

4. In regard to arrears due by Supplemented Congregations to their Ministers, these congregations shall be required to report to this Committee, through the Presbytery, in the form provided, before the beginning of each ecclesiastical year, the amount paid by them as stipend during the previous twelve months; and that in cases where the amount falls short of the stipend promised by them, power be given to suspend the payment of the supplement until the arrearages are liquidated.

VII. PROBATIONERS AND VACANCIES.

1. That the distribution of Probationers shall be left in the hands of a sub-Committee, appointed from the Home Mission Committee. The roll of Probationers shall consist of Preachers who have been licensed less than five years, and Ministers who have been loosed from their charges, or who have been receiving appointments from the Committee less than four years, (reckoning, in both cases, from the date of their admission to the roll.)

3. Preachers who have been on the roll for five years, and Ministers for four years without settlement, shall have their names removed from the list: allowance being made in all cases of sickness, leave of absence, or time occupied in the public business of the Church or Mission work, apart from fulfilling regular appointments. Provided, also, that the Assembly alone may order the retention of a Probationer's name on the list beyond the above specified times.

4. That Ministers or Probationers, who have retired from the Ministry and entered on some other calling for a time, shall not have their names put on the list of distribution without the permission of the General Assembly to that effect.

5. Probationers, concerning whom complaints of inefficiency have been received from their Presbyteries by the Committee, may have their appointments withdrawn till a decision of the Assembly shall be given in the case.

6. As soon as a Preacher is licensed, the Presbytery reports the fact to the Committee on Distribution, to whom is entrusted the distribution of Probationers among the Presbyteries of the Church.

7. When a Congregation desire a hearing of a particular Probationer, or a further hearing of one formerly heard, they shall communicate their desire to the Presbytery, and if the Presbytery see it expedient to concur in it, ^{the} application is transmitted to the Convener of the Distributing Committee, and as soon as practicable, effect is given to the request; it being understood that in case any extra expense is incurred by the probationer, it is to be defrayed by the Congregation in addition to the ordinary allowance.

8. When a preacher accepts a call, he shall give notice to the Convener of the Distributing Committee, and no further appointments are made to him; but he shall be required to fulfil the appointments already made, unless relieved by the Presbytery to whose bounds he has been designated.

9. Missionaries and Probationers shall be required to labour in the localities and discharge the duties assigned to them by the Presbyteries, at whose disposal they may have been placed by the Home Mission Committee.