

MARCH, 1886.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(WESTERN SECTION)

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

TORONTO, 30th and 31st March, and April 1st, 1886.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, 1886, at nine 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 p.m., on Thursday, 1st April.

The following were present :—Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Torrance, Dr. Laing, Rev. Messrs. F. M. Dewey, J. S. Burnet, F. W. Farries, J. A. Carmichael, J. Cleland, D. Kellock, M. W. Maclean, A. Findlay, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, D. B. McDonald, P. Straith, D. J. Macdonnell, J. H. Ratcliffe, J. Rennie, W. Walker, R. Hamilton, A. Gilray, Hector Currie, J. Robertson, Jas. Pritchard, A. Tolmie, P. McF. McLeod, John Ross, (Brussels), C. B. Pitblado, W. T. McMullen, A. B. Mackay and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*; and Messrs. W. Mitchell, T. McCrae and D. McKenzie, *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	\$ 979.00	\$358.00
Montreal	1479.50	439.00
Glengarry	319.00
Ottawa	793.75	477.00
Lanark and Renfrew	840.00	420.50
Brockville	470.00	201.63
Kingston	875.00	428.75
Peterborough	511.50	39.00
Whitby
Lindsay	327.50	42.00
Toronto	662.50	128.00
Barrie	788.50	1528.50 †
Owen Sound	685.00	47.00
Saugeen	175.00	125.00
Guelph	205.00
Hamilton	575.00	286.00
Paris	41.50
London	539.00	100.00
Chatham	325.00	75.00
Sarnia	454.00	8.00
Stratford	155.00
Huron	300.00	52.00
Maitland	570.00
Bruce	350.00	622.40
Winnipeg	568.50	} 6000.00
Rock Lake	560.00	
Brandon	469.20	
Regina	625.00	
	<u>\$14,643.45</u>	

† This includes the sum of \$600, the Rev. A. Findlay's salary for the half year.

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, 1886. 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.

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The state of the fund was reported as follows:—

	HOME MISSION.	AUGMENTATION.
Balance on hand, May 1885.....	\$ 7,260.77	\$ 738.29
Receipts to 29th March, 1886.....	25,178.54	16,620.31
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	\$32,439.31	\$17,358.60
Expenditure to 29th March, 1886.....	26,457.76	15,824.99
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On hand.....	<u>\$5,981.55</u>	<u>\$1,533.61</u>

AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.

CLAIMS FOR PAST HALF YEAR.—Mr. D. J. Macdonnell, convener of the sub-committee on Augmentation, reported that the receipts to date were \$17,163, and that there would probably be a deficit at the close of this year of about \$12,000, including the amount borrowed from the reserve fund last year. The report was received and it was agreed to pay in full the claims for the past six months, drawing upon the reserve fund to the amount required.

CODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS.—The sub-committee appointed to tabulate and revise the regulations under which the Augmentation Scheme is worked, presented the following as their report:—

BY WHOM ADMINISTERED.

I. The Augmentation fund shall be administered by a sub-committee of the Home Mission Committee, with a Secretary appointed by the General Assembly.

HOW FUNDS ARE TO BE PROVIDED.

II. (1) The funds for Home Mission work proper and for Augmentation of Stipends shall be kept distinct and congregations are instructed to contribute separately to these two objects.

(2) It is hoped also that the fund will be largely increased by generous contributions from individual members of the Church whom God hath prospered.

HOW THE LIST SHALL BE MADE UP.

III. (1) The list of Augmented Congregations shall embrace only such charges as have pastors duly called by the people and inducted by the Presbytery and as in the judgment of the Presbytery are entitled to assistance in support of the ministry.

(2) New congregations formed by Presbyteries in consultation with the Augmentation Committee as hereinafter provided (Sec. VII. 2), and vacant congregations requiring aid when settled.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS IN ORDINARY CASES.

IV. The following general conditions shall be observed with regard to congregations to be placed on the list in ordinary cases, viz :

(1.) Congregations to be placed on the list shall (*a*) contribute towards the minister's stipend at least \$400 per annum and a manse or rented house, or make an allowance of \$50 per annum towards house rent ; (*b*) they shall also contribute at the rate of not less than \$4.50 per member in full communion for ministerial support, and (*c*) they shall contribute in addition to the Schemes of the Church.

NOTE.—(*a*) In the case of congregations in which the families reported are more numerous than the members in full communion, the contribution shall be at the rate of not less than \$4.50 per family.

NOTE.—(*b*) In calculating the contribution per communicant or per family, the congregation providing a manse or rented house shall be credited with \$50 per annum, in addition to the amount of salary paid.

(2.) Congregations having settled pastors (at 1st Oct. 1883) and so situated as to forbid the application of the rule requiring a minimum contribution of \$400 and a manse or rented house, or an allowance of \$50 per annum for the same, and a minimum rate of \$4.50 per communicant (or family), shall be admitted to a place on the list on a lower scale of payment to be afterwards determined ; the Committee, acting in conjunction with Presbyteries, to prepare a list of such congregations and to submit it to the General Assembly for approval.

GENERAL CONDITIONS IN MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

V. The following general conditions shall be observed with regard to congregations in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, viz :

Congregations to be placed on the list (*a*) shall contribute to the minister's stipend at least \$500 per annum ; (*b*) they shall also contribute at the rate of not less than \$4.50 per member in full communion, or at the rate of \$4.50 per family, if the number of families exceeds that of communicants, and (*c*) they shall contribute in addition to the Schemes of the Church.

GENERAL CONDITIONS IN CASES OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

VI. The following general conditions shall be observed with regard to congregations in cities, and in towns where the cost of living is exceptionally high, viz :

Congregations to be placed on the list (*a*) shall contribute to the minister's stipend at least \$500 per annum and a manse or rented house, or an allowance of \$100 per annum for the same. (*b*) They shall also contribute at the rate of \$4.50 per communicant or at the rate of \$4.50 per family, if the number of families exceeds that of communicants, and (*c*) they shall in addition contribute to the Schemes of the Church.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY PRESBYTERIES AND COMMITTEE.

VII. The following special conditions shall be observed by Presbyteries and the Committee, before admitting a congregation to a place on the list, viz :

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of families in a locality or on account of the proximity of another congregation or where there might be a re-arrangement of congregations so as to secure greater economy and efficiency in carrying on the work, the Committee, after correspondence with Presbyteries, shall have discretionary power to withhold aid or to grant less than the full amount required to make the stipend \$750 and a manse, and Presbyteries are instructed, where in their judgment the circumstances require it, to make application for a reduced grant.

(2.) The Committee is empowered to withhold until next General Assembly supplement in cases where Mission Stations have been erected into pastoral charges, or where existing congregations have been divided, if in the judgment of the Committee it be undesirable to make such grant.

(3.) Before a settlement shall take place in any congregation requiring aid the congregation shall be visited by the Presbytery with a view to increase the contributions of the people, and the result of the visitation reported to the Committee, who may withhold grants, if they are not satisfied, till the General Assembly has given judgment in the case.

(4.) All congregations requiring aid shall be visited by Presbyteries annually between October and March, with a view to secure increased contributions, and the result of the visitation (with the Presbytery's judgment thereon), shall be reported to the Committee.

(5.) No grant shall be made to any congregation for the year succeeding the March meeting of Committee, where arrears of stipend are reported as due on the 31st December preceding, until such arrears of stipend have been paid.

PRINCIPLES OF DISTRIBUTION IN ORDINARY CASES.

VIII. The principles of distribution of the fund in ordinary cases, shall be as follows:—

(1) Provision shall be made for ministers of congregations on the ordinary list, that they shall receive a stipend of \$750 per annum, and a manse or rented house, or an allowance of \$50 per annum for the same, but beyond that amount the Committee shall be empowered to recognize exceptional liberality on the part of any augmented congregation.

(2) No minister of a congregation on the ordinary list shall receive more than \$300 per annum by way of supplement, save where there is exceptional liberality on the part of the congregation interested, and such liberality shall be first recognized in the case of congregations where under the regulations the stipend would be only \$700 and a manse, so that their ministers may receive \$750 and a manse.

(3) The general principles above, shall be limited by the special condition recited in Sec. VII. 1.

PRINCIPLES OF DISTRIBUTION FOR MANITOBA AND THE NORTH WEST.

IX. The principles of distribution for Manitoba and the North-West Territories, shall be as follows:—

(1) Provision shall be made for ministers in Manitoba and the North-West that they may receive a stipend of \$950 per annum, it being under-

stood that where a manse is provided \$50 per annum shall be deducted from the supplement, but this shall not be applied so as to reduce the stipend of any of the ministers now (June 1884) settled in augmented charges.

(2) No minister of any augmented congregation in Manitoba or the North-West shall receive more than \$400 per annum by way of supplement, save in cases where there has been exceptional liberality on the part of the congregation interested, and whose ministers are only in receipt of a stipend of \$900 per annum, in which case, if the funds permit, the whole stipend may be made \$950 per annum.

(3) In British Columbia and in special cases in the North-West Territories, the Committee, subject to the sanction of the General Assembly, may grant aid so as to make the stipend more than \$950 per annum.

(4) The above principles shall be subject to the conditions recited in Sect. VII, 1.

PRINCIPLES OF DISTRIBUTION IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

X. The principles of distribution in case of cities, and towns where the cost of living is exceptionally high, shall be as follows :

(1.) Provision may be made *at the discretion of the Committee*, so that ministers of congregations requiring aid in cities, and in towns where the cost of living is exceptionally high, may receive a stipend up to \$1000 per annum, with an allowance of \$100 per annum for house rent where there is no manse.

(2.) No minister of a congregation so situated shall receive more than \$400 per annum by way of supplement, save in cases where there has been exceptional liberality on the part of the congregations interested, in which case, if the funds permit, the Committee may, if it see cause, make an increase of not more than \$100 in the case of ministers who would otherwise only receive a stipend of \$1000 without allowance for manse.

(3.) The above principles shall be subject to the conditions recited in Sect. VII, 1.

SPECIAL CONDITION OF DISTRIBUTION APPLICABLE TO ALL CASES.

XI. At the October and March meetings of Committee distribution shall be made on the basis of \$50 per annum less in each case than the provision proposed in Sections VIII, IX and X,—it being understood that if the funds permit at the end of the financial year, (or if the General Assembly shall so order it, even when there is a deficiency) an equal distribution shall be made to all ministers of congregations on the list, of such further amount as may be available, (or as may be ordered by the General Assembly.)

XII. The amount of aid to be given to congregations on the list, when vacant, shall be determined by the Committee; such aid to be limited to congregations contributing less than \$600 per annum (and in British Columbia and the North-West Territories less than \$750 per annum) for salary when having settled pastors.

The report was received and adopted and ordered to be submitted to the General Assembly for its approval.

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MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

PRINCE ALBERT.—The convener read a letter from the Rev. W. McWilliam, intimating his purpose to resign his charge at Prince Albert—to take effect on the 31st August next. The convener was instructed to write Mr. McWilliam urging him to reconsider his decision, but, in the event of his declining to alter it, asking him to intimate his intention without delay to the Presbytery of Regina. It was agreed to correspond with the Regina Presbytery intimating that in the event of Mr. McWilliam pressing his resignation this Committee will be glad to co-operate with the Presbytery in securing a suitable missionary for Prince Albert.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—There was laid on the table 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 a sub-committee consisting of Dr. Laing, *convener*, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. Somerville, McCrae and Mackenzie. At a later stage the sub-committee reported, and the following resolution was adopted, on motion of Dr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. Tolmie :—

The Committee agree that as it is necessary that the system of keeping the accounts in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West be brought into line with that in use by this Committee so that there may be no difficulty in preparing statements for the Church, Dr. King, Mr. Pitblado and Judge Taylor be asked to confer with Mr. Whimster, the Synod's agent, and with any others as may be thought necessary for the purpose of having this object secured; and further, that the same parties be asked to see that the agent's accounts for the past year are audited and reports forwarded before the first of May, on the forms required by the General Assembly.

On receiving the statement and reports the executive was empowered to take such action as they deem desirable regarding the deficit for the year just closed.

SALARIES AT SPECIAL POINTS.—It was agreed to authorize the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West to make the salaries of the ordained missionaries at Fort McLeod and Lethbridge \$1200 per annum, and the ordained missionary at High River \$1,000 per annum.

MR. FARQUHAR MCRAE.—An application from the Presbytery of Brandon for the appointment of Mr. Farquhar McRae as ordained missionary within their bounds, was not granted.

GRANTS FOR NEXT YEAR.—Mr. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, submitted on behalf of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, an estimate of the amounts required for the several fields for the year beginning 1st April, 1886. After consideration the following resolutions were adopted :—

1. That the liability of this Committee for mission work in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West for the year beginning 1st April, 1886, be limited to a sum not exceeding \$21,000, viz., \$19,000 for services of missionaries and \$2,000 for travelling and all other expenses.

2. That the amounts asked for the respective fields be granted, the rate per annum to be calculated at so much per Sabbath.

3. That the Home Mission money to be paid for services in mission fields shall not exceed the grant per Sabbath now made to the field where the service is rendered.

4. That of the \$19,000 above referred to, the amount to be drawn by the Synod for services in the respective Presbyteries will not exceed the following :—

Winnipeg	\$2,500
Rock Lake.....	2,350
Brandon.....	5,750
Regina.....	8,400
	\$19,000

5. That the amounts will be payable as follows :—

- (1) *Presbytery of Winnipeg*.—\$500 in April 1886; \$250 on 1st July, 1886; the balance of the amount due for services to 30th September, in October 1886, on the order of the Executive, after reports have been received of the work done in the several fields; \$600 on 1st January, 1887; and the balance of the amount due for services to 31st March 1887, in April 1887, after the reports have been submitted to the Home Mission Committee, of the work done in the several fields for the six months then ending.
- (2) *Presbytery of Rock Lake*.—\$450 in April, 1886; \$250 on 1st July, 1886; balance due to 30th September, in October, 1886; \$500 on 1st January, 1887; and the balance due to 31st March, in April, 1887.
- (3) *Presbytery of Brandon*.—\$1,400 in April, 1886; \$600 on 1st July, 1886; balance due to 30th September, in October, 1886; \$1,000 on 1st January, 1887; and the balance due to 31st March, in April, 1887.
- (4) *Presbytery of Regina*.—\$1,750 in April, 1886; \$800 on 1st July, 1886; balance due to 30th September, in October, 1886; \$1,000 on 1st January, 1887; and the balance due to 31st March, in April, 1887.

6. That the amount allowed for travelling and all other expenses be payable as follows:—\$1,000 in April, 1886; the balance of the amount due to 30th September (if any), in October, 1886, on the order of the Executive, after a statement in detail has been submitted; one half the balance then remaining of the \$2,000, on 1st January, 1887; and the remainder, so far as required, in April, 1887, after the statement of the expenditure of the half year ending 31st March has been submitted to the Home Mission Committee.

7. That there be forwarded to the Home Mission Committee, semi-annually, on forms provided for the purpose, a report of the services rendered and the amounts paid for such services, in each of the fields of the several Presbyteries respectively.

FUTURE ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS.—The following resolution was adopted: “That the committee, being convinced that the time has arrived when the administration of Home Mission funds in the North-West should be brought into line with that of the Presbyteries in the older Provinces, recommend the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West to consider what modifications, if any, of existing regulations are necessary, and report through the executive to the General Assembly.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES.—In accordance with the instructions of the executive, the missionaries in British Columbia had met in conference and considered the present position and prospects of the work in that Province. Their report in printed form was submitted and received.

REPORT FROM MR. D. M. GORDON.—There was also submitted in printed form a report from the Rev. D. M. Gordon of Winnipeg, who at the request of the executive had visited British Columbia and held a conference with the missionaries of our own Church; as also a conference with the ministers of the Church of Scotland, labouring in that Province, at which resolutions were adopted favourable to union, and to the formation of a Presbytery in British Columbia, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The report was received and the cordial thanks of the Committee voted to Mr. Gordon for his valuable services.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.—In accordance with the recommendations of the above-named reports it was resolved :—

1. To recommend the General Assembly to erect a Presbytery in British Columbia, to be called the Presbytery of Columbia, to be connected with the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West.

2. To appoint four additional missionaries to British Columbia, three for a term of three years and one for a term of one year; the salary to be \$1,000 per annum together with travelling expenses to the field,—the full salary to be guaranteed by this Committee for the first year; the fields to be supplied by these missionaries being :—

Spallumcheen, &c., expected from people.....	\$600 per annum
Victoria district, " " "	700 do.
Alberni, " " "	200 do.
Spence Bridge, &c. " " "	1000 do.

3. To make the following grants for the ensuing year :—

New Westminster.....	\$400 if required.
Vancouver and North Arm.....	300
Nicola.....	400
Spallumcheen group	400
Victoria district.....	300
Alberni.....	800
Spence Bridge, &c.....	Self supporting.
Pandora St., Victoria.....	do. do.

4. To express warm appreciation of the services rendered to Presbyterianism and to religion in British Columbia by the Church of Scotland.

MISSIONARIES APPOINTED.—The Rev. D. McRae and the Rev. J. A. Jaffray were appointed for three years to British Columbia; the field of the former, meantime, to be the Victoria district, and of the latter the Spallumcheen group. The appointment of two other missionaries was remitted to the executive.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—The convener reported that the Rev. J. S. Mackay, of New Westminster, had been compelled to withdraw temporarily from his congregation on account of ill-health, and that Mr. S. J. Taylor, of Moose Jaw, had been appointed by the executive to supply his place meantime, the congregation contributing \$40 per month towards Mr. Taylor's salary, in addition to meeting their portion of Mr. Mackay's salary during his absence. The report was received, and it was agreed to express sympathy with Mr. Mackay in his affliction, to continue the grant to him meanwhile, and to grant Mr. Taylor \$50 per month, together with his travelling expenses, (\$135.35,) to the field.

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APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT AND OTHER MISSIONARIES.

CERTIFICATION OF STUDENTS.—The following resolution was adopted :—

“That students from colleges other than those of our own church, asking employment for the ensuing summer, though not formally certified by Presbyteries, according to the regulation of Assembly, be regarded as eligible for work this summer; and that these colleges be notified that hereafter a Presbyterial certificate will be required of every student seeking employment from this Committee.”

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

QUEBEC.....	Messrs. G. F. Kinnear, M. McLennan, Jas. Sutherland, J. W. Whitelaw, Norman McLeod, and John McGregor.
MONTREAL.....	Messrs. N. Waddell, C. J. Hastings, J. E. Duclos, and Rev. H. McLean.
GLENGARRY.....	Mr. D. McLean.
OTTAWA.....	Messrs. J. J. Dobbin, Geo. Dempster, T. R. Shearer, G. A. Blair, and J. W. McLeod.
LANARK AND RENFREW.....	Messrs. Rod. McKay, Wm. Allan, A. Patterson (Queen's Eganville, two years) A. McAulay (Dalhousie, two years), J. W. H. Milne, J. M. McLean, J. H. Graham, J. S. McIlraith, Alex. McGregor, Rev. M. Turnbull.
BROCKVILLE.....	Messrs. D. J. Hyland, J. J. Wright, R. Whiteman, Hugh Ross, D. D. McDonald, A. McWilliams, W. E. Wallace, C. Lowrie.
KINGSTON.....	Messrs. A. Givan, (L'Amable, two years), W. G. Mills, S. Childerhose, Johnston Henderson, D. L. Dewar, J. Rattray, J. McKinnon, W. H. Cornett, P. A. McLeod, J. A. Reddon, J. W. Lowden, John Sharp.
PETERBOROUGH.....	Messrs. Wm. Mowat, J. A. Macdonald (Queen's), A. E. Duncan, W. T. Parson, F. P. Miller.
LINDSAY.....	Messrs. L. C. Emes, L. Perrin, Rev. Jas. Ferguson.
TORONTO.....	Messrs. G. T. Ballantyne, J. Mackay, R. M. Hamilton, Jas. A. Grant, Jas. A. Beattie.
BARRIE.....	Messrs. A. H. Drumm (Port Carling, two years), J. A. McDonald (Knox), E. B. McGhee, Jos. Elliot, R. J. Sturgeon, T. A. Cosgrove, M. Watson, J. F. Langton Alex. McDonald, J. A. McLean, J. G. Jackson, John Garrioch, W. M. Robertson, J. Gilmour, J. W. Hewitt, J. B. Hamilton, A. G. Jansen, R. Drinnen, C. B. Hemming, N. Bethune.
OWEN SOUND.....	Messrs. A. McIntyre, Wm. Farquharson, J. C. Tolmie, W. H. Johnston, Dd. Miller, J. H. Buchanan, John McNeil, N. Lindsay, Rev. W. Forrest.
SAUGEEN.....	Messrs. D. A. McLean, A. Stevenson, John Robertson, M. Rumble, and — Madill.

GUELPH	Mr. John R. Campbell.
HAMILTON	Messrs. J. W. Rae, J. W. Orr, A. Wilson, W. J. Clark, R. H. Craig, R. Pyke.
PARIS	None.
LONDON	Messrs. G. A. Francis, Aw. Beattie, Allan Paterson, R. Henderson.
CHATHAM	Messrs. A. U. Campbell, Wm. Graham, D. McGillivray, Hugh Brown, Aw. Russell, P. Uzzell.
SARNIA	Messrs. G. A. McLennan, W. Malcolm Kay.
BRUCE	Messrs. J. L. Campbell, (Gore Bay, two years), John Crawford, W. A. Bradley, D. McMillan, Rev. E. B. Rodgers (Sault Ste. Marie, two years), W. W. McArthur, H. McLennan.
MANITOBA SYNOD	Messrs. A. McD. Haig (two years), R. C. Tibb (one year), S. M. Marsh, W. B. Cumming, Rt. Gow (two years), D. H. Hodges (two years), John McLaren (two years), A. Currie (two years), A. Ogilvie (two years), W. D. Roberts (two years), D. C. Cameron, John McArthur, W. S. Moore, J. M. Simpson, Dd. Anderson, Wm. Omand, Aw. McLean, Geo. Laird, H. W. Fraser, Wm. Steele, M. R. Gordon, D. Munroe, W. McMillan, Angus McLeod, Isaac McDonald, Duncan Campbell, D. D. McKay, A. C. Hansom, C. H. Wilson, M. Lockhart, R. B. Arthur, Jos. Goodie (two years), Rev. C. McKillop, (Lethbridge, three years), and J. M. Gardiner (two years).

MISCELLANEOUS.

GRADUATING STUDENTS.—It was agreed that the names of the third year Theological students from the respective colleges of the church, who have asked for and received work from this Committee for the ensuing summer, be reported to the General Assembly as eligible for settlement, in accordance with the law of the church, on the expiry of the six months ending 30th September next.

GRANTS FROM BRITISH CHURCHES.—The convener reported that he had received and suitably acknowledged a grant of £200 Stg. from the Free Church of Scotland, and of £150 Stg. from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. He further reported that the Divinity Students of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland were raising money this year for Home Mission work in Manitoba and the North-West and hoped to send from £1,000 to £1,200 Stg. The reports were received and gratification expressed therewith.

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DEATH OF REV. W. A. LANG.—The death, recently, of Rev. W. A. Lang, a member of this Committee, was reported, and it was agreed to express sympathy with Mrs. Lang in her bereavement.

REV. A. FINDLAY'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.—Dr. Laing, Messrs. Moodie and Mackenzie were appointed a sub-committee to consider the question of the travelling expenses of the Rev. Allan Findlay in supervising the mission field under his care. At a later stage the sub-committee presented a report, recommending that hereafter, in addition to his salary of \$1200 per annum, Mr. Findlay be allowed a mileage rate of four cents per mile on all his travelling, whether in Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing or Algoma districts. The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

WINTER SUPPLY.—With a view to comply with the requirements of last General Assembly regarding the winter supply of mission fields, the Secretary was instructed to prepare a suitable schedule, to be sent to the conveners of the several Presbyteries of the Church.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE.—The following is the executive for the year:—Dr. Cochrane (convener), Dr. Campbell, Dr. Laing, Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, 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, (convener), Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. A. B. Mackay, P. McF. McLeod, F. W. Farries, Wm. Mitchell, R. Kilgour, and R. H. Warden.

CLOSE.—The Committee adjourned at six o'clock, P.M. on Thursday, 1st April, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
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