

the Supreme Court may assign to it, and carry out such measures as may be decided in reference thereto.

4. There shall be a general Educational Fund, administered by the Board of Education, for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the several colleges, and assisting students in their preparation for the ministry, and for such other purposes and under such regulations as the Supreme Court may from time to time determine.

5. The several educational institutions shall be encouraged to seek permanent endowments for their maintenance, and may receive contributions for this and other purposes at any time; but no appeal for funds shall be made to the united Church at large without the consent of the Board of Education.

IV. BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

Whereas there exist, in some form, in all the negotiating Churches funds to aid aged and retired ministers, and widows and orphans of ministers, we recommend that provision for similar purposes be made in the constitution of the united Church by such amalgamation or modifications of existing methods as may be found practicable; and in our judgment such provision to be workable and effective, and satisfactory to the entire Church, should embrace the following particulars:

1. That the rights of present and prospective claimants on existing funds in any of the uniting Churches be adequately protected. To this end it is recommended:

(1) That the present capital investments of the various benevolent funds of the uniting Churches, and the income now contributed to those funds by publishing interests be combined into a "common trust," if practicable. The rights of present claimants and of prospective claimants (the latter being computed as of the date of the union) shall be a first charge on the revenue from this trust. If it be found that differences in the constitution and administration of the several funds are such as to necessitate separate trusts, instead of a common trust, this shall not be a bar to the carrying out of the general plan, because in that case their revenues shall be combined.