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amount needed, then let the stewards apportion the deficiency among all such as are willing, for Christ's sake, to assume such deficiency, setting down to each person, with his consent, the additional amount which they think he ought weekly or monthly to pay.

5. Let the stewards then adopt and carry out a plan by which every one shall have the opportunity of regularly contributing each week or month by envelope or otherwise, not grudgingly or of necessity, the sum which has been pledged by him. Let those contributions be paid over regularly to the steward appointed to receive them, and be brought up by him to the Quarterly Meeting. The said steward shall keep an individual account of all these pledges and contributions, and shall pay over the same, under the direction of the Quarterly Meeting, to the preacher or preachers authorized to receive them.

STANDING ORDERS.

I.—DISTRICT MEETINGS.

4. The Chairmen of Districts are peremptorily required to procure three complete copies of the Minutes of the several annual and other meetings of the District Committees, financial and ordinary, duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary; one of these copies shall be inserted in the District Records, the second shall be reserved for the use of the Conference, and the third shall be delivered to the Secretary for preservation in the archives of the Committee. Furthermore, it is required that the last mentioned copies be handed in on the forenoon of the day preceding that on which our first preparatory Committee meeting may be appointed to be held, that the Secretaries may prepare classified lists of all matters which are to come before the Conference, and thereby expedite business.

2. That as much trouble has been caused at different sessions of Conference in consequence of alterations made in the District Minutes, it is determined, that when the Minutes of the several Districts shall have been signed by their respective Chairmen and Secretaries, they shall not be altered, except by the special permission of the Conference.