

N.B.—Conveners of Presbyteries' Home Mission Committees are particularly requested to forward the Annual Reports of Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations (No. I. and II.) to the Secretary, at 260 St. James Street, Montreal, **NOT LATER THAN THE 20th OF APRIL.**

MARCH, 1881.

MINUTES OF MEETING

OF THE

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(WESTERN SECTION,)

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

TORONTO, 29th, 30th AND 31st MARCH, 1881.

AT TORONTO, and within the Deacons' Court Room of Knox Church there, on Tuesday, the 29th day of March, 1881, 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 1 p.m. on Thursday 31st March.

The following members were present:—Dr. Cochrane, Rev. Messrs. A. F. Tully, D. H. MacLennan, F. W. Farries, R. Campbell (Renfrew), G. Burnfield, T. G. Smith, D.D., J. Cleland, A. A. Drummond, E. Cockburn, J. M. King, D. J. Macdoanell, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, R. Torrance, G. Bruce, J. Laing, J. Rennie, W. Walker, R. Hamilton, A. Stewart, D. Cameron, A. Tolmie, J. Robertson, and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*; and Messrs. T. W. Taylor, T. McCrae, and T. Gordon, *Elders*. Rev. D. Fraser of Mount Forest was asked to sit as a corresponding member, he being present as representative of the Presbytery of Saugeen.

CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

The claims of the respective Presbyteries in Quebec and Ontario, for services rendered in Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations during the past six months, were carefully considered, and the following sums ordered to be paid :—

Presbytery of Quebec	\$436.25
" Montreal	1032.50
" Glengarry	150.00
" Ottawa	727.00
" Brockville	193.00
" Lanark and Renfrew.....	706.00
" Kingston.....	692.50
" Peterboro'.....	325.50
" Whitby
" Lindsay.....	166.00
" Toronto.....	501.50
" Barrie	798.00
" Owen Sound.....	291.50
" Saugeen.....	192.50
" Guelph	100.00
" Hamilton	437.50
" Paris	37.50
" London.....	903.00
" Chatham	302.00
" Stratford	30.00
" Huron	177.00
" Maitland	137.50
" Bruce.....	413.00
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N.B.—These are the *nett* amounts due on the 1st April, 1881, including special claims, etc., passed at this meeting, particulars of which are here given :—

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC :—

Claim of \$84.75, being 25 per cent. struck off in 1879,—granted.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBORO' :—

Round Lake,—claim of \$36, due student for last summer,—declined.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON :—

Claim of \$20 50, exploring expenses,—granted.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON :—

Claim of \$159, being 25 per cent. struck off in 1879,—granted.

Port Stanley,—claim of \$25 additional for past six months,—granted.

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NEW APPLICATIONS.—CHANGES IN GRANTS, &c.

The Committee proceeded to consider new applications from Presbyteries. The following are the applications, changes made, etc. :

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC :—

- Danville,—Grant increased from \$100 to \$150 per annum.
 St. Sylvester and Lower Leeds,—Granted \$270 per annum, conditional upon settlement.
 Kennebec Road,—Granted \$6 per Sabbath for Ordained Missionary.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL :—

- Rawdon,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA :—

- Bearbrook and Cambridge,—Granted \$270 per annum, and the appointment to this field for two years of Mr. W. Shearer sanctioned.
 Aylwin and Desert,—Granted \$330 per annum, and the re-engagement for one year of Mr. D. McNaughton sanctioned.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW :—

- Wilberforce and Grattan,—Granted \$250 per annum, and the appointment for two years of Mr. G. T. Bayne sanctioned.
 Mattawa,—Granted \$300 per annum, and the appointment for two years of Mr. R. Hamilton sanctioned.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE :—

- Chrysler,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.
 N. Williamsburg,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.
 Merrickville, Easton's Corners, &c.—No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON :—

- Fredericksburg and Mill Haven,—Granted \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement or appointment of Ordained Missionary; \$2 per Sabbath if supplied otherwise.
 Thanet, The Ridge, L'Amable and York River,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath for Ordained Missionary, or \$3 per Sabbath for Student.
 Maynooth,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath.
 Carlow and Mayo,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath for ordained Missionary, or \$3 per Sabbath for Student.
 Mississippi,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH :—

- Warsaw and Dummer,—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations.
 Warsaw, Dummer and Round Lake,—Put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$2 per Sabbath.
 Cardiff,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY :—

Fenelon Falls and Somerville,—Grant increased from \$100 to \$130 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO :—

Leslieville and York Town Line,—Granted \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE :—

Gravenhurst,—To be separated from Washago and Severn Bridge on 1st May,—Granted \$200 per annum from that date.

Washago, Severn Bridge, Ardtrea and Uhtoff,—Put on list of Mission Stations,—No grant.

Stisted, Stanleydale, Hoodstown and Axe Lake,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

Port Sydney, Bethel Church and Brunel,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Maganetawan.—The Presbytery having intimated to the committee that Mr. Thompson's engagement terminated on the first of April, in accordance with notice given him by the Presbytery in November last, the grant for an Ordained Missionary to this field was withdrawn, and in its stead \$3 per Sabbath was granted for a student for the summer.

Parry Sound,—Mr. Moodie, who was appointed by the committee in October last to visit this field, presented a report of the present condition and prospects of the Mission. The report was received, the thanks of the committee tendered to Mr. Moodie, and a grant of \$3 per Sabbath made to the field.

Penetanguishine,—Granted \$100 per annum, and the appointment for two years of Mr. David James as ordained Missionary sanctioned. An additional grant of \$2 per Sabbath was made for a student to assist Mr. James.

Emsdale, &c.—No grant.

Commanda, &c.—No grant.

Bracebridge, &c.—The Presbytery asked the committee to sanction their granting Mr. Findlay leave of absence for three months on the ground of his need of rest. The request was acceded to, and the committee agreed to meet the grant to Mr. Findlay during the term of his absence and to express the hope that the period of rest may tend to the restoration of his health.

Mr. Jos. Andrew.—The Convener reported that, in accordance with the the instructions of the committee in October, he had paid Mr. Andrew \$30, the amount of arrears due him for services in the Presbytery of Barrie.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND :

Indian Peninsula (lower field),—Granted \$5 per Sabbath, and the appointment of Mr. James Ferguson sanctioned.

Crawford,—No grant.

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PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN :

Osprey,—Put on list of Supplemented Congregations, with a grant of \$50 per annum conditional on settlement.

S. Luther, Waldemar and Little Toronto,—Asked a grant of \$75 for next year. Declined.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON :

Kilbride,—Removed from the list of Supplemented Congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS :

Old St. Andrews, E. Oxford,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON :

St. James Church, London,—Granted \$200 per annum, on condition that the Manse be not sold, as at present contemplated.

Port Stanley,—Grant increased from \$150 to \$200 per annum.

Delaware,—Grant withdrawn from this date.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM :

W. Tilbury and Comber,—Asked \$100 per annum ; declined.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD :

Tavistock and Hamburgh,—Removed from the list of Mission Stations.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON :

Goderich (Gaelic),—No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND :

Fordwich and Gorrie,—Asked \$100 per annum ; declined.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE :

Bruce Mines,—No grant.

Manitoulin Island,—Gore Bay,—Granted \$300 per annum for Mr. H. McKay, in the event of his returning to the field, and \$3 per Sabbath for next six months for a catechist.

STATE OF THE FUND.

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

Receipts from 1st May to 28th March.....	\$22,820.00
Expenditure to 28th March.....	\$23,784.00
Claims passed at this meeting	8,749.75
Other liabilities to close of Church year	3,025.00
	35,558.75

Amount required before the close of the year (1st May).... \$12,738.75

After consideration the following resolution was adopted, on motion of Mr. J. M. King :—

The Committee having passed the claims for the last half-year, find that it will take fully \$35,000, the amount previously stated, to meet the expenditure of that year. They learn from the Treasurer that \$22,820 have been contributed to the fund up to date, and that therefore over \$12,000 must yet be received in order to enable the committee to equalize the income and the expenditure. From the number of congregations which have not reported, the committee are hopeful that this amount will be reached before the close of the financial year. The committee, however, urge Presbyteries to use the utmost diligence in securing, prior to 30th April, a contribution from every congregation and mission station to this important fund.

The committee further agreed to continue for the ensuing half-year the grants made in October last to the supplemented congregations and mission stations in Ontario and Quebec at the same rate as for the past six months, except in those cases where changes have been specially made at this meeting. (See under the heading "New Applications, Changes in Grants, &c.")

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A report was laid on the table from Mr. Gallagher, missionary in this field, the substance of which the Convener was asked to embody in the annual report of the committee to the General Assembly.

PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING.

There was submitted an interesting report from Mr. Jas. Herald, missionary at Prince Arthur's Landing and Fort William.

There was also read a letter from the managers asking that Mr. Herald be re-appointed for a year, and that the grant from the committee be increased from \$250 to \$350 per annum. It was agreed to comply with the request, and Mr. Herald was accordingly re-engaged for a year from this date, the grant from the committee being at the rate of \$350 per annum from October last.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A letter was laid on the table and read from Mr. R. Jamieson of New Westminster, giving a report of the congregation there, which it was agreed to embody in the annual report to the General Assembly.

MANITOBA PRESBYTERY.

PRINCE ALBERT, N. W. T.

A letter was laid on the table from Mr. J. Sieveright, giving an interesting and encouraging report of Prince Albert and the adjoining stations. Mr. Sieveright's expenses from Ontario to the field amounted to \$162.50, which had been paid.

EDMONTON, N. W. T.

Owing to ill health Mr. J. Duncan had been unable to proceed to Edmonton and had spent the winter in Prince Albert assisting Mr. Sieveright. As he was now returning to Manitoba at the request of the Presbytery, his appointment to Edmonton was cancelled.

Mr. A. B. Baird, M.A., was appointed to Edmonton for three years at a salary of \$900 per annum, and travelling expenses to the field, with the understanding that the people contribute at least \$300 of the salary during the first year.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. D. STALKER.

Mr. D. Stalker, one of the graduating class of Knox College, Toronto, was appointed to Manitoba Presbytery for six months,—his permanent appointment for three years at the salary fixed by the General Assembly for missionaries in Manitoba to take place after his being licensed.

CLAIM OF PROFESSOR HART.

It was agreed to pay a claim of \$19.80, being expenses incurred by Prof. Hart in connection with services rendered the mission field.

MR. W. D. RUSSELL'S CLAIM.

In accordance with the instructions of the committee at the meeting in October last, the Presbytery of Manitoba reported that the amount due Mr. Russell for services in the Greenwood field was \$68.75. It was agreed to pay this amount in full of Mr. Russell's claim.

REV. C. B. PITBLADO.

Mr. C. B. Pitblado's report of his visit to Manitoba and the North-west was laid on the table. The Convener intimated that he had, in accordance with the instructions of the committee, sent Mr. Pitblado \$150 on behalf of his expenses in the North-west, which sum Mr. Pitblado had returned to the Home Mission fund, with the request that it should be expended on mission work in the North-west. The committee resolved to put on record their appreciation of the valuable and gratuitous services rendered by Mr. Pitblado, and instructed the Secretary to convey to him the cordial thanks of the Committee.

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PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS.

The sub-committee appointed in October last to consider the terms on which the services of the missionaries to Manitoba, whose terms of engagement have expired, should be retained, with a view to a more efficient and economical working of this rapidly growing field, presented a report containing the following regulations, which the committee recommended the General Assembly to adopt :

1. That congregations in Manitoba, having settled pastors, and not self-sustaining, be placed on a list, distinct from stations supplied by missionaries, to be called the list of Supplemented Congregations; that a minimum contribution of \$450 towards the salary of the minister be necessary in order to entitle any congregation to be placed on this list, and that, in view of the greater cost of living in Manitoba compared with Ontario and Quebec, the committee have power, if it sees fit, to supplement the salaries of Ministers labouring in these congregations up to \$850 per annum.
- 2 That the committee hereafter simply make grants to the fields, and that the list of labourers to be employed by the Presbytery in supplying these fields, be revised at the semi-annual meetings of the Home Mission committee; with the understanding that the committee are only liable for the amount of the grant to the field, except in the case of those missionaries directly appointed by this committee, whose term of service has not expired.
3. That the distinction hitherto made in the remuneration of married and unmarried missionaries be done away, and that \$800 be the salary of missionaries to be hereafter sent to Manitoba, during the period of their direct appointment by the Committee, unless in cases in which the great distance from Winnipeg would render a larger salary necessary; with the understanding that the amount promised by the field to which the Missionary is appointed be regarded as a part of the salary named.
4. That a semi-annual grant be made to the Presbytery of Manitoba for exploring and giving temporary supply in new districts, the details of the expenditure to be submitted to this Committee.

REV. G. RODDICK.

A letter was read from Mr. G. Roddick, Grand Valley, in relation to his being employed as a missionary in the Presbytery of Manitoba. The letter was referred to the Presbytery, with instructions to report at next meeting of the Committee.

GRANTS MADE TO THE PRESBYTERY.

The committee proceeded to revise the grants to the several fields in the Presbytery. The following grants were made for the six months beginning 1st April, 1881, and it was agreed to notify the Presbytery that the committee have reduced the grants in the belief that the fields can and ought to increase their contributions so as to secure the full stipends of the missionaries :

<i>FIELDS.</i>	<i>Grants for 6 months from 1st April, 1881.</i>
W. Lynn, Marais, etc.....	\$100.00
Springfield, Sunnyside, etc.....	150.00
Boyne, Salterville, etc.....	200.00
Little Britain and Selkirk	150.00
Poplar Point, Poplar Heights, etc.....	175.00
High Bluff, etc.....	100.00
Morris, Union Point, etc.....	200.00
Rapid City, etc.....	200.00
River View, etc.....	250.00
Minnedosa, etc.....	250.00
Archibald, etc.....	175.00
Nelsonville, etc.....	175.00
Caledonia, etc.....	200.00
Grassmere, etc.....	200.00
Hope's, McKinnon's, etc.....	200.00
Birtle, etc.....	250.00
Edmonton.....	300.00
Prince Albert,.....	450.00
Emerson.....	200.00
Palestine, etc.....	100.00
Beautiful Plains, etc.....	100.00
Dominion City.....	50.00
Grand Valley
Mountain City, etc.....
Prince Albert (second missionary).....
Shell River
Turtle Mountains.....
Westbourne.....

It was resolved that the appointments of the missionaries now terminating be extended for six months on condition that the committee is responsible in their case only for the amounts now granted the respective fields supplied by them.

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The Committee further resolved to place at the disposal of the Presbytery of Manitoba the sum of one thousand (\$1000) dollars for supplying with ordinances fields in Manitoba and the North-west to which appropriations have not now been made, and which, in the opinion of the Presbytery, should be occupied with as little delay as possible; and that a statement of the manner in which this sum has been expended be submitted to this committee at its October meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

A communication was laid on the table and read from the Home Mission committee of the Presbytery of Manitoba urging the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions for the Presbytery on certain conditions. After consideration the committee agreed to recommend the General Assembly to appoint a Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-west. X

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

The list of Student Missionaries from the several Colleges of the Church, desiring work during the ensuing summer, was made up and appointments given to Presbyteries as follows :

QUEBEC.....	Messrs. John McLeod, R. V. McKibbin and J. G. Pritchard.
MONTREAL.....	Messrs. D. G. Cameron and J. P. Grant.
GLENGARRY	Messrs. G. McArthur and J. A. Morrison.
OTTAWA.....	Messrs. M. S. Oxley and Arch. Lee.
BROCKVILLE	Messrs. G. F. Walker, G. D. Bayne and S. Rondeau.
LANARK AND RENFREW..	Messrs. M. Turnbull, W. Meikle, G. T. Bayne, J. A. Townsend, R. C. Murray, J. E. Duclos, J. C. Campbell, and Jas. Robertson.
KINGSTON.....	Messrs. D. Kelloch, Jos. Andrew, W. S. Smith, Jas. Somerville, A. K. McLeod, John Young, A. Patterson, and John McNeil.
PETERBOROUGH.....	Messrs. T. Davidson, Jas. Murray and Arch McLaren.
LINDSAY.....	Messrs. D. Bickell, A. G. McLachlan, Jno. Currie, A. Cuthbertson, and R. Stewart.
WHITBY.....	None.
TORONTO.....	Messrs. Jas. Farquharson, J. A. Turnbull, J. Mowat, J. W. Cameron, D. B. McDonald, R. G. Sinclair, John Gibson, R. M. Craig, and D. McTavish.
BARRIE	Messrs. A. Henderson, D. James, W. H. Hunt, John Jamieson, John Neil, D. McLaren, J. Ballantyne, D. M. Ramsay, J. S. Hardie, S. Carruthers, W. Patterson, P. M. Pollock, P. F. Langill, Jacob Steele, C. J. Cameron and W. A. McKenzie.
OWEN SOUND.....	Messrs. C. H. Cook, R. H. Myers, Ed. Snyder, and D. A. McLean.
SAUGEEN.....	Messrs. A. Wilson, A. B. Dobson, A. Gandier and Neil Campbell.
GUELPH.....	Messrs. G. B. Greig and J. Reid.
HAMILTON	Messrs. J. Mutch, H. C. Howard and Alex. Urquhart.
PARIS	Mr. W. McKinley.
LONDON.....	Mr. J. C. Willert.
CHATHAM.....	Messrs. J. S. Henderson, J. Cairns and John Brown.
SRATFORD.....	None.
HURON	None.
MAITLAND	None.
BRUCE	Messrs. A. K. Caswell, Jos. Builder and F. W. Johnston.
MANITOBA	Messrs. J. A. McDonald, D. Stalker, J. Chisholm, D. Forest, R. Hyde, J. Mitchell and J. B. Stewart.

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.

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GRANTS FROM BRITISH CHURCHES.

The Convener reported that he had received and suitably acknowledged a grant of £150 stg. from the Free Church of Scotland, and £100 stg. from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. The report was received.

REMIT ANENT OPENING AND CLOSING OF COLLEGES.

The committee considered the remit from the General Assembly as to a proposed change in the time of opening and closing the sessions of the Theological Institutions of the Church. It was unanimously resolved to recommend that the college sessions extend from the beginning of November to the end of April.

SPECIAL APPEAL TO THE CHURCHES IN BRITAIN.

On the report of a sub-committee appointed to consider the matter it was resolved to make the following representation to the General Assembly :—

The committee are convinced that, owing to the vast extent of the Mission field, especially in the North-West, the work will not only tax to the utmost the liberality of the church in Canada, but will present, beyond all that we can do in the immediate future, opportunities of very great value and claims which are almost irresistible, which we shall be unable to meet. On this account and, further, from the fact that a large number of the immigrants to the North-West are coming directly from Great Britain and Ireland, the committee respectfully suggest to the Assembly the propriety, and even the necessity, of having the magnitude and needs of the North-West mission work brought fully before the churches in Great Britain and Ireland; and for this purpose, that a deputation be sent to their Assemblies, in the hope that the liberality of these churches will thus be still further extended on behalf of a work which has such strong claims upon their sympathy.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed to hold the October meeting of the committee in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE.

The following is the executive sub-committee to attend to all matters requiring action before next regular meeting ; Dr. Cochrane, (Convener), Messrs. Laing, Macdonnell, King, Warden and Taylor.

EXPENSES PAID.

The expenses of members of committee were noted and paid.

CLOSE.

The committee adjourned at one o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 31st March, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
Convener