

ANSWER.

1. The Conference would again call the attention of our members and congregations to the importance of securing on every Circuit a suitable Parsonage free from debt.

2. That application to this Fund for assistance, in support of local efforts, may be made by Circuits in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island.

3. That the grant to any Circuit shall in no case exceed two hundred dollars.

4. In order to accomplish the intention of Conference in the formation of this Fund, and to insure greater uniformity in the applications thereto, and in the distribution of its grants, the following regulations are adopted, viz :

(1.) In every case where it is proposed to seek for a grant in aid of a new Parsonage, the parties about to build shall communicate with the Secretary of the Committee of this Fund, and procure from him a copy of the Model Plans; and shall also lay before the Committee full particulars in regard to size, location, tenure and value of land upon which it is proposed to build; the plans of the building, details of size, height, materials, and estimated cost, amount of reliable subscriptions in aid of purchase of land and erection of building, and also the amount of the anticipated grant.

(2.) In regard to applications for grants in aid of purchase of land and buildings.

In every case where it is proposed to purchase land and buildings for a Parsonage, it shall be necessary, in order to obtain a grant in aid of such purchase, for the Superintendent of the Circuit to communicate with the Secretary of the Committee, and furnish full particulars respecting the situation, size, value and tenure of the land, and also a plan of the house, shewing size, height, and arrangement of the rooms, a statement of the materials of which the house is built, and of the estimated present cash value of the property, and also of the extent to which the buildings are completed, together with the amount of local subscriptions.

(3.) In every case when a grant is sought to be obtained from this Fund, it must appear that, with the assistance of the grant, it shall be entirely free from the burden of any debt.

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