlough, shall receive full salary, while on the journey between his station and the usual seaport, and furlough pay while on the journey between that seaport and Scotland. The rates of furlough pay shall be as follows:-

(a) For Men (Ordained Ministers, Doctors, Teachers and Artisans):- The last declared equal dividend payable to Ministers at home out of the Sustentation Fund, with the use of a house provided by the Board or a reasonable sum in lieu thereof.

(b) For Women. - As agreed upon in each case, regarding being had to the current cost of living.

12. Travelling Expenses. - When the Board defray the cost of a Missionary's journey it shall be at 2nd class rate in British Railways and at a comparable class on foreign railways. Sea voyages shall be at tourist or cabin class or equivalent. When travel is to be by air any cost in excess of land/sea travel shall not be payable by the Board unless they have previously given their approval of the additional expenditure. Where applicable, reasonable allowances will be made for over-night sleeper accommodation, luggage and subsistence.

13. Payment of Passage of Missionary's Wife. - The Board (subject always to Rule 2) pay the passage out of a Missionary's wife or of a lady going out to be married to a Missionary. The Board also pay the passage home and out again of the wife of a Missionary who is taking furlough. A Missionary's wife is entitled, at the cost of the Board, to the same passages as her husband may be entitled to after his marriage, and no more. In the case of a Missionary's wife who is not entitled to furlough under this rule coming home, the local

authority is empowered to advance the amount of her passage money, which shall be repaid by her husband, as may be arranged in each case unless such home-coming be merely in anticipation of furlough shortly due, in which case the repayment shall be made by the Board.

The Board shall bear the expense of travel home from India or Peru of the children of Missionaries when they reach the age at which, from consideration of health or other reason sustained by the Board, it is necessary or desirable that they should be in this country. When Missionaries bring home children otherwise than as here provided for, the Board will pay the passage of those under eighteen years of age, not more than once in any five-year period.

When a Missionary's child whose outgoing has been at the Board's expense in terms of these regulations, shall reach the age of 18 years on the mission field, the Board will be required to meet only the expenses of his/her return to this country.

14. Employment of Missionary during Furlough. - Missionaries at home on furlough, or invalided, are expected, so far as the state of their health and other circumstances admit, to co-operate in promoting the interests of the Foreign Missions throughout the Church. Normally, they shall be expected to do so during one-half of their time at home.

15. Missionary's Duties. - A Missionary shall not (save in circumstances which constitute an emergency) absent himself from his own sphere for a longer period than one month without the consent of the Board; he shall not undertake duties outside those to which he has been appointed which may conflict with his full performance of such duties; and he shall not undertake any scheme (and particularly any scheme involving the Board in charges and expenses) which is novel or is an extension of any scheme already sanctioned and defined by the Board beyond such sanction and definition, without the Board's being advised thereof in advance and their approval being first obtained.

16. Correspondence with the Board. - Every Missionary is required to send a letter to the Board at least once a year, for the communication of suitable information through the usual channels to the Church, to stimulate the knowledge, prayer, and self-sacrifice of the members of the Church. Local Authorities will correspond with the Board through the Chairman as frequently as the business of the Mission, requires, and shall also, not later than 10th January in each year, furnish the Board with a financial statement of work in the field, and a budget for the ensuing year of income and expenditure showing what money the Board is asked to provide. Further, the Local Authority shall transmit an Annual Report for the General Assembly, so as to reach the Board not later than 1st March. No Missionary shall communicate to the Press, including in that term the Magazines of the Church, any article involving matter of policy with respect to either doctrine, methods, or extension of sphere of operation, or containing appeals for financial aid, without first submitting the same to the Board and receiving their concurrence.

17. Local Authority. - Where no Mission Presbytery exists, but where there are two or more Missionaries, whether Ordained or Unordained, in any field or station in any field, these Missionaries may, with the approval of the Board, be formed into a Mission Council which shall appoint its own Chairman. The function of the Council shall be advisory, that is to say they may advise and through their Chairman in the matter to be determined by the Board,

may make recommendations for the consideration of the Board. Where neither Mission Presbytery nor a Mission Council shall have been formed, but there are on the field two or more Ordained or Unordained Missionaries, one of these Missionaries shall be designated by the Board to be the Missionary Correspondent. The term "Local Authority" used in these Regulations shall mean the Mission Presbytery, or if there be no Presbytery then the Mission Council, or the Missionary Correspondent as the case may be.

18. Property. - Abroad, as at home, Acts of the General Assembly passed in and since 1844 vest all heritable property and monies for Church and Mission purposes in the General Trustees of the Free Church of Scotland, who may, as and when required, grant powers of attorney to local agents in the Mission Fields. The Missionaries are charged with the management of the property in the best interests of the Church, under the Foreign Missions Board. Repairs and insurance should be locally provided for. Occupants of mission-houses who are not missionaries appointed by the Board or the Local Authority shall pay tenants taxes. Copies of all Title Deeds of properties held abroad shall be sent to the Custodian of Titles. The original Titles shall be deposited with the local bank where the Mission has its account.

19. Relation of Missionaries to the Native Church and Agents - All native agents, whether Ordained Missionaries and Pastors, or employed in the other departments of evangelistic, educational, or medical work are held to be in the service of the Native Church for local missions, as sanctioned by the General Assembly. The Board attach the highest importance to the formation and development in every station of self-propagating and, as soon as possible, self-supporting congregations, however small at first, under their own pastors not only in town and the great centres, but in villages. Towards the payment of Native Pastors the Board may grant small supplements so as to help such congregations as help themselves. All grants for native agents are made in the currency of their own country.

20. Presbyteries. - Where the number of Ordained Missionaries and the number of Elders, either Missionary or native, together with the size of the field and other local considerations render that practicable, a Mission Presbytery may, agreeably to the legislation of the Church (Vide the Acts quoted in Proceedings 1930, pp. 460-464) be formed in subordination to the General Assembly, in which case all Ordained Missionaries and all Unordained Missionaries appointed by the Committee who are Elders, stationed within the area of the Presbytery, shall be constituent Members thereof. Mission Presbyteries shall (subject to these Regulations) have full control of the more purely local preaching and (administratively) Medical Work, but otherwise, and in particular in respect of questions of Missionary policy, the Missionaries and Mission work in every Station shall be under the general administrative control of the Board in loco Synodi and of the General Assembly.

21. A Mission Presbytery, in selecting Commissioners to represent it at the General Assembly in accordance with existing legislation, may so do by the election of Ministers and Elders who are Members of Presbytery, in which case their Commissions shall be supported by the customary Certificate from the Presbytery within which is situated his Charge, and each Elder shall receive his Certificate from the Kirk Session of which he is a Member.

22. Where a Mission Presbytery shall exist, and there shall at any time not be two Ordained Ministers, Members of that Presbytery, resident within the bounds of the Mission Presbytery,

but there shall be in Scotland, for the time being, an Ordained Minister who is a Member of that Presbytery, the then Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board shall (but only for the purpose after-mentioned, and for the aforesaid time being) ex officio be Assessors to that Presbytery, and it shall be competent for the Presbytery to meet in Scotland, that is to say, outwith its own bounds, for the purpose of electing two Commissioners (i.e. one Minister and one ruling Elder, neither of them necessarily being members of the Presbytery) to the next ensuing General Assembly, provided always (i) that an Excerpt Minute of the Board certifying that the conditions of this paragraph apply, shall be laid before any Meeting of the Presbytery so held in Scotland and reproduced in gremio of the Minute of the Meeting, and of any Excerpt which may be issued of that Minute, and (ii) that the election of Commissioners hereby provided for takes place after 1st January and not later than forty days before the next meeting of the Assembly.

23. The preceding Article No. 22 shall not apply to an Unordained Missionary who is at home, such Missionary, if an Elder, being eligible to be elected a Commissioner in any Presbytery of the Church. If he be so elected a Certificate under the hand of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board that he is bona fide a Missionary of the Church, and that he has signed the Formula, shall be sufficient.

24. Every Ordained Missionary (Minister or Elder) who is at home on furlough and who may not have been appointed a Commissioner shall nevertheless be a Member of the General Assembly and the Commission thereof, provided he shall furnish to the Clerk of Assembly, not later than seven days before the opening of the Assembly (or a diet of the Commission thereof), a certificate of his standing under the hand of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Missions Board, and as such a Member he shall be subject to no disqualification. To secure the balance of Ministers and Elders on the Roll of the Assembly, the Presbyteries of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dingwall, Tain and Inverness in rotation on their being advised by the Clerk of Assembly of the need for such nomination, are hereby authorised to nominate an Elder or a Minister, as the case may be, to correspond with each Minister or Elder who is commissioned under the former part of this regulation. In the case of an Elder from the Foreign Mission Field to whom a Commission is given under the hand of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Missions Board, such Commissions shall be held to cover both his Presbyterial and Session Certificates.

25. When there is no Mission Presbytery having jurisdiction over a Foreign Colonial, Continental or Jewish District (hereinafter referred to as "Foreign Charge") to which a Missionary is appointed, the ordination and induction of a Probationer to a Foreign Charge, or induction in the case of an Ordained Minister, shall be carried through by the Presbytery appointed by the General Assembly or their Commission, but the Missionary shall not thereby become a member of the Presbytery setting him apart, but shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board. When a Mission Presbytery exists, any Missionary appointed to a charge within the bounds of the Presbytery shall be ordained and/or inducted by the Presbytery in the ordinary way, the Presbytery reporting to the General Assembly through the Board.

26. A call may be presented by a home congregation to a Minister labouring as a Missionary, provided that the call is moderated in the usual way by the Presbytery within whose bounds the congregation is situated, that the call is thereafter transmitted to the Foreign Missions

Board, who shall make recommendations thereon, and that notice is sent by the Presbytery moderating in the call to the Missionary concerned and the Mission Presbytery, where such exists, in order that they may make recommendations thereon, and thereafter the matter shall be laid before the General Assembly in the Board's Report with their recommendations, and those of the Presbytery moderating in the call and of the Mission Presbytery, where such exists.

27. When a congregation in a foreign port desires to call a Minister from the Church at home, the Mission Presbytery shall moderate in the call in the usual way; where no such Presbytery exists, the congregation concerned shall call by Petition. In both these cases the Call or Petition shall be sent to the Board, notice shall also be sent by the Congregation to the Minister concerned and to the Presbytery within whose bounds he is placed. In the case of the Probationer, the Call or Petition will come to the Board who will deal with the party called. When the Presbytery within whose bounds the Minister under call holds his charge have decided to dispose of the call and have given due notice thereon, the Board will be represented if they so desire, at the bar of the Presbytery in their own interests, and they shall be at liberty also to hold a mandate from the Mission Congregation or Presbytery, to prosecute the call.

28. A Mission Presbytery, or, in the absence of such Presbytery the Board, may recommend to the General Assembly that any Mission Congregation be recognised as a regularly constituted charge.

29. Missionaries going out for the second period, and subsequent periods of service, shall be required to sign an agreement binding them to the then existing regulations.

30. Overseas (formerly Colonial) Missions. - (1) A Call or Petition from an Overseas Congregation under the supervision of the Overseas Board to a Minister or Ordained Missionary of the Free Church shall be transmitted through the Board who shall exercise their discretion as to whether the Call shall be passed through the usual channels to the Minister concerned.

(2) Before any such Call or Petition is entertained by the Board the Minimum Stipend promised by the Congregation and the financial arrangements for meeting this charge shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

(3) The Congregation calling the Minister shall be responsible for his outgoing travelling expenses.

(4) The Board shall accept responsibility for the furlough expenses to his home country of a Minister after he has given a period of seven years' service in the Overseas Field, it being understood that the Congregation determine the length of furlough and retain responsibility for Stipend.

(5) In the event of a Congregation failing to provide the promised Minimum Stipend, the Board shall undertake to make up the deficit at the end of each financial year for a period of three years and, failing more satisfactory financial arrangements at the end of this period, the Board shall provide, if desired, the Minister's travelling expenses to this country.

(6) In the case of a Minister having given seven years' service and not wishing to return to the Overseas Field, he shall receive six months' salary, the cost to be borne equally by the Congregation and the Board.

## APPENDIX II.

### GENERAL PROCEDURE IN RELATION TO THE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA

(1) Members of the Australian Church, resident in Australia, who desire to volunteer for work in Free Church of Scotland Missions, should apply, in the first instance, to their home Committee indicating the preferred sphere of labour. The Australian Committee would pass on this application, with its comments, to the Free Church of Scotland Foreign Missions Board.

(2) When members of the Australian Church resident in Britain apply directly to the Free Church of Scotland Board for acceptance as Missionaries, enquiry will be made by the Board forthwith as to whether they have any contractual obligations to the Australian Church. Where such a bond exists, even if of an informal nature, applicants will be instructed to direct their application via the Australian Church. Even where no such obligation exists the Board will notify the Australian Church of the application and invite its comments.

(3) It has been customary for Free Church Presbyteries to licence Australian students who have been under their jurisdiction during the period of their training in this country. It is assumed that the Australian Church would wish this to continue in the case of missionary applicants. Ordination and induction or, in the case of unordained missionaries, their setting apart to the work, could be decided in collaboration with the Australian Church in each particular case having regard to the desires of the applicant and the circumstances of his/her appointment.

### **IX. - Act anent Regulations for Resident Lay Agents (No. 9 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1962.**

The General Assembly approve the Committee's action in drawing up the following Regulations governing the employment of Resident Lay Agents:-

The Free Church of Scotland. The Highlands and Islands and Supply Committee.  
Regulations Governing the Employment of Resident Lay Agents.

1. A Resident Lay Agent is appointed by the Highlands and Islands and Supply Committee to preach and exercise pastoral care in a Congregation under the direction of the Kirk Session.
2. All appointments made by the Committee are done in consultation with the Kirk Session.

3. A Resident Lay Agent may be transferred from one sphere of work to another at the Committee's discretion, after due intimation to the Kirk Session and Presbyteries concerned. It is desirable that he take his Disjunction Certificate with him and that he be put on the roll of the Congregation, as in the case of Ordained Ministers.

4. If an Agent shall be sick and be unfit for duty, he shall forthwith :-

(a) Take action as prescribed by Law for securing (i) benefit in respect of National Health Insurance, and (ii) any pension or other benefit provided by Law.

(b) Give intimation of his sickness to the Committee and the Clerk of Presbytery.

5. If an Agent's absence from duty shall extend beyond four successive Sabbath days, the Committee may require him to submit himself to examination by a Medical Officer selected and paid by the Committee, in order to a report being furnished to the Committee as to the prospect of the Agent's return to duty.

6. During absence from duty on account of sickness, the Committee shall continue to pay the usual remuneration of the Agent under deduction of:-

The amount drawn, or the amount which, for the purpose of these Regulations shall be deemed to be drawn by the Agent as National Health Insurance benefit.

7. If an Agent shall continue unfit for duty by reason of sickness for more than twelve months, it shall be competent in their discretion for the Committee to allocate such grant to the Agent, on compassionate grounds, as the Committee may think fit.

8. The Committee shall be responsible for the payment of the Agent's salary and National Health Insurance Contributions as appropriate.

**X. - Act anent appointing Trustee to Widows' and Orphans' Fund. (No. 10 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1962.**

The General Assembly re-appoint Mr Donald Macarthur a Trustee of the Fund.

**XI. - Act anent Dependants of Lay Agents or Retired Lay Agents on their death. (No. 11 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1962.**

The General Assembly authorise that a Funeral Grant of £40 be paid to the dependants of Lay Agents or Retired Lay Agents on their death.

**XII. - Act anent Collections. (No. 12 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 25th May 1962.**

The General Assembly appoint Collections to be made during the ensuing year in all Congregations of the Church on behalf of the Schemes listed below.

As a guide to Congregations which use a weekly offering system for these and other purposes, the total amount required for the undernoted Schemes is found to be of the same order as the aggregate of the Collections used for local congregational purposes, and the amount required for Sustentation Fund of the order of one-third more than this aggregate.

For Congregations which take Special Collections for the Schemes of the Church, the General Assembly appoint dates as shown, the Collection to be taken on the appointed date or the nearest convenient date thereto.

1. Retired Lay Agents 3rd Sabbath of June 1962 2. Highlands and Islands ,, July ,, 3. Aged and Infirm Ministers and ,, August ,, Retired Professors 4. Foreign and Overseas Missions ,, September ,, 5. Supply ,, October ,, 6. Jewish Missions ,, November ,, 7. Welfare of Youth ,, January 1963 8. Training of Ministry ,, February ,, 9. Buildings ,, March ,, 10. Home Missions and Church Extension ,, April ,, 11. College ,, May ,,

Home Missions and Church Extension are now administered by two different Committees and the Assembly has agreed that the relevant collection shall be divided equally between these objects. In forwarding this collection, Congregational Treasurers are asked to make an allocation of half to each fund.

Conveners of Committees are instructed to see that timely notice of each Special Collection is sent to all Congregations.

Envelopes in which to contribute a weekly offering of threepence for Church Extension will be provided in any desired quantity on application to the General Treasurer.

The General Assembly commend to the loyal people of the Church the privilege of contributing regularly to the cause of God according to the measure in which God has prospered them.

**XIII. - Act anent appointing Commission of Assembly. (No. 13 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 25th May 1962.**

It was moved, seconded and agreed to that:-

The General Assembly did, and hereby do, nominate and appoint a Commission consisting of all the members of Assembly, with the addition of Rev. G. N. M. Collins named by the Moderator: To be a Commission of this General Assembly with power to the said Commission or their quorum which is hereby declared to be any fifteen or more of their number, whereof eight at least are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene at Edinburgh on the second Wednesday of August, the third Wednesday of November and the first Wednesday of March next to come at eleven of the clock forenoon, and oftener when and where they shall think fit and convenient, and with power to choose their own Moderator; and the General Assembly fully empower the said Commission or their quorum above mentioned to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see cause, in every matter referred

to them or which shall be referred to them, by or in virtue of any Act or Order of the Assembly, and to do everything contained in and conform to the instruction given, or to be given, by the General Assembly and to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable. Provided always that, save as hereafter stated, this general clause be not extended to particular affairs or processes before Synods or Presbyteries that are not of universal concern to, or influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed that no private processes be determined except at the stated diets and that what shall be determined at one diet of the Commission with relation to private causes shall be unalterable by any other diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in force until disapproved by the General Assembly. And further, the said Commission are hereby empowered to receive and fully dispose of applications that may be forwarded to them for raising preaching stations or suppressed charges to fully sanctioned charges, for the appointment of Ministers Overseas and Foreign Missionaries in the Mission Fields of the Church, for authority to sell such property as is not held under the Model Trust Deed and to receive any reference and appeal that shall be made to them from Synods in matters of doctrine, and ripen such affairs for next General Assembly and to contribute; what they can to the suppression of vice and immorality, and to give all needful advice and assistance to Synods, Presbyteries and Committees of Assembly upon application to them for that end. And the said Commission are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other matters than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned. And in all their actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that, in and for all their actings, they shall be accountable to and censurable by next General Assembly, as they shall see cause. And this Commission shall continue and endure until another Commission is appointed. And members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission.

**XIV. - Act anent appointing next General Assembly (No. 14 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 25th May 1962.**

It was moved, seconded and agreed to that:-

The General Assembly appoint the next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to meet in Edinburgh, the 21st day of May 1963, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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THE PRINCIPAL ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

MAY XXI., MCMLXIII. (1963)

**CLASS I. - ACTS WHICH HAVE PASSED THE BARRIER ACT.**

NONE.

**CLASS II. - ACTS WHICH ARE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE CHURCH.**

**I. - Act anent amending Standing Order V., 11, 1. (No. 1 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 21st May 1963**

The General Assembly delete Standing Order V. 11, 1 and substitute for it the following :-

1. That the list of corresponding Churches and Societies shall be as determined by the General Assembly from time to time on the recommendation of the Assembly Arrangements Committee.
2. That deputies from corresponding Churches or Societies shall forward their commission or letters of introduction so as to reach the Clerk of Assembly not later than the 1st day of May in each year; and he shall submit the same to the Business Committee so that arrangements may be made for the deputies to address the General Assembly.
3. That deputies from Churches or Societies other than those aforesaid shall likewise forward commissions or letters of introduction so as to reach the Clerk of Assembly by the 1st day of May and he shall report receipt of the same to the Business Committee so that arrangements may be made for the Moderator receiving such deputies. But they shall in no case be invited to address the House unless special request be made by the General Assembly when the report of the Business Committee is submitted at the forenoon sederunt on the second day of the sittings of the Assembly.

**II. - Act anent appointing Principal Clerk. (No. 2 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 21st  
May 1963.**

The General Assembly learn with great regret of the desire of the Principal Assembly Clerk to be relieved of his office at the close of this Assembly. They grant his request, express their thanks for his long and distinguished service in the Clerks' Department and authorise the Finance Committee to give him a retiring allowance in terms of Act IV., 1890.

The General Assembly, in accordance with the former practice of the Church, appoint Professor W. J. Cameron, Junior Clerk, to be Senior Clerk, on the same terms as those on which Mr MacLeod held office, his appointment to date from the close of this Assembly.

**III. - Act anent Salaries of Editors. (No. 3 of Class II.)**  
**1963.**

**Edinburgh, 21st May**

The General Assembly, in appreciation of the labours of the Editors of our respective Magazines, and realising its obligation regarding the same, increase their remuneration to the following sum - Editor of the Monthly Record - £160; Editor of the Instructor - £120.

**IV. - Act anent Loyal and Dutiful Address to Her Majesty the Queen. (No. 4 of Class II.)**  
**Edinburgh, 22nd May 1963.**

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Loyal and Dutiful Address of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly in Edinburgh on the 21st day of May 1963, respectfully assure Your Majesty of our unfeigned and unchanging allegiance to Your Majesty's Person and Throne.

We give continued thanks to Almighty God for His goodness to Your Majesty in all your journeyings, at home and overseas, and for His maintaining Your Majesty in health and in strength in all the arduous duties and responsibilities of Your Exalted Office.

We, along with all Your Majesty's loyal subjects, rejoice in the success of the recent visit of Your Majesty and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, to Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia. We know that such visits by Your Majesty and by His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and by other members of Your Royal House not only give untold pleasure to the countries visited, but strengthen the ties which bind the countries of the Commonwealth together, and establish Your Majesty's Throne ever more firmly in the loyalty and affections of your peoples.

We rejoice in the recent marriage of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra to the Honourable Angus Ogilvie, and we pray that God's richest blessing may be their daily and continuing portion.

We constantly pray that Your Majesty's Ministers may ever seek the counsel, and be guided by the wisdom, of Almighty God, in their conduct of the affairs of the realm, and in all their efforts to promote prosperity at home, unity in the Commonwealth, and peace among the nations.

We give thanks for the simple and sincere recognition of the divine sovereignty in Your

Majesty's public utterances and Your Majesty's habitual recognition of the Public Worship of God on the Lord's Day and we pray that His blessing may continue to rest upon Your Majesty's Person and Rule, upon His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, upon their Royal Highnesses, Prince Charles, Princess Anne, and Prince Andrew, upon Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and upon the other members of Your Royal House.

Your Majesty's most obedient and faithful servants, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland in General Assembly convened.

(Sgd.) R. C. CHRISTIE, Moderator.

**V. - Act anent Sustentation Fund. (No. 5 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 22nd May  
1963.**

The General Assembly receive and adopt the Report and thank the Committee, especially the Convener and Vice-Convener.

The General Assembly declare an Equal Dividend of £665 to every Minister on the Equal Dividend Platform at 31st December 1962, exclusive of the Premium payable to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The General Assembly authorise the Committee to give effect to their proposals for the payment of Ministers in 1963, with discretion to the Committee in respect of a further payment in November.

The General Assembly instruct the Committee to apply the principle of the Equal Dividend in all Settled Charges without exception, in accordance with the previous findings of the Assembly.

The General Assembly approve the Committee's recommendation that the Minimum Contribution required before Congregations shall be placed on the Equal Dividend shall be not less than one half of the current Equal Dividend.

The General Assembly, in terms of Act 5, Class II., 1959, authorise the transference to the Supply Committee of such a sum, not exceeding £5,500, as shall meet the cost of supplying Vacant Charges in respect of the current year.

The General Assembly cordially thank all contributors to, and those in charge of the collection of, the Sustentation Fund within the Church, and pray that this Fund shall have their continued loyal and generous support.

**VI. - Act anent Amending Act IX., 1962. (No. 6 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 22nd  
May 1963.**

The General Assembly delete Clause 6 of Act IX., 1962 (No. 9 of Class II.) Regulations governing the Employment of Resident Lay Agents, namely:

“During absence from duty on account of sickness, the Committee shall continue to pay the usual remuneration of the Agent under deduction of :-

the amount drawn, or the amount which for the purpose of these Regulations shall be deemed to be drawn by the Agent as, National Health Insurance Benefit “.

**VII. - Act anent Territorial Organisation (No. 7 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 22nd May 1963.**

The General Assembly direct that the territorial administration of the Church in the home area shall be in the hands of three Committees - a Committee on Sustentation, a Committee on Supply, and a Committee on Extension and Maintenance.

To this end the General Assembly ordain as follows :-

1. The General Assembly alter the name of the Sustentation Fund Committee to Committee on Sustentation; and assign to it general financial responsibility for the provision of ordinances in settled charges, preaching stations and vacancies. The General Assembly allot to it the particular functions specified in the three paragraphs following:

(1) To perform all the present duties of the Sustentation Fund Committee in regard to the Collection and Administration of the Sustentation Fund, the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers and Retired Professors, and the Fund for Invalid Ministers and Lay Agents; including all matters relative to the fixing and applying of the Equal Dividend Platform, and the payment of stipends and retiring allowance of Ministers, also the compilation of statistics.

(2) To take over from the Committee on Highlands and Islands and Supply responsibility for the administration of its Ordinary Account, Retired Lay Agents' Fund and Suspense Account, including all duties connected with the provision of funds for active and retired Agents, determination of the amount of salary and of the amount of pension, and payment thereof; and all duties connected with the provision of funds for meeting Sabbath Supply fees and expenses, determination of their amount, and payment thereof.

(3) To provide grants where necessary in settled charges or remote areas, to fix their amount, and to make payment of the same.

II.(1) The General Assembly alter the name of the Committee on Highlands and Islands and Supply to Committee on Supply.

(2) The General Assembly relieve the Committee on Supply of the responsibility for the collection and administration of Funds previously operated by the Highlands and Islands and

Supply Committee under their Ordinary Account, Retired Lay Agents' Fund and Suspense Account, responsibility for which now devolves upon the Committee on Sustentation.

(3) The General Assembly allot to the Committee on Supply the functions grouped under the heads A (SUPPLY) and B (PERSONNEL) as follows:

A. SUPPLY.

1. To provide Sabbath Supply for vacant congregations and preaching stations
2. To appoint and supervise Agents.
3. To appoint Student Vacation Supply, and to give such assistance as may appear proper in the arrangements made for supervision of such supply.
4. To provide the Committee on Sustentation with all necessary information bearing upon special circumstances which affect the payment of fees and expenses to personnel under their supervision.

B. PERSONNEL.

1. To survey generally the needs of the Church in regard to the maintenance of Gospel Ordinances.
2. To bring to the notice of the General Assembly personnel problems bearing on the relative requirements of the Home, Overseas and Foreign Fields, and to make recommendations, after consultation with the Church Courts, Committees or Board concerned.
3. To bring to the notice of Presbyteries and of the General Assembly conditions which appear to render desirable the consolidating, regrouping or dividing of charges.

III. The General Assembly alter the name of the Church Extension Committee to Committee on Extension and Maintenance and allot to it the functions grouped under the heads A (EXTENSION) and B (MAINTENANCE) as follows:

A. EXTENSION.

1. To perform the present duties of the Church Extension Committee in promoting and supervising Church Extension in its various phases, as set out in Act II., 1954, Section I. (a); in collecting and administering funds on behalf of the same, as in Section II. (a) of the same Act; and in providing church and manse buildings in new charges, and new church and manse buildings in existing charges, where needs are most urgent; to approve plans and estimates for new buildings; to fix the proportion of the total cost to be borne locally; and to authorise payment of work done on the production of the appropriate architect's or other certificate.
2. To allocate and supervise the services of the Evangelist and of the Highways and Byways Mission.

## B. MAINTENANCE.

1. To take over from the Committee on Church and Manse Buildings responsibility for the administration of the Church and Manse Building Fund under its Ordinary Account and Capital Redemption Account, including all duties connected with the provision of funds, and the making of Grants and Loans for the maintenance of Church and Manse Buildings in existing Charges, and for the replacement of such buildings as are beyond economical repair.
2. The Committee on Church and Manse Buildings, which existed as a separate Standing Committee to carry out duties under the paragraph immediately preceding, shall cease to function as such.
3. The Committee on Extension and Maintenance shall meanwhile be liable to contribute out of the interest on the Home Mission Fund to the Committee on Sustentation such sum as may be necessary to cover the expenses now to be met by the latter Committee under Section I. (3) above on the score of congregational grants made from the Home Mission Fund; but this obligation shall cease after the year 1965, after which date the whole of the income of the Home Mission Fund shall be applicable to Church Extension purposes in accordance with the finding of last General Assembly (Acts 1962, p. 38, Remit (2)).

IV. (1) The above changes in Committee names, functions and financial administration shall take effect from the first day of January 1964. On that date the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Sustentation Fund Committee shall become respectively Convener and Vice-Convener of the Committee on Sustentation; the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Committee on Highlands and Islands and Supply shall become respectively Convener and Vice-Convener of the Committee on Supply; the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Committee on Church Extension shall become respectively Convener and Vice-Convener of the Committee on Extension and Maintenance; and the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Committee on Church and Manse Buildings shall demit office.

The membership of all these Committees shall continue to be the common membership of the First Group of Standing Committees.

The budgets submitted in February 1964 shall be in terms of the expected income and financial outlays of the new Committees.

(2) Committees shall operate the Funds under their jurisdiction in such separate sections as shall be necessary under the terms of Regulations governing the allocation of the several funds controlled, or otherwise, as shall be most conducive to a clear presentation of the financial aspects of the different branches of their work.

(3) The General Assembly amend Standing Order VI., 1, so that, as from 1st January 1964, the time-table of Standing Committees in the First Group shall read as follows:-

### FIRST GROUP.

Committee on Supply 9.30 a.m. to rise not later than 11 p.m. Committee on Sustentation 11

a.m. ,, ,, 1 p.m. Committee on Extension 2 p.m. ,, ,, 4 p.m. and Maintenance

provided that if the business of a Committee in this group is finished before the time specified for rising, the Committee next in order may commence business immediately.

(4) The General Assembly continue the Special Committee in being for a further year.

The General Assembly authorise the Committee to prepare intimations of the above changes for transmission to all concerned in order to ensure that they take place smoothly, and that as little interference as possible occurs in the normal channels of contribution. In the event of any unforeseen difficulty arising in regard to the intimation or operation of the change, the General Assembly authorise the Special Committee to submit the matter to the Commission of Assembly at any of its diets, which is hereby authorised to dispose of the matter. The General Assembly direct the Special Committee to list the existing legislation governing the operation of the above Committee functions, and to review the same, with the object of compacting and adjusting the provisions and having them re-enacted where desirable in a form more convenient for reference.

V. (1) The Highways and Byways Mission shall be operated by a Committee reporting through the Committee on Extension and Maintenance to the General Assembly. A revised Constitution and Regulations for the Highways and Byways Mission shall be prepared by the Committee on Church Extension.

(2) The name Highways and Byways “having been associated in the past with the main extension efforts of the Church, the Assembly find that it is now impracticable to treat funds contributed for “Highways and Byways” as in a different category from funds contributed for “Extension”. The General Assembly authorise the incorporation of the Highways and Byways Fund in the Church Extension Fund. The General Assembly instruct the Committee on Church Extension to make available to the Highways and Byways Mission in the current year the funds necessary for its operation, and they instruct the Committee on Extension and Maintenance to allot annually to the Highways and Byways Mission such a sum as shall enable the latter to continue to carry out its programme of useful activities.

(3) The General Assembly direct the Finance, Law and Advisory Committee to prepare from the information available in the Schedules of Congregational Statistics received by the Sustentation Fund Committee an overall target figure for the contributions of each congregation to the Sustentation Fund and other central funds of the Church which would, if furnished, supply these funds with adequate resources for the work which they have to accomplish; and to intimate such figure to congregations for their information and encouragement in endeavour.

(4) The General Assembly instruct the Sustentation Fund Committee to scrutinise its Schedule of Congregational Returns, to define any terms (such as “Household”) which are capable of being variously interpreted, to provide for the “Weekly Offering” as a prescribed method of collecting, and generally to provide that, notwithstanding variations in congregational methods, a target figure for congregational contributions may be able to be prepared upon a basis which fairly represents their relative capabilities.

(5) The General Assembly emphasise that it is not merely in Committee structure and functions that re-organisation may be expected to be fruitful. There exists an even greater need for drastic simplification in the organisation of congregational givings. The main decision for each member and adherent should be the proportion of his weekly income which he sets aside for the work of the Lord (and the tithe is still a good scriptural standard). Once this is decided, its allocation among the various funds is not a difficult matter. The main concern of Congregational Courts or Committees acting as stewards for the offering should be to provide the simplest and most direct method of collecting and distributing it. The weekly collection for all funds is the ideal method and it is the Scriptural one. Collections taken monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or annually, cease in most cases to enter into the contributor's weekly budget of outlays, and come merely out of his marginal balance - a different basis entirely. It is for this reason that the aggregate of a large number of long-term contributions invariably falls short of the amount provided by the same contributor in an inclusive weekly offering. It is therefore imperative that opportunity should be given in every congregation to those, however few initially, who wish to adopt the method of weekly offering.

**VIII. - Act anent Appointing Trustee to Widows' and Orphans' Fund. (No. 8 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 23rd May 1963.**

The General Assembly re-appoint Rev. Professor W. J. Cameron, B.D., 19 Kilmaurs Road, Edinburgh, as a Trustee of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

**IX. - Act anent Appointing Professor. (No. 9 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 23rd May 1963.**

The General Assembly appoint Mr G. N. M. Collins, BA., B.D., Minister at St Columba, Edinburgh, to be Professor of Church History and Church Principles in the Free Church College, under the same arrangements as to emoluments as were fixed by the General Assembly of 1953 in connection with the appointment of Professor W. J. Cameron.

The General Assembly hereby loose Mr G. N. M. Collins from his pastoral charge in St Columba Congregation, Edinburgh, and instruct the Presbytery of Edinburgh to take the necessary steps for his induction to the Chair of Church History and Church Principles, his relationship to the Congregation of St Columba to subsist until he be actually admitted to the charge aforesaid.

**X. - Act anent Collections. (No. 10 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1963.**

The General Assembly appoint Collections to be made during the ensuing year in all Congregations of the Church on behalf of the Schemes listed below

1. Retired Lay Agents 3rd Sabbath of June 1963
2. Highlands and Islands ,, July ,,
3. Aged and Infirm Ministers and Retired Professors ,, August ,,
4. Foreign and Overseas

Missions „ September „ 5. Supply „ October „ 6. Jewish Missions „ November „ 7. Welfare of Youth „ January 1964 8. Training of the Ministry „ February „ 9. Buildings „ March „ 10. Church Extension „ April „ 11. College „ May „

For these Schemes, as for other Collections, the General Assembly commend the use of the Weekly Offering. They advocate its gradual introduction in every congregation on a voluntary basis for those contributors, however few initially, who desire to make use of this method.

The General Assembly commend the Church Extension Special Contributory Offering of threepence per week towards the need for new Church Buildings; envelopes for which will be provided on application to the General Treasurer.

The General Assembly instruct Conveners of Committees to ensure that timely notice of each Collection is sent to all Congregations, and they enjoin that these notices be read from the pulpit.

The General Assembly commend to the loyal people of the Church the privilege of contributing regularly to the Cause of God in the measure in which God is prospering them; and to Congregational Courts and Committees the duty of efficient stewardship in the collection of Congregational liberality.

**XI. - Act anent appointing Commission of Assembly. (No. 11 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1963.**

The General Assembly did, and hereby do, nominate and appoint a Commission consisting of all the members of Assembly, with the addition of Rev. J. W. Fraser named by the Moderator - To be a Commission of this General Assembly with power to the said Commission or their quorum which is hereby declared to be any fifteen or more of their number, whereof eight at least are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene at Edinburgh on the third Wednesday of November and the first Wednesday of March next to come at eleven of the clock forenoon, and oftener when and where they shall think fit and convenient, and with power to choose their own Moderator; and the General Assembly fully empower the said Commission or their quorum above mentioned to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see cause, in every matter referred to them or which shall be referred to them, by or in virtue of any Act or Order of the Assembly, and to do everything contained in and conform to the instruction given, or to be given, by the General Assembly and to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable. Provided always that, save as reafter stated, this general clause be not extended to particular affairs or processes before Synods or Presbyteries that are not of universal concern to, or influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed that no private processes be determined except at the stated diets and that what shall be determined at one diet of the Commission with relation to private causes shall be unalterable by any other diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in force until disapproved by the General Assembly. And further, the said Commission are hereby empowered to receive and fully dispose of applications that may be forwarded to them for raising preaching stations or suppressed

charges to fully sanctioned charges, for the appointment of Ministers Overseas and Foreign Missionaries in the Mission Fields of the Church, for authority to sell such property as is not held under the Model Trust Deed and to receive any reference and appeal that shall be made to them from Synods in matters of doctrine, and ripen such affairs for next General Assembly and to contribute; what they can to the suppression of vice and immorality, and to give all needful advice and assistance to Synods, Presbyteries and Committees of Assembly upon application to them for that end. And the said Commission are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other matters than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned. And in all their actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that, in and for all their actings, they shall be accountable to and censurable by next General Assembly, as they shall see cause. And this Commission shall continue and endure until another Commission is appointed. And members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission.

**XII. - Act anent Appointing Next General Assembly. (No. 12 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1963.**

The General Assembly appoint the next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to meet at Edinburgh on Tuesday, 19th May, 1964, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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**I. - Act anent Loyal and Dutiful Address to Her Majesty the Queen. (No.1 of Class II)  
Edinburgh, 20th May 1964.**

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

The Loyal and Dutiful Address of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly on the 10th day of May 1964, respectfully assure Your Majesty of our steadfast allegiance and devotion to Your Majesty's Person and Throne. We are grateful to God that your Throne is firmly established, not only in the loyalty, but also in the affection of Your people.

We give thanks to Almighty God for His goodness in granting Your Majesty strength to bear the great responsibilities of Your exalted station and to discharge efficiently its manifold duties, and we pray that you may always be conscious of the Divine guidance and upholding.

We rejoice with all Your subjects in the addition to Your Majesty's family of a baby boy and we pray that the young Prince may be richly blessed of God to maintain the noble traditions of Your Royal House. We also rejoice that a similar happy event has come to the home of Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowden.

We are grateful to God for the recovery granted to Her Majesty the Queen Mother from her recent illness.

Along with Your loyal subjects in Canada, we look forward with interest to the visit that Your Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh propose to pay to the Dominion of Canada in order to be present at the Confederation Centenary. We are assured that such visits a from Your Majesty do much to strengthen the ties that bind the Commonwealth to the Mother Country, and likewise serve to draw closer together the peoples of the world who cherish our traditions of political and religious freedom.

We give thanks to God upon every evidence of Your Majesty's readiness to give recognition to the public worship of God and we pray that Your Majesty's example in this respect may be emulated not only by the Royal Household but in the homes of Your people everywhere.

It is our constant prayer in all our churches that counsel and wisdom may be bestowed by God upon Your Majesty's Ministers as they handle the many and perplexing problems

confronting them in the fields of International, Commonwealth, and National relationships, so that the peace of the world and the prosperity of our nation may be promoted.

We pray that God may ever enable Your Majesty to do His will, and that His richest blessing may rest on Your Person, on His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and on the other members of the Royal Family.

We have the honour to be Your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland in General Assembly convened.

A. FINLAYSON, Moderator.

**II. - Act anent Appointment of Principal Clerk as Clerk to the Committee on Sustentation. (No. 2 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 20th May 1964.**

The General Assembly approve the appointment of the Principal Clerk of Assembly as clerk to the new Committee on Sustentation with effect from 1st January 1964.

**III. - Act anent Aged and Infirm Ministers' and Retired Professors' Fund. (No. 3 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 20th May 1964.**

In view of the increasing demands upon the Aged and Infirm Ministers' and Retired Professors' Fund, and the compelling need to maintain unimpaired the rates of retiring allowance, the General Assembly renew the finding of last Assembly requiring an annual contribution of 3 per cent. of the current flat rate of equal dividend, in respect of each minister, professor and ordained missionary, from settled charges, Committee on Extension and Maintenance (for Evangelist) College Fund (for Professors), and Foreign and Overseas Board, respectively, the above contribution to be increased to a figure of 2s. per head in charges where the number of members and adherents combined exceeds 200.

**IV. - Act anent Collections. (No. 4 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 20th May 1964.**

The General Assembly appoint Collections to be made during the ensuing year in all Congregations of the Church on behalf of the Schemes listed below

1. Retired Lay Agents 3rd Sabbath of June 1964 2. Rural Areas ,, July ,, 3. Aged and Infirm Ministers and Retired Professors ,, August ,, 4. Foreign and Overseas Missions ,, September ,, 5. Supply ,, October ,, 6. Jewish Missions ,, November ,, 7. Welfare of Youth and Publications ,, January 1965 8. Training of the Ministry ,, February ,, 9. Buildings ,, March ,, 10. Church Extension ,, April ,, 11. College ,, May ,,

For all these schemes, in common with other Collections, the General Assembly commend the use of the Weekly Offering system, and advocate its introduction for those contributors who prefer a single consolidated contribution to multiple methods of collection.

The General Assembly commend the Church Extension Special Contributory Offering of threepence per week towards the provision of new Church Buildings. Envelopes for this will be provided on application to the General Treasurer.

The General Assembly instruct Conveners of Committees to ensure that timely notice of each Collection is sent to every Congregation, and they enjoin that these notices be read from the pulpit.

**V. - Act anent Nominations to Standing Committees. (No. 5 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 20th May 1964.**

The General Assembly instruct alterations in Standing Orders so that Standing Order VI. 2 be altered to read "fifteen" instead of "twelve" members and "Presbytery" be read instead of Synod: further, that Standing Order VI. 9 read "Presbytery" where Synod is written : and that this operate for next year.

**VI. - Act anent Sustentation. (No. 6 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 20th May 1964.**

The General Assembly receive and adopt the Report and thank the Committee, especially the Convener and Vice-Convener.

The General Assembly declare an Equal Dividend of Seven hundred and twenty pounds stg. to every Minister on the Equal Dividend Platform at 31st December 1963, exclusive of the premium payable to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The General Assembly authorise the Committee to give effect to their proposals for the payment of Ministers in 1964 with discretion to the Committee to pay a bonus later in the year.

The General Assembly approve that the minimum contribution required by Congregations to be placed on the Equal Dividend Platform be not less than half of the current Equal Dividend.

The General Assembly endorse the proposed action of the Committee re the Congregation of Kilchoman and Portnahaven, and the Congregation of Ardersier as stated in the Report.

The General Assembly concur with the Committee's interpretation of the General Assembly's finding of 1962 as regards Congregations under Special Arrangements, and that the Congregation of Bishopbriggs will cease to be under Special Arrangements at the end of 1964. The General Assembly direct that, in the event of a Minister being settled over them, the Congregation of Farr shall pay £200 this year and that the present special arrangements

shall continue for a further two years thereafter. The General Assembly continue the remit of last General Assembly re a Target for Congregations and instruct every Congregation to return the Schedule of Statistics.

The General Assembly are glad that the Committee were able to give a bonus of Twenty-five pounds stg. to Lay Agents in respect of the year 1963. They authorise that a bonus be paid at the end of 1964 if funds permit.

The General Assembly authorise the Committee to consider further the matter of Home Mission Grants, and to receive Schedules from Congregations still desirous of submitting these. They authorise the Commission of Assembly at any of its diets to deal with such.

The General Assembly give thanks to God for the loyalty and responsiveness of our people in contributing to the funds of this Committee. The General Assembly also express their gratitude to all who give of their substance and services to the maintenance of the objects of this Committee.

**VII. - Act anent Report by Presbyteries on Vacant Congregations. (No. 7 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 20th May 1964**

The General Assembly direct each Presbytery to submit to the Committee on Supply by 31st January of each year a Report on the supply of all congregations within their bounds as have been vacant for six months or more.

**VIII. - Act anent Transference of Interest to Committee on Extension. (No. 8 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh 20th May 1964.**

The General Assembly authorise that interest in the Capital Redemption Fund for 1964 be made available to the Committee on Extension and Maintenance for Revenue.

**IX. - Act anent Purchasing of Eventide Home. (No. 9 of Class II.) Edinburgh,  
20th May 1964.**

The General Assembly continue the Committee with instructions to keep the financial position under review, to make available to Presbyteries and Congregations such information as may be likely to stimulate interest in the aim of the Committee and to attract financial support, to submit their proposals to the Finance, Law and Advisory Committee or its Executive before taking any final decision with a view to the purchase and conversion of a building, and to report to next General Assembly.

The General Assembly empower the Finance, Law and Advisory Committee, or its Executive, to sanction the purchase and conversion of a building for the purpose of an

Eventide Home, if satisfied with the report submitted.

**X. - Act anent List of Important Acts. (No. 10 of Class II.)      Edinburgh, 26th  
May 1964.**

The General Assembly direct the attention of the relevant Committees to the lists of Acts given in the Appendix.

**XI. - Act amending College Curriculum Act (1961). (No. 11 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 21st May 1964.**

The General Assembly repeal paragraph 12 of Act VIII., 1961 (Act anent College Curriculum) and, in place thereof, enact : “that the normal Divinity Course shall consist of three or four Sessions. Each student shall intimate, when he first matriculates in the College, which type of course he desires to follow, but it shall be permissible for a student who has elected to take a three-year course, to extend his course to four years at a later date, subject to the approval of the Senatus. The College Session shall be of three terms, viz., an Autumn and a Spring term, each of ten weeks’ duration, and a Summer term which shall be of five or six weeks’ duration as the Senatus may decide. Students shall be required to give pulpit supply for a minimum of ten week-ends during each of the first two sessions.

The General Assembly ordain that the Ordinary Level passes required of a student entering on the Modified Course shall be at least two in number, of which one must be English.

The General Assembly empower the Committee to prepare for Modified Course students a course of instruction in lieu of their present University course, in the event of admission to the University being denied them.

APPENDIX.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

1. SUSTENTATION FUND REGULATIONS.

**1906 - Act IV. - Penultimate para. (Congregations failing to pay    minimum promised).**

1909 - Act IV. Third para. (Deductions from Minister’s salary).

Practice 1912, pp. 167-172 (Inc. Acts 1843-1897).    with subsequent amending legislation, among which are the    following Acts:

1941 - Act 1 of Class I. Anent Admission of Ministers and    Probationers from other Churches.

1946 - Act III. Transferences from A. and I. M. Fund to S.F. Also Retiring age.

1951 - Act I. of Class 1.- Anent Federal Relations with the Free Presbyterian Church of Australia.

1960 - Act II. (Resigned Ministers). Amending Act IV. 1896.

1961 - Act III. Anent Supplement and Allowances.

## 2. REGULATIONS OF AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' AND RETIRED PROFESSORS' FUND.

Practice - 1912, Supplement, pp. 3-8 (Act V., 1928).

1940 - Act VI. - Initiating "Burden and Heat" Grants. (Departed from by Act III., 1946).

1945 - Act III. - Anent Retiring Allowances to Ministers and Eligibility of Ministers from other Churches. (Grants increased by one-third; increase annual instead of by five-yearly periods).

1946 - Act III. Transference from A. and I. M. Fund to S.F. Retiring Age of Ministers.

1950 - Act VI. -Act anent Retiring Allowances to Principals and Professors. Name of Fund altered to that at head of para.

1951 - Act IV. - Repeal of Obsolete Acts referring to item preceding.

1959 - Act VII. Last para. Re Professor transferred to a Pastoral Charge

1962 - Acts, p. 34 - Professor's Retiring Allowance. Part chargeable to above Fund, part to College Fund.

1961 - Act VIII.-Permissible Retiring Age of Professors 65.

## 3. INVALID MINISTERS' AND LAY AGENTS' FUND.

1943 - Acts, p. 531 - Finance, etc. Committee Deliverance, para. 2, and Appendix A, p. 536 (also p. 447).

1962 - Act IX.-(Resident Lay Agents). Para. 4 to 8. (Agents sick).

1963 - Act VI. (Amending sickness benefit).

## 4. AGED AND INFIRM AGENTS.

Practice 1912. - Supplement, pp. 9-11. Regs. of 1928 Assembly.

1946 - Deliverance of H. and I., H. M. and Supply Committee p. 554, para. 3 and pp. 555-

## 6.(Retiring Allowance to Lay Agents.)

1954 - Act III. - Committee responsibility for Aged and Infirm Agents.

1960 - Act VI. - Adjustment of Benefit.

1961 - Act IX. - Adjustments. 15 years reduced to 10.

## 5. SUPPLY.

Practice 1912. - Supplement p. 14.

## 6. RESIDENT AGENTS.

Practice 1912.-Supplement, pp. 11-13 (Act IV., 1930).

1954 - Act II. - Home Missions and Evangelism combined. (Cong. Missions and Resuscitated Charges retained.)

1956 - Act IV. - (Rewrites Act IV., 1930 (A) HOME MISSIONS).

1962 - Act II. - Committee on H. and I. and Supply take over Home Mission Functions as above.

1963 - Act VII. - Para. 1 (2). - Committee on Sustentation take over responsibility for Regulations regarding employment of Agents.

## 7. CHURCH EXTENSION.

1954 - Act II. - Sect. 1 (a), II., III. (Church Extension Work).

1956 - Act V. - (Evangelist).

1958 - Act IX. - (Evangelist).

1959 - Act IV. - Congregations on Special Arrangements.

1959 - Act VIII. - (Evangelist).

1959 - p.43. -Appointment of Special Committee on Funds for Church Extension.

1961 - Nov. Commission, p. 102. - Anent co-ordination of extension work.

1962 - Act II. - Committee renamed " Committee on Church Extension ". Duties.

1962 - Act III. - Anent Church Extension Charges.

1963 - Act VII. - Sect. III. A. Name of Committee altered to Committee on Extension and

Maintenance. Duties.

## 8. MAINTENANCE.

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1895 - Act X. - (Practice, 1898, p. 266). - Building Fund Regulations.

1963 - Act VII. - Section III. B. Committee on Extension and Maintenance takes over duties in regard to Church and Manse Buildings.

### **XII. - Act anent Appointment of Commission of Assembly. (No. 12 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 22nd May 1964.**

The General Assembly did, and hereby do, nominate and appoint a Commission consisting of all the members of Assembly, with the addition of Rev. Duncan Beaton named by the Moderator: To be a Commission of this General Assembly with power to the said Commission or their quorum which is hereby declared to be any fifteen or more of their number, whereof eight at least are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene at Edinburgh on the third Wednesday of November and the first Wednesday of March next to come at eleven of the clock forenoon, and oftener when and where they shall think fit and convenient, and with power to choose their own Moderator; and the General Assembly fully empower the said Commission or their quorum above mentioned to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see cause, in every matter referred to them or which shall be referred to them, by or in virtue of any Act or Order of the Assembly, and to do everything contained in and conform to the instruction given, or to be given, by the General Assembly and to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable. Provided always that, save as hereafter stated, this general clause be not extended to particular affairs or processes before Synods or Presbyteries that are not of universal concern to, or influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed that no private processes be determined except at the stated diets and that what shall be determined at one diet of the Commission with relation to private causes shall be unalterable by any other diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in force until disapproved by the General Assembly. And further, the said Commission are hereby empowered to receive and fully dispose of applications that may be forwarded to them for raising preaching stations or suppressed charges to fully sanctioned charges, for the appointment of Ministers Overseas and Foreign Missionaries in the Mission Fields of the Church, for authority to sell such property as is not held under the Model Trust Deed and to receive any reference and appeal that shall be made to them from Synods in matters of doctrine, and ripen such affairs for next General Assembly and to contribute what they can to the suppression of vice and immorality, and to give all needful advice and assistance to Synods, Presbyteries and Committees of Assembly upon application to them for that end. And the said Commission are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other matters than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned. And in all their actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that, in and for all their

actings, they shall be accountable to and censurable by next General Assembly, as they shall see cause. And this Commission shall continue and endure until another Commission is appointed. And members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission.

**XIII. - Act anent Appointing Next General Assembly (No.13 of Class II)  
Edinburgh, 22nd May 1964**

The General Assembly appoint the next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to meet in Edinburgh on Tuesday, 18th day of May 1965 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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THE PRINCIPAL ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

MAY MCMLXV. (1965)

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### CLASS II. - ACTS WHICH ARE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE CHURCH

#### I. - Act anent Dispatch of Assembly Reports (Act I of Class II.)      Edinburgh, 18th May 1965.

The General Assembly instruct the Committee on Assembly Arrangements to ensure that Reports of Standing Committees are sent to members of Assembly at least ten days before the opening day of the Assembly.

#### II. - Act anent Literary Productions by Ministers (Act 2 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 18th May 1965.

The General Assembly, concerned about (1) the present meagre literary output of our Church, and (2) the general shortage of able Reformed writers, instruct the Committee (a) to encourage our ministers to specialise in subjects, and (b) to take steps to find men with literary gifts and give them every encouragement; the co-operation of the Editors of our magazines to be sought in these matters.

#### III. - Act anent Loyal and Dutiful Address to Her Majesty The Queen. (No. 3 of Class II.)      Edinburgh, 19th May 1965.

Loyal and Dutiful Address.

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly at Edinburgh on the 18th day of May 1965, declare our continued allegiance to Your Majesty's Person and Throne. In these days of departure from Christian convictions, Christian principles and standards of life, we rejoice in Your Majesty's example of faith in, and service to, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the happy family life of your royal home, which gives pleasure and encouragement to all who recognise the sanctity of the family and value to Church and Nation of a Christian home.

We offer Your Majesty our sympathy in the recent sudden passing of the Princess Royal, whose unassuming manner and devotion to duty won for her both respect and affection.

In these days of continued tension among nations we give thanks for all Your Majesty has done, and is doing, to promote peace and goodwill within the Commonwealth and among the nations. Your Majesty's deep sense of duty, so characteristic of your late revered father, is well known and highly valued among us, and Your Majesty's and Prince Philip's untiring journeys in the interests of peace and stability are greatly appreciated. We recall Your Majesty's visits during the past year to Canada in connection with the Centenary of the Conferences on Confederation that led to the founding of the Dominion of Canada in 1864, as also Your Majesty's visit to Ethiopia. We also recall with pleasure Your Majesty's visits to Scotland, particularly to our beloved Highlands, to Aberdeen after the typhoid epidemic, and for the opening of the Forth Road Bridge.

We pray that Your Majesty's present visit to East Germany, the first of its kind since the outbreak of the first World War, may be crowned with success and contribute towards mutual understanding and respect.

Mindful of the Scriptural injunction that "prayers, supplications, intercessions and giving of thanks" be made "for kings first", we, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, never fail to pray that Almighty God would bless and uphold Your Majesty's person with all needed strength, physically and spiritually, for the execution of the onerous and unremitting duties of Your exalted office. May God grant you safe conduct in your journeyings oft and may the comfort of Our Saviour's Gospel and the power of His Grace sustain Your Majesty so that you may give the nation a lead in the application of those Christian principles which have made our civilisation wholesome and our nation strong; that Your Majesty's Throne may be established in righteousness.

We, Your Majesty's subjects, pray that God's richest blessing may rest on Your Majesty's Throne and Person, upon His Royal Highness, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, His Royal Highness, Charles, Prince of Wales, Her Majesty Elizabeth the Queen Mother and on the other members of Your Royal House.

So pray Your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, in General Assembly convened.

JAMES W. FRASER, Moderator.

**IV. - Act anent Appointment of General Trustees. (No. 4 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 19th May 1965.**

The General Assembly, recognising that the number of General Trustees has been unduly depleted through death, appoint as additional General Trustees

- (1) Rev. William John Cameron, M.A., B.D., Free Church College, Edinburgh.
- (2) Mr John Maciver (Retired Bank Manager), Allanglach Wood, Tore, Ross-shire.
- (3) Mr John Oman Sutherland, B.Sc., Principal, Lawers School of Agriculture, Comrie.
- (4) Mr James Stewart, B.Sc. (Retired Inspector of Schools), 1 Riselaw Road, Edinburgh, 10.
- (5) Mr Ian Robert MacDonald, B.Sc., Ph.D., Plant Physiologist, 24 Hillview Drive, Cults, Aberdeenshire.
- (6) Mr Donald Alexander Cameron, B.L., Solicitor, 41 Claremont Road, Edinburgh, 6.

**V. - Act anent Grants for Congregational Purposes. (No. 5 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 19th May 1965.**

The General Assembly re-affirm the decision of the 1963 Assembly that grants for congregational purposes should eventually cease to be paid from Home Mission Funds and be a charge upon Sustentation Fund. In view of the uncertainty which still exists in regard to the standing of some stations whether congregational or extra-congregational the General Assembly meanwhile authorise the transfer of £300 for 1966 from the Church Extension Fund to the funds of the Committee on Sustentation. They remit to the Finance Committee to confer with the Committee on Sustentation and the Committee on Extension and Maintenance in order to clarify the position with regard to the responsibility for such grants.

**VI. - Act anent Ministerial Representation in the Assembly of Foreign and Overseas Presbyteries. (Act 6 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 19th May 1965.**

The General Assembly authorise the Principal Clerk of Assembly to write each Foreign and Overseas Presbytery concerning ministerial representation in the General Assembly in any year when no ministerial member of the Presbytery is likely to be in Scotland during the Assembly, that they petition the previous General Assembly to appoint a special assessor (being a member of the Foreign and Overseas Board) to the Presbytery so that he may be available for nomination to represent the Presbytery in the ensuing General Assembly, it being understood that notwithstanding the right to elect such a commissioner resides in the Presbytery.

**VII. - Act anent Collections. (No. 7 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 19th May 1965.**

The General Assembly appoint Collections to be made during the ensuing year in all Congregations of the Church on behalf of the Schemes listed below

1. Retired Lay Agents 3rd Sabbath of June 1965
2. Rural Areas „ July „
3. Aged and Infirm Ministers and Retired Professors „ August „
4. Foreign and Overseas Missions „ September „
5. Supply „ October „
6. Jewish Missions „ November „
7. Welfare of Youth and Publications „ January 1966
8. Training of the Ministry „ February „
9. Buildings „ March „
10. Church Extension „ April „
11. College „ May „

For all these schemes, in common with other Collections, the General Assembly commend the use of the Weekly Offering system and advocate its introduction for those contributors who prefer a single consolidated contribution to multiple methods of collection.

The General Assembly commend afresh the Church Extension Special Contributory Offering of threepence per week towards the provision of new Church Buildings. Envelopes for this will be provided on application to the General Treasurer.

The General Assembly instruct Conveners of Committees to ensure that timely notice of each Collection is sent to every Congregation and they enjoin that these notices be read from the pulpit.

The General Assembly approve the issue of a notification to each congregation of the amount of contribution (calculated at 6 per cent. of their 1964 Sustentation Fund Contribution) which is required to provide a minimum working income for the College Fund; and they impress upon congregations the need to attain this figure if ministerial training is to continue to be maintained at an adequate level.

In view of the increasing demands upon the Aged and Infirm Ministers' and Retired Professors' Fund and the compelling need to maintain unimpaired the rates of retiring allowance, the General Assembly renew the finding of last Assembly requiring an annual contribution of 3 per cent. of the current flat rate of equal dividend in respect of each minister, professor and ordained missionary from settled charges, Committee on Extension and Maintenance (for Evangelist), College Fund (for Professors), and Foreign and Overseas Board, respectively, the above contribution to be increased to a figure of 2s. per head in charges where the number of members and adherents combined exceeds 200.

**VIII. - Act anent Amount of Legacy to Revenue (No. 8 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 10th May 1965.**

The General Assembly amend Act V. 1, 1958 (No. 6, Class II.) whereby the amount of any legacy available for revenue be increased to £800, subject to the discretion of the Finance, Law and Advisory Committee.

**IX. - Act anent Equal Dividend. (No. 9 of Class II.)** **Edinburgh, 19th May 1965.**

The General Assembly declare an Equal Dividend of £759 to every Minister on the Equal Dividend Platform at 31st December 1964, exclusive of the premium payable to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The General Assembly authorise the Committee to give effect to their proposals for the payment of Ministers in 1965.

The General Assembly approve that the minimum contribution required by congregations to be placed on the Equal Dividend Platform be not less than half of the current Equal Dividend.

The General Assembly endorse the Committee's action in connection with the Congregation of Ardersier as detailed in the Report. The General Assembly note the Committee's remarks on the Congregation of Kilchoman and Portnahaven and the Congregation of Farr as embodied in the Report.

**X. - Act anent Scale of Preaching Fees. (No. 10 of Class II.)** **Edinburgh, 19th**

## May 1965.

The General Assembly approve Preaching Fees as follows :-

### SCALE OF FEES.

Free Church Minister without charge	£3 0 0	Free Church Retired Minister in receipt of Government Pension	£2 10 0	Probationer	£3 0 0	Student	£1 10 0	Student (Resident)	£4 0 0	Minister from another Church.	£3 0 0	Minister from another Church (if Retired)	£2 10 0	Week-end Lay Preacher	£1 10 0	Resident Lay Preacher (over 65)	£1 10 0	Free Church Minister without charge in other employment	£2 0 0
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**XI. - Act anent Expenses of Supply in Vacancies. (No. 11 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 19th May 1965. The General Assembly approve that Ministers giving supply in vacancies be paid travelling expenses only.**

**XII. - Act anent Eventide Home (No. 12 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 19th May 1965.**

The General Assembly approve of the proposals for the administration of the Home and admission thereto as printed in the Appendices to the Report.

The General Assembly appoint the first meeting of the Eventide Home Committee to take place on Wednesday, 16th June, within Maxwell House at 2.30 p.m., due intimation to be issued by the Clerk of Assembly, to whom names of Glasgow nominees shall be timeously forwarded.

The General Assembly commend the Eventide Home to the prayerful interest and generous financial support of the Church.

### APPENDIX I.

#### PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF HOME.

1. The Home shall be under the direction of a Committee to be known as the Eventide Home Committee.
2. The Committee shall not be a Standing Committee of the Church, but shall report annually to the General Assembly through the Committee on Supply.
3. Membership of the Eventide Home Committee shall consist of
  - (a) 3 ministers and 3 elders nominated by the Presbytery of Glasgow from within its bounds.

(b) 4 ladies nominated by the Presbytery of Glasgow from within the bounds of the Presbytery.

(c) 4 persons nominated by the General Assembly, each one to represent a Synod other than the Southern Synod, so that every Synod will be represented on the Committee.

(d) The Convener of the Finance Committee ex officio, or a deputy.

4. Nomination shall be for three years, but members shall be eligible for re-election at the end of that period. Vacancies in membership falling within the three-year period shall be filled by the appropriate court, on being reported to them.

5. The Committee shall have power to appoint their own Chairman and Vice-Chairman, both of whom shall be resident in Glasgow and shall be Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Board of Management, who shall be directly responsible for the ordinary administration of the Home.

6. The Board of Management shall consist of the members of Committee nominated by the Presbytery of Glasgow, and shall meet monthly, or more frequently, if required to do so for urgent business. At ordinary monthly meetings the Board shall hear a report from the Superintendent, or Matron, receive a financial statement, pass accounts, consider applications for admission and deal with all matters brought before them pertaining to the efficient running of the Home.

7. The Head of Staff shall in no circumstances be a member of the Committee, or Board and shall attend meetings of the Board only to submit a report and answer such questions relative to the Home as may be put.

8. The Board of Management shall be responsible for the keeping of adequate and correct minutes of each meeting by their Clerk and shall make their Minute Book available for inspection to the Eventide Home Committee at the Committee's annual statutory meeting in February of each year, to which the Board shall also submit a full report of their main transactions, together with a statement of accounts duly audited, so that the Committee may prepare and transmit timeously a report to the Committee on Supply for submission to the General Assembly.

9. The Eventide Home Committee shall meet on other occasions after their first meeting only at the request of the Board of Management in order to advise on matters of urgency and importance.

10. The Board of Management shall have power to appoint and to terminate the appointment of principal staff but may at their discretion remit to the head of staff the engaging of subordinate staff.

11. Salaries and wages shall in all cases be as fixed by the Board.

## APPENDIX II.

## CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION TO HOME.

1. Admission to the Home shall be open to persons of both sexes in social need and over sixty years of age.
2. In the first instance, one-half of the available places shall be reserved, until a date to be fixed by the Board of Management, for applicants not resident in the Glasgow area, after which date remaining vacancies shall be filled from applicants in Glasgow.
3. Preference shall be given to applicants belonging to the Free Church of Scotland but, in the event of there being an insufficient number of these to fill vacancies, such vacancies may be filled by applicants not belonging to the Free Church of Scotland whose applications are acceptable to the Board of Management on other grounds.
4. All applicants for admission shall fill up in detail application forms (including a medical form) approved by the Board of Management and similar to those used in connection with admission to Eventide Homes under the supervision of Local Authorities or other bodies.
5. Completed application forms shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Management who shall lay the applications before the Board.
6. After all the available places have been allocated the Board of Management shall, if found necessary, prepare a waiting-list of acceptable applicants, on which names shall be placed in order of application.
7. The Board shall not accept any O.A.P. requiring financial assistance from the Local Authority to permit of him paying the minimum weekly charge for residence in the Home, until documentary evidence is submitted showing that the Local Authority has granted the application for assistance.
8. The decision of the Board of Management with reference to applications shall, in all cases, be regarded as final. The General Assembly appoint the Synod members of the Eventide Home Committee as follows

Rev. D. McKenzie - Synod of Argyll. Rev. W. R. MacKay - Synod of Moray and Ross. Rev. M. MacAulay - Synod of Glenelg. Rev. J. R. Aitken - Northern Synod.

### **XIII. - Act anent Furnishing Names of Elders available for Nomination to Standing Committees. (Act 13 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 19th May 1965.**

The General Assembly direct (1) that each Presbytery of the Church shall forward to the Principal Clerk of Assembly by 1st November of each year a list of names of such Elders within their bounds (along with their designations and addresses and a note of their previous periods of service, if any, on Committees) as they desire to submit for the information of other Presbyteries, as being known by them to be eligible, suitable and available for nomination to vacancies on Standing Committees and on the Foreign Missions Board; (2)

that the Principal Clerk of Assembly shall consolidate these returns and forward a list of the names of the Elders so recommended to the Clerk of each Presbytery at the same time (namely before 1st January of each year) as he forwards the names of existing members of the Standing Committees showing which members are to be replaced.

**XIV. - Act anent Territorial Organisation (Supply Committee) (No. 14 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 19th May 1965.**

The General Assembly amend Act VII., 1963, anent Territorial Organisation (No. 7 of Class II.) as follows :- In Section II. (which deals with the Committee on Supply), para (3):

Delete the words

“A (SUPPLY) and B (PERSONNEL)”, and substitute the words

“A (SUPPLY), B (PERSONNEL) and C (BOARDS)”; and after item B.3 in that section (which ends with the word “charges”), insert a new head :-

“C. BOARDS.

To deal with the appointment of members to Outside Boards, and to report as necessary to the General Assembly on the activities of Outside Boards, Eventide Homes, and similar bodies not reported on through any other Committee “.

**XV. - Act anent Consolidation of Cawdor and Croy (No. 15 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 19th May 1965.**

The General Assembly authorise the consolidation of the congregations of Cawdor and Croy, with one Kirk Session; a travelling allowance calculated on a mileage basis as presently paid to the Minister at Croy by the Committee on Sustentation to be continued.

**XVI. - Act anent Consolidation of Shiskine and Slidery (No.16 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 19th May 1965.**

The Assembly consolidate the two charges of Shiskine and Slidery and instruct the Presbytery of Glasgow to make the necessary arrangements and arrange to have a new Sustentation Fund Schedule submitted by the new charge. They refer it to the Sustentation Fund Committee to ascertain if they can make a grant. They instruct that there be a Kirk Session in Slidery and also a Kirk Session in Shiskine.

**XVII. - Act anent Erection of Drumchapel into a Fully Sanctioned Charge. (No. 17 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 20th May 1965.**

The General Assembly disjoin Drumchapel from Hope Street Congregation and raise it to the status of a fully sanctioned charge, subject to the approval of a schedule by the Sustentation Fund Committee. They instruct that under the special circumstances of the present appointment the pastoral and financial arrangements be continued until the date of a settlement.

**XVIII. - Act Appointing Trustees to Widows' and Orphans' Fund. (No. 18 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 20th May 1965.**

The General Assembly re-appoint Rev. Professor David McKenzie, M.A., Free Church College, a Trustee of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and appoint Mr Donald A. Cameron, B.L., 41 Claremont Road, Edinburgh, to serve the unexpired part of the late Mr Donald MacArthur's term of office. The General Assembly empower the Commission of Assembly to deal with any urgent matters that may arise in connection with the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

**XIX. - Act anent Salary of Professors. (No. 19 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 21st May 1965.**

The General Assembly authorise that the salary paid to Professors be £1,250 per annum payable as from 1st January 1965. The Assembly enjoin the Committee to review College Salaries annually with a view to maintaining a due relation to the current Equal Dividend declared for the Sustentation Fund and the cost of living index.

**XX. - Act anent College Curriculum. (No. 20 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 21st May 1965.**

The General Assembly amend Act XI., 1964, adding thereto the words "and in the case of students under 30 years of age two passes on the Higher level shall be required of which one must be English".

**XXI. - Act anent Extension of Period of Membership of Standing Committees to Four Years. (No. 21 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 21st May 1965.**

The General Assembly approve that the extension of the period of Committee membership from three to four years take effect from next General Assembly and in this matter give the Nominations Committee powers.

**XXII. - Act anent Meeting of Standing Committees on Last Day of Assembly. (No. 22 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 21st May 1965**

The General Assembly enact that the opening paragraph of Standing Order VI. 1 read - "That the business of the Church between one Assembly and the next ensuing shall be carried on by Standing Committees, to meet as may be required, provided that the May meeting of Standing Committees be held from year to year on the afternoon of the last day of the General Assembly, the business transacted to be limited to the setting up of Executives and urgent business and to be arranged in groups, meeting simultaneously."

XXIII. - Act anent Appointing Commission of Assembly. **(No. 23 of Class II.) *Edinburgh, 21st May 1965.***

The General Assembly did, and hereby do, nominate and appoint a Commission consisting of all the members of Assembly, with the addition of Rev. Professor G. N. M. Collins named by the Moderator :-To be a Commission of this General Assembly with power to the said Commission or their quorum which is hereby declared to be any fifteen or more of their number, whereof eight at least are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene at Edinburgh on the third Wednesday of November and the first Wednesday of March next to come at eleven of the clock forenoon, and oftener when and where they shall think fit and convenient, and with power to choose their own Moderator; and the General Assembly fully empower the said Commission or their quorum above mentioned to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see cause, in every matter referred to them or which shall be referred to them, by or in virtue of any Act or Order of the Assembly, and to do everything contained in and conform to the instruction given, or to be given, by the General Assembly and to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, that the Church do not suffer, or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable. Provided always that, save as hereafter stated, this general clause be not extended to particular affairs or processes before Synods or Presbyteries that are not of universal concern to, or influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed that no private processes be determined except at the stated diets and that what shall be determined at one diet of the Commission with relation to private causes shall be unalterable by any other diet thereof and shall stand and continue in force until disapproved by the General Assembly. And further, the said Commission are hereby empowered to receive and fully dispose of applications that may be forwarded to them for raising preaching stations or suppressed charges to fully sanctioned charges, for constituting Church Extension Charges or authorising the continuance of arrangements already obtaining in such charges, for the appointment of Ministers Overseas and Foreign Missionaries in the Mission Fields of the Church, for authority to sell such property as is not held under the Model Trust Deed, to deal with any urgent matters that may arise in connection with the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and to receive any reference and appeal that shall be made to them from Synods in matters of doctrine, and ripen such affairs for next General Assembly and to contribute what they can to the suppression of vice and immorality, and to give all needful advice and assistance to Synods, Presbyteries and Committees of Assembly upon application to them for that end. And the said Commission are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other matters than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned. And in all their actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that, in and for all their actings, they shall be accountable to and censurable by next General Assembly, as they shall see cause. And this Commission shall continue and endure until another Commission is appointed. And members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission.

XXIV. - Act anent Appointing next General Assembly. (No. 24 of Class II.) *Edinburgh, 21st May 1965.*

The General Assembly appoint the next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to meet in Edinburgh on Tuesday, 24th day of May 1966, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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MAY MCMLXVI. (1966)

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**I. - Act anent Loyal and Dutiful Address to Her Majesty The Queen. (No. 1 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 25th May 1966.**

Loyal and Dutiful Address to Her Majesty.

May it please your Majesty:

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly in Edinburgh on the 24th day of May 1966, respectfully renew our profession of sincere loyalty to Your Majesty's Person and Throne. We give continued thanks to Almighty God for His gracious care of Your Majesty in your many journeys in the homeland and overseas, and for His maintenance of Your Majesty's health and strength under the burden of responsibility entailed in your Exalted Office.

We rejoice in the success of the visits paid by Your Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, to countries belonging to our Commonwealth of Nations, and more recently, to Belgium. We are deeply aware that such visits by Your Majesty and all other members of the Royal Household do much to strengthen the ties which bind together the countries of the Commonwealth and unite them in common loyalty to Your Majesty's throne; and that the state visits paid to countries with which our nation has had long and intimate associations serve to maintain and advance our mutual friendship and co-operation.

We give thanks to God for His protecting care of Prince Charles during his period of study in Australia and for the loyal friendship with which he is received everywhere by our kith and kin in other lands.

We constantly pray for Your Majesty's Ministers and Government, that the wisdom which has its beginning in the fear of the Lord may be given them for the discharge of their responsible duties and that industrial peace and economic prosperity founded on national righteousness may be established among us. We further pray that full concord may be restored to the British family of nations, and the Commonwealth may be a God-honoured instrument for the establishment and maintenance of peace throughout the world.

We give thanks for the high tone of Your Majesty's public addresses and for your sincere recognition of Almighty God as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We pray constantly for His blessing to rest upon Your Majesty's Person and Rule; upon His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; upon their Royal Highnesses, Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward; and upon Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and all other members of Your Royal House.

Your Majesty's most obedient and faithful servants, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, in General Assembly convened.

**II. - Act anent Amending Standing Orders. (No.2 of Class II.)**  
**25th May 1966.**

**Edinburgh,**

The General Assembly amend Standing Orders as follows:-

1. Standing Order VI., 10 shall end at “disqualified”. The two paragraphs numbered (1) and (2) in the Assembly Finding p. 50 Acts 1965, shall be formed into one paragraph beginning with the second word in the present paragraph (1) and the opening sentence of the present paragraph (2) shall begin “The Principal Clerk shall....”

This new paragraph shall be Standing Order VI. 11. The remaining part of the present Standing Order VI. 10 shall then become Standing Order VI. 12 and the following paragraphs shall be re-numbered in sequence up to 17.

Reconstructed paragraphs.

10. Not later than the first day of January in each year the Principal Clerk of Assembly shall furnish to the Clerk of each Presbytery a list of the members of the Standing Committees indicating thereon which members of these Committees will retire from office at the next ensuing Assembly and which members may have died, or resigned, or become disqualified.

11. Each Presbytery of the Church shall forward to the Principal Clerk of Assembly by 1st November of each year a list of names of such elders, within their bounds (along with their designations and addresses, and a note of their previous periods of service, if any, on Committees), as they desire to submit for the information of other Presbyteries, and being known by them to be eligible, suitable and available for nomination to vacancies on Standing Committees and on the Foreign Mission Board. The Principal Clerk shall consolidate these returns, and forward a list of the names of the Elders so recommended to the Clerk of each Presbytery at the same time (namely, before 1st January of each year) as he forwards the names of existing members of the Standing Committees showing which members are to be replaced.

12. Each Presbytery shall, not later than the 20th day of February next ensuing, furnish to the Principal Clerk of Assembly the names of Ministers and Elders (not necessarily members of that Presbytery) recommended by the Presbytery as suitable for appointment generally (that is without specification of vacancies) to Standing Committees, these lists not to contain more names than the known number of vacancies. The Principal Clerk of Assembly shall forthwith cause these lists to be laid before the Nominations Committee.

13. That not later than 1st May the Nominations Committee shall....

2. The words “and the Foreign Missions’ Board” shall be inserted after the words” Standing Committees “ in Standing Order V.12, 3, and Standing Order VI. 1, line 2. They shall further be inserted after the words “Standing Committees” in Standing Orders VI. 10 ;VI. 11; and there shall be inserted after the words “Standing Committee” in Standing Order VI. 6, “and a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Missions’ Board.”

**III. - Act anent Addendum to Act III of Class II, 1961. (No. 3 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 25th May 1966.**

The General Assembly approve that Act III., 1961, have added thereto as paragraph 5:-

In the case of a vacant congregation, the Interim Moderator should have refunded to him by the Congregation, all travelling expenses incurred by him in discharging such duties on behalf of the Congregation as would normally fall to be undertaken by the Minister if the Charge were settled”.

**IV. - Act anent Maintenance of Services in Consolidated Charges. (No. 4 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 25th May 1966.**

The General Assembly approve that a sum not exceeding £300 be transferred from the Church Extension Fund to the funds of the Committee on Sustentation annually in respect of the maintenance of Services in consolidated Charges where the payment of travelling expenses by the congregation is shown to be in excess of their financial resources.

**V. - Act anent Widows' and Orphans' Fund (No. 5 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh,  
25th May 1966.**

The General Assembly confirm the payment of £500 to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the benefit of widows of Free Church ministers in need, the Committee on Sustentation, the College, and the Finance Committee (from General Purposes Fund) to pay, respectively, £250, £100 and £150; that for the future, and for as long as the need exists, the sums remain as stated, except that any balance required in excess be met from General Purposes Fund, up to a maximum in total of £250 therefrom.

**VI. - Act anent Collections. (No. 6 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 25th May 1966.**

The General Assembly appoint Collections to be made during the ensuing year in all Congregations of the Church on behalf of the Schemes listed below

1. Retired Lay Agents    3rd Sabbath of June 1960
2. Rural Areas            „ July „
3. Aged and Infirm Ministers and Retired Professors    „ August „
4. Foreign and Overseas Missions    „ September „
5. Supply                „ October „
6. Jewish Missions      „ November „
7. Welfare of Youth and Publications    „ January 1967
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9. Buildings             „ March „
10. Church Extension    „ April „
11. College                „ May „

For all these schemes, in common with other Collections, the General Assembly commend the use of the Weekly Offering system and advocate its introduction for those contributors who prefer a single consolidated contribution to multiple methods of collection.

The General Assembly commend afresh the Church Extension Special Contributory Offering of sixpence per week towards the provision of new Church Buildings. Envelopes for this will be provided on application to the General Treasurer.

The General Assembly instruct Conveners of Committees to ensure that timely notice of each Collection is sent to every Congregation and they enjoin that these notices be read from the pulpit.

The General Assembly approve the issue of a notification to each congregation of the amount of contribution (calculated at 6 per cent. of their 1964 Sustentation Fund Contribution) which is required to provide a minimum working income for the College Fund; and they impress upon congregations the need to attain this figure if ministerial training is to continue to be maintained at an adequate level.

VII - Act anent Equal Dividend. (No. 7 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 25th May 1966.

The General Assembly declare an Equal Dividend of £750 to every Minister on the equal Dividend Platform at 31st December 1965, exclusive of the premium payable to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The General Assembly approve that the minimum contribution required by Congregations to be placed on the Equal Dividend Platform be not less than half of the current Equal Dividend.

VIII - Act anent Home Mission Grant (No. 8 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 25th May 1966.

The General Assembly concur with the Committee's action in connection with Home Mission Grants, viz., in asking the Finance, Law and Advisory Committee to allow £300 to be transferred from the Church Extension Committee to the Committee on Sustentation.

The General Assembly approve the Home Mission Grants as detailed in the Report. They authorise the Committee to receive any further schedules for Home Mission Grants from Congregations and to submit same to any diets of the Commission of Assembly for necessary action.

**IX. - Act anent Funeral Grants. (No. 9 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 25th May 1966.**

The General Assembly note and agree to the increase in Funeral Grants for Professors,

Ministers and Lay Agents, as in the Report.

**X. - Act anent Salaries of Resident Lay Agents (No. 10 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh,  
25th May 1966**

The General Assembly approve the special bonus of £25 and the £30 increase in salaries to all Resident Lay Agents in full-time service at 31st December 1965. They also approve the special arrangements for Mr A. Macinnes, Missionary at Sleat, as in the Report.

The General Assembly instruct the Committee, if necessary in consultation with the Supply Committee, to review the whole matter of the payment of the full-time Resident Lay Agents, in order that immediate steps may be taken to bring their remuneration more into line with the cost of living.

**XI. - Act anent London Congregation. (No. 11 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 25th  
May 1966.**

The General Assembly approve of the recommendation of the Committee regarding the London Congregation. They authorise that the Congregation be placed on the Equal Dividend Platform on condition that they contribute a minimum of £400 per annum to the Sustentation Fund. The General Assembly remit back to the Sustentation Fund Committee the question of the salary paid to the Minister of London Congregation, viz. £1,000, since this sum was fixed in 1961 and takes no account of the increased costs of living much greater in London nor of the increases in the Equal Dividend.

They give power to the November Commission of Assembly to dispose of the matter as may be suggested by the Sustentation Fund Committee, so as to maintain the differential fixed at Mr MacLeod's appointment, the amount in excess of the Equal Dividend in any one year to be charged in equal proportions to the Funds of the Committee on Supply and the Committee on Extension and Maintenance.

**XII. - Act anent Special Arrangements for Congregation of Farr (No. 12 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 25th May 1966.**

The General Assembly continue the Congregation of Farr on Special Arrangements for a further period of two years, on condition that they contribute £200 per annum to the Sustentation Fund.

**XIII. - Act anent East Kilbride. (No. 13 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 25th May  
1966.**

The General Assembly raise the Congregation of East Kilbride to the status of a fully sanctioned charge and place them on the Equal Dividend Platform in terms of the recommendation of the Committee on Sustentation, namely that the Congregation contribute a minimum of £400 annually to the Sustentation Fund.

**XIV. - Act anent Appointment of Trustee to Widows' and Orphans Fund (No.14 of Class II) Edinburgh, 25th May 1966.**

The General Assembly receive the Report of the Trustees of the Churches' and Universities' Widows' and Orphans' Fund and thank Mr Dunlop. They approve in principle of the proposed amending legislation. They re-appoint Mr D. A. Cameron, B.L., as a Trustee for a further four years' period.

**XV. - Act anent Free Church College Appointments. (No. 15 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 25th May 1966.**

The General Assembly ordain that in future appointments to the Free Church College it be a condition forthwith that the incumbent shall cease to hold his appointment with effect from the close of the College Session (effective date 30th September) following his attainment of the age of 70 years.

**XVI. - Act anent Eventide Home. (No. 16 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 25th May 1966.**

The General Assembly receive the report of the Eventide Home Committee and thank the Committee, and especially the Board of Management, for the work done in the past year.

The General Assembly instruct the Eventide Home Committee to reconsider the whole question of Maxwell House as a suitable place for an Eventide Home and consult with the Finance, Law and Advisory Committee as to the advisability of selling this building and seeking a more suitable one.

The General Assembly further direct that all legacies for the Eventide Home be made available to the Committee for revenue until such time as the Home is opened.

The General Assembly commend the work of the Eventide Home Committee and the whole Eventide Home project to the sympathetic and generous support of the Church.

**XVII. - Act anent Retirement of Professor of Systematic Theology (No. 17 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 26th May 1966.**

The General Assembly learn with regret of the desire of Reverend Professor R. A. Finlayson to retire from the Chair of Systematic Theology in the College. They express their gratitude

to Professor Finlayson for his devoted and valued service to the Church, and place on record their warm appreciation of his services as Professor. They extend to him their good wishes in his retirement and pray the blessing of the Most High will rest upon him. They ordain that the resignation of Professor Finlayson from the Chair of Systematic Theology take effect from the 31st August 1966, and that upon the resignation of his Professorial chair becoming effective, he be given the designation of Professor Emeritus with a seat in the Presbytery of Edinburgh.

**XVIII. - Act anent Modified Course Students. (No. 18 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 26th May 1966.**

The General Assembly approve the Committee's recommendation that a student applying for entry upon a Modified Course will have his Course set for him by the Committee, and his recognition as a student studying for the Ministry of the Free Church will be determined in the light of his progress on the prescribed work at the end of two years. They also approve the Committee's proposals regarding financial assistance to the student in this category.

The General Assembly approve the Committee's recommendation that Modified Course Students will no longer be automatically exempted from Greek and Hebrew in the College Entrance Examination, but will require to make timeous application to the Training of the Ministry Committee by the month of March preceding the June Entrance Examinations; a statement to this effect to replace the present regulation in the College Calendar.

**XIX. - Act anent Exit Examinations (No. 19 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 26th May 1966.**

The General Assembly approve of the recommendation that in the first year Exit Examination, German may be offered as an alternative to Latin or Ancient History, but they would urge upon students the desirability of being acquainted with Latin.

**XX. - Act anent Professors' Salaries. (No. 20 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 26th May 1966.**

The General Assembly approve the Committee's recommendation to increase the Professors' salaries from £1,250 to £1,400 per annum.

**XXI. - Act anent Retirement of Principal and Professor of Old Testament. (No. 21 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 20th May 1966**

The General Assembly, in accepting Principal Miller's resignation as Principal of the Free

Church College and as Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature, desire to express their gratitude to him for his long and faithful service of 51 years to the Church (21 years in Congregational Charges and 30 years in the College).

The General Assembly hope that he may be spared many years to enjoy his retirement and pray that he may have much of the Lord's blessing.

The General Assembly ordain that the resignation of Principal Miller from his offices in the College take effect from the 8th September 1966, and that upon his resignation taking effect he be given the designation of Principal Emeritus with a seat in the Presbytery of Edinburgh.

**XXII. - Act anent Appointment of Professor of Systematic Theology. (No. 22 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 26th May 1966.**

The General Assembly appoint Mr James Mackintosh, M.B.E., M.A., B.D., B.Ed., to be Professor of Systematic Theology in the Free Church College under the same arrangements as to emoluments as were fixed by the General Assembly of 1963 in connection with its appointment of Professor G N. M. Collins, except as these may have been amended as to age of retiral by the Act of 1966.

The General Assembly instruct the Presbytery of Edinburgh to take the necessary steps for his induction to the Chair of Systematic Theology after 31st August 1966.

**XXIII. - Act anent Appointment of Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature. (No. 23 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 26th May 1966.**

The General Assembly appoint Mr Allan Harman to the Chair of Old Testament Language and Literature on the understanding of the terms of mutual eligibility obtaining between this Church and the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, and under the same arrangements as were fixed by the General Assembly in connection with the appointment of Professor G N. M. Collins, except as these may have been amended as to the age of retiral by the Act of 1966.

The General Assembly instruct the Presbytery of Edinburgh to take the necessary steps for his induction to the Chair of Old Testament Language and Literature after 31st August 1966.

**XXIV. - Act anent Appointment of Principal of Free Church College (No. 24 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 26th May 1966.**

Professor D. McKenzie, being a Professor in the Free Church College, the General Assembly call him to higher service as Principal of the College.

The General Assembly instruct the Presbytery of Edinburgh to take the requisite steps for his induction as Principal on a date not earlier than 9th September 1966.

**XXV. - Act anent Amending Foreign Missions' Board's Regulations (No. 25 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 26th May 1966.**

The General Assembly, in order to give effect to the Board's proposals regarding more frequent furloughs, amend the relevant section of the "General Rules for the Missions, and the guidance of Missionaries from Scotland, of the Free Church of Scotland" as follows

Section 9 (i) (a), (b) and (c) will now read

(a) India. After a first term of four years service and each subsequent term of four years' service on full pay, furlough before nine months.

**(b) South Africa. - After each term of four years' service as aforesaid, furlough for nine months.**

**(c) Peru. - After each term of four years' service as aforesaid, furlough for nine months.**

The General Assembly direct that the forementioned amendments of Regulations shall not apply to contracts now current but in regard to these they empower the Board to make, with the agreement of the Missionaries concerned, such adjustments as in the Board's view the exigencies of any field, or the financial policy of the Board may require. The General Assembly further ordain that the following paragraph be added to Section 10 of the Regulations referred to, namely :-

"Children's Allowances shall continue to be paid at the current rate until school age. When a Missionary's child reaches school age the Missionary shall report to the Board the expenditure involved in school and, where necessary, residential fees. The Board shall consider this in relation to the facilities available and shall fix the amount of educational grant which shall be paid in addition to children's allowances at the current scale".

**XXVI. - Act anent Appointment of Missionary to South Africa. (No. 26 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 26th May 1966.**

The General Assembly approve the appointment of Mr Angus Macdonald as Missionary to South Africa, subject to the following provisos: (1) His passing his College and other examinations leading to ordination. (2) The submission of a satisfactory medical report, inclusive of X-ray report from a doctor appointed by the Board. (3) His passing the South African Immigration Regulations. The Assembly charge the Board with making the necessary home and field arrangements for Mr Macdonald.

**XXVII. - Act anent Appointment of Director of Colegio San Andres. (No. 27 of Class**

**II.) Edinburgh, 26th May 1966.**

The General Assembly approve of the appointment of Rev. William Morton Mackay, M.A., as Director of the Colegio San Andres, Lima, as from 1st March 1966, and commend him and his family to the prayers of the Church. They also note, with approval, the appointment of Mr Hugh Varnes as Missionary teacher in the Colegio.

**XXVIII. - Act anent Appointment of Special Committee on Co-operation (No. 28 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 26th May 1966.**

The General Assembly appoint a Special Committee on Closer Co-operation between Churches in membership of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod.

**XXIX. - Act anent Development Charges. (No. 29 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 27th May 1966.**

The General Assembly, recognising the special circumstances obtaining in developing areas where congregations may not have reached the numerical strength or the degree of organisation which would enable them to contribute a substantial sum to the Sustentation Fund but could make no satisfactory progress in that direction without the services of a resident Minister, declare Cumbernauld a Development Charge under the jurisdiction of the Kirk Session of Coatbridge. They instruct the Committee to obtain the services of a suitable person (preferably a probationer), and the Presbytery of Glasgow to ordain and/or induct him as Assistant Minister of Coatbridge Free Church for the purpose of work to be undertaken at Cumbernauld; the financial arrangements to be as set forth in the Appendix to this Deliverance.

**APPENDIX.**

**APPOINTMENT TO CHURCH DEVELOPMENT CHARGE.**

1. The appointment will be, in the first instance, for a period of three years.
2. The annual stipend will be a sum equal to the Equal Dividend each year, plus a sum of £100 to meet travelling and incidental expenses.
3. The position of the appointment with regard to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund and the Churches and Universities (Scotland) Widows' and Orphans' Fund will be safeguarded.
4. The person appointed shall devote his whole time to the area to which he is appointed, and work under the supervision of the Committee on Extension and Maintenance, in conjunction with the Presbytery in whose area he is serving. He shall present a bi-annual report to the Committee (for the March and November meetings) and state progress in the spiritual, numerical and financial aspects of the work.

5. He will be responsible for advising the Committee, in conjunction with the Presbytery within whose bounds he is serving, on the advisability or otherwise of continuing, expanding or contracting the work in that particular area.

6. At the close of his period of service he shall be eligible for re-appointment, either in the same area or in a different sphere of Church Extension work. Alternatively, should he not wish to be re-appointed, but desire a Call to a Settled Charge, he shall be treated as a Minister without Charge, except that he shall be paid at the rate of the Equal Dividend for a period of six months from the date of his resignation or until his induction to a new charge, whichever is sooner.

7. The Committee on Extension and Maintenance will meet his National Insurance Contributions and the whole annual burdens on the property in which he lives, viz. rent, rates, feu-duty, property tax, and any repairs or decoration which may be considered necessary and reasonable.

8. His annual stipend will be the responsibility, in equal proportions, of the Committee on Extension and Maintenance and the Committee on Sustentation.

**XXX. - Act anent Creation of Cumbernauld as a Development Charge (No. 30 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 27th May 1966.**

The General Assembly authorise the Committee on Extension to obtain the services of a suitable person who shall be ordained and/or inducted as Assistant Minister at Coatbridge for the purpose of work to be undertaken at Cumbernauld and that the financial arrangements be in accordance with the Appendix to the Deliverance of the Committee on Extension and Maintenance.

**XXXI. - Act anent Appointment of Personnel. Special Committee on Co-operation. (No. 30 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 27th May 1966.**

The General Assembly proceeded to appoint the personnel of the Special Committee on Closer Co-operation between Churches in the Reformed Ecumenical Synod. It was agreed to that the following constitute the Committee :-

Professor G. N. M. Collins, Convener. Professor W. J. Cameron. Rev. N. A. MacLeod. Rev. W. D. Graham. Rev. J. W. Fraser. Mr J. O. Sutherland.

**XXXII. - Act anent Appointing Commission of Assembly. (No. 31 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 27th May 1966.**

The General Assembly did, and hereby do, nominate and appoint a Commission consisting of all the members of Assembly, with the addition of Rev. Clement Graham named by the Moderator To be a Commission of this General Assembly with power to the said Commission or their quorum which is hereby declared to be any fifteen or more of their number, whereof eight at least are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene at Edinburgh on the third Wednesday of November and the first Wednesday of March next to come at eleven of the clock forenoon, and oftener when and where they shall think fit and convenient, and with power to choose their own Moderator; and the General Assembly fully empower the said Commission or their quorum above mentioned to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see cause, in every matter referred to them or which shall be referred to them, by or in virtue of any Act or Order of the Assembly, and do everything contained in and conform to the instruction given, or to be given, by the General Assembly and to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, that the Church do not suffer, or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable. Provided always that, save as hereafter stated, this general clause be not extended to particular affairs or processes before Synods or Presbyteries that are not of universal concern to, or influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed that no private processes be determined except at the stated diets and that what shall be determined at one diet of the Commission with relation to private causes, shall be unalterable by any other diet thereof and shall stand and continue in force until disapproved by the General Assembly. And further, the said Commission are hereby empowered to receive and fully dispose of applications that may be forwarded to them for raising preaching stations or suppressed charges to fully sanctioned charges, for constituting Church Extension Charges or authorising the continuance of arrangements already obtaining in such charges, for the appointment of Ministers Overseas and Foreign Missionaries in the Mission Fields of the Church, for authority to sell such property as is not held under the Model Trust Deed, to deal with any urgent matters that may arise in connection with the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and to receive any reference and appeal that shall be made to them from Synods in matters of doctrine, and ripen such affairs for next General Assembly and to contribute what they can to the suppression of vice and immorality, and to give all needful advice and assistance to Synods, Presbyteries and Committees of Assembly upon application to them for that end. And the said Commission are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other matters than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned. And in all their actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that, in and for all their actings, they shall be accountable to and censurable by next General Assembly, as they shall see cause. And this Commission shall continue and endure until another Commission is appointed. And members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission.

**XXXIII. - Act anent Appointing Next General Assembly. (No. 32 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 27th May 1966.**

The General Assembly appoint the next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to meet in Edinburgh on Tuesday, 23rd day of May 1967, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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**I. - Act anent Loyal and Dutiful Address to Her Majesty The Queen      (No. 1 of Class II.)      Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

To the Queen's most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty:

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly at Edinburgh this 24th day of May 1967, avail ourselves of the occasion to tender the sincere expression of our loyalty and devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Person, Family, and

Government.

As a Church of Christ we seek in all things to set before us the will of our Head, “by whom Kings reign and princes decree justice”, and in conformity thereto, we make supplication and intercession for all in authority, for the peace of the Kingdom, and for prosperity to all its interests, while we seek to “lead quiet and peaceable” lives “in all godliness and honesty”.

We pray from day to day that Your Majesty may be long spared to reign over these realms, continuing to command the admiration not of this nation only, but of other lands, by domestic virtues and public acts, and may at last receive the crown of life given to all who live the life of faith upon the Son of God.

Praying Your Majesty’s gracious acceptance of this expression of the loyalty and affection of Your Majesty’s dutiful and obedient subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, in General Assembly convened.

MURDO MacLEOD, Moderator.

**II. - Act anent Group Endowment Assistance to Ministers. (No. 2 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly exhort all Deacons’ Courts and/or Finance Committee to give sympathetic financial assistance to ministers eligible to join the Group Endowment Assurance Scheme. The General Assembly amend Act. III., 1961, paragraph by the addition of the words “Premiums under the Group Endowment Assurance Scheme” after the word “Manse”.

**III. - Act amending Act IV 1890 - Office Staff. (No. 3 of Class II.) Edinburgh,  
24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly amend Act. IV., 1890, paragraph 1, by the addition of the words “Janitor and Caretaker” and “and College” after the words “Clerks” and “Office” respectively.

**IV. - Act anent Procedure for Making Nominations to Chairs in the College.  
(Repealing Act X 1859). (Act 4 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly repeal Act X 1859, and substitute the following :-

(1) That the duty of considering the claims of nominees for vacant Professorships shall be entrusted to the Training of the Ministry and Admissions Committee.

(2) The Committee, in the case of nominees who have taken their theological course in the Free Church College, shall have access to the Report on their course in the custody of the Senatus, and shall ask for a report on such post-graduate work as may be relevant to the particular chair. In the case of nominees, who have not passed through the Free Church College, each nominee shall be required to supply the Committee with official reports on his university and theological course and on any relevant post-graduate work he may have undertaken.

(3) That the Committee shall present a report to the General Assembly recommending, from the nominations made by Presbyteries and Synods; one person for election to the vacant chair, stating the grounds of their recommendations: the Assembly retaining its right to make the appointment either within or outside the nominations made by Presbyteries and Synods and by the Training of the Ministry Committee, as may in its judgment best serve the interests of the Church, such appointment to be made, where this is necessary, by a card vote of the Assembly.

**V. - Act Effecting Emendations in Legislation Governing the Sale of Church Property.  
(Acts Amended: XVIII 1844, VIII 1863, IX 1875, and IV 1889). (No. 5 of Class II.)  
*Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.***

The General Assembly give effect to the recommendations of the Church's Law Agents regarding sale of congregational property held in terms of the Model Trust Deed and amend the legislation governing the sale of property as follows:-

(a) Act XVIII., 1844, section six, shall be amended by the deletion of the words from the beginning of the section up to, and including, the second reference to "united body of Christians", and the insertion in their place of the wording undernoted:-

It is hereby further expressly provided and declared, that the said Trustees, or Trustee, acting for the time, shall not have power to burden Congregational property, held in terms of this deed, or the Place of Worship, or appurtenances thereof, or, generally, the subjects hereby disposed, or any part thereof, unless for the purpose of providing more suitable accommodation for behoof of the said body, or united body of Christians; and then only with the consent, first had and obtained, of the General Assembly, or its Commission, for the time being, of the said body or united body of Christians, of which consent the only legal and admissible evidence shall be a certificate under the hand of the Moderator, and/or, the Clerk of the General Assembly, for the time being, or of the then immediately preceding General Assembly, or under the hand of the parties or party, generally known, or understood, to hold such offices or office, for the time; and that only the General Assembly shall have power to authorise the sale of congregational property held in terms of the Model Trust Deed for any purpose other than the aforesaid, in special circumstances that may arise":

(b) Act VIII., 1863, para. 1, shall be amended by the addition of the following :- "or provided the sale proposed is for the purpose of obtaining more suitable accommodation, that he may advise the Commission of Assembly, as the time of receiving the application may require".

(c) Act IX., 1875, shall be amended by inserting in the last line, following the words "General Assembly", the words, "or its Commission".

(d) Act IV., 1889, shall be amended to read:-

“The Assembly declare that no authority granted by them, or their Commission, for the sale or Transference of Church Property shall be acted on, after the lapse of five years from its date, without a new application to the Assembly, or its Commission, in terms of Act VIII, 1863, as amended by the 1967 General Assembly.”

**VI. - Act Amending Act XV 1966; - Appointment to Free Church College. (No. 6 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly amend Act XV., 1966, by the addition of the following:-

“it being understood that this requirement shall not apply in the case of the appointment of Professor D. McKenzie as Principal of the Free Church College”.

**VII. - Act Authorising Preparation of Index to Existing Acts. (No. 7 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly authorise the preparation of a good Index as being more advantageous to the Church rather than a supplement to the Practice, and further recommend that each Standing Committee, including the Foreign Mission Board, collate the Regulations applicable to them for publication in separate booklet form.

**VIII. - Act anent Collection. (No. 5 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

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**IX. - Act anent Equal Dividend for 1967. (No. 9. of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 24th  
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The General Assembly declare an Equal Dividend of £800 to every Minister on the Equal Dividend Platform at 31st December 1966, exclusive of the premium payable to the Widow's and Orphan's Fund. The General Assembly also give powers to the Committee to pay a bonus of £25 in December 1967 if funds permit, to all Ministers on the Equal Dividend Platform. The General Assembly approve that the minimum contribution required by Congregations to be placed on the Equal Dividend Platform be not less than half of the current Equal Dividend.

**X. - Act anent Payments to Lay Agents. (No. 10 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 24th  
May 1967.**

The General Assembly approve the Committee's recommendations as detailed in the Report with regard to salaries of Resident Law Agents, viz., that they be paid £520 per year as from January 1967.

The General Assembly also approve that a bonus of £50 be paid to all Resident Lay Agents in full-time service at 31st December 1966. The General Assembly further approve that a bonus equivalent to two-thirds of their present pension be paid to Retired Law Agents.

The General Assembly reaffirm Regulations re payment of Resident Lay Agents giving Supply and enjoin Interim Moderators to obtain a certified copy of appropriate Regulations before making any arrangements for Supply, involving payment by the Committee.

**XI. - Act anent Remuneration of Resident Probationers. (No. 11 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly approve the recommendation that Probationers giving Resident Supply be paid at the rate of £5 per Sabbath.

**XII. - Act anent Travelling Expenses of Preachers. (No.12 of Class 11.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly enact the following with regard to Travelling Expenses

(1) When possible and suitable public transport shall be used, but in the case of Preachers using their own cars, the amount refunded shall not exceed the cost of public transport.

(2) Where public transport is not available, or suitable, a refund at the rate of 6d. per mile will be allowed up to a maximum of 60 miles each way.

The General Assembly also approve the following with regard to Supply in Vacancies

While special cases may be considered on their merits, in general congregations will be responsible for meeting the travelling expenses of Supply when these do not exceed £2. When travelling expenses exceed £2, the Committee will meet 50 per cent. of the additional expenditure up to a maximum outlay by the Committee of £3.

**XIII. - Act anent Appointment of Trustee to Churches and Universities (Scotland) Widows' and Orphans' Fund. (No. 13 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly received the report of the Trustees of the Churches and Universities (Scotland) Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The General Assembly appoint the Rev. Professor W. J. Cameron, M.A., B.D., as a Trustee of the Fund.

**XIV. - Act Appointing Special Committee on Custody of Titles. (No. 14 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly receive and adopt the Report and thank the Committee, especially the Convener.

The General Assembly, in order to give effect to the recommendations of the Assembly Arrangements Committee regarding re-adjustment of the business of the Assembly, as from 1968, appoint a Special Committee on Custody of Titles in place of the present Sub-Committee, instructing them that, in addition to carrying out the statutory duties of Custodiers, they examine all Petitions for authority to sell Congregational property and make recommendations regarding the disposal of the Petitions in the Proposed Deliverance on their Report to the General Assembly, or in the case of Petitions addressed to the Commission of Assembly in a Special Report to the meeting of Commission immediately following; the Committee to have access to the Law Agents as may be necessary.

The General Assembly add to Standing Order II as paragraph 7, the following:

These regulations shall not apply to Petitions for authority to sell congregational property, which Petitions shall not be transmitted through the Bills and Overtures Committee, but in the case of those addressed to the General Assembly shall be forwarded through the regular channels so as to be in the hands of the Principal Clerk not later than 15th March in each year. In the case of such Petitions addressed to the Commission of Assembly, they shall be forwarded so as to be in the hands of the Principal Clerk not later than one month before the date of the meeting of Commission to which it is proposed to submit them. The Principal Clerk shall lay each Petition before the Committee on Custody of Titles with a view to a report thereon being timeously prepared.

The General Assembly amend Standing Order IV, 1 by adding after "Petitions" (excepting those for power to sell property).

**XV. - Act anent Presbyterial Visitation (Repealing Act II, 1889) (No. 15 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly repeal Act II 1889 and enact in place thereof :-

A Presbytery shall as they may see cause undertake a visitation of any congregation within their bounds in accordance with guidance given in Practice 1912, p. 41, but in the case of prolonged vacancies such a visitation shall be held at least once in five years.

**XVI. - Act anent Uniting the Charges of Dumbarton and Renton. (No. 10 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly unite the Congregations of Dumbarton and Renton under one Kirk Session. They confirm the financial arrangements made by previous General Assemblies, viz: that the proceeds from the sale of properties in Renton be used to provide transport to the place of worship, and to maintain gospel ordinances. They further instruct that monies at present held separately be hereafter used for the benefit of the united charge.

**XIX. - Act anent Appointment of Missionary Colporteur (No. 19 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly approve the Committees recommendation regarding the employment of a Missionary/Colporteur, and they appoint Mr Murdo Morrison to this post, as from 1st June 1967 in terms of the Appendix to this Deliverance.

APPENDIX.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARY/COLPORTEUR.

1. The Missionary/Colporteur will serve under the direct control of the Committee on Extension and Maintenance, who will decide the area in which he will serve, and the nature and extent of his duties.
2. He will be available to Interim-Moderators of vacant Congregations, within a reasonable distance of where he resides, for the purpose of week-end preaching engagements, but not for any pastoral duties.
3. His salary will be at the rate payable to Resident Lay Agents, and will be paid, in equal amounts, by the Committee on Sustentation, and the Committee on Extension and Maintenance.
4. He will be provided with a vehicle for his colporteur work, and the Committee will be responsible for its maintenance, and its running costs in connection with this work. If he uses it, however, for the purpose of week-end preaching engagements, he will claim his expenses in the normal way.
5. The Committee will be responsible for paying his National Insurance Contributions, and also rent, rates, and feu duties of his living accommodation. Should he be resident at any

time in a house provided by the Committee, the responsibility for the general maintenance of the property will also devolve on the Committee.

6. He will obtain his literature supplies through the Free Church Bookroom only, or through other agencies approved by the Committee.

7. He will make an annual Report to the Committee on his activities (to be in their hands for consideration at their meeting in March), as well as an audited statement of his financial activities in connection with his colporteur work, and his own personal expenses.

8. After attaining the age of 65 the Missionary/Colporteur may retire from his appointment with the retirement benefits appropriate to a resident lay Agent.

**XX. - Act anent uniform Examination for Entrant Students. (No. 20 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967**

The General Assembly approve the Committee's recommendation that there be a uniform standard of examination for the use of all Presbyteries throughout the Church for Students who lack the normal academic qualifications, making application to enter the Ministry of the Church, that (1) the uniform standard test be prepared by the Training of the Ministry Committee, (2) Presbyteries be responsible for the conduct of the test. Presbyteries previous to this test will have conducted their own tests in Scripture and Doctrine.

**XXI. - Act anent Group Endowment Assistance to Professors (No.21 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967**

The General Assembly, in agreement with its expressed policy that all those eligible to participate in the Group Endowment Assurance Scheme should receive some financial assistance in meeting the premiums, enjoin the Training of the Ministry Committee to meet 50 per cent. of the premium payable by those Professors eligible and desirous of joining the Scheme.

**XXII. - Act Appointing the Commission of Assembly. (No. 22 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly did, and hereby do, nominate and appoint a Commission consisting of all the members of Assembly, with the addition of Rev. J. W. Fraser named by the Moderator: To be a Commission of this General Assembly with power to the said Commission or their quorum which is hereby declared to be any fifteen or more of their number, whereof eight at least are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene at Edinburgh on the third Wednesday of November and the first Wednesday of March next to come at eleven of the clock forenoon, and oftener when and where they shall think fit and convenient, and with power to choose their own Moderator; and the General Assembly fully empower the said Commission or their quorum above mentioned to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see cause, in every matter referred to them or which shall be referred to them, by or in virtue of any Act or Order of the Assembly, and do everything contained in and conform to the instruction given, or to be given, by the General Assembly and to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, that the Church do not suffer, or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent, as

they will be answerable. Provided always that, save as hereafter stated, this general clause be not extended to particular affairs or processes before Synods or Presbyteries that are not of universal concern to, or influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed that no private processes be determined except at the stated diets and that what shall be determined at one diet of the Commission with relation to private causes, shall be unalterable by any other diet thereof and shall stand and continue in force until disapproved by the General Assembly. And further, the said Commission are hereby empowered to receive and fully dispose of applications that may be forwarded to them for raising preaching stations or suppressed charges to fully sanctioned charges, for constituting Church Extension Charges or authorising the continuance of arrangements already obtaining in such charges, for the appointment of Ministers Overseas and Foreign Missionaries in the Mission Fields of the Church, for authority to sell such property as is not held under the Model Trust Deed, or to sell such properties being under the Model Trust Deed as are to be sold in order to provide for new buildings, to deal with any urgent matters that may arise in connection with the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and to receive any reference and appeal that shall be made to them from Synods in matters of doctrine, and ripen such affairs for next General Assembly and to contribute what they can to the suppression of vice and immorality, and to give all needful advice and assistance to Synods, Presbyteries and Committees of Assembly upon application to them for that end. And the said Commission are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other matters than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned. And in all their actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that, in and for all their actings, they shall be accountable to and censurable by next General Assembly, as they shall see cause. And this Commission shall continue and endure until another Commission is appointed. And members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission.

**XXIII. - Act Appointing Next General Assembly. (No. 23 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly appoint the next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to meet in Edinburgh on Tuesday, 21st day of May 1968, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

**XVII. - Act anent Uniting the Charges of Kiltarlity and Kirkhill. (No. 17 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly ordain that the Congregations of Kiltarlity and Kirkhill be united under one Kirk Session, but with each section retaining, as at present, its own Finance Committee.

**XVIII. - Act anent Appointment of Representatives on the Act Scottish Reformation Society. (No. 18 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1967.**

The General Assembly appoint Rev. J. W. Fraser, B.D., Rev. D. G. W. Beaton and Mr W. Aitken, as the Church's representatives in the Scottish Reformation Society.

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#### **CLASS I. - ACTS WHICH HAVE PASSED THE BARRIER ACT**

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#### **CLASS II. - ACTS WHICH ARE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE CHURCH**

**I. - Act anent Presentation of Committee Report by Convener not a Member. (No. 1 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 21st May 1968.**

When a Convener, not being a member of Assembly, is permitted to present his Committee's Report, the Convener and the mover of the Deliverance shall be required to come to an arrangement by which their combined speeches shall not exceed the time normally granted to the mover of a motion in terms of Standing Order V, 3 (3) or as that Order may be amended by this or any subsequent Assembly.

**II. - Act anent Titles to, and Sale of Congregational Property. (No. 2 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 22nd May 1968.**

The General Assembly note that certain Titles detailed in the Register are missing in whole or in part. They instruct the Committee to investigate the whereabouts of these documents so that, as far as possible, all essential documents may be held in the care of the Committee.

The General Assembly remind Congregations that, where the authority of the Assembly to the Sale of a property is required, any negotiations prior to the granting of such authority is ultra vires. The General Assembly warn Congregations that property should not be advertised for sale, nor should Missives of Sale be entered into, before the authority of the General Assembly, where required, has been obtained.

**III. - Act anent Loyal and Dutiful Address to Her Majesty the Queen. (No. 3 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 22nd May 1968.**

Loyal and Dutiful Address to Her Majesty the Queen.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty:

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland met in General Assembly at Edinburgh this 22nd day of May 1968, respectfully offer Your Majesty this expression of our loyalty to Your Majesty's Person and Throne and to the Constitutional Monarchy of which you are the honoured Head and Representative.

In our pulpits and homes Your Majesty is being constantly prayed for that God may grant you strength for your manifold labours on behalf of your country and sustain you under your constant burden of responsibility. These prayers embrace Your Royal Household, Your Consort, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, and Her Majesty The Queen Mother, who holds so unique a place in the affections of the Scottish people.

We note with satisfaction that Prince Charles is to be invested this year as Prince of Wales and we pray that God may enrich his young life with the manifold blessings of His grace. We are gratified at the pleasure which Your Majesty's visit to Expo '67 in Montreal gave your loyal subjects in the Dominion of Canada. We also note with interest that Your Majesty and Prince Philip intend to pay a formal visit to certain countries in Latin America, where this Church has been conducting for many years educational, medical and evangelistic missions.

We note with thankfulness the occasions on which Your Majesty pays respect to the Christian values enshrined in the Lord's Day and its privilege of worship, and so sets a noble example to your people.

We pray that, in a day of uncertainty and unrest, Your Majesty's Throne may continue to exercise a stabilising influence not only in our multi-racial commonwealth, but throughout the Western world.

That Your Majesty may be blessed with health and peace is the earnest prayer of the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland.

J.R. AITKEN, Moderator.

**IV. - Act Amending Standing Orders (COMMITTEE MEETINGS.) (No. 4 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh. 22nd May 1968.**

The General Assembly amend Standing Order VI. 1 to read:-

1. That the business of the Church between one Assembly and the next ensuing shall be carried on by Standing Committees and the Foreign Board to meet as required, and to be arranged in groups, meeting simultaneously, as follows:

First Group.

Committee on Supply 9.30 a.m. To rise not later than 11.00 n.m. Committee on Sustentation 11.00 a.m. To rise not later than 1.00 p.m. Committee on Extension and Maintenance 2.00 p.m. To rise not later than 4.00 p.m.

Second Group.

Psalmody Committee 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Public Questions. Religion and Morals Committee 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Welfare of Youth and Publications Committee 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.. Training of Ministry and Admissions Committee 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Finance, Law and Advisory Committee 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

**V. - Act Appointing Ministerial Clerk to Training of the Ministry Committee.  
(No. 5 of Class II.) Edinburgh, 22nd May 1968.**

The General Assembly approve the appointment of a ministerial Clerk to the Training of the Ministry and Admissions Committee, with effect from 24th May 1968; an honorarium of £50 per annum being payable from the General Purposes Fund.

**VI. - Act anent Suppression of Vacant Charges. (No. 6 of Class 11.)  
Edinburgh. 22nd May 1968.**

The General Assembly agree to the Suppression of the following small Vacant Charges:

Kilbride (Arran) Dumfries Daviot, Stratherrick and Dores Raasay Coigach  
Kilbrandon and Kilchattan

and now declare that these several named Congregations shall, until otherwise determined by the General Assembly or its Commission upon a Petition from the Presbytery of the bounds, be deemed to be Mission Stations.

**VII. - Act anent Holding of Church Funds. (No. 7 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh. 22nd May 1968.**

The General Assembly reaffirm, authorise and direct that all investments and/or trust funds, legacies, gifts and all money from whatsoever source left, disposed or conveyed to any

Committee or Body, or to an Authorised Official acting for or on behalf of any such Committee or Body of the Free Church of Scotland (excepting only funds left specifically to individual congregations) shall be transferred, disposed, assigned or conveyed to and thereafter held by the Free Church of Scotland General Trustees Nominees. The interest or income from such investments or other funds shall be disbursed by or at the sight of the appropriate Committee responsible in terms of the original instructions given to the said Committee by the donor or other author of the funds or, failing any such instructions by the General Assembly. It being understood that the income of the E. K. Simpson Bequest shall be allocated for such purposes of the College as the Senators for the time being shall in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion think fit.

**VIII. - Act anent Collections (No. 8 of Class II.)**

**Edinburgh, 22nd May 1968.**

The General Assembly appoint Collections to be made during the ensuing year in all Congregations of the Church on behalf of the Schemes listed below:

1. Retired Lay Agents 3rd Sabbath of June 1968
2. Rural Areas „ July „
3. Aged and Infirm Ministers and Retired Professors „ August „
4. Foreign and Overseas Missions „ September „
5. Supply „ October „
6. Jewish Missions „ November „
7. Welfare of Youth and Publications „ January 1969
8. Training of the Ministry „ February „
9. Buildings „ March „
10. Church Extension „ April „
11. College „ May „

For all these schemes, in common with other Collections, the General Assembly commend the use of the Weekly Offering system and advocate its introduction for those contributors who prefer a single consolidated contribution to multiple methods of collection.

The General Assembly commend afresh the Church Extension Special Contributory Offering of sixpence per week towards the provision of new Church Buildings. Envelopes for this will be provided on application to the General Treasurer.

The General Assembly instruct Conveners of Committees to ensure that timely notice of each Collection is sent to every Congregation and they enjoin that these notices be read from the pulpit.

The General Assembly approve the issue of a notification to each congregation of the amount of contribution (calculated at 6 per cent. of their 1964 Sustentation Fund Contribution) which is required to provide a minimum working income for the College Fund; and they impress upon Congregations the need to maintain this figure if ministerial training is to continue to be maintained at an adequate level.

In view of the increasing demands upon the Aged and Infirm Ministers' and Retired Professors' Fund and the compelling need to maintain unimpaired the rates of retiring allowance, the General Assembly renew the finding of last General Assembly requiring an annual contribution of 3 per cent. of the current flat rate of equal dividend in respect of each minister, professor and ordained missionary, from settled Charges, Committee on Extension and Maintenance (for Evangelist), College Fund (for Professors), and Foreign and Overseas Board respectively, the above contribution to be increased to a figure of 5s. per head in

Charges where the number of members and adherents combined exceeds 200.

**IX. - Act anent Equal Dividend. (No. 9 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 22nd May 1968.**

The General Assembly declare an Equal Dividend of £800 to every Minister on the Equal Dividend Platform at 31st December 1967, exclusive of the premium payable to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The General Assembly approve the proposal of the Committee to pay all Ministers on the Equal Dividend Platform at the rate of £830 per annum as from January 1968. The General Assembly approve that the minimum contribution required by Congregations to be placed on the Equal Dividend Platform be not less than half of the current Equal Dividend.

**X. - Act anent Allotment from Sustentation Fund for Resident Lay Agents.                      (No. 10 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 22nd May 1968.**

The General Assembly amend the recommendations adopted by last General Assembly regarding the transfer of £2,000 from the Sustentation Fund towards salaries of Resident Lay Agents by the substitution of the following:

“There shall be transferred from the Sustentation Fund annually such a sum not exceeding £2,000 as may be necessary to ensure that the salaries of Resident Lay Agents may be maintained at the rate of £520 per annum.

**XI. - Act anent Appointment to Widows' and Orphans' Fund.                      (No.11 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 22nd May 1968.**

The General Assembly re-appoint Mr James Stewart, B.Sc., a Trustee of the Churches and Universities (Scotland) Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

**XII. - Act anent Relation of Cumbernauld Congregation to Widows' and                      Orphans' Fund.                      (No. 12 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 22nd May 1968.**

The General Assembly declare Cumbernauld Congregation to be equivalent to a Charge for the purposes of the Widows' and Orphans' Amending Order, 1967.

**XIII. - Act anent Appointment to Church Development Charges.                      (No. 13 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 22nd May 1968.**

The General Assembly amend the Appendix to the 1966 Assembly Deliverance regarding appointments to Church Development Charges, to read as follows:

At the end of paragraph 3, add, “And the Committee shall be responsible for not less than 50 per cent. of his annual premium to the Group Endowment Assurance Scheme”. At the end of the first sentence in paragraph 4, after the word “serving” add, “in which Presbytery he will be given a seat on his induction to the Charge”.

**XIV. - Act anent Eventide Home. (No. 14 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh, 23rd May**

**1968.**

The General Assembly re-appoint Rev. M. Macaulay, Rev. J. R. Aitken, Rev. W. R. Mackay, and Rev. A. R. Fraser to represent their respective Synods on the Committee for a further period of three years.

The General Assembly express their satisfaction that the various difficulties which have beset the Eventide Home have been overcome. They commend the Eventide Home to the prayerful and generous support of the Church, and pray that residents and staff may know much of God's presence and blessing.

**XV. - Act Consolidating Lochalsh and Glenshiel. (No. 15 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 23rd May 1968.**

The General Assembly ordain that the Congregations of Lochalsh and Glenshiel be consolidated under one Kirk Session, each congregation to have its own finance committee.

**XVI. - Act Consolidating Latheron and Berriedale. (No. 16 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 23rd May 1968.**

The General Assembly enact that the Congregations of Latheron and Berriedale be consolidated under one pastoral charge with two Kirk Sessions and two Finance Committees.

(N.B. For similar Act relating to Helmsdale and Kinbrace, see Commission of Assembly Minutes of November 1967, page 3, 3rd last paragraph.)

**XVII. - Act Amending Act XIX. (1 965). (No. 17 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th  
May 1968.**

The General Assembly amend Act XIX., 1965 by adding "due regard being given to the available funds".

**XVIII. - Act Appointing Commission of Assembly. (No. 18 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1968.**

The General Assembly did, and hereby do, nominate and appoint a Commission consisting of all the members of Assembly, with the addition of Rev. C. Graham named by the Moderator : To be a Commission of this General Assembly with power to the said Commission or their quorum which is hereby declared to be any fifteen or more of their number, whereof eight at least are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene at Edinburgh on the second Wednesday of August and the third Wednesday of November and the first Wednesday of March next to come at eleven of the clock forenoon, and oftener when and where they shall think fit and convenient, and with power to choose their own Moderator; and the General Assembly fully empower the said Commission or their quorum above mentioned to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see cause, in every matter referred to them or which shall be referred to them, by or in virtue of any Act or Order of the Assembly, and do everything contained in and conform to the instruction given, or to be given, by the General Assembly and to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, that the Church do not suffer, or sustain any

prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable. Provided always that, save as hereafter stated, this general clause be not extended to particular affairs as processes before Synods or Presbyteries that are not of universal concern to, or influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed that no private processes be determined except at the stated diets and that what shall be determined at one diet of the Commission with relation to private causes, shall be unalterable by any other diet thereof and shall stand and continue in force until disapproved by the General Assembly. And further, the said Commission are hereby empowered to receive and fully dispose of applications that may be forwarded to them for raising preaching stations or suppressed charges to fully sanctioned charges, for constituting Church Extension Charges or authorising the continuance of arrangements already obtaining in such charges, for the appointment of Ministers Overseas and Foreign Missionaries In the Mission Fields of the Church, for authority to sell such property as is not held under the Model Trust Deed, or to sell such properties being under the Model Trust Deed as are to be sold in order to provide for new buildings, to deal with any urgent matters that may arise in connection with the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and to receive any reference and appeal that shall be made to them from Synods in matters of doctrine, and ripen such affairs for next General Assembly and to contribute what they can to the suppression of vice and immorality, and to give all needful advice and assistance to Synods, Presbyteries and Committees of Assembly upon application to them for that end. And the said Commission are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other matters than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned. And in all their actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that, and for all their actings, they shall be accountable to and censurable by next General Assembly, as they shall see cause. And this Commission shall continue and endure until another Commission is appointed. And members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission.

**XIX. - Act Appointing Next General Assembly. (No. 19 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 24th May 1968.**

The General Assembly appoint the next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to meet in Edinburgh on Tuesday, 20th day of May 1969, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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**I. - Act anent Uniting Presbyteries Of Dingwall and Chanonry (No. 1 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh. 21st May 1969.**

The General Assembly unite the Presbyteries of Dingwall and Chanonry to form one Court with its seat at Dingwall, to be known as the Presbytery of Dingwall and Chanonry. The General Assembly ordain that the Presbytery of Dingwall and Chanonry shall hold its first meeting in Dingwall on Tuesday, 17th June 1969, at 6 p.m., the Rev. Duncan Leitch, M.A., Minister at Dingwall, to be the first Moderator.

**II. - Act anent Modification of Amendments. (No. 2 of Class II.) Edinburgh,  
21st May 1969.**

The General Assembly amend Standing Order V., 3 (4), by the addition of the following : -  
“Amendments must be moved in the terms notified, but it shall be competent to modify these by a subsequent motion from the floor of the Assembly”.

**III. - Act Dispensing with Reading of Proposed Deliverance. (No. 3 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh. 21st May 1969.**

The General Assembly ordain that the paragraphs of a proposed deliverance on the report of a Standing Committee be numbered, and that the Convener or member moving the deliverance be not required to read it when it is already in the hands of members of the Assembly.

**IV. - Act anent Reconstitution of Publications Department. (No. 4 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh. 21st May 1969.**

The General Assembly reconstitute the Publications Department and direct that membership of the Department shall consist of the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Welfare of Youth

and Publications Committee; the Editors of the Monthly Record and the instructor; one member appointed by the College Senatus; Rev. Clement Graham, Rev. Alasdair MacDonald, Principal John O. Sutherland and Mr Donald Jack; Principal Sutherland to be Chairman. The Chairman shall, ex officio, be a member of the Welfare of Youth and Publications Committee. As experience of the work is necessary for the competent functioning of the Publications Department, the General Assembly direct that members, other than those appointed ex officio, shall serve a term of five years duration, except the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Welfare of Youth and publications Committee who shall automatically be replaced by their successors in office, and that ordinary members who retire shall be eligible for re-election. The Publications Department shall have the powers of co-option, such co-option being valid until next General Assembly. In all appointments regard must be had to qualifications and aptitude for the work.

The General Assembly define the functions of the Publications Department as follows: (i) Publication of new books and pamphlets; (ii) Re-publication of selected older works; (iii) Oversight of the Bookroom and other agencies of distribution. They approve the designation "Knox Press (Edinburgh)" be continued for the general publications of the Department.

The General Assembly continue the arrangement whereby the Publications Department be permitted to draw upon the accumulated funds of the Bookroom, beyond such sums as may be required for the efficient running of the Bookroom itself. The activities of the Publications Department shall be reported, at least annually, through the Welfare of Youth and Publications Committee to the General Assembly.

The Publications Department shall hold two statutory meetings in the year and the month-to-month work shall be carried out by an Editorial Committee elected from the membership of the Department, and meeting as necessary. The General Assembly repeal the following Acts anent the Publications Department, namely:- No. 7 of Class II, 1960; No. 1 of Class II, 1961.

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Publications Department (Act IV, Class II, 1969).

In paragraph 3 of the above Act, the word "ANNUALLY" should be replaced by the word "BIENNIALLY" which is the word in the original deliverance.

**V. - Act anent Oversight of Monthly Record. (No. 5 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh.  
21st May 1969.**

The General Assembly transfer the oversight of the Monthly Record to the Welfare of Youth and Publications Committee.

**VI. - Act anent Service Charge on Income from Investments. (No. 6 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 22nd May 1969.**

The General Assembly confirm the introduction of a 2½ per cent. service charge on all

income from investments held by the General Trustees on behalf of Congregations.

**VII. - Act anent Appointment of General Trustee. (No. 7 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh. 22nd May 1969.**

The General Assembly appoint the Rev. Murdo Macaulay, M.A., Free Church Manse, Back, Isle of Lewis, a General Trustee.

**VIII. - Act anent Collections (No. 8 of Class II.)                      Edinburgh. 22nd May 1969.**

The General Assembly appoint Collections to be made during the ensuing year in all Congregations of the Church on behalf of the Schemes listed below: -

1. Retired Lay Agents    3rd Sabbath of June 1969 2. Rural Areas        „ July „ 3. Aged and Infirm Ministers and Retired Professors        „ August „ 4. Foreign and Overseas Missions        „ September „ 5. Supply        „ October „ 6. Jewish Missions        „ November „ 7. Welfare of Youth and Publications        „ January 1970 8. Training of the Ministry        „ February „ 9. Buildings        „ March „ 10. Church Extension        „ April „ 11. College „ May „

For all these schemes, in common with other Collections, the General Assembly commend the use of the Weekly Offering system and advocate its introduction for those contributors who prefer a single consolidated contribution to multiple methods of collection.

The General Assembly commend afresh the Church Extension Special Contributory Offering of sixpence per week towards the provision of new Church Buildings. Envelopes for this will be provided on application to the General Treasurer.

The General Assembly instruct Conveners of Committees to ensure that timely notice of each Collection is sent to every Congregation and they enjoin that these notices be read from the pulpit.

The General Assembly approve the issue of a notification to each Congregation of the amount of contribution (calculated at 8 per cent. of their 1968 Sustentation Fund Contribution) which is required to provide a minimum working income for the College Fund; and they impress upon Congregations the need to attain this figure if ministerial training is to continue to be maintained at an adequate level.

In view of the increasing demands upon the Aged and Infirm Ministers' and Retired Professors' Fund and the compelling need to maintain unimpaired the rates of retiring allowances, the General Assembly renew the finding of last General Assembly requiring an annual contribution of 3 per cent. of the current flat rate of equal dividend in respect of each minister, professor and ordained missionary, from settled Charges, Committee on Extension and Maintenance (for Evangelist), College Fund (for Professors), and Foreign and Overseas Board respectively, the above contribution to be increased to a figure of 5s. per head in Charges where the number of members and adherents combined exceeds 200.

**IX - Act anent Equal Dividend (No. 9 of Class II.)**                      **Edinburgh, 22nd May 1969.**

The General Assembly declare an Equal Dividend of £830 to every Minister on the Equal Dividend Platform at 31st December 1968, exclusive of the premium payable to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The General Assembly approve of the proposal of the Committee to pay all Ministers on the Equal Dividend Platform at the rate of £875 per annum as from January 1969.

The General Assembly approve that the minimum Contribution required by Congregations to be placed on the Equal Dividend Platform be not less than half of the current Equal Dividend.

**X. - Act anent Revising Allowances to Ministers and Professors (No. 10 of Class II.)**  
**Edinburgh, 22nd May 1969.**

The General Assembly approve that the revised scale of retiring allowances for Ministers with less than 23 years service be as undernoted. The new scale to be applicable retrospectively in the case of the single beneficiary at present in this category.

Under 20 years service	£250	20 years service	£265	21 „ „	£270	22 „ „	£275
23 „ „	£280	24 „ „	£285				

**XI. - Act anent Disjoining Congregations of Coll and Tobermory. (No. 11 of Class II.)**  
**Edinburgh, 22nd May 1969.**

The General Assembly sever the linkage between the Congregations of Coll and Tobermory; thus reverting to the former position of a separate congregation on the island of Coll with its own Kirk Session.

The General Assembly institute a consolidated charge on the island of Mull embracing Tobermory, Torloisk, Craignure, Lochdon, Ross and Brolas as the Charge of Tobermory, Torosay, Ross and Brolas; the Charge to be placed on the Equal Dividend Platform, provided they contribute a sum of not less than £400 per annum to the Sustentation Fund for the first three years after a ministerial settlement takes place, the position to be reviewed thereafter.

The General Assembly authorise the charge on Mull to purchase the Church Building at Lochdon belonging to the Church of Scotland and for sale, to serve as a place of worship for the Free Church people on the east side of Mull, if the building can be procured for a nominal sum.

**XII. - Act anent College Entrance Requirements and Curriculum. (No. 12 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 22nd May 1969.**

The General Assembly approve the suggestions made for the better instruction of students in Hebrew. They repeal the section of Act X., 1946, relevant to the College curriculum. They ordain as follows : -

(a) That in the first year there be a class in Elementary Hebrew and that Junior and Senior Hebrew be postponed to the second and third years respectively.

(b) That the programme of studies in the three-year course be:

1st Year: Junior Greek; Junior History; Apologetics, Elementary Hebrew. 2nd Year: Senior Greek; Senior History; Junior Systematic; Junior Hebrew. 3rd Year: Pastoral Theology; Senior Systematic; Senior Hebrew.

(c) The College Senatus be requested to arrange the curriculum for students opting to take the four-year course.

(d) That the Hebrew Entrance Examination be retained and that those who pass it before entering the College be exempted from the Class in Elementary Hebrew. That students without a knowledge of Hebrew and those who, by the results of the Entrance Examination, are shown to have inadequate preparation, be required to take the Class of Elementary Hebrew and to pass the Entrance Examination in Hebrew before entering the second year.

(e) These arrangements shall be reviewed in the light of experience.

**XIII. - Act anent Use of College Library by Ministers (No. 13 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 22nd May 1969.**

The General Assembly approve the Committee's recognition of the right of ministers of the Free Church of Scotland to have access to the College Library.

**XIV. - Act anent Merging Kirk Sessions of Kingussie and Alvie (No. 14 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 22nd May 1969**

The General Assembly authorise that, in the Congregation of and Alvie, there be but one Kirk Session and one Deacons' Court and that all the funds be merged into the Funds of Kingussie and Alvie Congregation of the Free Church of Scotland. They authorise the sale of the Church at Alvie, subject to the consent of the Superior, the proceeds of the sale to be utilised for the Congregational purposes of the joint charge of Kingussie and Alvie.

**XV. - Act Appointing Commission of Assembly (No. 15 of Class II.)  
Edinburgh, 23rd May 1969.**

The General Assembly did, and hereby do, nominate and appoint a Commission consisting of all the members of Assembly, with the addition of Rev. Kenneth Maclay Govanhill, named by the Moderator: To be a Commission of this General Assembly with power to the said Commission or their quorum which is hereby declared to be any fifteen or more of their number, whereof eight at least are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene at Edinburgh on the third Tuesday of November and the first Tuesday of March next to come at seven o'clock in the evening, and oftener when and where they shall think fit and convenient, and with power to choose their own Moderator; and the General Assembly fully empower the said Commission or their quorum above mentioned to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see cause, in every matter referred to them or which shall be referred to them, by or in virtue of any Act or Order of the Assembly, and do everything contained in and conform to the instruction given, or to be given, by the General Assembly and to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, that the Church do not suffer, or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable. Provided always that, save as hereafter stated, this general clause be not extended to particular affairs as processes before Synods or Presbyteries that are not of universal concern to, or influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed that no private processes be determined except at the stated diets and that what shall be determined at one diet of the Commission with relation to private causes, shall be unalterable by any other diet thereof and shall stand and continue in force until disapproved by the General Assembly. And further, the said Commission are hereby empowered to receive and fully dispose of applications that may be forwarded to them for raising preaching stations or suppressed charges to fully sanctioned charges, for constituting Church Extension Charges or authorising the continuance of arrangements already obtaining in such charges, for the appointment of Ministers Overseas and Foreign Missionaries in the Mission fields of the Church, for authority to sell such property as is not held under the Model Trust Deed, or to sell such properties being under the Model Trust Deed as are to be sold in order to provide for new buildings, to deal with any urgent matters that may arise in connection with the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and to receive any reference and appeal that shall be made to them from Synods in matters of doctrine, and ripen such affairs for next General Assembly and to contribute what they can to the suppression of vice and immorality, and to give all needful advice and assistance to Synods, Presbyteries and Committees of Assembly upon application to them for that end. And the said Commission are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other matters than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned. And in all their actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same, declaring that, and for all their actings, they shall be accountable to and censurable by next General Assembly, as they shall see cause. And this Commission shall continue and endure until another Commission is appointed. And members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission.

**XVI. - Act Appointing Next General Assembly (No. 16 of Class II.)  
23rd May 1969**

**Edinburgh,**

The General Assembly appoint next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to meet in Edinburgh on Tuesday, the 19th Day of May 1970, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.