

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, 1879.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

(WESTERN SECTION.)

TORONTO, 25TH 26TH AND 27TH MARCH, 1879.

At Toronto, and within the Deacon's Court Room of Knox Church there, on Tuesday, the 25th day of March, 1879, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Section), met and was constituted with prayer. Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., Convener. The Committee continued in Session till two p.m., on Thursday, 27th March.

The following members were present: Dr. Cochrane, Rev. Messrs. T. G. Smith, R. Torrance, R. Hamilton, J. Laing, J. M. King, J. Somerville, A. Tolmie, R. C. Moffatt, R. Rodgers, W. Walker, G. Cuthbertson, D. J. Macdonnell, J. McCaul, J. S. Black, D. M. Gordon, R. Campbell (Renfrew), J. Cleland, A. A. Drummond, J. McNabb, J. Carmichael, J. Thompson, J. Ferguson, R. H. Warden, and Messrs. T. W. Taylor, T. Gordon, and A. Spence.

Messrs. D. H. McLennan, G. Burnfield, and G. Bruce, were invited to sit with the Committee as representatives of their respective Presbyteries.

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:—

Presbytery of Quebec	\$ 419 62	Presbytery of Owen Sound . . .	\$259 50
“ Montreal	676 12	“ Saugeen	93 00
“ Glengarry	150 00	“ Guelph	37 50
“ Ottawa	370 50	“ Hamilton	262 50
“ Lanark & Ren- frew	239 00	“ Paris	82 50
“ Brockville	311 50	“ London	744 75
“ Kingston	841 50	“ Chatham	364 88
“ Peterborough	112 50	“ Stratford	18 75
“ Lindsay	207 75	“ Huron	181 88
“ Whitby	56 25	“ Bruce	176 50
“ Toronto	342 75	Rev. J. W. Chesnut	25 00
“ *Barrie	765 00	Total	\$6739 25

N.B.—These are the NETT amounts due on 1st April, 1879, (after deducting 25 per cent. as per resolution of the Committee) including Retrospective Grants, Special Claims, etc., passed at this Meeting, particulars of which are here given:

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC—

Sherbrooke,—claim of \$35.50, Supplement from date of settlement,—Granted.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW—

Kitley,—claim of \$5, travelling expenses of Student last summer,—granted.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE—

Dunbar, etc.,—claim of \$25 for Rev. J. W. Chesnut.—granted.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY—

Fenelon Falls, etc.,—claim of \$12.50, additional for past six months,—not granted.
Kirkfield, etc.,—claim of \$25 additional for past six months,—not granted.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE—

Parry Sound,—claim of \$50, additional for past six months,—granted \$25.
Bracebridge,—claim of \$50, additional for past six months,—disallowed on the ground that the people of Bracebridge do not contribute a fair share of the Missionary's salary. The Committee desire, however, again to express their appreciation of Mr. Findlay's services.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND—

Thornbury and Heathcote,—claim of \$32 from date of settlement,—granted.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN—

Dundalk, etc.,—claim of \$12.00, travelling expenses of Student last summer,—granted.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—

Port Dalhousie,—claim of \$100 for past six months,—granted.
North Pelham,— “ 75 “ “ “ “
Dunnville,—claim of \$50 for past six months,—granted.

*Of this sum \$100 has already been paid, leaving \$665 now due.

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PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—

Corunna and Mooretown,—claim of \$52 for past six months,—granted.

Mandaamin,—claim of \$100 for past six months,—granted.

Hyde Park,—claim of \$50 additional for past six months,—granted.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM—

Florence and Dawn,—claim of \$100 for past six months,—granted.

NEW APPLICATIONS, CHANGES IN GRANTS, Etc.

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

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC—

Sherbrooke,—asked \$200 per annum, granted \$100 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA—

Aylwin and the Desert.—The following Extract Minute of Presbytery was read :

“Resolved that the Rev. D. McNaughton be sent to Alywin and the Desert on trial for three months beginning with the middle of March, or, as soon thereafter as possible, at Probationers' rates, but with the understanding that should a permanent engagement be entered into, that the Salary of \$750.00 seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum be given him from the time he first enters the field ; that the Home Mission Committee be asked to sanction the appointment and give a grant of \$400.00 (four hundred dollars) per annum on condition of it being made permanent by the Presbytery, or sufficient to make up the \$8.00 (eight dollars) per sabbath should his services not be continued beyond the three months.”

The Committee agreed to grant \$4 per Sabbath for Probationer Supply, and \$400 per annum for a permanent ordained Missionary, conditional upon the appointment of the ordained Missionary meeting the approval of the Sub-Committee.

Cantly and Portland.—The Presbytery asked \$4 per Sabbath for a Student and \$500 per annum for an ordained Missionary. The following resolution was adopted : That a grant of \$4 per Sabbath be given to this field while supplied by a Student, that the Presbytery be requested to secure increased contributions from the field and report to the Sub-Committee any such increase of contributions, together with their opinion of the suitability of the Missionary, and the Sub-Committee are hereby authorized, if the report of the Presbytery be satisfactory, to sanction the appointment of an ordained Missionary under the scheme for the continuous supply of Mission Stations.

Gloucester,—asked \$200 per annum, from 1st April 1879,—granted.

METCALFE—

Removed from the list of Supplemented Congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW—

Ross and Cobden,—grant increased from \$50 to \$100 per annum.

Castleford,—grant increased from \$1 to \$2 per Sabbath.

Alice, Pettawawa and Chalk River,—granted \$250 for ordained Missionary, and \$2 per Sabbath while supplied by Student.

Mattawa,—granted \$4 per Sabbath, with travelling expenses to field, for Student, and \$300 per annum if worked by ordained Missionary.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE—

Dunbar, Colquhoun's and N. Williamsburg,—put on list of Supplemented Congregations with grant of \$50 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON—

Melrose and Lonsdale,—granted \$200 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH:

Round Lake, N. Dummer and Burleigh,—asked \$3.00 per Sabbath. }
 Brown's Stat'n, Chandos & Trotter's Settlem't " 3.50 " }
 Harvey, Buckhorn and Scotch Mills,— " 3.50 " }

The Presbytery instructed to work the above fields so that the aggregate grant will not exceed \$7 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY—

Carden and Black River,—granted \$2.50 per Sabbath.

Coboconk, Head Lake and Digby,—no grant.

Kirkfield, etc.,—asked \$250 per annum,—granted \$150 per annum, from 1st April, 1879.

Bolsover,—asked \$100 per annum from 1st October, 1878.

The application was accompanied by the statement that the congregation was now paying at the rate per member and family required by the General Assembly. The Committee agreed that inasmuch as it appears that the congregation is not contributing \$400 per annum as also required by the Assembly, the application for supplement in this case be referred to the General Assembly.

Fenelon Falls,—asked that the grant be increased to \$200 per annum,—declined.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO—

Mono Centre and Camilla,—granted \$150 per annum, conditional on settlement, and \$2 per Sabbath while vacant.

Stouffville,—granted \$4 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE—

McKellar, etc,—granted \$3 per Sabbath.

Parry Sound,—grant increased from \$300 to \$350 per annum, from 1st October 1878.

Bracebridge,—granted \$200 for next six months.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND—

Thornbury and Heathcote,—granted \$100 per annum.

Johnston and Caven,—removed from the list of Mission Stations.

Knox Church, Sydenham,—granted \$100 per annum.

Euphrasia and Holland,—granted \$1 per Sabbath.

Indian Peninsula,—(Upper field), granted \$4 per Sabbath for Student.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN—

Berkley and Williamsford,—asked \$3 per Sabbath,—declined.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH—

Hillsburgh and Price's Corners,—removed from list of Supplemented Congregations.

Hawksville,—put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$4 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—

Port Dalhousie,—granted \$200 per annum.

North Pelham,— " 150 " "

Dunnville,— " 100 " "

Louth,— " 2 per Sabbath.

Vittoria,—asked \$200 per annum. The Committee agreed to refer the application to the General Assembly, the contributions of the congregation being below the required minimum.

Barton,—asked \$50 per annum. } Declined, and the Committee recommend the
 E. Ancaster " \$200 " " } Presbytery to work these two fields together.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—

Corunna and Mooretown,—granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Mandaumin,—granted \$200 per annum,

Hyde Park,—grant increased to \$200 per annum.

Lucan and Biddulph,—granted \$200 per annum.

Point Edward,—granted \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement.

Oilsprings,—granted \$3 per Sabbath.

New Glasgow,—asked \$100 per annum, granted \$25 for next six months.

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PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM—

Florence and Dawn,—asked \$200 per annum, from 1st October 1878,—granted for last six months only.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—

Grand Bend,—granted \$200 conditional on settlement and \$2 per Sabbath while vacant.

Fordwich and Gorrie,—asked \$150 per annum,—granted \$100 per annum, conditional on settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE—

Manitoulin Island,—granted \$3 per Sabbath for Student.

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

The list of Student Missionaries from the several Theological Institutions, available for work during the ensuing summer was made up.

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. D. M. Gordon, that in the allocation of Students, appointments be given to those who have completed their literary course before places are assigned to others.

The following appointments to Presbyteries were made :—

QUEBEC	Messrs. Chas. McLean, Pritchard, G. McArthur, Rev. T. Fenwick, Rev. J. Hume.
MONTREAL	Messrs. Munro, Amaron, G. D. Bayne, Mullin, Bouchard, J. Stewart (of Montreal College), V. Knechtel, Rev. J. Stewart, Rev. R. Wilson.
GLENGARRY	Messrs J. Matheson, D. L. McCrae, J. A. Morrison.
BROCKVILLE	
OTTAWA	Messrs. T. A. Nelson, G. C. Patterson, And. Love, D'd Findlay.
LANARK AND RENFREW	Messrs. M. H. Scott, Penman, S. J. Taylor, J. K. Baillie, Blakely, G. T. Bayne, W. Meikle, J. Robinson, Rev. A. McLean, Rev. D. McRae, J. Geddes.
KINGSTON	Messrs. W. Shearer, Hyde, Cumberland, G. M. Thompson, Jas. Murray, W. S. Smith.
PETERBOROUGH	Messrs. D. Kelloch, McCannell, Mowat, W. Robertson.
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LINDSAY	Mr. J. Currie.
TORONTO	Messrs. Townsend, J. G. Stewart, Jas. Ross (of Queen's Eastman, Mutch, Abraham, Tibb, Baird, W. McKay, Scouler, D. McColl, Craig.
BARRIE	Messrs. A. Anderson, J. Henry, A. A. McKenzie, Oxley, Beattie, Fitzsimmons, John Campbell, Hemming, Armstrong, Andrews.
OWEN SOUND	Messrs. G. F. Walker, Bannerman, A. Henderson, Jas. Ross (of Knox College), McKinley.
SAUGEEN	Messrs. J. Chisholm, J. A. Turnbull, Wilson.
GUELPH	Messrs. Dobson, J. W. Cameron, Caswell.
HAMILTON	Messrs. Tait, McGregor.
PARIS	
LONDON	Messrs. A. McConechy, H. Cameron, James Smith, Craigie, Kennedy, J. A. McDonald, A. McLeod, Stalker, Urquhart.
CHATHAM	Messrs. D. G. Cameron, J. K. Wright, G. D. McKay, Cairns, Moffatt.
STRATFORD	
HURON	Messrs. G. Jamieson, Arch. McGillivray.
BRUCE	Messrs. Mason, Builder.

The above list contains the names of some Literary Students. Mr. D. J. Macdonnell dissented from the action of the Committee in giving appointments to these while several ordained Ministers without charge who were applicants for appointments were left unemployed.

MANITOBA.

There was laid on the table a Statistical Report of the various fields in the bounds of the Presbytery for the six months ending 31st December, 1878.

Applications were received from several Ministers of the Church for appointments to Manitoba. The Committee declined, in the present state of the fund, to make any further appointments at present.

The Rev. D. Ross, Missionary elect to Prince Albert, addressed the Committee, and presented a report embodying information as to the field obtained by him from several parties acquainted with it, and also a statement of the places visited by him during the winter, with the amounts collected towards the Mission.

On motion of Mr. D. M. Gordon, seconded by Mr. J. Thompson, it was unanimously resolved, "That in view of the information presented to the Committee, regarding the cost of transportation to Prince Albert, and the present expense of living there, the Committee increase the allowance to Mr. Ross for travelling expenses to a sum not exceeding \$900, and that for the first year a special grant of \$250 be made to Mr. Ross in addition to his salary."

It was agreed to ask Mr. Ross to obtain his demission from his present charge as early as convenient, and to spend several weeks in visiting a number of congregations of the Church in the interests of his Mission.

Messrs. Warden and Black were instructed to secure, if possible, reduced rates for Mr. Ross and family from the Grand Trunk Railway and the Hudson Bay Company.

The Convener and Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell and T. W. Taylor were appointed a Committee to confer with the Foreign Mission Committee, with a view to the continuance of the school at Prince Albert, and to the transfer of the Church property there to the Home Mission Committee.

LAKE SUPERIOR.

Thunder Bay.—Letters were read from Mr. McKerracher as to the work in this field, and stating that the people have implemented their engagement with him as to salary. He asked the appointment of a student during the summer for the Canada Pacific Railway men employed in that district. The matter was left in the hands of the Convener.

Sault Ste. Marie.—Communications were laid on the table from Mr. J. R. McLeod, Missionary at this point. The people have paid \$200 of his salary during the year. It was agreed to put on record the Commit-

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tee's appreciation of Mr. McLeod's services, and to request him to continue to labour in this field. It was further agreed to add \$50 per annum to his salary, conditional on the congregation contributing \$300 for the ensuing year.

Silver Islet.—Mr. Johnston, Student Missionary, has laboured here with acceptance during the winter, and remains in the field for the summer half-year.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Convener reported that Mr. Jamieson had asked the appointment of a Missionary for six months to aid him in his work, he having been laid aside by illness, but that on laying the request before the Sub-Committee it was decided not to make the appointment, owing to the state of the fund. A more recent communication had been received from Mr. Jamieson, asking that no further action be taken in the matter.

A full report of Mr. Jamieson's labours during the year was laid on the table, and will appear in the Annual Report of the Committee to the General Assembly.

STATE OF THE FUND.

The state of the fund was reported as follows:—

Expenditure to date	\$26,800
Receipts	18,500

Balance against the fund at date \$8,300

Leaving the claims for the past six months, passed at this meeting, and other claims to the extent of \$4,000 additional unpaid, and only five weeks' contributions to be received before the close of the Ecclesiastical year.

After lengthened consideration, it was moved by Mr. T. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. J. Laing:

“Whereas the Committee, at its meeting in October last, resolved that in the event of sufficient funds not being forthcoming prior to the March meeting of the Committee, they would be under the necessity of deducting a per centage from the claims of all Presbyteries for Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations for the half-year ending 31st March then next, so as to equalize the expenditure with the income for the year. And whereas the amount received up to this date is the sum of \$18,500, which falls short of the amount necessary to pay in full the claims upon the fund by the sum of \$22,000, the Committee, in view of that fact, and the small prospect, judging from the experience of the past three or four years, that the contributions yet to be received before the close of the financial year will meet the deficiency, while expressing their deep sympathy with those labourers who may suffer so severely from the results of the action now forced upon the Committee through the Church's failure to give a hearty response to their urgent appeals for more liberal contributions, resolve to appoint a Sub-Committee to meet

during the first week in May next and reduce all the claims of Presbyteries for Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations for the half-year ending 31st March next by such a per centage as will equalize the expenditure and income for the year."

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by Mr. D. M. Gordon :

"In view of the fact that, according to present appearances, the expenditure of the Home Mission Committee will be found to have exceeded the income by about \$7,000, it is agreed, with great reluctance, to deduct 25 per cent. from the amounts due to Presbyteries, including the Manitoba and other Mission fields, at this date, for the labour of the past six months, making a sum of about \$3,500, and to appeal to the Ministers of the Church for a similar amount."

A vote being taken, the amendment was carried, the vote being 10 for the motion and 11 for the amendment.

At a later stage of the proceedings the members of the Committee subscribed about \$500, and agreed to carry out the latter part of the resolution by making application to the Ministers in their respective Presbyteries, and the following were appointed a Sub-Committee to take charge of the matter :—Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Macdonnell and King,—Mr. King to be Treasurer.

It was further resolved, on motion of Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Mr. Black, "That 25 per cent. be deducted from the grants to all Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations for the next six months, and that leave be asked of the General Assembly to reduce proportionately the amounts paid by the Committee to the Missionaries in the Presbytery of Manitoba, with the understanding that this resolution does not affect the salary of the Missionary to Prince Albert, as settled at this meeting of the Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Grants from British Churches.—The Convener reported that he had received, and suitably acknowledged, a grant of £300 sterling from the Free Church of Scotland, and £110 from the Irish Presbyterian Church.

Sub-Committee.—The following are the Sub-Committee to attend to all matters requiring action before the meeting of the General Assembly : Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Laing, Macdonnell, King and T. W. Taylor.

Expenses Noted.—The travelling expenses of members of Committee were noted and paid.

Close.—The Committee adjourned at two o'clock p.m., on Thursday, 27th March, and the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,

Convener.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,

Secretary.