

N.B.—Conveners of Presbyteries' Home Mission Committees are particularly requested to forward the Annual Reports of the Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations (No. 1 and 11) to the Secretary, 260 St. James Street, Montreal, **NOT LATER THAN THE 20th OF APRIL.**

MARCH, 1883.

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MINUTES OF MEETING

OF THE

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(WESTERN SECTION)

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

TORONTO, 27th, 28th and 29th March, 1883.

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AT TORONTO, and within the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday, the 27th day of March, 1883, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, 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 one o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 29th March.

The following members were present :—Dr. Cochrane, Dr. King, Dr. Smith, Rev. Messrs. J. R. McLeod, A. McGillivray, F. W. Farries, J. A. Carmichael, R. Campbell, (Renfrew). G. Burnfield, J. Cleland, E. Cockburn, D. J. Macdonnell, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, J. Campbell, (Harriston), R. Torrance, J. H. Ratcliffe, J. Rennie, Hector Currie, W. Walker, R. Hamilton, J. A. Turnbull, D. Cameron, A. Tolmie, J. Laing, Jas. Robertson and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*; and Mr. D. McKenzie, *Elder*.

## CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

The claims of the respective Presbyteries in Quebec and Ontario, for services rendered in Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations during the past six months, were carefully considered, and the following sums ordered to be paid:—

<i>Presbytery of</i>		<i>Presbytery of</i>	
Quebec.....	\$712.00	Owen Sound.....	383.00
Montreal.....	995.00	Saugeen.....	174.00
Glengarry.....	250.00	Guelph.....	100.00
Ottawa.....	547.00	Hamilton.....	384.00
Lanark and Renfrew.....	789.00	Paris.....	37.50
Brockville.....	112.00	London.....	567.00
Kingston.....	661.25	Sarnia.....	332.00
Peterboro.....	125.00	Chatham.....	237.00
Whitby.....	.....	Stratford.....	57.00
Lindsay.....	207.50	Huron.....	144.00
Toronto.....	677.00	Maitland.....	75.00
Barrie.....	755.23	Bruce.....	453.95
			Total, \$8,775.43

N.B.—These are the nett amounts due on 1st April, 1883, including special claims, &c., passed at this meeting, particulars of which are here given:—

## PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW:—

Bromley,—Claim of \$39.00 for past six months,—granted.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO:—

Hornby and Omagh,—Claim of \$40 for past six months,—granted.

## PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE:—

Penetanguishene,—Claim of \$25 for past six months,—granted.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON:—

London East,—Claim of \$25 additional for past six months,—declined.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE:—

Sault Ste. Marie,—Claim of \$51.95, Mr. Morison's travelling expenses to the field,—granted.

Bruce Mines,—Claim of \$34, Mr. Henderson's travelling expenses to the field,—granted.

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## NEW APPLICATIONS.—CHANGES IN GRANTS, &amp;c.

The Committee proceeded to consider new applications from Presbyteries. The following are the applications, changes made, &c. :

## PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC :—

Scotstown,—Grant increased from \$150 to \$200 per annum.

Kennebec Road,—Granted \$5 per Sabbath for Ordained Missionary.

Valcartier,—Grant continued at \$2.50 per Sabbath.

Itinerant Missionary,—The Presbytery asked the Committee to sanction the employment of an ordained Itinerant Missionary and to make a grant sufficient to meet one-half of his salary. It was agreed to notify the Presbytery that, recognizing the importance of the proposal, the Committee will favorably consider an application for a grant, in the event of the Presbytery submitting the name of a suitable person prepared to undertake the work.

Gould,—No grant.

Chaudiere,—No grant.

## PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY :—

East Hawkesbury and Glen Sandfield,—Granted \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement.

## PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW :—

Bromley,—Granted \$250 per annum, conditional on settlement, or, \$2 per Sabbath for Student.

North Admaston,—removed from the list.

Quyon, Onslow and Eardly,—No grant.

Lake Tallon,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Wilberforce,—The Committee sanctioned the re-appointment of Rev. G. T. Bayne for two years.

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON :—

Camden and Tamworth,—Granted \$200 per annum for ordained Missionary.

Carlow and Mayo,—Granted \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement or \$3 per Sabbath for Student.

Special grant,—It was agreed to place at the disposal of the Presbytery of Kingston a sum not exceeding \$150 for the ensuing year, to meet necessary expenses in exploring and in dispensing ordinances in the Mission fields of the Presbytery.

## PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH :—

Haliburton and Minden,—Granted \$250 per annum for ordained Missionary, or \$4 per Sabbath for Student.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO :—

Omagh,—Granted \$2.50 per Sabbath.

## PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE :—

Parry Sound,—Rev. A. Hudson was appointed for a term of two years, and the grant increased to \$400 for first year, conditional on the people contributing at least \$400. The sum of \$25 granted for Mr. Hudson's travelling expenses to the field.

Penetanguishene,—Granted \$50 per annum.

St. Peters, Franklin,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

Supervision of Muskoka field.—The Sub-Committee were empowered to secure the services of an ordained Missionary to take the supervision of such portions of the Muskoka Mission field as are not now under the care of ordained Missionaries, with special charge of Huntsville, &c., as a central group of stations,—the Committee guaranteeing a salary of \$1000 per annum, in the expectation that the Huntsville group will contribute at least \$350 for the first year. It was further agreed, in the event of the Sub-Committee being unable to secure the services of a suitable person, to place at the disposal of the Presbytery of Barrie a sum not exceeding \$250 for the work of supervision during the ensuing six months.

## PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND :—

Tobermory,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS :—

Old St. Andrews, E. Oxford,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON :—

London East,—Presbytery asked grant to be increased from \$250 to \$300 per annum,—declined, and grant continued at \$250.

Lucan and Fraser's,—Grant increased to \$3 per Sabbath.

## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM :—

Tilbury Town Line,—granted \$2 per Sabbath.

## PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA :—

Black Creek and Duthel Church,—granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Wilkesport and Sombra Village,—granted \$2 per Sabbath.

## PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE :—

Sault St. Marie,—The Committee learning that Mr. J. A. Morison, ordained Missionary in this field, has recently been called by the congregation of Inverness in the Presbytery of Quebec, agreed to direct the attention of both Mr. Morison and the Quebec Presbytery to the fact that Mr. Morison is under engagement to this Committee for a term of two years from November last.

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Thunder Bay.—Letters were read from this field to the effect that the attendance at the services in Prince Arthur's Landing was encouraging and that a new church building was about to be erected, for which the people had already subscribed \$1800. It was agreed to postpone action in regard to the future supply of Prince Arthur's Landing and Fort William till the June meeting of the Committee and to request Mr. Herald to continue his services meanwhile.

Manitoulin Island.—It was agreed in the event of no ordained Missionary being got for Manitoulin Island to place at the disposal of the Presbytery of Bruce a sum not exceeding per Sabbath the rate of the present grant to the field, for the services of such ministers as the Presbytery may be able to secure to visit the Island and dispense ordinances during the ensuing summer.

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#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

There was laid on the table and read a letter from Rev. R. Jamieson, with the report of the New Westminster Congregation for the past year, showing an increase of 21 in the membership and of \$200 in the contributions towards the salary. It was resolved to record the satisfaction with which the Committee has learned from Mr. Jamieson's report that the congregation has made progress during the past year both in numbers and finances and also that there is a prospect that after this year there will not be needed much, if any, assistance from this Committee; and further, that in view of certain statements which have been published regarding the report of the General Assembly's Deputy to British Columbia, the Committee record their entire confidence in the impartiality and accuracy of that report.

There was submitted a letter from Rev. Dr. Gray, convener of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, as to the work in British Columbia; also an extract minute of the Presbytery of British Columbia, and an extract minute of a meeting of the congregation of Nanaimo. It was agreed in the event of the congregation of Pandora street, Victoria, asking the appointment of a minister from the Presbyterian Church in Canada before the next regular meeting of the Committee, that the Sub-Committee be empowered to make an appointment. It was resolved further, to record the satisfaction with which the Committee has

learned that the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, in view of all the circumstances, rather than that there be two rival Presbyteries in British Columbia, would prefer that all the congregations should be transferred to the Canada Church under one Presbytery, and that pecuniary aid would not be at once or altogether withdrawn, and that in regard to other matters this Committee take no further steps at present but await the action of the Church of Scotland, and lay before next General Assembly the whole subject, including any additional information that may be received prior to the meeting of Assembly.

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## MANITOBA PRESBYTERY.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

X REV. J. ROBERTSON presented a written report of his work for the past six months, which was received and considered. His expenses for the half year were ordered to be paid.

### SPECIAL CLAIMS.

REV. F. McRAE.—The Presbytery made application for \$150 for services rendered by Rev. Farquhar McRae during the past half year. It was agreed to grant \$75.

MR. B. JONES.—A similar application on behalf of Mr. B. Jones was made and \$75 granted.

REV. G. RODDICK.—An application from the Presbytery for \$300, being expenses incurred by Rev. G. Roddick while laboring within the bounds, was granted.

MR. J. TODD.—An application for a grant to meet the expenses of Mr. J. Todd, catechist, in moving his family to Manitoba, was not entertained.

REV. J. A. TOWNSEND.—Mr. Townsend applied for \$150, being deficit in his salary for the past year. There being some misapprehension as to the amount of salary promised by the people in Mr. Townsend's field, the Convener was authorized to pay the sum claimed, in the event of the Superintendent not being able at an early date to obtain the amount from the people in the field.

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## ITINERANT MISSIONARIES.

The Presbytery asked the sanction of the Committee to the appointment of two of the ordained Missionaries now laboring in the bounds, as itinerant Missionaries in the Presbytery for four months during the ensuing summer,—the salary to be at the rate of \$800 per annum. It was agreed to sanction such appointments. X

## WEST LYNNE.

A letter was read from Rev. J. Scott of West Lynne, asking an increase of the grant from \$200 to \$400 for the current year. The application was referred to the Presbytery of Manitoba for its opinion.

## ARCHIBALD.

The Rev. J. A. Townsend being under call to this congregation, it was agreed that his salary be \$850 per annum from the date of his induction,—the congregation contributing at least \$600 for the first year.

## APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN SALARIES.

An extract minute of the Presbytery of Manitoba was read asking the Committee to increase the salaries of ordained Missionaries in the bounds to \$1,000 per annum, or \$900 with a Manse. The Committee, while expressing cordial sympathy with the resolution of the Presbytery, did not feel itself warranted in recommending the General Assembly to carry it into effect, except in connection with an effort to secure a more adequate maintenance for ministers throughout the Church generally. X

## DONATION OF \$600.

The Convener reported that he had received, and suitably acknowledged the sum of \$600 from a gentleman in Ottawa to aid in supporting a Missionary in Manitoba. The report was received and the cordial thanks of the Committee tendered the generous donor. X

## MR. J. TODD.

An extract minute of Presbytery in reference to the Committee's minute in October last regarding the appointment of Mr. J. Todd, Catechist, was read and received.

REV. JAS. DUNCAN.

The Presbytery made application for the appointment as ordained Missionary, on the usual terms, of Mr. James Duncan, formerly of Prince Albert. It was agreed to empower the Presbytery of Manitoba to employ Mr. Duncan for the next six months.

REV. S. J. TAYLOR.

It was agreed to appoint Rev. S. J. Taylor to the Presbytery of Manitoba for the next six months.

#### APPOINTMENTS OF GRADUATING STUDENTS.

It was agreed that the engagements of the members of the graduating classes of the respective colleges, appointed at this meeting to Manitoba, be for six months; their permanent appointment for three years, at the salary fixed by the General Assembly for ordained Missionaries in Manitoba, to take place after their being licensed.

#### PRINCE ALBERT.

Letters were read from Revs. Jas. Sieveright and R. J. Sinclair, as to the condition of the work at Prince Albert, Carrot River and adjacent stations. The Prince Albert field is now contributing \$800 per annum towards the Missionary's salary, and is about to be erected by the Presbytery into a regular congregation. Mr. Sieveright intimated his intention to withdraw from the field on 1st October, and the Sub-Committee were empowered to appoint a suitable Missionary to Prince Albert in his stead.

#### NEW STATIONS, WITH GRANTS, ETC.

The following is a list of new Stations reported by the Superintendent of Missions with the grants made to them, as also a list of old fields where changes have been made in the grants :—

ARCHIBALD,—Grant increased to \$250 per annum.

EDMONTON,—Granted \$600 per annum.

CADURCIS,—Granted \$300 per annum, conditional on settlement.

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 † VIRDEN,—Granted \$400 per annum.  
 † ELK HORN. † TOUCHWOOD HILLS.  
 † MEDICINE HAT. † SHARON.  
 † SWIFT CURRENT. † AUBURN.  
 † MAPLE CREEK. † ANTLERS.  
 † FORT QU'APPELLE. † SASKETON.  
 † ALEXANDER AND PLUM CREEK. † SASKATCHEWAN.  
 † BEACONSFIELD. † NEWDALE.  
 † DUMFRIES. † MOOSE MOUNTAINS.  
 † HEADINGLY.

SPECIAL GRANT OF \$1,000.

The Committee agreed to place at the disposal of the Presbytery of Manitoba the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars for supplying with ordinances the foregoing and other fields in the North-West, to which appropriations have not been made, and which, in the opinion of the Presbytery, should be occupied with as little delay as possible; and that a statement of the manner in which this sum has been expended be submitted to this Committee at its October meeting.

\* If supplied by other than ordained Missionaries, the grant not to exceed \$300 per annum, with the understanding that no additional claim beyond the grant is to be made for travelling expenses to or from the field for Students or Catechists supplying these or any other Stations in the Presbytery to which grants have been made by this Committee.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

Mr. LAING, on behalf of the sub-Committee appointed in October last to consider the scheme for the Distribution of Probationers, presented a report which was received and ordered to be printed and put into the hands of members of the Committee with a view to action being taken at a meeting of the Committee to be held in London in June next.

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

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The list of Student Missionaries from the several Colleges of the Church, desiring work during the ensuing summer, was made up and appointments given to Presbyteries as follows :

QUEBEC .....	Messrs. John McLeod, R. Gamble, A. W. McConechy and Rev. T. Fenwick.
MONTREAL .....	Messrs. A. Lee, J. L. Morin, R. Stewart, A. Groulx, W. D. Roberts, and Rev. J. Stewart.
GLENGARRY .....	Messrs. Neil Campbell and D. McLean.
OTTAWA .....	Messrs. P. M. Pollock and A. Scrimger.
LANARK AND RENFREW ..	Messrs. Jacob Steele, F. W. Johnston, W. A. McKenzie, S. A. Thomas; Revs. M. Turnbull and G. T. Bayne.
BROCKVILLE .....	Mr. James Sutherland.
KINGSTON .....	Messrs. J. Rattray, Robert Gow, W. Hay, S. Childerhose, C. J. Cameron, J. Henderson, G. R. Lang, J. W. H. Milne, and D. J. Hyland.
PETERBOROUGH .....	Messrs. R. B. Smith, W. Farquharson, D. C. Cameron, and Hugh Ross.
LINDSAY .....	Messrs. H. C. Howard, M. McKinnon, W. G. Hanna, and W. Patterson.
TORONTO .....	Messrs. John Mutch, T. Nixon, J. H. Jaffary, J. Malcolm and Robert Glassford.
BARRIE .....	Messrs. Duncan McColl, J. S. Hardy, J. McD. Duncan, Thos. Thompson, T. J. Barron, G. Kinnear, D. H. Hodges, Alexander Currie, J. S. McIlraith, S. C. Murray, H. Knox and Rev. A. Hudson.
OWEN SOUND .....	Messrs. A. Blair, J. M. Gardiner, James Murray, A. S. Grant, Rev. J. Ferguson and Rev. E. B. N. Millard.
SAUGEEN .....	Messrs. D. Forrest, J. C. Tolmie, D. A. McLean, John Moore and James Somerville.
GUELPH .....	Mr. James A. Grant.
HAMILTON .....	Messrs. J. A. Ross, W. A. Duncan, R. McIntyre, Edward Snyder, and J. H. Simpson.
PARIS .....	Mr. W. S. McTavish.
LONDON .....	Messrs. Robert McNair and Rev. G. Crombie.
SARNIA .....	Messrs. James Ballantyne and J. W. McKenzie.
CHATHAM .....	Messrs. W. M. Fleming and P. Uzelle.
STRATFORD .....	Mr. John Campbell.
HURON .....	Mr. A. McGillivray.
MAITLAND .....	Mr. James Bennett.
BRUCE .....	Mr. Chas. Rutherford.
MANITOBA .....	Messrs. Angus Robertson, Thos. Davidson, G. B. Greig, — McLaren (Toronto), J. E. Freeman, J. Dow, A. R. Linton, P. Langill, A. McLaren, D. G. Cameron, D. Anderson, J. Kellie, J. McArthur, D. McLean, J. F. Dustan, W. Nicholl, Jas. Todd & J. L. Simpson.

N. B.—The attention of Presbyteries and Students is directed to the regulation of the General Assembly fixing the salaries of Missionaries as follows:—*Students of Divinity*, during the summer, six (\$6) dollars per Sabbath, with board and travelling expenses to the field of labour; *Catechists* (including students in the literary course), five (\$5) dollars per Sabbath, with board. Students appointed to Manitoba receive six (\$6) dollars per Sabbath, with board and travelling expenses *to and from* the field.

LISTS TO BE PRINTED.

It was resolved that the names of all Theological Students in all the colleges of the Western Section of the Church; of such Students attending the Literary Classes in our Colleges or the Theological Seminaries of the United States who wish employment under this Committee; of the Ministers and Catechists who have been reported by Presbyteries as eligible for employment, shall be printed for the use of the Committee and submitted at an early session of the Committee at its March meeting annually.

STATE OF THE FUND.

There was laid on the table and read a report from the Treasurer showing the state of the fund at this date, as follows:

Balance on hand at 1st May .....	\$841.41
Receipts from 1st May to 27th March.....	26,666.80
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	\$27,508.21
Expenditure to 26th March.....	\$28,180.24
Claims passed at this meeting.....	8,775.43
Other liabilities to close of Church year, say.....	2,500.00
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	39,495.67
Amount required before the close of the year (1st May)....	\$11,947.46

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## IRISH CHURCH GRANT.

The Convener reported that he had received and duly acknowledged a grant of £250 from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland on behalf of Home Mission Work.

## GIFT OF CATECHISMS.

The thanks of the Committee were voted to Mr. J. Browning of St. Johns, Newfoundland, for a grant of a large number of copies of the Shorter Catechism and of the Mother's Catechism for distribution in the more destitute Mission fields of the Church.

## NEWSPAPER ATTACK.

The attention of the Committee having been called to a communication in a recent issue of the *Toronto Mail* affecting the Home Mission work of the Church, the following Sub-Committee was appointed to consider the matter: Dr. King, (Convener), Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Macdonnell, Farries and McKenzie. At a subsequent stage of the proceedings the Sub-Committee presented the following report which was unanimously adopted by the Committee:

The Home Mission Committee having had its attention called to an anonymous communication which, as admitted by the editor, was allowed without due consideration, to appear in the *Toronto Mail* of Friday, 23rd March, reflecting injuriously on the Committee's administration, and throwing very grave and slanderous aspersions on the character of the Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, resolves as follows:

1. That the statements contained in the letter respecting the working of the Home Mission field both in the North-West and in Ontario, are in many particulars misleading and untruthful.

2. That Mr. Robertson, the Superintendent of Missions, has proved himself to be an intelligent, indefatigable and self-sacrificing agent of the Church; that during the short period in which he has filled the position, he has been singularly successful, in developing the liberality of the people in Manitoba and the North-West, both in the support of ordinances and in the creation of a Church and Manse Building Fund; in securing the accession to the field of valuable laborers, both Ministers and Students, and, generally, in promoting the rapid extension of the work therein.

3. That the Committee has seen with pain and indignation this attempt to damage the ministerial standing and personal character of Mr. Robertson, not refraining from invading even the privacies of domestic life; that it assures him of its deep sympathy with him under an attack at once so undeserved, so malignant and so cowardly; that it embraces the opportunity to express the high esteem in which its members hold him for his mental vigor, his breadth of view, his devotion to the Church's interests and his zeal in discharging the duties of his difficult position, and to assure him of its hearty support in carrying on the work to which the highest court of the Church has called him.

GUIDANCE ASKED FROM ASSEMBLY.

The following resolution was adopted:

That inasmuch as movements have been initiated in the Presbyteries of Montreal and Quebec, according to which it is proposed to pay monies to supplemented congregations in addition to the supplements granted by this Committee, the Convener be instructed, in the annual report to be presented to the General Assembly, to ask the guidance of the Assembly in the circumstances.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE.

The following is the executive sub-committee to attend to all matters requiring action before next regular meeting; Dr. Cochrane, (Convener), Dr. King, Messrs. Laing, Macdonnell and Warden.

EXPENSES PAID.

The expenses of the committee were noted and paid.

CLOSE.

The committee adjourned at one o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 29th March, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,  
*Secretary.*

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