

N. B.—Attention is directed to the resolution on page 12 regarding vacant charges. Conveners of Presbyteries are requested to notify Mr. WARDEN of any vacancies within their bounds for which they desire supply.

OCTOBER, 1884.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

(WESTERN SECTION,)

OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

TORONTO, 21st, 22nd and 23rd, October, 1884.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday the 21st day of October, 1884, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, 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 5 P. M., on Thursday, 23rd October.

The following members were present:—Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Laing, Messrs. W. Robertson, W. A. Lang, F. W. Farries, J. A. Carmichael, J. Cleland, M. W. Maclean, A. Gilray, E. Cockburn, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, P. Straith, D. J. Macdonnell, J. H. Ratcliffe, R. Torrance, J. Rennie, Hector Currie, W. Walker, R. Hamilton, J. Pritchard, D. Cameron, A. Tolmie, C. B. Pitblado, J. Robertson, A. B. Mackay, J. Farquharson, P. McF. McLeod, and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*: and Messrs. W. Mitchell, R. Kilgour, T. McCrae, 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	\$1,137.50	\$236.10
Montreal	1,762.50	536.00
Glengarry	400.00
Ottawa	850.00	652.00
Lanark and Renfrew	815.00	660.50
Brockville	751.90	54.00
Kingston	661.67	743.00
Peterborough	693.75	221.24
Whitby
Lindsay	416.50	88.00
Toronto	938.02	101.00
Barrie	375.75	1,480.55
Owen Sound	662.50	144.00
Saugeen	364.50	52.00
Guelph	75.00	100.00
Hamilton	525.00	316.00
Paris
London	497.00
Chatham	300.00	157.00
Sarnia	367.00	138.00
Stratford	211.00
Huron	210.00	28.00
Maitland	451.00	75.00
Bruce	306.00	647.00
Winnipeg	362.50	} 8,500.00
Rock Lake	362.50	
Brandon	487.50	
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MISSION FIELDS.

NEW APPLICATIONS.—CHANGES IN GRANTS, &c.

The Committee proceeded to consider applications from Presbyteries as to mission stations. The following are the applications, changes made, &c., &c. :—

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW :—

Oliver's Ferry,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

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Rylston,—Removed from the list of mission stations.
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 L'Amable and York River,—Grant increased to \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO :—

Dixie,—Put on list of mission stations, with no grant.
 Caledon East,—Grant reduced to \$1 per Sabbath.
 Ballantrae and Vivian,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.
 York Station,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE :—

Longford and Black River,—Removed from the list of mission stations.
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 Midland and Penetanguishene,— “ “ “ “ “
 Parry Sound,— “ “ “ “ “
 Waubaushene, Sturgeon Bay and Victoria Harbour,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Vasey, Medonte Centre and Coldwater,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.
 Uffington and Oakley,—Granted \$2.50 per Sabbath.

Sparrow Lake,—No grant.

Esson and Willis Churches, Oro,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath for student to assist in working the field.

Maganetawan,—Granted \$200 per annum, and the appointment for one year of Mr. H. Knox, catechist, sanctioned.

Huntsville.—Appointment for two years of Rev. J. Sieveright, as ordained missionary, approved.

Mr. Sieveright, being present, addressed the committee on the importance of the establishment of a Church and Manse Building Fund for Muskoka and other districts. Action deferred till March meeting.

Supervision of Muskoka field.—An extract minute of the Presbytery of Barrie was read, asking the appointment for Muskoka of a superintendent of missions, whose whole time and services would be given to the work, and recommending that the Rev. A. Findlay receive the appointment. Rev. R. N. Grant was heard in support of the application.

After lengthened consideration, the following resolutions were adopted:—

That an ordained Missionary be appointed to labor in and supervise the mission fields in Algoma, Muskoka and Parry Sound districts and along the line of the “Canadian Pacific Railway” to North Bay. He shall discharge his duties under the direction of the executive of this committee, being subject to the jurisdiction respectively of the Presbyteries of Bruce and Barrie while within their bounds.

That the salary of said missionary be at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, together with travelling expenses when beyond the bounds of the Presbytery where he resides.

That the Rev. Allan Findlay be appointed to the position, and in the event of his declinature the executive be empowered to secure the services of some other suitable missionary.

CATECHISTS' SALARIES.—There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Barrie asking the committee to increase the grants to the fields occupied by Messrs. H. Knox, W. M. Robertson and J. Garrioch, catechists, labouring continuously throughout the year, so as to make the salary of these labourers \$600 per annum. The committee resolved that the salary of approved Catechists, recommended by a Presbytery within whose bounds they have labored with acceptance, and appointed by this committee in conjunction with the

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Presbytery to a Mission field for a term of at least one year, be at the rate of \$550 per annum. In terms of this resolution Mr. H. Knox was appointed to Maganetawan. The application of the Presbytery as to Messrs. W. M. Robertson and J. Garrioch, was laid on the table meanwhile.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND:—

Big Bay and Lake Charles,—Granted \$1 per Sabbath.
Woodford,—Granted \$1 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH:—

Hawkesville,—Granted \$100 for six months ending 30th September, 1884, and the Presbytery recommended to endeavour to unite Hawkesville with Linwood or Elmira.
Garafraza, Second Church,—Put on list of mission stations,—no grant.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON:—

Welland Port,—Grant increased to \$3 per Sabbath.
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PRESBYTERY OF PARIS:—

Old St. Andrews, East Oxford,—No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON,—

Bayfield and Bethany,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE:—

Gore Bay, &c.,—Granted \$400 per annum for ordained missionary.
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:—The Rev. James Robertson laid on the table and read a report of his labours during the past six months. His expenses, amounting to \$204.20, were ordered to be paid.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The Superintendent of Missions submitted a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West for the past half-year. It was remitted to Messrs. Warden and Macdonnell to examine in detail and report. At a later stage they presented a report, containing the following recommendations:—

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, on or 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.

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3. That the receipts and expenditures 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 recommendations adopted.

REV. A. MCKAY'S CLAIM.—The committee agreed to pay the sum of \$79, being balance due to the Rev. Alex. McKay for services rendered in Manitoba during 1883.

SPECIAL CLAIMS.—Application was made by the Synod's Home Mission committee for the payment of the following amounts :—

(1.) The sum of \$500 towards the salary and other expenses of the secretary of the Synod's committee in Winnipeg. It was agreed, on account of unexpected expenditure consequent on the formation of the Synod, to grant an additional sum of \$500 to the Synod for the current year, said sum to be payable one half on 31st December and the balance on 31st March next.

(2.) The sum of \$150 to reimburse Rev. James Robertson for money paid to Mr. James Todd, missionary. It was agreed to refer the application back to the Synod's committee with the expression of this committee's opinion that steps should be at once taken to have Mr. Robertson reimbursed.

(3.) The sum of \$300 to Mr. John Macaulay, for services in Cadurcis; \$150 to Mr. M. Gillanders for services in the Lady Cathcart Colony; and \$260 to Mr. McAlister for services at Newdale.

It was resolved to decline payment of these sums, and to direct the attention of the Synod's committee to the resolution adopted by this committee in March last and since approved by the General Assembly, whereby a specific grant was made to the Synod to cover the entire expenditure, from the funds of this committee, for the maintenance of mission work during the year.

INCREASE TO GRANT ASKED.—The Synod's committee having asked for an increase to the grant promised by this committee for the now current half-year, it was resolved that, as the financial statement of the Synod presented at this meeting is incomplete as to the expenditure for the past half-year, the committee are not in a position to judge whether or not the amount apportioned the Synod for the year is sufficient for the proper maintenance of the work, and conse-

quently cannot, meantime, grant the application for an increase to the amount apportioned, but will consider any such application if made in April next, provided the state of the fund will admit of it.

CATECHISTS RECOMMENDED.—The Synod's Home Mission committee recommended the following as catechists to be employed within their bounds: Messrs. D. Lantrow, George Laird, W. Moore, Arch. Matheson, John Macalister, A. B. Winchester, W. P. Mackenzie, A. B. Robson, John Brown, Robert Brown, and John Macaulay. The committee agreed to authorize the employment of the above-named gentlemen conditional on their being certified by some Presbytery of the church.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PANDORA ST. CHURCH, VICTORIA.—The executive reported that the Rev. D. Fraser had accepted the appointment to this congregation, and had been formally inducted by the Presbytery of Toronto on the 5th of August; that the salary promised by the people was \$1500 per annum, with a grant from this committee of a sum not exceeding \$300 per annum, if necessary, and an allowance of \$200 for removal expenses. The report was received and adopted. There was laid on the table and read a letter from Mr. Fraser in which he spoke encouragingly of the prospects of the congregation, there being at present 116 communicants, and an attendance of upwards of 100 at the Sabbath School.

LADNOR'S LANDING.—The Convener reported that Mr. Campbell, student, had declined the appointment to this field.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—Letters were read from Rev. J. S. McKay, now in charge of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, with which there are connected about 60 families and 30 young men, and an attendance of 50 at the Sabbath School. Mr. McKay reports 10 families at Port Moody, where he conducts service every three weeks.

BURRARD INLET, &C.—The executive were empowered to secure the services of a suitable missionary for this district, where it is expected the people will raise about \$800 per annum.

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RULES FOR APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

Dr. Campbell, on behalf of the sub-committee appointed to formulate regulations for the appointment of missionaries, presented the following report :—

Your sub-committee appointed to formulate the general rules which guide the committee in allocating missionaries to fields under its care, beg to report that in their opinion the practise of the committee has been as follows :—

1. The Home Mission committee has the right of appointment, through the respective Presbyteries, in the following cases :—

- (a) To all mission districts and mission stations, whether these be self-sustaining or requiring aid.
- (b) To any vacant charge seeking continuous supply such as is provided by the committee.

NOTE.—Presbyteries shall forward to the secretary, one week before each meeting, a full list of their fields, and indicate those in which supply is required.

2. The list of missionaries is made up for the regular meetings of the committee, and at the March meeting the list is printed and distributed to the members of committee.

The list is made up as follows :—

- (a) The names of all students desiring work and whose names are forwarded by some Presbytery of the Church.
- (b) The names of all catechists recommended by Presbyteries.
- (c) The names of ministers and licentiates in good standing in the Church and seeking work under the committee.

NOTE.—The printed list shall indicate the names of students or others willing to labour in the mission field for a term of one year or more.

3. In allocating missionaries the committee has the following procedure :—

- (a) Appointments are made to Presbyteries, first for fields requiring ordained missionaries for a term of years, and then for the field at large.
- (b) The Presbyteries have a choice in rotation, beginning at the east and west in alternate years.
- (c) The Presbytery first choosing any labourer has a claim upon him which shall stand, unless in the judgment of the committee the said labourer should be allocated to another Presbytery.
- (d) Each Presbytery requiring ten missionaries or over has an extra choice after both the first and second rounds; and each Presbytery requiring six missionaries or over has an extra choice after the first round.

4. If any missionary refuses to go to the Presbytery to which he has been allocated he shall not be employed in any field under the care of this committee until next half-yearly meeting, unless with the consent of the Presbytery first choosing him.

5. It is distinctly understood that the practise of making private arrangements shall not be countenanced, except in the case of a settled minister who desires to secure a student to assist him in his own congregation, in which case the name of the missionary shall be reported to this committee to be placed on the list.

The report was received, its clauses considered *seriatim* and adopted, and the sub-committee thanked for its diligence.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

The list of Missionaries available for work during the winter half-year was made up, and appointments made to Presbyteries as follows:—

QUEBEC.....	Rev. L. Dionne.
BARRIE.....	Messrs. W. M. Robertson and John Garrioch.
HAMILTON.....	Rev. T. Alexander and Mr. R. Pyke.
CHATHAM.....	Mr. P. Uzelle.
BRUCE.....	Rev. A. F. McKenzie, to Bruce Mines and Thesalon River, for six months; Rev. A. K. Caswell to Sault Ste. Marie for two years, and Rev. D. Davidson to Gore Bay, &c., for two years.
MANITOBA SYNOD.	Rev. M. Mackenzie.

AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE :—Rev. D. J. Macdonnell presented a report on behalf of the augmentation sub-committee containing the following recommendations :—

1. That the grants for the half year ending 1st October, 1884, be paid at the full rate of \$750 per annum and manse, in the faith that there will be such a general and liberal response throughout the Church as will justify the committee in thus going beyond the letter of the Assembly's regulation, viz.: that grants are to be paid semi-annually, so as to make the stipend in the first place \$600 and manse, the surplus up to \$750 and manse being only payable on 30th April, if the fund admits of it.

2. That the Presbyteries taking one Synod appoint deputes Hamilton and

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2. That the plan adopted last year of appointing deputies to visit the Presbyteries of the Church in the interests of the scheme be continued, taking one Synod each year; and that the sub-committee be instructed to appoint deputies for the current year to the Presbyteries in the Synod of Hamilton and London.

3. That the amount required for the year be apportioned to the respective Presbyteries of the Church.

4. That the sub-committee be empowered to issue envelopes, for contributions to the scheme, to all the congregations of the Church, as was done last year.

The report was received, its recommendations adopted, and the amounts apportioned to the several Presbyteries submitted and approved of.

DEPUTIES TO MARITIME PROVINCES.—Mr. Macdonnell reported that he and Mr. Warden had, according to appointment, visited the Maritime Province section of the Church last week, held a lengthened conference with the Eastern committee on supplements and addressed the Synod on the prosecution of the augmentation scheme, and the desirability of union between East and West. He also laid on the table the following resolution adopted by the Synod with reference to the matter of unification :—

“That while the Synod anticipates with pleasure the prospect of unification of the augmentation movement, yet we are of opinion that such union should be postponed for one year, until the scheme is more fully developed in the Maritime Provinces, so as at least to approximate to the desired minimum of \$750 and a manse.”

The report was received and the deputies thanked.

CHANGES IN GRANTS, &c.—The committee considered applications from Presbyteries for changes in grants, &c. The following are the changes on the list since April, 1884 :—

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC :—

Danville,—Granted at rate of \$350 per annum from 1st April, 1884.

Richmond,—Application for increased grant declined.

Kennebec Road,— “ “ “ “ “ “

Melbourne,—Application to be put on the list declined.

Sherbrooke,—Agreed to notify Presbytery that the grant will be discontinued from 1st April, 1885.

Lake Megantic,—Vacant since July, 1884.

Hampden,— “ “ April, “

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL :—

Chalmers Church, Montreal,—Now self-supporting.

Taylor Church, “ —Grant reduced by \$200 per annum.

Laguerre,—Settled in June; grant of \$300 per annum.

- PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA :—
L'Original, &c.,—Grant reduced to \$250 per annum.
- PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW :—
Beckwith and Ashton,—Now self-supporting.
- PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE :—
Cardinal and Mainsville,—Vacant,—now self-supporting.
- PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON :—
Trenton,—Application for increased grant declined.
Newburgh and Camden,—Vacant since April, 1884.
Lansdowne, &c.,—Vacant since July, 1884.
- PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH :—
Cartwright and Ballyduff,—Settled in July, 1884.
It was agreed to call the attention of the Presbyteries of Peterborough and Whitby to the desirability of union between this and an adjoining field.
- PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY :—
Bolsover,—Removed from the list.
Sunderland and Vroomanton,—Settled in June; grant of \$250 per annum.
- PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO :—
Parkdale,—Now self-supporting.
Queensville, &c.—Removed from the list.
Chalmers Church, Toronto,—Grant is now \$500 per annum.
Aurora—Grant reduced to \$100 per annum-
Hornings Mills,—Grant increased to \$275 per annum.
Deer Park,—Settled in July; put on the list with grant of \$300 per ann.
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- PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE :—
Mulmur and Rosemont,—Vacant since June, 1884.
Midland,—Settled in August; put on list with grant of \$100 per annum.
- PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND :—
Lion's Head, &c.—Grant increased to \$350 per annum.
- PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN :—
North Luther, &c.—Grant reduced to \$150 per annum.
Durham, First Church,—Granted \$100 for past six months, and Presbytery notified that the grant ceases from 1st October, 1884.
- PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON :—
Niagara Falls,—Application for grant declined.
- PRESBYTERY OF PARIS :—
Mount Pleasant, &c.—Removed from the list.
St. George,—Now vacant.
- PRESBYTERY OF LONDON :—
London East,—Settled in May; grant of \$400 per annum.
Port Stanley,—Settled in September; grant of \$300 per annum.
Ekfrid,—Removed from the list.
- PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM :—
Florence and Dawn,—Presbytery's attention called to arrears.
- PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA :—
Forest,—Settled in July; put on the list with grant of \$250 per annum.
- PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD :—
Granton & Lucan,—Settled in September; grant of \$200 per annum.
St. Andrew's, Stratford,—Application for \$250 to meet arrears due minister declined.

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PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND :—

Fordwich and Gorrie,—Grant increased to \$120 per annum.
 Langside,—Application for grant of \$200 per annum declined.
 Belgrave,—Settled in October; grant of \$300 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE :—

Zion Church, Teeswater,—Removed from the list.
 Westminster, Ch. “ “ “ “
 Hanover and N. Normanby,—Application for \$200 per annum. The application was remitted to the Presbytery for statistics, and also with a view to secure increased liberality on the part of the people.
 Balaklava,—Granted \$150 for past six months, and Presbytery notified that the grant will be discontinued from this date.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG :—

Emerson,—Granted \$175. for past six months.
 Little Britain,— “ 187.50 “ “ “

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE :—

Archibald,—Granted \$125. for past six months.
 Rock Lake,— “ 50. “ “ “
 Carman,— “ 175. “ “ “
 Nelson,—Vacant; granted \$12.50 for past six months, also \$3 per Sabbath for the future, while vacant.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON :—

Gladstone,—Granted \$25. for past six months.
 High Bluff,— “ 137.50 “ “ “
 Minnedosa,— “ 150. “ “ “
 Burnside,—Settled in July; grant of \$350 per annum.
 Regina,— “ “ “ 350 “
 Edmonton,— “ 28 September.
 Prince Albert,— “ 6 October.

* * * The three Presbyteries in the Synod of Manitoba and the North West having been formed since April last, a list in full of the augmented congregations in each of these is here given with the grants paid for the past half year.

STATE OF THE FUND.

There was laid on the table a report from the Treasurer, showing the state of the funds at this date. It was agreed to instruct the Treasurer to transfer \$1,333.33 of the portion of the late Mr. D. J. Greenshields bequest recently received, to the credit of the stipend augmentation ordinary fund. It was also agreed that of the removal expenses of the Prince Albert Missionary's family, the sum of \$200 should be charged to the stipend augmentation ordinary fund.

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THANKS TO MR. T. McCRAE.—Mr. Thos. McCrae having intimated his intention to pay the grant due to the stations supplied by Mr. Henry Knox, catechist, thus relieving the fund to the amount of ninety-one dollars, the committee resolved to express its grateful recognition of Mr. McCrae's liberality on this occasion, as well as in his previous generous contributions towards the maintenance of Mr. Knox, who has labored successfully in the mission work of the Church in Muskoka, having been induced chiefly by Mr. McCrae to enter upon the work.

SUPPLY OF VACANT CHARGES.—As many Presbyteries find it difficult to secure supply of Ministers for the vacant congregations within their bounds in consequence of the General Assembly having discontinued the appointment of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers, the Secretary was asked and agreed to act as a medium of communication between Presbyteries and Probationers and others, in this matter.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE.—The following is the Executive for the year :—Dr. Cochrane (convener), Dr. Campbell, Dr. Laing, Messrs. Macdonnell, Kilgour 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 half-past four o'clock, P.M., on Thursday, 23rd October, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
Convener.