

\$700 with a Manse, or \$800 without, the least sum that can be regarded as a competent salary, yet in the existing state of things regard it as necessary first to take measures to raise salaries under \$650, or \$600 with a Manse, to that sum by a supplementary fund."

Another motion was presented as follows, "That the minimum salary of a Minister of our body be \$700 with a Manse, or \$800 without a Manse, and that Presbyteries should not in ordinary circumstances settle a minister on a less salary than \$600.

Adopted. The adoption of the "recommendation as it is," was moved by Rev. Thomas Sedgwick, and after discussion, was preferred by a vote to either of the two motions, and passed accordingly.

Second adopted. The second recommendation was adopted as follows, "That with the view of securing this object, and further raising the income of Ministers in weak congregations, a *separate fund* be originated, to be called the "Supplementary Fund," and to be kept distinct from the funds of the Home Mission Committee.

Third adopted. The third recommendation was adopted as follows, "That except in cases where provision is made for the same object, by a system of congregational monthly or quarterly contributions, each minister be enjoined to give the people under his charge an opportunity of contributing by collection at least once a year, and that the same injunction shall apply to ministers and probationers giving occasional supply in vacant congregations and preaching stations throughout the Church, so that all may have an opportunity of contributing."

Fourth withdrawn. The fourth recommendation, That congregations giving less than \$650, be encouraged to increase their present rate of stipend; and that for whatever addition is thus made to the present salary, an equal sum be given from the Supplementary Fund, or such proportion thereof as the Fund will bear, till the stipend reach \$650." The adoption of the recommendation was moved by the Rev. A. Stuart, and after discussion withdrawn.

Mr. Blackwood then moved, "That for the equitable division of the Fund, the smaller salaries be divided into four classes,

1st,	\$300 and under to receive supplement of \$200				
2nd,	400	"	"	"	150
3rd,	500	"	"	"	100
4th,	600	"	"	"	50

rateably in these proportions, to the extent of the Fund, provided that in the judgment of the committee, after conferring with the Presbyteries and obtaining all information, the congregation is doing its duty in the way of increasing the Minister's salary from its own resources."

While the subject was under discussion the hour of adjournment arrived, and the sederunt was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Devotional exercises. The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator, Rev. E. McCurdy and Mr. David Blackwood following the Moderator in prayer accompanied with the reading of the Scriptures and the singing of Psalms.