

To the Rev.^d Andrew Wylic D.D.

My dear Sir,

The Directors of the American Education Society are anxious to discharge with fidelity the responsible trust committed to them, of selecting and patronizing indigent young men of suitable character, to be educated for the ministry. To aid them in the performance of this duty, Examining Committees, composed of men of known character and standing, are appointed in different parts of the country, to examine and recommend candidates for patronage.

Reposing great confidence in your judgment and fidelity, the Board of Directors of the Society have thought proper to appoint, and they do hereby appoint you, Sir, a member of the Examining Committee of *Bloomington, Indiana*. The duties to be performed may be learned from the Extracts on a subsequent page, and from the publications which either now, or hereafter, may be forwarded for your information. The other members of the Committee, associated with you, are *Rev.^d Baynard R. Hall*, and *David Maxwell Esq*, subject to such change as you may hereafter suggest.

Considering the connexion which the object of this appointment has with the highest and best interests of mankind, it is hoped that you will allow it to claim and to receive a portion of your valuable services.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Andover, Mass. June 27
1829.

Secretary,

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EXTRACTS FROM THE RULES.

CHAP. IV. OF EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

1. The Board of Directors shall appoint such number of Examining Committees in different parts of the country, to examine and recommend candidates for patronage, as the convenience of applicants, and the interests of the Society may, in their judgment, require. But, as the duties to be performed are of a most sacred and responsible nature, the multiplication of such committees is to be studiously avoided. Where no special reasons exist for a larger number, each Committee shall consist of but three persons.

2. When a candidate for patronage applies for examination, it shall be the duty of the Examining Committee to whom the application is made, to institute a personal and faithful inquiry respecting his testimonials, his studies, his religious views and motives in seeking an education for the christian ministry, and his willingness to conform to the rules of the American Education Society. If, after serious and full examination, the Committee shall be satisfied that the applicant possesses the character and qualifications required of beneficiaries by the Constitution and Rules of the Society, it shall be their duty to recommend him for patronage to the Board of Directors of the Parent Society, or of one of its Branches if the applicant happen to reside within the limits of a Branch Society. In their recommendation the Committee shall state very particularly, *the name, the age, the residence, place of Education, the church connexion*, and other important facts connected with the history or character of the applicant, together with an account of the testimonials furnished, and the *names of the persons*, by whom they were furnished.

3. If, after examining a candidate, the Committee shall have doubts respecting his character and qualifications, while yet they are so far satisfied as to be unwilling to reject the application altogether, they may state the grounds of their doubts, and recommend the applicant on condition of reexamination after a suitable period.


4. It shall be the duty of the several Examining Committees, in discharging their office, to endeavour to make a deep and permanent impression upon the minds of candidates applying for patronage in regard to the momentous and solemn nature of their undertaking, to explain to them the principles upon which the patronage of this Society is administered, and to apprise them of the necessity, which the rules of the Society lay upon them, of making vigorous efforts to sustain themselves. It is recommended that every occasion of examining candidates be introduced and closed with prayer.

5. Certificates and testimonials furnished by candidates for patronage, to any Examining Committee shall be regarded as the property of the Board of Directors of the Parent Society, and shall be carefully preserved till called for by them or their lawful agent; except that in case an applicant shall not be received on trial, his papers may, if he requests it, be returned to him.

CHAP. V. OF BENEFICIARIES.—1. No person shall be considered as a candidate for patronage who has not pursued classical studies for, at least, three months, and who has not attained to fourteen years of age.

2. No person shall be regarded as a candidate who does not discover promising talents, decided piety, and who is not in the way of obtaining a *thorough* classical and theological education, that is, either preparing to enter College; or a member of some regularly constituted College where a thorough classical course is pursued; or engaged in Theological studies with the design of taking a regular three years' course.

3. When a young man wishes to apply for patronage, he must pursue the following steps. *First*. He must obtain unequivocal testimonials from three or more serious and respectable persons best acquainted with him and his circumstances, (e. g.) his minister, instructor, a magistrate, or some other principal man in the vicinity, stating his age, place of residence, indigence, moral and religious character including his church connexion, talents, previous education, and serious desire to devote his life to the gospel ministry. These testimonials should be *sealed* papers, that the writers of them may speak freely, concerning the character of the applicants. *Secondly*. Having obtained these testimonials the applicant must present his request for *examination and recommendation* to some Examining Committee in his neighbourhood, or within the portion of the country to which he belongs.

 *The annexed form is recommended to be used by Examining Committees in making their communications.*

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Present ;

The person whose name contained in the annexed schedule examined in conformity with the Rules of the American Education Society. Having exhibited to this Committee satisfactory evidence of possessing the character and qualifications required, recommended to the patronage of the Society.

Chairman.

Name	Age	Residence	With what church connected	1, 2, 3 Stage	Place of study	By whom Testimonials signed

Remarks.

The Rev. A. A. Phelps

Sept 20
1852

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