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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 9th April, when the reports will be put in the printer's hands.

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MARCH, 1889.

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MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE  
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(WESTERN SECTION.)

OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

TORONTO, 26th, 27th and 28th MARCH, 1889.

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AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday the 26th day of March, 1889, at 9 o'clock in the morning, 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 6.30 P.M. on Thursday, 28th March.

The following were present:—Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Torrance, Dr. Laing, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Robertson, Rev. Messrs. A. Lee, J. S. Burnet, F. W. Farries, J. A. Carmichael, J. Cleland, D. Kellock, M. W. Maclean, A. Findlay, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, E. Cockburn, W. A. Hunter, P. Straith, D. J. Macdonnell, J. H. Ratcliffe, W. Walker, R. Hamilton, A. Gilray, W. T. McMullen, A. Henderson, H. Currie, J. McCoy, T. J. McClelland, S. J. Taylor, A. Tolmie, John Ross, and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*; and Messrs. T. McCrae, and R. Kilgour, *Elders*.

### CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

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

PRESBYTERIES.	FOR AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.	FOR MISSION FIELDS.
Quebec.....	\$1039.00	\$610.00
Montreal .....	1125.00	754.50
Glengarry .....	352.15	78.00
Ottawa .....	475.00	527.00
Lanark and Renfrew.....	552.00	638.00
Brockville.....	340.00	291.00
Kingston .....	728.75	828.64
Peterborough .....	374.00	166.50
Whitby .....	50.00	.....
Lindsay.....	187.50	66.00
Toronto.....	382.50	94.00
Orangeville.....	250.00	168.00
Barrie.....	665.27	* 2275.63
Owen Sound.....	304.00	316.00
Saugeen.....	100.00	100.00
Guelph.....	.....	78.00
Hamilton .....	518.50	130.00
Paris.....	75.00	.....
London.....	488.00	182.00
Chatham .....	175.00	151.00
Sarnia.....	337.50	170.00
Stratford.....	.....	.....
Huron.....	275.00	.....
Maitland .....	300.00	.....
Bruce.....	200.00	1350.10
Winnipeg.....	462.50	683.00
Rock Lake.....	325.00	917.00
Brandon.....	1042.00	1983.70
Regina.....	250.00	2422.10
Calgary.....	250.00	1046.00
Columbia .....	.....	1485.62
	<u>\$11,623.67</u>	<u>\$17,511.79</u>

\* Rev. A. Findlay's salary for past half-year is included here.

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## REVISION OF GRANTS, &amp;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, 1889. 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.

Receipts to 26th March, 1889.....	\$38,466.37
Indebtedness, May, 1888.....	\$ 438.89
Expenditure to 26th March, 1889.....	27,459.48
	<u>27,898.37</u>
On hand.....	<u>\$10,568.00</u>

There is also on hand \$4,000 Reserve Fund.

## AUGMENTATION.

Receipts to 26th March, 1889.....	\$18,875.43
Indebtedness, May, 1888.....	\$ 986.00
Expenditure to 26th March, 1889.....	12,305.42
	<u>13,291.42</u>
On hand.....	<u>\$5,584.01</u>

## AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.

OVERTURE AS TO HOUSE RENTS.—An extract minute of the Presbytery of Montreal was read, notifying the Committee of an overture which that Presbytery had agreed to transmit to the General

Assembly, asking that the allowance for house rent in cities should be increased from \$100 to a sum not exceeding \$300 per annum. The Committee agreed, on motion of Mr. Macdonnell, to commend the overture to the consideration of the General Assembly and to call the attention of the Assembly, also, to the necessity for additional regulations as to allowance for house rent in the country and for the cost of keeping a horse where this is rendered necessary by the circumstances of the charge.

PRINTED REPORTS.—There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Owen Sound, recommending that it be a condition of receiving aid from the Augmentation fund, that congregations submit annually a detailed statement of the contributions of their members for the maintenance of ordinances among them.

The extract minute was received.

HARRINGTON.—An application from the Presbytery of Stratford for a grant to Harrington for the past year, as well as for the ensuing one, was declined.

BAYFIELD ROAD AND BERNE.—The Presbytery of Huron asked a grant to this congregation. Extract minutes were read and the representative of the Presbytery heard. The following resolution was adopted:—Inasmuch as it appears that the congregation is perfectly able to pay \$800 per annum, the Committee decline the grant, and express the hope that the disaffected persons will loyally sustain the minister who was the choice of a large majority of the united congregation.

At a later stage a motion to reconsider this resolution was lost.

The following resolution, on motion of Dr. Thompson, was carried:—

*In re* of the Bayfield Road and Berne Congregations the Presbytery of Huron reflect on the conduct of the Convener and Executive of the H. M. C. This Committee call the attention of the Presbytery to the fact that a communication having been received from certain officials of said congregations declaring their ability to pay the salary of their minister without supplement; what was done was not to refuse the grant, but they simply sent this communication to the Presbytery for their consideration, and delayed action till the Presbytery was heard from. The Committee feel that this was the only action that could be taken in the circumstances, and regret that the conduct of the Convener and Executive of the H. M. C. is called in question by the Presbytery.

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PRINCE ALBERT.—The Presbytery of Regina having made application for an increase of the grant to Prince Albert to \$600 per annum the following resolution was adopted :—

The Committee call the attention of the Presbytery of Regina to the terms of the appointment of Dr. Jardine, which were as follows :—

“ It was agreed to appoint Dr. Jardine of Brockville for a term of three years at a salary of \$1,400 per annum—the grant not to exceed \$600. It was further agreed to urge the Congregation to contribute at least \$1,000 per annum so as to reduce the grant to \$400.”

It is the conviction of the Committee, from all the information received, that the people of Prince Albert are able to pay the increased amount required in order to make up the promised stipend of \$1,400.

The Committee would further remind the Presbytery that the exceptional salary paid to Dr. Jardine was promised in view of the fact that teaching as well as pastoral work was required.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

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

QUEBEC .....	Messrs. J. M. Whitelaw, W. J. Jamieson, K. MacLennan, and H. Craig.
MONTREAL .....	Messrs. Cayer, L. R. Bouchard, Suckling, Flinn, and J. T. Whyte.
GLENGARRY.....	Mr. J. W. McLeod.
OTTAWA.....	Messrs. C. H. Hastings, P. A. McLeod, H. T. Kalem, A. Robertson, A. MacGregor, R. Eadie, and A. Russell.
BROCKVILLE....	Messrs. A. K. McNaughton, R. Sturgeon, R. J. Hutcheon and H. Jack.
LANARK AND RENFREW..	Messrs. J. E. Duclos (L. Litchfield, 1 year), W. H. Cornett, J. Sharp, A. D. Menzies, Andrew Nelson, J. M. Kellock and J. Hodges.
KINGSTON.....	Messrs. John McKinnon, (Roslin and Thurlow, 2 yrs.) J. A. Redden, C. A. Campbell, Jas. Rattray, D. D. McDona'd, R. M. Phalen, D. McLennan, N McPherson, A. G. Graham, J. D. Boyd, J. Rollins and J. M. Millar.
PETERBOROUGH.....	Messrs. Orr Bennett (Haliburton, 18 months), D. Spear Jas. Madill and D. P. Oswald.
WHITBY.....	None.
LINDSAY.....	Messrs. Jas. Gilchrist (Sebright, 2 years), and W. S. Heron.
TORONTO.....	Messrs. W. A. J. Martin, H. C. Foster, W. W. McRae, T. Logie, H. Brown, Rev. H. Knowles, Rev. - McKay J. C. Madill, and - McNab.

BARRIE.....	Messrs. W. J. Hewitt (Parry Sound, 18 months), W. D. Kerswill, J. D. Edgar, Wm. Gauld, A. McNabb, J. T. Monteath, D. B. Marsh, W. W. Craw, S. F. MacCusker, W. C. Ewing, W. Smith, W. Muir, P. McL. Forin, Rt. Thompson, J. Hunter, J. C. Stinson, T. A. Ambler, J. A. Cranston, John Thomson, W. H. Porter, J. Garrioch, W. M. Christie, R. Drinnan and J. McEwen.
ORANGEVILLE.....	Messrs J. M. Miller, T. McCullough and — Hambly.
OWEN SOUND.....	Messrs. A. F. Webster, W. D. Reid, J. McGregor, Rev. J. Griffith and — Mackintosh (Toronto University)
SAUGEEN.....	Rev. R. Fairbairn.
GUELPH.....	Mr. J. P. McQuarrie.
HAMILTON.....	Messrs. D. Carswell, W. Graham and W. G. Fortune.
PARIS.....	Mr. H. MacPherson.
LONDON.....	None.
CHATHAM.....	Messrs. J. M. McLaren, M. C. McLennan, T. Smith and P. Uzzelle
SARNIA.....	Messrs. P. McEachern, G. Mylne (Catechist), Rev. J. McRobie and K. McRae.
STRATFORD.....	None.
HURON.....	None.
MAITLAND.....	None.
BRUCE.....	Messrs. A. G. Jansen (Gore Bay, 1 year), J. A. McConnell, J. K. McGillivray, Jas. Steele, Jas. McMillan, H. McLennan, H. Ferguson, J. B. Ferguson and Rev. M. Turnbull.
WINNIPEG.....	Messrs. W. Neilly (Schreiber, 2 years), P. J. McLaren, Allan Moore, Bryce Innis, N. Russell, A. Manson, Jas. Buchanan, W. O. Wallace, T. Beveridge, D. G. S. Connery, Aw. Brown, A. Chisholm, J. Johansen, S. Thomson and J. T. Small.
ROCK LAKE.....	Messrs. Neil McKay, (Riverside, 2 years), Jas. Drummond, K. A. Gollan, P. Fisher, J. E. Munro, D. Campbell, W. Beattie, J. H. Higginson and Rod. McBeth.
BRANDON.....	Messrs. T. R. Shearer (Stratherne 2 years) I. McDonald (Elton, 2 years), J. A. Morison, Jas. H. Borland, Jas. Robertson, A. J. McGillivray, W. Murchie, W. McLeod, D. Ross, C. Lutes, G. J. Bryan, H. Littlehales, D. H. Atchison, Jas. Lang, W. Myers, J. Laing and Rev. A. Brown.
REGINA.....	Messrs. J. A. McLean (Battleford, 2 years), Rev. J. Ferry (Indian Head, 1 year), W. J. Hall (Wolsely, 2 years), W. J. Patterson, N. Lindsay, F. O. Nichol, Thos. Kiernan, D. M. Ross, D. D. Mackay, F. W. Fraser, and J. N. McLean.
CALGARY.....	Messrs. R. Johnston (High River, 2 years), Rev. Angus Robertson (Donald, 2 years), J. Sinclair, T. G. Allan, D. McD. Clarke, W. E. Deeks, W. Moffatt and W. A. Bradley.
COLUMBIA.....	Messrs. J. Knox Wright (Spillamacheen, 3 years), R. E. Knowles and G. Lockhart.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CHILLIWHACK.—The Presbytery intimated that the Rev. G. C. Patterson, having providentially been compelled to leave the Province, had agreed to refund \$133 of the amount paid him for travelling expenses from Ontario to British Columbia about two years ago. The Committee, taking into account all the circumstances, agreed to return to Mr. Patterson \$75 of the amount thus deducted.

TRAVELLING MISSIONARY.—The Presbytery asked the appointment of a travelling ordained missionary, at a salary of \$1200 per annum. This matter was referred to the Executive, who were empowered to expend a sum not exceeding \$400 in exploratory work in British Columbia during the ensuing summer.

FUTURE GRANTS.—It was agreed to call the attention of the Presbytery to the great contrast between the contributions, *per family*, in the various fields, and to intimate to it that in the judgment of the Committee the contributions in several of the fields should be greatly increased during the ensuing year, so as to lessen the grants from the Home Mission fund.

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 MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

EXPENSES OF SYNODICAL H. M. COMMITTEE.—A statement in detail of the expenses of the Synod's Home Mission Committee was submitted, showing a balance due at this date of \$70.25, including expenses of audit. The amount was ordered to be paid.

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

SALARIES OF GRADUATES.—It was agreed that, hereafter, when students graduating from any of the Theological Colleges of the Church are appointed by this Committee to specific fields for a term years, the salary of such, *as ordained missionaries*, shall date from the commencement of their labors in the field.

**NISBET ACADEMY.**—There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Regina, transmitting an application from the Trustees of Nisbet Academy for the appointment of a Missionary at Colleston, who would devote part of his time to teaching in the Academy, his salary to be paid in part from the Home Mission and in part from the Foreign Mission fund. On motion of Mr. Macdonnell, it was agreed to appoint a missionary to labor in Colleston and the other stations adjacent to Prince Albert, permitting said missionary, with the approval of the Presbytery of Regina, to assist as far as he may be able in teaching in the Nisbet Academy, with a grant of \$10 per Sabbath to said mission field, in addition to the contributions of the mission stations and whatever sum he may be able to receive from the Trustees of the Nisbet Academy. The convener telegraphed the substance of this finding to the Rev. Dr. Jardine, Prince Albert; and at a later stage the following reply was received from him: "Trustees will give single man residence, fuel and light—resources heavily taxed for music teacher—cannot now promise more—try and give \$600." No further action was taken.

**FORM OF COMMISSION.**—Dr. Laing, on behalf of the Committee appointed for the purpose, submitted a form of commission to be given to Missionaries receiving appointments from the Committee. It was received and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly for its approval.

**SUPPLY OF VACANCIES.**—An extract minute of the Synod's Home Mission Committee anent the supply of vacancies was read and referred to a sub-committee consisting of Mr. Farries, convener, Drs. Bryce and Torrance. At a later stage the sub-committee presented a report, containing the following recommendations:—

1. That the Presbyteries fix the amount to be paid by vacancies per Sabbath for supply, the minimum not being less than \$12 with board, and that the case of those not able to contribute at that rate shall be submitted to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee for supplement to the extent they may deem it necessary to grant.
2. That the Synodical Committee appoint a sub-Committee on the supply of vacancies, to which Presbyteries shall apply, giving the names of their vacancies, the amount per Sabbath expected from each, the amount of supply required, and indicating, when they see proper, the men they prefer.
3. In the case of vacancies which it is impossible to supply on account of their weakness or remoteness, the Presbytery shall have authority to locate

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an ordained missionary, whose period of appointment by the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee has expired, for a period of three or four months, and to renew the appointment if they see fit.

The report was received and it was referred to the Executive—meantime it was agreed to transmit it to the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West for its opinion thereanent.

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### MISCELLANEOUS.

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**BRITISH GRANTS.**—The Convener reported that he had received and suitably acknowledged a grant of £200 from the Free Church of Scotland, £150 from the Irish Presbyterian Church, and £390 from the students of the Free Church College, Glasgow.

**SPECIAL GRANTS.**—It was reported to the Committee that special grants, each on behalf of the support of a Missionary during the summer months, had been promised by the Farrington Church; St. Andrew's Church, Perth; a Friend in Crescent Street Church, Montreal; Miss K. McColl, Chatham; Mr. D. D. Wilson, Seaforth; Mr. John Charlton, M.P.; and a Friend, Ottawa. The Committee expressed its gratification with the report.

**REV. A. FINDLAY'S REPORT.**—The Rev. A. Findlay read an interesting and cheering report of his work for the past half-year. The report was received, gratification expressed therewith, and it was resolved to publish the substance of it in the Annual Report of the Committee. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Bruce was read expressive of the Presbytery's confidence in Mr. Findlay and satisfaction with his work.

**NEXT YEAR'S ALLOCATION.**—Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Macdonnell and Warden were appointed a Committee to allocate among the several Presbyteries of the Church the amounts required for Home Mission and Augmentation for the ensuing year.

**MAITLAND PRESBYTERY.**—There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Maitland, asking the Committee to use its influence to have the Synod of Hamilton and London transfer part of the Mission field of the Bruce Presbytery to the Presbytery of Maitland.

Several motions were submitted, voted upon and lost. The following was carried by a vote of 18 to 8. The committee express its satisfaction at the desire manifested on the part of the Maitland Presbytery to take under its care a portion of the Mission field indicated, and commend the proposal to the serious consideration of the Synod of Hamilton and London and the Presbyteries of Bruce and Maitland.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. Laing, on behalf of the Committee appointed for the purpose, submitted the following report :—

1. That before appointing Ministers, Licentiates, Students or Catechists to supply a Mission Station which has a grant from the Home Mission Committee, Presbyteries shall report the names of all Missionaries whom they wish to be appointed, to the Committee or the Executive sub-Committee for approval before their meetings in March and October; and that only such Students and Catechists as have obtained such approval shall be entitled to grants from the Home Mission fund.

2. That the Committee shall specify the amount which a Minister, Student or Catechist—as the case may be—is entitled to draw from the grants made to each particular Station.

3. That after the expiry of the term of engagement of any ordained Missionary to a particular field, before any re-engagement is entered into by a Presbytery, the Presbytery shall report as to the acceptability and efficiency of the Missionary, and its opinion as to the desirableness of appointing him a second time, with a view to the approval of the H. M. Committee.

The report was referred to the Executive, the Committee agreeing meantime to print it for the information of Presbyteries.

CO-OPERATION OF WOMEN.—It was agreed to ask the General Assembly to take action, so as to secure the active co-operation of the Women of the Church in the furtherance of Home Mission work.

THANKS TO ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Minister and Trustees of St. Andrew's Church for the gratuitous use of their lecture room for the regular meetings of the Committee and of the Executive.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE.—The following is the Executive for the year :—Dr. Cochrane (convener), Dr. Campbell, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Laing, Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, A. Tolmie, F. W. Farries, J. Somerville, R. Moodie, W. Mitchell, R. Kilgour and R. H. Warden.

AUGMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE.—The sub-committee on the Augmentation of Stipends is as follows :—Mr. D. J. Macdonnell,

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CLOSE.—The Committee adjourned at half-past six P. M. on Thursday, 28th March, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,  
*Secretary.*

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,  
*Convener.*