

JANUARY, 1883.

MINUTES OF MEETING

OF THE EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

OF THE

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(WESTERN SECTION,)

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

TORONTO, 19th January, 1883.

AT TORONTO, and within the office of the Agent of the Church there, on Friday the nineteenth day of January, 1883, at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Executive Sub-Committee met. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The following members were present:—Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Convener; Rev. Dr. King, Rev. Messrs. Macdonnell and Warden, and Mr. T. W. Taylor.

A letter was laid on the table and read from Rev. J. Laing, regretting his inability to be present on account of ill-health, and giving his views on some of the matters before the meeting.

MANITOBA PRESBYTERY.

An application from the Presbytery for grants for services rendered within the bounds during the past quarter by Rev. Farquhar McRae and Mr. J. Jones, was referred to the meeting of the committee in March.

Similar action was taken in reference to a claim of Rev. G. Roddick for services in the Presbytery.

The Convener was instructed to arrange for a series of meetings to be addressed by Rev. Jas. Robertson, Superintendent of North-West Missions, in February and March.

There was submitted a lengthened correspondence in regard to the supply of Regina, together with a number of applications for an appointment to that field. A telegram of this date from Rev. Jas. Robertson was read, stating that the Presbytery of Manitoba had arranged for the supply of the field till 13th March. It was resolved that although the Committee had in October last, in deference to the urgent request of the Presbytery, appointed Mr. G. Bruce direct to Regina, the sub-committee see no reason now to depart from the usual mode of procedure, viz., the appointment of missionaries to the *Presbytery* and not to any particular field.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Convener reported that he had corresponded with the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, and communicated to them the resolutions regarding the work in British Columbia, adopted by the Home Mission Committee in October.

A letter in reply from the Rev. Dr. Gray, Convener of the Colonial Committee, was laid on the table and read. It was to the effect that the Colonial Committee were desirous that *for the present* the work in British Columbia should be carried on as heretofore, and that ministers sent out either from Scotland or from Canada be asked to connect themselves with the existing Presbytery there, and that in the event of the Nanaimo congregation getting a minister from Canada the Colonial Committee's grant to that field of £100 sterling, will be available provided the minister connect himself with the Presbytery in British Columbia in connection with the Church of Scotland.

After lengthened consideration the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

1. That while sympathizing with the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland in the difficulties which lie in the way of an immediate transfer to the Presbyterian Church in Canada of the work in British Columbia, this Committee regret the delay in effecting such a transfer, and they are of opinion that the work of the Church and the care of the Presbyterian population in that Province can be best overtaken by having all the congregations there connected with the Church in Canada.

2. That the ability of the Church in Canada to secure suitable and efficient laborers for British Columbia, such as the necessities of the field demand, would be greatly lessened were a condition of acceptance their severing their Presbyterial connection with the Church in Canada and uniting with the Presbytery in British Columbia in connection with the Church of Scotland.

3. That inasmuch as the connection with any other denomination in Canada and to the order to prevent the same, and its ministerial action and its ministerial action of one of the Presbyteries, the course be adopted.

4. That while the Committee are of opinion that the Canadian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Church of Scotland.

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3. That inasmuch as the First (or Pandora Street) Church, Victoria, never heretofore in connection with any Presbytery, is now asking to be received into the Presbyterian Church in Canada and to have a minister sent from this Church, this committee would recommend, in order to prevent the unseemliness of a rival Presbytery in British Columbia, that said Congregation and its minister, (should one be sent from Canada,) be for the present placed under the care of one of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; and further that the same course be adopted in regard to St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, and its minister.

4. That while recognizing the liberality of the Colonial Committee's grant to Nanaimo, this Committee are of opinion that the probability of securing a minister for that field from the Canadian Church is greatly lessened because of the condition on which the grant is made, viz., that the minister connect himself with the Presbytery in British Columbia in connection with the Church of Scotland.

5. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, and to the Presbytery in British Columbia.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Convener reported that Mr. G. Bruce had declined the appointment to Regina, Mr. J. R. McLeod to Muskoka, Mr. D. C. Johnson to Manitoulin Island and Mr. D. H. MacLennan to Bruce Mines. He also reported that Mr. J. Morison had accepted the appointment to Sault Ste. Marie, and, after ordination by the Presbytery of Bruce, had entered upon his work in November; further, that Mr. Henderson of Sault Ste Marie had been transferred to Bruce Mines, he having accepted an appointment to that field in room of Mr. D. H. MacLennan. The report was received.

The Committee sanctioned the appointment of Mr. J. B. Stewart as Ordained Missionary at Castleford and Dewars. The grant to be at the rate of \$200 per annum.

There was laid on the table and read a letter from Rev. A. Findlay, as representative of the Barrie Presbytery, intimating the appointment of an Ordained Missionary to Parry Sound. It was agreed, while sympathizing with the efforts of the Presbytery to supply this field, to express regret that an appointment had been made without consulting this Committee or its Convener, and to decline to sanction the appointment made.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,

Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,

Convener.