

N.B.—Conveners of Presbyteries' Home Mission Committees are particularly requested to forward the Annual Reports of Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations (No. I. and II.) to the Secretary, at 210 St. James Street, Montreal, **NOT LATER THAN THE 20th OF APRIL.**

MARCH, 1878.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,
(WESTERN SECTION)

TORONTO, 26TH, 27TH AND 28TH MARCH, 1878.

At Toronto, and within the Deacon's Court Room of Knox Church there, on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1878, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Section), met and was constituted with prayer. Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., Convener. The Committee continued in Session till three p.m., on Thursday, 28th March.

The following members were present: Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Proudfoot, Rev. Messrs. T. G. Smith, R. Torrance, R. Hamilton, J. Laing, J. M. King, W. Donald, J. Somerville, A. Brown, Joseph White, A. Tolmie, R. C. Moffatt, F. McCuaig, R. Rodgers, J. L. Murray, W. Walker, G. Cuthbertson, G. Bruce, D. J. Macdonnell, R. H. Warden, and Messrs. T. McCrae and P. Marshall.

Messrs. D. H. MacLennan, W. T. McMullen, and H. Gracey, were invited to sit with the Committee as representatives of their respective Presbyteries.

CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

The claims of the respective Presbyteries for services rendered in Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations during the past six months, were carefully considered, and the following sums were ordered to be paid:—

Presbytery of Quebec	\$503 00	Presbytery of Saugeen	\$239 38
" Montreal	1155 00	" Guelph	156 00
" Glengarry	112 00	" Hamilton	35 ^e 33
" Ottawa	761 00	" Paris	50 00
" Brockville	505 00	" London	836 00
" Kingston	1209 97	" Chatham	449 50
" Peterborough	153 50	" Stratford	50 00
" Lindsay	355 50	" Huron	249 83
" Whitby .....	.....	" Bruce	200 00
" Toronto	456 00		
" Barrie	799 00	Total	\$9002 01
" Owen Sound	403 00		

N.B.—These are the NETT sums due on 1st April, 1878, including retrospective grants, special claims, etc., passed at this meeting, particulars of which are here given:—

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC—

Metis,—claim for \$85 for past six months,—granted.

Hamden,—Presbytery's attention called to arrears in this Congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL—

Arundel, etc.,—Special claim of \$100 extra for past six months,—granted.

The Presbytery asked to deal with Congregation so as to secure increased contributions towards the support of the missionary.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE—

Dalhousie and N. Sherbrooke,—claim for \$75 for the year 1876,—not granted.

Dunbar and Colquhoun's,—arrears of \$357, and though extending over two years, reported now for the first time. The Convener was instructed to pay the supplement for the last six months, only when the Presbytery of Brockville has given the assurance that the arrears due the pastor are in the way of being paid by the congregation.

N. Williamsburg,—special claim of \$21 for summer of 1877,—granted.

Darling and Lavant,—claim of \$116, being arrears for summer of 1877,—not granted.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON—

Special claim of \$50, being on account of arrears due several missionaries,—not granted.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE—

Muskoka,—the Committee agreed to make a special grant of \$100 to aid in meeting the travelling expenses of Rev. A. Findlay during the past two years.

MANITOBA.

I. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES.

Communications were laid on the table and read from the Presbytery of Manitoba, asking the appointment of seven additional missionaries, including one to Prince Albert on the Saskatchewan and one to the Canada Pacific Railway. Applications for appointments to Manitoba were laid on the table from several ministers of the Church, including Rev. A. Smith, formerly of Chelsea, Que.; Rev. A. H. Cameron, of North Gower, Ont.; and Rev. J. Douglas, of Port Perry, Ont. After full and

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lengthened consideration and also conference with those of the applicants present, the Committee unanimously appointed Messrs. Smith and Douglas to the Presbytery of Manitoba for three years, on the usual terms, and Rev. A. H. Cameron to the Canada Pacific Railway Mission. The following resolution was adopted as to Mr. Cameron's appointment: That Mr. Cameron's salary be not less than \$700 per annum exclusive of travelling expenses; that the people enjoying his services are expected, according to their promise, to make up this amount; that the Presbytery of Manitoba be requested to take an oversight of Mr. Cameron's labours, and to take such steps as may be requisite in order that the promised amount may be raised; and that Mr. Cameron be required to report semi-annually, through the Presbytery to this Committee, the amount received and the state of the work.

The Committee agreed to appoint Mr. Alex. Stewart, Probationer, to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Mr. Stewart having been at once communicated with, and having by telegram declined the appointment, a sub-committee, at a later stage of the meeting, was named to offer the appointment to certain suitable students now graduating at Knox College. No definite arrangement with any of these being come to before the close of the meeting, the appointment was left in the hands of a sub-committee consisting of the Convener and Messrs. Laing, King, and McMullen. To the same sub-committee were referred all matters requiring action prior to the meeting of the General Assembly.

II. GRANT TO MR. D. C. JOHNSON.

In response to a request from the Presbytery of Manitoba, the Committee agreed to grant the sum of \$200 to Mr. D. C. Johnson, for services rendered the Committee at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

III. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

A Report from the Presbytery of the finances of the several Stations for the year ending 31st December last was submitted, showing that with three exceptions all the groups had raised the amounts promised towards the salary of the Missionaries.

The Committee agreed to refer the Presbytery of Manitoba to the finding of the General Assembly, (see "Minutes," 1877, p. 33), as follows:

"(1.) The Assembly require each Station, or group of Stations, hereafter to guarantee a certain sum per annum, or for each Sabbath's supply, according to the ability of the people.

"(2.) The Assembly instruct the Presbytery of Manitoba to forward, before the 1st October in each year, to the Home Mission Committee, a statement of the amount which each station has agreed to pay, and which, in the opinion of the Presbytery, is an equitable sum to be contributed by each station."

In connection with these regulations of the Assembly the Committee adopted the following resolution,—

“That the Convener be instructed to honour the drafts of the Manitoba Presbytery each quarter, for the salaries of the Missionaries, deducting therefrom the proportion of the salaries promised by the several stations, and that at the end of each year, should it be found that any of the Stations has failed to implement its engagements, as to the salary of the Missionary, the Presbytery of Manitoba be and is hereby instructed to deal with such stations, with a view to having their engagement implemented.

It was further agreed to alter the resolution passed at the October meeting of the Committee, (see p. 4, printed “Minutes,” October, 1877), so as to read thus: “The Committee, at each of their half-yearly meetings, require from the Presbytery of Manitoba a full report, on the schedules provided for the purpose, of work done and money paid in each station, or group of stations, for the six months ending the preceding 30th June and 31st December respectively ”

LAKE SUPERIOR.

THUNDER BAY.

The Committee considered the present position and future prospects of this field, and unanimously resolved to record anew their appreciation of Mr. D. McKerracher's valuable services, and to express the hope that he will see his way to accept the Call from the congregation as their regular pastor ; but, if otherwise, that he will still continue to give his services as Ordained Missionary in this increasingly important field.

SAULT STE. MARIE.

Letters were read from this station to the effect that the present Missionary was leaving as soon as navigation opened, and requesting the services in his stead of Mr. J. R. McLeod, one of the graduating class of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. The Committee unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. McLeod to this field for the summer, at a salary at the rate of at least \$600 per annum, and travelling expenses to the field, in the hope of his remaining there for a term as ordained missionary, in which event his salary to be at least \$800 per annum, with the assurance of generous support from the Committee.

SPECIAL FIELDS IN ONTARIO.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT.

Rev. A. Findlay, Ordained Missionary in this district was present, and gave a clear and comprehensive sketch of the field and its pressing

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needs. The Committee resolved to record the satisfaction with which they have heard Mr. Findlay's statement, their high appreciation of his valuable and self-denying labours, and their sense of the importance of the wide district of which he has the supervision.

The Committee further agreed to endeavour to secure the services of a second Ordained Missionary for the district, with Maganetawan as his head-quarters, to begin work in the end of September, the field being occupied by several student missionaries during the summer months.

PARRY SOUND.

It was resolved to appoint an Ordained Missionary to this district in room of Mr. Reeve, who retires in the beginning of May. One of the graduating class of Queen's College was offered the appointment, but having by telegram declined, the matter was left in the hands of the sub-Committee, acting in concert with the Presbytery of Owen Sound.

MANITOULIN ISLAND.

The Presbytery of Bruce not having information as to the proportion of the Missionary's Salary for the past six months contributed by the people, the Convener was instructed to pay the Home Mission grant on obtaining the required information.

NEW APPLICATIONS.—CHANGES IN THE GRANTS, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—

Hampden,—Grant increased to \$150 per annum.

Lake Megantic,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

Metis,—Granted \$170 per annum, from 1st October, 1877.

N.B.—In renewing this grant at the request of the Presbytery, the Committee would suggest to the Presbytery the propriety of dealing with the congregation of Metis so as to secure for the missionary a more adequate remuneration from the people who enjoy his services.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—

Laprairie,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—

East Hawkesbury,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Roxboro, 4th Concession,—Asked \$4 per Sabbath,—declined for lack of statistics.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—

Rochesterville,—transferred from list of Mission Stations, to that of Supplemented Congregations, with a grant of \$300 per annum.

Hull,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Ross,—Put on list of Supplemented Congregations, with grant of \$50 per annum, conditional on settlement.

Wilberforce,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath, and \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement or ordained Missionary.

Chelsea and E. Templeton,—United, with grant of \$4 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—

- Balderson and Drummend,—Put on list of Mission Stations—no grant.
 Bathurst and S. Sherbrook,—asked \$3 per Sabbath—granted \$2 per Sabbath
 Darling,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.
 Lavant,— “ “ “

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—

- Demorestville,—Granted \$200 per annum.
 Mill Point,—Granted \$100 per annum, conditional on settlement.
 Maynooth Group,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath.
 Fredericksburg and Mill Haven,—Asked \$3 per Sabbath,—granted \$2 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—

- Minden,—Grant increased to \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—

- Enniskillen,—Granted \$150 per annum, conditional on settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

- Newmarket,—Removed from the list.
 Mount Albert and Ballantrae,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath, and \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement.
 Horning's Mills,—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$2 per Sabbath.
 Stouffville,—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$5 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—

- Town Line and Ivy,—Granted \$50 for next six months.
 Bracebridge, etc.—Granted \$250 for next six months.
 Penetanguishene, Tay, Medonte,—United, with grant of \$200 per annum.
 McRae's Settlement, Hunter's Settlement and Minesing,—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant.
 Ardrea, Uhtoff and N. Orillia,—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$2 per Sabbath.
 Gravenhurst, Washago and Severn Bridge,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath, and \$300 per annum, conditional on settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.

- Kilsyth,—Put on list of Supplemented Congregations with grant of \$200 per annum.
 Euphrasia and Holland,—Granted \$1.50 per Sabbath.
 Indian Peninsula,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath for Student for summer months, to assist ordained missionary.
 Parry Sound,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath for Student during summer for outlying stations.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—

- Waldemar and Bowling Green,—Removed from the List.
 North Arthur,—Removed from the List.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—

- Preston and New Hamburg (German),—Removed from the List.
 Drayton,—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant.

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PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Kilbride,—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations.

Grimsby,— “ “ “ “ “

Vittoria,—Granted \$200 per annum.

Port Colborne,—Granted \$100 per annum.

Kennedy's Settlement,—Put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$2 per Sabbath.

Stevensville,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

Louth,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Delhi,—No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—

St. Andrew's, E. Oxford,—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations

Sweabourg, Beachville and E. Oxford,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—

Port Burwell,—Removed from list of Mission Stations.

London East.—Asked \$5 per Sabbath—granted \$4 per Sabbath.

Oil City and Oilsprings,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

N. E. Adelaide,—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—

Dover and Oliver's Settlement,—Put on list of Supplemented Congregations, with grant of \$150 per annum, conditional on settlement.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—

Salem,—Put on list of Mission Stations. No Grant.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—

Bayfield and Bethany,—Grant increased to \$150 per annum.

Stephen,—Transferred from list of Mission Stations to that of Supplemented Congregations, with grant of \$200 per annum.

E. Ashfield,—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$2 per Sabbath.

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

The List of Student Missionaries from the several Theological Institutions, available for work during the summer months, was made up, and appointments given to Presbyteries as follows:—

QUEBEC	.....	John A. Morrison, Richard Hyde, Chas McLean.
MONTREAL	.....	J. T. Donald, T. A. Nelson, James Dow, V. Knechtel.
GLENGARRY	.....	John Matheson, G. C. Patterson.
OTTAWA	.....	T. Scouler, C. McKillop, J. W. Penman, G. D. Bayne, M. D. M. Blakely, James Bennett, Geo. McArthur, T. G. McLellan, W. Amos, James Robertson.
BROCKVILLE	.....	James Smith, A. York, J. K. Baillie, John Fitzpatrick, J. Somerville, James Brownell, David Kellock.
KINGSTON	.....	John Ferguson, G. M. Thompson, L. W. Thom, W. S. Smith, Alex. Mactavish, P. Pollock, and Jas. Murray.
PETERBORO'	.....	A. W. Marling, W. A. Hunter, R. McKibbin, Wm. Robertson.
LINDSAY	.....	B. J. Brown, W. J. Smith.
WHITBY	.....	A. Fraser, T. Atkinson, F. R. Beattie, Charles Thom.

TORONTO	J. Wilkie, F. Ballantyne, John Johnston, Mr. Abraham, A. W. Baird, Wm. McKay, M. McGregor, A. G. McLachlin, R. Y. Thomson, Jas. Cumberland, Henry Miller.
BARRIE.....	David Ross, J. C. Watt, D. M. Beattie, Jos. Brown, Chas. H. Cook, J. B. Grant, Male. Oxley, J. K. Andrews, C. B. Hemings.
OWEN SOUND.....	D. G. McKay, A. Leslie, A. T. Colter (last three months), J. K. Wright, Wm. McKinley, G. Thos. Bayne.
SAUGEEN.....	A. T. Colter (first three months), J. B. Hamilton, John A. Turnbull, A. Wilson, John Jamieson, John Henry, R. McNabb, D. A. McLean.
GUELPH.....	John Ross, James Ross (of Knox College).
HAMILTON.....	S. H. Eastman, D. Finlay, J. C. Tibb, E. Hutt, David James, Hugh Cameron.
PARIS.....	G. D. McKay, Jas. Ross (of Queen's College).
LONDON.....	Donald Tait, W. Galloway, John Chisholm.
CHATHAM.....	D. Currie, W. Fitzsimmons, W. P. H. Fishburn.
STRATFORD.....	None.
HERON	None.
BRUCE.....	J. A. Anderson, J. F. McLaren, John Mordey, Jos. Builder.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FREE CHURCH GRANT.

The Convener reported that he had received and suitably acknowledged another grant of £300 from the Free Church of Scotland, making £600 stg. from that Church for the current year.

CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF MISSION STATIONS.

The Convener was instructed to embody in the Annual Report to the General Assembly the report of the sub-Committee on the continuous supply of the Mission-fields of the church.

STATE OF THE FUND.

The Treasurer's Report of the state of the fund at this date was laid on the table and read; it is as follows:—

Expenditure to 26th March, 1878.....	\$22,500 00
Claims passed at this Meeting	9,000 00
Claims for Manitoba, Lake Superior, &c., say.....	3,500 00
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	\$35,000 00
Receipts to 26th March, 1878.....	21,400 00
Balance against the Fund at date (with five weeks' contributions yet to be received before the termination of the ecclesiastical year)	<hr/>
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	\$13,600 00

EXPENSES NOTED.

The travelling expenses of Members of Committee were noted and paid.

CLOSE.

The Committee adjourned at Three o'clock, p.m., on Thursday, 28th March, and the Meeting was closed with the benediction.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,
Convener.

R. H. WARDEN,
Secretary.