

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 Mr. WARDEN, on or before 25th April, when the reports will be put in the printer's hands.

MARCH, 1887.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(WESTERN SECTION.)

OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

TORONTO, 29th, 30th AND 31st MARCH AND 1st APRIL, 1887.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday, the 29th day of March, 1887, 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 11 P.M. on Friday, 1st April.

The following were present:—Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Torrance, Dr. Laing, Rev. Messrs. J. G. Pritchard, 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, J. Rennie, W. Walker, R. Hamilton, A. Gilray, Hector Currie, J. Robertson, P. Musgrave, A. Tolmie, P. McF. McLeod, John Ross (Brussels), C. B. Pitblado, D. J. McLean, W. T. McMullen, and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*; and Messrs. 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	\$ 813.50	\$679.35
Montreal	1416.50	363.00
Glengarry	433.43	66.00
Ottawa	662.50	530.00
Lanark and Renfrew	785.00	523.50
Brockville	175.00	338.00
Kingston	1029.50	677.45
Peterborough	470.00	159.15
Whitby
Lindsay	257.50	89.00
Toronto	523.00	112.00
Orangeville	365.00	122.60
Barrie	897.10	† 1794.78
Owen Sound	285.00	208.00
Saugeen	100.00	88.00
Guelph
Hamilton	382.00	216.00
Paris	100.00
London	550.00	100.00
Chatham	* 427.00	110.00
Sarnia	437.00	70.00
Stratford	125.00
Huron	250.00	52.00
Maitland	488.00
Bruce	† 212.50	1402.30
Winnipeg	495.00	1230.68
Rock Lake	725.00	1064.12
Brandon	581.22	2778.02
Regina	§ 750.00	3588.34
	<u>\$13,735.75</u>	<u>\$16,362.29</u>

† Rev. A. Findlay's salary and expenses for past half-year are included here.

* This includes a special grant of \$100 for past year to Leamington.

† Including \$25 to Hanover. &c. for half-year ending 30th September, 1886.

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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, 1887. 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 fund was reported as follows:—

	HOME MISSION.	AUGMENTATION.
Balance on hand, May, 1886.	\$ 2,726.02	\$ 348.02
Receipts to 29th March, 1887.	27,248.84	19,548.23
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	\$29,974.86	\$19,896.25
Expenditure to 29th March, 1887.	27,963.90	14,841.79
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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

REPORTS.—The Convener submitted extract minutes of the Presbytery of Columbia, and reports from several of the fields. Rev. Thos. Scouler had been inducted as Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster; Rev. Messrs. Dunn and Tait had accepted the appointment of the Committee, and proceeded to their fields, the former being now at Alberni, and the latter at Langley. The congregations of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, and of Vancouver were reported self-sustaining, each paying a salary of \$1500 per annum. The Vancouver field has been divided, Vancouver City remaining under Mr. Thompson, who was to be formally inducted in April, and Richmond and Ladnor's Landing being organized into a

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separate charge. The Nicola field has also been divided, Mr. Chisholm remaining in the Kamloops section of it. The transference, to the Columbia Presbytery, of Donald and other stations in British Columbia, now under the care of the Presbytery of Regina, was referred to the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West. The Committee expressed its satisfaction with the encouraging reports of progress in British Columbia.

GRANTS.—The following grants were made for the ensuing year:

Spallumcheen	\$400	Nicola	\$250
Kamloops	500	Chilliwack	400
Langley Group.....	300	Victoria Group.....	400
Richmond	300	Spences Bridge .No grant.	
Alberni.....	600	for ordained minister or \$8 per Sabbath for a student.	

APPOINTMENT.—The Rev. G. C. Patterson of Beaverton, was appointed to the Presbytery of Columbia for three years at a salary of \$1000 per annum, with travelling expenses to the field.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.—The Rev. Jas. Robertson submitted a written report of his labours for the past half-year, referring to the progress of the work, more especially in the western Presbyteries of the Synod.

SALARIES REMIT.—Communications were read from the Home Mission Committee of the Synod, and also from the Presbyteries of Winnipeg and Brandon, in effect recommending that no reduction in the rate of salary be made, the cost of living in Manitoba being about 25 per cent. and in the North-West Territories 50 per cent. in excess of the cost in Ontario and Quebec. No action was taken by the Committee.

STUDENT'S SALARIES.—It was agreed to notify the Home Mission Committees of the Synod, and of the several Presbyteries in the Synod, that the allowance to students for services during the College session in fields receiving aid from the fund, shall not exceed \$5 per Sabbath, with travelling expenses—the grants to fields supplied by students being \$1 per Sabbath less in winter than in summer.

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CLAIM FOR ARREARS.—A claim of \$240 was presented, being arrears due Rev. J. M. Wellwood for services in Minnedosa. A letter from Mr. Wellwood was read, together with extract minute of the Brandon Presbytery regarding the matter. After lengthened consideration the committee regretted their inability to entertain the claim.

REV. F. McRAE.—A memorial from the Rev. F. McRae, referred to this committee by the General Assembly, was considered and its prayer not granted.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.—There was read the report of Mr. J. B. McKilligan of Winnipeg, which was submitted to the Executive in October last. Mr. Warden reported that at the request of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod and after correspondence with members of the executive, he had visited Winnipeg in the beginning of December, conferred with the Synodical Committee and examined the system in vogue for keeping the books and for administering the work; and that on his recommendation a new system, the particulars of which he explained, had been adopted by the Synodical Committee and that he had written up from the former cash book of the Treasurer a book according to the new system containing all the transactions from the beginning of the present ecclesiastical year—1st April—to 3rd December. He further stated that,—accepting Mr. J. B. McKilligan's report of the indebtedness to the Bank on 31st March as correct—there was a deficit at the 3rd Dec. last of \$2,742.92, with interest, on the transactions of former years. Mr. Warden read several extract minutes of the Synodical Home Mission Committee bearing on the matter.

There was submitted through the Synodical Committee a claim for \$459.50 being the amount of a number of cheques charged to Mr. Robertson's private account, chiefly in 1881, which should have been charged to the Synodical account.

After lengthened consideration, the whole matter was referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Macdonnell, Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Farries, McKenzie and Warden.

At a later stage this sub-committee presented the following report:—

In view of the fact that the annual financial statement of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West, presented in June last, was unsatisfactory and inaccurate, the Home Mission Committee requested the Synod's Committee to have an audit made of the books and

accounts and suggested that Mr. J. B. McKilligan's services be secured for this purpose. Mr. McKilligan kindly undertook the work and forwarded his report to the committee in October last. While considering it impracticable to make an audit of the accounts owing to the insufficiency of the data furnished and to the way in which the books were kept, and while pointing out discrepancies between the Bank account and the Treasurer's books, Mr. McKilligan recommended the Committee to accept the Bank account as correct, the balance due at 31st March, 1886, being \$2313.75.

Mr. Warden reported, after a careful scrutiny of the Treasurer's books from 1st April to 3rd December last, that this indebtedness (for services, &c. prior to 1st April, 1886) had been increased to \$2742.92. This indebtedness has been incurred partly by the purchase of ponies for the use of Student Missionaries in several fields and there are now twenty-two of said ponies available, for which \$1751.90 was paid. Your sub-committee recommend that the amount of indebtedness above stated (\$2742.92) with the interest accrued thereon, be paid from the Home Mission fund. Your sub-committee considered an application from the Synodical Home Mission Committee for grants to the several Presbyteries to the extent of \$1700 for the purpose of procuring outfits for missionaries, and they recommend that the ponies above referred to be distributed among the several Presbyteries according to their requirements. Your sub-committee further recommend that the claim of Mr. Robertson for \$459.50, being amount paid by him at various times from his personal account for Missionary services, be paid from the Home Mission fund. It is satisfactory to be able to report that, at the suggestion of Mr. Warden, a new system of keeping the books and accounts has been adopted by the Synod's Home Mission Committee by which it is expected that mistakes such as those which have occurred will be hereafter avoided.

The report was unanimously adopted.

GRANTS FOR THE YEAR.—It was resolved that from this date grants be made to the mission fields in the several Presbyteries of the North-West in the same way as to those in the other Presbyteries of the Church, viz.: so much per Sabbath for service rendered; and that in this respect the work in the North-West be now brought into line with that in Ontario and Quebec—only that the applications from Presbyteries both for Mission fields and Augmented congregations, and also the half-yearly claims for grants, be submitted to and approved by the Synodical Committee, prior to their being laid before this Committee.

RECOMMENDATION TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—It was agreed to recommend to the General Assembly, that the amount of the half-yearly claims for Mission stations and Augmented congregations be hereafter transmitted direct to the Convener of the respective Pres-

byteries, instead of to the Synodical Committee.

GRANT FOR THE HOME MISSION FUND.—It was resolved that from the Home Mission fund a grant of \$2634.00 be made during the year 1886, and that this amount be paid for this purpose.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.—It was resolved that the travelling expenses of the Warden were to be paid as to the amount going to the Missionaries.

APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ENSUING SUMMER.—It was resolved that the following Presbyteries as follows be appointed for the summer of 1886:

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byteries, instead of through the Treasurer of the Synodical Committee.

GRANT FOR EXPENSES.—There was laid on the table a statement from the Home Mission Committee of the Synod showing that the sum of \$2634.29 had been paid for travelling and other expenses during the year ending 31st March, 1887. It was agreed to meet this amount to the extent of \$2000, the sum allowed in March last for this purpose.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.—Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Robertson and Warden were appointed a sub-committee to arrange the amounts to be paid as travelling expenses to students and other missionaries going to the North-West this year.

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENTS AND OTHER 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. McNeil, J. F. Langton, M. McKenzie, M. McLennan, N. Lindsay, J. W. Whitelaw, W. A. Johnston, D. Mackay.
MONTREAL	Messrs. D. Campbell, W. Cook, S. F. McCusker.
GLENGARRY	None.
OTTAWA	Messrs. G. Dempster, A. Patterson, W. L. Clay, W. J. Jamieson, W. W. Christie, W. J. McLeod.
LANARK AND RENFREW ..	Messrs. R. Harkness, J. W. H. Milne, A. Fitzpatrick, D. R. Drummond, M. Watson (1 year), J. E. Duclos (2 years), J. McDougall, W. Russell.
BROCKVILLE	Messrs. D. J. Hyland, D. Munro, W. H. Cornett, R. J. Hunter, J. Robertson, F. J. Styles.
KINGSTON	Messrs. J. G. Potter, J. Rattray, W. J. Patterson, J. A. Redden, J. Sharp, J. P. Falconer, K. A. McNaughton.
PETERBOROUGH	Messrs. J. A. McDonald, J. A. McLean, M. Turnbull, J. McL. Campbell, J. McArthur.
WHITBY	None.
LINDSAY	Mr. R. Henderson.
TORONTO	Messrs. A. J. McLeod, W. A. J. Martin, A. Wilson, D. M. Buchanan.
ORANGEVILLE	Messrs. J. Bradley, J. A. Bloodsworth, J. C. Madill.
BARRIE	Messrs. M. McKinnon, H. Brown, P. M. McEachern, T. McLachlan, W. W. Craw, J. D. Edgar, A. W. Stevenson, W. D. Kerswill, T. H. Mitchell, W. J. Fowler, H. Ross, R. Sturgeon, S. Rondeau (2 years), W. E. Wallace.

OWEN SOUND	Messrs. A. E. Doherty (3 years), A. G. Jansen, P. McNab, W. J. Drummond, J. J. Forbes, R. H. Craig, M. McKenzie.
SAUGEEN	Messrs. L. C. Emes, and D. W. McDonald.
GUELPH	Messrs. J. Robertson, and D. Strachan.
HAMILTON	Messrs. D. McKenzie, W. M. Kay, E. R. Hutt, T. McGuire, R. Pyke.
PARIS	Mr. J. S. Shearer.
LONDON	Messrs. M. Bethune, and H. C. Howard.
CHATHAM	Messrs. M. C. Rumball, W. Forrest, P. Uzzelle.
SARNIA	Messrs. P. J. Pettinger, Jos. Watt, J. Elliott, J. McRobie.
STRATFORD	Mr. D. Perrie.
HURON	None.
MAITLAND	None.
BRUCE	Messrs. J. W. McMillan, W. Malcolm, T. Smith.
MANITOBA SYNOD AND NORTH-WEST	Messrs. D. J. McQueen (3 years), H. R. Fraser, F. W. Paton, N. H. Russell, W. W. Wallace, H. A. Percival, R. W. Phelan, R. E. Knowles, J. L. Hargrave, Hugh Fraser, G. Laird, Aw. McLean, A. B. Winchester, G. R. Lang, M. R. Gordon, T. Collins Court, J. McDonald, W. J. Hall, A. Bowman, D. D. Mackay, W. B. Cumming, P. Fisher, W. Beattie, G. Lockhart, Jas. A. Mackay (2 years), D. C. Cameron, Rod. McKay, M. Littlehales, J. Moss, D. Ross, J. N. Elliott, J. R. Mann, A. R. Barron, J. N. Forster, D. Carrick, J. Patterson, W. W. McArthur, A. Mathieson, S. M. Marsh, C. H. Wilson, H. F. Ross.

AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.

MODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS.—It was agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that the following words be added to Section VII (5) of the regulations, “or until the congregation shall have been dealt with, by the Presbytery and an explanation satisfactory to the Presbytery and the committee been given.” And that the following be added to Section IV, Note (a) “where the number of communicants is more than double the number of families, the committee shall have discretionary power to make a grant, even though the minimum contribution per communicant be not reached.”

GRANTS TO VACANT CONGREGATIONS.—Several Presbyteries, in their claims for the past half-year, having asked amounts for vacant congregations sufficient to pay probationer supply at the rate of \$10 per Sabbath, it was agreed to order payment of these claims.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

BRITISH GRANTS.—The Convener reported that he had received and suitably acknowledged a grant of £200 from the Free Church of Scotland, and £250 from the Irish Presbyterian Church. The Committee resolved to place on record an expression of its regret at the contemplated resignation of the Rev. Dr. Wilson, Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Irish Presbyterian Church, and its grateful thanks for his deep interest for many years in our Home Mission work.

REV. A. FINDLAY'S REPORT.—The Rev. A. Findlay read an interesting and cheering report of his work for the past half-year in the Muskoka district. The report was received, gratification expressed therewith, and it was resolved to publish the substance of it in the *Presbyterian Record*.

SALARIES OF STUDENT MISSIONARIES.—The Committee resolved to recommend to the General Assembly that the remuneration of students for mission services in the summer months be increased to \$7 per week and board, and that the distinction existing between Theological and Literary students as to remuneration be abolished—this recommendation to take effect from 1st April, 1888.

LUMBERMAN'S MISSION.—There was read an extract minute of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa asking for a grant on behalf of the Lumberman's mission. The Committee, while sympathizing with the work of this mission, regretted their inability to accede to the application.

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

CLOSE.—The Committee adjourned at eleven P. M. on Friday, 1st April, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,

Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,

Convener.