

N. B.—Clerks or Conveners of Presbyteries are requested to correspond *immediately* with the Secretary, should they notice in the minutes anything regarding which they desire information or explanation.

OCTOBER, 1885.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
EXECUTIVE OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE
AND OF THE
AUGMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
(WESTERN SECTION.)
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,
TORONTO, 13th and 14th OCTOBER, 1885.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday, the 13th day of October, 1885, at 9 o'clock in the morning, the Executive of the Home Mission Committee (Western Section) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met and was constituted with prayer. Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., Convener.

The following members were present:—Dr. Cochrane, convener; Dr. Campbell, Dr. Laing, Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, R. Moodie, R. Kilgour and R. H. Warden.

CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

The claims of the respective Presbyteries for services rendered in mission fields during the past six months were considered and the following sums ordered to be paid :—

<i>Presbyteries.</i>		<i>Presbyteries.</i>	
Quebec.....	\$386.00	Guelph .....	.....
Montreal	531.10	Hamilton	\$402.50
Glengarry .....	.....	Paris .....	.....
Ottawa.....	681.00	London	208.00
Lanark and Renfrew.....	646.50	Chatham	93.00
Brockville.....	216.00	Sarnia	92.00
Kingston.....	694.00	Stratford .....	.....
Peterborough	314.61	Huron	134.00
Whitby .....	.....	Maitland .....	.....
Lindsay	64.00	Bruce.....	646.00
Toronto.....	128.00	Winnipeg	} 12,000.00
Barrie.....	1857.06	Rock Lake.....	
Owen Sound.....	121.00	Brandon.....	
Saugeen	83.33		
			\$19,298.10

CHANGES IN GRANTS—NEW APPLICATIONS, &c.

The committee considered new applications from Presbyteries on behalf of mission fields. The following are the applications, with the changes made, for the half year beginning 1st October, 1885, on the list adopted in March last (See pages 56 to 65 of the appendix to the minutes of the General Assembly, 1885):—

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC :—

- Valcartier,—Granted \$6 per Sabbath for ordained missionary or \$3 per Sabbath for student.
- Massawippi, &c.—Granted \$6 per Sabbath for ordained missionary, or \$3 per Sabbath for student.
- Sawyerville and Island Brooke,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL :—

- Avoca, &c.—Granted \$400 for ordained missionary, or \$3 per Sabbath for student.
- Ponsonby—Granted \$4 per Sabbath.

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PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY :—

Roxborough, St. James,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath, and the Presbytery requested to submit full statistics of the field in March.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE :—

Merrickville,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.
 North Williamsburgh,—The Presbytery asked \$300 per annum for ordained missionary. The committee declined the application because, in their opinion, this is not such a field as the General Assembly designed to be supplied by an ordained missionary. (See page 23 of the appendix to minutes of Assembly, 1878). The former grant of \$2 per Sabbath continued.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW :—

Onslow and Eardley,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.
 Olivers' Ferry and Elmsley,—Granted \$5 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH :—

Minden and Kinmount,—Granted \$250 for ordained missionary, or \$3 per Sabbath for student.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE :—

Commanda,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.
 Berriedale,—Granted \$4.81 per Sabbath.
 Sturgeon Falls, &c. } Presbytery asked \$42.50 for past half-year.
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 The committee declined to grant these two applications on the ground that the fields for which aid is asked were worked last summer by the Students' missionary society of Knox College.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND :—

Crawford,—Removed from the list of mission stations.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN :—

Ayton and E. Normanby,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM :—

Essex Centre,—Removed from the list of mission stations.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA :—

Petrolia, Knox Ch.—Removed from the list of mission stations.
 Oil City & Oil Springs,— " " " " "

PRESBYTERY OF HURON :—

Bayfield and Bethany,—Removed from the list of mission stations.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE :—

Thessalon River,—Granted \$400 per annum for ordained missionary.
 The claim of the Presbytery for \$100 for this field for services rendered by Mr. H. McLennan for the past nineteen months, was not granted.

Rock Lake,— } Granted \$400 per annum for ordained missionary sup-
 Bruce Mines,— } plying the united field.

Cockburn Island,—Presbytery asked \$45 for past half-year, the field having been worked by the Students' missionary society of Knox College. The committee, though declining to make grants to fields worked by Students' missionary societies, yet agreed, because of a misunderstanding regarding this grant, to pay the claim on receiving a report of the field from the Students' missionary society, together with a statement of their understanding as to the grant.

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NEW WESTMINSTER.—The convener read a letter from the Rev. J. S. McKay stating that in addition to his regular work he had recently opened a week evening school for Chinese, which promised so well that he had sent a request to the Foreign mission committee for the appointment of a regular teacher.

NICOLA, &c.—Letters were read by the convener from the Rev. J. Chisholm, giving encouraging information regarding his work. He conducts service at eight stations, and the people hope to contribute \$650 toward his salary. He suggests the dividing of his present field and the union of certain of its stations with others in adjoining districts where there are numerous Presbyterian families, so as to form three distinct fields under three missionaries, the salaries of whom would be largely met by the people.

Mr. Chisholm's expenses to the field—\$259—were ordered to be paid.

NORTH ARM, &c.—The Rev. T. G. Thompson reported that the prospects in his field were encouraging and that the people at North Arm had agreed to pay \$300, and at Granville \$250, towards his salary for the half year ending 1st April 1886, thus meeting, with the amount (\$48.40) already received by Mr. Thompson, his entire salary for that period, with the exception of \$1.60, which he hoped the people would also raise.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.—The committee expressed gratification with the encouraging reports received from British Columbia and appointed the four missionaries of the Church there a committee, (Mr. J. S. McKay, convener) with instructions to meet and confer as to the whole field and report their views at length, in time to be laid before the Home mission committee in March—the expenses of the meeting of the missionaries to be borne by the Home mission fund.

DEPUTY APPOINTED.—It was further agreed to ask the Rev. D. M. Gordon of Winnipeg to visit British Columbia and confer with the missionaries of our own Church there, as also with the brethren of the Church of Scotland, so far as he may have opportunity; with

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a view of laying before the Home mission committee in March full information concerning the whole field, and suggestions as to the best method of working it.

REPORT TO BE PRINTED.—It was agreed to print the report received from the committee of missionaries, as also that of Mr. Gordon, and to forward a copy to each member of the Home mission committee prior to the meeting in March next.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.—The Rev. J. Robertson's report for the past six months was submitted, and his expenses—\$247—ordered to be paid.

REV. A. HAMILTON APPOINTED.—It was agreed to appoint the Rev. Alexander Hamilton, who had recently been ordained, as missionary to the Synod of Manitoba and the North West.

PRINCE ALBERT.—The convener read a letter from the Rev. Dr. MacWilliam regarding the work in Prince Albert. He also reported that the Rev. Alexander Campbell had been appointed by the Foreign mission committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North West as teacher of the High School at Prince Albert, with the understanding that he devote part of his time to Home mission work in the vicinity of the town. He further reported that the sub-committee had concurred in the appointment. It was agreed to sustain the action of the sub-committee and to ask from the Foreign mission committee of the Synod of Manitoba an extract minute of the appointment and to request Mr. Campbell to report his Home mission work to this committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—There was submitted a financial statement for the past six months from the Home mission committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North West. It was referred to the Secretary with instructions to report to the executive as early as possible.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES, &c.

The list of labourers available for work during the winter half year was made up and appointments given as follows :

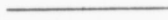
- PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.. Rev. J. Fraser and Mr. John McGregor.
- “ “ LANARK & RENFREW.. Rev. J. S. Stewart and Rev. D. L. McKechnie (re-appointed for three years to Mattawa).
- “ “ BARRIE. MESSRS. James Miller, W. J. Hewitt, A. G. Jansen, C. B. Hemming, H. Knox, John Garrioch, W. M. Robertson, John Gilmour and M. Gillanders.
- “ “ BRUCE . Rev D. H. MacLennan (for two years to Thessalon; the committee's grant not to exceed \$400 per annum, with an allowance of \$20 for travelling expenses to the field), Messrs. Hector McLennan, and — McArthur.

AVAILABLE SUPPLY.—The following gentlemen made application for work, and it was agreed to print their names and post office addresses in the minutes, so that conveners of Presbyteries desiring supply may know where to obtain it :

- Rev. D. McNaughton, North Keppel, Ont.
- “ J. A. R. Hay, Toronto, Ont.
- “ A. McNaughton, Port Hope, Ont.
- “ R. Stevenson, Simcoe, Ont..
- “ John Gauld, Hamilton Ont.
- “ A. Spencer, Bowmanville, Ont.,
- Mr. David Ross (catechist), Leith, Ont.

MR. D. McCLUNG.—The name of Mr. David McClung was certified by the Presbytery of Bruce to the committee as a catechist. Information having been received that the Presbytery of Owen Sound had recently declined to recommend Mr. McClung, it was resolved to call the attention of the Bruce Presbytery to this fact and also to notify the Presbytery of Owen Sound that Mr. McClung's name had been sent up certified by the Presbytery of Bruce.

MANITOWANING APPOINTMENT.—The Rev. D. Cameron of Lucknow intimated his acceptance of the appointment to Manitowaning, but that he would be unable to proceed to the field till the opening of navigation next spring.



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REV. A. FINDLAY'S REPORT.—The report of the Rev. A. Findlay for the past half year was submitted, and his expenses—\$66.15—ordered to be paid.

COMPLAINT REGARDING STUDENT.—There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Barrie, complaining that Mr. G. Ballantine, student, who had been appointed to that Presbytery by the committee in March last, had refused to go to his field. Mr. Ballantine's letter to the convener of the Presbytery's Home mission committee, declining to fulfil his appointment, was laid on the table and read. It was resolved to transmit the extract minute and the letter to the authorities of Knox College, that they may take such action as the circumstances demand.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND COLONIAL COMMITTEE.—The convener read a letter from the Rev. Alex. Williamson of Edinburgh, who was appointed by last General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, as convener of their Colonial Committee, expressing warm interest in the Home mission work of this Church and his desire to co-operate with the committee as far as in his power. The convener reported that he had replied to Mr. Williamson's letter, cordially reciprocating his kindly feeling.

SUB-COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE BUSINESS, &c. — Dr. Cochrane and Messrs. Macdonnell, Mitchell, Kilgour and Warden were appointed a sub-committee to apportion to the two funds the expenses connected with administering the Home mission and Augmentation work; and also to arrange on the day preceding the March meeting of the Home mission committee the business to be submitted to that meeting. It was agreed to notify the Clerks and Conveners of Presbyteries to forward to the Secretary prior to the 24th of March next, the claims for the current half year, applications for grants for the ensuing year, together with extract minutes, &c., that they may be submitted to the above named sub-committee which is to meet in Toronto on the 29th March next.

CLOSE.—The committee adjourned at ten o'clock in the evening and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D. D.,
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AUGMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Wednesday, the 14th day of October, 1885, at ten o'clock in the morning, the sub-committee on Augmentation met and was constituted with prayer. The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, convener.

The following members were present:—Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, convener, Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. P. McF. McLeod, F. W. Farries, A. B. Mackay, W. Mitchell, R. Kilgour and R. H. Warden.

CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

The claims of the respective Presbyteries for augmented congregations for the past six months were considered and the following sums ordered to be paid:—

PRESBYTERIES.		PRESBYTERIES.	
Quebec	\$1028.00	Guelph	245.00
Montreal	1475.00	Hamilton	610.00
Glengarry	286.00	Paris .....	.....
Ottawa	750.00	London	528.00
Lanark and Renfrew	886.00	Chatham	425.00
Brockville	450.00	Sarnia	445.00
Kingston	737.50	Stratford	255.00
Peterborough	511.50	Huron	125.00
Whitby .....	.....	Maitland	570.00
Lindsay	441.65	Brute	337.43
Toronto (including \$200 for New Westminster, B. C.)	1062.50	Rock Lake	415.72
Barrie	628.50	Brandon	350.00
Owen Sound	645.00		\$13,482.80
Saugeen	275.00	Winnipeg,
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N. B. Presbytery of Winnipeg.—The Secretary was instructed to correspond with the Presbytery's convener as to errors in the schedule of claims forwarded, and on these being rectified to order payment of the amount due.

Presbytery of Regina.—As no report was received from this Presbytery the Secretary was authorised to order payment of the claims for the past six months on receiving the required returns.

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NEW APPLICATIONS, CHANGES IN GRANTS, &c.

The committee proceeded to consider applications from Presbyteries for new grants, &c. The following are the changes made for the six months ending 1st April, 1886, on the list as printed on pages 68 to 77 of the appendix to the minutes of the General Assembly of 1885.

NOTE.—The attention of Presbyteries is called to the practise of the committee regarding congregations that are vacant for which grants are asked. Should the committee so decide, the congregation is put on the list of augmented charges, but no specific grant is promised, as the regulations require that before a settlement takes place in any vacancy requiring to be supplemented, the congregation be visited with a view to increase the contributions of the people, and the result of the visitation reported to the committee.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC :—

Winslow,—Grant required, \$100 per annum.
St. Sylvester,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath, while vacant.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL :—

Taylor Ch., Montreal.—Grant required, \$400 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY :

Alexandria,—The Presbytery asked \$300 per annum in view of immediate settlement. The application was laid on the table meantime, pending further information as to whether the congregation provide a house in addition to the \$500 per annum promised by them.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA :—

North Gower and Wellington,—Now vacant, the congregation have called, offering \$650 per annum and manse.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW :—

McNab,—Now self-supporting.
Dalhousie and N. Sherbrooke,—Now vacant ; granted \$2 per Sabbath till settled.

Douglas and Barr's (formerly called Bromley),—Presbytery reported that this congregation had been visited with a view to settlement, and that the people agree to raise \$500 per annum, without manse.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE :—

Dunbar and Colquhoun's,—The Presbytery reported that the congregation had called and would only require a grant of \$50 per annum.
Lyn and Yonge,—The Presbytery reported that Farmersville, Fairfield and Mallorytown were to be united to this charge under the Rev. J. J. Richards, and asked that the grant be increased to \$200 per annum. It was agreed to continue meantime the present grant of \$50 per annum, and to ask from the Presbytery full information as to their proposed plan of working the field.
Hyndman and Osgoode Line,—Reported by the Presbytery as a vacant charge, requiring aid when settled.

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The Presbytery asked that the Picton grant be increased to \$200 per annum, and the Trenton grant to \$250 per annum, and that the increase in both cases date from the 1st of April, 1885. It was agreed to lay the application on the table till the full meeting of the Committee in March.

Consecon and Hillier,—Settled on the 7th July ; the grant required being \$250 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY :—

Sunderland and Vroomanton,—Now vacant.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO :—

Chalmer's Church, Toronto,—Now self-supporting.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND :—

Warton and Hepworth,—Now vacant ; granted \$4 per Sabbath till settled. The attention of the Presbytery is called to the arrears reported, and the necessity of these being paid before a pastor is settled.

Berkeley and Williamsford,—Put on the list, with a grant of \$2 per Sabbath while vacant.

Peabody and Crawford,—Put on the list, with a grant of \$2 per Sabbath while vacant.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON :—

Niagara, St. Andrew's,—Settled on 26th May ; the grant required being \$250 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS :—

St. George,—Now self-supporting.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON :—

East Williams,—The Presbytery reported this congregation of 32 families, and 45 communicants, contributing \$500 per annum and manse, and asked a grant of \$250 per annum. There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Sarnia, within whose bounds part of the congregation is, recommending that no grant be made. The committee in view of the difference of opinion between the two Presbyteries, and the proximity of other congregations of the Church, declined to put East Williams on the list of augmented congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM :—

Essex Centre,—Settled on 5th May ; the grant required being \$300 per annum.

Duart,—The Presbytery asked grant of \$200 per annum. The committee saw no sufficient reason to depart from the decision of March last, and resolved to decline the application.

Leamington, &c.—The Presbytery asked grant of \$300 per annum. The committee agreed to make the grant in the hope that the report from the congregation next March will show marked increase in the contributions of the people.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA :—

West Williams,—The Presbytery asked a grant of \$150 per annum for six months ending 1st October, 1885. The Presbytery not having heretofore asked for a grant for this congregation, though settled for a considerable time, and as no reason is assigned for the grant being asked for only six months, the committee agreed to lay the application on the table till the March meeting, and to ask further information from the Presbytery.

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Forest,—Now vacant,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath till settled.
 Oil City and Oil Springs,—This field was on the list of mission stations in April last. The Presbytery reported that Mr. D. C. Johnson had been settled as pastor on 2nd September, and asked that the congregation be placed on the augmentation list with a grant of \$300 per annum. It was agreed to put the congregation on the augmentation list till 1st April next, and to call the attention of the Presbytery to the regulation empowering the committee, if they think it desirable to do so, to withhold grants in cases where mission stations have been erected into pastoral charges; and intimating that the committee had not sufficient information to enable them to judge of the propriety of forming Oil Springs and Oil City into a pastoral charge.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD :—

Wellesley,—Grant continued as heretofore in the hope that the report from the congregation next March will show marked increase in the contributions of the people.

Granton and Lucan,—Now self-supporting.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND :—

Langside,—Put on list of augmented congregations; the grant required being \$150 per annum.

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STATE OF FUND.—The Treasurer's statement of the fund at date was submitted. It is as follows :—

Balance on hand at May 1885.....	\$738.29
Receipts to 13th. October.....	478.02
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Expenditure to date.....	864.37
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On hand.....	<u>\$351.94</u>
Reserve Fund on hand at date.....	<u>\$13,000.00</u>

ESTIMATE FOR CURRENT YEAR.—A careful estimate showed that \$36,000 was required this year, viz : \$32,000 to meet the expenditure of the current year, and \$4,000 to pay the amount borrowed from the Reserve fund last year. The chairman and secretary were instructed to apportion this sum of \$36,000 among the several Presbyteries of the Church.

CIRCULARS TO BE ISSUED.—It was agreed to issue a circular to the several Presbyteries urging the claims of the scheme, and drawing special attention to the necessity of thorough and early visitation, by suitable deputies, of all the aid-receiving congregations.

It was further agreed to issue a circular to the ministers and members of the Church,—that to the membership to be printed on a fly sheet and distributed through the medium of the "Presbyterian Record." The convener was instructed to prepare the requisite circular.

REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SCHEME.—Dr. Campbell and the Secretary were appointed a sub-committee to prepare and submit to the March meeting the various regulations adopted by the General Assembly for the working of the scheme, with such suggestions as to the modification of these, as may seem desirable.

CLOSE.—The committee adjourned at six o'clock in the evening, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBERT H. WARDEN,

Secretary.

D. J. MACDONNELL, B.D.,

Convener.