

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 Mr. WARDEN, on or before 9th April, when the reports will be put in the printer's hands.

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MARCH, 1888.

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MINUTES OF MEETING

OF THE

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(WESTERN SECTION.)

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

TORONTO, 27th, 28th and 29th MARCH, 1888.

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AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday the 27th day of March, 1888, 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 1 P.M. on Thursday, 29th March.

The following were present:—Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Torrance, Dr. Laing, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Bryce, Rev. Messrs. A. Lee, J. S. Burnet, F. W. Farries, J. A. Carmichael, J. Cleland, D. Kellock, M. W. Maclean, A. Findlay, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, E. Cockburn, W. A. Hunter, P. Straith, D. J. Macdonnell, J. H. Ratcliffe, J. Rennie, W. Walker, R. Hamilton, A. Gilray, J. Pritchard, J. Robertson, P. Musgrave, A. Tolmie, John Ross (Brussels), W. T. McMullen, and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*; and Messrs. T. McCrae, R. Kilgour and J. K. McDonald, *Elders*.

## CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

The claims of the respective Presbyteries for services rendered during the past six months were considered and the following sums ordered to be paid:—

PRESBYTERIES.	FOR AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.	FOR MISSION FIELDS.
Quebec . . . . .	\$ 850.00	\$696.00
Montreal . . . . .	1112.50	638.00
Glengarry . . . . .	528.00	104.00
Ottawa . . . . .	537.50	681.00
Lanark and Renfrew . . . . .	715.00	788.00
Brockville. . . . .	225.00	390.00
Kingston . . . . .	955.00	920.50
Peterborough . . . . .	411.50	147.60
Whitby . . . . .	.....	.....
Lindsay . . . . .	337.50	72.00
Toronto . . . . .	686.50	70.00
Orangeville. . . . .	400.00	72.00
Barrie . . . . .	955.75	† 1825.86
Owen Sound . . . . .	379.50	216.00
Saugeen . . . . .	100.00	100.00
Guelph . . . . .	.....	78.00
Hamilton . . . . .	351.50	130.00
Paris. . . . .	100.00	.....
London . . . . .	550.00	156.00
Chatham . . . . .	330.00	104.00
Sarnia . . . . .	338.50	119.00
Stratford . . . . .	100.00	.....
Huron . . . . .	275.00	52.00
Maitland . . . . .	425.00	.....
Bruce. . . . .	187.50	1318.60
Winnipeg. . . . .	470.00	1309.80
Rock Lake . . . . .	550.00	914.00
Brandon. . . . .	975.00	1832.60
Regina. . . . .	400.00	2817.90
Calgary . . . . .	250.00	1094.20
Columbia . . . . .	.....	1450.00
	<u>\$13,496.25</u>	<u>\$18,097.06</u>

† Rev. A. Findlay's salary and expenses for past half-year are included here.

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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, 1888. 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 fund was reported as follows :—

	HOME MISSION.	AUGMENTATION.
Balance on hand, May 1887. ....	\$ 469.00	\$ 864.23
Receipts to 26th March, 1888. ....	38,957.86	21,205.95
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Expenditure to 26th March, 1888 . . . . .	\$39,426.86	\$22,070.18
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On hand. ....	\$12,273.54	\$7,919.23
There is also on hand \$5,000 Reserve } for Home Mission fund. }		

AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.

PROPOSED REGULATION AS TO FUND.—In terms of notice given last October, Mr. D. J. Macdonnell moved, and it was resolved, to report the following regulation to the General Assembly for its approval :—The Home Mission Committee may assign to each Presbytery in the Western section of the Church a fair proportion of the whole amount annually 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.

ALLOCATION FOR NEXT YEAR.—An estimate was made of the amount required for Augmentation for the ecclesiastical year 1888-89, and this amount was allocated among the several Presbyteries.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS DEFERRED.—The funds at present on hand not being sufficient to pay the claims of the Presbyteries for Augmented congregations for the six months now ending, it was resolved to postpone payment of these till the 30th of April, and the members of the Committee pledged themselves to put forth efforts in their respective Presbyteries to secure additional contributions so as to end the year without a deficit.

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#### MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

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SPECIAL CLAIMS.—It was agreed to pay a claim of \$150 made by the Home Mission Committee of the Synod, for the salary of a secretary in Winnipeg, and another of \$99 for the travelling expenses of the members of the Synod's Committee, in attending meetings of that Committee.

THE LATE TREASURER'S BOOKS.—The Home Mission Committee of the Synod were instructed to close up the accounts of the late Treasurer, collect outstanding accounts and report to the Executive in October next.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.—The following resolution was adopted:—

That hereafter no grants from the funds of this Committee be available for ordained missionaries or catechists laboring in any of the mission fields of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West, unless the appointment of said missionaries and catechists has been made by this committee; and that the Presbyteries in that Synod be requested to send to the Committee prior to the meeting in October next a list of all the ordained missionaries laboring within their bounds, with their opinion as to the acceptability of the services of each of those labourers and their views as to their re-engagement in specific fields in the North-West.

COMMISSIONS TO MISSIONARIES, &c.—Dr. Laing, convener of the sub-committee appointed in October last to whom was referred a statement of grievances and certain suggestions from the Presbytery of Calgary, presented a lengthened report, which was received and the

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convener thanked. It was agreed to ask Dr. Laing to communicate the substance of the report to the Presbytery of Calgary. It contained two recommendations which were adopted by the Committee. The one was to the effect that certain fixed regulations should be adopted as to the travelling expenses of missionaries from the eastern provinces, appointed to labor in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West; and the other, that a printed form of commission be prepared, specifying the terms of engagement, &c., and a copy furnished to every missionary when appointed. Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Laing, Messrs. Robertson and Warden were appointed a sub-committee to give practical effect to these two recommendations.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.—The Rev. Dr. Reid submitted a statement in detail of amounts paid by him during the year for travelling expenses of missionaries to the North-West. It was referred to Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Robertson and Warden, who were instructed to arrange as to the travelling expenses of missionaries appointed at this meeting.

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#### APPOINTMENT OF STUDENTS AND OTHER MISSIONARIES.

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

QUEBEC .....	MESSRS. M. Mackenzie, A. Robertson, J. M. Whitelaw, W. J. Jamieson, Rev. J. McCarter, and Rev. J. Ferguson (Sawyerville, 1 year).
MONTREAL .....	MESSRS. P. Cayer, J. Naismith, S. F. MacCusker, A. MacGregor, J. R. Dobson, J. W. Flinn, and I. Matthieu.
GLENGARRY .....	None.
OTTAWA .....	MESSRS. G. Dempster, T. R. Shearer, P. A. McLeod, J. A. McLean, A. M. Patterson, and A. Thompson.
LANARK AND RENFREW.	MESSRS. D. R. Drummond, Jas. Hodges, W. Russell, J. W. McLeod, Rev. Geo. Porteous (Alice, 2 years), and Aw. Nelson.
BROCKVILLE .....	MESSRS. R. J. Sturgeon, A. K. McNaughton, and O. Hardy.

KINGSTON.....	Messrs. E. G. Walker, J. Rattray, R. C. H. Sinclair R. J. Hunter, J. Cattenach, W. J. Patterson, D. D. McDonald, J. McC. Kellock, and Rev. J. A. Snodgrass.
PETERBOROUGH.....	Messrs. A. Fitzpatrick, and J. McArthur.
LINDSAY.....	Messrs. W. G. Logie, and Jas. Gilchrist.
WHITRY.....	None.
TORONTO.....	Messrs. A. G. Janson, L. C. Emes, Alex. Wilson, W. A. J. Martin, J. S. Conning, W. H. Johnston, and W. W. McRae.
ORANGEVILLE.....	Messrs. W. M. Kay, J. C. Madill, Dd. Carswell and Jas. Madill.
BARRIE.....	Messrs. N. Shaw, J. P. McQuarrie, John Crawford, M. P. Talling, H. B. Fraser, W. W. Craw, T. H. Mitchell W. D. Kerswill, J. D. Edgar, J. S. MacIlraith, D. L. Dewar, C. W. Whyte, M. J. McLeod, Rev. J. Sten- house, Rev. J. Gilmour, Rev. S. Rondeau (North Bay unexpired part of two years' engagement), Rev. J. W. Hewitt (Maganetawan, 2 years), T. A. Ambler, J. Garrioch, J. G. Jackson, J. C. Stinson, R. Drin- nan, R. Thompson, W. H. Porter, and Jos. Monteath.
OWEN SOUND.....	Messrs. D. McKenzie, B. Innis, John Little, Rev. A. W. Johnston, and Rev. R. Rodgers.
SAUGEEN.....	Messrs. A. Stevenson and Rev. R. Fairbairn.
GUELPH.....	Messrs. John Robertson, A. E. Mitchell, J. M. McLaren and D. Strachan.
HAMILTON.....	Messrs. W. J. Clark, R. Whiteman, and R. Pyke.
PARIS.....	None.
LONDON.....	Messrs. W. Graham, D. Campbell, and W. A. Cook.
CHATHAM.....	Messrs. H. Brown, Thos. Logie, Aw. Russell, Rev. W. Forrest, and P. Uzelle.
SARNIA.....	Messrs. F. O. Nichol, Rev. J. McRobie, W. Wilson, and — McLae.
STRATFORD.....	None.
HURON.....	None.
MAITLAND.....	None.
BRUCE.....	Messrs. J. J. Elliott (Spanish Mills, 2 years), J. McMil- lan, P. M. McEachern, J. A. McConnell, H. S. Mc- Kitrick, J. D. Boyd, Rev. J. S. Stewart (Tarbut, 2 years), John Shamly, and Rev. J. Rennie (Sault Ste Marie, 2 or 3 years).
WINNIPEG.....	Messrs. J. C. Hodgins, I. L. Hargrave (Dominion City, 2 years), N. Russell, D. M. Ross, W. O. Wallace, S. W. Thompson, Jonas Johnson, Duncan Campbell, H. F. Ross, John Chisholm, W. A. Markley, and H. W. Dunning.

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- BRANDON . . . . . Messrs. W. Neilly, T. C. Court, D. D. Mackay, Rev. — Rogerson, (Shoal Lake, 1 year), J. McLachlan. C. Mc Kerchar, Jas. Patterson, W. E. W. Fortune, J. Smith, H. Littlehales, J. Lang, Rev. J. M. Wilson, and Rev. A. Smith.
- REGINA . . . . . Messrs. F. W. Paton, J. McDonald, W. J. Hall, T. Beveridge, P. Fisher, J. D. McMillan, Archibald Mathieson, and A. G. McKitrick.
- CALGARY . . . . . Messrs. A. R. Barron (Fort McLeod, 2 years), A. J. McLeod (Banff, 2 years), R. Harkness (Fort Saskatchewan, 1 year and 4 months), J. McKinnon, and R. M. Phelan.
- COLUMBIA . . . . . Mr. H. R. Fraser.

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BRITISH GRANTS.—The Convener reported that he had received and suitably acknowledged a grant of £200 from the Free Church of Scotland, and £150 from the Irish Presbyterian Church. He also reported that the students of the Free Church College, Glasgow, had adopted Manitoba and the North West as their Mission scheme for the present year.

REV. A. FINDLAY'S REPORT.—The Rev. A. Findlay read an interesting and cheering report of his work for the past half-year in the Muskoka district. The report was received, gratification expressed therewith, and it was resolved to publish the substance of it in the *Presbyterian Record*.

PRINCE ALBERT, N. W. T.—Rev. Dr. McLaren, Rev. George Burson and Mr. Hamilton Cassells, members of the Foreign Mission Committee, attended, by invitation, in the evening, when an informal conference was held regarding mission and educational matters in Prince Albert, N. W. T.

QUEBEC OVERTURE.—An overture from the Quebec Presbytery, as to the appointment of ordained travelling missionaries for Quebec Province, remitted to the Committee by the General Assembly, was considered. It was agreed to place \$150 at the disposal of the Quebec Presbytery for the employment for a limited period, as an experiment, of a suitable missionary

HOME MISSION ALLOCATION.—Dr. Cochrane and Mr. Warden were appointed a Committee to allocate among the several Presbyteries of the Church the amount required for Home Mission work for the ensuing year.

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

CLOSE.—The Committee adjourned at one P. M. on Thursday, 29th March, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,  
*Secretary.*

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