4. That as a general rule, the salary of the missionary actually doing the work of a field should be the first charge on the revenue of the same, and that, unless in exceptional cases, the missionary's salary should be paid before he leaves the field.

The recommendation from the Home Mission Committee anent amalgamation of Home Mission and Augmentation Committees was taken up for consideration and adopted. The recommendation is as follows:—That the Synod instruct the Committee on Standing Committees to strike one committee to have charge of both Home Mission and Augmentation work within the bounds, thus amalgamating the two committees now in charge of the said work.

It was moved by Mr. Gordon, duly seconded, and agreed that the Home Mission report submitted last evening be received and the recommendations considered seriatim. After discussion and amendment the recommendations were adopted as a whole as follows:—

- That the Synodical Home Mission and Augmentation Committee appoint annually a sub-committee of its members to be known as the Distribution Committee.
- That Presbyteries be instructed to place the supply of their augmented charges as well as their mission stations under the Home Mission and Augmentation Committee of the Presbytery.
- 3. That the Distribution Committee distribute probationers on the application of the Home Mission and Augmentation Committee of Presbyteries, for the supply of augmented charges ready to call for a period, as a rule, of not less than one month, and that the Synodical Committee be instructed also to give supply to such vacancies as Presbyteries may be desirous of having thus supplied.
- 4. That for the supply of Augmented Charges, not ready to call and Mission Stations raising not less than \$10.00 a Sabbath, the distribution Committee appoint Missionaries for a period, as a rule, of not less than six months for each place, and that the Mission Stations here spoken of shall be known as Augmented Mission Stations, and shall be encouraged to accept the ordained missionaries sent for a two years' appointment.
- 5. That Presbyteries encourage Augmented Charges to call, and that the Synod express its opinion that, as a general rule, the grant made by the Augmentation Committee should not be reduced within two years of the settlement, unless with the consent of the Presbytery.
- 6. That the Synodical Committee's Distribution Committee, shall take order to send to these vacancies, Augmented Congregations and Mission Stations, only such men as are likely to remain in the country, and to be called by Congregations or appointed by the Presbyteries.

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