

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, 1886.

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, 12th and 13th OCTOBER, 1886.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday, the 12th day of October, 1886, 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, F. W. Farries, J. Somerville, W. Mitchell and R. H. Warden.

CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

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

<i>Presbyteries.</i>		<i>Presbyteries.</i>	
Quebec.....	\$399.00	Guelph.....	.....
Montreal.....	518.00	Hamilton.....	\$267.00
Glengarry.....	36.00	Paris.....	.....
Ottawa.....	550.00	London.....	208.00
Lanark and Renfrew.....	738.50	Chatham.....	275.00
Brockville.....	355.00	Sarnia.....	48.00
Kingston.....	549.00	Stratford.....	.....
Peterborough.....	317.72	Huron.....	52.00
Whitby.....	.....	Maitland.....	.....
Lindsay.....	164.00	Bruce.....	868.55
Toronto.....	.....	Winnipeg.....	1169.32
Orangeville.....	200.00	Rock Lake.....	1199.38
Barrie.....	2482.64	Brandon.....	2957.28
Owen Sound.....	123.00	Regina.....	4674.08
Saugeen.....	38.00		
			\$18,189.47

CHANGES IN GRANTS—NEW APPLICATIONS, &c.

The committee considered new applications from Presbyteries on behalf of mission fields. The following are the applications, with the changes made, for the half-year beginning 1st October, 1886, on the list adopted in March last (See pages 38 to 47 of the appendix to the minutes of the General Assembly, 1886):—

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC :—

Gould,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Kennebec Road,—Application for \$400 for ordained missionary.

Massawippi, &c.—Application for \$400 for ordained missionary.

Sawyer ville &c.—Application for \$400 for ordained missionary.

These applications, being unaccompanied by statistics or any information as to the present condition of the fields or the amounts offered by the people, were laid on the table till the March meeting of the committee.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA ;—

Casselmanns,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

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PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW:—

Onslow &c.,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

Litchfield,—Put on the list with grant of \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE:—

Iroquois,—Removed from the list.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON:—

Poland,—Granted \$400 per annum for ordained missionary.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH:—

Minden and Kinmount,—Granted \$250 per annum for ordained missionary.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY:—

Uptergrove,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE:—

Magnetawan, Doe Lake, &c.,—Granted \$5 per Sabbath for an approved Catechist.

Sundridge, &c.—Grant reduced to \$2 per Sabbath.

Dwight, Cains, &c.—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

Uffington,—Granted \$5 per Sabbath for approved catechist.

Minesing, Craighurst, &c.—Granted \$3 per Sabbath for approved catechist.

Canadian Pacific Railway—Sudbury— Granted \$2 per Sabbath }

" " " Sturgeon Falls— " \$2 " }

or \$4 per Sabbath if worked together.

" " " The Presbytery asked an ordained mission-
to labor along the line from Sudbury to
Schreiber. Action deferred.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN:—

Ayton, Normanby and Balaklava,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON:—

Cayuga,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA:—

Wilkesport, Black Creek &c.,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Marthaville,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE:—

Thessalon,—Granted \$26 for Mr. Corbett for winter half year.

St. Joseph Island,—Granted \$2.50 per Sabbath.

Silver Water and Burpee,—Put on list.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.—The Rev. J. Robertson's report for the past half-year was submitted, and his expenses—\$243—ordered to be paid.

PRINCE ALBERT.—Rev. Mr. MacWilliam, recently returned from Prince Albert, addressed the committee as to the present condition of this field. The convener submitted correspondence from the congregation, asking for the immediate appointment of a missionary,

promising \$800 towards salary and \$200 towards travelling expenses to the field. It was agreed to appoint Rev. Dr. Jardine of Brockville for a term of three years at a salary of \$1,400 per annum—the grant not to exceed \$600. It was further agreed to urge the congregation to contribute at least \$1,000 per annum so as to reduce the grant to \$400.

SALARIES OF MISSIONARIES IN SPECIAL FIELDS.—An extract minute of the Presbytery of Regina was read, recommending that the salaries of Missionaries in certain fields be in excess of the usual amount. With this recommendation the Home Mission committee of the Synod concurred. The matter was referred to the March meeting of the Assembly's committee.

SALARIES IN THE SYNOD.—It was resolved to ask the several Presbyteries of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-west, as also the Home Mission committee of that Synod, to consider whether the time has not arrived when the salaries of missionaries and of ministers in augmented congregations in the Synod should be placed more on a level with those of the older Presbyteries of the Church,—to report at the March meeting of this committee.

GRANT FOR TRAVELLING, &C. EXPENSES.—Mr. Robertson reported that the precise amount due for travelling and other expenses for the half-year ending 1st October, was not yet known, though it would probably amount to about \$1,600. It was agreed to order payment of the part of the grant due, on receiving a statement in detail of the expenditure.

An application from the Synod's Home Mission committee for an increase in the grant made last March of \$2,000 for travelling and other expenses for the present year, was referred to the March meeting.

SPECIAL CLAIMS.—Rev. R. G. Sinclair claimed \$130 as arrears due him for services at Carrott River in 1884 and 1885. The Synod recommended that \$77.35, the arrears for 1885, be paid by the committee. The recommendation was adopted.

A claim recommended by the Synod for certain arrears due Rev. S. Polson for services at Clearsprings, Millbrook and Plympton from 1882 to 1885 was disallowed.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.—There was laid on the table and read a lengthened report from Mr. J. B. McKilligan of Winnipeg, who had kindly agreed, at the suggestion of the committee, to examine the books and accounts of the Synod's Treasurer.

After full consideration it was resolved to remit Mr. McKilligan's report to the Home Mission committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West, with the request that they carefully consider it and intimate to this committee, prior to first December next, their judgment on the several points therein referred to, and specially,—the necessity of having a competent Secretary-Treasurer, the discrepancies in the statements, and the removal of the reported deficit,—with the intimation that this committee does not feel justified in remitting money after this date to the Synod's committee until it has some guarantee that the books and accounts are being kept in an intelligible and orderly manner. The following were appointed a sub-committee to take such action as may seem best, on hearing from the Synod's committee : Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Mitchell and Warden.

It was further resolved to put on record an expression of the committee's appreciation of the valuable service rendered by Mr. McKilligan in connection with this report, and to convey to him the cordial thanks of the committee for his gratuitous and laborious work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

FIELDS REQUIRING MISSIONARIES.—There were read extract minutes of the Presbytery of Columbia making application for the appointment of Missionaries for the following fields :

(1.) Fort Langley and Langley Prairie &c., where the people promise \$625 per annum ; (2.) Chilliwack, where the people offer \$600 and hope to build a church and manse soon, (3.) Ashcroft, Spence Bridge and Clifton ; (4.) Alberni.

MISSIONARIES APPOINTED.—Rev. Messrs. A. Dunn, A. Tait, and F. McCuaig were appointed to the Presbytery of Columbia for a term of three years at a salary of \$1,000 per annum together with travelling expenses to the field,—the full salary for the first year to be guaranteed by this committee.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES, &c.

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

- PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC..Rev. W. A. Johnston.
 " LANARK AND RENFREW..Rev. G. A. Yeomans (to Litchfield for two years).
 " PETERBOROUGH..Messrs. Miller and McArthur.
 " BARRIE..Rev. Jas. Ferguson, Messrs. W. M. Robertson, H. Knox, P. McNabb.
 " OWEN SOUND..Rev. R. H. Craig, Rev. Murdoch McKenzie.
 " SAUGEEN..Rev. J. McEwan.
 " HAMILTON..Rev. J. Mordy.
 " BRUCE..Rev. A. F. McKenzie (to Tarbut for six months), Rev. D. McNaughton (to Bruce Mines for six months), W. Corbett.
 SYNOD OF MANITOBA..Rev. D. McMillan, Rev. Jas. Hamilton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

STATE OF FUND.—The Treasurer submitted a statement of the fund at date. It is as follows :

Balance on hand, May 1886	\$2,726.02
Receipts to 8th October	3,251.45
	<u>5,977.47</u>
Expenditure to 8th October.....	10,974.83
Indebtedness at date	\$4,997.36
Reserve Fund on hand at date.....	<u>\$16,739.65</u>

LUMBERMEN'S MISSION.—There was read an extract minute of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, asking a grant from the Home Mission fund on behalf of the Lumbermen's Mission. It was referred to the meeting of the committee in March next.

CLOSE.—The committee adjourned at eleven o'clock in the evening and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
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AUGMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Wednesday, the 13th day of October, 1886, at 9.30 o'clock in the morning, the sub-committee on Augmentation met and was constituted with prayer. The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, convener.

The following members were present:—Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, convener; Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. P. McF. McLeod, Jas. Robertson, F. W. Farries, R. Moodie, W. Mitchell and R. H. Warden.

CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

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

<i>Presbyteries.</i>		<i>Presbyteries.</i>	
Quebec	\$ 839.00	Guelph	\$ 100.00
Montreal	1516.50	Hamilton	457.00
Glengarry	309.91	Paris	100.00
Ottawa	662.50	London	550.00
Lanark and Renfrew	766.00	Chatham	275.00
Brockville	325.00	Sarnia	403.00
Kingston	977.12	Stratford	125.00
Peterborough	488.50	Huron	275.00
Whitby . . . . .	.....	Maitland	513.00
Lindsay	212.50	Bruce	237.00
Toronto	575.00	Winnipeg	470.00
Orangeville	62.00	Rock Lake	725.00
Barrie	762.50	Brandon	552.50
Owen Sound	497.00	Regina	500.00
Saugeen	100.00		
			\$13,376.03

N.B.—Presbytery of Regina.—As no report was received from this Presbytery the Secretary was authorized to order payment of the claims for the past six months on receiving the required returns,—the amount due Mr. W. MacWilliam to be paid to him direct.

NEW APPLICATIONS, CHANGES IN GRANTS, &c.

The committee proceeded to consider applications from Presbyteries for new grants, &c. The following are the changes made, for the six months ending 1st April, 1887, on the list as printed on pages 49 to 58 of the appendix to the minutes of the General Assembly of 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC :—

Inverness,—	Asked	\$150	per annum.	}
Windsor Mills—	"	300	" "	
Point Levi—	"	300	" "	

Consideration of the above applications was deferred, there being no statistics or other information furnished by the Presbytery.

Scotstown.—Asked \$300 per annum,—Granted till 1st April next, with intimation to the Presbytery that a report as to the visitation of the field will be required before the grant is renewed. Regulation VII. 3. (See page 17 appendix to Assembly Minutes, 1886.)

Kinnear's Mills.—Asked \$50 per annum,—Declined.

Lake Megantic.—It was agreed to notify the Presbytery that as this congregation is not being supplied as a *bona-fide* vacancy, it is from this date removed from the list of augmented congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW :—

McNab,—Removed from the list.

Castleford,—Removed from the list.

Admaston,—Asked \$2 per Sabbath while vacant,—Deferred.

Middleville and Dalhousie,—In consideration of the large membership in this charge and the low average contribution per communicant for stipend, it was agreed to ask the Presbytery to take action towards the removal of this congregation as early as possible from the augmented list.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE :—

Matilda,—Removed from the list.

Heckston, &c.—Removed from the list.

Iroquois and Dixon's,—Asked \$1.50 per Sabbath while vacant,—Deferred.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON :—

St. John's Pittsburgh,—Removed from the list.

Consecon and Hillier,—Asked \$3 per Sabbath while vacant,—Deferred.

Storrington and Glenburnie,—Asked to be put on augmented list,—Deferred for lack of information and statistics.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH :—

Warsaw and Dummer,—Asked \$300 per annum,—Deferred for lack of information as to decrease in the contributions of the people, and the attention of the Presbytery called to Regulation VII, 3. (See page 17 appendix Assembly Minutes.)

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY :—

Uptergrove,—Removed from the list.

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PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE :—

Bracebridge, &c.—Grant of \$300 per annum continued.

Oro, Knox and Guthrie,—Asked \$2 per Sabbath while vacant,—Deferred.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND :—

Warton,—Grant withdrawn from 1st October, 1886.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN :—

South Luther, &c.—Removed from the list.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH :—

Hawkesville and Linwood,—Removed from the list.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON :—

Nelson and Dundas St.—Granted \$50 per annum.

Caledonia, Sutherland St.—Asked continuance of grant,—Declined.

Dunville,—Grant of \$250 per annum continued.

Merritton and Port Robinson,—Asked \$2 per Sabbath while vacant,
—Deferred.

North Pelham and Welland Port,—Asked \$2 per Sabbath while vacant,
—Deferred.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM :—

Leamington, &c.—Asked \$250 per annum. Granted \$150 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA :—

Mandaumin,—Removed from the list.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND :—

Langside,—Asked \$200 per annum. Grant continued at \$150 per annum.

Lucknow, St. Andrew's,—Removed from the list.

Kincardine Township, Chalmer's Ch.—Asked \$200 per annum. Granted
\$150 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE :—

Hanover and N. Normanby,—Asked continuance of grant,—Deferred
till March meeting of committee.

Kinloss, Riverside and Enniskillen,—Granted \$150 per annum.

Balaklava,—Removed from the list.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG :—

Stonewall,—Asked increase of grant to \$350 per annum,—Deferred till
March meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE :—

It was agreed to ask the Presbytery to consider whether the grants to
all the congregations cannot possibly be reduced.

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STATE OF FUND.—The Treasurer's statement of the fund at date is as follows:—

Balance on hand at May 1886.....	\$348.02
Receipts to 8th October.....	928.59
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Expenditure to 8th October.....	\$1,276.61
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On hand.....	\$941.54
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Reserve Fund on hand at date.....	\$6,000.00
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ESTIMATE FOR CURRENT YEAR.—A careful estimate showed that about \$30,000 was required this year, and the committee allocated this sum among the several Presbyteries of the Church.

CIRCULARS TO BE ISSUED.—The chairman and secretary were instructed to issue a circular to the several Presbyteries urging the claims of the scheme, and drawing special attention to the necessity of thorough and early visitation, by suitable deputies, of all the aid-receiving congregations.

GRANTS PER SABBATH TO VACANCIES.—A number of applications were received from Presbyteries for grants to congregations while vacant, to enable them to pay to Probationers the increased allowance fixed by last Assembly. The applications were all deferred meantime, and Messrs. Warden, Farries and Dr. Campbell were appointed a sub-committee to consider the whole question of grants to congregations on the augmented list while vacant,—to report at the meeting in March next.

CLOSE.—The committee adjourned at six o'clock in the evening, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBERT H. WARDEN,
Secretary.

D. J. MACDONNELL, B.D.
Convener.