

year, entailing expenditure beyond what the Fund is able to meet; and whereas it appears that a part of this expenditure is upon fields that are not strictly missions: it is expedient that steps be taken to classify dependent fields throughout the entire Connexion, and to make provision for aiding each class from a distinct and separate fund.

Wherefore it is enacted by the General Conference of the Methodist Church in session assembled:—

1. That all dependent fields throughout the entire Connexion be divided into two classes, the first class to be known as "Missions," the second as "Dependent Circuits or Stations."

2. That in order to aid these two classes of dependent fields, there be two distinct funds, the one to be known as the "The Missionary Fund," and the other as "The Sustentation and Contingent Fund," to be raised and applied as hereinafter provided. But it shall be an understood principle that grants shall not, in any case, be made from both funds to the same minister or field.

3. That for the present the classification and general regulations affecting the two classes of dependent fields shall be as follows:—

I. MISSIONS.

The Missions of the Church shall include:—

1. The Foreign, or Japan work.
2. The Indian work.
3. The French work.
4. The Chinese work.
5. All dependent fields, in any of the Conferences or Mission Districts, the income of which last year, from Circuit receipts, was less than \$300.

New Domestic Missions shall be created, as heretofore, only by the vote of an Annual Conference, but under the following restrictions:—

1. No Circuit which has been independent shall be placed upon the list of Missions.

2. No dependent Circuit or Station shall be transferred to the list of Missions without the consent, first obtained, of the General Board of Missions, or of the Committee of Finance.

3. No new Domestic Mission shall be formed by dividing or detaching appointments from one or more Circuits, whether independent or otherwise.

4. No new Domestic Mission shall be formed by dividing an existing Mission, unless by such division part of the original Mission becomes independent; or the Missionaries are enabled to take up new and really destitute territory.

When any new Domestic Missions are formed, a statement, signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference, giving a list of such Missions, and certifying that they have been formed in accordance with the foregoing regulations, shall be sent to the General Secretary of the Missionary Society within one month after the rising of the Conference.

Funds for the support of Missions shall be raised and disbursed by the same methods as hitherto.

II. DEPENDENT CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

This class of Circuits shall comprehend all dependent fields, not included in the foregoing classification of

Missions, the income of which last year, from Circuit receipts, was \$300 or over, and less than \$500.

Additions shall be made to this class only by the vote of an Annual Conference, and under the following restrictions:—

1. No independent Circuit, the income of which has been \$500 or upwards, shall be put upon the dependent list until the proposal has been submitted to, and sanctioned by, the Committee having charge of the Sustentation Fund.

2. No dependent Circuit or Station shall be made by dividing an independent Circuit or a Mission.

SCALE OF ALLOWANCES ON DEPENDENT FIELDS.

In order to secure a more equitable support for Ministers laboring upon dependent fields, and to put an end to those deficiencies in salary which are a serious injustice to the Ministers, and a reproach to the Church, it is deemed advisable to adopt a graduated scale of allowances. The regulations touching this matter, which shall apply to both classes of dependent fields, shall be as follows:—

1. The term "allowance" or "allowances" shall be understood as including all the items of a Minister's support, such as salary, board, fuel, travelling expenses and incidentals; but shall not include horse keep, house rent, or moving expenses.

2. Allowances to missionaries in the Foreign field, and to those on Indian Missions in the North-West and British Columbia, shall be fixed by the General Board of Missions as heretofore.

3. Allowances to ministers on dependent fields of either class in the North-West, in British Columbia, and in cities, shall be \$200 higher for married men, and \$100 higher for single men, than in the same class of fields in Ontario or eastward.

Allowances to Probationers, and to ordained men who are unmarried, shall be the same as hitherto, except as modified by the preceding paragraph.

5. The minimum allowance for a married Minister without children shall be \$500 per annum, with a free house; the house to be provided, in all cases, by the Circuit or Mission. Where a horse is necessary for the work of the Circuit, \$50 shall be added to the above.

6. In the case of a married Minister with children, there shall be added to the \$500 above mentioned, the sum of \$25 for each child under 18 years of age residing at home or attending school. Where a Children's Fund exists this addition shall not be made. Provision for a horse shall be made as provided in paragraph 5.

7. In order to reach the result aimed at in these regulations, namely, the payment in full of minimum allowances, the amount to be raised by the various dependent fields is a matter of prime importance. And as there is great inequality in this respect, it is ordered that each dependent field shall be visited before the 1st of September, 1887, by a deputation consisting of the District Superintendent, accompanied, whenever practicable, by another Minister and a layman, or by two laymen. The said deputation shall meet the official members, and also the congregations if they judge it necessary; enquire carefully into the