

N. B.—Clerks or Conveners of Presbyteries are requested to correspond *immediately* with the Secretary, should they notice in the minutes anything regarding which they desire information or explanation.

OCTOBER, 1887.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
EXECUTIVE OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE
AND OF THE
AUGMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
(WESTERN SECTION.)
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,
TORONTO, 11th OCTOBER, 1887.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday the 11th day of October, 1887, 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 following members were present:—Dr. Cochrane, Convener; Dr. Campbell, Dr. Laing, Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, R. Moodie, Jas. Robertson, P. McF. McLeod, J. Somerville, G. Rutherford and R. H. Warden.

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	\$ 663.50	\$847.00
Montreal	676.25	1212.50
Glengarry	104.00	548.00
Ottawa	725.00	514.50
Brockville	342.00	265.00
Lanark and Renfrew	922.00	721.00
Kingston	1077.25	960.00
Peterborough	452.05	562.50
Lindsay	104.00	312.50
Toronto . . . . .	.....	573.50
Orangeville	52.00	300.00
Barrie	2170.16	950.00
Owen Sound	402.00	277.50
Saugeen . . . . .	.....	100.00
Guelph	69.00	.....
Hamilton	130.00	350.85
Paris . . . . .	.....	100.00
London	156.00	550.00
Chatham	122.00	262.00
Sarnia	129.00	387.50
Stratford . . . . .	.....	100.00
Huron	52.00	275.00
Maitland . . . . .	.....	425.00
Bruce	1571.58	187.50
Winnipeg	1318.30	662.33
Rock Lake	934.00	650.00
Brandon	2335.90	928.00
Regina	3245.70	400.00
Calgary	1197.20	250.00
Columbia	1249.94
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CHANGES IN GRANTS—NEW APPLICATIONS, &c.

The committee considered new applications from Presbyteries on behalf of Mission fields and Augmented congregations. The following are the applications, with the changes made, for the half-year beginning 1st October, 1887, on the list adopted in March last (See pages 30 to 48 of Appendix No. 1 to the Minutes of the General Assembly, 1887.) :—

MISSION STATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC :—

Sawyerville,—Asked \$300 per annum for ordained missionary—declined.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE :—

Morton, Delta, Leeds and California,—Granted \$300 per annum for ordained missionary, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW :—

Darling,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath, if the fund admit.

Stafford,— “ \$4 “ “ “

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PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON :—

Consecon and Hillier,—Asked \$250 per annum for ordained missionary—declined; because in the judgment of committee this field should meantime be worked by students or catechists.

Glenvale, &c.—Granted \$225 per annum for ordained missionary, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE :—

Airlie and Banda,—Asked \$230 per annum for ordained missionary—declined.

North Bay,—Granted \$300 per annum for Rev. Mr. Hewitt, in the hope that the field will add \$50 per annum to their contributions towards salary.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN :—

Balaklava, Ayton and East Normanby,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON :—

Springfield and Aylmer,—Granted \$6 per Sabbath for next six months.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM :—

Puce and Renaud,—Asked \$250 per annum for ordained missionary—deferred till March meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA :—

Wilkesport, &c.—Granted \$2 per Sabbath, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE :—

Spanish River,—Granted \$250 per annum for ordained missionary, if the fund admit.

Little Current,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG :—

Winnipeg, North Church,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath, if the fund admit.

Schreiber, &c.—Granted \$2 per Sabbath for Catechist, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON:—

Louise,—Grant reduced to \$2 per Sabbath.

Birtle,—Transferred to Augmented list.

Binscarth,— “ “ “

Glenboro (Cypress) “ “ “

MacGregor,—Asked \$4 per Sabbath for past half-year for Rev. F. McRae.

The Presbytery's application was accompanied by a memorial signed by a number of ministers, praying that the grant be made. In view of these representations the committee agreed to make an allowance of \$100 to Rev. F. McRae in recognition of work done during past years; at the same time the committee do not acknowledge any responsibility for payment of grant to a field in which a laborer, not approved by them, is employed.

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Milford,— } An application for an additional grant of \$50 to each of
Virdeu,— } these fields for the past half-year was declined.

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PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY:—

Medecine Hat,—Asked that grant be increased to \$300 per annum—declined.

Pine Creek,—Asked that grant be increased to \$500 per annum—declined.

AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC:—

Inverness,—Claim of \$25 for past half-year—declined, as the condition on which the grant was promised has not been fulfilled.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL:—

Lachute, First Church,—Granted \$75 for past six months.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY:—

Summerstown,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath till settled.

East Lancaster,—Granted \$250 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE:—

North Williamsburg, &c.—Put on list of Augmented congregations,—the grant to depend on state of the fund.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON:—

Roslin and Thurlow,—Granted \$100 per annum, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH:—

Garden Hill &c.—Asked continuance of former grant,—deferred till March meeting.

Bobcaygeon,—Granted \$48 per annum.

Warsaw,—Granted special claim of \$51 for last winter's supply.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY:—

Sunderland &c.—Granted \$300 per annum, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY:—

Enniskillen and Cartwright,—Granted at rate of \$150 per annum, for next six months, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO:—

Sutton &c.—Removed from the list.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE:—

Caledon, St. Andrew's and East,—Granted \$100 per annum, if the fund admit.

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PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE:—

Waubashene,—Granted \$200 per annum.

Parry Sound,—Grant reduced to \$350 per annum, from 1st Oct. 1887.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND:—

Sarawak and Kemble,—Granted \$100 per annum, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON:—

Merritton and Port Robinson,—Asked \$150 per annum,—Granted \$100 per annum, if the fund admit.

Dunnville,—Granted \$250 per annum, if the fund admit.

Wentworth Church, Hamilton,—to be worked with Barton, \$150 per annum, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM:—

Essex Centre,—Grant reduced to \$100 per annum.

Caven Church and North Dawn,—Granted \$188 per annum, if the fund admit.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG:—

Blythefield,—Granted \$300 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON:—

Binscarth,—Granted \$300 per annum.

Birtle,—Asked \$300 per annum—granted \$250 per annum.

Burnside,—Asked \$100 per annum—declined.

Glenboro,—Granted \$300 per annum.

High Bluff,—Asked \$240 per annum—declined.

Oak Lake,—Asked to be put on the list with grant of \$300 per annum—declined.

 APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

The list of laborers available for work during the winter half-year was made up and appointments given as follows:—

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.	Rev. J. Ferguson (for six months, to Sawyerville, Massawippi and Richby.)
"	OTTAWA..Rev. J. A. Birrell.
"	KINGSTON..Rev. J. McIlroy (to Poland for 1 year.)
"	" ..Rev. G. A. Yeomans (to Glenvale, &c. for 1 year.)
"	BARRIE..Rev. D. Miller (to Maganetawan, for 1 year), Messrs. R. Thomson, M. McKay, R. Drinnan, G. Evans, W. A. Robbins and W. H. Porter.
"	BRUCE..Messrs. A. H. Charlton (to Spanish River for 1 year), G. Marsh, and John Jarvie.
"	BRANDON..Rev. J. M. Wilson (for 2 years)
"	ROCK LAKE..Rev. J. K. Welsh (for 2 years.)

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST
TERRITORIES.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.—The Convener submitted correspondence regarding the progress of the work in this Presbytery. The Rev. J. Cormack, appointed by the sub-committee in June, was now laboring at Richmond.

Comox has been transferred to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Church of Scotland agreeing to give £50 stg. for one year. The people themselves are to give \$600 per annum. The Convener, Secretary and Mr. Macdonnell were appointed a Sub-committee to secure a suitable missionary for this field.

St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, have applied to the Church of Scotland to be transferred to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and are meantime being aided by the Presbytery of Columbia in getting supply.

At Chilliwack a new church and manse are being erected at a cost of \$3,500. Mr. G. C. Patterson asked payment of \$228, cost of removal of furniture from Ontario. It was agreed to pay this amount, in full of all expenses of removal, with intimation to Mr. Patterson that the Committee look to him to supply the *whole* field.

The congregation of Kamloops are now building a church to cost \$5,000.

At Alberni, the work is prospering under Mr. Dunn.

As indicating the growth of the Presbytery, the meeting held last month was attended by eleven ministers and four elders, all members of the court.

PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.—A communication from this Presbytery, with a statement of grievances and certain suggestions, transmitted through the Synod's Home Mission committee, was read and referred to a Sub-committee consisting of Dr. Laing (convener), Dr. Cochrane and Mr. Warden, with instructions to correspond with the Presbytery and obtain details of the alleged grievances—to report to the March meeting of the committee.

TRAVELLING AND OTHER EXPENSES.—A statement was presented by the Home Mission committee of the Synod, of the travelling expenses of missionaries and the expenses of the Synodical committee. It was referred to Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Robertson and Warden.

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RESOLUTION AS TO GRANTS.—On motion of Mr. Somerville, the following resolution was adopted: "Considering the very bountiful harvest in Manitoba and the North West, this committee urge the Presbyteries of the Synod to put forth the most strenuous efforts to reduce the grants for the current half-year to all the Augmented congregations and mission stations,—especially in view of the fact that the requirements this year for both the Augmentation and Home Mission funds are very largely in excess of the actual receipts of last year"

MISCELLANEOUS.

STATE OF FUNDS.—The Treasurer submitted a statement of the funds at this date. It is as follows:—

HOME MISSION FUND.

Balance on hand, May 1887	\$ 469.00
Receipts to date	3,799.84
	<u>\$4,268.84</u>
Expenditure to date	4,840.64
	<u>\$ 571.80</u>
Indebtedness at date	\$ 571.80
Reserve Fund on hand at date	<u>\$6,000.00</u>

AUGMENTATION FUND.

Balance on hand, May 1887	\$ 864.23
Receipts to date	901.75
	<u>1,765.98</u>
Expenditure to date	117.25
	<u>\$1,648.73</u>
On hand at date	\$1,648.73

ALLOCATION.—The amount required for Augmentation for the current year was allocated among the several Presbyteries of the Church, and Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Macdonnell, Rutherford and Warden were appointed a sub-committee to allocate the sum required for Home Missions.

CIRCULARS.—The convener of the Home Mission committee and the convener of the Augmentation sub-committee were instructed to issue circulars to Presbyteries, specifying the amount assigned, and to all the ministers of the Church, urging the claims of both schemes.

AUGMENTATION MOTION.—Mr. Macdonnell gave notice that at the March meeting of the committee he would submit this motion:—

That the following regulation be reported to the General Assembly for its approval:—The Augmentation sub-committee may assign to each Presbytery in the Western Section of the Church a fair proportion of the whole amount required for augmentation, and should the funds available at the end of the ecclesiastical year be insufficient to pay all grants in full, the committee shall be at liberty to pay reduced grants to augmented charges in any Presbytery which falls short of the amount assigned to it.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.—It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Executive on Monday, 26th March next at 7.30 P.M.; and clerks and conveners of Presbyteries are instructed to forward to the secretary prior to the 21st of March, the claims for the current half-year, applications for grants for the ensuing year, together with extract minutes, &c., that the business of the committee may be expedited as much as possible.

CLOSE.—The committee adjourned at twelve o'clock, midnight, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Secretary.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
Convener.