

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 20th April*, when the reports will be placed in the printer's hands.

MARCH, 1885.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(WESTERN SECTION.)

OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,
TORONTO, 24th, 25th, and 26th March, 1885.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1885, at 11 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 2 P. M. on Thursday, 26th March.

The following members were present:—Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. F. M. Dewey, W. A. Lang, F. W. Farries, D. Kellock, J. A. Carmichael, J. Cleland, M. W. Maclean, A. Gilray, E. Cockburn, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, J. Campbell, D. J. Macdonnell, D. M. Gordon, J. H. Ratcliffe, R. Torrance, J. Rennie, Hector Currie, W. Walker, W. T. McMullen, R. Hamilton, J. Pritchard, A. Tolmie, C. B. Pitblado, J. Robertson, A. B. Mackay, J. Farquharson, P. McF. McLeod and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*: and Messrs. R. Kilgour and David Elder, *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	\$1020.00	\$180.00
Montreal	1837.50	554.00
Glengarry	262.00
Ottawa	843.75	509.00
Lanark and Renfrew	818.50	388.00
Brockville	615.00	28.00
Kingston	575.00	264.00
Peterborough	687.50	55.00
Whitby
Lindsay	475.00	26.00
Toronto	1002.50	139.00
Barrie	454.88	1118.50
Owen Sound	662.50	84.00
Saugeen	300.00
Guelph	75.00	100.00
Hamilton	525.00	364.00
Paris
London	550.00	52.00
Chatham	275.00	45.00
Sarnia	400.00	18.00
Stratford	230.00
Huron	175.00	78.00
Maitland	540.50	75.00
Bruce	288.67	424.85
Winnipeg	450.00	} 4,500.00
Rock Lake	300.00	
Brandon	1112.50	
	<u>\$14,475.80</u>	<u>9,002.35</u>

REVISION OF GRANTS, &c.

The committee proceeded to consider applications from Presbyteries for grants to augmented congregations and mission stations for the year beginning 1st April, 1885. 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.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.—The Report for the past six months of the Rev. J. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, was submitted. Mr. Robertson's expenses for the half-year (\$192.65) were ordered to be paid.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY.—It was resolved that the salary and travelling expenses of the Superintendent of Missions be paid entirely from the Home Mission fund.

PRINCE ALBERT.—The Presbytery of Brandon having requested that a teacher for the Prince Albert High School be appointed, whose services would be available for the supply of the mission stations in the vicinity, Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Macdonnell and Warden were appointed a sub-committee to confer with the Foreign Mission committee, with a view to secure the services of a suitable person.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.—The Superintendent of Missions submitted audited statements of the receipts and expenditure of the Home Mission committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West, both for Home Mission and Augmentation work, for the year now ending. These were remitted to Messrs. Warden, Macdonnell and Pitblado, to examine in detail and report. At a later stage they presented the following report:—

The sub-committee to whom were referred the financial statements from the Home Mission committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West, beg to report that they have carefully examined the statements submitted and found them duly audited. The sub-committee express satisfaction with the full and minute details of the expenditure presented in these statements, indicating, as they do, the judicious and efficient manner in which the mission work is being prosecuted by the Synod. The sub-committee recommend that the following resolutions, adopted last October, be submitted to the General Assembly for its approval, and that in accordance with these, the Home Mission committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West be instructed to forward to the Secretary of this Committee, on or before 25th April next, the annual report of the respective fields, on the schedules furnished by this committee:—

1. That the Synod, through its Home Mission committee, be requested to submit to this committee at its semi-annual meetings in March and October, a financial statement for the six months then ending: and accompanying this a report, on the schedules prepared by this committee, of the work done during the half-year in the respective mission fields, with the names of the missionaries, the amounts contributed by the people, and the appropriations made by the Synod's committee to the several fields.

2. That the Synod, through its Home Mission committee, be instructed to submit to this committee, or on before the 25th of April annually, an audited financial statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ending 31st March, together with an annual report of the several fields, on the schedules furnished by this committee.

3. That the receipts and expenditure in connection with the congregations on the augmentation list be kept distinct from those of mission fields.

4. That after the close of the current ecclesiastical year the grants to congregations on the augmentation list in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West be paid by this committee semi-annually, as is done in the Presbyteries in Ontario and Quebec.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

GRANT FOR NEXT YEAR.—It was agreed to grant the Synod of Manitoba the sum of \$18,500, for the year beginning 1st April, 1885, —this sum to cover the entire expenditure from the funds of the committee, excepting grants to supplemented congregations and the salary and travelling expenses of the Superintendent of Missions; the grant to be payable in four instalments, viz. : \$8,000 on 30th June, \$4,500 on the 30th September, \$3000 on the 31st December, and \$3000 on 31st March next. It was further agreed that no money be paid to the Synod of Manitoba from the Augmentation fund for the year beginning 1st April, 1885, over and above the supplements to the congregations on the augmented list at this date, with the exception of the amount of the difference in salary between that paid to ordained missionaries and to settled pastors in those fields now on the Home Mission list, but which may be transferred to the Augmentation list and have duly inducted pastors settled over them, during the ensuing year.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BURRARD INLET.—The convener reported that the executive had appointed the Rev. T. G. Thompson, of Brucefield, to Burrard Inlet, for three years, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, together with travelling expenses to the field, and that Mr. Thompson had accepted the appointment and intended leaving early in April. The report was received, and the action of the executive approved.

NICOLA VALLEY.—It was resolved to appoint the Rev. J. Chisholm, of Macintyre, to this field for three years, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, and travelling expenses to the field.

BARRIE PRESBYTERY.

REV. A. FINDLAY'S REPORT.—The convener reported that the Rev. A. Findlay had accepted the appointment offered him by the committee in October, to supervise the mission fields in Algoma, Muskoka and Parry Sound districts. His report for the past quarter was submitted and referred to the executive.

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Mr. J. GARRIOCH.—Mr. J. Garrioch, a Catechist approved by the Presbytery, was, on their recommendation, appointed to Com-manda and Nipissing for a year, at a salary of \$550 per annum.

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT AND OTHER MIS- SIONARIES.

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

QUEBEC	Messrs. M. McKenzie, N. McLeod, M. McLennan, J. F. Langton.
MONTREAL	Messrs. S. Rondeau, N. Waddell, S. A. Thomas.
GLENGARRY	Messrs. J. C. Martin, J. A. McLean.
OTTAWA	Messrs. A. McLachlan, T. R. Shearer, J. J. Forbes, S. F. McCusker.
BROCKVILLE.....	Messrs. D. J. Hyland, J. P. McNaughton, J. C. McDonald, J. H. Graham.
LANARK AND RENFREW.	Messrs. A. Givan, W. G. Mills, N. McKay, T. R. Scott, D. H. Hodges, J. W. McLeod, M. Turnbull, J. A. Campbell.
KINGSTON	Messrs. W. M. Kay, W. Allan, A. McAulay, Johnson Henderson, G. R. Lang, R. Sturgeon, Jas. Rattray, John Robertson, W. H. Hunt.
PETERBOROUGH ..	Messrs. J. E. Duclos, T. G. Barron, A. S. Grant, W. J. Bell, C. H. Lowery, J. H. Boyd.
LINDSAY	Messrs. W. Patterson (Knox), Jacob Steele.
TORONTO	Messrs. John McMillan, R. J. M. Glassford, J. A. Grant, Orr Bennet, A. Robertson, Aw. Beattie.
BARRIE	Messrs. G. Ballantine, T. M. Hardie, D. B. Marsh, J. McD. Duncan, Joseph Elliott, W. Hay, Aw. Patterson, W. A. Findlay, W. Patterson (Queen's), J. A. Nicholson, W. J. Jamieson, Wm. Stewart, — Parker, H. Knox, J. Garrioch, C. J. Hastings.
OWEN SOUND.....	Messrs. Thos. Wilson, J. J. Dobbin, A. E. Doherty, H. Brown, John McNeil, W. H. Cornett, M. Gillanders.
SAUGEEN	Messrs. John A. Ross, John Robertson, Jas. Drummond, E. B. McGhee, W. Graham.
GUELPH.....	Mr. John R. Campbell,
HAMILTON	Messrs. J. H. Simpson, R. McIntyre, J. W. Rae, J. S. McIlraith, R. Pyke, Thos. Thompson.
PARIS.....	Messrs. W. J. Hall, D. Miller
LONDON.....	Messrs. G. A. Francis, S. Childerhose, T. McEwen.
CHATHAM.....	Messrs. A. U. Campbell, L. C. Emes, F. W. Johnston, D. McLean, A. McDonald, P. Uzelle.
SARNIA	Messrs. W. Farquharson, A. Ogilvie, W. L. Clay, W. T. Parsons.
MAITLAND.....	Mr. D. McMillan.
BRUCE.....	Messrs. J. A. Jaffary, D. A. McLean, C. A. Webster.

MANITOBA SYNOD.....MESSRS. W. L. H. Rowand, Jas. Hamilton, D. S. McPherson, J. A. Dodds, N. H. Russell, W. J. Drummond, A. MacPherson, D. Anderson, W. McK. Omand, H. W. Fraser, A. B. Winchester, M. R. Gordon, Wm. Steele, T. C. Court, Rev. J. C. Herdman, J. Brown, John McMillan, W. P. Fulton, P. F. Langill, S. C. Murray, John McInnis, Angus McLeod.

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.

AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE.—Mr. D. J. Macdonnell, on behalf of the sub-committee on Augmentation, reported that the receipts to date, including balance from last year, amounted to \$14,593.23. The sub-committee recommended:—

1. That no grants be paid meanwhile to supplemented congregations for the past half-year, but that the sub-committee be empowered to order payment of these in the end of April, to the extent of the money then on hand.

2. That no grants be made to any congregation for the year beginning 1st April, 1885, where arrears of salary are reported as due on 31st December last, until such arrears shall have been paid; and that this action be reported to the General Assembly, with the recommendation that it be adopted as a permanent regulation in the working of the scheme from year to year.

On motion of Mr. D. M. Gordon, it was resolved to receive the report and adopt its recommendations, express regret that the receipts were not sufficient to enable the committee at present to pay the grants for the past half-year, and request those congregations that have not yet forwarded contributions to either the Home Mission or Augmentation Fund, to consider the urgent claims of the Augmentation Fund.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS RESERVED.—In considering the applications from Presbyteries for grants to congregations for the year beginning 1st April, 1885, the following were remitted to the sub-com-

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mittee on augmentation with instructions to frame, for submission to the General Assembly, such regulations regarding these and similar cases, as in their judgment may be desirable in the interests of the scheme: Aylmer; Sutherland St., Caledonia; St. Andrew's, Lucknow; Belgrave; and Langside.

LANGSIDE,—It was agreed to make a grant of \$150 to this field from the Home Mission fund, for the year ending 31st March, 1885.

STATE OF THE FUND.

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

	HOME MISSION.	AUGMENTATION.
Balance on hand, May, 1884.....	\$ 2000.00	\$ 1,522.98
Receipts to 24th March, 1885.....	30,654.27	13,070.25
	<u>\$32,654.27</u>	<u>\$14,593.23</u>
Expenditure to date.....	20,781.10	16,581.44
	<u>\$11,863.17</u>	<u>In debt, \$1,988.21</u>

The report was received, and it was resolved that all legacies received by the Treasurer, not specially designated, should be equally divided between the Home Mission and the Augmentation funds.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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 £200 Stg. from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. He further reported that the Divinity Students of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland had agreed to raise money next year for Home Mission work in Manitoba and the North-West and hoped to send from £1000 to £1200 Stg. The reports were received and gratification expressed therewith.

PORT ARTHUR—A letter was read from Dr. Smellie, Port Arthur, expressing the gratitude of the congregation there for the financial help received from the committee for many years, and intimating that the congregation was now self-supporting.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.—The executive were instructed to prepare and submit to the General Assembly a scheme for enlisting the sympathy and active co-operation of the women of the Church on behalf of the work of the committee.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.—It was agreed to place on record the opinion of this meeting, that hereafter it is desirable that the Home Mission Committee meet annually in March, instead of semi-annually in October and March, and that the executive attend to all matters requiring action during the year—the names of a representative each from Barrie Presbytery and from the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West being added to those at present comprising the executive.

REQUEST TO RELINQUISH A BEQUEST.—Mr. McMaster, an elder of the First Presbyterian Church, St. Marys, appeared before the committee and stated that the late Mr. Pearson of St. Marys had a clause in his will bequeathing \$200 to the Home Mission fund, but before his death he erased the clause. As the Surrogate Court held the bequest to be valid because of the manner in which the clause was erased, he asked the committee formally to relinquish their claim to the bequest. The committee recommended Mr. McMaster to bring the matter by memorial before the General Assembly.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE.—The following is the executive for the year :—Dr. Cochrane (convener), Dr. Campbell, Dr. Laing, Messrs. Macdonnell, Kilgour, Robertson, Moodie, and 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 (Toronto), and R. H. Warden.

CLOSE.—The Committee adjourned at two o'clock, P.M., on Thursday, 26th March, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
Convener.