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MARCH, 1890.

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MINUTES OF MEETING

OF THE

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(WESTERN SECTION.)

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

TORONTO, 25th and 26th MARCH, 1890.

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AT TORONTO, and within the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church there, on Tuesday the 25th day of March, 1890, 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 11.30 P.M. on Wednesday, 26th March.

The following were present:—Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Torrance, Dr. Laing, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Robertson, Rev. Messrs. A. Lee, J. S. Burnet, F. W. Farries, J. Abraham, A. Bell, Dr. Kellock, M. W. Maclean, A. Findlay, R. Moodie, J. Somerville, E. Cockburn, D. J. McLean, P. Straith, D. J. Macdonnell, J. H. Ratcliffe, W. Walker, R. Hamilton, A. Gilray, A. G. McLachlin, A. Henderson, C. Fletcher, J. Farquharson, T. J. McClelland, S. J. Taylor, A. Tolmie, and R. H. Warden, *Ministers*; and Messrs. T. McCrae, and W. Mitchell, *Elders*.

## 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.	FOR MISSION FIELDS.	FOR AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.	LESS DEDUCTED FOR AUGM'N.	NETT AMOUNT FOR AUGM'N.
Quebec.....	\$ 456.38	.... \$1208.60	.... \$225.00	.... \$983.60
Montreal .....	1058.00	.... 1125.00	.... 293.00	.... 832.00
Glengarry .....	.....	.... 462.50	.... 112.50	.... 350.00
Ottawa .....	1058.50	.... 431.25	.... 146.25	.... 285.00
Brockville.....	284.00	.... 400.00	.... 90.00	.... 310.00
Lanark and Renfrew	602.00	.... 418.75	.... 81.00	.... 337.75
Kingston .....	712.00	.... 775.00	.... 212.50	.... 562.50
Peterborough .....	370.50	.... 387.50	.... 125.09	.... 262.50
Lindsay.....	176.00	.... 75.00	.... 25.00	.... 50.00
Whitby.....	.....	....	....	....
Toronto.....	113.00	.... 407.00	.... 114.00	.... 293.00
Orangeville.....	.....	.... 362.50	.... 112.50	.... 250.00
Barrie.....	2717.61	.... 500.00	.... 125.00	.... 375.00
Owen Sound.....	187.00	.... 373.00	.... 83.00	.... 290.00
Saugeen.....	100.00	.... 100.00	.... 25.00	.... 75.00
Guelph.....	.....	.... 125.00	.... 41.00	.... 84.00
Hamilton.....	334.00	.... 593.50	.... 183.00	.... 410.50
Paris.....	.....	.... 75.00	.... 25.00	.... 50.00
London.....	.....	.... 925.00	.... 195.00	.... 730.00
Chatham.....	67.00	.... 209.50	.... 50.00	.... 159.50
Sarnia.....	146.00	.... 325.00	.... 62.50	.... 262.50
Stratford.....	.....	....	....	....
Huron.....	.....	.... 225.00	.... 25.00	.... 200.00
Maitland.....	.....	.... 236.45	.... 92.00	.... 144.45
Bruce.....	1158.81	.... 225.00	.... 75.00	.... 150.00
Winnipeg.....	1212.30	.... 430.00	.... 105.00	.... 325.00
Rock Lake.....	863.30	.... 225.00	.... 70.00	.... 155.00
Brandon.....	775.00	.... 562.50	.... 175.00	.... 387.50
Minnedosa.....	1793.50	.... 250.00	.... 70.00	.... 180.00
Regina.....	1986.00	.... 300.00	.... 58.00	.... 242.00
Calgary.....	976.00	.... 250.00	.... 35.00	.... 215.00
Columbia.....	1427.84	.... 150.00	.... 23.00	.... 127.00
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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, 1890. 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.

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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 25th March, 1890 .....	\$43,507.90
Expenditure to 25th March, 1890 .....	28,548.55
On hand .....	<u>\$19,159.35</u>

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AUGMENTATION.

Receipts to 25th March, 1890 .....	\$22,241.61
Indebtedness, May, 1889 .....	\$ 3,768.52
Expenditure to 25th March, 1890 .....	11,468.38
	<u>15,236.90</u>
On hand .....	<u>\$7,004.71</u>

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## AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.

ALLOWANCE FOR HORSE, &c.—Mr. Macdonnell on behalf of the sub-committee appointed in October last to frame regulations as to allowance for horse keep, &c. reported, recommending that no action be taken meanwhile in this matter. The report was adopted.

HARRINGTON.—The Committee considered the application of the Presbytery of Stratford for a grant on behalf of Harrington. The minute of Assembly bearing on the case was read, and Mr. Robert Hamilton was heard. In view of the numerical and financial strength of the congregation, the Committee were unable to grant the application.

REDUCED GRANTS.—The funds on hand, together with those expected before the end of April, not being sufficient to meet in full the claims of Presbyteries on behalf of augmented congregations for the past six months, it was agreed to pay grants so as to secure such a minimum stipend as the fund will admit; and Messrs. Macdonnell, Laing, Robertson, Campbell and Warden were appointed a sub-committee to examine the returns of the contributions and report as to the minimum that can be reached. At a later stage this sub-committee presented the following report:—

Whereas the funds now in the Treasurer's hands for augmentation, together with the amount expected before the close of the financial year, indicate a deficit of about \$4,000, the sub-committee recommends:

1. That \$50 be deducted in each case from the balance of the grants now due to charges in cities and towns; \$35 in case of charges in Manitoba and the North-West, and \$25 in all other cases,—it being understood that in the case of settlements which have taken place within the year the reduction shall be proportionately less.

2. That in the opinion of this committee the expense of living in Manitoba is on the average so far equalized with the expense in the Eastern Provinces that no injustice will be done by reducing the scale of stipends in Manitoba; and that from and after the 31st March, 1891, the regulation allowing that congregations be supplemented up to \$950 be changed so as to allow supplement only up to \$900 within the bounds of the Province of

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Manitoba; this recommendation to be reported to the General Assembly for its approval and to the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West for its information.

The report was received and the above recommendations adopted.

PRINCE ALBERT.—There were laid on the table and read extract minutes of the Presbytery of Regina and other documents relating to Prince Albert. Included in these was a circular from Dr. Jardine intimating his withdrawal from the Church because of the action of this Committee anent the reduction of the grant to Prince Albert. The matter was referred to a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Somerville, Torrance, Taylor, Farquharson and Straith. At a later stage this sub-committee reported and the following finding was adopted :—

1. Even had the charges of deliberate fraud on the part of the committee and the General Assembly, made in the circular sent abroad by Dr. Jardine, been well founded, it is a matter of surprise and regret to the committee that Dr. Jardine should have made this attack on the committee and on the General Assembly without having first communicated with the committee and remonstrated with them regarding the alleged breach of faith. The committee, however, agrees to take no further action regarding the circular.

2. The action of the committee in regard to the grant to Prince Albert was in a line with its action in other cases. From the beginning it was the expectation of the committee, as expressed at the date of Dr. Jardine's appointment, that the proportion of salary contributed by the congregation would be increased, which was confirmed by the Presbytery at the period of induction. It being made evident now that this expectation has not been realized, the committee, so far from repudiating its engagement, agrees to pay the balance due, in order to make the grant at the rate of \$600 per annum for the three years.

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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 \$75.20, including expenses of audit. 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 now appointed to the North-West. The amounts required, as estimated by the Synod's Home Mission Committee, are as follows :—

Presbytery of Winnipeg.....	\$150.00
“ Rock Lake.....	97.60
“ Brandon.....	320.00
“ Minnedosa.....	132.00
“ Regina.....	259.00
“ Calgary.....	270.00
	\$1,228.60

A statement in detail of the travelling expenses for the year just ended, was submitted by the Home Mission Committee of the Synod, showing that there is due at this date to the Presbytery of Rock Lake \$5.10 and to the Presbytery of Brandon \$27.50.

The following Presbyteries have on hand at this date, to apply on travelling expense account for the ensuing year:—Minnedosa, \$44.55; Regina, \$101.92; and Calgary, \$47.00.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA AND SUPERINTENDENT.—The Presbytery of Columbia asked that the sphere of Dr. Robertson's operations should be extended so as to include British Columbia as well as Manitoba and the North-West Territories. The application was agreed to.

COLUMBIA EXPLORING EXPENSES.—It was agreed to place at the disposal of the Presbytery of Columbia, for exploratory work this summer, a sum not exceeding \$200.

STUDENTS' EXPENSES RETURNING TO COLLEGE.—The Home Mission Committee of the Synod reported that in their judgment students laboring in the bounds of the Synod should not be required to pay their own travelling expenses in returning from their mission fields to the college, owing to the great distances in the North-West.

After consideration, it was agreed that from this date the return expenses to Manitoba College of students laboring in the Province of Manitoba cease to be a charge on the Home Mission fund, and that of those students laboring in the North-West Territories the return expenses be met only from the field to the Manitoba Province boundary.

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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. Adam Robertson, (Massawippi, 2 years), Rev. N. MacPhee, Hugh Craig, E. S. Logie, Rev. W. A. Johnston, Rev. J. McCarter, (Metis, 1 year), and Rev. J. M. Whitelaw (Valcartier, 3 years)
- MONTREAL ..... Messrs. S. F. McCusker (Mille Isles, 2 years), L. R. Bouchard, W. D. Reid, and E. A. Mackenzie.
- GLENGARRY ..... Mr. N. A. McLeod.
- OTTAWA ..... Messrs. A. McGregor, A. Russell, D. Guthrie, R. Eadie, Rev. W. M. Christie, (U. Litchfield, &c., 1 year), Rev. M. Danby, A. McPhee, and H. C. Courtenay.
- LANARK AND RENFREW .. Messrs. J. McC. Kellock, Colin Campbell, W. J. Jamieson, (Alice, &c., 1 year), J. K. Fraser, A. C. Reeves, A. Nelson, A. D. Menzies, and S. O. Nixon.
- BROCKVILLE ..... Messrs. D. D. McDonald, Jas. Rollins and A. K. MacLennan.
- KINGSTON ..... Messrs. E. A. Henry, N. McPherson, John Sharp, R. M. Phalen, James Hodges, John M. Millar, J. F. Scott, D. McLennan, F. A. McRae, J. E. Smith, A. J. McMullan, Charles McLeod, W. J. Herbison, and W. J. Dempster.
- PETERBOROUGH ..... Messrs. J. Binnie, R. Byers, and Rev. John McMillan.
- LINDSAY ..... None.
- WHITBY ..... None.
- TORONTO ..... Messrs. Thomas Logie, H. G. Foster, T. H. Rogers, D. M. Buchanan, John Little, J. H. Barnett, and Rev. R. C. Tibb.
- ORANGEVILLE ..... Mr. T. McLaughlin.
- BARRIE ..... Messrs. A. M. Smith, J. C. Stinson, William Graham, Neil Morrison, T. M. Mitchell, W. W. McRae, T. A. Watson, W. R. Miller, T. McCullough, R. Sturgeon, (Waubauskene, 2 years), N. J. Sproule, Robert Borland, R. McDougall, J. H. F. Blue, Rev. J. B. Duncan, (Parry Sound, 2 years), William Smith, J. Geddes, M. McGillivray, Robert Drennan, J. G. Jackson, J. G. Garrioch, and T. Harrison.
- OWEN SOUND ..... Messrs. P. McEachern, James H. Borland, J. F. McFarland, and Rev. R. Rodgers.

SAUGEEN .....	Rev. R. Fairbairn.
GUELPH .....	Mr. D. Strachan.
HAMILTON.....	Mr. David Carswell.
PARIS .....	Mr. Edgar.
LONDON .....	None.
CHATHAM .....	Messrs. William Morriu, M. C. McLennan, and S. F. McLennan.
SARNIA .....	Messrs. J. S. Scott, D. McVicar, J. P. McInnes, P. Uzzelle, and Rev. J. McRobbie.
STRATFORD.....	None.
HURON .....	None.
MAITLAND.....	None.
BRUCE .....	Messrs. Thomas Smith, J. G. McKechnie, John Bell, A. MacVicar, D. Hutchison, G. D. Ireland, — A. Lochore, Rev. J. Rennie (Spanish Mills, 2 years), and D. Millar.
WINNIPEG.....	Messrs. W. L. Clay, T. A. Mitchell, J. E. Monro, H. F. Ross, R. Weir, A. Driscoll, J. N. McLean, A. Moore, J. B. Ferguson, J. L. Small, T. D. Acheson, B. Innes, J. S. Hamilton, C. W. Lutes, J. Johnson, and Rev. John Hossie.
ROCK LAKE .....	Messrs. C. W. Whyte, D. D. McKay, Adam Brown, K. A. Gollan, A. Chisholm, D. Campbell.
BRANDON .....	Messrs. James Drummond, D. R. Drummond, John Muirhead, A. Bowman, T. Beveridge, W. B. Cumming, R. Patterson, W. H. Fraser, and Rev. D. Houston.
MINNEDOSA .....	Messrs. D. M. Jamieson, James Laing, C. McKibben, and Rev. C. R. Ramsay.
REGINA.....	Messrs. John A. McDonald, S. Burns, D. M. Ross, R. E. Knowles, G. Buchanan, P. Fisher, A. McIntosh, D. Lamont, and J. P. McLean.
CALGARY .....	Messrs. J. A. Sinclair, J. A. Morrison, W. J. Small, James Fleming, F. H. Russell, and J. A. Mathieson.
COLUMBIA.....	Messrs. Archibald McKenzie, R. Frew, Rev. P. F. Langill, (Vernon, 3 years), and Rev. T. S. Glassford, (Warnock, 3 years.)

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

MISSIONARY FOR IMMIGRANTS.—The sub-committee appointed in October last to consider the application of the Presbytery of Montreal for the appointment of a missionary to meet and direct immigrants arriving from Europe, reported recommending that the application be granted. The report was received, but the Committee, while sympathizing with the object aimed at, regretted their inability in the present state of the fund to do anything meanwhile.

BRITISH GRANTS.—The Convener reported that he had received and suitably acknowledged a grant of £150 from the Free Church of Scotland, and £150 from the Irish Presbyterian Church.

MARITIME PROVINCES CONTRIBUTIONS.—Dr. Robertson reported that upwards of \$3,000 had been received from the Maritime Provinces for Mission work in the North-West in response to his appeal while visiting the congregations there last fall and that, in addition, several congregations and friends had intimated their purpose to support missionaries in certain fields. The report was received, gratification expressed therewith and the cordial thanks of the committee tendered to the brethren in the Maritime Provinces Section of the Church.

BEQUEST OF LATE DD. YOUNG, Hamilton.—The Convener reported that the late Dd. Young of Hamilton had left the fund a legacy of \$50; further, that by a codicil he had left the half of his estate to Knox College and to the Home, French and Foreign Missions of the Church, but that in so doing he had disinherited a son who was poor and in infirm health. Correspondence bearing on the subject was read and it was agreed in the circumstances to relinquish all claim on the residue of the estate.

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.

NEXT YEAR'S ALLOCATION.—Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Macdonnell and Warden were appointed a Committee to allocate among the several Presbyteries of the Church the amounts required for Home Mission and Augmentation for the ensuing year.

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.

CLOSE.—The Committee adjourned at half-past eleven p. m. on Wednesday, 26th March, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,  
*Secretary.*

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