

making the Conference of that year similar to the General Conference of two other Methodist bodies.

CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

1. *District Fund.* Raised by collections for the travelling and other necessary expenses of chairman, ministers, and laymen attending the district meeting.

2. *Church Loan Fund.* Raised by collections and donations, also by friends of the denomination making loans for five years, free of interest. Conference disposes of the amount annually, according to need. The amount of this fund is \$9,675.

3. *Children's Fund.* A tax of twenty-five cents per member is levied for this fund, and the amount equally divided among the children up to sixteen years of age. The amount raised this year was \$1,475, and the allowance to each child was \$10.50.

4. *Contingent Fund.* For general expenses and special cases. Each preacher is expected to raise \$10 for this fund.

5. *Beneficent and Orphan's Fund.* Raised by annual collection. The object is to increase the annuities to superannuated preachers, to assist in furnishing houses for newly-superannuated brethren, and to render assistance to ministers' widows and orphans in unusual cases of affliction. Orphan children up to sixteen years of age are allowed \$28. The fund this year amounted to \$431.

If supernumerary ministers are unable to take full work, and are yet able to do a certain amount, they are eligible to receive appointments, and to be provided with a house and furniture, and \$200 per annum.

6. *Superannuation Fund.* (1) First, there is a society common to all the itinerant preachers in Great Britain, the colonies, and elsewhere, who wish to become members, called the Preachers' Annuitant Society. No one has a claim who has not been a member seven years. The admission fee is \$6.25. All who enter the fund above the age of twenty-seven, pay for each year above that age \$3.75 in addition to the entrance fee. The following is the scale of allowances, counting the pound sterling equal to \$5 :—