

information sent to them is very frequently fragmentary and inadequate. Their decision on each case they believe to be fully justified by the facts actually before them ; but these facts can only state a part of the case, may be one-sided, and can never be fully comprehended in all their local significance by a Committee deliberating at so great a distance from the colony.

III. That in these circumstances it is desirable that some means be devised of guaranteeing, in an unmistakable way, the statements forwarded to them, of fixing beyond question the comparative necessities of the various claimants for aid ; and, further, of promoting such an organisation of resources in the colonies themselves, as will encourage and enable the strong to help the weak.

IV. That accordingly, they resolve, after the close of the current financial year, to make grants in aid of the Church in the colonies, only in the form of contributions in supplement of grants made by the Colonial Synod or a Committee of Synod, and where a Synod does not exist, by the Presbytery or a Committee of Presbytery ; reserving to themselves power to recognise, where necessary, Colonial Home Missionary Associations on the same footing as if they were a Committee of the Synod or Presbytery, when they are advised by the proper ecclesiastical authority to do so.

V. That while leaving it to the colonial churches to adopt their own rules as to making grants, the Committee resolve that these grants shall in future have reference to the sum voted in each particular case by the Colonial Church, or its representative association.

VI. That requests for missionaries, as well as for aid to ministers and churches, be communicated through the Colonial Missionary Association, or Committee of Synod or Presbytery, as the case may be, and be entertained by the Colonial Committee here only after the said Association or Committee have resolved to grant a reasonable proportion of the total sum required in each case ; and that the same rule apply to all other grants whatsoever, with the exception of the present grant to Queen's College, Kingston, Canada ; and payments for passage and outfit.

VII. That colonies in which no Synod or Presbytery exists be exempted from the operation of the above Minute.

VIII. That a printed copy of this proposed Minute be sent to certain members of the Church in the Colonies, with a view to obtain their opinion on it.

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