

Constitution.

one Minister to be chosen annually by each Annual Conference, one Layman to be chosen annually by the laymen of each Conference Missionary Committee, and twelve other persons—one-half of whom shall be laymen—to be appointed by the General Conference, and to continue in office for four years.

3. The duties of this Board shall be to review the Missionary work, and apportion the funds committed to it, to the respective Conferences according to the necessities of the various departments of the work. Also to make the necessary appropriations to the various Missionary Districts.

4. When an appropriation is made by the General Board to any particular department of the work, the Annual Conference Committee shall not be at liberty to divert any part of the grant to any other department.

5. Vacancies occurring among Conference representatives may be filled by the Executive Committee of the Conference affected; the vacancies occurring among those appointed by the General Conference may be filled by the Committee of Consultation and Finance.

6. In the event of the death or disability of any of the Officers of the Society, the Committee of Consultation and Finance shall appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy till the next meeting of the General Board, when such appointment may be confirmed or changed, pending the meeting of the next General Conference.

7. The Committee of Consultation and Finance shall also have authority to suspend any Officer of the Missionary Society for incompetency or for culpable neglect of the duties of his office, and supply his place till the next meeting of the General Board, which shall have authority to fill the vacancy till the next General Conference.

IX.—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

A Committee, to be called the Committee of Consultation and Finance, shall be annually appointed by the General Board, consisting of the President of the General Conference, the Officers of the Missionary Society, and eighteen other members—nine ministers and nine laymen—the majority of whom shall be members of the General Board, who shall provide during the interval of the sessions of said Board for any exigencies that may arise. All the proceedings of said Committee shall be entered in a

minute book, and reported to the General Board at its next annual meeting.

X.—ANNUAL MEETING.

An Annual Public Meeting of the members and friends of this Society shall be held at the time and place appointed by the General Board, connected with such religious services as may be deemed expedient.

XI.—GENERAL OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

1. The General Conference shall appoint the General Secretaries and Treasurers of the Missionary Society, who shall be *ex-officio* members of the General Board.

2. The General Secretaries shall, previous to each Financial District Meeting, furnish each Chairman of a District with a schedule to be filled up by said Chairman at the Financial District Meeting, showing the estimated income and expenditure of each Mission for the support of the ministers and preachers, the amount of Missionary grant recommended by the Financial District Meetings, etc., etc., which schedule shall be forwarded to the General Secretaries without delay. From these schedules the General Secretaries shall prepare a tabular statement for the information of the General Board, in order that its members may intelligently and justly apportion the funds of the Society to the several Conferences.

3. It shall be the duty of the General Secretaries to make themselves acquainted with the entire Mission field, by official correspondence and personal visitation when practicable. It shall also be the duty of the Secretaries to publish the Annual General Report of the Society, and the Reports of the several Annual Conferences, with a statement of their income and expenditure.

4. In the discharge of their duties, the Officers of the Society shall act in harmony with the legally appointed courts and officers of the General and Annual Conferences. Provided always, that in case of any emergency arising that may require prompt action in the matter of supplying any remote Mission, it shall be competent for them, on the recommendation of the Committee of Consultation and Finance, to request the proper authorities of any Annual Conference to aid them in meeting such emergency, by appointing one of its ministers or preachers to such Mission.