

## Theological Schools.

There are three such institutions established under the auspices of the Universalist Church: (1) The Canton Theological School, connected with St. Lawrence University, at Canton, N. Y.; (2) Tufts Divinity School, connected with Tufts College, on College Hill, Medford and Somerville, Mass.; (3) The Ryder Divinity School, connected with Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill.

Worthy persons who desire to enter the ministry and pursue a course of study in either of these schools, will be aided by the General Convention by a system of Scholarships, if needed. Each applicant for aid must present acceptable recommendations as to his moral and religious character; must well sustain an examination in the ordinary branches of an English education; must be a member in good standing of a Universalist Church, and should possess those graces and gifts which promise usefulness in the Christian ministry. The best results are achieved by those who have graduated at some College, and thus suitably prepared for professional study. He shall declare his purpose to devote his life to the ministry of the Universalist Church, and affirm his acceptance of the principles of its Faith.

## Rules of the Board of Trustees.

1. Until otherwise ordered, three meetings shall be held, on the Tuesday following the second Sunday in January, May and October, at 9.30 A. M. One shall also be held at the close of the Biennial Session of the Convention. Special meetings may be called by the Secretary at the instance of five members of the Board.

2. At the first regular meeting of the Board after the Biennial Session of the Convention, a Chairman shall be elected, and the following Standing Committees shall be appointed by him: (1) On Scholarships; (2) Fellowship; (3) Investments; (4) Finance; (5) Ways and Means; (6) Information; (7) Missions; (8) Auditing Committee.

3. The Committee on Scholarships, to consist of five members, shall have general oversight of the beneficiaries, in their relation to the Convention, including power to reject insufficient guarantees, and to secure the repayment of loans, and in cases of urgency to make such settlements as in their judgment may serve the interests of the Convention.

4. The Committee of Fellowship, to consist of three members, shall have charge of all matters relating to License, Fellowship, Ordination and Discipline, including appeals and memorials; also shall be the Committee on Relations with other organizations, and direct the Conference and Correspondence with such bodies, under the instructions of the Board.

5. The Committee on Investments, to consist of three members, shall have charge of permanent funds and their investment, with power to authorize deeds of real estate and releases and transfers of securities.

6. The Committee of Finance, to consist of three members, shall have oversight of the current obligations of the Convention, and shall consider applications for aid from the income of the Gunn Ministerial Relief Fund and report on the same, with power to act in cases of emergency.

7. The Committee of Ways and Means, to consist of three members, shall have oversight of the work of the Financial Secretary. It shall also propose, from time to time, such measures as it shall deem needful for raising the revenues of the Convention, and shall have general charge of the execution of such financial measures as the Convention or the Board may adopt. At each regular October meeting of the Board, it shall submit an estimate of the probable expenditures of the Convention for the ensuing year, together with ways and means for meeting the same.

8. The Committee of Information, to consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to disseminate a knowledge of the acts, policies, progress and hindrances of the General Convention, through the press, by personal communication, and at public gatherings.

9. The Committee on Missions, to consist of five members, shall have the oversight of the Home and Foreign Mission work of the Convention, and shall consider and report to the Board upon all questions relating thereto.

10. The Auditing Committee, to consist of three members, shall be the Auditors of the books and accounts of the financial officers of the Convention, and shall examine its securities and personal property at least once in each year.

11. In the intervals between the sessions of the Board, each Standing Committee shall have authority, in regard to subjects assigned to it by the Board, and in cases upon which all the members of the Committee are agreed, to exercise all the decisive and administrative powers of the Board itself. But in cases upon which any Committee is not agreed, the matter shall be referred to the Board at its next session.

12. The Chairman shall have power at any time to fill vacancies upon all Committees.

13. The several Standing Committees shall report their action in writing at each session of the Board.

14. Should important matters seem to require a special meeting of a Standing Committee during the intervals between the sessions of the Board, upon the written request of a majority of its members the Chairman of said Committee shall duly call and notify its members of the meeting, and the expense of said meeting shall be paid upon the certificate of a majority of the Committee.