

5. In regard to applications for grants to liquidate debts on Parsonages:

(1.) Applications for grants can only be received from Circuits where there has been a distinct charge upon the Circuit accounts, and a claim upon the Contingent Fund for rent, or interest.

(2.) Satisfactory evidence must be furnished to the Committee that, with the assistance of the grant sought, and the local effort, the debt shall be liquidated, and all charges for rent or interest shall cease.

6. No grants can be made from this fund to assist in defraying the expenses incurred in repairs and alterations of Parsonages, or for the purpose of assisting in the erection of outbuildings in connection with Parsonages for which no grant is obtained.

7. No grant shall be paid from this fund until the Committee shall receive satisfactory evidence that a sum, amounting to at least three times that of the grant sought, has been secured by local effort towards the accomplishment of the object proposed.

8. Every application for aid from this Fund must receive the sanction of the District Meeting, either Financial or Annual, before it can be considered by the Committee.

9. The Treasurer of this Fund shall not pay the amounts which may be granted in aid of local efforts until he shall have received from the Secretary of the Fund satisfactory evidence upon the following points, viz.:

(1.) That the title of the property is valid, and that the deed is executed upon the Connexional plan.

(2.) That the whole of the sums subscribed on the Circuit are available and secured, so as to relieve the Circuit account from any charge for rent or interest.

(3.) A Certificate from the Registrar of Deeds must be forwarded, stating that the Connexional Deed is recorded, and that the property is free from all encumbrance, whether by way of mortgage, judgment, widow's thirds or otherwise.

The following is the Report of the operations in connection with this Fund for the past year: