

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 DR. WARDEN, **on or before 19th April**, when the reports will be put in the printers' hands.

MARCH, 1893.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(WESTERN SECTION.)

OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

TORONTO, 28th, 29th and 30th MARCH, 1893.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday the 28th day of March, 1893, at 9 o'clock in the morning, the Executive of 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 six o'clock of the evening of Thursday 30th March.

The following members were present:—Dr. Cochrane, convener; Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Robertson, Rev. Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, A. T. Love, A. Givan, J. Abraham, W. Bennett, Dr. Kellock, H. Gracey, W. G. Hanna, A. Findlay, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, E. Cockburn, H. Currie, J. M. Aull, Dr. Battersby, J. H. Ratcliffe, R. Hamilton, J. L. Murray, A. Gilray, A. Henderson, D. C. Hossack, C. Fletcher, J. Farquharson, J. Rennie, Dr. McTavish, P. Wright, J. C. Herdman, A. Tolmie and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*; and Messrs. W. B. McMurrich, R. Kilgour, G. Rutherford, *Elders*.

CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

The claims of the respective Presbyteries for services rendered in Mission fields and Augmented congregations during the past six months, were considered and the following sums ordered to be paid:

| PRESBYTERIES. | MISSION FIELDS. | AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS. |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Quebec | \$ 815.46 | \$ 957.60 |
| Montreal..... | 1009.50 | 1000.00 |
| Glengarry..... | 65.00 | 350.00 |
| Ottawa..... | 888.00 | 598.50 |
| Brockville..... | 163.00 | 265.50 |
| Lanark and Benfrew..... | 781.00 | 400.00 |
| Kingston..... | 825.40 | 600.82 |
| Peterborough | 175.50 | 560.00 |
| Lindsay..... | 208.86 | 114.42 |
| Whitby..... | ..... | 100.00 |
| Toronto..... | 221.00 | 867.00 |
| Orangeville..... | ..... | 440.00 |
| Barrie..... | 1731.75 | 379.00 |
| Owen Sound..... | 478.00 | 216.66 |
| Saugeen..... | ..... | 100.00 |
| Guelph..... | 75.00 | 100.00 |
| Hamilton..... | 143.00 | 550.00 |
| Paris..... | ..... | 50.00 |
| London..... | ..... | 628.00 |
| Chatham..... | 88.00 | 175.00 |
| Sarnia..... | 200.00 | 239.50 |
| Stratford..... | ..... | ..... |
| Huron..... | ..... | 229.00 |
| Maitland..... | ..... | 225.00 |
| Bruce..... | ..... | 125.00 |
| Algoma..... | 1745.00 | 325.00 |
| Winnipeg..... | 1231.00 | 528.22 |
| Rock Lake..... | 1340.50 | 176.00 |
| Brandon..... | 651.00 | 420.00 |
| Minnedosa..... | 1990.50 | 403.00 |
| Regina..... | 2874.00 | 582.00 |
| Calgary..... | 1617.20 | 325.00 |
| Kamloops..... | 1568.00 | 150.00 |
| Westminster..... | 1148.00 | 187.50 |
| Vancouver Island..... | 1215.00 ..... | ..... |
| | <u>\$23,248.67</u> | <u>\$12,367.72</u> |

REVISION OF GRANTS, &c.

The Committee considered and took action upon applications from Presbyteries for grants to Augmented congregations and Mission stations for the year beginning 1st April, 1893. 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. An advance copy will be sent to the convener of each Presbytery, in time to have any corrections made in the statistics before the copies for the Assembly are printed.

STATE OF THE FUND.

The state of the funds was reported as follows :—

HOME MISSION.

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| Balance, May, 1892..... | \$12,391.33 | |
| Receipts to date..... | 46,118.46 | |
| | \$58,509.79 | |
| Expenditure to date..... | \$32,497.54 | |
| Paid North-West Church and Manse Fund.. | 5,000.00 | |
| | 37,497.54 | |
| On hand | \$21,012.25 | |

AUGMENTATION.

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|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| Balance, May, 1892..... | \$2,488.94 | |
| Receipts to date..... | 18,766.37 | |
| | \$21,255.31 | |
| Expenditure to date..... | 13,565.36 | |
| On hand..... | \$7,689.95 | |

It was agreed to delay payment of the grants to Augmented congregations till the end of April, and the Executive were instructed, should the state of the fund then not admit of their being paid in full, to reduce the claims on the basis of a certain fixed sum, so as to maintain an equal stipend throughout the Church.

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST SYNOD.

EXPENSES OF SYNODICAL H. M. COMMITTEE.—A statement in detail of the expenses for the year now ending of the Synod's Home Mission Committee was submitted with an intimation from the Committee that these expenses were hereafter to be paid by the Synod.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.—Drs. Cochrane, Robertson and Warden were appointed a sub-committee to arrange as to the travelling expenses of missionaries now appointed to the North-West.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Manitoba and North-West Synod's Committee submitted a report of the amounts expended for the travelling expenses of the Student missionaries laboring in the Synod during the past half-year, and the following balances due were ordered to be paid :—

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Presbytery of Brandon..... | \$ 2.96 |
| “ Minnedosa..... | 23.10 |
| “ Regina..... | 5.85 |
| Synod of Columbia..... | 79.76 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$111.66 |

SYNOD OF COLUMBIA.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEE'S EXPENSES.—A claim of \$75 was presented to meet the expenses of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod. It was ordered to be paid.

MORMON SETTLEMENT.—There was laid on the table and read a document from the Presbytery of Calgary, as to the Mormon Settlements within their bounds. It was referred to a sub-Committee, consisting of Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell and Mr. Herdman. At a later stage of the proceedings the sub-Committee reported as follows:

In September, 1892, the Presbytery of Calgary appointed Rev. G. Hamilton of Macleod, to visit the colony of Mormons recently established in the southern part of Alberta. Mr. Hamilton discharged his mission in a most satisfactory manner. His report has been transmitted by the Presbytery to the Home Mission Committee.

The principal Mormon settlements are :—(1) Lee's Creek, about 48 miles south of MacLeod; (2) St. Mary's, some five miles further, and (3) Boundary Creek, some twenty miles distant from the latter place. At Lee's Creek, which is also known as "Cardstone," where Mr. Card the president of the Mormon community resides, there is a prosperous settlement numbering about 150, chiefly living on small ranches in the Mormon township. A temple will soon be erected here, for which the materials are already in course of preparation. At St. Mary's, besides the Mormon families, which are some five or six in number and very prosperous, there are nearly as many Christian families who would welcome the establishment of gospel ordinances. Boundary Creek is a new settlement close to the U. S. line. It is near the foot of the Rocky Mountains and favorably situated for irrigation. Some ten Christian settlers are found here. The prospects of this district for the future are excellent.

The colony comprises altogether over 700 persons and is under energetic and skilful management, with command of means sufficient to ensure success. Nearly twenty Christian families are scattered around the settlements. The importance of doing something for the spiritual welfare of these people will be apparent when we take into account the rapid natural increase which is a characteristic of Mormon communities, their industry, thrift and steady increase in wealth, and the influence unfavorable to evangelical religion which such a powerful organization must exert on the general public, morally socially and politically.

While little pecuniary support can be at first expected from the Christian portion of the settlers, by sending in a suitable missionary to minister to the spiritual wants of these people, to seek the establishment of public schools, and as opportunity may be afforded, to evangelize the Mormons, this Church may do much towards counteracting the prejudicial effect, social and political, which must attend the growth and consolidation of a Mormon establishment in our country.

The report was received and after consideration it was resolved to refer the whole matter to the Presbytery of Calgary, to be by them brought before the General Assembly.

SUPERVISION OF FIELD.—There was submitted an overture from the Presbytery of Calgary, approved by the Synod of Columbia, pointing out the desirability of closer supervision of the work in the Synod. After lengthened consideration the following resolution was unanimously adopted :—

That there may be more complete oversight in the Presbyteries of the Synod of Columbia this Committee favors the making of a liberal grant to each Presbytery, so that the convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery, or other suitable person, might be set free for a few weeks annually to visit the different fields of the Presbytery, with the view of

securing more complete organization, and advancing the interests of the work of the Church generally. Presbyteries shall indicate to the Committee in June next, and at its March meeting annually, the work to be done for the ensuing year, so that the Committee may be in a position to make the necessary grant intelligently.

AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.

MODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS.—It was agreed to recommend the General Assembly to fix the maximum grant from the Augmentation fund to city congregations at \$300 per annum and to congregations in Manitoba and the North-West at \$250 per annum.

SALARIES OF MARRIED AND UNMARRIED MINISTERS.—The following resolution, recommended by the executive at their last meeting, was considered:—

That in the judgment of the executive there should be a difference in the salaries of married and unmarried ministers in Augmented congregations, and that it be recommended to the General Assembly to legislate in this direction on the following scale:—That on and after 1st October, 1893, the salaries of unmarried ministers be reduced in ordinary charges by \$100 per annum; in cities and towns when the minimum salary is in excess of \$750, and also in Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia, by \$200 per annum. Further, that the same discrimination be made in the salaries of married and unmarried ordained missionaries.

Dr. Campbell moved that the recommendation be not adopted. On a vote being taken, Dr. Campbell's motion was lost. Mr. Farquharson moved in amendment to the recommendation of the executive, that on and after the 1st of October, 1893, the salaries of ministers not requiring a house be reduced in ordinary charges (including the North-West) by \$50 per annum, and in cities and towns by \$100. The amendment of Mr. Farquharson was carried.

It was agreed that the same principle be applied in fixing the salaries of married and unmarried ordained missionaries.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

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

- QUEBEC Rev. J. M. McLennan, John H. Tanner, John Buchanan, J. F. Polley, Rev. John Turnbull, John Lindsay, N. A. McLeod, K. J. McDonald, George Woodside, J. Wheeler, W. Ash.
- MONTREAL Rev. J. McCarter, Rev. A. Suckling, P. D. Muir, G. C. Pidgeon, P. A. Walker, A. D. Menzies, W. McCuaig, R. Thomson, J. L. Gourlay, W. J. Lowden.
- GLENGARRY A. Mahaffy, W. D. Wilkie.
- OTTAWA Rev. A. Miller, Rev. M. Danby, Rev. J. Gourlay, R. Eadie, J. McC. Kellock, J. C. Stewart, W. Patterson, Geo. Gilmour, D. Hutchison, George Weir, W. Gallup, A. McPhee.
- BROCKVILLE A. A. Finlayson, J. H. Turnbull.
- LANARK AND RENFREW . . E. S. Logie, Rev. J. A. McConnell, M. H. Wilson, Geo. Low, Colin G. Young, J. W. McIntosh.
- KINGSTON D. McArthur, Robert Laird, R. Byers, W. J. Herbison, J. R. Fraser, R. L. Ballantyne, A. Walker, J. W. Russell, Wm. Bremner, A. D. Fraser, W. T. B. Crombie, W. M. Mackeracher, John R. Hall, A. D. McIntyre, D. A. Mackenzie.
- PETERBOROUGH Rev. S. McDonald, James A. Leitch, W. T. Locke.
- LINDSAY Rev. J. S. Stewart, Rev. E. Mullan, William McKay.
- TORONTO Rev. S. Carruthers, D. A. Watson, William J. West.
- ORANGEVILLE C. Tate, A. E. Thomson.
- BARRIE Rev. James Pullar, L. McLean, W. R. McIntosh, T. R. Robinson, J. A. Cranston, W. Johnston, George Loughhead, J. McC. Bennett, F. E. Pitts, John Hannahson, W. D. Bell, H. T. Murray, H. Feir, H. W. Porter, D. Johnston, J. G. Inkster, J. G. Jackson, J. Lochore, P. Uzzelle, J. M. Griffith, M. Leitch, J. J. Brown, W. H. Farrer.
- OWEN SOUND Rev. H. Sinclair, Rev. W. Christie, Rev. W. Forrest, A. W. Craw, James H. Borland, George Milne.
- GUELPH E. A. Henry.
- HAMILTON John A. Mackenzie, Robt. Martin, H. A. McPherson.
- CHATHAM M. C. McLellan, John C. Forster.
- SARNIA Rev. John McRobie, C. H. Daly, A. L. Budge, J. S. Muldrew, H. Carmichael.

BRUCE..... W. A. McLean.
 PARIS..... J. A. Clarke, W. G. Fortune.
 LONDON..... Angus Graham.
 ALGOMA.... M. D. McKinnon, J. A. Mustard, J. Paterson, W. J.
 Smith, A. J. McMullen, R. Fletcher, Jas. Steele,
 Jos. Carlton, D. B. Smith, P. Reith, J. C. Little, J.
 T. Fraser, J. A. McGillivray.

SYNOD OF THE NORTH-

WEST..... Rev. Jos. McCracken, J. W. Muirhead, J. G. McKechnie,
 A. E. Hannahson, Rev. J. H. Cameron, J. A. Claxton,
 A. C. Bryan, John Baillie, J. S. Gordon, G. D. Ireland,
 J. P. McInnes, J. C. Wilson, R. F. Cameron, A. D. McKinnon,
 J. R. Wilson, John McNicol, J. R. Helmhurst, Jenkins Burkholder,
 S. Lawrence, H. L. Reazin, Jas. L. Miller, A. McGregor
 John McKissock, E. F. M. Smith, George Scarr,
 A. J. Mann, W. M. Townsend, W. J. McBean, E. J. Shaw,
 H. G. Gunn, F. Foster, J. R. Peacock, W. M. Fee,
 Jas. McIntosh, R. T. Cockburn, Stephen Young,
 S. D. Jamieson, P. Naismith, F. W. Gilmour,
 W. Wallis, J. L. Small, D. M. Gillies, J. Fleming,
 F. J. Hartley, W. J. Small, Jas. Arthur, E. Beveridge,
 W. J. Dempster, J. R. Robertson, J. H. Wallace,
 J. H. Menzies, A. C. McIvor, A. Dunn, M. McKee,
 J. G. Anderson, W. M. Russell, W. H. Frazer,
 H. A. Ferguson, A. Pollock, A. Lundie, E. Smith,
 W. Williamson.

SYNOD OF COLUMBIA... D. Robertson, McLeod Harvie, Rev. A. C. Manson, Rev.
 T. S. Glassford, John N. Miller, Jas. Rollins, J. S. Dobbins,
 J. D. Stewart, John Wray, H. R. Grant, E. W. McKay,
 G. S. Scott, H. Cowan.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REV. F. W. FARRIES.—The Committee, in taking leave of Rev. F. W. Faries, of Ottawa, who has been an active member since the union of the Churches in 1875, agreed to place on record its high appreciation of the intelligent and conscientious service he has rendered the Church in connection with the cause of Home Missions. His experience in a Presbytery having an extensive and needy mis-

sion field has been of the greatest value in dealing with the whole work under the care of the Committee. We would earnestly pray that Divine guidance may be vouchsafed to him, that his way may be made prosperous, and that he may have good success in his future work.

SYMPATHY WITH REV. M. W. MACLEAN.—It was agreed to convey to the Rev. M. W. MacLean of Belleville, the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the Committee in the very deep sorrow and bereavement through which he, under Divine guidance, has been made to pass. They earnestly pray that He who afflicts for the profit of all such as are thus visited may abundantly strengthen and comfort the hearts of our brother and the members of his family as they mourn the loss by death of their beloved and promising son and brother.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT.—The convener was instructed to prepare a brief summary of the Home Mission report for circulation among the members of the Church.

REV. A. FINDLAY'S REPORT.—The Rev. A. Findlay laid on the table an interesting report of his work for the past half-year. The report was received, and it was resolved to publish the substance of it in the *Presbyterian Record*. Mr. Findlay's expenses (\$175.20) were ordered to be paid.

SALARY OF WINTER STUDENTS.—The resolution of the executive passed last October was considered at length in reference to the salary of students. The resolution is as follows:—

That students labouring in the Home Mission field of the Church, by appointment of this Committee, be paid \$1 per Sabbath in excess of that allowed for summer work, making the salary \$8 per Sabbath, together with board.

The resolution was affirmed by an almost unanimous vote.

Dr. Robertson moved that for last winter the students in the North-West should be paid \$9, instead of \$8 and board. On the vote being taken, the motion was lost.

YOUNG PEOPLES' H. M. SOCIETIES.—Mr. Macdonnell, on behalf of the committee appointed to issue a circular to Presbyteries asking them to take steps to have Young People's Societies organized in every congregation, reported that they had done so. The con-

vener was instructed to collect information as to what had been done by the different Presbyteries during the year and publish the same in the Assembly's report.

BEQUESTS.—The Rev. A. Tolmie reported that the late Mr. George Craig of Toronto had left \$1000 each to the Home Mission and Augmentation funds. The Committee expressed gratification at the report.

EXECUTIVE.—It was agreed to recommend to the Aeneral Assembly that the following constitute the Executive for the ensuing year: Revs. Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Warden, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. Macdonnell, Somerville, M. W. MacLean, Gilray, and Moodie, and Messrs. Warden King, R. Kilgour, and Geo. Rutherford.

CLOSE.—The Committee adjourned at six o'clock of the evening of Thursday, the thirtieth March, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D. D.,
Convener.