

APRIL, 1876.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

(WESTERN SECTION.)

HELD IN THE DEACON'S COURT ROOM OF KNOX CHURCH,
TORONTO, ON 3RD, 4TH, & 5TH APRIL, 1876.

At Toronto, and within the Deacon's Court Room of Knox Church there, on Monday, the 3rd day of April, 1876, at 7 o'clock in the evening, the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario and the West, met, and was constituted with prayer. Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., Convener. The Committee continued in session till 1 p.m., on Wednesday, 5th April.

The following members were present: Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Proudfoot, Rev. Prof. MacKerras, Messrs. J. M. King, Jos. Whyte, D. J. Macdonnell, R. N. Grant, W. Donald, W. D. Ballantyne, R. Rodgers, R. Torrance, R. Hamilton, M. W. Maclean, J. Laing, J. Carmichael, F. McCuaig, J. C. Smith, J. L. Murray, D. Fraser, D. B. Whimster, A. Tolmie, and R. H. Warden, Ministers; and Mr. H. Young, Elder.

Rev. Messrs. T. G. Smith, A. Brown, R. Campbell, D. Anderson, W. R. Ross, and Dr. McNeish, representing their respective Presbyteries, were invited to sit with the Committee as corresponding members, and their travelling expenses ordered to be paid.

CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

The claims of the respective Presbyteries for services rendered in Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations during the past six

months were carefully considered, and the following sums were ordered to be paid, subject to a resolution adopted at a later sederunt:—

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N. B.—These are the NETT sums due on 1st April, 1876, including retrospective grants for new fields, special claims, &c., &c., passed at this meeting, particulars of which are here given:

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL—

Retrospective grants made to Beauharnois of \$10, and to Hochelaga of \$26.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE—

Merrickville—Travelling expenses of students last summer, \$7.50. Granted.

Bathurst.—Travelling expenses of student last summer, \$7. Disallowed, it appearing that the student had been overpaid.

Dunbar.—Claim of \$16 disallowed, the field having no grant.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA—

Russel and E. Gloucester.—Claim of \$50. Disallowed.

Rochesterville.—Claim for travelling expenses. Disallowed,—but a special grant of \$11.75 made to this field.

Castleford.—Claim of \$30 for services of Mr. J. McGregor, Catechist. Granted *ex gratia*, and Presbytery's attention called to the law of the Church requiring Presbyteries to examine and approve of labourers before employing them. Several members of Committee dissented from the granting of this claim. Claim of \$11 travelling expenses of Mr. McGregor, disallowed.

Litchfield.—Claim of \$50 for past six months. Granted.

Admaston.—Grant delayed till Presbytery report the arrears paid.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON—

Royston and Cumberland.—Claim of \$78. Granted.

Hinchinbrook and Bedford.—Claim of \$70. Granted \$50.

St. John's, Pittsburg.—Claim of \$32, for last summer. Granted.

Amherst Island.—Claim of \$64, for last summer. Granted.

Wolfe Island.—Claim of \$68, for last summer. Granted.

North Hastings group.—Claim of \$61.99; expenses of Ministers exploring the field, organizing, &c. Granted.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBORO—

Chandos and Burleigh.—Claim of \$13, for last summer. Granted.

Kinmount.—Claim of \$11, for last summer. Granted.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY—

Digby, &c.—Claim of \$80, arrears. Not granted.

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PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO—

Queensville, &c.—Claim of \$52, for past six months. Granted.
 Weston.—The Presbytery returned \$50, paid in October for this field,
 it not being required.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE—

Washago, &c.—Claim of \$12, for services past six months. Granted.
 Gravenhurst, &c.—Claim of \$4, for supply of pulpit of minister visit-
 ing this field. Not granted.
 Waubashene, &c.—Claim of \$9, for pulpit supply of minister visiting
 this field. Not granted.
 New Lowell, &c.—Claim of \$8, arrears to student. Not granted.
 Tay and Medonte.—Claim of \$24, arrears, Not granted. Presby-
 tery's attention called to these arrears, now when student is
 entering the field.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND—

Indian Peninsula.—Claim of \$100 for past six months, Granted.
 Parry Sound.—Asked \$100, advance grant to missionary for half
 year beginning 1st April, 1876. Granted.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN—

Amaranth.—Claim of \$35, for board last summer, of student. This
 This claim was presented at October meeting, and not granted.
 The Committee again declined to entertain the claim, and re-
 ferred the matter to the Guelph and Saugeen Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—

Delhi, &c.—Claim of \$13.50, for services rendered by Mr. Stitt. Mr.
 S. not being a recognized Catechist of the Church, the claim
 was not granted.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—

Port Stanley.—Claim of \$12.50, being additional supplement from
 date of minister's settlement. Granted.
 Point Edward.—Claim of \$16.66, being additional supplement from
 date of settlement of minister. Granted.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM—

Dover, &c.—Claim of \$3.90, travelling expenses of missionary. Not
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NEW APPLICATIONS, CHANGES IN THE GRANTS, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC—

Windsor Mills.—Put on list of supplemented congregations, with grant of \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement.

Winslow.—Put on list of supplemented congregations, with grant of \$100 per annum.

Hampden and Scotstown.—Put on list of mission stations. No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL—

Avoca and S. Harrington.—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant.

Hochelaga.—Put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$3 per Sabbath.

East End, Montreal.—Put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$3 per Sabbath.

Valleyfield.—Put on list of supplemented congregations, with grant of \$300 per annum, with the express understanding that this grant will be given *only* for one year; the grant for the second year not to exceed \$200; and for the third \$100. A grant only given conditional on settlement.

Chateauguay Basin.—Removed from the list of Mission Stations.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY—

Alexandria.—Supplement reduced to \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement; and \$2 per Sabbath while vacant.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE—

Lavant.—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

Darling.—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Merrickville.—Asked for 50 cents additional per Sabbath. Not granted.

Dunbar.—Removed from list of Mission Stations.

Dunbar and Colquhoun's Settlement.—Put on list of supplemented congregations, with grant of \$100 per annum, conditional on settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA—

Litchfield.—Put on list of supplemented congregations, with grant of \$50 for next six months.

Ross.—Asked Supplement of \$100 per annum. Not granted.

Rochesterville.—Asked that the grant be increased from \$4 per Sabbath to \$400 per annum, from 1st May next, for Ordained Missionary. Granted.

Russell and East Gloucester.—Renewed the application which was declined in October last, for \$100 per annum. The contributions of the people being so much under the required minimum, the Committee again declined the application, being unable to violate the law of the Assembly, and this the more so in the present depressed condition of the Fund.

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Huntley and Kinburn.—Put on the list of Mission Stations. No grant.
 Richmond.—Put on the list of Mission Stations. No grant.
 Ashton.—Removed from the list of Mission Stations.
 Cumberland, &c.— “ “ “ “
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PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON—

Henchinbrook and Bedford.—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$2.50 per Sabbath.
 Rawdon, Marmora and Blairtown.—Put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$3 per Sabbath.
 Royston and Cumberland.—Removed from the list of Mission Stations.
 Morton.—The Committee promise all reasonable aid, if occupied.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBORO'—

Springville and Bethany.—Asked Supplement of \$100 per annum. Not granted.
 Warsaw and Dummer.—Asked an additional \$50 Supplement. Not granted.
 Minden, &c.—Asked that the Supplement already granted “Conditional on Settlement” should be good for an Ordained Missionary. Agreed.
 Blairtown.—Removed from the list of Mission Stations.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO—

Queensville and North Gwilliambury.—Asked \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement, and \$2 per Sabbath while vacant. Granted.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE—

Town Line and Ivy.—Asked to be put on the list of Supplemented Congregations with a grant of \$200 per annum. Granted \$50 for the next six months, and the Presbytery's attention directed to the propriety of re-arranging the Stations in the Township of Essa, so as to form charges which will be self-supporting.
 Tay and Medonte.—Changed to Tay, Medonte and Coldwater, with a grant of \$1 per Sabbath.
 Washago, Severn Bridge and Ardtrea.—Asked \$3 per Sabbath. Agreed to give all reasonable aid, provided satisfactory statistics are furnished prior to next meeting.
 Baysville.—Put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$4 per Sabbath.
 Beggborough.—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant.
 Bracebridge.—Granted \$250 for next six months.
 North Mara and Longford.—Granted \$3 per Sabbath, while vacant.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND—

Parry Sound.—Asked supplement sufficient to make the salary of the Missionary \$700 per annum. Agreed to make a grant

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND—*Continued.*

not exceeding \$400 per annum, while an Ordained Missionary is in the field, with the understanding that the Missionary's salary will be, from this date, \$700 per annum, and that all contributed by the people over \$300 per annum will be deducted from the \$400 pledged by the Committee. The Presbytery asked a grant sufficient to meet the salary of a student laboring in conjunction with the Ordained Missionary in this field. Declined.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGHEEN—

N. Luther and Ross.—Transferred from the list of Mission Stations and put on that of Supplemented Congregations with grant of \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement.

Dundalk and Fraser's Settlement.—Asked \$4 per Sabbath conditional on Ordained Missionary being got, otherwise \$2 per Sabbath. Granted.

S. Luther and Little Toronto.—An application for an increase of supplement for this field was withdrawn.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH—

Rockwood.—Asked a grant of \$100 per annum, conditional on settlement.

Eden Mills.—Asked to be put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$2 per Sabbath. The Committee declined, meanwhile, to make the grants asked for these two fields, and remitted to the Presbytery to consider, in the event of its being found impracticable to maintain the former connection between Rockwood and Eden Mills, whether any other connection can be found for either or both of these places, which will not increase the demands on the Home Mission Fund.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—

Kilbride.—Asked an additional grant of \$25 per annum to make the supplement \$100. Granted.

Silverhill, &c.—Removed from the list.

Dunville.—Transferred from the list of Mission Stations and put on that of Supplemented Congregations with a grant of \$150 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS—

St. Andrews, East Oxford.—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—

Point Edward.—Asked \$250 per annum. Granted \$200 per annum from date of settlement, and transferred to list of supplemented congregations.

Port Stanley.—Transferred to list of supplemented congregations, with grant of \$200 per annum from date of settlement.

Camlachie.—Asked supplement of \$200 per annum. Granted \$100 per annum, and put on list of supplemented congregations.

Dorchester.—Granted \$50 additional supplement per annum.

Hyde Park.—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Springfield.—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$2 per Sab.

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Trowbridge.—Removed from the list.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE—

Pinkerton.—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—

Cranbrook and Ethel.—Supplement increased to \$180 per annum, conditional on settlement.

Goderich (Gaelic).—Grant reduced to \$2.50 per Sabbath.

 MANITOBA.

EMERSON, ETC.

The Convener read several letters from Rev. J. Scott, the Missionary at this point, in one of which he expressed his willingness to remain for a time in the field. It was agreed to engage Mr. Scott for a term of three years, at the salary paid the other Missionaries in the Province, and to allow him the sum of \$150 to meet the travelling expenses of his family to Emerson.

REV. A. FRASER.

The Convener read a letter from the Rev. A. Fraser, asking the Committee to recall him and pay his expenses back to Ontario. A communication was also laid on the table from the Presbytery of Manitoba, to the effect that said Presbytery does not ask the continuance of Mr. Fraser's services.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: That whereas the Rev. A. Fraser requests his recall, and the Presbytery of Manitoba does not ask the continuance of his services in the mission field, the Convener be requested, in terms of the instructions of last General Assembly of the late Canada Presbyterian Church, (see minutes, page 45), to intimate to Mr. Fraser that his engagement with this Committee shall terminate when he has been released from his present field of labour by the Presbytery of Manitoba; and further that the Committee do not recognize any liability to pay Mr. Fraser's expenses back to Ontario.

REV. A. GLENDINNING.

A letter was read from the Rev. A. Glendinning, tendering his resignation on the ground of ill health. Communications antecedent this matter were also received from the Presbytery of Manitoba.

The following was adopted: The Committee regret that Mr. Glendinning has intimated his intention of leaving the mission field in Manitoba; but, in view of the statements made by the Clerk of Presbytery

to the effect that the wish of Mr. Glendinning to return should be complied with, resolve, that in case of the Presbytery releasing him from the field in which he is now labouring, his connection with this Committee shall cease from the date of such action of the Presbytery.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

The following resolution was adopted and ordered to be laid before the General Assembly: "That it is not desirable that the Manitoba College should any longer be a charge on the Home Mission Fund."

The Convener reported that he had under protest paid drafts for the salary of a tutor in the College. It was agreed to report to the General Assembly the whole matter as to the appointment, etc., of this tutor.

PROFESSORS' SALARIES.

A communication was received from Prof. Bryce, complaining of the action of the Committee in making the salary of Prof. Hart \$1600 per annum, and his own only \$1400, on the ground that he had a free house in the College building. It was agreed to reconsider the finding of the Committee in October last, as to Prof. Hart's salary, and the following was adopted: Whereas the resolution passed by the Committee in October last, fixing the salary of Prof. Hart at \$1600, appears to include \$200, the amount allowed from the Temporalities Fund of the late Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, enjoyed by Prof. Hart, and over which this Committee has no control, said resolution be amended so as to read \$1400, this being the amount for which the funds of this committee are responsible.

It was agreed to delete from the minute of October last, anent Prof. Bryce's salary, the words "And free house in College Building." It was further agreed to make Prof. Bryce a special grant of \$200, to reimburse him for travelling expenses incurred in connection with mission work in the Province of Manitoba.

MISSIONARY SUPPLY.

A communication was received from the Presbytery of Manitoba, recommending the Committee to re-engage for a term of three years, Messrs. Mathieson and Donaldson. The recommendation was adopted, and the Convener and Secretary were appointed a Sub-Committee to secure, if possible, the services of other two suitable Missionaries for Manitoba.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Several communications were received from Rev. R. Jamieson. It was agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that the grant from the Home Mission Fund towards the salary of Mr. Jamieson be hereafter \$1200 per annum, provided his own people contribute to his support at least \$800 per annum, so as to make the stipend \$2000 a year.

LAKE SUPERIOR.

The term of engagement of the several Missionaries in the Lake Superior District expiring in June next, communications were received and read from these gentlemen as to the future. Mr. Caswell expressed

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After full and earnest discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed to distribute to the various Presbyteries of the Church and Missionaries *pro rata* according to their several claims as passed at this meeting, the amount on hand on the first of May—the date when the Church books are closed for the year. The Convener was instructed to carry into effect this resolution.

The Convener reported that during the winter he had received, and in name of the Committee, suitably acknowledged, a grant of £250 stg. from the Free Church of Scotland, and of £150 stg. from the Irish Presbyterian Church. The Convener's conduct was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PROBATIONERS' SCHEME.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the Probationers' Distribution Scheme.

MR. VANANDEL.

A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, enquiring if work in some German field could be got for a Mr. VanAndel, formerly a Missionary of the Free Church of Scotland, at Pesth, who was anxious to come to Canada. The Convener reported that he had corresponded with the Presbytery of Guelph anent the matter, but that there was no opening at present in their German field, and had notified Dr. Burns accordingly.

REV. H. M'MEEKIN.

An application was laid before the Committee from the Rev. H. McMeekin, for permanent work in a mission field in Toronto, or some Western town. There being no vacant field, such as desired, under the charge of the Committee, the application was declined.

STAYNER.

A memorial from the managers of the Stayner congregation, transmitted by the Presbytery of Barrie, was received and referred to a sub-Committee. At a later stage the sub-Committee presented a report exonerating the Stayner congregation in the matter referred to. The report was received and adopted.

SALARY OF STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

Petitions were received from the Students' Missionary Association, of Queen's College, Kingston, and the Students' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, praying the Committee to take into favourable consideration the propriety of increasing the remuneration of student missionaries from \$6 to \$8 per Sabbath, and board. As the whole matter of the payment of Missionaries comes before the next General Assembly, in connection with the report of the Committee which met in Montreal last September, it was agreed to take no action in the meantime anent these petitions.

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CHANGES IN SCHEME.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend the General Assembly to take immediate steps to change the principle on which grants have heretofore been made to supplemented congregations, especially in so far as the continuance of these from year to year is concerned; and a sub-Committee, consisting of Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. King, Macdonnell, Laing and Warden, was appointed to mature the details of a workable scheme in regard to this matter; to report to a meeting of the Committee to be held in Toronto, on the day preceding the opening of the General Assembly.

PRINTING MINUTES.

The Secretary was instructed to have the Minutes printed and a copy forwarded to each member of the Committee, and each Presbytery Clerk.

EXPENSES PAID.

The travelling expenses of members of Committee were noted and paid.

CLOSE.

The Committee adjourned at 1 o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, the 5th of April, and was closed with the Benediction,

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.
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