

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 9th April, when the reports will be put in the printers hands.

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MARCH, 1891.

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE  
EXECUTIVE OF THE  
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(WESTERN SECTION.)

OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

TORONTO, 24th and 25th MARCH, 1891.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday the 24th day of March, 1891, at 9 o'clock in the morning, 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 midnight on Wednesday, 25th March.

The following members were present:—Dr. Cochrane, convener; Dr. Campbell, Dr. Robertson, Rev. Messrs. A. T. Love, J. S. Burnet, F. W. Farries, J. Abraham, J. Cleland, Dr. Kellock, M. W. Maclean, A. Findlay, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, E. Cockburn, D. J. McLean, J. M. A. U, G. Cuthbertson, Dr. Battersby, J. H. Ratcliffe, R. Hamilton, A. Gilray, A. G. McLachlin, A. Henderson, D. C. Hossack, C. Fletcher, J. Farquharson, D. Fraser, A. Tolmie, and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*; and Messrs. W. Mitchell, J. Young, R. Kilgour and W. E. Roxborough, *Elders*.

Sympathy was expressed for Dr. Laing and Mr. D. J. Macdonnell, both of whom were absent on account of illness.

## 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:

PRESEYTERIES.	MISSION FIELDS.	AUGMENTED CONGREGATIONS.
Quebec ..	\$ 579.76	\$ 1111.50
Montreal.....	996.00	1162.50
Glengarry .....	72.00	375.00
Ottawa.....	1179.50	630.00
Brockville .....	294.00	437.50
Lanark and Renfrew.....	722.65	390.86
Kingston .....	962.20	875.00
Peterborough .....	261.50	267.90
Lindsay.....	168.00	50.00
Whitby .....	.....	100.00
Toronto.....	196.00	578.00
Orangeville.....	.....	245.00
Barrie.....	2938.93	325.00
Owen Sound.....	155.00	400.00
Saugeen.....	.....	100.00
Guelph .....	.....	125.00
Hamilton.....	104.00	672.50
Paris.....	24.00	62.50
London .....	.....	790 50
Chatham.....	210.00	188.66
Sarnia .....	138.00	250.00
Stratford.....	.....	.....
Huron.....	.....	275.00
Maitland.....	.....	300.00
Bruce .....	1162.77	175.00
Winnipeg .....	1338.00	500.00
Rock Lake.....	690.30	404.85
Brandon.....	1010.00	717.30
Minnedosa.....	1994.00	153.00
Regina.....	2330.55	329.00
Calgary.....	1474.00	400.00
Columbia.....	1992.10	200.00
	<u>\$20,993.26</u>	<u>\$12,589.57</u>

REVISION OF GRANTS, &c.

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The Committee considered and took action upon applications from Presbyteries for grants to Augmented congregations and Mission stations for the year beginning 1st April, 1891. 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.

The Committee resolved to notify Presbyteries and Missionaries that while the grants made are the amounts which, in the judgment of the Committee, are necessary for the efficient working of the fields, this Committee can only disburse the money placed at its disposal by the Church, and earnestly appeals to Presbyteries to adopt means to secure largely increased contributions on behalf of the fund from the congregations within their bounds.

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STATE OF THE FUND.

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The state of the funds was reported as follows:—

HOME MISSION.

Receipts to 23d March, 1891.....	\$41,611.12
Expenditure to 23d March, 1891.....	31,161.54
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On hand .....	\$10,449.58
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AUGMENTATION.

Receipts to 23d March, 1891.....	\$19,636.79
Expenditure to 23d March, 1891.....	12,357.51
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On hand.....	\$7,279.28
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## MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

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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, showing a balance due that Committee at this date of \$64.50. The amount was ordered to be paid.

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

The WESTERN MISSIONARY.—An application from the Synod's Home Mission Committee for a grant of \$75 to meet the expenses of publishing the *Western Missionary* was not entertained.

CLAIM OF MR. W. A. MERKLEY.—The Presbytery of Winnipeg, to whom was referred a claim of \$220 made by Mr. W. A. Merkley for services rendered at Schreiber in 1888, recommended that he be paid \$100 in full of claim. The recommendation was adopted.

CLAIM OF MR. MCKITRICK.—A claim by Mr. A. G. McKitrick of \$266 for services rendered in the Presbytery of Regina was in October last referred to that Presbytery. No answer having been received from that Presbytery it was agreed to again call their attention to the matter.

CHANGES IN SCHEDULES.—An extract minute of the Synod's Home Mission Committee suggesting certain changes in the schedules issued by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee was referred to Dr. Warden, Dr. Robertson and Mr. Farries, to report in June. To the same sub-committee was referred the preparation of a book for the use of missionaries for gathering accurate statistics of the mission fields supplied by them.

PRINCE ALBERT, N.W.T.—There was laid on the table and read the following :

REPORT OF VISITORS appointed by last General Assembly to Prince Albert, N.W.T., to confer with certain parties there who had memorialized the Assembly complaining of the action of the Synod of Manitoba and the North West Territories in the appointment of Trustees of the



Nisbet Academy last May; to inquire into the affairs of the Academy, and the condition and prospects of educational work there, and also into such other matters as concern the work of the Church in that district and report to the Home Mission Committee, and to the next Assembly.

*To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.*

The undersigned beg to report that in accordance with the appointment of last Assembly they visited Prince Albert in the beginning of September and were fortunate in being able to reach the town by rail, the new line from Regina to Prince Albert being completed about the time of their arrival. On their way through Winnipeg they received from the Convener of the Synod's Committee on the Nisbet Academy the Minute Book of the Trustees and other documents relating to the affairs of the Academy. They met with the former Trustees of the Academy residing in Prince Albert and had a lengthened conference with them regarding the affairs of the Institution and their complaint against the action of the Synod.

The greater portion of the money required for the building of the Academy was collected by the Rev. Dr. Jardine in Ontario and Quebec, aided by contributions from friends in and around Prince Albert. A charter was obtained from the Dominion Government in 1888, vesting the Academy in the Synod of Manitoba and the North West Territories, to be administered by Trustees annually appointed by said Synod; and, according to the By-Laws adopted by the first Board of Trustees and approved by the Synod, the Executive of the Academy was to consist of the Trustees residing in or near Prince Albert; the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees to be, respectively, the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive or Local Committee. The Executive were to report annually to the Board in March and the Board to report annually to the Synod in May.

The building—a substantial and commodious brick structure—was erected on a suitable site, and the educational work commenced in the fall of 1888, there being a debt on the property of some \$1,200 or \$1,400. The building was insured by the Trustees for \$7,500. From the beginning there was difficulty in securing funds for the maintenance of the Institution and in June, 1889, application was made to the General Assembly for assistance. Partly because of the financial difficulty and partly owing to the establishment of a High School in Prince Albert, the Trustees, in December, 1889, contemplated closing the Academy, temporarily. On the 1st of January, 1890, the building was destroyed by fire. The Trustees at Prince Albert applied to the Insurance Companies for payment of the loss sustained by the fire, and soon afterwards learned that a Committee of the Synod had officially notified the Insurance Companies not to pay the amount to the duly appointed Trustees, who only had the legal power to receive it, but to withhold payment till the meeting of Synod in the following May. The Trustees

felt deeply aggrieved at this action of the Synod's Committee calculated, as they think it was, to affect their reputation, and they held no further meetings as a Board, and consequently submitted no report of the Academy to the Synod that year, May 1890, as required so to do. Basing their action on the ground of receiving no report, the Synod at that meeting—May, 1890—appointed a Board of Trustees for the Academy, the majority of whom resided not, as was heretofore the case, in the Prince Albert district but in the City of Winnipeg, gave the Board power to meet in Winnipeg, and asked the Insurance Companies to pay the amount of the fire loss to this Board, to be by them transmitted to the Treasurer of the Church in Toronto, in trust, subject to the order of the Synod and the General Assembly.

This is the action most grievously complained of by the former Trustees of the Academy, residing in Prince Albert. As your Visitors have not met with the Synod of Manitoba and the North West Territories and heard officially their statement of the matter, it would be improper to express any opinion regarding it here. They thought it well, however, to make known the grounds of complaint to the members of the present Board of Trustees who kindly met them in Winnipeg, on their return from Prince Albert.

Regarding the future of the Academy. The Insurance money, after deducting liabilities, would be probably sufficient with an additional \$1,500. to re-erect the building. The Nisbet Academy owns property in the town and its immediate vicinity, generously granted to it for *Endowment* purposes by the Foreign Mission Committee, which, it is expected, will yield from \$450 to \$650 per annum. There being a good High School in Prince Albert the necessity does not now exist for the continuance of the Academy on the precise lines originally laid down. From all that we could learn, however, there appears to be an opening for a Boarding School for Girls (many Protestant young women attending the Roman Catholic Convent in the town) and, if efficiently conducted, such an institution would be a great boon to the Saskatchewan district and could be maintained without expense to the Church.

Your Visitors also met with the office-bearers of the Prince Albert Presbyterian Church and with the congregation itself and gave them counsel and encouragement. They were then effecting the sale of their Church Building to the Town authorities, and were contemplating the erection of a larger Church edifice on the property fronting the manse, which is one of the most commodious houses in the place. The completion of the line of Railway gives Prince Albert easy communication with the outside world and makes it much more accessible. The people are most hopeful as to the future of the town and district and are putting forth efforts to induce immigration. The Presbyterian cause has a good footing in the place and the visit of the Assembly's deputies will, we feel confident, be productive of good. Because of representations made to him, Mr. W. M. Rochester for the past two years assistant in Erskine Church, Montreal, has been induced to accept the appointment of the Home Mission Committee to Prince Albert. He has recently

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entered upon his work, with hopeful prospects of success. Since his withdrawal from the pastorate of the congregation, Dr. Jardine has acted as Superintendent of the Sabbath-School, and, pending Mr. Rochester's arrival, has conducted the Sabbath services regularly from the date of the student's departure, last October.

Your Visitors were also privileged to render service to the Foreign Mission Committee in obtaining information on the spot regarding the establishment of a Mission School among a band of Sioux Indians across the Saskatchewan from Prince Albert. This School is being taught by Miss Baker, who for so many years has served the Church faithfully in that district.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. H. WARDEN.

D. J. MACDONNELL.

MONTREAL, 10th March, 1891.

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### APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

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

QUEBEC . . . . .	Messrs. K. M. Phalen, J. F. MacFarland, E. S. Logie, John Buchanan, J. Pugh, Hugh Craig and Rev. A. Robertson.
MONTREAL . . . . .	Messrs. L. Bouchard, W. T. Moss, T. A. Mitchell, J. Taylor, W. A. Beattie, W. T. Morison, A. Graham.
GLENGARRY . . . . .	Messrs. J. W. McLean and N. A. McLeod.
OTTAWA . . . . .	Messrs. J. H. Courtenay, D. Macvicar, A. W. Russell, A. C. Reeves, D. Guthrie, R. Eadie, W. Patterson, A. McGregor, Rev. M. Danby, Rev. J. L. Gourlay, Rev. J. McCarter, Alex. Stewart, R. Tener.
BROCKVILLE . . . . .	Messrs. C. D. Campbell, Donald McArthur.
LANARK AND RENFREW . . . . .	Messrs. J. A. Leitch, A. D. Menzies, M. H. Wilson, J. A. McConnell, Rev. W. A. Reid, A. W. Nelson, R. G. Lowe.
KINGSTON . . . . .	Messrs. J. Sharp, D. D. Macdonald, J. S. Sinclair, J. Cattanach, Jas. Madill, C. H. Daly, N. Macpherson, D. A. Hamilton, Jas. Hodges, R. J. Hutcheon, S. I. Burns, J. McK. Kellock, W. H. Davis, E. C. Callup, H. R. Grant, J. Rollins, Rev. G. R. Lang.
PETERBOROUGH . . . . .	Messrs. A. Fitzpatrick, J. Bell, W. J. Dempster, D. P. Oswald.
LINDSAY . . . . .	Messrs. D. Robertson, Rev. J. Gilchrist.
WHITBY . . . . .	

- TORONTO ..... Messrs. A. Graham, T. A. Watson, D. Carswell, W. G. Fortune, Rev. J. Stenhouse.
- ORANGEVILLE..... Messrs. John Little, J. R. Bell, — Hambly, N. J. Sproul.
- BARRIE..... Messrs. W. A. Wylie, N. Morrison, E. A. Harrison, J. A. McKenzie, C. Tate, J. C. Cameron, T. McCullough, W. W. McRae, J. C. Smith, A. L. Budge, A. D. Fraser, D. M. Jamieson, W. D. Kerswill, W. Dewar, Rev. R. I. Adamson, J. Lochore, T. R. Robinson, R. Drinnan, T. Hawks, J. Farquharson, W. H. Porter, J. G. Jackson, J. Geddes, R. G. Murison.
- OWEN SOUND..... Messrs. W. H. Grant, D. M. Martin, M. C. McLennan, Jas. Skene, K. McLennan.
- SAUGEEN..... Mr. W. T. Hall.
- GUELPH..... Mr. E. A. Henry.
- HAMILTON..... Messrs. T. McLachlan, J. H. Barnett.
- PARIS.....
- LONDON..... Mr. R. Monteath.
- CHATHAM..... Mr. Milne.
- SARNIA..... Mr. P. D. Muir.
- STRATFORD.....
- HURON.....
- MAITLAND.....
- BRUCE..... Messrs. J. K. Arnott, T. Smith, W. M. McKay, J. G. McKechnie, G. C. Little, A. J. McMullen, J. P. McInnes, J. K. McGillivray, Rev. D. H. McLennan, D. B. Smith, D. J. Graham, J. C. Corbett, Jas. Steele.
- WINNIPEG..... Messrs. W. Beattie, H. F. Ross, D. Campbell, R. Weir, A. Driscoll, S. Polson, J. N. McLean, H. McLellan, A. Moore, J. S. Hamilton, A. J. McGillivray, J. L. Small, J. B. Ferguson, W. J. Small, T. D. Acheson, W. P. Finlay, A. Lang.
- ROCK LAKE..... Messrs. D. D. Mackay, K. A. Gollan, B. Innis, S. W. Thompson, J. Laing.
- BRANDON..... Messrs. J. Binnie, D. Drummond, Rev. W. C. Calder, G. Lockhart, R. Paterson.
- MINNEDOSA..... Messrs. Rev. R. Chambers, Rev. W. Murchie, J. E. Munro, C. McKerchar, P. Fisher, T. Beveridge, A. E. Camp, J. A. Urquhart, W. McLeod and A. Brown,
- REGINA..... Messrs. Rev. J. Cairns, T. S. McLeod, J. McAllister, G. Gunn, Wm. Chesnut, Alex. Dunn.
- CALGARY..... Messrs. J. W. Muirhead, J. L. Millar, D. Hutchison, G. Hamilton, Rev. R. Whiteman, C. C. Tucker, F. Russell, C. P. Way.
- COLUMBIA..... Messrs. T. G. McLeod, J. A. Redden, Jacob Steele, J. R. MacKay, Rev. A. H. Drumm.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, TORONTO, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Intimation was given to the Committee that the Woman's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, had agreed to give \$480 for the support of a Missionary in the North-West or British Columbia for one year, four members having each contributed \$120 for this purpose. It was resolved to apply the generous donation to the Victoria West, Esquimalt and Cedar Hill field, B. C. The same Society last summer supported a missionary at Burpee, Manitoulin Island. They hope to renew this for the ensuing summer and if possible for the winter also, so that there may be continuous service in the field the whole year.

It was resolved to convey the cordial thanks of the Committee to the ladies of St. Andrew's Church for their timely and generous co-operation in the Home Mission work of the Church.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S HOME MISSION SOCIETIES.—The Committee considered the remits of the General Assembly as to the formation of Young Men's Societies and Congregational Societies for Home Mission and Augmentation purposes. Messrs. MacGillivray, Middleton and Donald, representing the Toronto Young People's Association were heard in support of the formation of Young Peoples Societies. After consideration the remits were referred to Messrs. Somerville, Farries, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Robertson and Dr. Battersby. At a later stage this sub-committee reported submitting draft constitution for a Young People's Congregational Society also for a Presbyterian and a General Society. The report was received. It was resolved that the Society should include young people, both male and female, and the draft constitutions were referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Somerville, *convener*, Farries, Gilray, Cockburn, Ratcliff, Kilgour, Dr. Battersby and Dr. Campbell to report to a meeting to be held in Kingston in June, prior to which a printed copy of their report will be sent to each member of the Home Mission Committee.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.—The minute of the General Assembly was read instructing this Committee to prepare a new scheme for the distribution of Probationers. Messrs. Gilray (convener) Fletcher, Ratcliffe and Farries were appointed a sub-committee to prepare a scheme, if possible, to report to a meeting to be held at Kingston in June—their report to be printed and copies sent in advance of the meeting to the members of the Home Mission Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT MISSIONARIES, &c.—The Assembly's remit as to the appointment of student missionaries, giving a preference to those who were in the theological classes, was left over for consideration till the meeting in June.

WILL OF LATE MRS. WM. CLARK, LONDON.—Rev. Dr. Reid reported that the late Mrs. Wm. Clark of London, Ont., had left nearly her entire estate to the Home and Foreign Mission Committees of the Church. The executors, however, wished that these committees should make a grant from the estate to Miss Henderson, who had faithfully served Mrs. Clark and nursed her through a long protracted illness prior to her death. The Committee, on consideration of all the circumstances, agreed to instruct the treasurer, on receiving the bequest for Home Missions, to pay therefrom \$150 to Miss Henderson.

REV. A. FINDLAY'S REPORT.—The Rev. A. Findlay submitted an interesting and cheering report of his work for the past half-year. The report was received, gratification expressed therewith, and it was resolved to publish the substance of it in the Annual Report of the Committee. His expenses for the half-year, \$152.80, were ordered to be paid.

REV. A. FINDLAY'S SALARY.—An application from the Presbytery of Barrie, for an increase of Mr. Findlay's salary to \$1600 per annum was read. After lengthened consideration it was agreed to refer the application *simpliciter* to the General Assembly.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE.—The following is the Executive for the year :—Dr. Cochrane (convener), Dr. Campbell, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Laing, Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, A. Tolmie, F. W. Farries, J. Somerville, R. Moodie, W. Mitchell, R. Kilgour and R. H. Warden.

AUGMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE.—The sub-committee on the Augmentation of Stipends is as follows :—Mr. D. J. Macdonnell, (convener), Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Robertson, Messrs. F. W. Farries, A. Tolmie, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, Wm. Mitchell, R. Kilgour and R. H. Warden.

MEETING IN KINGSTON.—It was agreed to meet at Kingston on the day of the opening of the General Assembly, at the call of the Convener.

CLOSE.—The Committee adjourned at mid-night on Wednesday, 25th March, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,  
*Secretary.*

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,  
*Convener.*