

Home Missions.

THE Executive of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church met yesterday at 9 a.m. in St. Andrew's church, and was duly constituted by the convener, Rev. Dr. Cochran. There were also present: Dr. Warden (clerk), Dr. Robertson, and Messrs. Moodie, Gilray, Maclean and Findlay. Dr. Armstrong, a member of the General Committee, was also present during a portion of the meeting.

The following claims for mission work during the past six months were passed and ordered to be paid:—Presbyteries—Quebec, \$1,316; Montreal, \$1,173.25; Glengarry, \$80; Ottawa, \$1,335; Lanark and Renfrew, \$1,018; Brockville, \$81; Kingston, \$1,544; Peterboro', \$375; Lindsay, \$358; Toronto, \$231; Barrie, \$2,391.42; Owen Sound, \$536; Saugeen, \$52; Algoma, \$2,272.50; Hamilton, \$72; London, \$81; Chatham, \$231; Sarnia, \$78; Bruce, \$54; Superior, \$358; Winnipeg, \$1,730; Rock Lake, \$1,037.50; Glenboro, \$335.95; Portage la Prairie, \$997; Brandon, \$189; Minnedosa, \$1,735; Melita, \$1,280.50; Regina, \$3,705; Calgary, \$3,185; Kamloops, \$2,333.68; Westminster, \$1,366.45; Victoria, \$1,916.21. Special payments were also passed, making a total of \$25,000.

Appointments to mission work in the different Presbyteries were made as follows:—Quebec, Mr. L. O'Brien; Ottawa, Rev. W. W. Hardie, Rev. A. Suckling; Lanark and Renfrew, Mr. D. G. Scott, G. B. Boyd; Kingston, Rev. John Hunter; Peterboro', Rev. D. M. Jamieson; Barrie, Messrs. A. P. Tinkham, A. J. Adamson, J. E. Smith, H. McCulloch, A. G. Bell, G. C. Little, W. S. Wright, A. E. Thomson, R. Martiu, P. Reith, G. D. Wilson, F. A. McCrae, W. H. Redmond, J. H. Rogers, J. H. Richardson, A. F. Smith, H. W. Porter, J. Lochore, J. G. Jackson; Algoma, Messrs. A. L. Harvey, James M. Dallas, W. C. Armstrong, R. W. Goodall, D. D. Johnston, D. Forbes, E. B. Rogers, Thomas Ansley, Thomas Henderson, George Arnold, George Wood, R. J. McPherson, Malcolm McArthur, James Steele, B. G. Austin, William Tracey, A. P. Blouin, George Loughhead, T. R. Robertson, P. Uzzelle.

Synod of Manitoba and the North-West—Messrs. P. W. Currie, John Taylor, J. L. Small, A. E. Camp, J. N. Guthrie, A. P. Edgingham, J. W. McLean, A. Kemlo, C. McDiarmid, J. Laing, I. W. Thomson, Allan Moore, H. McLelland, A. Chisholm, A. S. Thompson, W. W. Meltae, T. W. Richmond, F. J. Hartley, H. Boyd, Walter Moffatt, H. Matheson, E. E. Williamson, — Lamb, D. A. Stewart, William Douglas, W. McLeod, — Callaway, W. Walton, W. Sharp.

Synod of British Columbia—Messrs. J. S. Dobbin, W. Stitt, A. G. Hutton, G. A. Wilson, J. Forbes, J. Gray Reid, J. S. Muldrew, T. Croxford, G. S. Scott, W. Sharpe, D. McIntyre, D. Campbell, A. D. Menzies.

It was agreed to notify students applying for mission work in the spring that preference in appointments will be given to those offering their services for a period of twelve or eighteen months.

It was resolved that in the event of students and other missionaries not fulfilling their appointments for the full term of their engagement this committee will not be responsible for the grants promised to the fields supplied by such missionaries during any portion of the period of their engagement.

The attention of the Executive was called to the fact that certain students who asked work last spring had declined to go to the fields to which they were appointed. It was agreed to give no further appointments to such students unless satisfactory explanations are received from them.

After lengthened consideration of the state of the funds, and the prospect of the grants made exceeding the revenue, the following was agreed to: The committee earnestly press upon the Synods of the North-West and British Columbia and the Presbyteries within their bounds, the absolute necessity of reducing their claims upon the fund, either by the grouping of stations or otherwise, as they see fit, in view of the fact that the revenue of the committee is altogether inadequate to meet the demands of the present year, the

expenditure of the past six months being nearly \$8,000 in excess of the corresponding six months of last year.

Interesting reports of home mission work were submitted from Rev. Allan Finlay, Superintendent of Missions for Algoma, and Rev. Mr. Wilson, who was appointed six months ago to Cariboo, B. C. These will be published in The Church Record.

The convener reported having received from the Free Church and United Presbyterian Church in Scotland (congregational and individual donations) the sum of £470, of which £100 is for church building. The thanks of the committee were cordially given to the donors.

After the discussion of several matters, which were left over for fuller consideration until the larger meeting of the committee in the spring, the Executive adjourned.

Augmentation Committee.

THE General Assembly in June last placed the augmentation work of the Church under a separate committee, distinct from that of the Home Mission Committee. This committee held meetings in St. Andrew's church during two days last week. The following members were present:—Rev. J. Macdonell, B.D., convener; Rev. Dr. Warden, of Montreal, secretary; Revs. Dr. Robertson, Winnipeg; Dr. Somerville, Owen Sound; Dr. Laing, Dundas; Dr. Campbell, Renfrew; M. McGillivray, Kingston; J. Ballantyne, Ottawa; J. A. Macdonald, St. Thomas; D. B. Macdonald, Scarborough; E. Cockburn, Paris; W. C. Wallace, Toronto; W. J. Clark, London; R. D. Fraser, Bowmanville; A. Findlay, Barrie; and Messrs. Joseph Henderson and Jos. Gibson, of Toronto.

The claims of Presbyteries for the past six months, amounting to \$12,278.66, were passed and ordered to be paid. There being only \$1,000 in the treasury, the convener and treasurer were empowered to borrow the necessary amount to pay the claims immediately.

The following resolutions were adopted:—that the revenue and expenditure of each year be equalized. The committee notifies Presbyteries that unless the revenue be largely increased there must for this year be a proportionate reduction in the grants for the six months ending April 1st next. The committee, however, believes that a repetition from year to year of such reductions cannot but work disastrously to the scheme, and, to render this unnecessary, would invite the co-operation of Presbyteries in the following ways: (1) In securing increased contributions towards stipend in aid-receiving congregations, and to secure this end the committee forward a list of congregations in which, in their judgment, increases should be made, if possible, from this date; (2) by re-arranging fields where, in the judgment of the Presbytery, such re-arrangements are possible; (3) by securing increased contributions towards the fund from all congregations; (4) that the committee offer assistance to Presbyteries in visiting congregations in the interests of the fund. It was agreed to call the attention of all augmented congregations to the propriety of making an annual contribution to the augmentation fund when allocating their missionary money.

The committee spent the whole of the second sitting revising the grants to all the augmented congregations in the several Presbyteries of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and British Columbia, with a view to equalizing the revenue and expenditure in subsequent years. The revised list is to be sent to Presbyteries, and their co-operation asked in securing increased contributions from aid-receiving churches, so as to reduce claims upon the fund, while maintaining salaries in Quebec and Ontario at \$750 and manse, according to the regulations of the General Assembly. In a few cases, where the cost of living is exceptionally high, the salaries are somewhat in excess of this amount, while in Manitoba and the North-West the rate is \$850 and manse.

It was resolved to appoint deputies to visit the several Presbyteries at their next regular meeting in the interest of the scheme.

Rev. Dr. Warden was appointed convener of a sub-committee to visit the Presbyteries in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa; Dr. Somerville the Presbyteries in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, and Dr. Laing those of the Synod of London and Hamilton.

The convener and secretary were instructed to allocate among the Presbyteries of the Church the amount required for the scheme this year. Arrangements were made for the preparation and distribution of a leaflet containing a statement of the work of the committee.

The following were appointed the acting Executive of the committee:—Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, convener; Dr. Laing, Dr. Somerville, Mr. J. A. Macdonald, Mr. Joseph Henderson, and Dr. Warden.

THE Women's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Andrew's church, Arthur, have sent clothing valued at \$78.35 to the Indians of the North-West.

A FAREWELL meeting will be held to-day at Meaford. The Rev. F. A. Steven, secretary of the North American Council of the China Inland Mission, who has been for nearly eight years a missionary in China, will give some accounts of the work and of the methods and principles of the China Inland Mission. Miss Batsy, who is hoping to leave for China in a few days, will also address the meeting.

THE semi-annual meeting of The Toronto Presbyterial Society (W. F. M. S.) was held at Bolton on Friday, Oct. 5th. There were three sessions held. A morning one at 10.30, which was entirely devotional; an afternoon meeting for conference and to hear reports of the work being done, and in the evening there was a jubilee meeting at which an address was given by the Rev. Mr. Goforth. These meetings were felt by all present to be most helpful and stimulating. About 200 ladies were present at the afternoon session, at which very interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Jeffrey and Mrs. Harvie imparting much valuable information in regard to the work being done among the Indians in the North-West by our Church. The delegates were most kindly entertained by the ladies of the Bolton Auxiliary.

Church News.

In Canada.

REV. DR. CAMPBELL, of Ottawa, is appointed interim clerk of the Ottawa Presbytery.

THE Ardrea Presbyterians have improved their church grounds by erecting a tasty fence around them.

THE induction of Mr. Beatt will take place at Rockburn on Thursday, the 18th inst. His address will be Rockburn, Que.

PROBATIONERS desiring a hearing in Cumberland and Rockland, Ottawa Presbytery, will communicate with Rev. Dr. Campbell, 684 Wellington St., Ottawa.

A BRIEF account of our Presbyterian Mission in India will be the subject of a talk by Rev. R. P. Mackay, M.A., to-morrow evening in Parkdale, at the meeting of the S.S. Union.

THE Presbyterians, feeling the need of some place of worship for Mount Tolmie district, R. C., are erecting a church at the cross roads at the end of Jubilee Hospital road. Hitherto they have been obliged to use the public school for church purposes on Sabbath.

THE opening of the new organ in Knox church, Kincardine recently, was made the occasion of a concert in the church, which was attended by a large gathering and at which the choirs of the Methodist and Episcopal churches rendered valuable assistance. The receipts amounted to \$110.

THE Presbyterians of Cedar Hill have decided to build a church of their own. A very desirable site has been secured at the junction of the Mount Tolmie and Gordon Head roads, and upon it will be reared St. Adrian's church. Mr. McCrimmon has received the contract for the work and has it under way.