

## CHILDREN'S FUND.

## QUESTION VII.

What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting the Children's Fund?

## ANSWERS.

1. That every district shall be considered to be responsible for providing within itself, and by its own local resources the usual quarterly allowances for such a number of minister's children as shall be found, on annual examination and calculation, to be fairly chargeable on the circuits belonging to that district, according to the principle of proportion to the numbers in society.
2. That when the number of children's allowances to be provided for in each district collectively, has been ascertained, those allowances shall be annually divided among the several circuits of that district, and every circuit shall be responsible for the sum so allotted to it, as its equitable share of this part of the general expenditure of our connexion, and shall be expected to furnish the sum by quarterly instalments, either out of its own regular income, or, if necessary, by means of extraordinary local exertions.
3. That the circuit stewards of every circuit shall be expected to pay the regular allowances for children by quarterly instalments, as usual to those ministers stationed for the time being on their circuits, who are entitled to receive such allowances, according to our existing rules. If the quota of contributions to the Children's Fund charged on that circuit shall be less than the sum which they thus actually advance for the children of their own minister, they shall be entitled to receive the deficiency back again, through the District Treasurer, out of the Children's Fund. But if the quota charged on that Circuit shall be more than is needed for payment of the children of their own ministers, they shall immediately after every quarterly meeting remit the balance to the District Treasurer.
4. The Secretary of the Fund shall at each Conference ascertain the number of members who will be chargeable with the maintenance of one child, and shall report to the Conference the number of children which, by an equal distribution according to the number of members, will be chargeable upon each district.
5. The Financial District Meeting shall divide the whole number thus allotted to the district among the circuits within its bounds, on the general basis of a *pro rata* scale, according to the number of members in society in the circuits respectively.
6. It being ascertained on comparing the number of children with the number of members in society in this connexion,

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