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OCTOBER, 1900.

MINUTES OF MEETING

OF THE

EXECUTIVE OF THE

Home Mission Committee

(WESTERN SECTION)

OF THE

Presbyterian Church in Canada.

TORONTO, OCTOBER 9TH, 1900.

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. These printed minutes are sent in place of MS. extract minutes to the several Presbyteries.

It is very desirable that Presbytery conveners should, in their annual and semi-annual returns, follow strictly the alphabetical order in which the mission stations occur in the statistical report.

AT TORONTO, and within Knox Church there, on Tuesday, the 9th day of October, 1900, at 9.30 a.m., the Executive of the Home Mission Committee (Western Section) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met and was constituted with prayer. Rev. R. H. Warden, D. D., convener.

The following members were present: Rev. Dr. Warden, convener; Dr. Robertson, Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Findlay, Dr. Somerville, secretary; Rev. Messrs. M. W. McLean, A. Gilray, Mr. R. Kilgour and Lieut.-Col. McCrae.

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:—

PRESBYTERIES	MISSION FIELDS	PRESBYTERIES	MISSION FIELDS
Quebec	\$1139 79	Stratford	\$.....
Montreal	1522 30	Huron .....	.....
Glengarry .....	.....	Maitland .....	.....
Ottawa	1309 00	Bruce .....	.....
Brockville	57 50	Superior	966 00
Lanark and Renfrew....	713 25	Winnipeg	1569 00
Kingston	1674 30	Rock Lake	424 00
Peterborough	222 00	Glenboro'	27 00
Lindsay	342 77	Portage la Prairie	1262 50
Whitby .....	.....	Brandon	243 00
Toronto	189 00	Minnedosa	854 50
Orangeville	130 00	Melita	762 00
Barrie	910 41	Regina	2181 00
North Bay	1801 00	Calgary	1841 00
Owen Sound	227 00	Edmonton	2251 80
Saugeen	156 00	Kootenay	1702 65
Guelph	54 00	Kamloops	1811 20
Algoma	2554 91	Westminster	559 70
Hamilton	108 00	Yukon	2090 50
Paris .....	.....	Victoria	777 35
London	34 00	British Columbia Synod.	
Chatham	432 00	Com. expenses	136 50
Sarnia	78 00		
		Total	\$33114 93

ACTION REGARDING SPECIAL CLAIMS OF PRESBYTERIES

For half year ending Sept. 30th, 1900.

KINGSTON :—

Demorestville	Asked \$54.00	Granted \$54.00.	
Camden	" 48.00	" 32.00.	
Maynooth	" 78.00	" 63.00.	
Marmora	" 60.00	Deferred for information as to definite sum Missionary received from the Field, summer of 1899.	

ALGOMA :—

Michipicoten Asked \$92.40 Granted \$48.00.
Presbytery's attention called to the regulation that this Committee does not pay travelling expenses unless specified when grant is made.

CALGARY :—

The special claims for Gleichen, Graburn and Porcupine Hills, declined in the meantime. Presbytery is asked to visit, with the view of obtaining the whole or part, and to report to March meeting.

EDMONTON :—The special claims for new Fields were granted.

KAMLOOPS :—Special claims declined meantime. See resolution re Calgary.

KOOTENAY :—Special claims declined meantime. See resolution re Calgary.

WESTMINSTER :—Texada special claims of \$7.50 declined.

VICTORIA :—All special claims declined meantime. See resolution re Calgary.

A letter was read from Mr. Jenkins Burkholder, regarding a special claim of \$57.75 for work done in Kamloops Presbytery. The letter was referred to the Presbytery of Kamloops, and the sub-committee on appointments was granted power to pay it if found correct.

CHANGES IN GRANTS, NEW APPLICATIONS, ETC.

The Executive considered new applications from Presbyteries on behalf of Mission Fields. The following are the applications, with the changes made for the half year beginning October 1st, 1900, on the list adopted in March last. The grants are per Sabbath, unless otherwise specified.

MONTREAL	Montreal Annex, granted \$7.70.	To be reduced Oct., 1901.
LANARK AND RENFREW	Madawaska and Killaloe	granted \$6.00.
KINGSTON	Ernestown	granted 1.00.
	Camden 5th	granted 1.00.
	Thanet and the Ridge	granted 6.00.

PETERBOROUGH.....	Clydesdale, granted \$6.00. To be connected with Thanet and the Ridge for winter.
TORONTO	Chester. Presbytery asked \$4.00. Declined. Fairbank and Fisierville. The Committee regrets they are unable to increase the grant for summer supply. Placed on the Augmentation List.
BARRIE	Minesing. No action taken. Bala. Granted \$4.00 for app. catechist. Utterson. Granted \$6.73 for O.M.
NORTH BAY	Mattawa Granted \$4.00 for O.M. Loring " 6.73. Sprucedale " 3.50. Kipling. Asked \$3.00. No action taken. Lumber Camps. Granted a sum not exceeding \$500. Before any money is drawn, a full report shall be given as to the missionaries employed, and the work done.
OWEN SOUND	Desboro and Williamsford. Granted \$5 for O.M.
ALGOMA	Michipicoten Granted \$7.70. Barrie Island " 3.00. Chapleau " 3.00. Goulais Bay " 3.00. Hilton " 3.00. Mills " 3.00. South Bay " 3.00. Whitefish " 3.00.
HAMILTON	Blackheath " 1.50.
SARNIA	Marthaville " 1.00.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

The list of Missionaries desiring work for the winter was made up, and the following appointments to Presbyteries were made :

MONTREAL.....	Rev. D. J. Graham and Rev. M. W. Byron.
GLENGARRY.....	Rev. K. McDonald.
OTTAWA.....	Rev. J. McLaren and Mr. D. J. Craig.
KINGSTON	Rev. J. McIlroy, Rev. H. McLean, Rev. W. A. Stewart, Rev. G. A. Yeomans, Rev. A. Duncan (6 mos.) and Mr. H. McLean.
LINDSAY	Mr. M. W. M. MacKay.
BARRIE	Rev. J. W. Penman.

NORTH BAY Rev. A. Henderson (6 mos.), Rev. R. Hume (6 mos.), Messrs. J. Whelan (one year), W. Anderson (one year), P. H. Lockhart, D. Forbes, H. McClelland, J. McDonald, H. Carmichael, R. L. McFarlane, and D. M. Reid.

OWEN SOUND Rev. Jas. Sieveright (6 mos.), Rev. T. A. Nelson (6 mos.), and W. Martin.

GUELPH Rev. A. McClelland.

ALGOMA Rev. Jas. White (6 mos.), Messrs. W. C. Smith (6 mos.), Jeseph Goodfellow, S. McKinney, M. Armstrong, T. H. Ovens, R. Wood, A. Bell, F. Welch, and T. Ansley.

CHATHAM Rev. A. A. Laing (one year), and Rev. D. Millar.

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST—Revds. J. A. Kirk, D. J. MacDonald, D. Bell, P. McGregor, Jas. Pullar, Geo. Arthur, J. H. Jarvis, Jas. E. Duff, Geo. Extence, J. McGuire, T. W. Pritchard, C. W. Munro, T. Robenburg, C. M. Wyse.

Students :—W. H. Saunderson, W. P. Bartley, W. Cowden, A. Forsythe, A. D. Caskey, T. F. MacGregor, A. Ormiston, A. McFarland, J. Davey, T. McIlroy, Jas. Wilson, R. McMillan, F. McInnis, H. Hamilton, J. Reid, Chas. Foote, I. A. Cormic, Thos. Kirkpatrick, R. J. McPherson, R. Schofield, B. Anderson.

Licentiates—Graduates of 1900 of Manitoba College :—A. J. Inglis, J. A. Beattie, R. C. Pollock, W. F. Gold, John Smith, W. B. Tate, J. G. Stephens, A. M. Skea.

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA :—Revds. J. Munro, J. M. Millar, J. F. Evans, G. G. Scott, Walter Johnston, J. Muir, J. G. Hodges, W. A. Rae, G. C. Grant, J. J. Wright, D. A. Taylor.

Students :—R. Simpson, J. A. McLeod, R. E. Pow, W. Rennie, G. C. Taylor, A. M. Boyd, A. C. Stewart, J. Wilkie, D. MacRae, J. R. MacAllister, Geo. Pringle, D. L. Parr, F. Peacock, T. R. Wilson, D. A. MacKeracher, L. B. Gibson, W. Foss.

The following are available for work :—Rev. E. Mullan, 24 Homewood Avenue, Toronto; Rev. J. S. Stewart, Sandringham P.O.; Rev. W. T. Noble, Gravenhurst P.O.; Rev. H. McLellan, 39 Simcoe Street, Toronto; Rev. J. P. MacInnes, Ripley P.O.; J. C. Bain, catechist, Wallacetown P.O.

THE YUKON.

The Rev. J. A. Sinclair appeared before the Executive, and gave a very full and interesting account of his work in Bennet, White Horse and the Yukon during the past two and one half years. He set forth the desirability of taking up Institutional Church work in Dawson, in order to counteract the evil influences at work there among the miners.

The Committee expressed its satisfaction with the service rendered in circumstances peculiarly trying, and agreed to place on record their high estimation of their missionary, and their confidence in him.

An extract minute of the Home Mission Committee, Synod of British Columbia, was read, directing attention to the desirability of Institutional work in Dawson. The Executive agreed to express its full appreciation of the value of the Institute work in Dawson, and instructed the sub-committee to obtain full information and report to the Home Mission Committee in March next, and that in the meantime the Synodical Home Mission Committee of British Columbia be requested to take steps to see how far all expenses, save the salary of the missionary, may be raised.

The Convener read a full report from Rev. E. D. McLaren of his visit to the Yukon, setting forth the present status there, and giving suggestions as to the carrying on of the work in the future. The convener was requested to convey the cordial thanks of the Committee to Mr. McLaren for his valuable report, and for his kindness in visiting the Yukon. The sub-committee was requested to consider the question of salaries in the Yukon, and to report to the Home Mission Committee at its meeting in March.

REV. R. M. DICKEY'S SERVICES IN BRITAIN.

The Convener reported at length regarding the splendid service rendered to our Home Mission work in Great Britain and Ireland by the Rev. R. M. Dickey during the past nine months. It was unanimously resolved to place upon record our warm appreciation of Mr. Dickey's valuable services, and to convey to him our cordial thanks. It was also agreed to carry out his suggestions, as to securing maps showing the location of our various Home Mission Fields. Dr. Robertson and the secretary were appointed to prepare maps in sections showing the location of the Mission Fields under the care of the Home Mission Committee, Western Section, and to correspond with the Committee of the Eastern Section, with the view of securing their co-operation in preparing maps showing the Home Mission Fields of the Dominion.

MISSION WORK AMONG THE FOREIGNERS.

Dr. Robertson gave a full account of the work being done among the foreign population within the bounds of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories. Efforts are being made to reach them through the medium of schools. The people are taught the English language, and the Bible is used in all the schools. What is needed is competent teachers, able to speak to the people and conduct religious services in their own tongue, and at the same time teach the schools in the English language. Extract minutes were read from the Home Mission Committee of the Synod, showing the work which had been done and the cost incurred. These were referred to Drs. Warden, Robertson and the secretary, with power to take such action as is deemed necessary.

Dr. Robertson was appointed to proceed to Britain, should the state of his health allow him, in time to be at the union of the Free and United Presbyterian Churches of Scotland, and convey the cordial thanks of the Home Mission Committee to those Churches for their sympathy and generous aid to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in its Home Mission work; also, to visit the Colleges in Britain and Ireland, and endeavor to secure for the North-west, several of next spring's graduates. He also was asked, if necessary, to proceed to the Continent, with the view of securing competent missionaries and teachers to overtake the work among the foreign population in the West.

QUALIFICATIONS OF CATECHISTS, AND MISSION FIELDS SUPPLIED BY ORDAINED MISSIONARIES.

The Convener made a statement regarding the lack of uniformity in Presbyteries as to a standard of qualification in certifying catechists for employment by the Home Mission Committee. The sub-committee was instructed to consider the question of a standard of examination for catechists employed in the Home Mission Fields under the care of this Committee, and to report on the whole subject to the Committee at its meeting in March.

On the suggestion of the Convener, the sub-committee was also requested to consider whether there should not be the promise of a definite sum per family or per communicant, and also a minimum of salary promised from the Fields as a whole before it should be eligible to be supplied by an ordained Missionary, and to report on the whole matter at the meeting in March.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Drs. Warden, Robertson and Somerville were appointed the Sub-Committee.

The attention of Conveners in the several Presbyteries is called to the regulation that all Mission Fields requiring aid shall be visited by Presbyteries annually before the meeting in March, with a view to secure increased contributions, and the results of the visitation shall be reported to the Committee at the March meeting, when the grants are revised.

Also, to the action of the Home Mission Committee in March last, to the effect that all Mission Fields hereafter to be supplied by College Students' Missionary Societies are to be assigned to those Societies by the sub-committee of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

Instructions were issued to all Conveners of Presbyteries to see that missionaries in fields supported by this Committee, and especially in fields supported by contributions from the Churches in Britian, furnish in addition to the Schedule report, a detailed statement as to the field, its condition, and the work done by them, so that an intelligent report may be sent for the information of the congregation contributing to its support. The conveners are further instructed to withhold the grant until they shall have received a satisfactory report from the missionary.

In cases where students or other messionaries leave their Fields before the expiry of the term of their engagement, the Home Mission grant is to withheld, and the case reported to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

Dr. Robertson and the Convener were appointed to prepare and issue a Home Mission Leaflet for distribution.

It was agreed that the Home Mission Committee meet at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19th, 1901.

CLOSE.—The Executive Committee adjourned at half-past ten o'clock of the evening of Tuesday, the 9th day of October, 1900, and was closed with prayer and the benediction.

JOHN SOMERVILLE, D.D.,
Secretary.

ROBERT H. WARDEN, D.D.,
Convener.