

**XXVI. ACT ANENT APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS OF SALES OF PROPERTIES
NO LONGER USED BY CONGREGATIONS**

Edinburgh, 23rd May 1933, Session 2.

The General Assembly declare and enact as follows:-

The General Assembly enjoin Presbyteries in cases in which a congregation is being dissolved or where a union with another congregation is being effected to take steps (1) to secure that the importance of applying the funds arising therefrom or from the sale or sales of any property of the congregation concerned consequent upon such dissolution or union (where this shall be permissible under the terms of the title to the congregational properties) towards church extension purposes in neighbouring districts, or for the provision of church hall accommodation for neighbouring congregations which are not fully equipped, shall be timeously and appropriately represented to the congregation concerned – with a view to their adopting a plan of allocation towards such purposes of the sums at their disposal which can be approved by the Presbytery and the General Assembly, and (2) to remind all congregations that, in the possession of their property, they are stewards of the liberality of former members of the church, and are in honour bound, in their disposal of the proceeds of property no longer necessary for purely congregational purposes, to keep in view the general needs of the church, and to consider whether they will not best give effect to the intentions of the donors through whose generosity the property was originally acquired, by supporting plans for the church extension or for the provision of manse or hall accommodation such as aforesaid which have been approved of by the Presbytery.