

or allowance for the same, and that the supplement be paid in semi-annual payments in the beginning of April and October of each year.

4. That the income which remains at the disposal of the committee when the treasurer's books are made up for the year, shall, after leaving a certain sum as a working balance, be constituted the surplus fund; it being the aim of the committee to secure such an income for the fund as shall make a *full* share in this surplus not less than \$150.

5. That the general principle of the distribution of this surplus fund shall be an equal dividend to the ministers of the supplemented congregations on the list, to the extent of \$750 per annum and a manse; but that beyond this amount, the committee be empowered to recognise exceptional liberality on the part of any of the supplemented congregations.

6. No congregation shall receive from the fund more than \$300, and for the present no salary shall by participation in the surplus fund be made larger than \$750 and manse, except in towns and cities, where it may be impossible to effect an advantageous settlement on the ordinary terms. Any balance arising from this provision to be carried forward to the fund for the following year.

7. That the amount of aid to be given to congregations on the list when *vacant*, be afterwards determined. Such aid to be limited to congregations contributing less than \$600 for salary when having settled pastors.

8. That the fund be composed of contributions made by congregations and individual members expressly for supplementing purposes, and in the meantime of also a definite proportion of the Home Mission contributions of congregations which prefer continuing to give for both purposes (mission work in new or destitute districts and supplement of pastors' salaries) in one sum; the proportion to be determined in view of the estimates submitted to and approved by the General Assembly for the two departments of work.

NOTE.—In the event of the Church signifying its approval of this scheme, the committee recommends the General Assembly to take steps to collect from some of the more able and liberal members of the Church, such an amount as will enable the scheme for increased ministerial support to be begun with a good working balance.
