

N. B.—Conveners of Presbyteries who have not forwarded complete statistics of the Augmented Congregations and Mission Stations within their bounds, are requested to send them to DR. WARDEN, on or before 12th April, when the reports will be put in the printers hands.

MARCH, 1894.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE
(WESTERN SECTION.)

OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,
TORONTO, 27th, 28th and 29th MARCH, 1894.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday the 27th day of March, 1894, 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 Committee continued in session till five o'clock of the evening of Thursday 29th March.

The following members were present:—Dr. Cochrane, convener; Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Torrance, Dr. Laing, Dr. Robertson, Dr. McTavish, Rev. Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, A. T. Love, J. Stuart, A. Givan, J. Abraham, W. Bennett, A. A. Scott, J. L. Murray, M. W. Maclean, J. Rennie, E. D. McLaren, G. Cuthbertson, W. G. Hanna, A. Findlay, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, E. Cockburn, G. McRobbie, J. M. Aull, Dr. Battersby, J. H. Ratcliffe, R. Hamilton, A. Gilray, A. Henderson, J. Farquharson, W. Martin, A. Tolmie and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*; and Mr. John Penman, *Elder*.

CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

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

| PRESBYTERIES. | MISSION FIELDS. | AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS. |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Quebec..... | \$ 935.83 | \$1006.90 |
| Montreal..... | 896.00 | 1075.00 |
| Glengarry..... | 45.00 | 425.00 |
| Ottawa..... | 1005.00 | 587.50 |
| Lanark and Renfrew..... | 832.00 | 317.50 |
| Brockville..... | 129.00 | 351.00 |
| Kingston..... | 1031.00 | 625.00 |
| Peterborough | 230.00 | 510.00 |
| Lindsay..... | 300.00 | 61.54 |
| Whitby..... | | |
| Toronto..... | 130.00 | 1220.00 |
| Orangeville..... | | 395.50 |
| Barrie..... | 1980.25 | 692.77 |
| Owen Sound..... | 557.00 | 250.00 |
| Saugeen..... | 65.00 | 100.00 |
| Guelph..... | | 87.50 |
| Algoma..... | 2159.65 | 300.00 |
| Hamilton..... | 156.00 | 491.00 |
| Paris..... | 75.00 | 200.00 |
| London..... | 52.00 | 708.00 |
| Chatham..... | 208.00 | 250.00 |
| Sarnia..... | 137.00 | 340.50 |
| Huron..... | | 407.33 |
| Maitland..... | | 225.00 |
| Bruce..... | 52.00 | 125.00 |
| Winnipeg..... | 1658.00 | 479.00 |
| Rock Lake..... | 1187.50 | 325.00 |
| Brandon..... | 779.00 | 477.00 |
| Minnedosa..... | 2128.00 | 425.00 |
| Regina..... | 3032.00 | 425.00 |
| Calgary..... | 2011.90 | 175.00 |
| Kamloops..... | | 150.00 |
| Westminster..... | 1355.00 | 100.00 |
| Victoria..... | 775.00 | |
| | <u>\$23,902.13</u> | <u>\$13,308.04</u> |

REVISION OF GRANTS, &c.

The Committee considered and took action upon applications from Presbyteries for grants to Augmented congregations and Mission stations for the year beginning 1st April, 1894. The list in full will appear in the Appendices to the Annual Report of the Home Mission Committee, to be presented to the General Assembly in June. An advance copy will be sent to the convener of each Presbytery, in time to have any corrections made in the statistics before the copies for the Assembly are printed.

STATE OF THE FUND.

The state of the funds was reported as follows :—

HOME MISSION.

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| Balance, May, 1893 | \$ 6,024.98 | |
| Receipts to date | 49,783.52 | |
| | \$55,808.50 | |
| Expenditure to date | 37,842.60 | |
| | \$17,965.90 | |
| On hand | \$17,965.90 | |

AUGMENTATION.

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| Receipts to date | \$20,049.78 | |
| Expenditure to date | 13,207.03 | |
| | \$ 6,842.75 | |
| On hand | \$ 6,842.75 | |

It was agreed to delay payment to augmented congregations till the end of April, and the chairman and secretary were instructed, should the state of the fund then not admit of their being paid in full, to reduce the claims on the basis of a certain fixed sum, so as to maintain an equal stipend throughout the Church.

MANITOBA, NORTH-WEST AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.—Drs. Cochrane, Robertson and Warden were appointed a sub-committee to arrange as to the travelling expenses of missionaries now appointed to the North-West.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Manitoba and North-West Synod's Committee submitted a report of the amounts expended for the travelling expenses of the Student Missionaries laboring in the Synod during the past year, and the following balances due were ordered to be paid:—

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| Presbytery of Winnipeg..... | \$16.00 |
| “ Rock Lake..... | 20.60 |
| “ Brandon | 7.70 |
| “ Minnedosa..... | 61.40 |
| “ Regina | 34.71 |
| | <u>\$140.41</u> |

BRITISH COLUMBIA SYNODICAL COMMITTEE'S EXPENSES.—A claim of \$48.00 was presented, to meet the expenses of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod. It was ordered to be paid.

PONY GRANT.—There was read an extract minute of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West asking a special grant of \$300 as a guarantee fund, to aid in meeting losses sustained by missionaries in connection with ponies. The application was not entertained.

The Convener was authorized to honor an order from the Synod's Committee for a sum not exceeding \$40.00, to aid in meeting loss sustained by Mr. J. H. Wallace, missionary at Stony Mountain, in consequence of the death of a horse.

SWEDES, NORWEGIANS, &C.—It was agreed to make a grant of \$200. for the next six months, to the Presbytery of Regina, for mission work, under Mr. C. O. Hofstrand, among scattered settlers of Swedes, Danes and Norwegians.

GERMANS, SCANDINAVIANS, &C.—The Synod's Home Mission Committee called attention to the desirability of prosecuting mission

work among the German, Scandinavian and Hungarian settlers in the North-West. It was agreed to give favorable consideration to any definite application for a grant on behalf of such work.

SALARIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.—There was read an extract minute of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of British Columbia, recommending that the salaries of ordained missionaries laboring in the bounds of the Synod be fixed at the uniform sum of \$1,000. No action was taken on this recommendation.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

The list of missionaries desiring work for the ensuing summer, was made up, and appointments given to Presbyteries, as follows:—

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| QUEBEC..... | Messrs. D. Hutchison, F. W. Gilmour, A. McCallum, G. A. Woodside, Jas. Rollins. |
| MONTREAL..... | Messrs. W. Ashe, P. D. Muir, D. D. Millar, A. Mahaffey, N. D. Keith, J. A. Cleland, Rev. A. N. Suckling, Rev. J. McCarter. |
| GLENGARRY..... | Messrs. G. Weir, and C. Young. |
| OTTAWA..... | Messrs. N. McLaren, J. P. McInnis, J. Taylor, W. M. Townsend, G. Gilmore, W. T. B. Crombie, Major McIntosh, W. C. Sutherland, J. McLean, H. Mac- kay, Rev. M. Danby, Rev. H. T. Kalem. |
| LANARK and RENFREW.. | Messrs. M. H. Wilson, C. A. Ferguson, Rev. R. Knowles, D. J. Scott, and Geo. J. Lowe. |
| BROCKVILLE..... | Mr. J. H. Turnbull. |
| KINGSTON..... | Messrs. R. Ballantyne, A. C. Bryan, J. Leitch, W. W. Peck, J. R. Fraser, E. C. Currie, R. F. Hunter, H. R. Grant, E. C. Galup, A. Walker, F. E. Pitts, Stuart Woods, W. M. Kannawin, W. T. Prittie. |
| PETERBOROUGH..... | Rev. W. Bennett, and R. F. Hall. |
| LINDSAY..... | Rev. J. S. Stewart, and J. D. Smith. |
| WHITBY..... | None. |
| TORONTO..... | J. A. Cranston. |
| ORANGEVILLE..... | None. |
| BARRIE..... | Messrs. J. K. Clark, A. M. Currie, G. J. Craw, A. L. Budge, W. G. Smith, J. Radford, G. B. Wilson, J. G. Inkster, Rev. R. J. Adamson, J. G. Jackson, W. H. Porter, J. Lochore, M. J. Leith, A. Matheson, E. Mason, L. A. McRae. |

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| OWEN SOUND..... | Messrs. T. Menzies, and D. W. Thompson. |
| SAUGEEN..... | Messrs. Jas. Skene, and W. Beattie. |
| GUELPH..... | None. |
| ALGOMA..... | Messrs. L. McLean, G. C. Little, J. Forster, W. B. Findley, J. B. Torrance, T. Oswald, W. Macphail, J. C. Smith, P. Reith, Rev. J. L. Robertson, Rev. E. B. Rodgers, D. B. Smith, Jas. Steele, D. Forbes, R. W. Goodall, D. Austin, T. Henderson, A. P. Clouin, W. M. Mackeracher. |
| HAMILTON..... | Messrs. J. A. McKenzie, and J. T. Harcourt. |
| PARIS..... | Mr. W. J. West. |
| LONDON..... | Mr. A. Graham. |
| CHATHAM..... | Messrs. H. Carmichael, S. C. Greathead and P. Uzzell. |
| SARNIA..... | Messrs. T. McCullough, H. Cowan and Rev. J. McRobie. |
| STRATFORD..... | None. |
| HURON..... | None. |
| MAITLAND..... | None. |
| BRUCE..... | Messrs. N. D. McKinnon and W. A. Maclean. |
| SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST } | Messrs. G. S. Armstrong, J. C. Stuart, J. Lindsay, A. Macgregor, J. A. Claxton, Rev. E. Florence, S. H. Fee, M. C. McLennan, S. F. McLennan, E. F. M. Smith, J. S. Muldrew, R. F. Cameron, W. J. McBean, M. S. McKay, E. Smith, G. Gunn, D. Matheson, W. Small, F. J. Hartley, J. R. Robertson, G. H. Menzies, J. W. McLean, H. McLean, J. Russell, J. G. Anderson, J. W. S. Lowry, M. McKee, S. Lundy, A. D. Caskey, W. Still, H. A. Ferguson, A. Hartley, W. Williamson, J. Buason, J. Johannsen, A. Morrison, J. Hobman, W. Bell, H. M. Irwin, R. C. Pollock, T. McAfee, D. Oliver, A. Lang, and six student missionaries from Britain. |
| CALGARY..... | Messrs. T. A. Sadler, J. S. Gordon, J. S. Shortt, G. S. Scott, J. R. Elmhurst, J. R. Morrow, Rev. E. G. Walker, and P. W. Anderson. |
| KAMLOOPS..... | Messrs. R. Laird, Jas. L. Miller, and A. D. Mackinnon. |
| WESTMINSTER..... | Messrs. H. A. McPherson, H. J. Robertson, D. R. McIntosh. |
| VICTORIA..... | Messrs. A. D. Menzies, A. D. McIntyre, R. G. Murison. |

MISCELLANEOUS.

BRITISH GRANTS.—The Convener reported that he had received and suitably acknowledged a grant of £100 from the U. P. Church of Scotland and of £150 from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

He also reported that Rev. C. W. Gordon, formerly of Banff, N. W. T., had while in Scotland enlisted the sympathy and active co-operation of upwards of thirty congregations there, each of whom had promised £50 annually for a period of three or five years towards the work in the North-West. The Students' Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland had also agreed to help the work for the present year. The reports were received and the Convener was instructed to ask Mr. Gordon, on his return to Canada to take charge of the correspondence between the congregations in Scotland and the Missionaries helped by them.

On motion of Dr. Robertson, the following resolution was adopted:—

“That the thanks of the Home Mission Committee are due, and are hereby tendered, to Mr. David Arnot, Mr. D. R. Drummond, and Rev. C. W. Gordon, for the great service rendered by them in presenting the claims of the Canadian North-West, Manitoba, and British Columbia to the students of the U. P. Hall, Edinburgh, as a mission field, and for their success in securing the adoption of the Canadian North-West as the mission which these students are to advocate in Scotland, and aid by their contributions during the year 1894.

It is further agreed to record satisfaction with the action of the students of the U. P. Hall, Edinburgh, in adopting the Canadian North-West, Manitoba, and British Columbia as the mission to which they are to extend their aid in 1894.”

SYMPATHY WITH MR. D. J. MACDONNELL.—The following resolution was, on motion of Mr. E. D. McLaren, unanimously adopted:—

The Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly having heard with profound sorrow of the death of Mrs. D. J. Macdonnell, desire to place on record their high appreciation of her active and unwearied interest in all the work of the Church, and especially of this Committee, their grateful recollection of her constant and gracious hospitality, and their thankfulness to Almighty God for the beauty and fruitfulness of her busy life.

They extend to their esteemed and beloved brother the assurance of

their deep and tender sympathy with him in his sore bereavement, commending him and his children, and all the sorrowing relatives of her who has fallen asleep in Jesus, to "the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation."

GRADUATING STUDENTS, &c.—The following resolution was adopted by a vote of sixteen to eight:—

That the Committee recommend the General Assembly to enact that all graduating students and ministers received from other churches be required to give at least one year's service in the Mission Field before being eligible for a call.

WINTER SUPPLY.—Dr. Laing (Convener), Dr. Robertson and Mr. D. J. Macdonnell were appointed a committee to consider in what manner more full and regular supply can be secured during the winter months for the mission fields of the Church, to report to the Committee in June.

REV. J. GILCHRIST ARREARS.—There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Chatham anent arrears claimed to be due Rev. J. Gilchrist from a congregation in the Rock Lake Presbytery. As the matter was one over which the Committee could not exercise jurisdiction, it was agreed to take no action.

ST. ANDREW CHURCH, TORONTO, W. H. M. AUXILIARY.—A letter was read from the secretary of the W. H. M. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, intimating that the Society intended to continue its support to the Silverwater Mission, and also to continue its contribution of \$240. to Foot Hills this year. It was agreed to cordially thank the Society for its valuable assistance.

HURON PRESBYTERY CLAIMS.—There was submitted extract minutes. &c. of the Presbytery of Huron anent Leeburn, and Bayfield and Bethany. Mr. Martin was heard on behalf of the Presbytery. After lengthened consideration, the action of the Executive in October was sustained.

Thereafter the following was adopted:—

That this Committee record its great disappointment that the fields in question in the Presbyteries of Huron and Maitland were not rearranged when a favorable opportunity offered itself, thus saving a large amount of the Church's funds; that such a rearrangement of fields should yet be effected, and with this end in view, a deputation from the Committee be appointed

to visit the Presbyteries and such of the congregations as may be found expedient, to report to the Committee in June next; that meantime no grants be made for the ensuing year to Leeburn, Bayfield Road, and Bethany, Dungannon and Port Albert, but that the claims for the past half-year be paid. The committee appointed were Dr. Laing, Messrs. Cockburn, Ratcliffe, and Penman.

REV. A. FINDLAY'S REPORT.—The Rev. A. Findlay laid on the table an interesting report of his work for the past half-year. The report was received, and it was resolved to publish the substance of it in the *Presbyterian Record*. Mr. Findlay's expenses (\$69.52) were ordered to be paid.

YOUNG PEOPLES' H. M. SOCIETIES.—Mr. A. Henderson was asked to gather information regarding Young Peoples' Societies in the several Presbyteries of the Church and report to the Convener.

EXECUTIVE.—It was agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that the following constitute the Executive for the ensuing year: Revs. Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Warden, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. Macdonnell, Somerville, M. W. McLean, Gilray, A. Findlay, and Moodie, and Messrs. Warden King, R. Kilgour, and John Penman.

CLOSE.—The Committee adjourned at five o'clock of the evening of Thursday, the twenty-ninth March, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
Convener.