

the bounds of the District. Laymen, to be eligible, must be at least twenty-five years of age, and must have been members of the Church in good standing for the five consecutive years next preceding the election.

(IV.) QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

1. There shall be a Quarterly Official Meeting on each Circuit, Mission or Station, consisting of the Ministers and Probationers for the Ministry, the Local Preachers, the Exhorters, the Circuit Stewards, the Leaders of Classes, the Superintendents of Sabbath Schools, (being members of the Church,) one Representative from each Board of Trustees, (he being a member of the Church); and also of additional Representatives who may have been appointed by the Societies of the Circuit. The apportionment, scale, and mode of election, shall be arranged by the fourth Quarterly Meeting of the year; but such additional Representatives shall not exceed the number of the Stewards on the Circuit.

2. The Superintendent of the Circuit shall be the Chairman of the Quarterly Meeting, except when the Superintendent of the District shall be present, in which case the latter may preside.

3. The Quarterly Meeting shall hear complaints, and receive and try appeals; recommend Candidates for the Ministry; manage and control Circuit finances; and discharge such other duties as the General Conference may from time to time determine.

4. The Quarterly Meeting shall, at the fourth regular meeting of the year, elect by ballot, without debate, the Lay Delegates to attend the ensuing Annual District Meeting, in the proportion of one Delegate for each Minister or Probationer in the active work on the Circuit.

NOTE.—Regulations concerning the Licensing of Local Preachers and Exhorters are referred to the first General Conference.

III. CHURCH PROPERTY.

Upon the ratification of the proposed Union, such legislation shall be obtained from Legislatures having competent jurisdiction, as shall vest in the United Church all property now held by, or in trust for, the respective Churches entering into the Union.

2. As it is probable that in some instances Church and Parsonage Property now in use will not be required, after the Union, for Church or Circuit purposes, it is recommended that a Committee, consisting of the District Superintendent, two Ministers and two Laymen, be appointed at the District Meeting on each District where any such property may be situated, who shall act conjointly with the Trustees on each Circuit in determining what property shall be retained for use, and what shall be sold.

3. In all cases where such Church or Parsonage Property may be so sold, the proceeds arising from the sale may be applied,—

(1) To the payment of any debts or claims upon or in respect of such property.

(2) To the payment of any debts upon the property retained for use by the Congregation formerly using the property so sold, or in building a new church or parsonage where necessary for the United Congregation.

(3) The balance, if any, to be applied, with the consent of the Trustees, to the use of the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund of the United Church, in the Annual Conference in which such property is situated.

NOTE.—The regulations contained in Clause 3 and its subsections, in so far as they apply to property held by the Bible Christian Church, shall be subject to the regulations adopted in regard to Church Funds respecting the debt of the Missionary Fund of said Church.

IV. CHURCH FUNDS.

(1.) *The Superannuation Fund.*—There shall be, in the United Church, a Superannuated Ministers' Fund for the Western Conferences, and a Supernumerary