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CONSTITUTION
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IT having pleased the Father of lights and Author of all good to inspire the late Honorable SAMUEL PHILLIPS of Andover in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esquire, and the late Honorable JOHN PHILLIPS of Exeter in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Esquire, with the pious determination to make “ a humble dedication to their Heavenly Benefactor of the ability, wherewith He had blessed them,” by laying, in the year 1778, in the South Parish in Andover aforesaid, the foundation of a public Academy, for the instruction of youth, not only in the learned Languages and in various useful Arts and Sciences, but principally for the promotion of true PIETY and VIRTUE ;—it having also pleased the INFINITE MIND, at subsequent periods, to excite the said JOHN PHILLIPS, and likewise the late Hon. WILLIAM PHILLIPS of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth aforesaid Esquire, to make liberal provision, not only for “ promoting the virtuous and pious education of indigent youth of genius, and of serious disposition, in said Academy ;” but “ more especially for the benefit of charity Scholars of excelling genius, good moral character, hopefully pious, and designed for the great and good work of the gospel ministry, who, having acquired the most useful human literature, may be assisted in the study of Divinity, under the direction of some eminent Calvinistic Minister of the gospel, until such time, as an able, pious, and orthodox Instructor shall be supported in the said Academy, as a Professor of Divinity, by whom they may be taught the important and distinguishing tenets of our HOLY CHRISTIAN RELIGION.”

In pursuance therefore of the same benevolent and pious object, and with a desire to devote a part of the substance, with which Heaven has blessed us, to the defense and promotion of the Christian Religion, by making some provision for increasing the number of *learned* and *able* Defenders of the gospel of CHRIST as well, as of *orthodox*, *pious*, and *zealous* Ministers of the New Testament ; being moved by the same Spirit, which actuated the Founders and Benefactors aforesaid, and influenced, as we hope, by a principle of gratitude to God and benevolence to man ;—

We, PHEBE PHILLIPS of said Andover, Relict of SAMUEL PHILLIPS Esq. late Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid, and JOHN PHILLIPS, son of the said SAMUEL PHILLIPS and PHEBE PHILLIPS do hereby jointly and severally obligate ourselves to erect and finish, with all convenient dispatch, two separate buildings ; one of which to be three stories high, and of such other dimensions, as to furnish convenient lodging rooms for fifty Students ; and the other building to be two stories high, and of such dimensions, as to furnish, in addition to a kitchen and private rooms necessary to a Steward's family, three public rooms, one for a dining Hall, one for a Chapel and Lecture room, (each sufficiently large to accommodate sixty Students) and the third for a Library, the said buildings to be located by direction of the TRUSTEES OF PHILLIPS ACADEMY ; —and I, SAMUEL ABBOT of Andover aforesaid Esquire, with the same views, and in furtherance of the same design, do hereby give, assign, and set over unto the TRUSTEES aforesaid the sum of twenty thousand dollars, in TRUST, as a FUND for the purpose of maintaining a professor of Christian Theology (reserving to myself the right of appointing the first Professor on this Foundation) and for the support and encouragement of Students in Divinity ; both the said buildings and the interest or annual income of the said sum of money to be forever appropriated and applied by the TRUSTEES aforesaid for the use and endowment of such a public THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION in PHILLIPS ACADEMY, as is herein after described, and on the following express conditions, viz. that the said INSTITUTION be accepted

by the TRUSTEES aforesaid, and that it be forever conducted and governed by them, and their Successors, in conformity to the following general Principles and Regulations, which we unitedly adopt and ratify as the CONSTITUTION of the same, reserving to ourselves, however, during our natural lives the full right, jointly to make any additional Regulations, or to alter any Rule, herein prescribed; provided such Regulation or Alteration be not prejudicial to the true design of this Foundation.

ART. I. This INSTITUTION or SEMINARY shall be equally open to Protestants of every denomination for the admission of young men of requisite qualifications.

ART. II. Every Candidate for admission into this Seminary shall produce satisfactory evidence, that he possesses good natural and acquired talents, has honorably completed a course of liberal education, and sustains a fair moral character. He shall also declare that it is his serious intention to devote himself to the work of the gospel ministry, (unless in certain peculiar cases it appear to the TRUSTEES, or a Committee of their appointment, that the object of this INSTITUTION will be promoted by excusing a pious Applicant from making this declaration) and exhibit proper testimonials of his being in full communion with some Church of CHRIST; in default of which he shall subscribe a declaration of his belief of the Christian Religion.

ART. III. The Students in this Seminary shall be aided in their preparation for the ministry by able Professors; whose duty it shall be, by *public* and *private* instruction, to unlock the treasures of divine knowledge, to direct the Pupils in their inquiries after sacred truth, to guard them against religious error, and to accelerate their acquisition of heavenly wisdom.

ART. IV. The *public* instruction shall be given in Lectures on Natural Theology, Sacred Literature, Ecclesiastical History, Christian Theology, and Pulpit Eloquence.

ART. V. In the Lectures on *Natural Theology*, the existence, attributes, and providence of God, shall be demonstrated; the soul's immortality and a future state, as deducible from the light of nature, discussed; the obligations of man to his Maker,

resulting from the divine perfections and his own rational nature, enforced ; the great duties of social life, flowing from the mutual relations of man to man, inculcated ; and the several personal virtues deduced and delineated ; the whole being interspersed with remarks on the coincidence between the dictates of reason and the doctrines of revelation, in these primary points ; and, notwithstanding such coincidence, the necessity and utility of a divine revelation stated.

ART. VI. Under the head of *Sacred Literature* shall be included Lectures on the formation, preservation, and transmission of the Sacred Volume ; on the languages, in which the Bible was originally written ; on the Septuagint version of the old Testament, and on the peculiarities of the language and style of the new Testament, resulting from this version and other causes ; on the history, character, use, and authority of the ancient versions and manuscripts of the old and new Testaments ; on the canons of biblical criticism ; on the authenticity of the several books of the sacred Code ; on the apocryphal books of both Testaments ; on modern translations of the Bible, more particularly on the history and character of our English version ; and also critical Lectures on the various readings and difficult passages in the sacred writings.

ART. VII. Under the head of *Ecclesiastical History* shall be comprised Lectures on Jewish antiquities ; on the origin and extension of the Christian church in the first three centuries ; on the various sects and heresies in the early ages of Christianity ; on the character and writings of the Fathers ; on the establishment of Christianity by Constantine, and its subsequent effects ; on the rise and progress of popery and Mohammedanism ; on the corruptions of the church of Rome ; on the grounds, progress, and doctrines of the reformation ; on the different denominations among Protestants ; on the various constitutions, discipline, and rites of worship, which have divided, or may still divide the Christian church ; on the state and prevalence of Paganism, in our world ; and on the effect, which idolatry, Mohammedanism, and Christianity have respectively produced on individual and national character.

ART. VIII. Under the head of *Christian Theology* shall be comprehended Lectures on divine revelation ; on the inspiration and truth of the old and new Testaments, as proved by miracles, internal evidence, fulfilment of prophecies, and historic facts ; on the great doctrines and duties of our holy Christian Religion, together with the objections, made to them by unbelievers, and the refutation of such objections ; more particularly on the revealed character of God, as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost ; on the fall of man and the depravity of human nature ; on the covenant of grace ; on the character, offices, atonement, and mediation of Jesus Christ ; on the character and offices of the Holy Spirit ; on the Scripture doctrines of regeneration, justification, and sanctification ; on evangelical repentance, faith, and obedience ; on the nature and necessity of true virtue or gospel holiness ; on the future state, the immortality of soul and body, and the eternity of future rewards and punishments, as revealed in the gospel ; on the positive institutions of Christianity ; on the nature, interpretation, and use of prophecy ; and on personal religion, as a qualification for the ministry ; each Lecture under this head to be preceded and followed by prayer.

ART. IX. Under the head of *Pulpit Eloquence* shall be delivered a competent number of Lectures on the importance of oratory ; on the invention and disposition of topics ; on the several parts of a regular discourse ; on elegance, composition, and dignity in style ; on pronounciation, or the proper management of the voice and correct gesture ; on the immense importance of a natural manner ; on the rules, to be observed in composing a sermon, and on the adaptation of the principles and precepts of ancient rhetoric to this modern species of oration ; on the qualities in the speaker, in his style, and in his delivery, necessary to a finished pulpit Orator ; on the methods of strengthening the memory, and of improving in sacred eloquence ; on the character and style of the most eminent Divines and best models for imitation, their respective beauties and excellencies in thought and expression ; and above all, on the transcendent simplicity, beauty, and sublimity of the SACRED WRITINGS.

ART. X. It shall be the duty of the Professors, by *private*

instruction and advice, to aid the Students in the acquisition of a radical and adequate knowledge of the sacred Scriptures in their original languages, and of the old Testament in the Septuagint version ; to direct their method of studying the Bible and all other writings ; to superintend and animate their pursuits by frequent inquiries and examinations, relative to their progress in books and knowledge ; to assign proper subjects for their first compositions, and to suggest a natural method of treating them ; frequently and critically to examine their early productions, and in a free, but friendly manner, to point out their defects and errors, in grammar, method, reasoning, style, and sentiment ; to improve them in the important art of reading, and to give them opportunities of speaking in public, favoring them with their candid remarks on their whole manner ; to explain intricate texts of Scripture, referred to them ; to solve cases of conscience ; to watch over their health and morals with paternal solicitude ; and by every prudent and christian method, to promote the growth of true piety in their hearts ; to give them friendly advice with relation to their necessary intercourse among men in the various walks of life, and especially with respect to the manner, in which it becomes a minister of the meek and lowly JESUS to address both GOD and man, whether in the assembly of his saints, or in the chamber of sickness and of death.

ART. XI. Every Professor in this Seminary shall be a Master of Arts, of the Protestant reformed religion, in communion with some Christian Church of the Congregational or Presbyterian denomination, and sustain the character of a sober, honest, learned, and pious man ; he shall moreover be a man of sound and orthodox principles in Divinity, according to that form of sound words or system of evangelical doctrines, drawn from the Scriptures, and denominated the Westminster Assembly's shorter Catechism, and more concisely delineated in the CONSTITUTION OF PHILLIPS ACADEMY.

ART. XII. Every person therefore, appointed or elected a Professor in this Seminary, shall on the day of his inauguration into office, and in the presence of the said TRUSTEES, publicly make and subscribe a solemn Declaration of his faith in divine

revelation, and in the fundamental and distinguishing doctrines of the gospel of Christ, as summarily expressed in the Westminster Assembly's shorter Catechism; and he shall furthermore solemnly promise, that he will open and explain the Scriptures to his Pupils with integrity and faithfulness; that he will maintain and inculcate the Christian faith, as above expressed, together with all the other doctrines and duties of our holy religion, so far as may appertain to his office, according to the best light, GOD shall give him; and in opposition, not only to Atheists and Infidels, but to Jews, Mohammedans, Arians, Pelagians, Antinomians, Arminians, Socinians, Unitarians, and Universalists, and to all other heresies and errors, ancient or modern, which may be opposed to the gospel of CHRIST, or hazardous to the souls of men;—that by his instructions, counsels, and example, he will endeavor to promote true PIETY and GODLINESS; that he will consult the good of this INSTITUTION and the peace of the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ on all occasions; and that he will religiously observe the Statutes of this INSTITUTION, relative to his official duties and deportment, and all such other Statutes and Laws, as shall be constitutionally made by the TRUSTEES OF PHILLIPS ACADEMY, not repugnant thereto.

ART. XIII. The preceding Declaration shall be repeated by every Professor in this Seminary, in the presence of the said TRUSTEES, at the expiration of every successive period of five years; and no man shall be continued a Professor in this INSTITUTION, who shall not continue to approve himself, to the satisfaction of the said TRUSTEES, a man of *sound* and *orthodox* principles in *Divinity*, agreeably to the system of evangelical doctrines, contained in the aforesaid Catechism. Accordingly, if at any meeting regularly appointed, it should be proved to the satisfaction of a majority of the whole number of the said TRUSTEES, that any Professor in this INSTITUTION has taught or embraced any of the heresies or errors, alluded to in the Declaration aforesaid; or, should he refuse to repeat the same, as herein required, he shall be forthwith removed from office.

ART. XIV. Every Professor in this INSTITUTION shall be under the immediate inspection of the said TRUSTEES; and by

them removed, agreeably to the will of his Founder, for gross neglect of duty, scandalous immorality, mental incapacity, or any other just and sufficient cause.

ART. XV. Whenever a Professor in this Seminary shall be removed by death or otherwise; the said TRUSTEES shall elect a Successor within twelve months.

ART. XVI. The TRUSTEES aforesaid, in conformity to the Statutes of every Founder, shall assign to the Professors in this Seminary their respective departments of instruction, the times for reading their lectures, and their several public and private duties, in such manner, as, after consultation with the said Professors, shall to the said TRUSTEES appear most convenient and useful; provided however, that the course of lectures in each department be always completed within the space of three years.

ART. XVII. The necessary expenses of indigent Students at this Seminary, for board, lodging, washing, fuel, and light, will be defrayed out of funds, appropriated to this purpose, agreeably to the Regulations, in such case provided, and as said funds may permit.

ART. XVIII. No person shall be admitted a Student on the charitable Foundation, who is not distinguished by natural abilities, literary acquirements, unblemished morals, and hopeful piety; a certificate of which qualities will be required from known and respectable characters, in order to the enjoyment of this charity.

ART. XIX. To be entitled to the maintenance aforesaid, each Student on the charitable Foundation, unless prevented by sickness, must reside at this Seminary eight months at least in each year, regularly attending the exercises aforesaid as well, as diligently prosecuting the studies prescribed, and in all respects conforming to the Rules of this Constitution, and to the Laws and Orders of the said TRUSTEES.

ART. XX. Whatever may be the number of vacations, the aggregate thereof shall not exceed twelve weeks in any one year; and the constant presence of the Professors and Students will be expected in term time.

ART. XXI. Every Student in this Seminary shall constantly, punctually, and seriously attend the religious exercises of the

chapel morning and evening, and all the public lectures of the several Professors ; and, to increase the reverence, due to religious institutions, as well, as to give weight to public instruction, it is expected, that the Professors not only frequent the chapel at morning and evening prayers, but that they constantly attend each other's public lectures.

ART. XXII. Every student in this Seminary is required to devote so much time to the study of the learned languages, as shall increase his knowledge of them, especially of the Greek and Hebrew languages ; to pay due attention to Philology, Rhetoric, and Oratory ; to read the best treatises on natural and revealed Religion, and on the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel ; to make himself master of the principal arguments and evidences of the truth of Christianity ; to pay due attention to ecclesiastical History, and to the canons of biblical Criticism. But above all, it is required, that he make the **BIBLE** the object of his most attentive, diligent, and prayerful study.

ART. XXIII. It will be the duty of the Professors in this Seminary to prepare a list of such books, and to point out such a course of study, as in their opinion may be the most congenial to the true design of this Institution, and most beneficial to the Students in it ; which list of books and course of study, being approved by said **TRUSTEES**, said Students shall pursue ; they shall also frequently ask the advice and assistance of the Professors with reference to their studies ; and often submit their theological compositions, especially their first essays, to the friendly inspection and faithful remarks of one or more of the said Professors.

ART. XXIV. Each student, once at least in every year, shall acquaint the Professors with the books, he has read, and with his course of study, during said year ; and shall also be examined in the original languages of the Old and New Testament, and in the Septuagint version of the former ; also with reference to the leading sentiments and arguments of the principal authors, he has perused ; but especially with respect to the style, character, and design of those sacred writers, which agreeably to direction he has particularly studied.

ART. XXV. If upon due and impartial examination it be found,

that any Student on the charitable Foundation aforesaid, has not made reasonable proficiency in the studies, prescribed him, he shall be continued thereon no longer ; and, if any Student whatever in this Seminary shall be guilty of any gross immorality, or of any insult or oppugnation to the said TRUSTEES, or to any Professor or Officer of this Seminary, he shall be cut off from all the advantages and benefits of this INSTITUTION, unless he make reasonable and immediate satisfaction for his offence.

ART. XXVI. Whenever a Student shall have honorably finished his term and course of study under the direction of the Professors, and such Student shall request it ; a Certificate, signed by the Professors, specifying how long such Student has studied under the direction, and attended the lectures of the Professors, that he has prosecuted his studies with diligence, and sustained a good moral character, shall be given him ; provided always, that his conduct, and proficiency in theological knowledge be such, as to merit the same.

ART. XXVII. After the expiration of the first three years from the opening of this INSTITUTION, it will be required of all persons, who may wish to enjoy the advantages of the same, that they stately reside at the Seminary three full years, vacations excepted ; a period scarcely sufficient for acquiring that fund of knowledge, which is necessary for a minister of the gospel. No Student therefore, after the expiration of the first three years of the INSTITUTION, shall be entitled to the Certificate aforesaid ; nor can any one leave the Seminary in an honorable manner, within the term of three years of such residence, except by permission, specially obtained of the TRUSTEES, in case of necessity.

ART. XXVIII. Every morning and evening, during the term time, religious exercises shall be performed in the chapel, and these exercises shall usually be, as follows. The divine assistance and blessing shall be first implored in a short prayer ; a devotional chapter or psalm shall then be read, accompanied with pious and practical reflections ; or, instead of this, once at least in every week, an exposition shall be given upon some deeply interesting passage of scripture ; to this shall succeed a piece of genuine psalmody ; and the services be concluded by an appropriate prayer.

In these exercises the Professors shall preside, and ordinarily officiate ; but Students of two years standing may occasionally perform them in whole or in part, according to the desire and direction of the Professors. Moreover as soon, as circumstances will permit, a regular Church will be formed in this Seminary, consisting chiefly of the Professors, Students, and families, connected with this Seminary and PHILLIPS Academy ; after which, if not before, divine services will be publicly celebrated in the chapel of the Seminary, in the forenoon and afternoon of every Lord's day, during term time. These services shall be usually performed by the Professors ; but sometimes by such senior Students, as may have obtained permission of the Professors to preach occasionally ; and they shall be attended by all the Students of this INSTITUTION, and by as many of the families of the Professors and Officers, connected with it, or with PHILLIPS Academy, as may wish for this privilege, and by as many pupils of said Academy, as may be deemed expedient by the TRUSTEES aforesaid.

ART. XXIX. The senior Students will be required, not only to prepare sermons, but occasionally to deliver them in public, both in the Seminary and in neighbouring congregations, as may be judged expedient by the said Professors. No Student however shall presume to preach, before, upon thorough examination of his qualifications and motives for preaching, he shall have obtained a written permission therefor, subscribed by the Professors, or a major part of them. This permission however is never to supersede the customary approbation or license of some regular Association or Presbytery.

ART. XXX. Sacred Music, and especially Psalmody, being an important part of public, social worship ; and as it is proper for those, who are to preside in the assemblies of God's people, to possess themselves of so much skill and taste in this sublime art, as at least to distinguish between those solemn movements, which are congenial to pious minds, and those unhallowed, trifling, medley pieces which chill devotion ; it is expected, that serious attention will be paid to the culture of a true taste for genuine Church Music in this Seminary ; and that all Students therein, who have tolerable voices, will be duly instructed in the theory and practice

of this celestial art ; and whenever it shall be in the power of either of the said Professors, it shall accordingly be his duty to afford this necessary instruction ; and whenever this shall not be the case, it is expected, that an Instructor will be procured for this purpose.

ART. XXXI. All Professors, Officers, and Students in this Seminary, and all other persons, employed in its service, together with the Lands, Buildings, Library, Funds, and all other Property, thereto belonging ; shall be under the immediate inspection and government of the TRUSTEES aforesaid ; and be regulated and managed by them in strict conformity to this Constitution, and to the *Statutes* and *Will* of every FOUNDER of a *Professorship*, or *Benefactor* of this INSTITUTION. And the said TRUSTEES are hereby authorized and empowered to make such additional Regulations, (not inconsistent with the Regulations, established in this *Constitution*, nor with the *Statutes* or *Will* of any *Founder* or *Donor*, nor with the object of this Institution, nor in any degree avoiding them or either of them) as they in their wisdom shall deem necessary to give the fullest efficacy to these provisions, or to the consistent provisions of future BENEFACTORS ; whether such Regulations may relate to the conduct of the Professors, the government of the Students, their various duties and exercises, their lodging and diet, the prevention and punishment of offences, the preservation of health, the promotion of order, peace, and harmony, to the safety of the Buildings, or to the security of the Funds, which last are to be effectually guarded against all loss and diminution ; in a word, to do every thing, under the foregoing limitations, which, upon serious and mature deliberation, may appear to them necessary to secure and promote the true object of this INSTITUTION.

ART. XXXII. Notwithstanding this Seminary is placed by this Constitution under the immediate care and government of the TRUSTEES of PHILLIPS ACADEMY ; it is always to be understood, and it is hereby expressly declared, that every FOUNDER of a Professorship, Scholarship, or any other Living whatever, in this INSTITUTION, will have the exclusive right of prescribing the

Regulations and Statutes, to be observed by the said TRUSTEES in conducting the concerns of the same, said Regulations and Statutes being always consistent with the principles and object of this INSTITUTION; and also the right, for the term of his life, of appointing in the original deed or grant, such local VISITOR or VISITORS, as he may think proper, and to endow him or them with all visitatorial powers and authorities, necessary to secure and enforce due observance and execution of his said Regulations and Statutes.

ART. XXXIII. Whereas the necessary business of this Seminary will be sufficient to employ the said TRUSTEES one day at least in every year; they are requested to hold an annual meeting for transacting the same, on such day in each year, as they may appoint; and likewise to meet as much oftener, as the good^r of said Seminary may require; and at each annual meeting to read this Constitution. The rules and modes of doing business at all such meetings shall be the same, *mutatis mutandis*, which are prescribed in the Constitution of PHILLIPS ACADEMY. Decent, not extravagant entertainment shall be made for the TRUSTEES, while attending such meetings; reasonable compensation made to the Treasurer of said Academy for his services; and other necessary expenses of this INSTITUTION defrayed out of the income of its Funds. It is also particularly requested, that all the transactions of the said TRUSTEES, relative to the said THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION, be recorded in a distinct book; and likewise that all property given, devised or bequeathed for the support of this Seminary, be separated, and forever kept distinct from all other property, to the TRUSTEES aforesaid in any way or for any other purpose entrusted, being never blended therewith, in any part or degree, by loan or purchase; and that the said Treasurer accordingly keep all his accounts and entries, relative to these Funds, in distinct books; and all monies, evidences of property, receipts, papers, and books of account, appertaining to this INSTITUTION, in a separate trunk or chest, prepared for prompt removal on any emergence; and that the accounts of said Treasurer be annually audited by a Committee, for this purpose appointed, who shall report to the said TRUSTEES in writing.

ART. XXXIV. Confiding in the wisdom and fidelity of the said TRUSTEES and their Successors in office, and with the pleasing hope and expectation, that they will religiously appropriate the aforesaid Buildings, and the income of the aforesaid Fund, and of all future Donations for the same pious purpose, to the great object of supporting a Theological Seminary, such as herein contemplated and described, agreeably to the Principles and Regulations, contained in this Constitution ; we do now under GOD cheerfully commit this our Foundation to their pious and watchful care ; trusting that no exertion on their part will be wanting to the success of an INSTITUTION, so intimately connected with the glory of GOD, the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the salvation of their fellow men.

But, while we thus express our conviction of the necessity and utility of this INSTITUTION, it is our earnest prayer, that our own minds, and the minds of the TRUSTEES, Professors, Students, and all connected therewith, may be ever penetrated by a deep sense of the necessity of the DIVINE direction, influence, and blessing, to render even the wisest provisions and the best human instructions ultimately successful.

To the SPIRIT of truth, to the Divine AUTHOR of our faith, to the only Wise GOD, we desire in sincerity to present this our humble offering ; devoutly imploring the FATHER of lights, richly to endue with wisdom from above all his servants, the TRUSTEES of this SEMINARY ; and with spiritual understanding the Professors therein ; that, being illuminated by the HOLY SPIRIT, their doctrine may drop, as the rain, and their speech distil, as the dew ; and that their Pupils may become trees of renown in the courts of our GOD, whereby HE may be glorified.

In witness whereof we, the Subscribers, have hereunto set our hands and seals this thirty-first day of August in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of
SAMUEL STEARNS,
JOSEPH PHELPS,
AMOS BLANCHARD.

PHŒBE PHILLIPS, (S.)

JOHN PHILLIPS, Jun. (S.)

SAMUEL ABBOT. (S.)

ADDITIONAL STATUTES.

WE, the Subscribers, having made some provision for the establishment of a THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION in connexion with PHILLIPS ACADEMY, by covenanting to erect certain Buildings therefor, and by laying a Foundation for a Professorship of Christian Theology therein; and having given a Constitution, containing Principles and Regulations for the management of the said INSTITUTION, which has been accepted by the TRUSTEES of said ACADEMY; in which we “reserved to ourselves, during our natural lives, the right jointly to make any additional Regulations, or to alter any Rule, therein prescribed, provided such Regulation, or alteration, be not prejudicial to the true design of said Foundation.”—We do now, agreeably to the said reserved right, and in furtherance, as we trust, of our original design, therein expressed, make and ordain the following Articles, to be added to, and taken, as a part of our said Constitution; Provided the said TRUSTEES shall accept the Statutes and Foundation of the ASSOCIATE FOUNDERS, so called, viz. of MOSES BROWN and WILLIAM BARTLET Esquires of Newburyport, and the Honorable JOHN NORRIS Esquire of Salem, which are now executed, and to be laid before the said TRUSTEES, at their approaching meeting, for their acceptance; and to continue of full force, as a part of our said Constitution, so long, as the said Associate Foundation shall continue attached to our said INSTITUTION, and no longer.

ART. I. Having provided in the twelfth Article of our said Constitution, that “every person, appointed or elected a Professor in the said Seminary, shall on the day of his inauguration into office publicly make and subscribe a Declaration of his faith in Divine Revelation, and in the fundamental and distinguishing

doctrines of the Gospel of Christ, as summarily expressed in the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism;" We now ordain the following addition, to be inserted in said Article, in connexion with the said clause, viz. 'and as more particularly expressed in the following Creed, to wit,

' I believe that there is one and but one living and true God ; that the word of God, contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, is the only perfect rule of faith and practice ; that agreeably to those Scriptures God is a Spirit infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth ; that in the Godhead are three Persons, the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY GHOST ; and that these THREE are ONE GOD, the same in substance, equal in power and glory ; that GOD created man, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness ; that the glory of GOD is man's chief end, and the enjoyment of GOD his supreme happiness ; that this enjoyment is derived solely from conformity of heart to the moral character and will of GOD ; that ADAM, the federal head and representative of the human race, was placed in a state of probation, and that, in consequence of his disobedience, all his descendants were constituted sinners ; that by nature every man is personally depraved, destitute of holiness, unlike and opposed to GOD ; and that, previously to the renewing agency of the DIVINE SPIRIT, all his moral actions are adverse to the character and glory of GOD ; that, being morally incapable of recovering the image of his CREATOR, which was lost in ADAM, every man is justly exposed to eternal damnation ; so that, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of GOD ; that GOD, of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity elected some to everlasting life, and that he entered into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of this state of sin and misery by a REDEEMER ; that the only REDEEMER of the elect is the eternal SON of GOD, who for this purpose became man, and continues to be GOD and man in two distinct natures and one person forever ; that CHRIST, as our Redeemer, executeth the office of a Prophet, Priest, and King ; that, agreeably to the covenant of redemption, the SON of GOD, and he alone, by his sufferings and

death, has made atonement for the sins of all men ; that repentance, faith, and holiness are the personal requisites in the Gospel scheme of salvation ; that the righteousness of CHRIST is the only ground of a sinner's justification ; that this righteousness is received through faith ; and that this faith is the gift of GOD ; so that our salvation is wholly of grace ; that no means whatever can change the heart of a sinner, and make it holy ; that regeneration and sanctification are effects of the creating and renewing agency of the HOLY SPIRIT, and that supreme love to GOD constitutes the essential difference between saints and sinners ; that by convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds, working faith in us, and renewing our wills, the HOLY SPIRIT makes us partakers of the benefits of redemption ; and that the ordinary means, by which these benefits are communicated to us, are the word, sacraments, and prayer ; that repentance unto life, faith to feed upon Christ, love to GOD, and new obedience, are the appropriate qualifications for the Lord's Supper ; and that a Christian Church ought to admit no person to its holy communion, before he exhibit credible evidence of his godly sincerity ; that perseverance in holiness is the only method of making our calling and election sure ; and that the final perseverance of saints, though it is the effect of the special open operation of GOD on their hearts, yet necessarily implies their own watchful diligence ; that they, who are effectually called, do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits, which do either accompany or flow from them ; that the souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory ; that their bodies, being still united to CHRIST, will at the resurrection be raised up to glory, and that the saints will be made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of GOD to all eternity ; but that the wicked will awake to shame and everlasting contempt, and with devils be plunged into the lake, that burneth with fire and brimstone forever and ever. I moreover believe that God, according to the counsel of his own will, and for his own glory, hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass, and that all beings, actions, and events, both in the natural and moral world, are under his providential direction ; that GOD's

decrees perfectly consist with human liberty ; God's universal agency with the agency of man ; and man's dependence with his accountability ; that man has understanding and corporeal strength to do all, that God requires of him ; so that nothing, but the sinner's aversion to holiness, prevents his salvation ; that it is the prerogative of God, to bring good out of evil, and that he will cause the wrath and rage of wicked men and devils to praise Him ; and that all the evil, which has existed, and will forever exist in the moral system, will eventually be made to promote a most important purpose under the wise and perfect administration of that ALMIGHTY BEING, who will cause all things to work for his own glory, and thus fulfil all his pleasure.'

ART. II. That the trust aforesaid may be always executed agreeably to the true intent of our said Foundation ; and that we may effectually guard the same, in all future time, against all perversion, or the smallest avoidance of our true design, as therein expressed ;—We do hereby constitute a Board of VISITORS, to be, as in our place and stead, the Guardians, Overseers, and Protectors of our said Foundation, in manner, as is expressed in the following provisions ; that is to say, we appoint and constitute the Honorable CALEB STRONG Esquire, late Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Reverend TIMOTHY DWIGHT D. D. President of Yale College, and the Reverend SAMUEL SPRING D. D. of Newburyport, VISITORS of the said Foundation ; who with their Successors in office, to be chosen, as herein after directed, shall be a perpetual body for this purpose, with all the powers and duties, in them herein vested, and on them enjoined ; but we do nevertheless reserve to SAMUEL ABBOT, one of the Subscribers, the right of visiting, in connexion with the said Board, and during his natural life, the said Foundation ; and we do moreover confer on MOSES BROWN and WILLIAM BARTLET Esquires of Newburyport, and the Honorable JOHN NORRIS Esquire of Salem, the ASSOCIATE FOUNDERS, above named, the right of visiting the said Foundation in the same manner with the said SAMUEL ABBOT, during their natural lives respectively ; each of the said four FOUNDERS, so long, as he shall retain his seat at the Board,

shall possess and exercise all the rights and powers, herein given to a VISITOR of the said FOUNDATION ; though upon the resignation or demise of either of the said FOUNDERS, his place shall not be supplied by election of a VISITOR, to succeed him ; and, after the demise or resignation of the said four persons, last above named, as FOUNDERS, the said BOARD shall never consist of more than three members ; and it is farther expressly provided, that the perpetual Board of VISITORS, first herein named, shall consist of two Clergymen and one Layman, all of whom shall be men of distinguished talents and piety.

ART. III. We do farther provide and ordain, that no person shall be eligible, as a VISITOR, under the age of forty years ; nor shall any person, except the seven, herein just named, hold the office of VISITOR after the age of seventy years ; and whenever, with the exception aforesaid, any VISITOR shall have completed the sixty-ninth year of his age, the Board shall, within the year next ensuing, choose some suitable person, to succeed him ; but the VISITOR elect shall not take his seat at the Board, before his said Predecessor shall have completed his seventieth year, or formally resigned his office of VISITOR ; and no resignation of any member at an earlier age shall be accepted by this Board, before a Successor shall have been chosen.

ART. IV. The Board of VISITORS shall meet on the seventeenth day of May current at Andover, and ever after once in every year at the aforesaid THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION, to execute the business of their appointment, on such day, as they shall assign ; also upon emergencies, when called thereto, as herein after directed ; and a majority of the VISITORS, when regularly convened, shall be a Quorum, of which Quorum a major part shall have power to transact the business of their commission ; and, in case of an equivote, the question shall determine on that side, on which the presiding member shall have voted.

ART. V. There shall be annually chosen by ballot a President and Secretary, as Officers of the Board, out of their own number ; who shall continue in their respective offices, till their places be supplied by new elections ; and, upon the decease of

either of them, another shall be chosen in his room at the next meeting.

ART. VI. The President, or in case of his death, resignation, or absence from the country, the Secretary shall, upon all necessary occasions, call special meetings of the Board; and his notifications shall express the business, to be transacted at such meetings, and be given as early, as possible; and in the absence of the President, at any meeting, the Secretary shall preside.

ART. VII. The Secretary shall keep a fair record of all the transactions of the VISITORS at every meeting of the Board, inserting the names of the members present; and in his absence another shall be appointed in his room.

ART. VIII. The VISITORS shall remove any member of their Board for immorality, incapacity, or signal neglect of duty.

ART. IX. Upon the death, resignation, or removal of a VISITOR, (except only upon the demise or resignation of a FOUNDER) the Board of VISITORS shall at their next meeting, by ballot, elect another in his stead; and ever after from time to time, as a vacancy shall take place in this Board, they shall supply it; and every person, so elected, previously to his taking his seat at the Board, shall make and subscribe the following Declaration, namely; "Approving the Constitution of the aforesaid THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION, I solemnly declare in the presence of God and of this Board, that I will faithfully exert my abilities to carry into execution the Regulations, therein contained, and to promote the great object of the INSTITUTION;"—And he shall moreover in like manner subscribe the same theological Creed, which every Professor elect is required to subscribe; and a Declaration of his faith in the same Creed shall be repeated by him at every successive period of five years; and, if in the course of events the number of VISITORS shall, by any special providence of God, be reduced to one, the remaining VISITOR shall have power to appoint one suitable person, to be a VISITOR of the said Foundation; and these two VISITORS shall at their first regular meeting supply the remaining vacancy in the Board.

ART. X. The power and duties of the Board of VISITORS,

thus constituted and organized, shall be, as follows, namely, to visit the said Foundation once in every year, and at other times, when regularly called thereto ; to inquire into the state of the said fund, and the management of the said Foundation with respect to the said Professor ; to determine, interpret, and explain the Statutes of the said Foundation in all cases, brought before them in their judicial capacity ; to redress grievances with respect to the said Professor ; to hear appeals from decisions of the Board of TRUSTEES, and to remedy upon complaint, duly exhibited in behalf of the said Professor ; to review and reverse any censure, passed by said TRUSTEES upon any Professor on said Foundation ; to declare void all Rules and Regulations, made by the said TRUSTEES, relative to said Foundation, which may be inconsistent with the original Statutes thereof ; to take care, that the duties of each Professor on said Foundation be intelligibly and faithfully discharged, and to admonish or remove him, either for misbehaviour, heterodoxy, incapacity, or neglect of the duties of his office ; and in general to see that our true intentions, as expressed in our said Constitution, in relation to said Professor, be faithfully executed ; always administering justice impartially, and exercising the functions of their office in the fear of GOD, according to these Regulations, the Provisions of the said Constitution, and the Laws of the land.

ART. XI. Every election of a Professor on said Foundation shall within ten days be presented to the VISITORS ; who are hereby vested with the power and right of approving or negating, at a regular meeting, every such election. But if any such election be not either approved or negated by the said VISITORS within twelve months from commencement of a vacancy in said Professorship ; such election shall be considered, as approved by the VISITORS, and shall accordingly be deemed constitutional and valid ; provided always, that such election shall have been regularly communicated to the President or Secretary of the Board of VISITORS ten days at least previously to the expiration of the twelve months aforesaid.

ART. XII. The Board of VISITORS in all their proceedings are to be subject to our Statutes, herein expressed, and to those,

contained in our said Constitution, and to conform their measures accordingly ; and, if they shall at any time act contrary thereto, or exceed the limits of their jurisdiction and constitutional power, the party aggrieved may have recourse by appeal to the JUSTICES of the SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT of this Commonwealth, for the time being, for remedy ; who are hereby appointed and authorized to judge in such case ; and, agreeably to the determination of the major part of them, to declare null and void any decree or sentence of the said VISITORS, which upon mature consideration they may deem contrary to the said Statutes, or beyond the just limits of their power, herein prescribed ; and by the said JUSTICES of the SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT, for the time being, shall the said Board of VISITORS at all times be subject to be restrained and corrected in the undue exercise of their office.

ART. XIII. At all meetings of the VISITORS decent entertainment shall be made by direction of the Board, and at the expense of the Foundation.

FINALLY. Commending the said INSTITUTION, and all concerned in the management thereof, to the blessing of HEAVEN ; and in witness of what is contained in this and the seven preceding pages, we hereunto set our hands and seals, this third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight.

*Signed, sealed, and deliv-
ered in presence of us,*

MOSES WOOD,
AMOS BLANCHARD.

SAMUEL ABBOT, (S.)

PHCEBE PHILLIPS, (S.)

JOHN PHILLIPS, Jun. (S.)

THE STATUTES
OF THE
ASSOCIATE FOUNDATION
IN THE
THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION
IN ANDOVER.

SERIOUSLY reflecting upon the fatal effects of the apostasy of man without a Savior, on the merciful object of the SON of GOD in assuming our nature and dying for our salvation, and upon the wisdom of his appointment of an order of men, to preach his Gospel in the world ; considering also that, notwithstanding this appointment, by far the greatest part of the human race is still perishing for lack of vision ; and that even in countries, where the Gospel is enjoyed, infidelity, error, and immorality greatly abound ; feeling it to be our duty, to conspire with the benevolent design of this appointment ; and being desirous of contributing according to our ability toward its success, and of expressing in this imperfect manner our sense of obligation to our compassionate REDEEMER ; We, MOSES BROWN and WILLIAM BARTLET, both of Newburyport, Merchants, and JOHN NORRIS of Salem Esquire, all of the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being influenced, as we hope, by a principle of gratitude to GOD and benevolence to man, have determined to devote a part of the substance, with which Heaven has blessed us, to the defence and promotion of the Christian Religion, by making some provision for increasing the number of learned and

able Defenders of the Gospel of CHRIST, as well as of orthodox, pious, and zealous Ministers of the New Testament ; and we do accordingly hereby give, assign, and set over to the TRUSTEES of PHILLIPS ACADEMY, and to their Successors in office, the sum of ten thousand dollars each, amounting to thirty thousand dollars ; to which sum, I, WILLIAM BARTLET, add the farther sum of ten thousand dollars,* for the purpose of supporting one of the two Professors, herein after named, (the whole amounting to forty thousand dollars,) in SACRED TRUST, as a capital FUND, to be disposed of in the manner and for the purposes following ; that is to say, the said sum of money to be kept out at interest on good security, or otherwise in whole or in part vested, as the said TRUSTEES shall deem best, in productive real estate, or in sure and permanent Funds ; and the interest or annual income of said capital Fund to be applied to the maintenance of two Professors in the THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION or SEMINARY, lately founded in the Town of Andover, and County aforesaid ; who shall, agreeably to the permanent Creed, herein after mentioned, faithfully teach that revealed Holy Religion only, which God constantly teaches man by his glorious works of Creation, Providence, and Redemption ; whose professional duties shall be assigned, according to the Constitution of the Seminary, in such manner, as shall most directly and effectually promote the great object of the INSTITUTION ; reserving to ourselves the right, jointly to make the first appointment of one of the said professors, and to the said WILLIAM BARTLET severally the right, to make the first appointment of the other of the said professors ; and also toward the maintenance of such Students in Divinity, as may be proper Candidates for gratuitous support, and shall be approved and recommended by the Board of VISITORS, herein after constituted, or by a committee of their appointment, agreeably to the following STATUTES, namely,

ART. I. The Fund aforesaid shall be kept distinct from all other property, to the same TRUSTEES belonging, being never blended therewith by loan or purchase ; and their Treasurer shall

* To this sum an addition of ten thousand dollars was made by the Founder soon after the execution of these Statutes.

accordingly keep all accounts, relative thereto, in distinct books ; and all monies, evidences of property, receipts, papers, and books of account, appertaining to said Fund, in a trunk, or chest, prepared for prompt removal.

ART. II. Every Professor on the ASSOCIATE FOUNDATION shall be a Master of Arts, of the Protestant Reformed Religion, an ordained Minister of the Congregational or Presbyterian denomination, and shall sustain the character of a discreet, honest, learned, and devout Christian ; an orthodox and consistent Calvinist ; and after a careful examination by the VISITORS with reference to his religious principles, he shall, on the day of his inauguration, publicly make and subscribe a solemn Declaration of his faith in Divine Revelation, and in the fundamental and distinguishing doctrines of the Gospel, as expressed in the following Creed ; which is supported by the infallible Revelation, which GOD constantly makes of HIMSELF in his works of creation, providence, and redemption ; namely,

‘ I believe that there is one, and but one living and true God ; that the word of God, contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, is the only perfect rule of faith and practice ; that agreeably to these Scriptures GOD is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth ; that in the Godhead are three Persons, the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY GHOST ; and that these THREE are ONE GOD, the same in substance, equal in power and glory ; that GOD created man, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness ; that the glory of GOD is man’s chief end, and the enjoyment of GOD his supreme happiness ; that this enjoyment is derived solely from conformity of heart to the moral character and will of GOD ; that ADAM, the federal head and representative of the human race, was placed in a state of probation, and that, in consequence of his disobedience, all his descendants were constituted sinners ; that by nature every man is personally depraved, destitute of holiness, unlike and opposed to GOD ; and that, previously to the renewing agency of the DIVINE SPIRIT, all his moral actions are adverse to the character and glory of GOD ; that, being morally in-

capable of recovering the image of his CREATOR, which was lost in ADAM, every man is justly exposed to eternal damnation ; so that, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of GOD ; that GOD, of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity elected some to everlasting life, and that he entered into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of this state of sin and misery by a REDEEMER ; that the only REDEEMER of the elect is the eternal SON of GOD, who for this purpose became man, and continues to be GOD and man in two distinct natures and one person forever ; that CHRIST, as our Redeemer, executeth the office of a Prophet, Priest, and King ; that, agreeably to the covenant of redemption, the SON of GOD, and he alone, by his sufferings and death, has made atonement for the sins of all men ; that repentance, faith, and holiness are the personal requisites in the Gospel scheme of salvation ; that the righteousness of CHRIST is the only ground of a sinner's justification ; that this righteousness is received through faith ; and that this faith is the gift of GOD ; so that our salvation is wholly of grace ; that no means whatever can change the heart of a sinner, and make it holy ; that regeneration and sanctification are effects of the creating and renewing agency of the HOLY SPIRIT, and that supreme love to GOD constitutes the essential difference between saints and sinners ; that by convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds, working faith in us, and renewing our wills, the HOLY SPIRIT makes us partakers of the benefits of redemption ; and that the ordinary means, by which these benefits are communicated to us, are the word, sacraments, and prayer ; that repentance unto life, faith to feed upon Christ, love to GOD, and new obedience, are the appropriate qualifications for the Lord's Supper ; and that a Christian Church ought to admit no person to its holy communion, before he exhibit credible evidence of his godly sincerity ; that perseverance in holiness is the only method of making our calling and election sure ; and that the final perseverance of saints, though it is the effect of the special operation of GOD on their hearts, yet necessarily implies their own watchful diligence ; that they, who are effectually called, do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several

benefits, which do either accompany or flow from them ; that the souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory ; that their bodies, being still united to CHRIST, will at the resurrection be raised up to glory, and that the saints will be made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of GOD to all eternity ; but that the wicked will awake to shame and everlasting contempt, and with devils be plunged into the lake, that burneth with fire and brimstone forever and ever. I moreover believe that God, according to the counsel of his own will, and for his own glory, hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass, and that all beings, actions, and events, both in the natural and moral world, are under his providential direction ; that GOD'S decrees perfectly consist with human liberty ; GOD'S universal agency with the agency of man ; and man'S dependence with his accountability ; that man has understanding and corporeal strength to do all, that GOD requires of him ; so that nothing, but the sinner'S aversion to holiness, prevents his salvation ; that it is the prerogative of GOD, to bring good out of evil, and that he will cause the wrath and rage of wicked men and devils to praise Him ; and that all the evil, which has existed, and will forever exist in the moral system, will eventually be made to promote a most important purpose under the wise and perfect administration of that ALMIGHTY BEING, who will cause all things to work for his own glory, and thus fulfil all his pleasure.—And furthermore I do solemnly promise that I will open and explain the Scriptures to my Pupils with integrity and faithfulness ; that I will maintain and inculcate the Christian faith, as expressed in the Creed, by me now repeated, together with all the other doctrines and duties of our holy Religion, so far, as may appertain to my office, according to the best light, GOD shall give me, and in opposition, not only to Atheists and Infidels, but to Jews, Papists, Mohammedans, Arians, Pelagians, Antinomians, Arminians, Socinians, Sabellians, Unitarians, and Universalists ; and to all heresies and errors, ancient or modern, which may be opposed to the Gospel of CHRIST, or hazardous to the souls of men ; that by my instruction, counsel, and example, I will endeavour to promote true Piety and Godliness ; that I will consult the good of this INSTITUTION, and

the peace of the Churches of our Lord Jesus Christ on all occasions ; and that I will religiously conform to the Constitution and Laws of this SEMINARY, and to the statutes of this Foundation.

ART. III. The preceding Creed and Declaration shall be repeated by every Professor on this Foundation at the expiration of every successive period of five years ; and no man shall be continued a Professor on said Foundation, who shall not continue to approve himself a man of sound and orthodox principles in Divinity agreeably to the aforesaid Creed.

ART. IV. Professors on this Foundation shall be allowed an honorable maintenance, regulated, as circumstances may require, by the current prices of the necessaries of life, agreeably to original contract.

ART. V. It is required, that every public Lecture be preceded and followed by prayer ; that the Associate Professors in their preaching to the Students of the INSTITUTION on the Lord's Day be devout, practical, doctrinal, and pungent, rather than speculative and metaphysical ; and no Professor on this Foundation shall ever preach for hire, or take the pastoral charge of any church or congregation. And it is furthermore expected, that the Professors on this Foundation shall faithfully devote their time and talents, to qualify their Pupils for able ministers of the Gospel. Beside, therefore, guiding them in the peaceful ways of wisdom and discretion by Christian precept and example, directing the course of their reading the Scriptures and other instructive books, critically inspecting and correcting their theological compositions, and teaching them the appropriate style and manner of pulpit address, it is confidently expected, that the Professors confer with them freely and frequently on those subjects, which are calculated to expand and enrich the minds and hearts of the theological Students, and prepare them for the work of the Ministry.

ART. VI. Upon the death, resignation, or removal of a Professor on this Foundation, a Successor shall be chosen by the TRUSTEES aforesaid within six months, and the choice presented to the VISITORS for their approbation. But, if this choice be negatived, another election shall in like manner be presented, and *toties quoties*, till an election be made, which shall be approved

by the VISITORS ; and this within twelve months from the commencement of a vacancy in either of the said Professorships.

ART. VII. All Applicants for the advantages of this Foundation shall be introduced by letters of recommendation from devout and influential characters, and shall exhibit satisfactory evidence of their distinguished abilities and gracious sincerity ; and by an examination in the learned languages shall evince that in these respects they are qualified to enter upon theological studies.

ART. VIII. Every Applicant, after examination by the standing Committee, to be appointed, as herein after provided, and after reading the Constitution of the SEMINARY and the Statutes of the ASSOCIATE FOUNDERS, shall make and subscribe the following Declaration, viz, ‘ Deeply impressed with the importance of an extensive fund of knowledge and prudence to the ministerial character, and of being correctly instructed in the doctrines of the Gospel, and consequently of attending a regular course of theological education, I solemnly promise, by the aid of Divine grace, to improve in a faithful and Christian manner the advantages, furnished by this INSTITUTION ; to be uniformly subject to the authority and laws of the same, with a single view to my being qualified for the Gospel Ministry.’

ART. IX. Strict and devout attention to the Sabbath and all stated solemnities is required of the Associate Students ; and every neglect of the means of grace or religious improvement will be duly noticed by the Professors.

ART. X. It is strictly enjoined upon the Associate Students, to treat the PROFESSORS, TRUSTEES, and VISITORS with due respect ; and each other and all persons with friendship and decorum ; any failure in these and similar instances will be deemed censurable ; and, if persisted in, a forfeiture of the privileges of the INSTITUTION.

ART. XI. Tuition and room shall be *gratis* to all approved Applicants and Students on this Foundation ; and other gratuitous aid, such as diet, fuel, light, washing, and lodging, shall be granted, in whole or in part, according to the direction of the VISITORS, and as the state of the said Funds may permit ; and no Student in the SEMINARY may ever be charged for the Instruction of any Professor on our Foundation.

ART. XII. That the Trust aforesaid may be always executed agreeably to the true intent of this our Foundation ; and that we may effectually guard the same in all future time against all perversion, or the smallest avoidance of our true design, as, herein expressed ; We, the aforesaid FOUNDERS, do hereby constitute a Board of VISITORS, to be as in our place and stead the *Guardians, Overseers, and Protectors* of this our FOUNDATION in manner, as is expressed in the following Provisions, that is to say, We appoint and constitute the Honorable CALEB STRONG Esquire, late Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Rev. TIMOTHY DWIGHT D. D. President of Yale College, and the Rev. SAMUEL SPRING D. D. of Newburyport aforesaid, VISITORS of the said Foundation ; who with their Successors in office, to be chosen as herein after directed, shall be a perpetual body for this purpose, with all the powers and duties, in them herein vested and on them enjoined ; but we do nevertheless reserve to ourselves the right of visiting in connection with the said Board, and during our natural lives respectively, this our Foundation. And we do moreover confer on SAMUEL ABBOT Esquire,* one of the FOUNDERS of the THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION aforesaid, the right of visiting this our Foundation in the same manner with ourselves, during his natural life ; each of the said four FOUNDERS so long, as he shall retain his seat at the Board, shall possess and exercise all the rights and powers, herein given to a VISITOR of this Foundation ; though upon the resignation or demise of either of the said FOUNDERS his place shall not be supplied by election of a VISITOR to succeed him ; and after the demise or resignation of the said four persons, last above named as FOUNDERS, the said Board shall never consist of more than three members ; and it is farther expressly provided, that the perpetual Board of VISITORS, first herein named, shall consist of two Clergymen and one Layman, all of whom shall be men of distinguished talents and piety.

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* Who had previously resigned his seat at the Board of TRUSTEES.

office of **VISITOR** after the age of seventy years ; and whenever, with the exception aforesaid, any **VISITOR** shall have completed the sixty-ninth year of his age, the **Board** shall, within the year next ensuing, choose some suitable person to succeed him ; but the **VISITOR** elect shall not take his seat at the **Board**, before his said Predecessor shall have completed his seventieth year, or formally resigned his office of **VISITOR** ; and no resignation of any member at an earlier age shall be accepted by this **Board**, before a **Successor** shall have been chosen.

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ART. XVII. The **Secretary** shall keep a fair record of all the transactions of the **VISITORS** at every meeting of the **Board**, inserting the names of the members present ; and in his absence another shall be appointed in his room.

ART. XVIII. The **VISITORS** shall remove any **Member** of their **Board** for immorality, incapacity, or neglect of duty.

ART. XIX. Upon the death, resignation, or removal of a VISITOR, except only upon the demise or resignation of a FOUNDER, the Board of VISITORS shall at their next meeting, by ballot, elect another in his stead ; and ever after from time to time, as a vacancy shall take place in this Board, they shall supply it ; and every person so elected, previously to taking his seat at the Board, shall make and subscribe the following DECLARATION, namely, ‘ Approving the Statutes of the aforesaid THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION, and those of the ASSOCIATE FOUNDERS, I solemnly declare, in the presence of GOD and of this Board, that I will faithfully exert my abilities, to carry into execution the Statutes of the said FOUNDERS, and to promote the great object of the INSTITUTION.’ And he shall moreover in like manner subscribe the same theological Creed, which every Professor elect is required to subscribe ; and a Declaration of his faith in the same Creed shall be repeated by him at every successive period of five years ; and, if in the course of events the number of VISITORS shall by any special providence of GOD be reduced to one, the remaining VISITOR shall have power to appoint one suitable person to be a VISITOR of this Foundation ; and these two VISITORS shall at their first regular meeting supply the remaining vacancy in the Board.

ART. XX. The power and duties of the Board of VISITORS, thus constituted and organized, shall be as follows ; namely, to visit the Foundation once in every year ; and at other times, when regularly called thereto ; to inquire into the state of this our FUND, and the management of this Foundation, with respect both to Professors and Students ; to determine, interpret, and explain the Statutes of this Foundation in all cases, brought before them in their judicial capacity ; to redress grievances, both with respect to Professors and Students ; to hear appeals from decisions of the Board of TRUSTEES, and to remedy upon complaint, duly exhibited in behalf of the said Professors or Students ; to review and reverse any censure, passed by said TRUSTEES upon any Professor or Student on this Foundation ; to declare void all Rules and Regulations, made by the said TRUSTEES, relative to this Foundation, which may be inconsistent with the original Statutes thereof ; to take care, that the duties of every Professor

on this Foundation be intelligibly and faithfully discharged, and to admonish or remove him, either for misbehaviour, heterodoxy, incapacity, or neglect of the duties of his office ; to examine into the proficiency of the Students, and to admonish, suspend, or deprive any Student for negligence, contumacy, or any heinous crime, committed against the laws of GOD or the Statutes of this Foundation ; and in general, to see that our true intention, as expressed in these our Statutes, be faithfully executed ; always administering justice impartially, and exercising the functions of their office in the fear of GOD, according to the said Statutes, the Constitution of this SEMINARY, and the Laws of the land.

ART. XXI. Every election of a professor on this Foundation shall within ten days be presented to the VISITORS ; who are hereby vested with the power and right of approving or negating, at a regular meeting, every such election. But, if any such election be not either approved or negated by the said VISITORS, within twelve months from the commencement of a vacancy in any Professorship ; such election shall be considered, as approved by the VISITORS, and shall accordingly be deemed constitutional and valid ; provided always, that such election shall have been regularly communicated to the President or Secretary of the Board of VISITORS ten days at least, previously to the expiration of the twelve months aforesaid.

ART. XXII. The VISITORS shall appoint a standing Committee, to ascertain the qualifications of Applicants for the advantages of this Foundation. Those, whom they approve may be recommended for admission, as resident Applicants on *trial* for two months ; and, if at the expiration of this term the Faculty approve them, they may be placed on the list of *resident* Students, till the next annual meeting of the VISITORS ; and, if upon examination by the Board of VISITORS they be then approved, they shall be registered, as *associate* Students ; but, if not approved by the VISITORS, after careful examination and the best information respecting them, they shall be dismissed from the Foundation.

ART. XXIII. No Applicants, except Congregationalists and Presbyterians, shall be admitted upon this Foundation ; and a

College education shall be ever deemed an essential condition of admission, except only in some rare case of distinguished talents, information, and piety.

ART. XXIV. At all meetings of the VISITORS decent entertainment shall be made by the direction of the Board, and at the expense of the foundation ; and all other necessary expenses, attending the management of this Foundation, shall be defrayed out of the income of the said Fund.

ART. XXV. The Board of VISITORS in all their proceedings are to be subject to our Statutes, herein expressed, and to conform their measures thereto ; and, if they shall at any time act contrary to these, or exceed the limits of their jurisdiction and constitutional power, the party aggrieved may have recourse by appeal to the JUSTICES of the SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT of this Commonwealth, for the time being, for remedy ; who are hereby appointed and authorized to judge in such case ; and, agreeably to the determination of the major part of them, to declare null and void any decree or sentence of the said VISITORS, which upon mature consideration they may deem contrary to the said Statutes, or beyond the just limits of their power, herein prescribed ; and by the said JUSTICES of the SUPREME COURT, for the time being, shall the said Board of VISITORS at all times be subject to be restrained and corrected in the undue exercise of their office.

ART. XXVI. Every annual meeting of the Board of VISITORS shall be introduced with prayer ; after which these Statutes shall be read by the President.

ART. XXVII. It is strictly and solemnly enjoined, and left in sacred charge, that every article of the above said Creed shall forever remain entirely and identically the same, without the least alteration, addition, or diminution. But we reserve to ourselves the right, as FOUNDERS, jointly to make, in concurrence with the said TRUSTEES, and within the term of seven years, such amendments or additional articles, in perfect consistence with the true object of these Statutes, as upon experience and due consideration shall be deemed necessary, the more effectually to secure and promote the real design of this our Foundation.

ART. XXVIII. Though the FOUNDERS, first above named, coalesce with the FOUNDERS of the aforesaid THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION, in the manner herein described, with a view more effectually to promote the cause of *Evangelical Truth*, and with an ardent hope, that the coalition will terminate in a perfect and indissoluble union; yet, if after an experiment of seven years coalition, upon Visitorial principles, it shall appear to the Board of VISITORS, that the Visitorial system is either unsafe or inexpedient; the coalition may nevertheless be continued upon such other principles, or system, as may be agreed on by the TRUSTEES and VISITORS aforesaid, in consistency with the original design of this our FOUNDATION; or the said VISITORS may withdraw the said Fund, (the said TRUSTEES however not to be responsible for any unavoidable loss from depreciation of the current medium, or from the Providence of GOD,) as upon mature consideration may to them appear most conducive to the glory of GOD. Or, if at any time within the said term of seven years, contrary to our most sanguine expectation, the said VISITORS shall by the TRUSTEES aforesaid be denied or deprived of the regular and proper exercise of the power, authority, rights, or privileges, in them hereby vested, agreeably to the true meaning of these our Statutes; then the said Fund (saving any unavoidable loss, as above expressed) shall revert to the said VISITORS, to be appropriated by them, as they shall judge most consistent with the original design of this our Foundation. But, if at the expiration of the seven years' experiment, or within the said term of seven years, the Board of VISITORS and the TRUSTEES aforesaid be well satisfied with the safety and expediency of the Visitorial system, and that a perpetual coalition is important and desirable; Union shall be established upon Visitorial principles, to continue, as the SUN and MOON, forever.

Confiding in the prudent and faithful inspection of our VISITORS, and in the wisdom and fidelity of the said TRUSTEES; and with the pleasing hope, that they will religiously appropriate the income of the Fund aforesaid to the great object of this Foundation, as herein described, agreeably to the Statutes, herein contained; we do under GOD, cheerfully commit this our Founda-

tion to their pious care, under the limitations before mentioned, trusting that no exertion on their part will be wanting to the success of an INSTITUTION, so immediately connected with the salvation of men and the glory of GOD.

To the SPIRIT of truth, to the divine AUTHOR of our faith, to the only wise GOD, we desire in sincerity to present this our humble offering ; devoutly imploring the FATHER of lights, richly to endue with wisdom from above all his servants, the VISITORS of this Foundation and the TRUSTEES of the SEMINARY, and with spiritual understanding the Professors therein ; that, being illuminated by the HOLY SPIRIT, their doctrine may drop, as the rain ; and that their Pupils may become trees of renown in the Courts of our GOD, whereby He may be glorified.

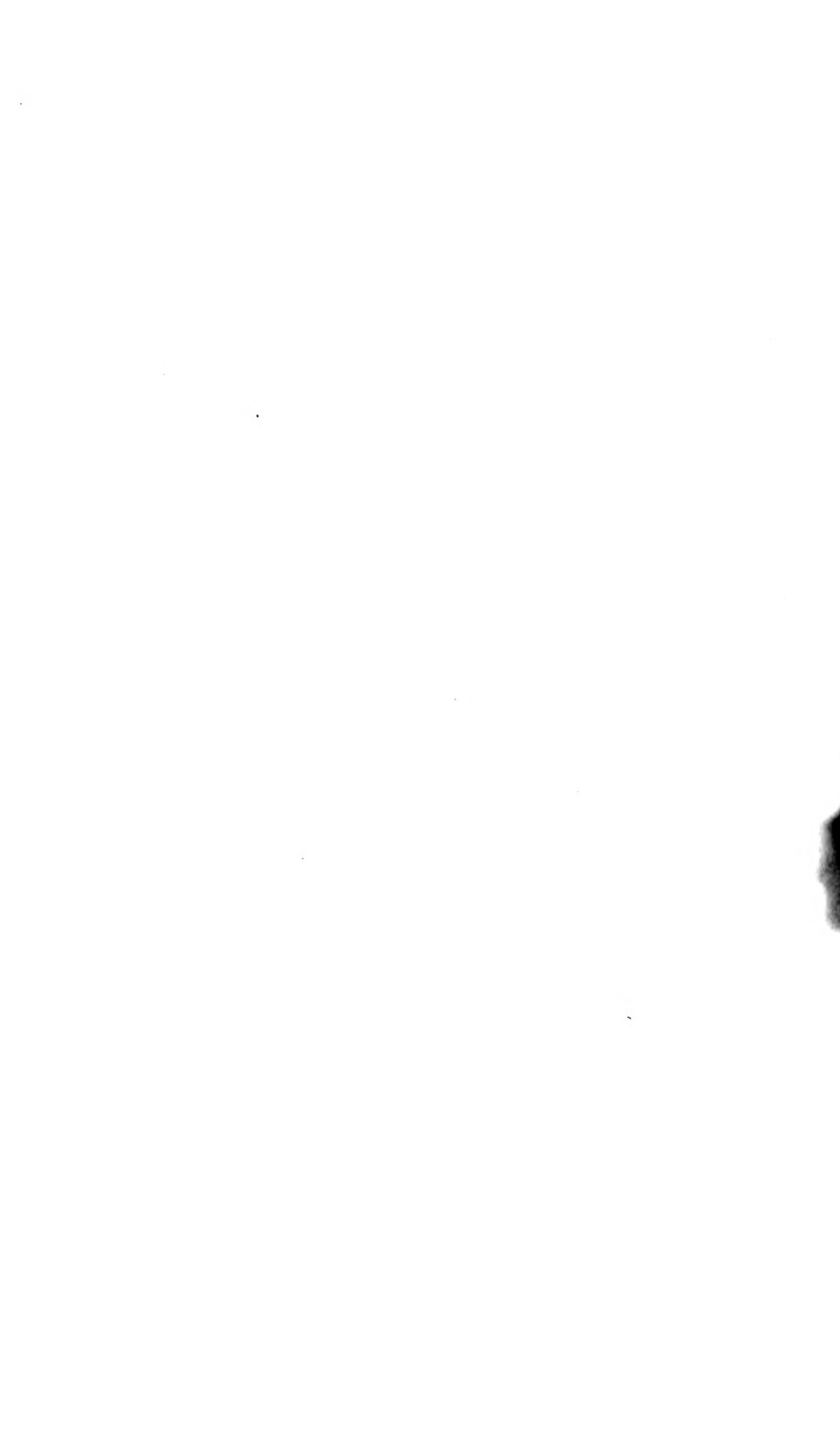
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty-first day of March, in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and eight.

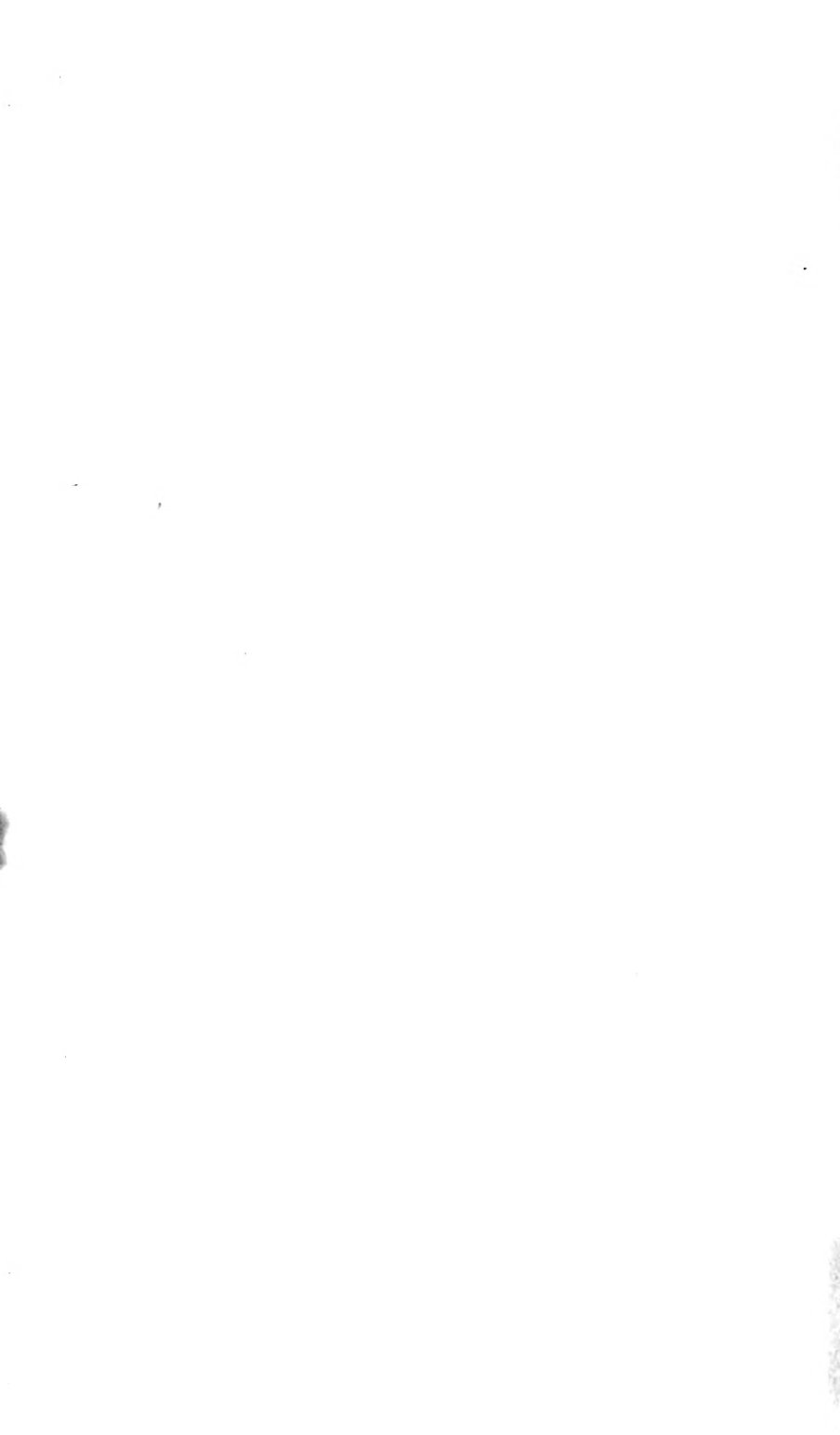
*Signed, sealed, and deliv-
ered in presence of us,*
SAMUEL SPRING,
JEDIDIAH MORSE.

MOSES BROWN, (S.)

WILLIAM BARTLET, (S.)

JOHN NORRIS. (S.)





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