

5. APPLICATIONS FOR HELP TO BUILD PARSONAGES.—During the year several applications were made by Missions for assistance in the way of a Money Grant, to build Parsonages. Your Committee, though deeply sympathizing with the persons concerned, yet from inadequacy of funds were not able to render any assistance in the way desired. They have, however, directed one or two Stations applying to lay their case before you.

6. REQUESTS FOR INCREASED GRANTS.—Two or three Missions, through their Quarterly Meetings, preferred requests for an addition to be made to the Grants voted them by the last Conference, but as the Committee had no jurisdiction in the matter, they could not of course accede to the requests made. It would be well if Missions understood that Grants made by Conference were *final*, and that no appeal could be made from any act of the Conference to a Committee, which after all is only a subordinate Court, and one whose function it is to carry out the decisions of the Conference, which is our highest Ecclesiastical Court.

7. REMOVAL EXPENSES.—At the first Quarterly Meeting of the Committee, it was found that owing to the scarcity of funds all the claims of the Missions could not be paid in full; especially was this the case with the removing expenses of brethren appointed to Mission Stations; these were found to be more than ordinarily heavy, and the Committee, feeling that the Stations ought to do something towards paying these expenses, paid two thirds, and called upon the Stations to pay the remaining third. It was not designed by the Committee that if the Mission Stations did not pay this third, the Missionaries should lose it. The Committee regrets that their appeal was not responded to, and they recommend the Conference to arrange that the whole burden of the removal expenses shall not devolve on the Mission Fund. They also recommend that the Stationing Committee should exercise great care in the changes which are necessary to be made, so as not to increase, without the greatest necessity, the claims for removal expenses.

8. MISSION SUPERINTENDENTS.—At their first Quarterly Meeting, the Committee appointed certain senior brethren to visit once or twice in the year those Missions to whom were appointed junior and comparatively inexperienced brethren, for the purpose of assisting such brethren by their presence and counsel; most of the brethren accepted the appointments given to them, but one or two objected, owing to the distance from their homes to the Missions which the Committee wished them to visit. This arrangement was found to be satisfactory, and to work well; and in the absence of any one person being appointed to the oversight of the entire of our Mission work, the Committee considers such an arrangement as they made likely to be productive of considerable good.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.—A large amount of miscellaneous business was transacted by the Committee at their regular meetings, and