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## CHAPEL RELIEF FUND.

The first portion of this Table relates to the Original Chapel Fund, which was distinct from the present Chapel Relief Fund.

Year.	INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.
	Circuit & other Contributions.	Interest on Investments.	Book-Room Grants.	Total Income.	Grants to Trustees.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1844	81 19 7	.....	...	81 19 7	.....
1845	72 7 9	.....	...	72 7 9	.....
1846	101 2 0½	.....	...	101 2 0½	150 0 0
1847	109 17 0	.....	...	109 17 0	.....
1848	125 10 4½	.....	...	125 10 4½	.....
1849	123 7 7	13 10 0	...	136 17 7	20 0 0
1850	119 10 9	15 18 0	...	135 8 9	55 0 0
1851	125 16 8	19 4 6	...	145 1 2	215 0 0
1852	117 13 1	19 0 0	...	136 13 1	10 0 0
1853	144 9 10½	19 6 0	...	163 15 10½	130 0 0
1854	133 3 3	18 0 0	...	151 3 3	190 0 0
1855	136 9 4	20 3 4	...	156 12 8	.....
1856	144 11 7½	15 17 3	...	160 8 10½	10 0 0
1857	152 12 9	32 19 2	...	185 11 11	30 10 0
1858 } to 1862 }	.....	153 13 3	...	153 13 3	655 0 0
				Working Expenses, Balance,	16 6 10½ 534 6 3½
				1688 11 8	327 11 6
				...	2016 3 2
				2016 3 2	2016 3 2
1858	132 7 2	.....	...	132 7 2	.....
1859	135 9 0	.....	...	135 9 0	245 0 0
1860	145 4 0½	.....	...	145 4 0½	.....
1861	158 1 5½	2 19 6	...	161 0 11½	31 0 0
1862	131 10 10	9 0 0	...	140 10 10	100 0 0
1863	152 7 7	10 9 0	...	162 16 7	540 0 0
1864	164 10 11	11 0 2	...	175 11 1	175 0 0
1865	164 16 8	14 17 7	...	179 14 3	170 0 0
1866	246 13 3½	13 10 10	...	260 4 1½	125 0 0
1867	351 16 8½	23 19 4	...	375 16 0½	110 0 0
1868	438 3 8½	14 14 2	...	452 17 10½	275 0 0
1869	450 2 1	15 19 6	...	466 1 7	605 0 0
1870	404 12 1	15 15 6	400	820 7 7	869 0 0
1871	402 3 0½	12 18 2	350	765 1 2½	894 0 0
1872	706 7 7	13 9 10	150	869 17 5	854 19 0

## CHAPEL RELIEF FUND—continued.

Year.	INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.
	Circuit & other Contributions.	Interest on Investments.	Book Room Grants.	Total Income.	Grants to Trustees.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1873	680 18 0	12 0 5	100	792 18 5	1190 0 0
1874	832 12 8½	2 10 3	300	1135 2 11½	725 2 1
1875	807 15 11	1 17 7	419	1228 13 6	1186 3 3
1876	725 7 5	2 15 5	150	878 2 10	747 18 6
1877	710 3 8	1 10 7	200	911 14 3	821 5 0
1878	808 3 8	2 8 10	200	1010 12 6	920 14 6
1879	636 8 1	0 16 0	200	837 4 1	697 18 8
1880	581 10 0	0 14 1	200	782 4 1	546 18 9
1881	586 17 9	2 13 1	200	789 10 10	782 14 7
1882	739 18 3	2 12 2	200	942 10 5	634 19 10
1883	985 3 11	11 14 4	200	1196 18 3	1009 7 0
1884	935 6 11½	6 1 3	200	1141 8 2½	805 0 0
1885	854 4 3½	5 9 4	80	939 13 7½	946 0 0
1886	834 0 9½	3 18 10	...	837 19 7½	710 0 0
1887	702 3 8½	.....	...	702 3 8½	910 0 0
1888	832 4 0	.....	...	832 4 0	470 0 0
1889	566 18 11	.....	...	566 18 11	623 0 0
1890	508 4 0	.....	...	508 4 0	384 8 4
1891	506 12 5½	.....	...	506 12 5½	397 2 9
1892	617 8 7	.....	...	617 8 7	479 0 0
1893	800 9 10½	.....	...	800 9 10½	450 0 0
1894	717 5 11	.....	...	717 5 11	245 10 0
1895	550 6 11	.....	...	550 6 11	570 0 0
1896	668 8 4	.....	...	668 8 4	554 10 0
1897	489 3 2	.....	...	489 3 2	335 0 0
1898	707 11 5½	.....	...	707 11 5½	447 0 0
				22,569 14 11	215 15 9
				3549	26,334 10 8
				Balance from Original Chapel Fund,	560 13 9½
				Working Expenses, including Salary of Secretary,	3,503 3 6½
				Balance in Bank,	808 8 8
				26,895 4 5½	26,895 4 5½

N.B.—The Income for this Fund includes £637, 13s. 4d. from the sale of Chapels that have been given up; £205 from the sale of Edinburgh Chapel in 1882; and £432, 13s. 4d. from the sale of Aberdeen Chapel in 1883. It also includes £1133, 5s. from the Commemorative Fund—£412, 10s. in 1884; £345, 15s. in 1885; and £375 in 1886.



HOME MISSION CHAPEL EXTENSION FUND.

THIS Fund was started as a Home Mission Chapel Extension Fund of £10,000. As its name indicates, its aims were in part similar in character to those of the Mission Fund, on the one hand, and the Chapel Fund on the other. Moreover, it was intended that its mission should be fulfilled for the most part in districts likely to be fruitful in a high degree, and with a thoroughness that would be impracticable by either or both of the other named Funds. The conception of this Fund was as happy as its establishment was successful and speedy. The scheme was launched at the Nottingham Assembly of 1875, at the same time as the Ashville College project, and it had much the same enthusiastic reception. By the end of the first short year the whole of the amount sought was promised, and more than a fourth part was paid into the hands of the Treasurer. The heavy demands made on the General Mission Fund arising from the long continued depression in trade, have prevented this Fund receiving all the help contemplated from that source.

The subjoined Resolutions of the Annual Assembly, and the Balance-Sheet will serve to show for what end and in what manner this Fund was raised :—

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED :—

1. "That it is desirable that a Special Fund be raised for the purchase of sites, and erection of chapels, in aid of Home Mission work.
2. "That special contributions be solicited, and assistance given from the General Mission Fund, and such other means adopted as may be deemed advisable for the raising of £10,000 in five years.
3. "That grants be made only to such places as have been approved by the Connexional Committee, and received, where practicable, the recommendation of their respective District Meetings.
4. "That grants be made only on condition that, where practicable, the debt remaining on the building shall not exceed one-third, and in no instance shall it exceed one-half, the entire cost of the land and chapel premises.
5. "That the Fund be under the management of the Connexional Committee, and that the Annual Assembly for each of the five years be recommended to grant such surplus as may be available from the General Mission Fund, to be spent during the year in proportion as a similar sum is raised by special means, as mentioned in Resolution No. 2.
6. "That £1000 be set apart this year (1875) from the General Mission Fund, to be used in accordance with the aforesaid Resolutions."

## BALANCE-SHEET, 1875-98.

	£	s.	d.	Cr.		£	s.	d.
Madison Fund	3750	0	0		By Grants to Chapels:—			
Contributions and					Barrow-in-Furness	325	0	0
Interest	5024	2	11		Barrow-in-Furness,			
					Askam	111	10	0
					Birkenhead	500	0	0
					Birmingham, Cuc-			
					koo Road	200	0	0
					Birstall, Batley	200	0	0
					Bradford, West			
					Bowling	200	0	0
					Bristol, Easton	300	0	0
					Burnley, Old Hall			
					Street	200	0	0
					Burton-on-Trent,			
					Victoria Street	200	0	0
					Cardiff, Cogan Pill	250	0	0
					Clay Cross	100	0	0
					Consett	600	0	0
					Gateshead, Stanley	150	0	0
					Glossop, Hadfield	75	0	0
					Hanley	150	0	0
					Hull, Dansome St.	400	0	0
					Leeds, Roundhay			
					Road	500	0	0
					Lincoln, Portland			
					Street	150	0	0
					London, Manor Pk.	200	0	0
					„ Kilburn	450	0	0
					„ Bellenden			
					Road	500	0	0
					„ Thornton			
					Heath	300	0	0
					„ New Wands-			
					worth	300	0	0
					„ Waltham-			
					stow	300	0	0
					Mansfield, Hucknall	125	0	0
					Morecambe	350	0	0
					North Shields, Cul-			
					lercoats	150	0	0
					Southport, Birkdale	200	0	0
					South Bank	50	0	0
					Walsall	526	10	0
					West Cowes	200	0	0
					Weston-super-Mare	400	0	0
					By Working Expenses	68	0	10
					By Balance	43	2	1
£8774	2	11			£8774	2	11	



## LONDON CHAPEL EXTENSION FUND.

In 1874, the London District Meeting formed itself into a Committee for the purpose of considering the spiritual needs of the people in the Metropolis, and the method to be adopted for helping the various London Circuits in their work. The Committee was afterwards enlarged by the addition of the London ministers who were not members of the District Meeting, and by additional representatives appointed by each Circuit. It was then known as the London Mission, and the objects as defined by the Rules and Regulations were—“(a) The strengthening of Free Methodism within the limits of the present London Circuits—(b) The extension of Free Methodism in suitable neighbourhoods adjacent to the present London Circuits; and also in the suburbs of London.”

To accomplish these objects, male and female agents were employed; the Regulations stating “that the services of Local Preachers and Bible Women of approved piety, ability, and zeal, shall be engaged, who shall devote a portion of their time, or the whole of it, as the case may be, to the work of awakening the careless and prayerless, and leading them to the Saviour, and to Church fellowship.”

After the first year or two, the extension side of the work received the most attention, and the employment of Bible Women ceased. During the first five years, about £2600 were raised, including grants from the Connexional Funds amounting to £900, and sites were purchased and school Chapels built at Peckham, Kilburn, New Wandsworth, and Manor Park, mainly through the instrumentality of this Fund.

New openings were continually being pressed upon the attention of the Committee, and in order to deal more efficiently with the work, and win more Connexional recognition, a change was made in the Constitution of the Committee, and the Treasurer was appointed by the Annual Assembly after being nominated by the Committee and recommended by the District Meeting.

The Committee now consists of 16 members elected by the District Meeting; and two representatives from each Circuit having two or more Churches, and one representative from each Circuit having only one Church.

The objects as stated in the Constitution are:—

1. To obtain land, and secure Schoolrooms and Chapels, either by erection or purchase, in such localities in the Metropolis as may need such accommodation.

2. The Fund may also, at the discretion of the Committee, be available for the erection of Chapels in connection with existing Churches, with the understanding that new Churches have the preference.

The income is obtained from private subscriptions, public collections, grants from Connexional Funds, legacies, and by such other means as the Committee may devise. Grants may also be made from the Connexional Mission Fund, if deemed expedient and practicable, by the Connexional Committee.

Other regulations are as follows:—

The Committee shall have the management of the Fund: it shall obtain plans for all intended erections, and submit them to the Connexional Committee, or, in cases of emergency, to the Connexional officers, Missionary Secretary, and Chapel Secretary.

The Committee shall recommend what ministerial appointments should be made to the several Churches under its care; it shall also take the oversight of them, and of their Trust Estates, as the Connexional Committee may from time to time authorise, until they become self-sustaining. The appointment of ministers shall be with the Connexional Committee, who shall make such grants towards their salaries as it may deem necessary, to supplement the stipulated amount raised by the Churches.

An abstract of the Annual Report of the Fund, with the Balance Sheet, shall be presented to the Annual Assembly, with the names of the Committee, for insertion in the Printed Minutes.

The work has grown, by the force of circumstances, beyond the bounds originally intended by those who commenced it.

The good done by this Fund cannot be too highly estimated. By the financial aid extended, and the encouragement thus given to local effort, sites and Chapel property have been secured in the Connexion of the value of over £30,000. Associated with the Churches under the supervision of the Committee is a membership of *twelve hundred*, and in every case there is a vigorous Sunday School.



The following Churches have either been established by or have received valuable help from the Fund:—Bellenden Road, S.E.; Kilburn, N.W.; Manor Park, N.E.; Wandsworth Common, S.W.; Tooting, S.W.; Leyton, N.E.; Plumstead, S.E.; "The Lighthouse," Walthamstow, E.; Croyden, S.E.; Streatham, S.E.; East Ham, E.; Willesden, N.W.; "The Harbour Light," Haggerston, N.

Some generous gifts have been made either directly to the Fund, or to some of the Churches under the supervision of the Committee. The late Captain King contributed largely to the erection of "The Lighthouse" at Walthamstow. Mr. Stephen Gee gave one-third of the cost of the "Harbour Light" at Haggerston. The late Mr. Gresley left a legacy of £10,000 to the Fund; but on account of a flaw in the will only one tenth of the amount was received. Mr. W. Mallinson, in 1897, purchased and presented a splendid site for Chapel and School at Shernhall St., Walthamstow; and an iron Chapel and School were erected upon a portion of it. Other London friends have also contributed generously. In addition to the above, the sum of £4000 has been received from the Commemorative Fund. Recently arrangements have been made with the Governors of the Free Methodist College, Manchester, for the use of a portion of its Endowment Fund, by which, it is hoped, the work of the Committee will be facilitated and extended.

#### OFFICERS OF THE FUND.

Years.	Chairmen.	Treasurers.	Secretaries.
1874-75	J. Cuthbertson, Esq.	W. Best, Esq.	Revs. W. Boyden, W. O. Lilley, Mr. G. C. Amphlett.
1876	J. Cuthbertson, Esq.	W. Best, Esq.	Revs. C. Worboys, G. Lowndes.
1877-78	J. Cuthbertson, Esq.	Captain King	Rev. G. Lowndes.
1879-81	Rev. Ira Miller	Captain King	Rev. C. Worboys.
1882-84	Rev. Ira Miller	Captain King	Rev. R. E. Abercrombie.
1885-90	Rev. Ira Miller	Captain King	Rev. James Roberts.
1891-92	Rev. Ira Miller	Captain King	Rev. Jabez King.
1893-95	Rev. Ira Miller	W. Mallinson, Esq.	Rev. G. Lowndes.
1896	Rev. Ira Miller	W. Mallinson, Esq.	Rev. E. O. Dinsley.
1897-98	Rev. Ira Miller	W. Mallinson, Esq.	Rev. H. Mann.

#### FREE METHODIST FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

1888-98, JOSEPH GREEN, Esq., J.P., *Treasurer*.

1888-98, Rev. E. BOADEN, *Secretary*.

This Association, founded by the Annual Assembly, 1888, is under the management of the Connexional Chapel Committee; it insures Connexional Trust Estates, Premises occupied by the Connexion, Circuit Property, and Books and other Effects belonging to the Connexional Ministers; and the Ordinary Premium is 1/6 per cent.

Security is afforded by the Capital of the Chapel Loan Fund, the accumulated Funds of the Association, a portion of the Divisible Profits of the Book Room, and the Re-Insurance of heavy risks.

This Association does not compete with General Insurance Companies, but it confines its operations exclusively to the Connexion, as above set forth.

All profits made, after providing a sufficient accumulated Fund for the needs of the Association, will be given in aid of Trust Estates.

As will be seen from the subjoined Table, this Association has now 812 Policies in force, and after meeting claims to the extent of £1659, has acquired a Capital of £2063. This, within the brief space of ten years, will, generally, be accounted very satisfactory.

#### REGULATIONS.

*Adopted by the Annual Assembly of 1888 and 1889.*

1. THAT an Association be formed to provide for loss or damage occasioned by Fire, to be called "THE FREE METHODIST FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION."



2. THAT the scope of the Association shall be limited to the insurance of Connexional Trust Estates, Premises occupied by the Connexion, Circuit property, and Books and other Effects belonging to the Connexional Ministers.

3. THAT the Connexional Chapel Loan Fund, and the Divisible Profits of the Book Room (after payment from year to year of the proportion of such profits allocated to the Ministers' Superannuation and Beneficent Fund) shall be the Guarantee Fund of this Association, jointly with the accumulated Fund of the Association, until the said accumulated Fund shall amount to £5000, or until otherwise determined by two successive Annual Assemblies.

4. THAT should a fire injure or destroy any premises or other property duly insured before the capital has reached an amount sufficient to cover the liabilities thereby brought on the Association, the Treasurer and Secretary shall have power to borrow at interest on the security of the said Chapel Loan Fund and such Book Room Profits as aforesaid the sum required, and to repay the same out of the profits of the business done by the Association and the said divisible profit of the Book Room, as the same shall be ascertained and declared from year to year by the Annual Assembly. And in every case in which the said Treasurer and Secretary, or either of them, shall borrow money under instructions from the Committee for the purposes of the Association, they or he shall have an indisputable claim on all the Funds of the Association and such Book Room Profits as aforesaid, and a lien upon the said Chapel Loan Fund for repayment.

5. THAT it shall be optional with the Committee to re-insure any premises or other property, the risk of which it has undertaken. And that until the Annual Assembly shall otherwise determine, all risks of £1000 or upwards shall be covered by re-insurance, in some Fire Insurance Office of good standing, to such an extent as the said Committee may decide.

6. THAT in case any property for which premiums have been duly paid shall be accidentally damaged or destroyed by Fire, whether occasioned by lightning, explosion of gas, or otherwise, the Insured shall be entitled to the costs and charges of restoring the said property and effects to the value which they had at the time the fire occurred, so far as the sum

assured may be sufficient for that purpose. All damages shall be estimated *within one month* after the fire by two persons; one chosen by the Insured, and the other on behalf of the Association; and in case they cannot agree, by an Umpire whom they shall choose. The premises shall be restored without unreasonable delay, and the money shall become payable on the completion of the work; but when so directed by the said Committee, the Treasurer may make advances during the progress of restoration. Or in the event of the premises being rebuilt or enlarged, or if new premises be erected in lieu thereof, with the sanction of the said Committee, the Amount assessed as damages shall be payable in instalments during the progress of the work, or in full on its completion, as may be agreed between the Insured and the Association. Effects, such as Furniture and Books (except Manuscripts), injured or destroyed shall, as may be agreed, either be made good, or their value, so far as it is covered by the Insurance, shall be paid within three months from the time of the accident. Nevertheless, if at the time of the loss or damage happening, there be any other Insurance or Insurances, whether effected by the Insured or any other person, covering the same property, the Association shall not be liable to pay or contribute in respect of such loss or damage more than such proportion as its liability, separately ascertained, shall bear to the aggregate liability upon all the Insurances covering such property, separately ascertained in like manner, according to their respective terms and conditions, irrespective in each case of this or any similar condition as to contribution.

7. THAT Insurances be effected at a minimum rate of one shilling and sixpence per cent. for Ordinary Risks; but for Special Risks there shall be special charges—these rates to be subject to revision from time to time by the Annual Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee.

8. THAT the business of the Association shall be under the direction of the Connexional Chapel Committee, whose Treasurer and Secretary shall be the Treasurer and Secretary of this Association until otherwise determined by the Annual Assembly. That the said Committee shall decide on the form for proposals and policies and other papers to be used for the business of the Association, and on the means to be adopted



for the issue of policies and the collection of renewal premiums, and also on the salary to be paid to the Secretary. That the said Committee shall appoint a small Executive Committee for consultation with the Treasurer and Secretary in the intervals between the meetings of the said Committee. And that should any dispute arise between any of the Insured and the Association on any other point than that of value (which is provided for in Section 6), an appeal shall be made, at the option of the Insured, either to the Connexional Committee or Annual Assembly, and the decision of the Connexional Committee, or Annual Assembly, as the case may be, shall be binding upon the Association and the Insured.

9. THAT all Policies issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and Secretary; and the Secretary shall receive all Premiums, Interest, Dividends, and other Moneys belonging to the Association, and account for and pay over the same to the Treasurer quarterly, or otherwise, as the Committee may direct. He shall keep all accounts, take Minutes of all business meetings, and carefully preserve all books and documents belonging to the Association; and give such security for the faithful discharge of his duties as the Chapel Committee may recommend and the Annual Assembly approve.

10. THAT the Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Secretary, and pay all legal demands made on the Association as directed or sanctioned by the Committee or the Executive.

11. THAT the Accounts shall be made up to 25th March in each year, and audited, as soon as conveniently may be after that date, by an auditor to be annually appointed by the Committee, and presented, together with a general report of the Association, to the ensuing Annual Assembly.

12. THAT all Investments of moneys belonging to the Association shall be made under the direction of the Committee, in the joint names of the Treasurer and Secretary for the time being as Trustees of the Association, or in the names of such other Trustees as the Annual Assembly may from time to time direct, such Trustees to deposit with the Securities a document testifying that the investments are made by them solely on behalf of the Association.

13. THAT all Securities for money invested shall be held by the Treasurer for the time being, unless the Committee or Annual Assembly shall otherwise direct; and that the person or persons receiving the same shall give a receipt therefor, which shall be kept by the Secretary.

14. THAT the income and accumulations of the Association shall not be expended for any other purpose than to meet necessary working expenses and losses by fire, until the accumulations shall amount to £5000.

15. THAT when the said accumulations shall have reached £5000, an appropriation of all or any part of the surplus income of the Association, after payment of all current expenses and demands, may be made by the Annual Assembly from year to year, and applied by the said Committee for the relief or assistance of premises settled on the Connexional Model or Reference Deed, or some other Deed issuing from or sanctioned by the Annual Assembly.

16. THAT the Committee may, at its discretion, insure any premises for a term not exceeding seven years for one payment, and on such terms and for such an amount as it may deem advisable.



# STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

Year.	No. of Polities	INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		Premiums.	Interest.	Re-insurance Claims.	Totals.	Claims.	Re-insurance Premiums.	Working Expenses.	Totals.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1889	172	89 11 9	...	...	89 11 9	2 2 6	11 11 3	23 17 0	87 10 9
1890	316	206 3 6	0 14 2	...	206 17 8	1 10 0	40 9 11	19 15 9	61 15 8
1891	429	309 12 2	6 1 9	...	315 13 11	...	68 17 1	69 9 5	138 6 6
1892	504	362 1 7	6 1 2	...	368 2 9	...	80 18 2	56 13 2	137 11 4
1893	591	426 7 11	23 17 7	372 17 9	823 3 3	752 10 6	103 9 4	56 11 5	912 11 3
1894	654	478 5 8	22 9 5	541 13 0	1042 8 1	666 2 3	124 14 0	64 1 9	854 18 0
1895	702	514 14 5	23 14 5	127 10 0	665 18 10	209 9 8	137 6 1	69 10 10	416 6 7
1896	785	553 19 11	27 9 2	3 1 3	584 10 4	5 0 0	155 1 4	65 9 5	225 10 9
1897	769	565 4 2	44 18 6	5 6 5	615 9 1	5 6 5	158 10 3	68 4 6	232 1 2
1898	812	585 0 7	39 1 2	...	624 1 9	17 8 0	164 5 9	74 6 9	256 0 6
		4091 1 8	194 7 4	1050 8 5	5335 17 5	1659 9 4	1045 3 2	Balance ...	2063 4 11
									5335 17 5

## PREACHERS' CHILDREN'S FUND.

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The Preachers' Children's Fund exists for the purpose of supplementing ministers' salaries, which at their *minimum* are certainly not enough, and at their *maximum* not too much, for the comfortable maintenance of a minister's family. The principle adopted in its establishment is this—all the children of the ministers on behalf of whom payments are made are chargeable on one common fund, to which Circuits and Connexional Institutions contribute.

At the commencement of the year, an estimate is formed as to probable demands, and an assessment is made accordingly. The assessment varies somewhat in amount, according to the relative proportion between the membership of the churches and the children on the Fund. At the present time (1898), it is sixpence per member per annum.

The first steps towards the establishment of this Fund were taken in 1840 and 1841, when the Annual Assembly remitted the matter to the Circuit Quarterly Meetings for their opinion. The response was favourable, only two Circuits objecting; whereupon the Assembly of 1842 passed the two following resolutions:—

1. "That to facilitate the stationing of the Preachers, and to promote the general interests of the Connexion, a Fund be established for supporting the children of the Preachers; to which Fund the Circuits will be required to contribute according to the proportionate number of members in each Circuit.

2. "That the Connexional Committee be requested forthwith to adopt such measures as may be requisite for the establishment and regulation of a Preachers' Children's Fund, the provisions of which are to be carried into effect from the present Annual Assembly."

Considerable difficulties arose during the year in carrying out the above regulations, but progress was reported to the Assembly of 1843; and hopes were expressed that every difficulty would soon be overcome, and the Fund be permanently established. These hopes were realised to the full, and in 1844 the Preachers' Children's Fund became an accomplished fact.



## REGULATIONS OF THE FUND.

*As amended in 1884, 1890, and 1898.*

1. Every child born to a Minister, after he has been received into Full Connexion, shall have a claim to payment from this Fund during the time such Minister is appointed to a Circuit in Great Britain; but that claim shall be suspended while such Minister is appointed to any Colonial or Foreign Station.
2. The amount of claim for such child shall be Six Guineas per annum.
3. Payment shall commence when the child is two years old, and continue till such child shall be sixteen years of age, unless the child shall die before attaining that age, in which case payment shall cease at death.
4. The allowance of Six Guineas per annum shall be continued to the children of deceased Ministers and Missionaries,\* otherwise entitled, till the close of their sixteenth year; or, so long as they live, should they not reach that age, commencing at the age of two years.
- 5.† In the event of any Minister becoming a supernumerary for one year, or any longer period, for any other cause than that of personal ill-health, he shall not during such time of temporary retirement from active service (unless otherwise determined by special vote of the Annual Assembly) receive, or be entitled to receive, any payment from the Preachers' Children's Fund.
6. No child born to a Minister, after he has been on the Permanent Supernumerary list for one year, shall be entitled to come on the Fund.
7. The Annual Accounts of the Fund, both with Circuits and Ministers, shall begin with the 1st of May, and end with April the 30th.
8. Any Circuit amalgamating with the United Methodist Free Churches which receives no Minister by the appointment of the Annual Assembly, shall not be required to contribute to the Preachers' Children's Fund, so long as it receives no appointment of a Connexional Minister.
9. Every Circuit which receives, or has received, a Connexional Minister, and every new Circuit formed by the division of any Circuit which has received a Connexional Minister, shall contribute its *quota* to the Children's Fund.
10. The levy upon the Circuits for this Fund shall be determined by the vote of the Annual Assembly from year to year.

\* See Minute of Connexional Committee for July, 1898, adopted by the Annual Assembly.

† By Resolution of Annual Assembly, 1896, this Rule applies to Ministers without charge. (See page 75.)

11. Every Connexional Institution or Fund employing any Minister separated from Circuit work to serve it, shall pay £12, 12s. to the Preachers' Children's Fund for each Minister it employs.
12. A Treasurer and Secretary of the Fund, or a Treasurer only, shall be appointed from year to year by the Annual Assembly, who shall receive and pay all moneys belonging to the Fund, and present an account in the Annual Assembly.
13. Payments to the above Fund are included in the *levy* for which grants are made to dependent Circuits.

## COMMITTEE.

From the year 1892, the affairs of this Fund were conducted by the officers, who brought special cases to the Connexional Committee or to the Annual Assembly for determination; but at the Assembly of that year a Committee of Management was appointed, and the following resolutions were adopted, slightly modifying some of the preceding regulations:—

1. The direction and management of the Preachers' Children's Fund shall be vested in a Committee, consisting of the Treasurer and Secretary thereof for the time being, and six other brethren, three of whom shall be Ministers and three Laymen, to be elected from year to year by the Annual Assembly.
2. That the said Committee be empowered and directed to take such steps that it may deem expedient in reference to Circuits in arrears with their payment to the Fund; and that it be empowered to use, at its discretion, to modify in special cases, the general levy made on the Circuits by the Annual Assembly, either in the way of remission or abatement, but, nevertheless, in such a manner that the aggregate sums chargeable on the Circuits shall not fall below what the uniform assessment per member by the Annual Assembly would amount to.
3. That for the purposes aforesaid, the Committee, where it shall deem it needful, shall visit, or appoint deputations to visit, any Circuit or Church in relation to the Fund.
4. That the Annual Assembly shall, as heretofore, fix and determine the levy from year to year, whether on the basis of membership or otherwise; and that the levy shall be payable by quarterly instalments, subject, in special cases, to any modification made by the Committee; but no Circuit shall assume that any deviation from the levy of the Annual Assembly will be made until a resolution setting it forth shall be officially communicated to it; and the full payment, on the scale determined by the Annual Assembly, must be made to the time of the receipt of such communication, before the modification agreed upon by the Committee can take effect.



5. That in the interests of the peace, unity, and prosperity of the Connexion, as well as on the grounds of brotherhood and equity, every Circuit is expected to fulfil with regularity and promptitude its obligations to this Fund.

6. That it is a source of deep regret and pain to the Annual Assembly that irregularities in reference to this Fund have been permitted to creep into some Circuits. It cannot but think that this has occurred through oversight of Circuit obligations to the Connexion, and it expresses an earnest hope that all such irregularities will be forthwith discontinued.

### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

- 1892 J. E. BALMER, Esq., *Tr.*, 1; Revs. J. SWANN WITHINGTON, *Sec.*, 1; E. Boaden, 1; J. C. Brewitt, 1; H. T. Chapman, 1; Messrs. Coun. Longbottom, 1; Ald. Snape, M.P., 1; E. S. Snell, 1.
- 1893 J. E. BALMER, Esq., *Tr.*, 2; Revs. J. SWANN WITHINGTON, *Sec.*, 2; E. Boaden, 2; E. D. Cornish, 1; J. B. Stoneman, 1; Messrs. J. G. Benson, 1; E. S. Snell, 2; R. Turner, 1.
- 1894 J. E. BALMER, Esq., *Tr.*, 3; Revs. J. SWANN WITHINGTON, *Sec.*, 3; E. Boaden, 3; J. C. Brewitt, 2; R. Brewin, 1; Messrs. J. G. Benson, 2; Coun. Mordey, J. P., 1; R. Turner, 2.
- 1895 J. E. BALMER, Esq., *Tr.*, 4; Revs. J. SWANN WITHINGTON, *Sec.*, 4; E. Boaden, 4; H. T. Chapman, 2; J. Truscott, 1; Messrs. T. Linton, J. P., 1; H. T. Mawson, 1; R. Turner, 3.
- 1896 J. G. BENSON, Esq., *Tr.*, 3; Revs. J. SWANN WITHINGTON, *Sec.*, 5; R. Abercrombie, M.A., 1; E. Boaden, 5; J. Truscott, 2; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 5; R. Turner, 4; C. Wardlow, 1.
- 1897 J. G. BENSON, Esq., *Tr.*, 4; Revs. J. SWANN WITHINGTON, *Sec.*, 6; E. Boaden, 6; J. C. Brewitt, 3; J. Truscott, 3; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 6; T. Linton, J. P., 2; R. Turner, 5.
- 1898 J. G. BENSON, Esq., *Tr.*, 5; Revs. J. SWANN WITHINGTON, *Sec.*, 7; E. Boaden, 7; J. C. Brewitt, 4; A. Jones, 1; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 7; H. T. Mawson, 2; C. Wardlow, 2.

### SECRETARIES OF THE FUND.

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|---------|------------------|---------|---------------------|
| 1843    | Rev. H. Breeden. | 1856    | Rev. J. Sayer.      |
| 1844    | " T. Ellery.     | 1857    | " H. Tarrant.       |
| 1845    | " M. Beswick.    | 1858    | " M. Miller.        |
| 1846    | " E. Pearson.    | 1859-61 | " J. Guttridge.     |
| 1847-48 | " T. A. Bayley.  | 1862-63 | " J. Garside.       |
| 1849    | " E. W. Buckley. | 1864    | " J. S. Withington. |
| 1850-51 | " W. H. Walker.  | 1865-70 | " G. Warne.         |
| 1852    | " W. Jackson.    | 1871-73 | " J. Ward.          |
| 1853    | " A. Gilbert.    | 1874-89 | " E. Boaden.        |
| 1854-55 | " H. Tarrant.    | 1890-98 | " J. S. Withington. |

### PREACHERS' CHILDREN'S FUND.

Year.	Treasurer.	Circuit Contributions.			Families on Fund.	Children on Fund.	Expenditure.	
		£	s.	d.			£	s. d.
1843	Rev. J. Molineux.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1844	" T. Townsend.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1845	" T. Townsend.	440	12	1½	39	78	440	12 1½
1846	" J. Molineux.	440	1	9	36	75	440	1 9
1847	" E. Darke.	355	7	5½	35	67	353	6 5½
1848	" H. Breeden.	455	8	6½	35	84	456	11 2
1849	" H. Breeden.	541	8	9½	39	95	540	12 5½
1850	" H. Breeden.	574	15	1½	38	98	576	9 10
1851	" W. Patterson.	605	17	8	39	95	577	1 7
1852	" W. Patterson.	631	13	8	39	109	656	0 8
1853	" W. Patterson.	671	18	0	41	116	677	0 1
1854	" W. Patterson.	685	0	10½	38	113	665	5 10½
1855	" W. Patterson.	647	0	11	37	102	660	6 9
1856	" H. Breeden.	644	10	9	35	106	635	18 6
1857	" A. Gilbert.	622	5	9	36	109	610	8 4
1858	" A. Gilbert.	572	7	11	35	106	574	18 6
1859	" A. Gilbert.	630	7	6	42	102	626	12 4
1860	" A. Gilbert.	672	3	4	53	110	656	15 6
1861	" W. Dawson.	763	2	0	57	122	754	9 9
1862	" W. Dawson.	792	12	6	62	128	759	8 6
1863	" W. R. Brown.	754	19	7	61	105	716	4 6
1864	" W. R. Brown.	793	15	2	63	121	735	3 3
1865	" W. Patterson.	705	11	6	59	129	769	17 9
1866	" W. Patterson.	813	11	9½	60	135	815	5 2
1867	" W. Patterson.	924	3	4	68	160	887	3 7
1868	" W. Patterson.	997	2	9	73	160	917	4 6
1869	" W. Patterson.	992	12	7	72	165	982	12 5
1870	" T. Ellery.	1021	17	9	77	170	1025	11 6
1871	" T. Ellery.	1046	6	4	99	196	1186	12 9½
1872	" T. Ellery.	1253	4	9	106	221	1326	17 10
1873	" T. Ellery.	1404	19	7	107	222	1378	9 11
1874	" E. Boaden.	1501	9	2	116	262	1540	4 4
1875	" E. Boaden.	1680	3	5	121	282	1655	2 6
1876	" E. Boaden.	1819	11	1	123	281	1707	15 8
1877	" E. Boaden.	1829	4	6	130	303	1821	11 3
1878	" E. Boaden.	1866	5	7	144	323	1926	3 0
1879	" E. Boaden.	2018	18	8	148	343	2028	6 0
1880	" E. Boaden.	2033	1	10	152	346	2110	13 0
1881	" E. Boaden.	2346	0	8	161	367	2207	14 10
1882	" E. Boaden.	2405	3	1	175	394	2493	7 7
1883	" E. Boaden.	2640	13	11	174	406	2538	13 9
1884	" E. Boaden.	2716	9	7	174	428	2502	14 9
1885	" E. Boaden.	2639	19	4	183	438	2600	10 5
1886	" E. Boaden.	2602	16	11	191	476	2677	10 5
1887	" E. Boaden.	2682	16	11	194	473	2811	13 10
1888	" E. Boaden.	2669	18	4	199	472	2851	16 3
1889	" E. Boaden.	2094	4	11	195	450	2193	5 10



PREACHERS' CHILDREN'S FUND—*continued*

Year.	Treasurer.	Circuit Contributions.			Families on Fund.	Children on Fund.	Expenditure.		
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
1890	J. E. Balmer, Esq.	2913	12	0	201	486	3000	17	2
1891	J. E. Balmer, Esq.	3070	1	7	206	516	3087	1	0
1892	J. E. Balmer, Esq.	3394	15	2	205	519	3155	8	7
1893	J. E. Balmer, Esq.	3333	11	4	205	513	3128	11	10
1894	J. E. Balmer, Esq.	3203	18	8	198	503	3093	1	10
1895	J. E. Balmer, Esq.	3350	10	6	194	490	3028	3	3
1896	J. G. Benson, Esq.	3155	12	11	194	480	3012	0	4
1897	J. G. Benson, Esq.	3086	11	3	186	455	2803	10	2
1898	J. G. Benson, Esq.	3236	1	6	178	420	2672	7	6
	Difference,	0	16	11		Balance	1696	1	1
		85747	9	6½			85747	9	6½

## MINISTERS' SUPERANNUATION AND BENEFICENT FUND.

In the order of events, ministers become incapacitated partially or wholly for the discharge of their ministerial duties, and their families are often overtaken by heavy afflictions. It is undesirable that they should be hampered by debt, or tempted to stop in Circuit work when physically incapable of performing it, as the only means of escape. It is certain that average salaries amongst Methodist Churches generally are insufficient for emergencies, and that, without additional help, ministers are unable to take rest when it is needed, and when it would tend greatly to increase their vigour and prolong their life. The question then arises, what is to be done on behalf of those in whom the weight of sickness or advancing years presses heavily? This question has been answered by the establishment of funds for their relief.

The first steps in this direction were taken at the Assembly of 1837, when the formation of an "Itinerant Ministers' Assistant Society" was suggested. In 1841, this suggestion seems to have been adopted. Rules for its management were drawn up, and the Rev. R. Eckett was appointed President, and Thos. Booth, Esq., Sen., Treasurer.

This Society, as its name implies, was for the permanent support of Superannuated Ministers and Ministers' Widows. Moreover, with the exception of £1652, 11s. 8d., the portion allotted to it from the "Thank-offering Fund," this Fund was mainly, if not exclusively, self-sustaining.

To meet the cases of ministers temporarily laid aside from duty, or overtaken by severe family affliction, a Beneficent Fund was started at the Assembly of 1843, and supported by public collections and subscriptions. And soon the ablest of men and the best of preachers in the body had need of its help.

At the Amalgamation of 1857, it was agreed that the



balance of this Fund should be reserved for the exclusive benefit of those ministers and their families who were with the Association at the time of the Amalgamation. Accordingly, a new start had to be made on behalf of the ministers and ministers' families of the United Churches.

Although the original Funds had done good service, lightening many a heavy load, yet they were utterly inadequate to meet the requirements of days manifestly near at hand—days when ministers who had rendered long and faithful service must of necessity, from advancing years, cease from their activities, and who, without special help on their behalf, must be reduced to a state of penury.

Under these circumstances, the establishment of another Fund was contemplated—one that should supersede the others; one more stable in its base, more comprehensive in its range, and more generous in its support. This was in 1858, the second year of Amalgamation. In 1862, all the other Funds were dissolved, and the present "Superannuation and Beneficent Fund" was founded. The capital of the "Annuitant Society" was divided amongst its members, and the balance of the two Beneficent Funds, amounting together to the sum of £845, 0s. 6d.—£732, 16s. belonging to the old and £112, 4s. 6d. belonging to the new—was handed over to the Treasurer of the "Superannuation and Beneficent Fund." This balance, with £1500 from the Book Room, brought up the capital to £3345 for a start.

Under the fostering care of the Committee and its efficient officers, the Fund has prospered in a most satisfactory manner. The time has been when shrewd men feared for its permanent efficiency. The danger arose largely from the retrospective aspect of the Fund. Every year's service prior to its establishment was to be counted; £1 per year only having to be paid by ministers in full Connexion, and on probation, as arrears, and 15s. for Home Missionaries. That a brother who entered the ministry at the beginning, and rendered twenty-seven years' service to the Connexion, should, on the payment of one sum of £27 as arrears, become at once entitled to a superannuation allowance of some £40 per annum, seemed to be attended with considerable risk, considering how small the capital was to begin with. Hence the voluntary increase of the subscriptions by the members to

the amount of 10s. per annum in 1881. But time has served to justify the generous confidence with which the work has been conducted.

From year to year Annuitants have rapidly increased and are still increasing; heavier and yet heavier claims are being made on the Fund; still, happily, the capital is increasing proportionately. The figures of a few decades will attest the accuracy of this statement. In 1868, the membership was 29; Annuitants, 5; Widows, 7; Annuities, £107, 0s. 6d.; Capital, £11,877, 0s. 6½d. In 1878, the membership was 229; Annuitants, 27; Widows, 17; Annuities, £1565, 10s. 10d.; Capital, £23,780, 9s. 9d.; increase of Capital, £11,903, 9s. 2½d., or £1190, 6s. 11d. per year. In 1888, the membership was 348; Annuitants, 30; Widows, 26; Annuities, £2082, 10s. 6d.; Capital, £36,545, 9s. 9d.; Increase, £12,764, 11s. 6d., or £1276, 9s. 11d. per year. In 1898, the membership was 408; Annuitants, 37; Widows, 42; Annuities, £2948, 10s. 6d.; Capital, £45,819, 16s. 3d.; Increase, £9274, 15s. 6d.; or £927, 9s. 6½d. It may again be found necessary to resort to special effort to increase the Capital to the point required, as the annual collections and subscriptions are not large; but of the ultimate stability of the Fund there is no room for doubt.

Obligation of membership rests upon all Ministers, with the exception made in Rule 6. The Annual Assembly of 1870 passed this resolution: "That all the young men, who may hereafter be admitted on probation for the Connexional Ministry, shall be required to become members of the Superannuation Fund."

A further and more complete exposition and defence of this most excellent institution will be found in the following—

### GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. This Fund shall be called The Superannuation and Beneficent Fund for Ministers of the United Methodist Free Churches, and shall be appropriated to the following objects:—

(1.) Annual allowances to Superannuated Preachers being Members of the said Fund, and to the Widows of all such Preachers as were Members thereof, according to scale of Rule 19.

(2.) Such grants as may be deemed expedient to Preachers and their Widows in case of personal or domestic affliction.

Name and objects of the Fund.



Management.

2. The Annual Assembly shall have the entire control and direction of this Fund, and shall yearly appoint a Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee for its management, who shall report their proceedings to the ensuing Assembly for confirmation or otherwise.

Duties of the Committee.

3. The duties of this Committee shall be:—*1st*, To carry out these rules and regulations or any other which the Annual Assembly shall from time to time enact; *2nd*, To make grants to preachers or their widows who, in its judgment, require aid on account of personal or domestic affliction; *3rd*, To invest the funds in mortgage or other approved securities, with power to change the same as circumstances may require; *4th*, To adopt means for sustaining the Fund by obtaining public collections and contributions on its behalf, and generally to transact the usual business of the Fund.

Trustees.

4. Three Trustees shall be appointed by the Annual Assembly to act as Mortgagees on behalf of the Fund for advances made on mortgage by the Committee; and the following gentlemen were respectfully requested to accept this appointment—*viz.* Messrs. William James Petrie, Rochdale; David Smith, Heywood; and Thomas Rushworth, Manchester.

Annual subscription and Membership.

5. The subscription of a Member shall be £3 per annum, payable on the 30th of March; and that no Preacher shall be considered a Member of this Fund until he has paid one subscription.

Disqualification for Membership and term of service before a Member can benefit.

6. No person received into the Ministry of the Connexion when more than forty years of age shall be admitted a Member of this Fund; and a Member must be in the Connexion at least ten years before he or his widow can be entitled to the benefits of Membership.

Ministerial service—how computed.

7. The Ministerial Service of a Member shall be reckoned from the commencement of his probation for the Ministry, except in cases provided for by special regulation.

Cases for reckoning six months or upwards as a year. Beginning of the year and six months' period.

8. In computing Ministerial Service, Annuities, and Disparity Fees, any portion of time of six calendar months or upwards shall be reckoned as one year, but any period less than six months shall not be included in the computation.

9. For the purposes of this Fund (except in the matter of Disparity Fees) the first period of six months of the Connexion year shall be deemed to commence on the 16th day of August, and end on the 15th day of February; and the second period of six months to commence on the 16th day of February, and terminate on the 15th day of August.

Foreign Missionaries—annual subscriptions and benefits.

10. Any Member stationed in the West Indies, Africa, or any other tropical climate, shall, during his residence there, pay £4, 13s. 4d. per annum to this Fund; and should he die while so stationed, leaving a Widow, before he has rendered ten years' service to the Connexion, she shall be entitled to the same benefits as the Widow of a Member who has travelled ten years in Home Circuits, the Foreign Missionary Committee in such a

...the annual subscription of the deceased at the rate ... from the time of his death to the time when, had he ... he would have been ten years in the Connexional

... If the Wife of a Member be younger than her husband, Disparity ... shall pay a Disparity Fee of £1 for one year, with a ... charge of £1, 8s. 4d. for each additional year of such ... thus:—

Years.	Amount.	Years.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
9	1 0 0	10	10 6 8
10	2 3 4	11	11 10 0
11	3 6 8	12	12 13 4
12	4 10 0	13	13 16 8
13	5 13 4	14	15 0 0
14	6 16 8	15	16 3 4
15	8 0 0		17 6 8
16	9 3 4		

... should the Wife of any Member be more than fifteen years ... than her husband, no Disparity Fee shall be required, ... she be entitled to any annuity from this Fund, should ... left a Widow.

... As by a resolution passed by the Annual Assembly ... every person received on Probation for the Ministry ... that date, is required to become a Member of this Fund; ... any one so received neglect for one year or more to join ... the Fund, he shall be charged £5 per cent. per annum com- ... interest thereon until the same be paid.

... Disparity Fees, due from a Member, which do not exceed ... shall be paid within two years and a-half of the time of his ... or that of his joining the Fund, as the case may be, ... those which exceed £10 shall be paid within five years, to ... reckoned in the same manner; and such Disparity Fees as ... not paid within the times above named, shall thenceforth be ... with compound interest at the rate of £5 per cent. per ... till they are paid.

... Disparity Fees—time of payment.

... On the second marriage of a Member he shall pay the ... of £5; and on the third marriage £10, together with such ... Disparity Fees, if the wife be not more than fifteen years his ... as are mentioned in Rule 11.

... If any Member be one year in arrear with his annual sub- ... he shall pay a fine at the rate of one shilling in the ... on such subscription; if two years in arrear, he shall pay ... at the rate of one shilling and threepence in the pound on the ... due; but if any Member be three years in arrear, or if ... aggregate of his arrears from non-payment of his annual sub- ... and the interest thereon be equal in amount to three ... subscriptions, he shall be regarded as having withdrawn

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rear—fines.



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from membership, and neither he nor his Widow shall be entitled to any benefit from the Fund; and all the moneys which he has paid into it shall be forfeited.

16. Formal notice of his position shall be given to any brother in arrear, by the Secretary, at least thirty days before he would cease, by non-payment, to be a Member of this Fund.

17. In case the arrears of a Member's subscription amount to £9, the Secretary shall report the same to the Committee at the session preceding the Annual Assembly.

18. Brethren who have not paid their subscriptions to this Fund which became due on the 30th of March, before the close of the Annual Assembly immediately succeeding, shall be charged a year's interest thereon.

19. The Annuity to which a Member shall be entitled on his becoming a Permanent Supernumerary, or which his Widow shall receive after his decease, shall be according to the following scale:—

Years of Service.	Annuities.		Years of Service.	Annuities.	
	Supernum'ry.	Widow.		Supernum'ry.	Widow.
10	£ 15 0	£ 10 0	31	£ 46 10	£ 31 0
11	16 10	11 0	32	48 0	32 0
12	18 0	12 0	33	49 10	33 0
13	19 10	13 0	34	51 0	34 0
14	21 0	14 0	35	52 10	35 0
15	22 10	15 0	36	54 0	36 0
16	24 0	16 0	37	55 10	37 0
17	25 10	17 0	38	57 0	38 0
18	27 0	18 0	39	58 10	39 0
19	28 10	19 0	40	60 0	40 0
20	30 0	20 0	41	61 10	41 0
21	31 10	21 0	42	63 0	42 0
22	33 0	22 0	43	64 10	43 0
23	34 10	23 0	44	66 0	44 0
24	36 0	24 0	45	67 10	45 0
25	37 10	25 0	46	69 0	46 0
26	39 0	26 0	47	70 10	47 0
27	40 10	27 0	48	72 0	48 0
28	42 0	28 0	49	73 10	49 0
29	43 10	29 0	50	75 0	50 0
30	45 0	30 0	51	76 10	51 0

and in the same ratio for any greater number of years.

20. If any Member shall retire or be excluded from the Connexion Ministry, he shall be repaid the amount of his own contributions to the Fund, without interest.

Members leaving the ministry.

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When any Minister becomes a Supernumerary for one or more years for any cause other than that of personal ill-health, his years shall not (unless otherwise determined by the vote of the Annual Assembly) be reckoned as those of service in calculating the annuity to which he or she shall become entitled; and during such time of retirement from active service his annual subscription shall not be payable.

A Grant for Furniture shall be made to a Member on his becoming a Permanent Supernumerary, or to his Widow on his decease, and the amount shall be as follows:—

Years of Service.	Supernumerary.	Widow.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
10 and under 20, . . . .	20 0 0	13 6 8
21 and under 30, . . . .	30 0 0	20 0 0
31 and under 40, . . . .	40 0 0	26 13 4
41 and upwards, . . . .	50 0 0	33 6 8

21. No Member shall be entitled to an Annuity until he is a Permanent Supernumerary by a vote of the Annual Assembly.

22. Annuities shall be paid in equal quarterly instalments on each day of each of the following months—viz., September, December, March, and June.

23. When a Member becomes a Permanent Supernumerary, his annual subscriptions shall cease; but any arrears which may be due from him to the Fund shall be deducted from his Annuity and Furniture Grant. And the arrears of a deceased Member shall be deducted from the Annuity and Furniture Grant to which his Widow may be entitled.

24. If any Member be permanently incapacitated for the work of the ministry before he has rendered ten years' service, all his subscriptions and other payments to the Fund shall be returned to him without interest; and should any Member be stationed in non-tropical climates, or if unmarried, stationed in tropical climates, die before he has served ten years in the ministry, such of his representatives as the Committee may appoint shall receive the said amounts.

25. Should an Annuitant desire it, the Committee may make an arrangement with him, by which, on receiving a sum to be repaid upon, he shall relinquish all claims on this Fund.

26. If any Annuitant shall voluntarily withdraw from membership with the United Methodist Free Churches, or be deprived by the Annual Assembly of his ministerial status in the Connexion, he shall forfeit his Annuity, but the Committee may

Temporary supernumeraries.

Scale of furniture grants.

Commencement of annuity.

Annuities paid in quarterly instalments.

Annuitant's annual subscriptions to cease.

Arrears to be paid.

Contributions returned before period of benefit.

Annuitants—payment in one sum.

Annuitant's withdrawing from Church membership, &c.

By resolution of the Annual Assembly of 1896 this regulation applies to Ministers without charge. (See p. 75.)



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pay him such a sum (if any) as they may deem him justly entitled to, on account of his own contributions to the Fund.

Widows becoming immoral.

29. If the Widow of a Member of this Fund should be proved to be immoral, she shall forfeit her Annuity; but the Committee may, at their discretion, allow her any sum to which they may deem her entitled on account of her late husband's contributions to the Fund.

Annuity returners to circuit work.

30. Should any Annuity return to circuit work by vote of the Annual Assembly, the year or years during which he has received an annuity shall not be added to the length of his ministerial service in relation to this Fund.

Annuity returners marrying.

31. If an Annuity shall marry and leave a Widow, she shall not be entitled to any benefit from the Fund.

Widows marrying.

32. A Widow's Annuity shall cease should she be again married.

No transfer or sale of interest in this fund.

33. No Member or Annuity shall transfer or sell all, or any part of, his or her interest in this Fund, except in accordance with Rule 27; and all such acts, if attempted, shall be null and void.

Beneficent grants.

34. All applications for beneficent grants made by Ministers whether in full work or otherwise, or by Ministers' Widows who are Annuity, shall be considered on their own merits.

Annual meeting.

35. An Annual Meeting of the Members shall be held on the evening of the first Friday after the opening of the Annual Assembly, or at such other times as may be announced by the Secretary during the sittings of the Annual Assembly, to consider the state of the Fund, and to make such suggestions to the Annual Assembly as that meeting may deem advisable.

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" O. Ormerod, Esq. .	" A. Hands .	139	5	7
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" O. Ormerod, Esq. .	" A. Hands .	148	11	7
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" H. Ellis, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	268	23	15
" H. Ellis, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	288	27	17
" H. Ellis, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	300	23	15
" H. Ellis, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	329	27	17
" H. Ellis, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	340	29	18
" H. Ellis, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	348	29	17
" H. T. Mawson, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	361	31	16
" H. T. Mawson, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	357	32	16
" H. T. Mawson, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	348	33	14
" H. T. Mawson, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	343	35	18
" H. T. Mawson, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	350	38	19
" H. T. Mawson, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	357	36	21
" H. T. Mawson, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	351	32	24
" H. T. Mawson, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	348	30	26
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" Ald. T. Snape, Esq. .	" E. Boaden .	363	35	38
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At the Annual Assembly of 1893 the Superannuation Fund, the Chapel Relief and Loan Funds, and the Fire Insurance Fund were all placed under the management of one Committee, an account of which is furnished in that part of the Manual relating to Chapels.



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF  
OLD BENEFICENT FUND.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.
Year.	Circuit and other Contributions.	Interest.	Totals.	Grants.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1844	102 0 0	...	102 0 0	...
1845	97 11 0	3 2 8	100 13 8	12 10 0
1846	108 18 6	4 0 0	112 18 6	30 0 0
1847	151 0 6	5 0 0	156 0 6	163 0 0
1848	133 13 9	...	133 13 9	117 0 0
1849	125 10 6	12 0 0	137 10 6	44 0 0
1850	134 6 0	13 0 0	147 6 0	84 0 0
1851	123 9 0	11 0 0	139 9 0	125 0 0
1852	123 2 3	14 0 0	137 2 3	51 0 0
1853	139 3 6	15 0 0	154 3 6	80 0 0
1854	125 17 4	20 0 0	145 17 4	67 0 0
1855	122 11 2	23 0 0	145 11 2	120 0 0
1856	123 10 6	28 6 9	151 17 3	132 10 0
1857	122 5 6	33 6 0	155 11 6	107 0 0
1858-62	...	143 2 0	143 2 0	182 10 0
1737 19 6				324 17 5   2062 16 11
Interest,	324 17 5	Working Expenses, . . .		1315 10 0
		Balance handed over to Superannuation and Beneficent Fund, . . .		14 10 11
Totals, .	2062 16 11	324 17 5	2062 16 11	732 16 0

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF  
NEW BENEFICENT FUND.

1858	119 9 6	...	...	38 0 0
1859	135 9 6	...	...	60 0 0
1860	139 16 0	...	...	143 0 0
1861	164 8 10	...	...	135 0 0
1862	180 10 8	...	...	247 10 0
	739 14 6			623 10 0
		Working Expenses, . . .		4 0 0
		Balance handed over to Superannuation and Beneficent Fund, . . .		112 4 6
Totals,	739 14 6	...	...	739 14 6

INCOME OF SUPERANNUATION AND  
BENEFICENT FUND.

Year.	Circuit Contributions.			Preachers' Subscriptions.			Interest on Investments.			Book-Room Grant.	Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.
1862	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1500	1500	0	0
1863	491	12	2	306	13	0	206	12	5	200	1204	17	7
1864	1141	18	1	477	0	1	77	19	3	250	1946	17	5
1865	506	10	4½	570	6	6	298	8	2½	250	1625	5	1
1866	948	11	4	581	12	5	282	0	6	250	2062	4	3
1867	466	0	5½	368	11	7	418	10	10	250	1503	2	10½
1868	430	9	2	462	15	7	511	8	10	250	1654	13	7
1869	400	12	6	453	17	11	540	1	10	250	1644	12	3
1870	399	13	2	493	7	11	538	6	4	250	1681	7	5
1871	444	1	5	512	19	3	586	9	11	250	1793	10	7
1872	478	14	5½	558	15	1	721	13	8	250	2009	3	2½
1873	509	16	3½	546	11	5	698	7	3	100	1854	14	11½
1874	651	8	3½	755	17	9	879	9	6	250	2536	15	6½
1875	840	6	9	1087	19	8	800	18	9	150	2879	5	2
1876	650	1	9	1223	4	4	789	8	7	200	2862	14	8
1877	625	13	7	1004	15	9	1037	18	3	200	2868	7	7
1878	616	17	5	980	7	10	1037	6	9	200	2834	12	0
1879	610	8	3	1012	13	11	972	13	2	250	2845	15	4
1880	584	5	2	975	0	1	1037	18	8	635	3232	3	11
1881	635	4	11	1020	7	4	957	10	10	347	2960	3	1
1882	604	7	7	1172	19	1	1171	6	0	600	3548	12	8
1883	592	7	5½	1074	7	5	1311	8	10	500	3478	3	8½
1884	2005	11	5	1125	3	7	1101	9	0	500	4732	4	0
1885	1609	10	4	1121	2	7	1352	15	11	250	4333	8	10
1886	1730	19	3½	1083	3	4	1430	13	11	180	4424	16	6½
1887	1091	2	10½	1172	4	9	1572	8	1	212	4047	15	8½
1888	1443	11	7½	1090	4	3	1635	9	11	154	4323	5	9½
1889	867	12	4	871	2	11	939	5	6	154	2932	0	9
1890	946	0	7	1117	12	0	1871	11	7	150	3885	4	2
1891	989	15	11½	1010	8	11	1651	13	4	170	3821	18	2½
1892	766	19	7	945	4	10	1699	17	11	193	3605	2	4
1893	611	9	5	1070	14	4	1757	13	5	195	3634	17	2
1894	945	9	1	1017	7	4	1735	15	0	228	3926	11	5
1895	421	16	10	1076	15	5	1761	15	1	188	3448	7	4
1896	1332	6	4	948	8	10	1911	9	10	...	4192	5	0
1897	2451	17	3½	1174	9	8	1869	19	7	...	5496	6	6½
1898	843	6	8	1167	10	3	1925	17	11	...	3936	14	10
30686	10	2½		31631	16	11	38893	14	4½	9956	111168	1	6
Balance of Old Beneficent Fund, . . . . .											732	16	0
Balance of New Beneficent Fund, . . . . .											112	4	6
John Mann's Fund, . . . . .											880	0	0
S. S. Barton's Jubilee Fund (1891), . . . . .											197	0	0
Grant Returned, . . . . .											5	0	0
Receipts not Classified, . . . . .											514	3	4½
											£113,609	5	4½



# EXPENDITURE OF SUPERANNUATION AND BENEFICENT FUND.

Year.	Annuities.			Furniture Grants.			Beneficent Grants.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1862	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1863	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1864	...	...	...	...	...	...	133	10	0	133	10	0
1865	33	3	6	...	...	...	119	10	0	119	10	0
1866	61	13	4	...	...	...	150	0	0	183	3	0
1867	87	18	4	...	...	...	105	0	0	166	13	4
1868	107	0	10	26	13	4	135	0	0	222	18	4
1869	144	3	4	66	13	4	129	0	0	262	14	8
1870	261	9	2	80	0	0	150	0	0	360	10	2
1871	373	6	8	110	0	0	200	0	0	541	9	2
1872	600	16	8	150	0	0	200	0	0	683	6	8
1873	696	7	11	110	0	0	200	0	0	950	10	2
1874	870	14	5	160	0	0	177	10	0	983	17	11
1875	1032	2	11	173	6	8	150	0	0	1180	14	8
1876	1189	19	6	156	13	4	200	0	0	1405	9	7
1877	1295	7	1	113	6	8	250	0	0	1596	12	10
1878	1565	10	10	290	0	0	250	0	0	1658	13	8
1879	1666	13	10	70	0	0	230	0	0	2085	10	10
1880	1691	9	7	80	0	0	177	10	0	1914	3	10
1881	1794	7	6	130	0	0	145	0	0	1916	9	7
1882	1805	11	11	100	0	0	247	10	0	2171	17	0
1883	1828	16	3	116	13	4	138	6	0	2043	17	11
1884	2049	2	1	233	6	8	135	0	0	2080	9	7
1885	2151	7	6	250	0	0	147	0	0	2429	8	9
1886	2050	3	4	80	0	0	95	0	0	2496	7	0
1887	2055	2	10	80	0	0	90	0	0	2220	3	4
1888	2052	19	6	80	0	0	150	0	0	2285	2	10
1889	1626	4	3	246	13	4	150	0	0	2449	12	10
1890	2230	8	5	26	13	4	82	10	0	1735	7	7
1891	2367	6	3	80	0	0	167	10	0	2477	18	6
1892	2584	15	1	286	13	4	92	10	0	2746	9	7
1893	2660	18	6	190	0	0	151	10	0	2926	5	1
1894	2706	9	10	270	0	0	149	0	0	3079	18	6
1895	2684	13	9	110	0	0	122	10	0	2938	19	10
1896	2876	16	10	80	0	0	37	10	0	2802	3	8
1897	2956	19	2	260	0	0	67	10	0	3204	6	10
1898	2948	15	8	156	13	4	109	10	0	3223	2	6
				93	6	8	121	0	0	3163	2	4
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	53,108	16	7	4376	13	4	5355	16	0	62,841	5	11
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Working Expenses,										2,653	0	0
Subscriptions Repaid to Retiring Members,										2,295	2	11
Investments, £43,521, 8s. 0d. }												
Balance, £2,298, 8s. 3d. }										45,819	16	3
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										£113,609	5	4