

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.

OCTOBER, 1891.

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

OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,
TORONTO, 13th and 14th OCTOBER, 1891.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday the 13th day of October, 1891, 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 following members were present:—Dr. Cochrane, convener; Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Robertson, Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, R. Moodie, A. Tolmie, A. Gilray, F. W. Farries, J. Somerville and R. H. Warden.

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. | FOR MISSION FIELDS. | FOR AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS. |
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| Quebec | \$1045.13 | \$1209.50 |
| Montreal..... | 915.00 | 1134.00 |
| Glengarry..... | 78.00 | 375.00 |
| Ottawa | 1107.00 | 622.50 |
| Brockville | 280.00 | 456.00 |
| Lanark and Renfrew..... | 948.75 | 412.50 |
| Kingston..... | 1267.60 | 900.00 |
| Peterborough..... | 323.85 | 338.00 |
| Lindsay..... | 228 00 | 16.65 |
| Whitby..... | | 100.00 |
| Toronto..... | 298.00 | 681.00 |
| Orangeville | 100.00 | 287.50 |
| Barrie | 2333.18 | 564.10 |
| Owen Sound..... | 481.00 | 175.00 |
| Saugeen | | 100.00 |
| Guelph | 78.00 | 125 00 |
| Hamilton..... | 104.00 | 891 75 |
| Paris | | 62.50 |
| London | | 802.50 |
| Chatham..... | 14.50 | 257.50 |
| Sarnia..... | 174.00 | 162.00 |
| Stratford..... | | |
| Huron | | 275.00 |
| Maitland | | 300.00 |
| Bruce | 1536.10 | 217.00 |
| Winnipeg..... | 1757.75 | 450.00 |
| Rock Lake..... | 957.75 | 349.20 |
| Brandon | 1003.00 | 809.89 |
| Minnedosa..... | 1956.00 | 104.00 |
| Regina | 2190.60 | 651.92 |
| Calgary | 2216.00 | 343.00 |
| Columbia | 2839.70 | 150.00 |
| Trav. expenses N. W. Synod... | 489.25 | |
| | <u>\$24,716.16</u> | <u>\$13,323.01</u> |

CHANGES IN GRANTS—NEW APPLICATIONS, &c.

The Committee considered new applications from Presbyteries on behalf of Mission fields and augmented congregations. The following are the applications, with the changes made, for the half-year beginning 1st October, 1891, on the list adopted in March last. (See pages 64 to 85 of Appendix No. 1 to the Minutes of the General Assembly, 1891):

MISSION STATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC:

- Kennebec Road,—Grant continued at \$6.25 per Sabbath.
- New Rockland,—Grant increased to \$5.77 per Sabbath.
- Chicoutimi,—Granted \$5.77 for ordained missionary who will teach school on week days.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL:—

- St. Lamberts—Granted \$7.70 per Sabbath for ordained missionary.
- Montreal Junction,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath.
- Trout River Line,—Grant continued at \$2 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW:—

- Stafford and Osceola,—Granted \$5.77 per Sabbath for ordained missionary.
- Eganville and Scotch Bush,—Granted \$5.77 per Sabbath for ordained missionary.
- Darling,—Removed from the list of Mission Stations.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE:—

- Stone's and Fairfield,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY:—

- Sebright and Uphill,—Granted \$5.77 per Sabbath for ordained missionary or \$3 for student supply.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO:—

- Chester,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE:—

- Whitefish,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.
- Banks and Gibraltar,—Granted \$5.77 per Sabbath for ordained missionary
- Sundridge,—Granted \$4.85 do do do.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND:—

- Daywood and Caven,—Special claim of \$75—Granted.
- Johnston and Woodford,—Do. \$45—Granted.
- Presbytery asked \$3.85 per Sabbath for ordained missionary to labor in the above-named four stations.—Declined, and Presbytery urged to try and arrange the whole field with a view to save the Home Mission fund.
- Markdale,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS:—

- Onondaga and Alberton, now united,—No grant.
- Brantford, St. Andrew's Church,—No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM:—

- Blytheswood, &c.—Granted \$2.20 per Sabbath for ordained missionary, [from 18 August 1891.
- Buxton,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.
- Colchester,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE :—

Thessalon,—Granted \$7.70 per Sabbath for ordained missionary.
 Manitowaning,—Granted \$7.70 do. do. do.
 Webwood,—Granted \$6.00 do. do. do.
 or \$3.00 per Sabbath for catechist.
 Spanish River and Blind River,—No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG :—

Clarkleigh,—Special claim of \$30.00.—Granted.
 Lake Winnipeg Fisheries,—Special claim of \$30.75—Granted.
 Castleman,— do. do. \$40.00— do.
 Millbrook,— Granted \$4 per Sabbath for ordained missionary.
 Clearsprings,— do. \$4 do. do. do.
 Fort Frances,— do. \$8 do. do. do.
 Castleman,— do. \$2 do. for catechist.
 Posen,— do. \$5 do. do.
 Beausejour,— do. \$3 do. do.
 Silver Mountain,—do. \$4 do. do.
 Norman,— do. \$2 do. do.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE :—

Melita,—Special claim of \$14—Granted.
 Darlingford,— Granted \$5 per Sabbath for ordained missionary.
 Cartwright,— do. \$5 do. do. do.
 Antlers,— do. \$5 do. do. do.
 Marringhurst,— do. \$5 do. do. do.
 Melita,— do. \$6 do. do. do.
 Musselboro,— do. \$4 do. for catechist.
 La Riviere,— do. \$3 do. do.
 Waskada,— do. \$4 do. do.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON :—

Elkhorn,— Granted \$5 per Sabbath for ordained missionary.
 Penrith,— do. \$4 do. do. do.
 Menteith,— do. \$5 do. do. do. or \$2 for
 Arizona,— do. \$3 do. for catechist. [catechist.
 Tarbolton,— do. \$4 do. do. do.
 Daybreak,— do. \$4 do. do. do.
 Minnewana,— do. \$4 do. do. do.

PRESBYTERY OF MINNEDOSA :

Arden,— Granted \$4 per Sabbath for ordained missionary,
 Bridge Creek,—do. \$5 do. do. do. or \$3 for
 Yorkton,— do. \$6 do. do. do. [catechist.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA :—

Kenlis,—Special claim of \$80,—Granted.
 Jumping Creek,—No grant.
 Rose Plain,— Granted \$7.70 per Sabbath for ordained missionary.
 Carsdale & Long Lake,—do. \$5 do. do. do.
 Alameda,— do. \$6 do. do. do.
 Winlaw,— do. \$5 do. do. do. or \$3
 [for catechist.
 Broadview & Grenfell—do. \$8 do. for ordained missionary.
 Kenlis,— do. \$4 do. for catechist.
 Kinistino,— do. \$5 do. do.
 Lansdowne,— do. \$4 do. do.
 Saskatoon,— do. \$5 do. do.

PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY :—

Calgary and Edmonton Ry.,—Special claim of \$55,—Granted.
 Banff,— do. \$26,— do.
 Nelson,— do. \$44.— do.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA :—

Alberni,—Granted \$7.70 per Sabbath, and Presbytery recommended to utilize, if possible, the services of the Rev. J. A. Macdonald for this winter.
 Rosedale and Island,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath for catechist.
 Mount Pleasant,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath, to be supplied by Rev. J. M. McLeod.
 New Westminster East,—Granted \$7.70 per Sabbath for ordained missionary.

AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA :—

Bryson,—Transferred to Augmented list, with \$2 per Sabbath till settled.
 Litchfield,— do. do. \$2 do. do.
 Hawkesbury,—Removed from the list,—self-supporting.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW :—

Mattawa,—Transferred to Augmented list, with \$250 per annum.
 Middleville and Darling,—Granted \$100 per annum.
 Dalhousie, Hopetown and Brightside,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath till settled.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE :—

Oxford and Bishop's Mills,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath till settled.
 N. Williamsburgh,—Granted \$2 do. do.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH :—

Janetville, Ballyduff, &c.—Presbytery asked grant of \$300 per annum.
 As there were no recent statistics the Committee delayed the application.
 Havelock,—Granted \$300 per annum, in the hope that the grant may be reduced next March.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY :—

Cambray, &c.—Granted \$2 per Sabbath till settled.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO :—

Bonar Church, Toronto,—Granted \$200 per annum from date of settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE :—

Parry Sound,—Granted \$250 per annum from date of settlement.
 Sudbury,—Granted \$300 do. do. do.
 North Bay,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath till settled.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON :—

Waterford, &c.—Granted \$200 per annum from date of settlement.
 Port Dalhousie,—Granted \$100 do. do. do.
 Port Colborne,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath till settled.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS :—

Mount Pleasant and Burford,—Grant reduced to \$100 per annum from 1st October, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON :—

Alymer & Springfield,—Granted \$200 per annum from date of settlement.
 Hyde Park, &c.—Granted \$150 do. do. do.
 London East,—Grant reduced to \$300 per annum from 1st October, 1891.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA :—

Alvinston,—Granted \$200 per annum from date of settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND :—

Langside,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath till settled.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE :—

Little Current,—Transferred to Augmented list, with grant of \$250 per annum from date of settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG :—

Dominion City,—Transferred to Augmented list with grant of \$250 per annum from date of settlement.

Morris,—Transferred to Augmented list with grant of \$300 per annum from date of settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE :—

Boissevain,—Granted \$200 per annum from date of settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON :—

McGregor,—Transferred to Augmented list with grant of \$150 per annum from date of settlement.

Holland,—Transferred to Augmented list with grant of \$200 per annum from date of settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA :—

Indian Head,—Transferred to Augmented list with grant of \$200 from date of settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY :—

Medicine Hat,—Granted \$200 per annum from date of settlement.

Edmonton,—Grant reduced to \$400 per annum from 1st October, 1891.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

The list of laborers available for work during the winter half-year was made up and appointments given as follows :—

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL..Revs. J. A. McLean and T. Muir, and Mr. R. Thomson.

“ OTTAWA..Rev. W. Christie and Mr. A. McPhee (to Portland for one year).

“ LANARK AND RENFREW..Rev. A. Mackenzie (Eganville, 1 year) and Mr. Daniel Scott.

“ BARRIE..Revs. R. J. Adamson, M. Turnbull, and Messrs. S. McCartney and J. Garrioch.

“ OWEN SOUND...Revd. W. D. Ballantyne, Messrs. Malcolm McLennan, Robt. Martin, Albert E. Thompson and Wm. Thompson.

“ BRUCE..Rev. Jas. V. Johnston, Rev. E. D. Pelletier, and Messrs. D. J. Graham, and J. P. McInnis.

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST..Revs. Jas. Gilchrist, J. W. Penman, R. Frew, Rich'd. Whiteman, W. Stables Smith, Gavin Hamilton, W. J. Mackenzie, Jos. Andrew, Jos. White, E. A. McElmon, (appointment of Columbia Presbytery confirmed), and Messrs. Wm. McCutcheon, Wm. Rennie, R. B. Heron, Franklin Ireland, Hugh A. Fergusson, J. S. Brandon, R. P. Byers, Wm. Graham, P. McNab, J. S. Dobbin, J. W. McLean and Alexr. McGregor.

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEES' EXPENSES.—It was agreed to pay a claim of \$67.60 for the travelling and other expenses of the Synodical Committee for the past half-year, as also a special claim of \$40.00 in connection with the working of the Fort Frances field in the summer of 1890.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Synod's Committee submitted an estimate of the amounts required to meet the

travelling expenses back to College of the student missionaries laboring in the Synod during the past summer.

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| Presbytery of Winnipeg..... | \$42.00 |
| “ Rock Lake..... | 3.00 |
| “ Brandon..... | 96.00 |
| “ Minnedosa..... | 32.00 |
| “ Regina..... | 101.00 |
| “ Calgary | 215.25 |

\$489.25

The amount—\$489.25—was ordered to be paid, and the several Presbyteries were instructed to furnish the Committee in March next with a detailed statement of the amounts actually paid the several missionaries for travelling expenses.

REDUCED SALARIES.—It was agreed to recommend to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, that in making grants next Spring to augmented congregations in the Province of Manitoba they proceed on the basis of a total salary of \$900 per annum instead of \$950 as heretofore, and that in the North West Territories the grants to augmented charges be based on a salary of \$50 per annum less than at present.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.—An interesting report was submitted from the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, now convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

Mr. Greenless had left the Province without entering on the work assigned him.

The Rev. A. Young had gone to Northfield and East and North Wellington in July and reported the prospect as most hopeful. Churches are likely to be erected at once in North Wellington and Northfield. The Executive is of opinion that Mr. Young should reside in the bounds of the field assigned him, and regret their inability to grant the application for a special grant of \$200 made on his behalf by the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. The appointment of the Rev. E. A. McElmon to Surrey was confirmed. It was agreed to grant \$300 to Mr. Whidden for services rendered in Kettle River. The Executive expressed their gratification in learning that at Victoria West a new Church has just been opened and that New Westminster West is to be disjoined in January next from New Westminster East with a view to becoming a self-supporting charge.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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 (197.52) were ordered to be paid.

MRS. NICHOLL'S BEQUESTS.—It was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Home Mission Committee at its meeting next March, that of the \$10,000 received from Mrs. Nicholl's estate for Home Missions the sum of \$4,000 be used for augmentation purposes; and that of the \$10,000 received for Home Missions in the North-West the sum of \$2,000 be used for augmented congregations in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West.

MR. W. CREAM'S BEQUEST.—The Convener reported that he had received a copy of a protest served upon the executors of the estate of the late Mr. W. Cream of Quebec by the heirs, to the effect that as there was a community of property between Mr. Cream and his wife, he had no power to will that portion of his estate bequeathed to the Home, French and Foreign Mission funds of the Church, and restraining the executors from paying said bequests. The matter was referred to Drs. Cochrane and Warden, with instructions to take legal advice and such action as may be necessary, after consultation with the other Mission Boards.

MR. P. J. MCRAE'S BEQUEST.—A communication was read affecting a bequest of \$1000 to the Home Mission fund from the late Mr. Peter J. McRae of Kenyon. It was referred for such action as may be necessary to Drs. Cochrane and Warden.

YOUNG PEOPLES' HOME MISSION SOCIETIES :—In regard to the establishment of Young Peoples Home Mission Societies sanctioned by last General Assembly, the Committee earnestly request the representative of the Home Mission Committee in each Presbytery to take steps at the earliest date to have a Young Peoples' Society organized in every Congregation within the bounds.

SALARY OF 2ND YEAR THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS :—The following resolution was adopted :

That Students who have completed their second year in Theology and who accept appointments for a period of at least one year under the regulation of last General Assembly respecting an extra mural session, shall receive, until they have passed their examination in the extra mural session, the salary given to unordained men laboring continuously for one year in a field.

Under this regulation Mr. Alexander MacGregor was appointed for one year to the Synod of Manitoba and North West.

AUGMENTATION GRANTS.—The Committee find that owing to the unusually large number of congregations, especially in the North West, that have been transferred since the meeting of Assembly from the list of Mission Stations to that of Augmented charges, the expenditure for the current year will be considerably in excess even of the estimate then made. In view of this fact the Committee, to prevent disappointment to the pastors of these charges, feels constrained to indicate the probability that in March next payments will be made on a reduced scale for the current half year, in accordance with the resolution of the Home Mission Committee at its meeting in March last, which is as follows :—

It was resolved to notify Presbyteries and missionaries that while the grants made are the amounts which, in the judgment of the Committee, are necessary for the efficient working of the fields, this Committee can only disburse the money placed at its disposal by the Church, and earnestly appeals to Presbyteries to adopt means to secure largely increased contributions on behalf of the Fund from the congregations within their bounds.

The Committee however expresses the hope that in response to the appeal of the Moderator of the General Assembly, the contributions may be such as to meet the requirements of the year.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS.—The following were empowered to make any necessary appointments to fields prior to the March meeting of the Committee :—Drs. Cochrane, Robertson, Macdonnell and Warden.

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING.—It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Executive on Monday 28th March next, at 8.30 P.M. ; and clerks and conveners of Presbyteries are instructed to forward to the Secretary, prior to the 21st March, the claims for the current half year, also applications for grants for the ensuing year, together with extract minutes, etc., that the business of the Committee may be expedited as much as possible.

CLOSE.—The Committee adjourned at seven o'clock of the evening of Wednesday, the fourteenth October, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
Convener.