

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
Minutes of Foreign
Missions Committee
1897-1898



University of Fort Hare
Together in Excellence

[Confidential—for Members of Committee only.]

Free Church of Scotland.

**MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,**

*At Meeting held on the 15th June, 1897, as confirmed at
Meeting on the 20th July, 1897.*

I. MEETING: 1897-98.

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TUESDAY, 15th JUNE, 1897.

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 15th June, 1897.

Sederunt.

1. Rev. Dr. Lindsay, *Convener*; Messrs. Affleck, Agnew, Alexander, Kerr Bain, Baffnerman, D.D., Binnie, Currie, Fairley Daly, Davidson, Dickson, Donaldson, Falconer, Forgan, Hamilton, Henderson, D.D., G. Henderson, Kilpatrick, Lowe, MacAlpine, Mackay, Colin Mackenzie, D. F. Mackenzie, Wm. Mackenzie, M'Lean, Macphail, D.D., John M'Rae, Mathewson, Miller, Morris, Murray Mitchell, D.D., Robertson, D.D., Sandeman, D.D., Sinclair, Skinner, J. A. Smith, Smith, D.D., Soutar, Stalker, D.D., Swanson, Symington, Tainsh, Thomson, Wallace, D.D., Watt, and Whitton, *Ministers*; Messrs. Wm. Brown, W. R. Brown, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, C.I.E., Rev. J. G. Cooper, Rev. John Forgan, Mr. Alex. Gray, Sir William Henderson, Rev. Geo. Laing, Rev. R. Logan, Dr. Loudon, Dr. M'Ewan, Mr. J. M'Kelvie, Rev. E. MacLean, Mr. D. B. Meldrum, Dr. Moir, Messrs. Mowat, Orr, Reid, Jas. Robertson, Rolland, Ross, Russell, J. Simson, R. Simson, Smith, W.S., Traill, Usher, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

The New
Committee.

2. The Secretary laid on the table the Roll of the Committee appointed by the General Assembly for the year 1897-98, or 72 Ministers (besides 10 ordained Missionaries on furlough) and 70 Elders as follows:—

Committee on Foreign Missions—1897-98.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Alex. Adamson, B.D., Dundee.
 " Wm. Affleck, B.D., Auchtermuchty.
 " William Agnew, Kirkcaldy.
 " Alex. Alexander, M.A., Dundee.
 " J. A. Kerr Bain, M.A., Livingston.
 " D. D. Bannerman, D.D., Perth.
 " Arch. Beaton, Urray.
 " William Binnie, M.A., Mauchline.
 " David Black, M.A., Penpont.
 " Thomas Crerar, M.A., Leith.
 " Thos. Currie, M.A., Edinburgh.
 " J. Fairley Daly, B.D., Glasgow.
 " Lewis Davidson, M.A., Edinburgh.
 " John Dickson, Leith.
 " G. Donaldson, Kirkpatrick-Fleming.
 " R. H. Falconer, Carnbee.
 " Duncan Finlayson, Kinlochervie.
 " Robert Forgan, B.D., Rothesay.
 " J. A. George, Montrose.
 " David Gillies, Orphir.
 " D. S. Hamilton, Symington.
 " James Harvey, M.A., Edinburgh.
 " J. Hastings, D.D., Kinneff.
 " A. Henderson, D.D., Crieff.

MINISTERS—continued.

Rev. George Henderson, B.D., Monzie.
 " W. S. Hunter, M.A., Bo'ness.
 " T. B. Kilpatrick, B.D., Aberdeen.
 " T. M. Lindsay, D.D., F.R.S.E., Glas.
 " G. D. Low, M.A., Edinburgh.
 " M. Macaskill, Dingwall.
 " James D. M'Culloch, Glasgow.
 " George MacDonald, Aberdeen.
 " G. G. Macdonald, Craigihill.
 " Jas. Macdonald, Reay.
 " W. Macdonald, Bellshill.
 " P. R. Mackay, Prestonpans.
 " Colin Mackenzie, St. Ninian's.
 " D. F. Mackenzie, Glasgow.
 " M. Mackenzie, Inverness.
 " Wm. Mackenzie, West Kilbride.
 " Malcolm M'Lean, Gartmore.
 " J. C. Macphail, D.D., Edinburgh.
 " John M'Neil, Auldearn.
 " Alexander M'Rae, Kilcalmonell.
 " John M'Rae, M.A., Aberfeldy.
 " D. J. Martin, Oban.
 " John Mathewson, Crossford.
 " Alex. Miller, B.D., Buckie.



MINISTERS—*continued.*

- Rev. A. H. Moir, M.A., Aboyne.
 " Andrew Morris, Colliston.
 " John H. Morrison, Kirkmichael.
 " D. J. Nicolson, South Uist.
 " James A. Paton, Dalbeattie.
 " Matthew Reid, B.D., Greenock.
 " James Robertson, D.D., Aberdeen.
 " C. A. Salmond, M.A., Edinburgh.
 " S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., Aberdeen.
 " R. J. Sandeman, D.D., Edinburgh.
 " Colin Sinclair, Invergordon.
 " John M. Skinner, Old Deer.
 " Crawford Smith, M.A., Monifeth.
 " J. A. Smith, Castleton.
 " T. Smith, D.D., Edinburgh.
 " Alex. Soutar, M.A., Glasgow.
 " Jas. Stalker, D.D., Glasgow.
 " George Steven, M.A., Edinburgh.
 " W. S. Swanson, M.A., Aberdeen.
 " Andrew Symington, Greenock.
 " John Tainsh, Glasgow.
 " Wm. D. Thomson, M.A., Lochend.
 " D. M' Rae Tod, B.D., Logiealmond.
 " George Wallace, D.D., Hamilton.
 " J. H. Wilson, D.D., Edinburgh.

Ordained Missionaries at home on furlough.

ELDERS.

- Mr. D. D. Adamson, Greenock.
 " Arthur Barry.
 " John K. Boyd, Largs.
 " Wm. Brown, Pitnamoon.
 " W. R. Brown, B.L., Glasgow.
 Captain James Bruce, V.D., Edinburgh.
 Dr. Burgess, C.I.E., Edinburgh.
 Colonel Cadell, V.C., Cockenzie.
 Mr. H. M. Cadell, Bo'ness.
 " Chas. Chalmers, Linlithgow.
 Rev. J. G. Cooper, Ayr.
 Sir John Cowan, Bart., Beeslack.
 Mr. John Cowan, W.S., Edinburgh.
 " Hugh Ferguson, Stirling.
 " Wm. Ferguson, LL.D., Kinmundy.
 Dr. J. B. Fleming, Edinburgh.
 Rev. John Forgan, Edinburgh.
 Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I., Edinburgh.
 " William Fraser, Aberdeen.
 Captain Dugald Graham, Edinburgh.
 Major-General Grant, Corstorphine.

ELDERS—*continued.*

- Mr. Alex. Gray, Edinburgh.
 " D. G. Guthrie, Kirkcaldy.
 " Patrick Guthrie, Edinburgh.
 Provost Henderson, Lockerbie.
 Sir Wm. Henderson, M.L.D., Aberdeen.
 Mr. R. A. Hill, Bridge of Allan.
 " Thos. S. Howitt, Dunoon.
 " P. F. Husband, Dundee.
 " John Kinmont, S.S.C., Edinburgh.
 " Thomas Kyd, Aberdeen.
 Rev. George Laing, Edinburgh.
 Rev. R. Logan, Moffat.
 Dr. Loudon, Hamilton.
 Mr. W. D. Lowe, W.S., Edinburgh.
 " Alexander M'Cutcheon, Glasgow.
 Dr. M'Ewan, Prestonpans.
 Mr. Wm. Mackay, Thurso.
 " J. M'Kelvie, Edinburgh.
 " Alex. Mackenzie, Edinburgh.
 " D. MacLean, Glasgow.
 Rev. E. MacLean, Stirling.
 Mr. J. S. M'Murray, Dailly.
 " John Macpherson, Edinburgh.
 " D. B. Meldrum, Guardbridge.
 Dr. John Moir, Edinburgh.
 Mr. Murdo Morrison, Edinburgh.
 " Martin Mowat, Edinburgh.
 " R. L. Orr, Advocate, Edinburgh.
 Dr. John Pringle, Edinburgh.
 Mr. Andrew Reid, Perth.
 " James Robertson, Helensburgh.
 " J. C. Robertson, Glasgow.
 " Robert Robertson, Edinburgh.
 " A. Rolland, J.P., Aberdeen.
 " John Ross, Edinburgh.
 " Joseph Russell, Greenock.
 " R. R. Simpson, W.S., Edinburgh.
 " James Simson, Edinburgh.
 " Robert Simson, Edinburgh.
 Dr. George Smith, C.I.E., F.R.G.S., Edin.
 Mr. W. Smith, W.S., Edinburgh.
 " Wm. Spiers, Lochgelly.
 " John Stephen, Glasgow.
 " J. Hay Thorburn, Leith.
 " D. M. Traill, Edinburgh.
 " Frank J. Usher, Ratho.
 " John Watson, Edinburgh.
 " David Winter, Dundee.
 " Robert Young, F.R.S.G.S., Edin.

Rev. Professor T. M. LINDSAY, D.D., F.R.S.E., *Convener.*

Rev. ALEX. MILLER, B.D., and Colonel T. CADELL, V.C., *Vice-Conveners.*

Rev. J. MURRAY MITCHELL, LL.D., *Honorary Secretary.*

Dr. GEORGE SMITH, C.I.E., F.R.G.S., *Secretary.*

3. The Convener welcomed the new Members.

New Members
welcomed.



4 MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

Standing Sub-Committee.

4. The following was adopted as the resolution for the conduct of business during the year:—That there be one Standing Sub-Committee to meet steadily on the day previous to the Meeting of the General Committee, at 3 P.M., as a rule. That it be open to any Member of the General Committee to attend the Standing Sub-Committee.

Sub-Committees.

5. That the following be the fixed members of the Sub-Committees:—

STANDING.

Ministers—

Rev. W. Agnew.
 „ Alex. Alexander.
 „ Thos. Currie.
 „ J. Fairley Daly.
 „ Lewis Davidson.
 „ J. Harvey.
 „ Dr. Henderson.
 „ T. B. Kilpatrick.
 „ Dr. Lindsay, *Convener*.
 „ P. R. Mackay.
 „ Dr. Calder Macphail.
 „ Alex. Miller, *Vice-Convener*.
 „ Professor Robertson.
 „ C. A. Salmond.
 „ Dr. Sandeman.
 „ Dr. Thomas Smith.
 „ A. Soutar.
 „ A. Symington.
 „ Dr. Wallace.
 „ Dr. J. H. Wilson.

Elders—

Dr. Burgess.
 Colonel Cadell, *Vice-Convener*.
 Rev. J. G. Cooper.
 Sir John Cowan.
 Mr. J. Cowan, W.S.
 Dr. Fleming.
 Rev. John Forgan.
 Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I.
 Major-General Grant.
 Mr. John Kinmont, S.S.C.
 Rev. George Laing.
 Dr. Loudon.
 Mr. David MacLean.
 Rev. E. MacLean.
 Dr. Moir.
 Mr. M. Mowat.
 „ R. L. Orr, *Advocate*.
 „ Joseph C. Robertson.
 „ A. Rolland.
 „ John Ross.
 „ R. Simson.
 „ John Stephen.
 „ Frank J. Usher.
 Dr. George Smith, *Secretary*.

LIVINGSTONIA MISSION (meeting in Glasgow).

The Right Hon. Lord OVERTOUN, *Convener*.

Rev. Alex. Alexander, M.A.
 Mr. W. R. Brown, B.L.
 Colonel T. Cadell, V.C.
 Sir John Cowan, Bart.
 Rev. J. Fairley Daly, B.D.
 Mr. W. Ferguson, LL.D.
 Rev. R. Forgan, B.D.
 Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I.
 Sir William Henderson, LL.D.
 Mr. P. F. Husband.
 Rev. T. B. Kilpatrick, B.D.
 „ Professor Lindsay, D.D.
 Dr. Loudon.
 Mr. D. MacLean.
 Dr. Moir.
 Rev. Prof. Robertson, D.D.
 Mr. Joseph C. Robertson.
 „ Joseph Russell.
 Rev. R. J. Sandeman, D.D.
 Dr. George Smith, C.I.E.
 Rev. A. Soutar, M.A.
 Rev. J. Stalker, D.D.
 Mr. John Stephen.
 Ordained Missionaries on furlough.

From Foreign Missions Committee.

Mr. Gilbert Beith.
 „ Thomas Binnie.
 „ Robert Brodie.
 „ Hugh Brown.
 Rev. James Brown, M.A.
 Mr. James Campbell.
 Rev. Joseph Corbett, D.D.
 Mr. Hugh Davidson, Lanark.
 „ Walter Duncan.
 Rev. R. Hill, M.A.
 Rev. R. Howie, M.A.
 Mr. Andrew Hutcheson.
 „ T. R. Johnstone.
 Mr. Robert M'Clure, *Secretary*.
 Rev. A. R. MacEwen, D.D.
 Mr. Stodart J. Mitchell.
 „ Fred. L. M. Moir.
 Rev. G. Reith, D.D.
 Mr. A. Ellison Ross, *Gen. Treasurer*.
 „ A. Somerville, B.Sc., F.L.S.
 „ James Stevenson, F.R.G.S.
 „ James Thin.
 Rev. James Wells, D.D.

From Glasgow.



ON JUVENILE CONTRIBUTIONS (with power to add to their number).

From Foreign Missions Committee.

Ministers—

Rev. T. Currie.
 „ J. Fairley Daly.
 „ Lewis Davidson.
 „ T. B. Kilpatrick.
 „ Dr. Lindsay.
 „ Murdo Mackenzie.
 „ D. J. Martin.
 „ Alex. Miller.
 „ Dr. Sandeman.
 „ A. Soutar.
 „ A. Symington.
 „ D. M'Rae Tod.
 „ Dr. J. H. Wilson.

Elders—

Colonel Cadell.
 Rev. John Forgan.
 Mr. R. A. Hill.
 „ J. Simson.
 „ R. Simson.
 Dr. George Smith.
 Mr. John Stephen.
 „ Traill.
 „ Frank J. Usher.

And

Ordained Missionaries on Furlough.

*Besides these, there are Representatives from the
 Committee on Youth.*

GORDON MEMORIAL MISSION.

Mr. R. Simson and Sir John Cowan, to represent the Foreign Missions Committee on the Gordon Memorial Mission Committee, with Rev. Dr. Lindsay, *Convener*.

ON THE CHURCH'S MISSION PROPERTIES.

Rev. Prof. T. M. Lindsay, *Convener*.
 „ L. Davidson.
 „ Dr. Henderson.
 „ Alex. Miller.
 Colonel Cadell, *Vice-Convener*.
 Mr. John Cowan, W.S.
 „ A. H. L. Fraser.

Mr. John Kinmont, S.S.C.
 „ W. D. Lowe, W.S.
 „ R. L. Orr, Advocate.
 „ R. Simson.
 „ R. R. Simpson, W.S.
 Dr. George Smith, *Secretary*.
 Mr. Traill.

ON HOME ADMINISTRATION.

Rev. ALEXANDER MILLER, *Convener*.

Ministers—

Rev. Wm. Affleck.
 „ W. Agnew.
 „ Alex. Alexander.
 „ Arch. Beaton.
 „ D. Black.
 „ T. Currie.
 „ J. Fairley Daly.
 „ D. Finlayson.
 „ Robert Forgan.
 „ D. S. Hamilton.
 „ Dr. Hastings.
 „ Dr. Henderson.
 „ Geo. Henderson.
 „ T. B. Kilpatrick.

Rev. Professor Lindsay.
 „ James Macdonald.
 „ D. F. Mackenzie.
 „ M. Mackenzie.
 „ Dr. Macphail.
 „ Alex. M'Rae.
 „ John M'Rae.
 „ D. J. Martin.
 „ J. Mathewson.
 „ Professor Robertson.
 „ C. A. Salmond.
 „ Alex. Soutar.
 „ G. W. Steven.
 „ A. Symington.
 „ D. M'Rae Tod.



6 MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

ON HOME ADMINISTRATION—*continued.*

Elders—

Mr. A. H. L. Fraser.
Major-General Grant.
Sir William Henderson.
Mr. P. F. Husband.
" W. D. Lowe.
" Alexander M'Cutcheon.
" Wm. Mackay.

Mr. D. MacLean.
" R. L. Orr.
" James Robertson.
" J. C. Robertson.
" John Ross.
" R. Simson.
" John Stephen.
Dr. George Smith, *Secretary.*

ON INDIA EXCHANGE AND SALARIES.

Dr. Burgess.
Colonel T. Cadell.
Rev. J. Fairley Daly.
" L. Davidson.
" J. Forgan.
Mr. A. H. Leith Fraser.
Rev. Dr. Henderson.
" Professor Lindsay.
Mr. D. MacLean.

Rev. Alex. Miller.
Mr. M. Mowat.
" R. L. Orr.
Professor Robertson.
Mr. John Ross.
Dr. George Smith.
Rev. A. Soutar.
Mr. Traill.
" Frank J. Usher.

Professor ROBERTSON, *Convener.*

ON PASSAGE MONEY.

The Conveners.
The Secretary.
Rev. J. Fairley Daly.
" L. Davidson.
" A. Soutar.

Sir William Henderson.
Mr. A. H. L. Fraser.
" Frank J. Usher.
" Robert Young.

Finance.

6. The Convener recommended—(1) That the balance on the Special Fund for the Lovedale Native Church of £5, 11s. 3d. be remitted to the Presbytery of Kafraria and the Fund closed; (2), that the balance of the Special Fund for the Macfarlan Native Church of £54, 1s. 5d. be remitted to the Presbytery of Kafraria and the Fund closed; (3), that the balance of £116, 18s. 1d. on the Special Fund for Impolweni be transferred to the General Fund from which the money had been already paid.

These recommendations were agreed to.

Invalidated
Missionaries'
Fund.

7. The Convener reported that the sum of £900 had been during the last year left to be invested for the purposes of this Committee. He proposed that the capital sum be transferred to the capital of the Invalidated Missionaries' Fund.

This was agreed to; and the Secretary was requested to instruct the General Treasurer accordingly.

Lovedale—
Dr. M'Cash
and Hospital.

8. Read Agreement, signed by Mr. James M'Cash, M.B., of Glasgow University, with the Foreign Missions Committee, arranging for his appointment, as a purely honorary Missionary (this Committee to pay passage-money if requested) to be a Medical Missionary of the Church, in charge of a new Hospital and Medical Classes in Lovedale Institution. The



Agreement is subject to the approval of the United Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, to whom it has been sent, Dr. M'Cash being a member of Dennistoun U.P. Church, Glasgow (Rev. J. L. Murray).

The Committee approved of the Agreement, and empowered the Secretary to sign it on their behalf. The Committee resolved to pay Dr. M'Cash's passage in the first instance, should he desire it, and to grant a sum of £90 for medical and surgical instruments for the new Medical Mission.

9. Read correspondence with Rev. J. M'Laren, J. Stephen, Esq., and T. Binnie, Esq., showing the urgent necessity of pipes for a new water supply at Blythswood Institution, to prevent typhoid fever, which had seized five of the boarders up to 8th May last. The Committee sanctioned a grant of £200, and remitted it to Messrs. T. Binnie and John Stephen to send out the pipes. Blythswood—
Water Supply.

10. Read letter from Rev. Andrew Hardie, Interim Convener, Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, dated 5th April, 1897, asking the views of the Committee under this deliverance:— New Hebrides
—Maritime
Service.

“Recognising in the loss of the *Dayspring* an occasion for re-considering the whole matter of the Mission's maritime service, the Assembly instruct the Committee to consult the other Churches connected with the Mission and the New Hebrides Mission Synod, and to report to next General Assembly, with a view to guide them in any resolution about a new Mission ship.”

In accordance with Minute 103, of 22nd January, 1895, and with previous Minutes, the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland resolve:—

That they have never regarded the proposal to procure and maintain a steam-vessel for the exclusive use of the New Hebrides Mission as one deserving their support, and they are strengthened in this by the opinions of their own Missionaries in the New Hebrides group. They, therefore, formally disapprove of the proposal to build a new vessel to take the place of the *Dayspring*, and are of opinion that the needful communication with the various Mission stations can be supplied otherwise.

11. Dr. Lindsay stated, on behalf of the members appointed by last Committee to look out for a successor to late Rev. J. F. Gardner, Bombay, that they had met that day, and hoped to be in a position to report fully at next meeting. Bombay—
Mr. Gardner's
Successor.

Closed with the Blessing.



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MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

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Meeting on the 21st September, 1897.*

II. MEETING: 1897-98.

INDEX TO BUSINESS.

TUESDAY, 20th JULY, 1897.

12. Sederunt.
13. Minutes confirmed.
14. State of the Fund.
15. India—Abstract of Schedules, 1896.
16. Passage Money of Missionaries and Families.
17. Rev. E. M. Macphail and Dr. Elmslie welcomed.
18. Bombay—Appointment of Rev. Robert Strachan, B.D.
19. Bengal—Serious Damage by Earthquake.
20. Chingleput—Village Buildings and Repairs.
21. Pondoland—New Missionary.
22. New Hebrides—*Dayspring*.
23. India—Native Christian Disabilities.
24. India Famine Fund—Capital.
25. New Hebrides—Grant of £100 for Mr. Bowie's House.
26. Nagpur—Collins's Debenture of £100.
27. Livingstonia—Appointment of Woman Teacher, Nurse, and Medical Missionary.
28. Equalisation of Legacies.



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Sederunt.

12. Rev. Professor Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*; Messrs. Adamson, Affleck, Agnew, Binnie, Black, Davidson, Donaldson, Dr. Elmslie, Erskine, Forgan, Hamilton, Henderson, D.D., Low, MacAlpine, Wm. M'Culloch, W. Macdonald, Mackay, Colin Mackenzie, M. Mackenzie, E. M. Macphail, Macphail, D.D., M'Neil, John M'Rae, Miller, B.D., Murray Mitchell, D.D., Paton, Robertson, D.D., Sandeman, D.D., Crawford Smith, Symington, Tod, and Watt—*Ministers*; Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, C.I.E., Colonel Cadell, V.C., Rev. J. G. Cooper, Mr. Cowan, W.S., Captain Graham, Henderson, Sir Wm. Henderson, Messrs. Howitt Kinmont, S.S.C., Rev. R. Logan, Dr. Loudoun, Messrs. Lowe, M'Cutcheon, Orr, Reid, Jas. Robertson, Ross, Russell, Simpson, W.S., J. Simson, R. Simson, Smith, W.S., Thorburn, Traill, Usher, Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

13. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

14. The State of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th July, 1897, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

	1897-98.	1896-97.
Balance at 31st March, 1896,		£6,229 14 3
Balance at 31st March, 1897,	£7,060 14 7	. . . . .
Associations,	4,368 2 9	4,664 4 5
Congregational Specially Destined Contributions,	56 3 0	8 9 0
Church-door Collections,	58 18 5	83 14 8
Donations,	46 7 6	432 11 7
Special Donations,	490 18 8	480 4 9
Legacies,	+3,166 18 7	†1,620 12 10
Interest from all sources,	1,339 7 2	1,200 10 2
	<u>£16,587 10 8</u>	<u>£14,720 1 8</u>
* Paid,	10,631 4 1	11,909 6 8
Balance at credit,	<u>£5,956 6 7</u>	<u>£2,810 15 0</u>
* Paid General,	£896 11 2	£1,111 16 10
" Calcutta,	1,041 2 5	1,297 6 2
" Santalia,	504 7 5	437 16 6
" Bombay,	1,318 0 6	1,388 0 10
" Madras,	1,244 2 10	1,888 5 6
" Poona,	315 12 8	356 5 0
" Nagpoor,	1,020 19 8	1,013 15 7
" Lovedale,	1,043 0 11	966 5 10
" New Hebrides,	523 1 9	244 5 5
" Syria,	176 0 0	62 10 0
" Kafraia,	1,557 15 4	2,069 13 11
" Natal,	682 14 1	804 8 9
" Rescued Slaves (balance),	2 11 9	12 16 6
" South Arabia (balance),	305 3 7	255 19 10
	<u>£10,631 4 1</u>	<u>£11,909 6 8</u>

† The above Legacies include £800 of Collins' Debentures uplifted and £250 transferred from Capital on account of New Hebrides.

‡ The above sum of £1620, 12s. 10d. includes Sir Wm. Collins' Debenture of £500 repaid.



15. The Convener laid on the table a copy of the Abstract of the India—
India Mission Schedules for 1896, which the Committee resolved to Abstract of
incorporate in the Minutes of this Meeting. Schedules.

ABSTRACT OF SCHEDULES SENT HOME BY
INDIA MISSIONARIES.

1896.

I. INDIA MISSION COLLEGES.

1. CALCUTTA.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.	
Balance, 31st Dec., 1895—	
Repairs Fund	Rs. 3,864 2 0
Institution Fund	18,511 0 0
	<u>Rs. 22,375 2 0</u>
Local Contributions	1,800 0 0
Interest on Local Capital	2,076 5 6
Fees—	
College Department	Rs. 16,008 0 0
School Department	6,826 11 0
	<u>22,834 11 0</u>
Government Grants	6,000 0 0
	<u>Rs. 55,086 2 6</u>
Balance against Repairs Fund, 31st Dec., 1896	131 0 3
	<u>Rs. 55,217 2 9</u>

EXPENDITURE.	
Salaries of European Professors	Rs. 6,032 0 0
Salaries of Native Teachers	15,011 10 9
Furniture	477 10 0
Taxes	1,706 4 0
Repairs	7,595 2 3
Scholarships	2,113 13 6
Miscellaneous	3,747 7 5
	<u>Rs. 36,683 15 11</u>
Institution Fund—	
Balance, 31st Dec., 1896	18,533 2 10
	<u>Rs. 55,217 2 9</u>

2. STAFF AND STUDENTS—

6 European Missionaries. The salaries of all save one not in above accounts.
5 Native Christian Teachers.
17 Non-Christian Teachers.
The College has 465 Students, of whom 12 are Christians.
The School has 530 Pupils.

2. BOMBAY.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.	
Balance, 31st Dec., 1895	Rs. 5,044 0 0
Fees—	
College Department	Rs. 29,897 0 0
School Department	8,933 0 0
	<u>88,330 0 0</u>
Government Grants	20,423 0 0
Rents	1,656 0 0
Interest on Local Capital	1,438 0 0
	<u>Rs. 66,891 0 0</u>
Balance, 31st Dec., 1896	883 0 0
	<u>Rs. 67,779 0 0</u>

EXPENDITURE.	
Salaries of European Professors	Rs. 16,659 0 0
Salaries of Native Teachers	16,227 0 0
Scholarships	6,237 0 0
Rents and Taxes	2,215 0 0
Building	21,089 0 0
Furniture, &c.	2,760 0 0
Servants	1,131 0 0
Miscellaneous	1,471 0 0
	<u>Rs. 67,779 0 0</u>

2. STAFF AND STUDENTS—

7 European Missionaries. The salaries of all save two not in above accounts.
7 Christian Teachers—all in the School Department.
13 Non-Christian Teachers—5 in the College Department.
The College has 479 Students, of whom 23 are Christians.
The School has 501 Pupils, of whom 12 are Christians.



India District Missions, Jalna and Bethel District—Continued.

2. STAFF AND WORK—

Rev. Dr Mowat and Rev. R. Ballie Douglas.
19 Catechists.
8 Biblewomen.
18 Christian Teachers.

239 Pupils in 9 Schools.
15 Regular Preaching Stations in Town.
78 Regular Preaching Stations in Country.
103 Villages visited during the year.

6. NAGPUR DISTRICT MISSION.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.	
Balance, 31st Dec., 1895	Rs. 2,496 12 2
From Foreign Missions Committee	4,514 13 9
Specially Destined Contributions	1,205 15 11
Local Subscriptions	3,201 8 9
Interest on Local Capital	392 15 10
Rents	35 4 10
Government Grants	83 11 4

EXPENDITURE.	
Teachers	Rs. 1,490 2 3
Catechists	1,823 8 0
Catechists in Training	92 8 3
Refunds	81 14 0
Itinerating	75 6 0
Rents and Taxes	605 12 0
Servants	371 5 6
Furniture and Apparatus	609 1 9
Repairs	1,016 9 9
Building	2,123 7 9
Colporteurs	634 4 0
Biblewomen	79 0 0
Miscellaneous	406 12 0

Balance 31st Dec., 1896 Rs. 9,417 11 3
2,515 7 4

Rs. 11,933 2 7

Rs. 11,933 2 7

2. STAFF AND WORK—

Rev. J. Douglas.
Rev. Dr. Robertson,
8 Catechists.
1 Colporteur.
3 Biblewomen.

10 Christian Teachers.
341 Pupils, of whom 11 are Christians.
85 Villages visited in the year.
9 Preaching Stations in Town.
6 Preaching Stations in Country.

7. WARDHA DISTRICT MISSION.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.			
Rs.	a. p.	Evangelistic.	Primary Schools.	Medical.	Total.
Balance, 31st Dec., 1895	79 9 7				
From Foreign Missions Committee	3,936 7 6				
Specially Destined	652 14 6				
Sent Direct to Station	250 5 1				
Local Subscriptions	148 13 0				
Rents	84 0 0				
Medical Fees	464 13 9				
Books	104 6 5				
School Fees	4 4 0				
Government Grants	5 8 6				
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Teachers		712 0 0	586 0 0	360 0 0	1,658 0 0
Catechists		..	..	576 0 0	576 0 0
Medical Assistant		..	..	..	..
Dispensary and Medicine		..	..	566 3 2	566 3 2
Hospital		..	..	78 2 3	78 2 3
Itinerating		552 3 0	..	..	552 3 0
Rents and Taxes		75 5 3	67 0 0	77 0 0	219 5 3
Furniture and Apparatus		..	79 8 3	173 0 6	252 8 9
Repairs		270 7 3	205 0 0	282 13 0	758 4 3
Colporteurs		271 8 8	..	..	271 8 8
Biblewomen		120 0 0	..	..	120 0 0
Miscellaneous		50 8 0	88 13 9	301 8 9	440 14 6
		2,052 0 2	1,026 6 0	2,414 11 8	5,493 1 10
Balance, 31st Dec. 1896					238 0 6
	Rs. 5,781 2 4			Total	Rs. 5,781 2 4

2. STAFF AND WORK—

Rev. Dr. Revie.
4 Catechists.
1 Colporteur.
1 Biblewoman.

2 Christian Teachers.
91 Pupils, of whom 3 are Christians.
234 Villages visited in the year.
4 Preaching Stations in the Town.



India District Missions—Continued.

8. BHANDARA.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance, 31st Dec., 1895	Rs. 3,821 12 11	Teachers	Rs. 1,260 0 0
From Foreign Missions Committee	3,129 10 3	Catechists	425 0 0
Specially Destined Contributions	164 1 7	Medical Assistant	460 0 0
Sent Direct to Station	408 13 9	Medicine	48 15 6
Local Subscriptions	89 0 0	Itinerating	266 10 8
Interest on Local Capital	64 15 9	Furniture and Apparatus	412 14 10
Rents	92 0 0	Repairs	308 5 7
Medical Fees	22 3 6	Miscellaneous	899 0 0
Government Grants	411 0 11		
		Balance, 31st Dec., 1896	Rs. 4,080 14 2
			4,072 12 6
	<u>Rs. 3,153 10 8</u>		<u>Rs. 3,153 10 8</u>

2. STAFF AND WORK—

Rev. Dr. Sandilands.
3 Catechists.
3 Hospital Assistants.
6 Christian Teachers.
6 Non-Christian Teachers.

AT SCHOOL—272 Pupils, of whom 10 are Christians.

9. AMRAOTI DISTRICT.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.			
		Evangelistic.	Primary Schools.	Total.	
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Balance, 31st December, 1895	171 5 4	Native Superintendents	..	180 0 0	180 0 0
From Foreign Missions Committee	1,894 0 0	Teachers	..	1,567 0 0	1,567 0 0
Specially Destined Contributions	384 0 0	Catechists	567 0 0	..	567 0 0
Local Subscriptions	88 6 5	Catechists in Training	32 0 0	..	32 0 0
Rents	190 0 0	Scholarships	48 0 0	18 0 0	66 0 0
School Fees	257 13 3	Rents and Taxes	..	120 0 0	120 0 0
Government Grants	852 0 0	Biblewomen	..	384 0 0	384 0 0
		Miscellaneous	..	285 4 0	285 4 0
		Balance, 31st Dec., 1896	647 0 0	2,544 4 0	3,191 4 0
			90 12 0	55 9 0	146 5 0
	<u>Rs. 3,337 9 0</u>		Rs. 737 12 0	2,599 13 0	3,337 9 0

2. STAFF AND WORK—

Rev. Sidoba B. Misal.
5 Catechists.
5 Biblewomen.
4 Catechists in training.
6 Christian Teachers.

9 Non-Christian Teachers.
104 Preaching Stations in town.
28 Preaching Stations in country.
271 Pupils, of whom 17 are Christians.



India District Missions—Continued.

10. MADRAS DISTRICT.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.			
	Rs.	a. p.	Evangelistic.	Primary Schools.	High School.	Total.
Balance, 31st Dec., 1895	5,274	8 7				
From Foreign Missions Committee	5,485	9 2				
Specially Destined Contributions	57	12 0				
Local Contributions	320	0 0				
Interests	1,318	3 10				
Rents	177	4 1				
Local Funds for Office	564	0 0				
School Fees	6,610	4 2				
Government Grants	782	0 0				
Special Grant	176	12 0				
Miscellaneous	406	8 7				
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
			1,770 0 0	393 10 0	6,908 3 10	7,301 13 0
			2,575 4 4	34 12 0	386 10 0	2,575 4 4
			203 0 0	12 10 0	..	215 10 0
			170 9 6	474 6 0	75 9 0	720 8 6
			593 10 0	..	..	593 10 0
			65 1 2	..	..	65 1 2
			521 5 0	..	..	521 5 0
			396 0 0	..	..	396 0 0
			132 8 0	..	..	132 8 0
			50 0 0	..	..	50 0 0
			484 2 4	..	..	484 2 4
			156 9 10	56 9 0	..	213 2 10
			7,068 2 2	971 15 0	7,370 6 10	15,410 8 0
			Balances, 31st Dec., 1896			5,742 6 5
			Rs.21,152 14 5			Rs.21,152 14 5

2. STAFF AND WORK—

Madras—Rev. J. Stewart.
9 Catechists.

877 Pupils, of whom 16 are Christians.
6 Christian Teachers.
12 Non-Christian Teachers.

11. CHINGLEPUT.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.			
	Rs.	a. p.	Evangelistic.	Primary Schools.	High School.	Total.
Balance, 31st Dec. 1895	1,201	7 4				
From Foreign Missions Committee	10,118	0 0				
Specially Destined Contributions	4,916	11 7				
Sent Direct to Station	2,951	0 6				
Local Subscriptions	618	15 9				
Interest on Local Capital	5	10 8				
Rents	205	12 8				
School Fees	2,593	2 6				
Government Grants	3,007	13 4				
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
			1,360 5 8	7,490 7 10	4,307 3 1	11,797 10 11
			4,010 11 5	..	..	4,010 11 5
			252 3 9	..	..	252 3 9
			240 0 0	..	..	240 0 0
			..	1,227 3 10	..	1,227 3 10
			..	..	236 0 0	236 0 0
			60 2 8	..	..	60 2 8
			85 12 0	96 15 6	70 11 0	253 6 6
			797 11 10	..	..	797 11 10
			945 4 9	..	..	945 4 9
			250 9 0	40 0 0	60 0 0	340 9 0
			3,002 13 1	8,854 11 2	4,663 14 1	21,521 6 4
			Balance, 31st Dec. 1896			3,997 4 0
			Rs.25,518 10 4			Rs.25,518 10 4

2. STAFF AND WORK—

The Rev. A. Andrew.
2 Native Superintendents.
35 Catechists.
1 Colporteur.
11 Biblewomen.

425 Villages visited in the year.
23 Regular Preaching Stations in towns.
51 Christian Teachers.
23 Non-Christian Teachers.
1294 Children in School, of whom 254 are Christians.



16. On the report of the Sub-Committee on Passage Money, the Foreign Missions Committee resolved that henceforth passages shall be taken to and from India, Syria, Africa, and Australia (for the New Hebrides Islands), at the second-class rate on the steamers which have the best second-class accommodation, as follows:—

Passage-Money of Missionaries and Families.

To India the maximum allowance shall be £40, being at the rate of £37, 10s., best second-class accommodation of the Peninsular and Oriental Company from London, and £2, 10s. for additional baggage. This sum of £40 will cover all charges, first-class, by the City Line from Liverpool.

From India the maximum allowance for passage to London will be Rs.500, being at the rate of Rs.475 second-class P. and O. Company's Steamers, the balance for additional baggage. This sum of Rs.500 will generally secure a first-class passage by other lines.

To and from Africa the maximum allowance shall be £30 to *East London*, being at the second-class rate of £26, 9s. 3d. (with missionary reduction), and the balance for additional baggage. *To and from Durban* for Natal the maximum allowance shall be £31, 10s. *To and from Chindé* for Livingstonia the maximum allowance shall be £35, being £32, 2s. 8d. as in Rennie's Line, and the balance for additional baggage, &c. Where Messrs. George Thompson & Co.'s steamers are taken, to and from *Cape Town* only, at a reduced charge, first-class, of £24, the above sums shall be allowed, the balance to meet railway charges to and from the mission station.

Special cases of illness, for first-class, must be reported by the Mission Council or Presbytery. In all cases the Committee pay the passage-money of missionaries' children only once, on their being brought home to Scotland.

17. The Convener and the Committee welcomed Professor E. M. Macphail, Madras, and Dr. Elmslie, Ngoniland, Livingstonia, on their return home on furlough.

Rev. E. M. Macphail and Dr. Elmslie welcomed.

18. Under Minute 11 of last meeting the Committee proceeded to the appointment of Mr. Robert Strachan, M.A., B.D., as an ordained Missionary of the Church to India, in succession to Rev. J. F. Gardner deceased. The Convener stated the qualifications and testimonials of Mr. Strachan, spiritual and academic, specially fitting him for the Wilson College. Mr. Strachan being present, and having declared his acceptance of the office, the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland hereby appoint Mr. Robert Strachan, M.A. and B.D. of the University of Aberdeen, and of the New College, Edinburgh, a student volunteer and a Probationer of the Church, to be a Missionary of the Church to India, and in the first instance to Bombay for work in the Wilson College. The Secretary was instructed to arrange for Mr. Strachan's ordination by the Free Presbytery of Turriff. Mr. Strachan has submitted satisfactory medical certificates. At the request of the

Bombay—Appointment of Mr. R. Strachan, B. D.



Convener, Rev. Dr. Murray Mitchell led the Committee in prayer to Almighty God for the young Missionary and the Bombay Mission. Mr. Strachan was thereafter welcomed by all the Members present.

Under Minute 42 of 22nd September last, this appointment is made subject to such regulations as to exchange and salaries as may be finally adopted. Meanwhile Mr. Strachan will receive £250 a-year from date of landing at Bombay until he passes in the Marathi language, and a bonus of Rs.500, besides Pundit expenses, if he passes with two-third marks in the allotted time. Mr. Strachan accepted the appointment on these terms.

Bengal—
Serious Dam-
age by Earth-
quake.

19. Read letters dated 15th to 22nd June last, from Rev. A. Tomory and Principal Hector, and heard statement by Rev. W. McCulloch, as to serious injury done by the earthquake of 12th June to the Mission properties at Calcutta and Kalna, and to the house and school rented by the Mission at Hoogli. Read also letter from Rev. Dr. Dyer, dated 21st June last, reporting damage to the Pachamba house.

Principal Hector has had to vacate the house, 2 Cornwallis Square, which must be rebuilt. The Committee expressed sympathy with the Missionaries, and resolved to await report by an architect and Minute of Mission Council.

Chingleput—
New Village
Buildings and
Repairs.

20. Read Minute of Madras District Committee, dated 8th May, 1896, asking grant of Rs.1110 for Five new Village Prayer Halls and Catechist's house, and grant of Rs.590 to replace with tiles the thatch of the roofs of Four Mission buildings, or Rs.1700 in all = £110. Read also letter from Rev. A. Andrew asking Rs.200 more = £12, 18s.

With the prospect of heavy expenditure caused by the earthquake, the Committee has not the means to make the grants asked. But the District Committee should submit a Minute stating amount required for repairs only, in time for the November 16th meeting of this Committee.

Pondoland—
New Mission-
ary.

21. The Convener stated that the Standing Sub-Committee yesterday had resolved to recommend the opening of an additional Mission under the North Kafaria Presbytery, in the recently annexed territory of Pondoland, where a site had been secured. Rev. Dundas L. Erskine made a statement as to the urgent necessity for the Mission, being the second offshoot from his central station of Somerville, to which he went out eleven years ago, as Ross was the first. He submitted donations and promises of donations to the amount of £312 a-year for five years for the Scottish Missionary's salary, also a sum of £100 towards the building of the mission-house. Looking to the prospect of a Scottish Missionary's salary being set free by the appointment of a native Missionary to one of the other stations, and to the growing self-support and missionary zeal of the Kafir Churches, the Foreign Missions Committee resolved to establish the new Mission to Pondoland, and instructed the Conveners and Secretary to look out for a suitable ordained Missionary. The



Committee further thanked Rev. Dundas L. Erskine and the donors, whereupon Mr. Erskine left the Meeting on his immediate return to Somerville.

22. Read Minute of New Hebrides Mission Synod, dated 11th May, 1897, declaring that "a new mission steamer is necessary." Thirteen missionaries voted for this, and three dissented. *Dayspring for New Hebrides.*

It was resolved to send a copy of this Committee's Minute on maritime communication with the New Hebrides, No. 10, to all the Churches represented in the Synod, which had not already received it.

23. Submitted final report of Anglican Boards of Missions dissolving Sub-Committee, and leaving it to the two Archbishops to address the Government of India on the disabilities of converts in Native States, and as to the registration of pre-existing marriages in certain cases. *India—Native Christian Disabilities.*

Resolved to acknowledge the communication with thanks.

24. The Committee resolved to request the General Treasurer of the Church to capitalise temporarily £4500 of the Famine Fund raised for the support of Famine Orphans in India during the next few years. *India Famine Fund—Capital.*

25. Under Minute 179 of 19th May, 1897, the Committee sanctioned a further grant of £100 from the Dr. Inglis legacy for the building of Rev. Fred. G. Bowie's house, Santo Mission, New Hebrides. *New Hebrides—Grant of £100 for Mr. Bowie's House.*

26. The Committee approved of the General Treasurer's action in investing Sir Wm. Collins's Debenture of £100 for the benefit of Dr. Robertson's Hospital, Nagpur. *Nagpur—Collins's Debenture of £100.*

27. The Committee sanctioned the appointment by the Livingstonia Sub-Committee, of Miss Maria Jackson, certificated nurse, and of Miss Margaret M'Callum, trained teacher and certificated nurse, to sail on 28th August next. *Livingstonia—Appointment of Woman Teacher, Nurse, and Medical Missionary.*

28. The Convener having submitted the following Tables showing the Legacies for Foreign Missions during the last twenty years and schemes for distributing future legacies over five years, the Committee thanked Dr. Lindsay for the valuable figures, resolved to print them in the Minutes, and appointed the following a Sub-Committee to consider the whole subject—to report whether such equalisation is now advisable, and if so, what is the best way of carrying it out:—The Conveners and Secretary, Sir Wm. Henderson, Professor Robertson, Dr. Burgess, Mr. Usher, and Mr. Kinmont, S.S.C., with power to add to their number, and instructing them to consult the Convener, Vice-Convener, and Secretary of the Finance Committee. *Equalisation of Legacies.*

Closed with the Blessing.



FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE—GENERAL FUND.

TWENTY YEARS OF LEGACIES.

Year, 31st Mar.	Whole Amount.	£100 and over.	£200 and over.	£300 and over.	£400 and over.	£500 and over.	£600 and over.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1878	3483	2972	2747	2183	2183	1871	1330
1879	2739	2091	1541	500	500	500	...
1880	6192	5237	4380	4155	3855	3405	1900
1881	4127	3296	2781	2556	2556	2556	2556
1882	4776	4233	3407	2799	2499	889	839
1883	6112	5414	4434	2920	2619	2209	1709
1884	5117	4027	3691	2782	2782	1900	1900
1885	3598	2834	2224	1543	600	600	600
1886	9130	8579	7403	7174	6514	6114	6114
1887	3388	3020	2640	2002	1368	918	918
1888	5094	4366	3950	3017	2657	2207	1707
1889	9506	8731	8631	7666	6987	6500	6000
1890	3697	2899	2239	2000	1700	900	900
1891	8178	7451	7251	5964	5964	5964	3942
1892	4778	4226	3984	3042	2667	900	900
1893	1634	1115	500	300	...	...	...
1894	6501	5956	5308	4578	4578	4578	4032
1895	6467	5571	4939	4489	3816	3866	809
1896	7720	6890	6096	5496	4796	3883	1800
1897	7336	7081	6307	5667	5667	5667	3167

Note 1.—The Legacies have been taken as they stand in the Published Accounts, with the exception of years 1895 and 1897; it was necessary to subtract in each case a single Legacy which did not belong to the General Fund.

Note 2.—The Accounts are not quite accurate as a strict record of Legacies, as in some years sums of interest appear as Legacies, but scarcely enough to disturb the average.

SCHEME FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOREIGN MISSION LEGACIES OVER FIVE YEARS.

TABLE I.—Showing the Distribution of Legacies of £100 and over.

Year, 31st Mar.	Total Legacies.	Legacies, £100 and over.	Legacies under £100.	First Fifth.	Second Fifth.	Third Fifth.	Fourth Fifth.	Fifth Fifth.	Total for Year.	Unspent Fifths.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1878	3483	2972	511	594	...	...	...	...	1105	2,376
1879	2739	2091	648	418	594	...	...	...	1660	3,454
1880	6192	5237	955	1047	418	594	...	...	3014	6,630
1881	4127	3296	831	659	1047	418	594	...	3549	7,207
1882	4776	4233	543	847	659	1047	418	594	4108	7,377
1883	6112	5414	698	1083	847	659	1047	418	4752	9,238
1884	5117	4027	1090	805	1083	847	659	1047	5581	8,322
1885	3598	2834	764	567	805	1083	847	659	4725	7,696
1886	9130	8579	551	1716	567	805	1083	847	5569	11,268
1887	3388	3020	368	604	1716	567	805	1083	5143	9,503
1888	5094	4366	723	873	604	1716	567	805	5293	9,303
1889	9506	8731	775	1746	873	604	1716	567	6281	12,527
1890	3697	2899	798	580	1746	873	604	1716	6317	9,908
1891	8178	7451	727	1490	580	1746	873	604	6020	12,065
1892	4778	4226	552	845	1490	580	1746	873	6086	10,756
1893	1634	1115	519	223	845	1490	580	1746	5403	6,987
1894	6501	5956	545	1191	223	845	1490	580	4874	8,613
1895	6467	5571	896	1114	1191	223	845	1490	5759	9,320
1896	7720	6890	830	1378	1114	1191	223	845	5581	11,469
1897	7336	7081	255	1416	1378	1114	1191	223	5577	13,217
1898	...	...	...	...	1416	1378	1114	1191	5099	...
1899	...	...	...	...	...	1416	1378	1114	3908	...
1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	1416	1378	2794	...
1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1416	1416	...

TABLE II.—Showing the Distribution of Legacies of £200 and over.

Year, 31st Mar.	Total Legacies.	Legacies, £200 and over.	Legacies under £200.	First Fifth.	Second Fifth.	Third Fifth.	Fourth Fifth.	Fifth Fifth.	Total for Year.	Unspent Fifths.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1878	3483	2747	736	549	...	...	...	...	1285	2,196
1879	2739	1541	1198	308	549	...	...	...	2055	2,879
1880	6192	4380	1812	876	308	549	...	...	3545	5,526
1881	4127	2781	1346	558	876	308	549	...	3635	6,017
1882	4776	3407	1369	681	556	876	308	549	4339	6,452
1883	6112	4434	1678	887	681	556	876	308	4986	7,579
1884	5117	3691	1426	738	887	681	556	876	5164	7,531
1885	3598	2224	1374	445	738	887	681	556	4681	6,449
1886	9130	7403	1727	1480	445	738	887	681	5958	9,618
1887	3388	2640	748	523	1480	445	738	887	4826	8,180
1888	5094	3950	1144	790	528	1480	445	738	5125	8,149
1889	9506	8631	875	1726	790	528	1480	445	5844	11,810
1890	3697	2239	1458	448	1726	790	528	1480	6430	9,073
1891	8178	7251	927	1450	448	1726	790	528	5869	10,160
1892	4778	3984	794	797	1450	448	1726	790	6005	10,160
1893	1634	500	1134	100	797	1450	448	1726	5655	6,139
1894	6501	5308	1193	1062	100	797	1450	448	5050	7,592
1895	6467	4939	1528	988	1062	100	797	1450	5925	8,135
1896	7720	6096	1624	1219	988	1062	100	797	5790	10,064
1897	7336	6307	1029	1261	1219	988	1062	100	5659	11,739
1898	...	...	...	...	1261	1219	988	1062	4530	...
1899	...	...	...	...	...	1261	1219	988	3468	...
1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	1261	1219	2480	...
1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1261	1261	...
										11,739

TABLE III.—Showing the Distribution of Legacies of £300 and over.

Year, 31st Mar.	Total Legacies.	Legacies, £300 and over.	Legacies under £300.	First Fifth.	Second Fifth.	Third Fifth.	Fourth Fifth.	Fifth Fifth.	Total for Year.	Unspent Fifths.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1878	3483	2183	1300	437	...	...	...	...	1787	1,743
1879	2739	500	2239	100	437	...	...	...	2776	1,711
1880	6192	4155	2037	831	100	437	...	...	3405	4,498
1881	4127	2556	1571	511	831	100	437	...	3450	5,174
1882	4776	2799	1977	560	511	831	100	437	4416	5,535
1883	6112	2920	3192	584	560	511	831	100	5778	5,869
1884	5117	2782	2335	556	584	560	511	831	5377	5,607
1885	3598	1543	2055	309	556	584	560	511	4575	4,632
1886	9130	7174	1956	1435	309	556	584	560	5400	8,363
1887	3388	2002	1386	400	1435	309	556	584	4670	7,079
1888	5094	3017	2077	603	400	1435	309	556	5380	6,791
1889	9506	7666	1840	1533	603	400	1435	309	5120	10,176
1890	3697	2000	1697	400	1533	603	400	1435	6068	7,805
1891	8178	5964	2214	1193	400	1533	603	400	6343	9,641
1892	4778	3042	1736	603	1193	400	1533	603	6073	8,344
1893	1634	300	1334	60	603	1193	400	1533	5128	4,850
1894	6501	4578	1923	916	60	603	1193	400	5100	6,253
1895	6467	4489	1978	898	916	60	603	1193	5653	7,068
1896	7720	5496	2224	1099	898	916	60	603	5805	8,982
1897	7336	5667	1669	1133	1099	898	916	60	5775	10,541
1898	...	...	...	...	1133	1099	898	916	4046	...
1899	...	...	...	...	...	1133	1099	898	3130	...
1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	1133	1099	2232	...
1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1133	1133	...



TABLE IV.—Showing the Distribution of Legacies of £400 and over.

Year, 31st Mar.	Total Legacies.	Legacies, £400 and over.	Legacies under £400.	First Fifth.	Second Fifth.	Third Fifth.	Fourth Fifth.	Fifth Fifth.	Total for Year.	Unspent Fifths.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1878	3483	2183	1300	436	...	...	...	...	1736	1744
1879	2739	500	2239	100	436	...	...	...	2775	1703
1880	6192	3855	2337	771	100	436	...	...	3644	4256
1881	4127	2556	1571	511	771	100	436	...	3389	4993
1882	4776	2499	2277	500	511	771	100	436	4595	5176
1883	6112	2619	3493	524	500	511	771	100	5899	5389
1884	5117	2782	2335	556	524	500	511	771	5197	5307
1885	3598	600	2998	120	556	524	500	511	5209	3696
1886	9130	6514	2616	1303	120	556	524	500	5619	7203
1887	3388	1368	2020	274	1303	120	556	524	4797	5801
1888	5094	2657	2437	531	274	1303	120	556	5221	6672
1889	9506	6987	2519	1397	531	274	1303	120	6144	9032
1890	3697	1700	1997	340	1397	531	274	1303	5842	6387
1891	8178	5964	2214	1193	340	1397	531	274	5949	9117
1892	4778	2667	2111	533	1193	340	1397	531	6105	7738
1893	1634	...	1634	...	533	1193	340	1397	5097	4325
1894	6501	4578	1923	916	...	533	1193	340	4905	5923
1895	6467	3816	2651	763	916	...	533	1193	6056	6333
1896	7720	4796	2924	959	763	916	...	533	6095	7957
1897	7336	5667	1669	1133	959	763	916	...	5440	9851
1898	...	...	...	...	1133	959	763	916	3771	...
1899	...	...	...	...	...	1133	959	763	2855	...
1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	1133	959	2092	...
1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1133	1133	...
										9851

TABLE V.—Showing the Distribution of Legacies of £500 and over.

Year 31st March.	Total Legacies.	Legacies, £500 and over.	Legacies under £500.	First Fifth.	Second Fifth.	Third Fifth.	Fourth Fifth.	Fifth Fifth.	Total.	Unspent Fifths.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1878	3483	1871	1612	374	...	...	...	...	1986	1496
1879	2739	500	2239	100	374	...	...	...	2713	1522
1880	6192	3405	2787	681	100	374	...	...	3942	3772
1881	4127	2556	1571	511	681	100	374	...	3237	4661
1882	4776	839	3937	167	511	681	100	374	5770	3663
1883	6112	2209	3903	441	167	511	681	100	5303	3963
1884	5117	1900	3217	380	441	167	511	681	5397	3638
1885	3598	600	2998	120	380	441	167	511	4617	2669
1886	9130	6114	3016	1223	120	380	441	167	5347	6453
1887	3388	918	2470	183	1223	120	380	441	4817	5021
1888	5094	2207	2887	441	183	1223	120	380	5234	4879
1889	9506	6500	3006	1300	441	183	1223	120	6278	8112
1890	3697	900	2797	180	1300	441	183	1223	6124	5635
1891	8178	5964	2214	1193	180	1300	441	183	5511	3853
1892	4778	900	3878	180	1193	180	1300	441	7172	5959
1893	1634	...	1634	...	180	1193	180	1300	4487	3106
1894	6501	4578	1923	916	...	180	1193	180	4392	5217
1895	6467	3366	3101	673	916	...	180	1193	6063	5620
1896	7720	3883	3837	776	673	916	...	180	6382	6955
1897	7336	5667	1669	1133	776	673	916	...	5167	9122
1898	...	...	...	...	1133	776	673	916	3498	...
1899	...	...	...	...	...	1133	776	673	2582	...
1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	1133	776	1909	...
1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1133	1133	...



TABLE VI.—Showing the Distribution of Legacies of £600 and over.

Year 31st Mar.	Total Legacies.	Legacies, £600 and over.	Legacies under £600.	First Fifth.	Second Fifth.	Third Fifth.	Fourth Fifth.	Fifth Fifth.	Total.	Unspent Fifths.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1878	3483	1330	2153	266	...	...	...	...	2419	1064
1879	2739	...	2739	...	266	...	...	...	3005	798
1880	6192	1900	4292	380	...	266	...	...	4938	1052
1881	4127	2556	1571	511	380	...	266	...	2728	3450
1882	4776	839	3937	167	511	380	...	266	5261	2961
1883	6112	1709	4403	342	167	511	380	...	5803	3271
1884	5117	1900	3217	380	342	167	511	380	4997	3391
1885	3598	600	2998	120	380	342	167	511	4518	2471
1886	9130	6114	3016	1223	120	380	342	167	5248	6354
1887	3388	918	2470	183	1223	120	380	342	4718	5021
1888	5094	1707	3387	341	183	1223	120	380	5634	4479
1889	9506	6000	3506	1200	341	183	1223	120	6573	7412
1890	3697	900	2797	180	1200	341	183	1223	5924	5185
1891	8178	3942	4236	788	180	1200	341	183	6928	6433
1892	4778	900	3878	180	788	180	1200	341	6567	4644
1893	1634	...	1634	...	180	788	180	1200	3982	2296
1894	6501	4032	2469	806	...	180	788	180	4423	4372
1895	6467	809	5658	162	806	...	180	788	7594	3246
1896	7720	1800	5920	360	162	806	...	180	7428	3538
1897	7336	3167	4169	633	360	162	806	...	6130	4742
1898	...	...	...	...	633	360	162	806	1961	...
1899	...	...	...	...	...	633	360	162	1155	...
1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	633	360	993	...
1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	633	633	...
										4742

TABLE VII.—Showing the Distribution of all Legacies over Five Years.

Year 31st March.	Total Legacies.	First Fifth.	Second Fifth.	Third Fifth.	Fourth Fifth.	Fifth Fifth.	Total.	Unspent Fifths.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1878	3483	697	...	...	...	...	697	2,788
1879	2739	548	697	...	...	...	1245	4,283
1880	6192	1238	548	697	...	...	2483	7,990
1881	4127	825	1238	548	697	...	3308	8,307
1882	4776	955	825	1238	548	697	4263	9,319
1883	6112	1222	955	825	1238	548	4788	10,641
1884	5117	1023	1222	955	825	1238	5263	10,493
1885	3598	720	1023	1222	955	825	4745	9,348
1886	9130	1826	720	1023	1222	955	5746	12,732
1887	3388	678	1826	720	1023	1222	5469	10,653
1888	5094	1019	678	1826	720	1023	5266	10,482
1889	9506	1901	1019	678	1826	720	6144	13,343
1890	3697	739	1901	1019	678	1826	6163	11,375
1891	8178	1636	739	1901	1019	678	5973	13,582
1892	4778	956	1636	739	1901	1019	6251	12,111
1893	1634	327	956	1636	739	1901	5559	8,187
1894	6501	1300	327	956	1636	739	4958	9,729
1895	6467	1293	1300	327	956	1636	5512	10,682
1896	7720	1544	1293	1300	327	956	5420	12,982
1897	7336	1537	1544	1293	1300	327	6001	14,666
1898	1537	1544	1293	1300	5674	...
1899	1537	1544	1293	4374	...
1900	1537	1544	3081	...
1901	1537	1537	...
								14,666



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Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 21st September, 1897, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 19th October, 1897.*

III. MEETING: 1897-98.

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TUESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1897.

29. Sederunt.
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34. Duff Missionary Institute Trust.
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36. Rev. Dundas L. Erskine's Collecting-Book.
37. Rev. J. C. Scrimgeour's Pundit Allowance.
38. Mr. A. Topping, Member of Mission Council, Bengal.
39. Duff College—Hon. K. C. Banerjee.
40. Western India Mission Council—Rev. R. M. Gray.



At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 21st September, 1897.

Sederunt.

29. Colonel Cadell, V.C., *Vice-Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, Affleck, Agnew, Alexander, Binnie, Currie, Fairley Daly, Dalzell, M.B., C.M., Falconer, Harvey, Hunter, Lowe, M'Alpine, Wm. M'Culloch, G. G. Macdonald, Jas. Macdonald, Wm. Macdonald, Colin Mackenzie, M'Lean, M'Neill, Alex. M'Rae, John M'Rae, Mathewson, Miller, B.D., Moir, Morrison, M. Reid, Revie, M.B., C.M., Robertson, D.D., Smith, D.D., Soutar, Stalker, D.D., Swanson, Symington, Tainsh, Tod, and Whitton, *Ministers*; Mr. Wm. Brown, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, Bart., Rev. John Forgan, Mr. Fraser, C.S.I., Captain Graham, General Grant, Messrs. Gray, Husband, Rev. R. Logan, Dr. Loudon, Mr. Lowe, W.S., Rev. E. MacLean, Messrs. Mowat, Rolland, Ross, Walker, M.B., C.M., Wallace, D.D., Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Rev. Dr. Dalzell constituted the Meeting with prayer.

30. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

31. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th September, 1897, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

	1897-98.	1896-97.
Balance at 31st March, 1896,		£6,229 14 3
Balance at 31st March, 1897,	£7,060 14 7	...
Associations,	5,867 12 1	5,962 11 0
Congregational Specially Destined Contribu- tions,	78 7 0	28 5 10
Church-door Collections,	405 6 11	481 16 7
Donations,	102 5 0	533 2 5
Special Donations,	1,005 11 9	636 14 7
Legacies,	†3,380 6 8	†3,323 6 2
Interest from all sources,	1,373 18 4	1,234 9 3
	£19,274 2 4	£18,430 0 1
* Paid,	17,246 17 7	17,700 12 0
Balance at credit,	£2,027 4 9	£729 8 1
* Paid General,	£969 18 5	£1,200 13 7
" Calcutta,	1,904 0 1	1,903 18 8
" Santalia,	916 4 4	780 16 5
" Bombay,	2,265 18 6	2,202 3 5
" Madras,	2,573 5 5	2,975 19 11
" Poona,	595 15 5	836 6 2
" Nagpoor,	1,594 17 11	1,485 16 1
" Lovedale,	1,517 17 2	1,382 9 11
" New Hebrides,	790 13 11	295 8 11
" Syria,	188 0 0	176 12 0
" Kafaria,	2,395 15 1	2,863 16 10
" Natal,	926 5 7	1,083 18 8
" Rescued Slaves (balance), . . . . .	...	142 6 6
" South Arabia (balance),	608 5 9	370 4 11
	£17,246 17 7	£17,700 12 0

† The above Legacies include £800 of Collins' Debentures uplifted and £850 transferred from Capital on account of New Hebrides.

‡ The above sum of £3823, 6s. 2d. includes Sir Wm. Collins' Debenture of £500 repaid.



32. The Vice-Convenor reported the lamented death of Mrs. Duncan Miller, on arriving in London from India, whither she had been sent from Sheikh Othman, under fever. The Committee recorded their deep sympathy with Dr. Duncan Miller and the family of his late wife, who had entered on her missionary life with eager self-devotion. Dr. Duncan Miller's leave was extended to the end of October, under medical certificate, and the sum of £70 was sanctioned as travelling expenses from Bombay to London.

Death of
Mrs. Duncan
Miller.

33. Read the following letter, which the Committee resolved to record:—

Dr. M'Cash's
Appointment.

"From Rev. JAMES BUCHANAN,
Foreign Mission Secretary,
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

COLLEGE BUILDINGS, CASTLE TERRACE,
EDINBURGH, 2nd July, 1897.

"DEAR DR. SMITH,—I have submitted your letters regarding Dr. James M'Cash, with accompanying Minutes and Agreement, to our Board, and I am now requested to send you the following Minute which the Board have adopted:—

"The Board heard this communication with much satisfaction, thank the Free Church Committee for their courtesy in acknowledging this Board in their procedure, and most cordially express their approval of Dr. M'Cash's appointment, so far as they are entitled to express approval in the matter, and their gratification that another missionary link has been established between the Churches."

Yours very sincerely,

JAS. BUCHANAN."

"To Dr. GEORGE SMITH, C.I.E.,
"Free Church Offices."

34. The Secretary laid on the table a copy of a Minute, signed by Rev. Dr. Murray Mitchell, Rev. Dr. Thomas Smith, Dr. George Smith, and Mr. Henry Tod, W.S., Trustees of the Duff Missionary Institute, dated 19th July, 1897, by which they have divided the capital sum of the Fund, £1025, at that date, between this Committee and the Institute of the Woman's Society of the Church. The Trustees hold £512, 10s. "at the disposal of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland," as a small endowment, the annual interest of which may be applied to "giving newly appointed Indian Missionaries some preliminary training in the language of the country or district to which they are appointed." This sum forms part of a Bond over subjects in Panmure Place, Edinburgh, which does not expire till Whitsunday, 1902. The Committee recorded their hearty thanks to the Trustees.

Duff Mission-
ary Institute
Trust.

35. Under Minute 21 of last meeting, Colonel Cadell reported that the Conveners and Secretary recommended as the new missionary for Pondoland, Rev. William Gavin, M.A., a Probationer of the Church, and a zealous member of the Student Volunteer Missionary Union since its formation. Letters from his Professors and Ministers were submitted; also a Medical Certificate. The Committee remitted the matter to the Standing Sub-Committee to report to next meeting.

Pondoland
New Mission-
ary.



Rev. Dundas
L. Erskine's
Collecting
Book.

36. The Secretary reported that the Collecting Book, No. 461, issued under Minute No. 43 of 22nd September, 1896, to Rev. D. L. Erskine, has been duly returned by him. The sum received was £450, 11s. The Committee ordered the Collecting Book to be transmitted to the General Treasurer, in terms of the General Assembly's regulations.

Rev. J. C.
Scrimgeour's
Pundit Allow-
ance.

37. Under Minute 12 of the Bengal Mission Council, dated 12th July, 1897, the Committee sanctioned payment of Rs. 20 a-month to Rev. J. C. Scrimgeour, from 1st January last, as Pundit's allowance.

Mr. A.
Topping—
Mission Coun-
cil, Bengal.

38. Under Minute 14 of same date, the Committee sanctioned the appointment of Mr. A. Topping to a seat in the Bengal Mission Council, and further recorded its gratitude to him for his services in the detailed payment of its Bengal Missionaries.

Duff College
—Hon. K. C.
Banerjee.

39. Under Minute of Senatus of Duff College, dated 13th July, 1897, the Committee sanctioned the appointment of the Hon. K. C. Banerjee, Elder of the Church, as a member of the Senatus, and recorded its thanks to him for conducting the Philosophy B.A. Classes during the furlough of Mr. Stephen, and its congratulation on his appointment as an Honourable Member of the Bengal Legislative Council.

Western India
Mission
Council—
Rev. R. M
Gray.

40. Under Minute of Western India Mission Council, dated 6th July, 1897, the Committee sanctioned the appointment of Rev. R. M. Gray as a Member of the Council.

Closed with the Blessing.



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Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 19th October, 1897, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 16th November, 1897.*

IV. MEETING: 1897-98.

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55. Pondoland—Rev. William Gavin, M.A., appointed Missionary.
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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 19th October, 1897.

Sederunt.

41. Rev. Professor Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, Affleck, Agnew, Alexander, Kerr Bain, Bannerman, D.D., Beaton, Black, Currie, Fairley Daly, Davidson, Donaldson, Falconer, Finlayson, Forgan, George, Hamilton, Hastings, D.D., Henderson, D.D., Hunter, Kilpatrick, Low, MacAlpine, Macaskill, Jas. D. M'Culloch, Wm. M'Culloch, George MacDonald, G. G. Macdonald, W. Macdonald, Colin Mackenzie, D. F. Mackenzie, M. Mackenzie, Wm. Mackenzie, Macphail, D.D., M'Neill, John M'Rae, Mathewson, Miller, Moir, Morris, Nicolson, Paton, Reid, Revie, M.B., C.M., Robertson, D.D., C. A. Salmond, Salmond, D.D., Sandeman, D.D., Sinclair, Skinner, Crawford Smith, J. A. Smith, Smith, D.D., Soutar, Stalker, D.D., Swanson, Symington, Thomson, and Wallace, D.D., *Ministers*; Messrs. Wm. Brown, W. R. Brown, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, C.I.E., Colonel Cadell, V.C., Mr. H. M. Cadell, Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, Bart., Mr. Hugh Ferguson, Dr. Fleming, Rev. John Forgan, Messrs. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I., Wm. Fraser, Major-General Grant, Messrs. Guthrie, Henderson, Sir Wm. Henderson, Messrs. Husband, Kinmont, S.S.C., Rev. George Laing, Dr. James Loudon, Messrs. Lowe, W.S., J. M'Kelvie, Rev. E. MacLean, Mr. D. B. Meldrum, Dr. Moir, Messrs. Mowat, Reid, Jas. Robertson, J. C. Robertson, Rolland, Ross, Russell, James Simson, Robert Simson, Smith, W.S., Professor Stephen, Thorburn, Traill, Walker, M.B., C.M., Mr. Robert Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

42. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

43. The State of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 11th October, 1897, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

	1897-98.	1896-97.
Balance at 31st March, 1896,		£6,229 14 3
Balance at 31st March, 1897,	£7,060 14 7	...
Associations,	8,004 6 8	8, '23 2 4
Congregational Specially Destined Contributions,	79 7 0	28 8 4
Church-door Collections,	470 5 4	545 10 11
Donations,	405 14 9	613 12 5
Special Donations,	1,106 8 4	765 5 5
Legacies,	†3,430 6 8	†4,138 11 10
Interest from all sources,	1,430 19 4	1,291 10 3
	<u>£21,988 2 8</u>	<u>£21,635 15 9</u>
* Paid,	18,728 9 1	20,921 5 0
Balance at credit,	<u>£3,259 13 7</u>	<u>£714 10 9</u>
* Paid General,	£1,198 16 0	£1,408 9 4
" Calcutta,	2,309 4 3	2,628 6 10
" Santalia,	1,006 5 6	1,108 17 9
" Bombay,	2,488 2 0	3,252 14 8
" Madras,	2,651 18 9	3,049 8 11
" Poona,	605 15 5	1,115 8 4
" Nagpoor,	1,842 2 11	1,761 15 0
" Lovedale,	1,724 8 4	1,432 9 11
" New Hebrides,	814 7 6	296 16 7
" Syria,	188 0 0	239 2 0
" Kafraia,	2,462 5 1	2,969 9 5
" Natal,	1,103 11 7	1,178 18 8
" Rescued Slaves (balance),		121 19 6
" South Arabia (balance),	333 11 9	357 8 1
	<u>£18,728 9 1</u>	<u>£20,921 5 0</u>

† The above Legacies include £800 of Collins' Debentures uplifted and £350 transferred from Capital on account of New Hebrides.

‡ The above sum of £4188, 11s. 10d. includes Sir Wm. Collins' Debenture of £500 repaid.



44. Rev. Lewis Davidson, seconded by Rev. Professor Thomas Smith, D.D., moved that, in prospect of the celebration in Glasgow to-morrow of the semi-jubilee of the Rev. Dr. Lindsay as a Professor of the Church, the Foreign Missions Committee express their hearty congratulations. The members unanimously and cordially resolved to place on record their sense of pleasure because of the public recognition of Professor Lindsay's services to the Church during a quarter of a century; and, especially, their gratitude to him for all he had been enabled to do for the great foreign missionary enterprise of the Free Church of Scotland and the whole Church of Christ during the past twelve years of his Convener'ship. Dr. Lindsay suitably acknowledged the resolution.

Rev. Professor
Lindsay, D.D.

45. The Convener and the Committee welcomed Professor Stephen of the Duff College, Calcutta, on his return to Scotland on his second furlough.

Professor
Stephen
Welcomed.

46. Read Minute of Bengal Mission Council, dated 11th September, 1897, recommending that furlough be granted to Mr. Thomson at the end of April, 1898.

Calcutta—
Mr. Thomson's
Furlough.

The Committee, in view of the accident which happened as stated in the application of the Council, grant the furlough at the date mentioned. They expect a medical certificate.

47. Read Minutes of Bengal Mission Council dated 11th September, 1897, with letter from Principal Hector, dated 23rd September—

Calcutta—
Property and
Sites after
Earthquake.

(a) Requesting grant of Rs.10,000 towards the cost (Rs.14,793) of repairing Duff College after the earthquake.

(b) Submitting plans and estimates thus summarised by Dr. Hector, after stating that it is not proposed to interfere with the site of the Native Church and Manse.

"The proposal of a majority of the Council is to build a two-storied block-house on the 2 Cornwallis Square site, as now readjusted, to afford accommodation for two missionary families. Each will have six rooms, with stair and verandah. This block-house is laid down on the ground plan (8 C), but I also send you tracings of the ground floor and first floor besides. It is estimated to cost, with out-offices, about Rs.60,000 net. The plans of this house have been drawn in accordance with your instructions for a house, on as modest, yet fitting a scale as possible.

"A majority of the Council further propose that a new Girls' School should be built by the Woman's Society on the 19 Duff Street site, as now readjusted and enlarged, and that the Foreign Missions Committee take over from that Society the present school buildings in Beadon Street for a Christian Students' Hostel and a fifth residence. The Council, I may add, are unanimous as to the desirability of transferring the hostel to 32/6 Beadon Street, and on the point that the missionary in charge of the hostel should reside in the hostel. The difference of opinion which the Minutes disclose turns on where the Girls' School should be built. The minority, as you will see, have appealed to the Foreign Missions Committee on the rejection of their amendment—'That the Council take up consideration of the question of the advisability of recommending No. 2 Cornwallis Square as a site for the new school.'"



Read also Minute of Bengal Mission Council, dated 18th September, with letter from Rev. Dr. Macnicol of 23rd September, and plans, recommending that a Missionary's house and a Boarding-School be erected in Chinsurah, on land to be asked from the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal. The estimates for a two-storied Dwelling-House amount to Rs.25,494 *plus* Rs.6620 for go-downs, and for a Boarding-School of one storey to Rs.11,592 *plus* Rs.4615—a total for Hoogli of Rs.48,321. The Committee are further asked to decide whether the headquarters of the second, or Medical, Missionary shall be at Mahanad, as in Minute 145 of April, 1895.

The Committee, having in view the magnitude of the interests involved, the large sum of money required to carry out the proposed scheme of building, and the certainty that whatever the Committee decides now must settle finally the position and use of their Mission Buildings at Calcutta, appoint a Sub-Committee of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. A. H. Leith Fraser, Traill, Mowat, Kinmont, Dr. Loudon, Messrs. Rolland, R. Simson, and Dr. Burgess, Revs. J. Fairley Daly, L. Davidson, P. R. Mackay, Prof. Robertson, Soutar, Dr. J. H. Wilson, Dr. Thomas Smith, with the Conveners and Secretary, instructing them to consider and report upon the proposals submitted to them by the Bengal Mission Council about buildings in Calcutta and Hoogli, and the most appropriate ways of providing the money required; and asking them to meet with the Sub-Committee of the Woman's Society appointed to confer with the Foreign Missions Committee on the question of sites and properties in Calcutta, and with power to confer with local parties; this special Sub-Committee is instructed to report to the Committee at an early meeting. The Rev. W. M'Culloch was requested by the Committee to prepare a special statement on the buildings required for the Hoogli Mission, to be submitted to the Sub-Committee.

Calcutta—
Grant to
College.

48. Read letter from Rev. Dr. Hector, dated 14th July, 1897, asking grant of Rs.200 a-month to Duff College, while Rev. J. C. Scrimgeour is busy with Bengali. The Committee grant Rs.200 a-month for a period not exceeding twelve months.

Juvenile Con-
tributions—
Leaflets, 1898.

49. The Convener reported that the Juvenile Contributions Committee had selected the following six Leaflet objects during the year 1898:—

NEW YEAR OFFERING, } January and February, }	New Buildings after the great Earthquake.
March and April, . . .	Home Mission to Fishermen of Scotland.
May and June, . . .	Livingstonia—Hospitals for Bandawe and Karonga.
July and August, . . .	The Rescued Gallas.
September and October, .	Bhandara—New Mission House.
November and December,	The New Hebrides Mission.



50. Read Report on final examination of Rev. N. Macnicol in Marathi, dated 15th September, 1897, showing that he had received $74\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the maximum marks.

Bombay—
Rev. N.
Macnicol's
Final Examination.

The Committee congratulate the Rev. N. Macnicol on the results of his *second* vernacular examination and vote him the sum of Rs.500 (Minute 42 of 22nd September, 1896).

51. Read Minute of Western India Mission Council, dated 9th July, 1897, asking that a Medical Missionary be appointed to work along with Rev. W. Wilkie Brown at Thana and the northern part of this district, the health of Dr. Lazarus failing.

Konkan—
Medical
Missionary.

The Committee regret that the state of their finances renders it quite impossible for them to appoint a European Medical Missionary to their District Mission at Thana.

52. Read Minute of Nagpur Mission Council, dated 12th August, 1897, asking grant of Rs.4500 (£300) towards new Mission House to cost Rs.11,000.

Nagpur—
New Mission
House at
Bhandara.

The Committee grant the sum of Rs.4500 asked for the new Mission House at Bhandara from their General Fund, in the expectation that the whole or part of the money will be provided by one of the *Pink Leaflets*. They expect that the site and Mission House will be legally secured as the property of the General Trustees of the Free Church of Scotland.

53. Read Minute of Madras Local Committee of date 14th August, 1897:—"On a reference from the Presbytery: Resolved to request the Foreign Missions Committee to authorise the formation of a separate Congregation at Tangal."

Madras—
Congregation
at Tangal.

The Committee authorise the formation of a separate Congregation at Tangal, provided the Presbytery and the Local Committee are convinced that the proposed Congregation can furnish a suitable Kirk-Session.

54. Read Minute of Madras Local Committee of date 14th August, 1897:—"On representation of the Rev. A. Andrew: Resolved to recommend the Foreign Missions Committee to sanction the formation of Melrosapuram and adjacent villages into a separate Congregation, and to recommend the appointment of M. L. Jivarathnam as ordained evangelist in pastoral charge of the new Congregation on a salary of Rs.30 a-month; Rs.10 of this amount to be provided by the Congregation, and Rs.20 by grant from the Foreign Missions Committee."

Madras—
Chingleput.

The Foreign Missions Committee desire further information on this request before formally granting it. In particular they have no information whether the proposed Congregation can furnish a Kirk-Session, whether Mr. Jivarathnam is acceptable to the people, why it is proposed to give a pastor, placed in charge of a Congregation, the status of an ordained evangelist, nor whether the proposal has the necessary approval of the Presbytery.



Pondoland—
Rev. W. Gavin
Appointed.

55. Under Minutes 21 and 35 of last two meetings, the standing Sub-Committee unanimously recommended the appointment of the Rev. William Gavin, M.A., to the new Mission of Pondoland, for five years in the first instance. The Convener submitted a medical certificate, and most satisfactory testimonies to the spiritual and other Missionary qualifications of Mr. Gavin, who, having been called on, declared his acceptance of the appointment on the conditions stated. The Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland accordingly hereby appoint Mr. William Gavin, M.A., to be one of their ordained Missionaries in Africa, and to begin the new Mission in Pondoland. The appointment is made for the five years for which the Special Fund raised by Rev. Dundas Erskine is to be available, but it is the hope of the Committee that thereafter the appointment may be for life. The Secretary is instructed to arrange for the ordination of Mr. Gavin, and for his departure at a time when transport in the interior of South Africa may become more normal, on the cessation of Rinderpest. Rev. P. Mackay will represent the Committee at the Ordination Service. On the call of the Convener, Rev. W. M'Culloch led the Committee in prayer for the young missionary and the work in the Transkei districts. Mr. Gavin then received the right hand of fellowship from all the members. He will receive detailed instructions from the Transkei Presbytery, but this Committee request the Presbytery to see that, if possible, Mr. Gavin is allowed a sufficient time—not less than one year—to master the Kafir language, and to pass such an examination in the same as the Presbytery shall approve.

Aden—Bibles
for Congre-
gation.

56. The National Bible Society of Scotland has, at the Secretary's request, granted a deduction of 75 per cent. on the cost of 100 Bibles (with Metre Psalms, &c.) for the use of the Keith-Falconer Memorial Church, Aden. Resolved to record the thanks of the Foreign Missions Committee.

New Hebrides
—Ambrym
Hospital.

57. Read letter dated 4th August, 1897, from Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, asking a grant of £5 to £6 a-year to maintain one cot in the new hospital of Ambrym under Rev. Dr. Lamb.

The Committee regret that they cannot make this grant.

Office—
Second
Clerk's Salary.

58. With the concurrence of the Finance Committee of the Church, the Foreign Missions Committee resolved to increase the salary of Mr. Alexander Henderson, Second Clerk, from £52 to £65 a-year.

Closed with the Blessing.



[Confidential—for Members of Committee only.]

Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 16th November, 1897, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 21st December, 1897.*

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 16th November, 1897.

Sederunt.

59. Rev. Professor Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, Agnew, Crerar, Currie, Fairley Daly, Dr. Dalzell, Messrs. Davidson, Dickson, Donaldson, Falconer, Forgan, Gillies, Hamilton, Hunter, Kilpatrick, Lowe, Wm. M'Culloch, Jas. Macdonald, Wm. Macdonald, Mackay, D. F. Mackenzie, M. Mackenzie, M'Lean, E. M. Macphail, M'Neill, Alex. M'Rae, John M'Rae, Martin, Mathewson, Miller, Morris, Morrison, Reid, Dr. Revie, Prof. Robertson, D.D., Prof. Salmond, D.D., Messrs. Sandeman, D.D., Crawford Smith, J. A. Smith, T. Smith, D.D., Soutar, Swanson, Symington, Thomson, and M'Rae Tod, *Ministers*; Messrs. Barry, W. R. Brown, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, C.I.E., Colonel Cadell, V.C., Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, Bart., Messrs. Cowan, W.S., Ferguson, LL.D., Dr. Fleming, Rev. John Forgan, Mr. A. H. Leith Fraser, C.S.I., Captain Graham, General Grant, Messrs. Gray, Hill, Kinmont, S.S.C., Rev. Geo. Laing, Rev. R. Logan, Dr. Loudon, Mr. W. D. Lowe, W.S., Dr. M'Ewan, Mr. D. MacLean, Rev. E. MacLean, Messrs. Macpherson, Meldrum, Mowat, Reid, Ross, Russell, Simpson, W.S., J. Simson, R. Simson, Smith, W.S., Traill, Winter, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

60. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

61. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th November, 1897, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

	1897-98.	1896-97.
Balance at 31st March, 1896,	£7,060 14 7	£6,229 14 3
Balance at 31st March, 1897,	9,424 9 3	...
Associations,		9,662 16 0
Congregational Specially Destined Contribu- tions,	85 12 0	29 10 5
Church-door Collections,	508 3 9	575 4 11
Donations,	741 14 9	920 12 5
Special Donations,	1,531 9 5	1,203 16 1
Legacies,	†4,061 7 3	†4,987 3 9
Interest from all sources,	2,511 11 1	2,375 13 10
	£25,925 2 1	£25,984 11 8
* Paid,	22,564 5 3	23,032 7 0
Balance at credit,	£3,360 16 10	£2,952 4 8
* Paid General,	£1,325 1 10	£1,534 12 8
„ Calcutta,	2,823 10 9	2,838 19 2
„ Santalia,	1,383 9 2	1,108 17 9
„ Bombay,	3,269 19 4	3,397 14 8
„ Madras,	3,998 7 6	4,051 14 1
„ Poona,	894 0 6	1,115 8 4
„ Nagpoor,	2,326 7 1	2,220 14 9
„ Lovedale,	1,737 2 1	1,450 3 8
„ New Hebrides,	827 7 0	483 0 9
„ Syria,	250 10 0	239 2 0
„ Kafraria,	2,512 14 0	2,974 9 5
„ Natal,	1,103 11 7	1,380 0 3
„ Rescued Slaves (balance), . . . . .	...	102 14 6
„ South Arabia (balance),	112 4 5	134 15 0
	£22,564 5 3	£23,032 7 0

† The above Legacies include £800 of Collins' Debentures uplifted and £350 transferred from Capital on account of New Hebrides.

† The above sum of £4987, 8s. 9d. includes Sir Wm. Collins' Debenture of £500 repaid.

62. The Convener read a letter from the Rev. Dr. Miller, C.I.E., of Madras—
Madras, of date 28th July, 1897, asking the Committee whether they thought it right to give him any invalid or other allowance. The circumstances of the case, as stated by Dr. Miller in his letter, are these:—
Rev. Dr. Miller, C.I.E.

“The Committee is acquainted with the arrangement by which it makes an annual allowance of £1400 to the College at Madras, while the College undertakes from this amount, together with its grants from the Church Missionary Society and the Wesleyan Society and local funds, to bear all its ordinary expenses—in which are included the salaries and furlough allowances of the Free Church Missionaries on its staff. The furlough allowed has (with the knowledge and approval of the Foreign Missions Committee) been fixed at two years out of twelve years’ service—to be taken at such times as the circumstances of the College render desirable.

“Now, my health broke down early in 1895, at a time when, according to the furlough arrangement just mentioned, I might receive leave for about seventeen months. I spent most of the year 1895 on the Continent and at Home; and when I returned to Madras, in November of that year, was still unfit for work. I might, however, have perfectly well resumed work in February, 1896, and I should have done so, but before that time I had been summoned home on the service of the Church. I accordingly continued on leave, and left Madras in March, 1896. I drew furlough allowance from the College for the time during which it was possible for me to do so—viz., to the end of June, 1896. I returned to Madras towards the end of 1896, and took up my old work there on the 15th of November. Towards the end of December an illness, which began in this country in October, assumed the dangerous form from which I have not yet recovered, and I had to leave Madras early in April last. The College was good enough to continue my salary to the end of March, though I could do no work whatever after December, 1896.

“I have not given up the hope that at some future time I may be able to resume work in India, but there seems no possibility of my being fit to do so before November or December, 1898, at earliest, while it is scarcely likely that I can look forward to being ever again fit for anything approaching FULL work.

“Possibly, in these circumstances, the best thing might be, if some allowance could be sanctioned, I being permitted, but not required, to do such work as my health may leave it in my power to do.”

The Committee place on record their sympathy with Dr. Miller in his severe and protracted illness; they are glad to learn that he has not given up hope that he may be able at some future time to resume even partial work in India, and that they are not therefore called upon to place him on the list of their retired missionaries, and they think that, in all the circumstances of the case, their most appropriate course for the present will be to vote a sum of £150 yearly to Dr. Miller, the grant to date from the 1st of April, 1897. The grant will be voted yearly, and will be taken from the Invalid Missionaries’ Fund.

63. The Convener reported, under Minute 47 of last meeting, the recommendations of the special Sub-Committee on Bengal properties and sites. Whereupon the Committee resolved to grant Rs.10,000 towards the repair of the Duff College, as requested by the Mission Council, and Rs.6000, or thereby, for the immediate repair of the Kalna property, Rev. W. McCulloch undertaking, on his return, to send the detailed estimates for the latter. These grants to be paid, meanwhile, from the General Fund, in anticipation of the New Year Offering, 1898, so far as the latter may go to meet these amounts. The Convener reported that seven of the

Bengal—First
Report on
New Build-
ings and Sites.



special Sub-Committee were appointed to meet in conference with the Woman's Society on Thursday next.

Repairs' Fund
—Allocation. **64.** For the annual allocation of the Repairs' Fund, in 1898, the Convener proposed that the following grants should be made:—

Madras,	£25	0	0
Sheikh Othman, Aden, already voted,	60	0	0
Calcutta and Hoogli,	50	0	0
Santalia,	75	0	0
Bombay,	50	0	0
Nagpur,	50	0	0
Lovedale,	59	6	4
Blythswood,	30	0	0
Keith-Falconer Church,	10	15	9
	<u>£410</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

These grants were sanctioned by the Committee.

Madras—
Wallajabad
Congregation
Self-support-
ing.

65. Read Minute of Madras Local Committee, of date 12th October, 1897, to this effect:—

“Read letter from Session-clerk of Walajabad and Conjeveram congregations intimating that the congregation is prepared to assume the entire responsibility for their Pastor's salary from the 1st of January, 1898. Resolved to communicate the contents of this letter to the Foreign Missions Committee, pointing out at the same time that assistance would probably be again required when Walajabad and Conjeveram were separated into two congregations, each with its own Pastor.”

The Committee heartily congratulate the kirk-session and congregation of Walajabad and Conjeveram on attaining the honourable position of a self-sustaining charge, and trust that the example thus given will be followed in the near future by the other congregations of their Indian Presbyteries.

Rev. A.
Andrew's
Furlough.

66. Read Minute of Madras Local Committee, of date 12th October, 1897, asking leave to grant the Rev. Adam Andrew furlough from 1st June, 1898, the furlough being due in November of that year.

The Committee sanction Mr. Andrew's furlough from November, 1898, when it will be due according to their Rules.

Nagpur—
Rev. J.
Douglas' Fur-
lough.

67. Read Minute of Central India Mission Council asking the Committee to authorise furlough for the Rev. J. Douglas from April, 1898.

The Committee deem it inexpedient that two out of three district missionaries should be absent at once from their stations, but, in consideration of Mr. Douglas's continued ill health, grant furlough from April, 1898.

Jalna—Rev.
Dr. Mowat's
Furlough.

68. Read Minute of the West of India Mission Council asking the Committee to grant furlough to the Rev. Dr. Mowat from the end of March, 1898.

The Committee sanction furlough to Dr. Mowat from April, 1898, in



the expectation that the intricate questions about the local administration of Bethel will be settled between Dr. Mowat and the Nizam's Government before he leaves his station.

Further, the Committee remitted it to Colonel Cadell, V.C., Vice-Convener, and Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I., to correspond with Dr. Mowat and all concerned on the subject of Bethel, with powers.

69. Read letter from Rev. John Thomson, Idutywa, asking for furlough from the Spring of 1898, explaining that floods had prevented a meeting of Presbytery, at which the furlough would have been asked for, and stating that the Presbytery would arrange for the supervision of the Mission during his absence. The Committee grant furlough, subject to their receiving the approval of the Transkei Presbytery.

Duff—Rev. J. Thomson's Furlough.

70. Read the following Minute of the Synod of Kafraria, dated 19th July, 1897 :—

South African Presbyterian Union.

At East London, the 19th July, 1897, which day the Synod of Kafraria being met and constituted :

Inter alia—"The Synod then took up the question of Union. Read Minute of Kafrarian Presbytery, dated 6th May, as follows :—'Returns having now come in from all the native congregations, the Presbytery is in a position to come to a finding. They find that it is impossible for this Presbytery to enter into the United Church at present, in face of the opposition of the native congregations. They regret the consequent delay, and express the hope that with a fuller understanding and greater familiarity with the subject, the opposition will disappear in course of time. With a view to this, they resolve to arrange for a visitation of these congregations by delegates, to explain more fully what is implied in the proposed Union, and clear up misunderstandings.'"

I. Union.

Read also Minute of Transkeian Presbytery, dated 7th April, 1897. "The Presbytery re-affirm their desire to enter the Union, but recognising the importance of carrying all their people heartily along with them, appoint Mr. Matheson and Mr. B. J. Ross, with Messrs. Yapi, Toli, J. Mdoda, G. Mape, and J. Tshaka, a deputation to visit the congregations of Duff, Main, and Somerville, with a view to securing unanimity and removing misunderstandings; to report to a special meeting to be held during the sitting of the Synod."

Dr. Ross wished to make a statement. He had been unavoidably absent when the matter was discussed at last Synod. He affirmed that a modification of the basis is necessary to meet the difficulties felt both by natives and Europeans; and suggested that—(a) in racial questions a majority of white, and a majority of black should be necessary to pass a proposed measure into law; (b) that there should be an appeal to a Board representing the various branches of the Church in Scotland; (c) that there should be an express provision about carrying on the work of Foreign Missions by the United Church.

Read a statement by Rev. J. Thomson of Duff, as to the opinion in his session and congregation on the subject of Union. Read also a statement by Mr. Young as to the state of feeling at Main on the same subject. Read also a paper by Mr. Richard Ross, "A few thoughts to the Kafrarian Synod on the question of Union," in which he combats objections to Union from the sides of both Europeans and natives.

After discussion the Clerk made the following motion :—"While this Synod recognise the desirability of Union among the various branches of the Presbyterian Church in South Africa, and hope that existing obstacles may be removed in course of time, they are unable to enter into the proposed Union at present, in consequence of the want of acquiescence on the part of several of the native congregations in the two



Presbyteries, and in view of discussions which have arisen among Europeans on the subject of the native vote in Church Courts.

The Synod agree to indicate two directions in which some modification of the arrangements contemplated in the United Church is necessary in order to remove these obstacles:—(*First*), That some method be devised of adjusting the balance between Colonial and Mission Churches which shall be satisfactory to both races—*e.g.*, that a majority of white and a majority of black, separately and conjointly, be necessary to pass a proposed measure into a law; or, that in view of future eventualities, the proportion of votes of both races in the General Assembly be strictly defined and preserved. (*Secondly*), That there be a final Court of Appeal in certain questions to be carefully defined—say to a Board at home, representative of the Presbyterianism of the British Isles, or even of wider range, such as the Pan-Presbyterian Council could easily furnish.

Seconded by Mr. Stuart.

Mr. Ferguson moved:—"That considering the interests of our Church, and the necessity for a closer union between the various Presbyteries and isolated congregations, if the work which our Church is called upon to do in South Africa is to be efficiently done; considering also that the Home Church earnestly desires that the Union should be consummated, and has proposed a scheme by which this Union may be forwarded; this Synod resolves to enter the Union as soon as the necessary formal arrangements can be made.

Seconded by Mr. B. J. Ross.

The Moderator left the Chair to reply, which was taken by Dr. Stewart. Having returned to the Chair, he put the Second Motion to the vote. Messrs. Ferguson, B. J. Ross, and Matheson—*Ministers*; and Mr. J. Menzies, *Elder*, voted in favour. He then put the original Motion. Dr. Ross, Messrs. Stuart, Stormont, Lennox, Nzimba, and the Clerk—*Ministers*; Messrs. S. Rakaza, P. Hermans, J. Tsewu, and B. Njikdana—*Elders*, voted in favour: Dr. Stewart not voting.

The original Motion was declared to be the finding of the Synod.

Mr. B. J. Ross dissented for the following reasons:—(*First*), "The Basis of Union, after having been for several months in the hands of members of the Presbytery of the Transkei and before the Kirk-Sessions, was unanimously approved of at a full Meeting of Presbytery. (*Secondly*), The suggested modifications in the Basis of Union cannot therefore be held as expressing the feeling of the majority of the Transkeian Presbytery."

Mr. Matheson adhered to the Dissent.

The Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland expresses its grave disappointment that the steps which promised to result in the early attainment of a Presbyterian Union have, so far, failed. While recognising that the Synod must be judge, whether proposed arrangements and local circumstances are such as to afford fair prospect of harmonious and successful union, the Committee does not feel the existing hindrances to be insuperable nor sufficient to outweigh the advantages to the cause of Presbyterian and Evangelical Religion in South Africa.

The Committee is of opinion that any regulations that take cognisance of difference of race in taking a vote, are not justifiable in themselves, nor likely to issue in benefit to the Church which makes them; and it does not think that a Board, nominated by either the Presbyterian Council or the Home Churches, would prove a satisfactory court of appeal.

The Committee, while in no way objecting to the opinions of native members being heard and considered, being cognisant of only two fully



constituted native congregations that have a right to send representative elders to Synod and Presbytery, is at a loss to know what bodies the various native elders represented, who are said to have voted.

The Committee hopes that the Synod will continue its efforts in the direction of fostering union, and that it, and all the office-bearers of the Church under it, will carefully cultivate the spirit of conciliation and confidence, which it is the aim of the Church to create.

71. Read further Minute of Synod of Kafraria, dated 19th July, 1897, as follows :—

Johannesburg
—European
Missionary
asked for.

The Moderator, having vacated the chair, which was taken by Dr. Stewart, moved as follows :—“ In the opinion of this Synod, owing to the variety of races, tribal jealousies, and especially owing to the harsh treatment of the natives at Johannesburg, and the disabilities under which a native minister labours because of that treatment, the work there will be carried on most satisfactorily and efficiently by a European missionary. The Synod, therefore, urge the Foreign Missions' Committee in the strongest manner to occupy this most important field by sending out an ordained European missionary (who would necessarily work with native assistants), or authorising the Synod to transfer a minister or missionary to that field.” Seconded by Mr. Brownlee Ross. After discussion the motion was put. For, eleven ; against, two ; majority, nine. Mr. Mzimba dissented, and asked that his dissent should be recorded.

The Synod appoint Dr. Stewart and the Clerk to draw up a statement for the Foreign Missions Committee, urging the claims of Johannesburg.

Extracted from the Records of Synod by JOHN D. DON, Clerk.

The Committee deferred consideration until they had before them the statement referred to.

72. Read Minute of Western India Mission Council, dated 28th October, 1897, according to the request in which the Committee grant Rs.500 for the purchase of a site at Alibag for the new Mission House.

Konkan—
Grant for Site,
Alibag.

73. Read further Minute of same date, on which the Committee sanctioned the appointment of Rev. M. B. Nikambé to the charge of Kalyan station on Rs.100 a-month. The Committee agreed to pay this sum.

Kalyan—Mr.
Nikambé
appointed.

74. Read letter from Rev. W. Stevenson, Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, intimating the appointment of Miss Ella T. Hogg to Madras, and Miss Florence A. Wilson to Calcutta.

Woman's
Society
appointments.

Closed with the Blessing.



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Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 21st December, 1897, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 18th January, 1898.*

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 21st December, 1897.

Sederunt.

75. Rev. Professor Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, Affleck, B.D., Agnew, Crerar, Dr. Dalzell, Davidson, Dickson, Forgan, Hamilton, Henderson, D.D., Henderson, Hunter, Low, G. G. Macdonald, Jas. Macdonald, W. Macdonald, Colin Mackenzie, D. F. Mackenzie, Wm. Mackenzie, M'Lean, Macphail, D.D., M'Neill, Mathewson, Miller, Morris, Reid, Dr. Revie, Robertson, D.D., Salmond, D.D., Sandeman, D.D., Smith, D.D., Crawford Smith, J. A. Smith, Soutar, Stalker, D.D., Swanson, Symington, Thomson, Tod, and Wallace, D.D., *Ministers*; Messrs. Wm. Brown, W. R. Brown, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, Colonel Cadell, Sir John Cowan, Bart., Dr. Wm. Ferguson, Dr. J. B. Fleming, Rev. John Forgan, Mr. A. H. Leith Fraser, Captain Graham, Messrs. Alex. Gray, Henderson, Sir Wm. Henderson, Mr. J. Kinmont, S.S.C., Rev. George Laing, Rev. R. Logan, Mr. W. D. Lowe, W.S., Dr. M'Ewan, Messrs. M'Kelvie, MacLean, Meldrum, Mowat, Orr, James Robertson, J. C. Robertson, Roland, Ross, Simpson, W.S., Jas. Simson, Robert Simson, Smith, W.S., J. Hay Thorburn, Traill, Watson, Winter, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

76. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

77. The State of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th December, 1897, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

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Church-door Collections,	843 14 9	1,330 0 11
Donations,	1,827 9 5	1,660 17 1
Special Donations,	+4,068 13 7	£4,994 10 0
Legacies,	2,624 2 11	2,488 5 8
Interest from all sources,		
	£27,286 10 11	£27,756 16 1
* Paid,	25,010 17 9	24,786 0 7
Balance at credit,	£2,275 13 2	£2,970 15 6
* Paid General,	£1,409 1 8	£1,596 3 1
" Calcutta,	2,828 10 9	2,908 9 2
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" Bombay,	3,285 7 4	3,413 2 8
" Madras,	4,092 17 6	4,143 14 9
" Poona,	894 0 6	1,115 8 4
" Nagpoor,	2,621 7 1	2,248 17 3
" Lovedale,	2,219 2 5	1,841 14 9
" New Hebrides,	1,006 12 0	594 17 5
" Syria,	250 10 0	239 2 0
" Kafiraria,	3,488 11 4	3,670 4 11
" Natal,	1,384 10 1	1,548 0 3
" Rescued Slaves (balance),	34 13 6	223 13 3
" South Arabia (balance),	112 4 5	133 15 0
	£25,010 17 9	£24,786 0 7

† The above Legacies include £800 of Collins' Debentures uplifted and £350 transferred from Capital on account of New Hebrides.

‡ The above sum of £4994, 10s. includes Sir Wm. Collins' Debenture of £500 repaid.



78. The Committee resolved to vote from the India Village Evangelisation Fund the following grants for the year 1898, it being clearly understood that these sums are to be voted year by year as the Committee have special funds to provide for them :—

India Village
Evangelisation
Fund—
Grants for
1898.

(1.) To the Bengal Mission Council for Village Evangelisation in the Hoogli-Chinsurah district, the sum of Rs.3750.

(2.) To the Nagpoor Mission Council for Village Evangelisation in the districts of Nagpoor, Wardha, and Bhandara, the sum of Rs.4500.

(3.) To the Santal Mission Council the sum of Rs.2000; this sum to include the sum of £24 formerly given by Lord Overtoun for the station at Saolapur.

(4.) To the Madras Local Committee the sum of Rs.3750; this sum to include the sum of £10 formerly paid by Lord Overtoun for the Rajahgopal Schools, and Rs.1500 to be given for the Pariah work carried on in the Chingleput district, and Rs.750 for the Rev. A. Andrew's Boarding and Training School at Chingleput.

These grants are all given on the condition that they are to be applied to work done under the superintendence of vernacular-speaking Missionaries, and *that a quarterly report be sent to the Committee.* Missionaries are hereby warned that if they neglect this condition, and thus prevent the Committee keeping faith with the subscribers, the grants may cease.

79. The Convener reported that the Sub-Committee on Bengal Mission Sites and Buildings had agreed with the Sub-Committee of the Woman's Society that the site between the Zenana House and the Native Church should be taken over by the Woman's Society for their new Girls' Boarding-School, and that this Committee should take over from the Woman's Society the present Girls' Boarding-School in Beadon Street for their Students' Hostel at the local valuation of the property, exclusive of value of site—the Woman's Society stipulating that a sufficient time be given them to erect their new building before they are asked to leave Beadon Street.

Bengal Pro-
perty after
Earthquake.

The Convener further reported that the Sub-Committee had adopted his suggestion, circulated to the members, that the sum of £12,000 or thereby be taken from the residue of the Misses Smith's gift in 1871-73, amounting to about £14,000, for new property only, and that an appeal be made to the Church for the sum of Rs.25,000 or thereby, required for repairs, due to the great earthquake of June last.

The Committee approved generally of these recommendations.

80. The Convener read the following telegram from Gibraltar, dated 20th December—"Rev. Dr. Duncan Miller compelled resign. Much fever. Letters follow." The Committee received the intelligence with deep regret, resolved to wait for the receipt of letters before formally accepting the resignation, and remitted it to the Conveners and Secretary, with powers, to act for the good of the Keith-Falconer Mission, especially in view of the fact that Rev. Dr. Young's furlough is overdue.

Rev. Dr.
Duncan
Miller's Resig-
nation.



Bombay—
Rev. R. Scott's
Furlough.

81. Read letter, dated 27th November, 1897, from Rev. R. MacOmish, with Minute of Western India Mission Council, recommending that furlough be granted to Rev. R. Scott, from April, 1898.

The Committee are unable to agree to the recommendation to grant furlough to the Rev. R. Scott so long before it is due, according to their Rules. They feel constrained, in view of the reason given for the request made, to declare that according to their Rules an Indian Missionary's furlough becomes due at the end of seven years from his arrival in India, and that it will be granted as early after that time as may be suitable in view of the needs and circumstances of the Mission. Any application for furlough to be taken at an earlier period must be accompanied by a medical certificate.

Madras—
Mr. Maclean's
Final
Examination.

82. Read letter from Rev. J. Stewart, dated 30th October, 1897, with report that Rev. J. H. Maclean had passed his Second Tamil Examination very creditably.

The Committee congratulate Mr. Maclean on the result of his examination, and recognise him as a member of their Madras Local Committee.

Madras
Christian Col-
lege—Pro-
posed
Statement.

83. The Convener said that at the meeting of the Small Committee, which conferred with Rev. Dr. Miller, of Madras, resulting in Minute 62, of 16th November, a desire had been expressed that the exact terms of agreement between the Committee and the Christian College, Madras, should be reduced to writing, and minuted; that Dr. Miller had agreed to prepare a Statement on the subject; and suggested that a small committee might be appointed to consider that statement, if necessary confer with Dr. Miller on the whole subject, and prepare a Statement, to be submitted to this Committee, which, if approved of, would be placed on the Minutes of this Committee. This was agreed to, and the following were appointed a Special Committee:—The Convener; Colonel Cadell, one of the Vice-Conveners; Mr. A. H. L. Fraser; Professor Robertson; and the Secretary.

Blythswood—
Mr. Moir's
Expenses.

84. Read letter of 1st October, 1897, from Rev. Wm. J. B. Moir, submitting note of expenses from Lovedale to Blythswood of £51, 0s. 9d., and for necessary repairs to his house at Blythswood, of £13, 18s. 1d.

The Committee grant the sum of £64, 18s. 10d.

Somerville—
Mr. Erskine's
Expenses.

85. Read Minute of Transkei Presbytery, dated 10th November, 1897, recommending payment of £13, 10s. travelling expenses of Rev. Dundas L. Erskine during rinderpest.

The Committee grant the sum of £13, 10s.

New Hebrides
—Rev. Jas. H.
Lawrie.

86. Read letter from Rev. Dr. Milne Rae, dated 27th November, 1897, in which the Colonial Committee request this Committee to share the



expense of sending Rev. Jas. H. Lawrie, his wife, and three children, up to a sum not exceeding £65, to Sydney, for ministerial service. After twenty years' service as this Committee's missionary, Mr. Lawrie resigned because of the injurious effect of the climate on his wife and children, one of whom has died.

The Committee, in consideration of all the circumstances of the case, grant the sum of £65 asked for, and express the confident hope that the Rev. J. H. Lawrie will find a suitable sphere of work in the land to which he proposes to go.

87. Read letter from Rev. Dr. Judson Smith and H. N. Cobb, inviting this Committee to send two or more delegates to the Ecumenical Missionary Conference at New York on 20th April, 1900.

Ecumenical
Missionary
Conference,
1900.

The Committee resolved to report to the General Assembly of May, 1899, the names of two or more Delegates.

88. Rev. William Ross (Cowcaddens), having recently visited the Natal and Kafrarian Missions of the Church, was invited by the Convener to make a statement to the Committee. Mr. Ross outlined the remarkable—he might almost say the marvellous—work of the missionaries of the Free Church of Scotland and the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland in South Africa, right down from the north of Natal and across the Kei River to Lovedale. He particularised the evangelistic work and methods of Lovedale Institution under Rev. Dr. James Stewart. He remarked on the importance of more rapidly securing titles to the Church's property, and urged that the Convener should be sent out as a deputy for that and other objects. The Committee recorded its thanks to Rev. Wm. Ross.

South Africa
—Statement
by Rev. W.
Ross.

89. Rev. Dr. Dalzell made a statement to the Committee as to the needs of the Gordon Memorial Mission, in respect of the Boys' Home and an assistant missionary. Dr. Dalzell reported that some action must be taken because of the continued official reports unfavourable to the School under Mr. John M. Moir, with the result that the Government grant had been reduced from £120 to £60 a-year. The Committee referred this matter to the standing Sub-Committee for report.

Gordon
Memorial
Mission—
Dr. Dalzell's
Statement.

90. Minutes of the Livingstonia Mission Committee at its meeting of 9th November having been circulated and laid on the table, the Foreign Missions Committee approved of the appointment of Mr. A. W. Roby Fletcher, B.Sc., M.B., C.M., of Edinburgh University, as a medical missionary for three years, at Bandawe in the first instance, the salary of £250 a-year having been supplied by nine friends of the Mission.

Livingstonia
—Dr. Roby
Fletcher's
Appointment.

Closed with the Blessing.



[Confidential—for Members of Committee only.]

Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 18th January, 1898, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 22nd February, 1898.*

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 18th January, 1898.

Sederunt.

91. Rev. Professor Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Affleck, Agnew, Alexander, Beaton, Black, Currie, Fairley Daly, Donaldson, Falconer, Finlayson, Forgan, George, Gillies, Henderson, D.D., Hunter, Kilpatrick, Low, MacAlpine, Macaskill, Mackay, Colin Mackenzie, D. F. Mackenzie, Macphail, M.B., C.M., Alex. M'Rae, John M'Rae, Martin, Mathewson, Miller, Morris, Morrison, Reid, Revie, M.B., C.M., Robertson, D.D., Salmond, D.D., Sandeman, D.D., J. A. Smith, Soutar, Stalker, D.D., Swanson, Symington, Tainsh, and M'Rae Tod, *Ministers*; Mr. W. R. Brown, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, C.I.E., Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, Bart., Dr. J. B. Fleming, Mr. A. H. Leith Fraser, C.S.I., Captain Graham, Major-General Grant, Messrs. Gray, Hill, Kinmont, Rev. Geo. Laing, Rev. R. Logan, Dr. Loudon, Mr. W. D. Lowe, Dr. M'Ewan, Messrs. Mackay, M'Kelvie, Macpherson, Ross, Jas. Simson, Robert Simson, Smith, W.S., Stephen, Thorburn, Traill, Usher, Watson, Winter, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

Minutes
Confirmed.
State of the
Fund.

92. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

93. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th January, 1898, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

	1897-98.	1896-97.
Balance at 31st March, 1896,	£7,060 14 7	£6,229 14 3
Balance at 31st March, 1897,	12,425 12 5	12,498 0 9
Associations,		
Congregational Specially Destined Contribu- tions,	120 5 5	58 2 2
Church-door Collections,	563 0 5	677 7 1
Donations,	862 6 7	1,395 0 11
Special Donations,	2,282 10 0	2,195 10 3
Legacies,	†4,068 13 7	‡5,786 1 1
Income Tax Recovered, . . . . .	...	78 1 0
Interest from all sources,	2,848 10 10	2,734 6 7
	£30,231 13 10	£31,652 4 1
* Paid,	26,806 4 1	26,993 19 5
Balance at credit,	£3,425 9 9	£4,658 4 8
* Paid General,	£1,651 18 3	£2,176 0 8
„ Calcutta,	2,998 10 9	3,209 19 2
„ Santalia,	1,473 2 6	1,197 17 9
„ Bombay,	3,502 19 10	3,895 7 2
„ Madras,	4,449 2 6	4,302 2 9
„ Poona,	904 0 6	1,125 8 4
„ Nagpoor,	2,961 0 3	2,456 0 2
„ Lovedale,	2,283 18 10	1,932 16 7
„ New Hebrides,	1,031 12 0	664 17 5
„ Syria,	250 10 0	301 12 0
„ Kafaria,	3,644 10 2	3,777 5 5
„ Natal,	1,522 0 1	1,610 10 3
„ Rescued Slaves (balance),	24 8 6	190 13 3
„ South Arabia (balance),	108 9 11	153 8 6
	£26,806 4 1	£26,993 19 5

† The above Legacies include £800 of Collins' Debentures uplifted and £350 transferred from Capital on account of New Hebrides.

‡ The above sum of £5786, 1s. 1d. includes Sir Wm. Collins' Debenture of £500 repaid.



94. The Committee welcomed the Rev. J. M. Macphail, M.B., C.M., on his return to Scotland on furlough, from Chakai, Santalia. Dr. Macphail described the great work done by his colleague, Rev. A. Campbell, in the Toondee sub-division of the Manbhoom District during the famine of 1897. For nine months single-handed, and assisted only by native Christian workers, Mr. Campbell had fed five thousand men, women and children daily. He had resolved to baptise none of the five hundred adults who pressed for Christian baptism, but sent them to their village with the advice that they should renew their request after next harvest. The famine had had a second result indirectly—all opposition to Christianity ceased in that region.

Rev. Dr. Macphail and the Famine.

95. The Secretary reported the death of Mr. D. G. Guthrie, Kirkcaldy, Elder, a Member of the Foreign Missions Committee.

Mr. D. G. Guthrie's Death.

96. Read letter dated 27th December, 1897, from Rev. John D. Don, Clerk of Presbytery of Kafraria, reporting the unexpected death of Rev. Bryce Ross, D.D., of Pirie, at Wiltondale, South Africa, on the 15th of December, 1897. The Committee adopted the following, written by Mr. Robert Young, as their Minute:—

Rev. Dr. Bryce Ross's Death.

“Born on August 12, 1825, at Old Lovedale—the original station founded by his venerated father, the Rev. John Ross—Bryce Ross was familiar from childhood with the natives, their modes of thought, customs, and superstitions, and with the varied operations of the mission for their enlightenment. He received his early education under the parental roof, and for the most part subsequently at Pirie, after the formation of that station in 1830. When the Lovedale Institution, or Seminary, as it was then called, was opened in July, 1841, ten natives and nine of European descent were, after examination, admitted, Bryce and Richard Ross being among the number. The war of 1846 resulted in the upbreak, temporarily, of the Institution, and this again led to Bryce being sent to Scotland for the prosecution of his theological studies at the New College. On the completion of these, he was duly licensed and ordained; and immediately thereafter he with his young wife left Scotland in April, 1850, with the view of assisting Mr. Govan in the Institution, a work for which he was well qualified. On his arrival in South Africa, he found that the war of 1850 was still in progress. This necessitated a detention for some months in King William's Town, where he occupied himself in preaching and in training such young men as came in his way.

“At Lovedale, besides aiding in the teaching, Dr. Bryce Ross devoted himself to editorial and translation work in connection with the printing department. For this he had peculiar qualifications. In addition to numerous tracts and Kafir school books, he rendered valuable assistance in passing Tiyo Soga's translation of *The Pilgrim's Progress* through the press. In 1861, he was transferred to Pirie station, and was able to give



his father much valued assistance in preaching, at the same time continuing his editorial labours. He continued to be identified with that station.

“The great work of Dr. Bryce Ross’s life, that for which he will be held in grateful remembrance, is the service he has rendered in connection with the revision of the Kafir Bible. On the suggestion of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the United Missionary Conference in South Africa constituted, in 1868, a Board of Revisers representing the seven Churches labouring among the Kafirs, with the Rev. Dr. Kropp as chairman. The main burden of the work from first to last, extending over a period of well-nigh thirty years, has fallen upon Dr. Kropp and Dr. Bryce Ross. Dr. Ross closed his earthly career immediately after his attendance at a series of the periodic meetings of the Board.”

The Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland record their deep sympathy with the bereaved widow and daughters, and other relatives of the deceased; as also with the native church at Pirie and its out-stations, which have so unexpectedly been called to mourn the loss of their pastor, counsellor, and friend.

Dr. R. Chandra
Chandra’s
Estate.

97. The Convener reported the payment of £485 capital to the Committee’s funds, the income whereof to be used annually for Mission work in India, and the transfer of Rupee three and a-half per cent. paper, amounting to Rs.3700, and a cash payment of £3, 2s. representing Rs.50 of the same stock, for the Sustentation Fund of the Bengali Church in Calcutta and other local objects from the estate of the late Brigade-Surgeon Lieut.-Col. Rajendra Chandra Chandra, Bengal, under the following circumstances:—

Dr. Chandra, when a caste Hindu, was converted to Christ in the Duff College, and was baptised by the late Rev. Dr. Mackay. He passed into the Bengal Medical Service, and distinguished himself both as a regimental surgeon and a medical professor. When on furlough Surgeon-Major R. Chandra Chandra married the late sister of the present Lord Chancellor, Earl of Halsbury. On her death, and on his voyage to India, Dr. Chandra Chandra made a will, under which, after providing for his Hindu brother and sister and three sisters’ sons, and for a small hospital in memory of his wife, he bequeathed £500 to the capital of our foreign missions, and a capital Chandra Fund of Rs.3750, the interest to go to our Calcutta Bengali Church’s Sustentation Fund, to the local mission, and to the girls’ orphanage. The will was declared informal, and the whole passed to the nearest Hindu heirs. They have most generously resolved to carry out their Christian brother’s intentions, and have paid over the amounts left for our missionary purposes, deducting only the three per cent. duty paid by them, and not ten per cent. which the Committee must have paid had the will been upheld by the Court. The Convener stated that, in the Committee’s name, he had written a letter of thanks to



the family. The Committee thanked Mr. John Cowan, W.S., for his action in this matter, and approved of the Convener's action.

98. The Committee, in accordance with the report of their sub-Committee on Bengal Mission sites and buildings (*cf.* Minutes 47 and 79), resolve :—

Calcutta and
Hoogli Mis-
sion Buildings
and sites.

(1.) That they sustain the dissents and appeals of the minority of the Bengal Mission Council inasmuch as the Council were not debarred from discussing the alternative site; but inasmuch as the Committee, after conference with the Committee of the Woman's Society, have sufficient materials for coming to a judgment on the matter, they pass from both resolution and dissents and do not propose to send the case back again to Calcutta.

(2.) That they :—

- (a) build two mission-houses on the site of the mission-house destroyed by the earthquake, and that they accept the plans and general estimates (Rs.59,127) sent home by the Mission Council;
- (b) take over from the Woman's Society the present Girls' Boarding-School in Beadon Street with its dependent buildings, at the valuation given by Messrs. Mackintosh Burn & Co., exclusive of the value of the site (Rs.57,727) and convert it into a Students' Hostel and a Mission-House; it being understood that the Woman's Society have a reasonable time given them to erect their new building on the site between the present Zenana House and the Native Church before they are asked to leave Beadon Street;
- (c) build a Mission-House and a Boys' Boarding-House on a site to be obtained suitable for their mission in Hoogli and Chinsurah, but that they await revised plans and estimates before they finally sanction these buildings;
- (d) take power to build a second Mission-House within the district worked by their Hoogli Mission, but that the position of this Mission-House in the district be afterwards settled.

(3.) That the funds required for the erection of the new buildings and for the purchase of the present Girls' Boarding-School, amounting to £12,000, or thereby, be taken from the residue of the sums given the Committee by the Misses Smith of Broughty-Ferry, the Committee having received the requisite approval of the General Trustees of the Church for the use of this money;

(4.) That the sums required for the repairs necessary from the damage caused by the earthquake, and for the conversion of the purchased building to its new uses, be taken from funds already in the hands of the Committee (Rs.7000 or more for Hostel now in Calcutta),



from funds expected from the children of the Church this year, from donations of friends of the Mission, and from the General Fund of the Committee.

India Famine
Orphans.

99. The Committee resolved to instruct the Mission Councils for Santalia, Nagpoor, Poona, and Jalna, to send home at once a statement of income and expenditure up-to-date on account of famine orphans, for boys and girls separately, giving the numbers of each; and also an estimate of the expenditure for future years until the children may be able to provide for themselves, and of the local resources available to meet that expenditure. The Foreign Missions Committee and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's Committee feel the urgent need of this, as it is necessary for them to foresee and know their responsibilities.

Madras—
Melrosapuram
Congregation.

100. Read letter from Rev. John Stewart, dated 23rd December, 1897, with Minute of Presbytery of Madras, in reply to Minute 54 of this Committee. The Presbytery declare that the proposed Congregation can form a suitable Kirk-Session; that Mr. Jivarathnam is acceptable to the people; and that he should be made their pastor, with a seat in the Presbytery.

Resolved that the Presbytery's proposals be sanctioned. Further the Committee agree that, as in the case of Walajabad (Minute 162 (E.)), of 9th May, 1895), they guarantee for a period of five years a sum of Rs.240 a-year to the pastor on condition that Rs.120 a-year, at least, are contributed by the congregation.

Lovedale—
Proposed
Changes in
Administra-
tion.

101. Read two communications from Rev. Dr. Stewart of Lovedale, submitting list of proposed changes in the administration of Lovedale, with a view to bring the expenditure within the income of the Institution. These consisted in:—

(1.) A shortened period of indenture in the Industrial Department, and in a reduced rate of wages; with explanations of the financial working of the two proposals.

(2.) The prepayment of fees to be made an absolute rule.

It is intended from January, 1898, to make prepayment an absolute rule. The first probable effect of this will be to reduce the numbers to one-half or even to one-third for two or three years. The change would be quite safe if all Native Institutions would do the same.

(3.) The discontinuance of some classes until such time as the number likely to be in attendance is sufficiently great to allow them to be carried on in an economical fashion.

(4.) An entrance fee in the Industrial Department.

It is intended to make trial of imposing an entrance fee of £4 for the first year, and £3 for the second year in the Industrial Departments.

"These changes," writes Dr. Stewart, "though somewhat of an experi-



ment and not without risk, seem to be necessary, as the total reductions made by Dr. Muir will amount for the coming year to the sum of £419. The Committee will, I hope, be satisfied that every effort is being made to meet their wish so far as reduction of expenditure is concerned, and that, not by small or temporary economies, but by changes which will have a permanent effect. I shall be glad to know if these changes have the Committee's approval and sanction."

The Committee resolve :—

That they express their very deep sympathy with Dr. Stewart in the extreme difficulties in which he is placed, caused among other things by the amount of debt contracted when he was absent from the Institution, by the action of Dr. Muir, Superintendent-General of Education, and by the ravages of the Rinderpest, and the financial troubles that it involves. They place on record their admiration of the way in which Dr. Stewart has set himself to overcome these difficulties. The full confidence which they have in the well-tried experience of Dr. Stewart warrants them in expressing their cordial approval of the measures which he proposes to take, and of the changes he is making in the administration of certain departments of the work at Lovedale.

102. Read the following Minute :—

GORDON MEMORIAL MISSION COMMITTEE.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND OFFICES,
EDINBURGH, 6th January, 1898.

Gordon
Memorial
Mission—
New Agree-
ment.

Sederunt.—Rev. Dr. Lindsay, *Convener*; the Lords Polwarth and Balfour of Burleigh; Sir John Cowan, Bart., and Mr. Robert Simson. The Rev. Dr. Dalzell was present.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

The Minutes of last Meeting, 8th September, 1886, were read and approved.

The Convener stated that the agreement for ten years from 1st January, 1887, having expired, this Meeting had been summoned to consider the future of the Mission.

Lord Polwarth and Lord Balfour expressed the satisfaction of the Dowager Countess, the Earl of Aberdeen, and themselves with the conduct and present state of the Mission, and proposed that the agreement of 1887 be renewed for a further period of six years from the 1st January, 1897.

Dr. Lindsay, Sir John Cowan, and Mr. R. Simson heartily agreed, and it was resolved to submit this Minute to the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland at its first meeting.

After a statement by Rev. Dr. Dalzell as to the extension of the Mission past and future, the Meeting was closed with the Blessing.

T. M. LINDSAY, *Convener*.
GEORGE SMITH, *Secretary*.

The Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland approve of the action of its three representatives, and cordially accept the new agreement for six years from 1st January, 1897.



Visitation of
Congrega-
tions.

103. Rev. Alex. Miller, Vice-Convener, reported the following recommendations of the Home Administration Sub-Committee.

That the *Quarterly Paper* be sent to all congregations of the Church outside of Scotland. That, in order to complete this year the visitation of the congregations in Scotland within the period of six years as directed by former Minutes, where Missionaries may not be available, pulpit supply be offered to returned missionaries, now ministers, and to ministers who have seen the mission field, to enable them to visit other congregations, and that Professor Robertson, D.D., be invited to assist. The following are the Presbyteries to be visited this year. First of all are these, with about 80 congregations:—

Jedburgh,	Cupar,
Dumfries,	Fordoun,
Islay and Lorne,	Garioch,
	Aberlour.

Then the following, numbering, with some omissions, nearly 70 congregations:—

Selkirk,	Dunoon,
Penpont,	Meikle,
	Inverness.

The Committee approved and sanctioned the expenditure.

Closed with the Blessing.



[Confidential—for Members of Committee only.]

Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 22nd February, 1898, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 22nd March, 1898.*

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 22nd February, 1898.

Sederunt.

104. Rev. Professor Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, Agnew, Kerr Bain, Bannerman, D.D., Crerar, Fairley Daly, Dalzell, M.B., C.M., Davidson, Dickson, Donaldson, Falconer, Forgan, George, Hamilton, Harvey, Hastings, D.D., Henderson, D.D., Geo. Henderson, Hunter, G. G. Macdonald, Colin Mackenzie, D. F. Mackenzie, Wm. Mackenzie, M'Lean, Macphail, M.B., C.M., Alex. M'Rae, Martin, Mathewson, Miller, Morris, Reid, Revie, M.B., C.M., Robertson, D.D., Salmond, D.D., Crawford Smith, Soutar, Stalker, D.D., Swanson, Symington, and Thomson, *Ministers*; Mr. W. R. Brown, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, Colonel Cadell, V.C., Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, Bart., Mr. John Cowan, W.S., Dr. Fleming, Rev. John Forgan, Mr. A. H. Leith Fraser, C.S.I., Captain Graham, General Grant, Messrs. Gray, P. Guthrie, Henderson, Sir Wm. Henderson, Mr. Kinmont, S.S.C., Rev. R. Logan, Dr. Loudon, Messrs. Lowe, W.S., M'Kelvie, MacLean, Macpherson, Dr. John Moir, Messrs. Mowat, Orr, Reid, Jas. Robertson, J. C. Robertson, Rolland, Ross, Russell, J. Simson, R. Simson, Smith, W.S., Traill, Usher, Winter, Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

105. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

106. The State of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th February, 1898, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

	1897-98.	1896-97.
Balance at 31st March, 1896,		£6,229 14 3
Balance at 31st March, 1897,	£7,060 14 7	
Associations,	13,987 8 0	13,974 6 6
Congregational Specially Destined Contribu- tions,	134 10 11	64 2 2
Church-door Collections,	594 1 2	696 11 5
Donations,	871 13 1	1,416 17 5
Special Donations,	2,375 4 1	2,624 18 9
Legacies,	+4,118 13 7	16,026 1 1
Income Tax Recovered,		78 1 0
Interest from all sources,	2,883 10 0	2,768 5 8
	£32,025 15 5	£33,878 18 3
* Paid,	32,267 12 3	31,550 16 10
Balance due,	£241 16 10	
Balance at credit,		£2,328 1 5
* Paid General,	£1,829 6 10	£2,628 9 0
" Calcutta,	5,052 9 11	3,746 0 9
" Santalia,	1,750 8 4	1,556 17 2
" Bombay,	4,344 3 8	4,847 17 5
" Madras,	5,400 0 4	5,261 16 2
" Poona,	1,209 0 1	1,410 2 4
" Nagpoor,	3,453 16 10	3,002 3 8
" Lovedale,	2,487 13 0	2,068 7 6
" New Hebrides,	1,043 17 10	754 3 6
" Syria,	313 0 0	301 12 0
" Kafraria,	3,678 17 5	3,890 1 10
" Natal,	1,526 4 7	1,632 1 5
" Rescued Slaves (balance),	18 8 6	168 18 9
" South Arabia (balance),	160 4 11	282 5 4
	£32,267 12 3	£31,550 16 10

† The above Legacies include £800 of Collins' Debentures uplifted and £350 transferred from Capital on account of New Hebrides.

‡ The above sum of £6028, 1s. 1d. includes Sir Wm. Collins' Debenture of £500 repaid.



107. Read letter, dated 1st February, 1898, in which the late Hugh M. Matheson, Esq., then one of the three Trustees of the Duff Missionary Fund, reports to the Secretary, under the trust-deed, for the General Assembly. The Secretary was instructed, according to the late Mr. H. M. Matheson's request, "to get sight of all documents and list of the present investments." The Secretary stated that he had arranged to see Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Jun., on this subject, in London, towards the end of next month, so as to be in a position to report to the Committee at its April meeting.

Duff
Missionary
Fund.

108. Dr. James M'Cash, M.B. (Glasgow), appointed (self-supporting) medical missionary to Lovedale, for the new Victoria Hospital, under Minute 8 of June last, and to sail on 12th March, was introduced to the Committee. The Convener welcomed the new missionary, stating that, like Dr. Laws, he is a gift from the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. Dr. M'Cash having addressed the Committee, Rev. Dr. Macphail led the members in prayer for the missionary, for the new hospital and medical school, to be established for the first time in Africa, and for Lovedale Institution and Mission. The Secretary reported that Dr. M'Cash had received £90 for surgical instruments, and £35 for drugs. Dr. M'Cash then received the right hand of fellowship from the Convener, Secretary, and Members.

Lovedale—
Victoria
Hospital;
Dr. M'Cash.

109. Read letter from Rev. Dr. D. Miller, Sheikh-Othman, requesting that his resignation be accepted. The Committee desired to record their hearty sympathy with Dr. D. Miller, and deep regret that the Mission, for which he had proved his singular fitness, must lose his services. The Convener reported that Mr. James Leggate, who is to go up for the degree of M.B., C.M., Edinburgh University, in July, and is attending Professor Laidlaw's junior class in the New College, after much Home Mission work in the Barclay congregation, seems likely to be qualified to become an ordained medical missionary, fit for chaplain's duty when Rev. Dr. Young is on furlough. The Conveners, Secretary, and Rev. Dr. Wilson were asked to report at the April meeting.

Dr. D. Miller's
Resignation
Accepted.

110. The Convener read letter of date 1st February, 1898, from the Rev. Dr. Alexander, and addressed to himself, announcing his resignation from 3rd April, when his furlough ends, and informed the Committee that Dr. Alexander had felt that his state of health did not permit him to return to Bombay.

Wilson
College,
Bombay—Dr.
Alexander's
Resignation.

The Committee, while accepting Dr. Alexander's resignation, desire to place on record their acknowledgment of the services he has rendered to the Wilson College, and to the cause of Missions in India, and their regret that his state of health has rendered it necessary for him to tender his resignation.



Konkan
Medical
Mission.

111. Read Minute, dated 13th January, 1898, of the Western Indian Mission Council, reporting that Benjamin Dhupkar had been engaged on Rs.25 a-month to study for one year at the Grant Medical College, Bombay, with a view to qualifying for medical work in the Konkan Mission. The Committee approve of the action of the Western India Mission Council in appointing Mr. Benjamin Dhupkar to a medical scholarship under the Hugh Miller Fund on the terms laid down in their minute, and instruct the Council to provide the first year's instalment from the balance of money in their hands. They would impress on the Council the importance of seeing that Mr. Dhupkar has opportunities given him for engaging in some evangelistic work during the period of his medical education.

Jalna—New
School.

112. Read letters from Rev. R. B. Douglas and Dr. Mowat, dated 13th January, 1898, asking a grant of about Rs.3000, or permission to take that sum from the local balances, for a new school building in Jalna Cantonment.

The Committee approve of the proposal of the missionaries, and grant them the permission to take the Rs.3000 from their local balances in the hope that the Committee may be able to provide the sum from other sources. They commend this scheme to the Committee on Juvenile Contributions.

Nagpur—
New School
at Patasongi.

113. Read letter from Rev. John Douglas, dated 26th November, 1897, asking a grant of "some money for building" a school-house at Patasongi, "our fifth village centre," and reporting ten adult baptisms at Dhapawada.

The Committee delayed consideration of the matter till the return of Mr. Douglas on furlough.

Madras
District—
Famine.

114. Read two letters from Rev. John Stewart, reporting "famine" in our Mission districts of Madras, Chingleput, Walajabad, and Streeperumbadur, and stating that the Local Committee requested assistance for the Boarding-School of Rev. A. Andrew, to employ labour in digging wells and in erecting necessary buildings, to supply food to children, and to buy grain to be sold at cost price. The Committee referred these requests to the Famine Sub-Committee, with powers, and added to it Mr. A. H. L. Fraser.

Blythwood—
Income and
Expenditure.

115. Read letter, dated 19th January, 1898, from Rev. Wm. J. B. Moir, submitting the following Abstract of the balance-sheet of Blythwood Institution for the year 1897. The Convener stated that the accounts showed an excess of £89, 5s. 11d. expenditure over income, and that this was not unsatisfactory in a season of rinderpest. The Committee passed the Accounts.



ABSTRACT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

CHARGE.		
Cash on hand,		£48 6 0
Fees for Board and Education, £599 17 6		
Fingoland General Council—		
Day Pupils,	16 0 0	
Examination (University) Fees,	4 0 0	
Board of Europeans,		609 17 6
Do. Apprentices,	£93 4 1	
.	105 0 0	
Government Grant,		198 4 1
Foreign Missions Committee,		836 10 0
Farm Produce and Goods sold,		804 1 9
Books and Stamps,		391 10 10
Girls' School Department—		
Fees for Board and Education,	£379 15 3	
Fees for Day Pupils, per General Council,	6 3 0	
Ladies' Society Grant,	228 5 4	
Government Grant,	165 0 0	
Sales and Work,	80 11 8	
Scholarship,	30 0 0	
Carpenter Department,		882 15 3
House and Shop Rent—Carpenter Department,		452 2 9
Bank Overdraft,		86 0 0
.		124 9 10
		<u>£4498 13 4</u>

DISCHARGE.		
Goods—		
Groceries, Grain, Light, &c., £858 18 4		
Carriage of Goods,	46 7 11	
Firewood,	47 11 2	
Slaughter Stock,	233 11 0	
Wages—Indoor,	108 6 2	
Outdoor and Farm Expenses,	175 1 3	
		<u>£1469 15 10</u>
Salaries,		1060 16 0
Books and Stamps,		103 17 2
Repairs and Additions,	£89 4 5	
Insurance,	9 12 6	
		<u>98 16 11</u>
Fees, &c., refunded,	13 9 0	
University Examination Fees,	7 0 0	
		<u>20 9 0</u>
Girls' School—		
Salaries,	£280 0 0	
General Account,	641 0 1	
		<u>921 0 1</u>
Carpenter Department,		666 7 0
Bank Charges,	£3 7 10	
Do. Overdraft,	90 8 5	
		<u>93 16 3</u>
Library Building Fund,		7 17 0
Normal and School Department,		20 13 6
Balance on hand,		35 8 11
		<u>£4498 13 4</u>

116. The Convener read the following received from Rev. James Scott, Impolweni, showing a debit balance of £16, Os. 7d. for 1897:—

Impolweni—
Account, 1897

IMPOLWENI MISSION, IN ACCOUNT WITH REV. JAMES SCOTT.

1897.	Dr.	
Jan. 1.	Balance forward,	£279 3 10
	Quit Rent,	3 14 6
	Isaac Calwya's Salary,	12 0 0
	Balance from Evangelist's Account,	44 0 0
		<u>£138 18 4</u>

1897.	Cr.	
Jan. 1.	Rents collected, as per Rent Book, £119 12 9	
	Fees,	3 5 0
	Balance forward,	16 0 7
		<u>£138 13 4</u>

JAMES SCOTT,
IMPOLWENI, 1st January, 1898.

The Committee passed the Accounts.

Closed with the Blessing.



Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 22nd March, 1898, confirmed
at Meeting on the 19th April, 1898.*

IX. MEETING: 1897-98.

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 22nd March, 1898.

Sederunt.

117. Rev. Professor Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Agnew, Alexander, Kerr Bain, Black, Fairley Daly, Dalzell, M.B., C.M., Davidson, Falconer, Forgan, Hamilton, M'Culloch, G. G. Macdonald, Jas. Macdonald, Mackay, Colin Mackenzie, D. F. Mackenzie, M. Mackenzie, Wm. Mackenzie, M'Lean, Macphail, D.D., Macphail, M.B., C.M., M'Neill, John M'Rae, Miller, B.D., Moir, Morris, Reid, Revie, M.B., C.M., Robertson, D.D., Salmond, D.D., Sandeman, D.D., J. A. Smith, Soutar, Swanson, Symington, Tainsh, Thomson, Tod, and Wallace, D.D., *Ministers*; Messrs. Wm. Brown, W. R. Brown, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, C.I.E., Colonel Cadell, V.C., Mr. Cadell, Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, Bart., Mr. Hugh Ferguson, Dr. Wm. Ferguson, Dr. Fleming, Rev. John Forgan, Mr. A. H. Leith Fraser, C.S.I., Captain Graham, Messrs. Gray, Henderson, Hill, Kinmont, S.S.C., Rev. Geo. Laing, Dr. Loudon, Dr. M'Ewan, Messrs. M'Kelvie, MacLean, Meldrum, Dr. Moir, Messrs. Mowat, Orr, Reid, J. C. Robertson, Ross, Russell, Robert Simson, W. Smith, Traill, Winter, and Young, *Elders*.

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Church-door Collections,	693 18 8	810 2 2
Donations,	1,198 7 8	1,625 17 11
Special Donations,	2,542 19 5	2,809 9 4
Legacies,	†4,168 13 7	‡6,584 16 4
Income Tax Recovered,	29 8 6	85 3 6
Interest from all sources,	2,883 10 0	2,768 5 8
	£34,078 7 6	£36,308 13 3
* Paid,	32,791 9 4	32,739 11 11
Balance at credit,	£1,286 18 2	£3,569 1 4
* Paid General,	£1,889 4 7	£3,668 7 6
" Calcutta,	5,055 18 3	3,746 0 9
" Santalia,	1,750 8 4	1,555 2 2
" Bombay,	4,549 19 2	4,907 12 11
" Madras,	5,400 0 4	5,201 8 2
" Poona,	1,209 0 1	1,410 2 4
" Nagpoor,	3,453 16 10	3,002 3 8
" Lovedale,	2,742 9 10	2,068 7 6
" New Hebrides,	1,198 13 0	867 19 6
" Syria,	313 0 0	301 12 0
" Kafraria,	3,700 1 11	3,900 1 10
" Natal,	1,526 4 7	1,663 0 6
" Rescued Slaves (balance),	12 17 6	167 17 9
" South Arabia (balance),	189 14 11	279 15 4
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‡ The above sum of £6584, 16s. 4d. includes Sir Wm. Collins' Debenture of £500 repaid.



After the state of the Fund had been submitted by the Convener, Mr. J. M'Kelvie made a statement, urging that an effort should be made to increase Congregational contributions throughout the Church. It was resolved that Mr. M'Kelvie's name be added to the Sub-Committee on Home Administration.

120. The Committee heard with deep regret of the death, since last Meeting, of Rev. George Macdonald, of Aberdeen, a member of the Foreign Missions Committee, and a highly esteemed minister of the Church. The late
Rev. George
Macdonald,
Aberdeen.

121. Rev. Dr. Dalzell, of the Gordon Memorial Mission, about to return to his sphere of labour, briefly addressed the Committee, and bespoke the sympathy and prayers of the members, for himself and his wife in their work. Rev. Dr.
Dalzell's
Farewell.

122. Read letter from Mr. Adam Rolland, Convener of the Nomination Committee, intimating that in accordance with the Resolution of Assembly of 1888, and relative standing order, the Convener falls to retire at the ensuing General Assembly. Convener-ship.

The Committee appointed Colonel Cadell, Revs. A. Miller, J. F. Daly, Dr. J. H. Wilson, Prof. Robertson, Rev. Lewis Davidson, and Messrs. Robert Simson, A. Rolland, and F. Usher, with instructions to report to next meeting, Colonel Cadell to be Convener.

123. The Rev. Dr. Robertson laid on the table the report of the Sub-Committee on Exchange, and the salaries of Indian missionaries. It was agreed that the Report, having been circulated, should be discussed at the April Meeting of Committee. Indian
Exchange—
Committee's
Report.

124. Read Minute of the Bengal Mission Committee, of date, 23rd February, 1898, which :— Calcutta—
Hoogli.

(1.) Ask the Committee to approve of the action of the Secretary in applying to the Lieutenant-Governor for a building site within the grounds of the old cantonment at Chinsurah, and obtaining from him a lease for ninety-nine years, at a ground-rent of Rs.100, of the north-east corner of the old cantonment maidan on these conditions :—

(a) That the land shall be relinquished by the Mission on six months' notice, if it is required for Government purposes for the public service, on payment by the Government of full compensation for buildings which may have been erected thereon ;

(b) That the Mission undertake to erect buildings approved by the Public Works Department ;

(c) That, if the Mission should require to divert the main outfall underground drain—not a sewer and perfectly dry save during the rain—which passes under a corner of the site, they must pay the cost of the work on an estimate, of probably Rs.2000, framed by the Public Works Department.

(2.) Ask the Committee to approve of the purchase from Maharaja Durga Charan Laha for the sum of Rs.5000 of the house and compound known as Golbati House, or Sujam Bagh.

(3.) Ask the approval of the Committee of the revised plan and estimate for a Mission-House and go-downs at Chinsurah, the revised estimate being Rs.31,473, as against the former estimate of Rs.32,114,



and suggesting that the sum of Rs.641, being the difference in the estimates, might be used for the purpose of fencing the site and compound.

(4.) Ask the approval of the Committee to the following proposals, with regard to the re-organisation of the Hugli Mission District :—

Re-organisation—(a) That Dr. Macnicol be stationed at Kalna.

(b) That Mr. Makar be transferred to Chinsurah and placed in charge of the English High School there.

(c) That the Rev. K. N. Dé be relieved of all work in connection with the School, but continue to act as pastor to the congregation and as missionary in Chinsurah, in the latter capacity making himself specially responsible for the work formerly done by the late S. C. Bonerjea—viz., house-to-house visitation among the educated Hindus.

Buildings—(a) That the old Mission-House at Kalna be entirely taken down, and a new Mission-House erected on the site for Dr. Macnicol.

(b) That the School-House at Kalna be repaired and altered so as to serve as a Hospital and Dispensary; and that the materials of the old Mission-House be used to build go-downs for Dr. Macnicol's house and for the Hospital, and houses for the Christian agents hitherto provided with quarters in the School-House and in the old Mission-House.

(c) That the Day-School in Chinsurah be transferred to a new building to be erected on the site just obtained from Government, and within the compound of the proposed new Mission-House, such a school building being now imperatively required.

(d) That Mr. Makar be given quarters for the present in the Golbati House, distant from the school (new site) about half-a-mile.

(e) That if it be possible to give up the lease of the house at present used as Day-School, a house be built as soon as may be found convenient for Mr. Makar in the Golbati House compound, and that the boarding-house boys and their superintendent be removed to the Golbati House.

Funds—(a) That the Committee be at the expense of building Dr. Macnicol's house at Kalna.

(b) That the Committee pay for the erection of the proposed new Day-School according to the plans and estimate sent (Rs.16,826 : 9 : 3), instead of building a new Boarding-House (estimate, Rs.16,200).

(c) That the Foreign Missions Committee permit the Council to use the Rs.6000 voted (Minute 63) to repair the old



Kalna Mission-House for building a house at Chinsurah for Mr. Makar.

- (d) That the Local District Committee supply from its balances the rest of the money necessary for the above-mentioned buildings, save that the money required to furnish the Hospital and Dispensary will be raised by Dr. Macnicol.

The Foreign Missions Committee—

(1.) Approve of the site secured under the above-mentioned conditions for the new Mission-House at Chinsurah.

(2.) Approve of the purchases of the Golbati House on the understanding that the purchase-money comes out of the balances at the disposal of the Local District Committee.

(3.) Approve of the revised plans and estimates for the new Mission-House at Chinsurah, and agree to the proposal that the Rs.641 mentioned go towards the fencing of the new compound.

(4.) Approve of the proposed re-organisation of their Hugli District Mission and of the buildings as above-mentioned; but on condition that it is clearly understood that they desire all their medical missionaries to direct the main portion of their time and work to village evangelisation, and that the proposed Hospital and Dispensary at Kalna will not divert Dr. Macnicol's attention from village itinerating, and also that the Hugli Mission is to be regarded as one mission district, and that the services of both missionaries are to be given when required to the whole mission, although it may be convenient to assign separate portions to the special care of each.

(5.) They agree to the proposal to furnish the money to build a Mission-House for Dr. Macnicol on the site of the old Kalna Mission-House, but on the distinct understanding that the estimates are not to exceed the sum of Rs.20,000 or thereby; also to expend the sum of Rs.6000, voted to repair the old Mission-House at Kalna, on providing a house for Mr. Makar in the compound of Golbati House; also that the rest of the funds required for the buildings in the Hugli Mission be provided from local balances and by Dr. Macnicol as proposed.

125. The Foreign Missions Committee resolve to minute their thanks to His Honour Sir Alexander Mackenzie, Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, for his kindness in granting a site for Mission-House and High School within the cantonment ground at Chinsurah, and they instruct their Secretary to send a copy of the minute to His Honour.

Sir Alexander Mackenzie.

126. The Foreign Missions Committee resolve to record in minute their thanks to C. E. Buckland, Esq., C.S.I., Commissioner of Burdwan, for his kindness in recommending to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal to grant a site for their proposed new Mission-House and High School at Chinsurah.

C. E. Buckland, Esq.,
C.S.I.

127. Read minute of Madras Local Committee of date 21st February, 1898, stating:—



Chingleput
Native
Pastor's
Salary.
Royapuram
Native
Pastor's
Salary.

(1.) That the Deacons' Court of the Chingleput congregation was prepared to increase its contribution to their pastor's salary to Rs.20 a-month.

(2.) That the Deacons' Court of the Royapuram congregation had increased their contributions to the pastor's salary to Rs.50 a-month, and that they desired that any further increase should be divided into two equal parts, the one of which should go to the decreasing of the Committee's supplement, while the other should go to increasing the pastor's salary.

The Committee congratulate the Chingleput congregation on their increase in contributions to the Pastors' Fund, and earnestly trust that like the congregation at Walajabad it may soon become self-sustaining.

The Committee congratulate the Royapuram congregation on their increase to the Pastors' Fund, and agree that every increase made beyond the sum of Rs.60 a-month will be divided in the manner mentioned above.

Sriperumbudur—Rev.
J. H. Maclean.

128. Read minute of the Madras Local Committee of date 21st February, 1898, stating that the sub-districts of Sriperumbudur and Vedal, together with the portion of Guduvancheri sub-district north of the Vandular-Walajabad road, has been formed into the Sriperumbudur Mission District, to be placed under the charge of the Rev. J. H. Maclean, and asking the Committee to grant a sum for the mission expenses of the new district.

The Committee approve of the creation of the new separate Mission District to be called the Sriperumbudur District, and to be under the charge of the Rev. J. H. Maclean; they are, however, not in a position to make such an increased grant for mission expenses as the Local Committee ask for; they direct that the new district get its full share of the grant already made for mission expenses to their whole Madras District missions, and in the grant made from the Village Evangelisation Fund.

Tongal
Kirk-Session.

129. The Committee agree to the arrangements proposed by the Madras Presbytery for the Kirk-Session at Tongal.

Santalia—
Treasurership.

130. Read letter from the Rev. A. Campbell dated 4th February, 1898, stating that at a meeting of the Santal Mission Council Mr. Mookerjea had resigned the office of Treasurer to the Santal Mission, and that the Council suggested the name of Dr. Dyer, of Pachamba, as his successor in the office of Treasurer to the Mission. The Committee approve of Dr. Dyer as Treasurer of the Santal Mission, and direct their Secretary to send him the usual remittances.

The Committee desire to place on record their sense of the long and valued services of Mr. S. C. Mookerjea to their Santal Mission—services rendered from the beginning of the Mission—and their great regret that he is no longer able to continue them. They desire their Secretary to send a copy of this minute to Mr. Mookerjea.



131. Read Minute of the Presbytery of Kafararia dealing with the arrangements suggested with regard to the Mission District of Pirie, as follows :—

Pirie—
Presbytery's
Arrange-
ments.

“The clerk moved that Mr. Stuart, of Burnshill, be appointed Moderator of Session at Pirie; that on account of the implied increase in his work, the Presbytery of the Transkei be requested to allow Mr. Yekels Mbali, probationer now assisting Mr. Erskine, to come to Burnshill as assistant to Mr. Stuart in the work of that district; Mr. Mdaya Matshikwe continuing to work in the Pirie district; and that, in existing circumstances, the Presbytery see no reason why Mrs. Ross should be disturbed in possession of the house, especially considering the work of herself and daughters in the district.”

The Committee agree to the arrangement suggested in the Minute of Presbytery on the distinct understanding that it means that Mr. Stuart is to be regarded as the Missionary in charge of the two districts of Burnshill and Pirie, and to be assisted by the two native licentiates named; they have never recognised, and cannot recognise their Missionaries to be the pastors of native congregations, but regard them as superintendents of missionary districts.

The Committee have no objection to permitting Mrs. Ross and her family to continue for the present in the Mission-House at Pirie, but, of course, they cannot enter into any obligation to consider this to be a permanent arrangement.

132. The Convener laid on the table the report of the Standing Sub-Committee anent the question of creating a Missionary Presbytery in Natal, as follows :—

Natal—
Proposed
Presbytery.

The Committee cannot agree to the formation of a Missionary Presbytery in Natal for the present at least. The Committee has already (Minute 154 of 21st April, 1896) expressed a cordial approval of the union of the various Presbyterian Churches in South Africa in one Presbyterian Church; they have approved of their Missionaries becoming members of the Church of South Africa; and in Minute 70 of 16th November, 1897, they have expressed their regret at the action of their Synod in South Africa refusing to join in the union. In these circumstances, it is quite impossible for them to consent to the formation in Natal of a Missionary Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland, which seems to be the proposal of their Natal Missionaries. On the other hand, if the proposal be to form a Missionary Presbytery in connection with the Presbyterian Church of South Africa, that would involve correspondence with the Church of South Africa and ascertaining their views on such a proposal. Thus, even if the proposal of their Natal Missionaries contemplates the second alternative, the Committee are unable at present, and till they have more information on the matter, to agree to the formation of a Missionary Presbytery in Natal.



Natal—
Proposed
Mission
Council.

133. The Committee have long felt that their Missions in Natal should be, like the great majority of their Missions elsewhere, under some form of local supervision, and they have long felt the need of the creation of a Mission Council to supervise the working of their Missions in Natal. The time appears to the Committee to have come when this Council ought to be created. They accordingly send the following draft scheme of a Natal Mission Council, and desire the opinions of their Missionaries upon its suitability to the local needs.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR NATAL MISSION COUNCIL.

(1.) The Mission Council to be the local representative of the Foreign Missions Committee, and to be responsible to the Committee for the whole Mission work done within the area under its charge, and for the economical expenditure of the funds intrusted to it for carrying on the work.

(2.) While the Foreign Missions Committee must keep strictly in its own hand the general missionary policy to be pursued, and the amount of money to be spent on the Mission in general, and on the various departments of the work, the Mission Council shall be left as free as possible in the management of the details of the work.

(3.) The members of the Council shall be:—(1) All the ordained Missionaries and all the Medical Missionaries of the Free Church of Scotland appointed by the Foreign Missions Committee to work within the district *ex officio*; (2) unordained Missionaries and Members of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa, whose names have been submitted to and approved by the Foreign Missions Committee. Members of the second class shall be appointed for three years, but may be re-appointed if approved by the Foreign Missions Committee. No Missionary shall be a member of the Council, with right to vote, till he has been at least one year in the country, and has passed a sufficient examination in the vernacular; but he shall attend the meetings of Council to learn the methods of administration.

(4.) The Council shall appoint its own Chairman annually, and in his absence the senior Missionary present shall preside. When the Council is not unanimous, the will of the majority, ascertained by voting, shall decide. No matter shall be decided by vote that has not been duly moved and seconded. The Chairman shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote. The minority shall have the right of appeal to the Foreign Missions Committee; but in all cases the finding of the majority shall hold good until the matter has been determined by the Foreign Missions Committee, or finally by the General Assembly. Three shall form a quorum.

(5.) The Council shall hold regular meetings at least twice a-year, if possible at fixed dates, and at each Mission centre in turn, for the despatch of ordinary business. A special meeting for urgent business may be summoned by the Chairman, and must be summoned by him on the written request of any two Members.



(6.) The correspondence of the Council with the Foreign Missions Committee shall be carried on by a Secretary approved of by the Foreign Missions Committee, and by certified minutes of the Council, with the sederunt stated.

(7.) The Mission Council shall send home annually a detailed statement of all sums expended on the Mission work in each sub-district under the charge of the Council; these accounts shall be considered and passed by the Mission Council before they are sent home.

They instruct their Natal Missionaries to forward their replies without any undue delay.

134. The Convener stated that a telegram had been received, dated Beira, 28th February, conveying the sad tidings of the death, on 18th February, of Dr. A. W. Roby Fletcher, B.Sc., who sailed for Livingstonia only last August. No particulars have been received yet as to the cause of death. The Committee desire to place on record their profound sorrow at the early removal of this devoted young missionary, and to express their earnest sympathy with his bereaved relatives.

Livingstonia
—Death of
Dr. Roby
Fletcher—
Resolution
from Edin-
burgh Medical
Missionary
Society.

The following resolution of sympathy was read from the Directors of the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society:—

“The Directors of the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society have heard with profound sorrow news of the death in Livingstonia of their former student, Dr. Alfred Roby Fletcher.

“Dr. Fletcher's career in Edinburgh was distinguished by marks of no ordinary ability, while the course of missionary lectures to schoolboys, which he inaugurated and successfully carried through in the winter session of 1893–94, will remain an abiding monument of his missionary zeal, and, the Directors believe, a fruitful source of missionary consecration for many years to come.

“They sympathise deeply with the relatives, especially the mother, sister, and brother of this young medical missionary, so soon called to his reward, and also with the Free Church of Scotland, which has thus been deprived of a worker of great promise in its Livingstonia Mission.

“They express the hope that others may press in to occupy the vacant places in the great harvest-field, where the labourers are so few.”

The Secretary was instructed to thank the Directors for the foregoing resolution.

135. The Convener also reported that a telegram had been received on the same day, announcing that the Rev. Dr. J. C. Ramsay, of Karonga, had been invalided finally. The Committee expressed their sympathy with Dr. Ramsay in his illness, and await further particulars.

Rev. Dr.
Ramsay
Invalided.

136. It was reported that the Collecting Book, No. 529, issued under Minute No. 181, of 19th May, 1897, to Rev. A. G. MacAlpine, had been duly returned by him. The sum received was £331, 15s. The Committee ordered the Collecting Book to be transmitted to the General Treasurer, in terms of the General Assembly's regulations.

Rev. A. G.
MacAlpine's
Collecting
Book.

Closed with the Blessing.



[Confidential—for Members of Committee only.]

Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 19th April, 1898, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 10th May, 1898.*

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
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Sederunt.

137. Colonel Cadell, V.C., *Vice-Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, Agnew, Alexander, Beaton, Binnie, Fairley Daly, Davidson, Dickson, Douglas, Falconer, Finlayson, Forgan, Hamilton, Harvey, Henderson, M'Culloch, Mackay, D. F. Mackenzie, M. Mackenzie, Macphail, D.D., M'Neil, Alex. M'Rae, Alex. Miller, Principal Miller, C.I.E., Morris, Paton, Reid, Revie, M.B., C.M., Robertson, D.D., C. A. Salmond, Salmond, D.D., Crawford Smith, J. A. Smith, Smith, D.D., Stalker, D.D., Swanson, Symington, Tainsh, and Wallace, D.D., *Ministers*; Mr. Wm. Brown, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, C.I.E., Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, Bart., Mr. John Cowan, W.S., Rev. John Forgan, Messrs. Fraser, C.S.I., Gray, Guthrie, Kinmont, Rev. Geo. Laing, Messrs. Lowe, W.S., M'Cutcheon, M'Kelvie, Rev. E. MacLean, Dr. John Moir, Messrs. Mowat, Prentice, L.R.C.P. and S. Ed., Reid, Ross, Russell, R. Simson, Thorburn, Traill, Usher, Winter, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Rev. Alex. Miller constituted the Meeting with prayer.

138. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

139. The State of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 31st March, 1898, is returned by the General Treasurer of the Church as follows, comparatively:—

	1897-98.	1896-97.
Balance at 31st March, 1896,	£7,060 14 7	£6,229 14 3
Balance at 31st March, 1897, . . . . .	.....	.....
Quarterly Associations,	£16,974 14 5	£16,896 17 8
Do. Special,	240 4 10	67 2 2
Church-Door Collections,	728 15 8	362 16 11
Revenue from Congregations,	17,948 14 11	17,826 16 9
Donations,	£1,882 12 11	£2,005 18 5
Do. specially destined,	2,994 0 0	1,658 0 6
Legacies,	2,988 9 1	7,684 16 4
Juvenile Contributions, . . . . .	.....	918 0 1
Interest on Investments,	2,602 3 0	2,582 3 9
Transferences,	3,488 11 10	1,468 16 10
Income-Tax recovered,	29 8 6	85 2 11
	18,985 5 4	16,402 18 10
	£38,989 14 10	£40,459 9 10
Expenditure, &c.,	34,438 17 4	33,898 15 3
Balance at credit,	£4,505 17 6	£7,060 14 7
Paid General,	£2,165 14 0	£2,400 0 4
„ Calcutta,	5,199 8 5	3,793 2 8
„ Santalla,	1,843 4 2	1,572 10 4
„ Bombay,	4,410 12 6	4,929 7 3
„ Madras,	5,447 18 4	5,416 8 2
„ Poona,	1,378 0 8	1,434 2 4
„ Nagpoor,	3,524 12 8	3,143 3 7
„ Lovedale,	2,880 3 6	2,246 8 2
„ New Hebrides,	1,198 16 6	372 12 6
„ Syria,	313 0 0	301 12 0
„ Kafraria,	4,043 15 9	4,106 17 0
„ Natal,	1,729 12 11	1,957 6 11
„ Transferences (including South Arabia balance),	348 17 11	1,225 9 0
	£34,433 17 4	£33,398 15 3



140. The Budget Estimate of Expenditure for 1898-99, circulated with the Minutes of last meeting, was discussed, and adopted as a Minute (page 81) of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, authorising the payment of all salaries, allowances, and grants mentioned therein, all other payments from the General Fund being made only on separate Minutes of the Committee.

Budget Estimate of Expenditure, 1898-99.

141. The Vice-Convenor and the Committee welcomed Rev. J. Douglas, Nagpur, and Dr. Prentice, Livingstonia Mission, on their return to Scotland on furlough.

Rev. J. Douglas and Dr. Prentice Welcomed.

142. The Vice-Convenor having read the report of the Sub-Committee appointed at last meeting on the Convenership, it was moved and seconded that the Committee approve of the report, but urge that Rev. Professor Lindsay, D.D., be recommended to the General Assembly for appointment for the next three years, because of his exceptionally valuable services to the Foreign Missions of the Church. It was also moved and seconded that the matter be referred to the Standing Sub-Committee for report to next meeting. This amendment was carried by 27 votes against 21 for the motion, and the matter was referred accordingly.

The Convenership.

143. The Rev. Professor Robertson, D.D., seconded by the Rev. Professor T. Smith, D.D., moved the adoption of the report of the Sub-Committee on India Exchange and Salaries. The Rev. Lewis Davidson, seconded by Rev. P. R. Mackay, moved that the question be delayed until the Government of India have come to a finding on the subject of a fixed monetary basis. After discussion the report of the Sub-Committee was adopted by a large majority, five voting for the amendment of Rev. Lewis Davidson, and the Sub-Committee's Convenor was thanked for his valued services.

India Exchange and Salaries.

The Foreign Missions Committee accordingly resolved :—

(a) To submit the Report to the next General Assembly for information.

(b) That without prejudice to the Committee's right to alter its regulations and apply the changes made, all Missionaries who were appointed to the ordinary staff before 1896 be invited to say whether they would be disposed to accept the new scheme, or what modifications they would suggest.

(c) That from the next quarterly payments in advance, or on 1st July, 1898, the following shall, for all appointments subsequent to January, 1896, be the salary scale, exclusive of all kinds of allowances for married and unmarried Missionaries, graded according to length of service :—



TILL SECOND EXAMINATION IS PASSED . . . R.2400 + £40 a-year.

FULL SERVICE.	UNMARRIED.		MARRIED.	
	R.	£	R.	£
First 5 years after passing,	R. 3000	£60	R. 3000	£80
Second „ „	3000	80	3000	100
Third „ „	3000	100	3000	120
Remainder of Service,	3000	120	3000	140

(d) That this scale is subject to the proviso that the sterling value of any salary shall never exceed £340 for a married or £320 for an unmarried missionary per annum.

(e) That a married missionary in Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, and Poona shall receive an allowance of Rs.50 a-month.

(f) That a missionary for whom no house is provided shall, on the Mission Council certifying that the amount is reasonable, receive the rent which he actually pays, up to Rs.120 a-month, if married, or Rs.50 a-month if unmarried, in the four specified cities; or Rs.50 a-month, whether married or unmarried, elsewhere; but if a missionary in the four specified cities prefers to board, the allowance on account of rent shall be Rs.60 or Rs.40 a-month, according as he is married or unmarried.

(g) That the monthly allowance to principals of colleges be Rs.75 at Bombay and Calcutta, and Rs.50 at Nagpur.

(h) That the language bonus be fixed at Rs.500.

(i) That allowances for children continue as at present.

(k) That the Committee expressly reserve the right to alter salaries and allowances as it may see fit from time to time.

Earl of
Aberdeen on
Gordon Mem-
orial Mission.

144. With reference to Minute 102 of January last, the following letter was read:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 21st March, 1898.

MY DEAR DR. SMITH,—Although it is a little late to do so, I cannot help wishing to send one line to thank you for sending me the Extract from the Proceedings of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, with reference to the Gordon Memorial Mission.

I am very glad to hear that matters in relation to that work appear to be progressing so satisfactorily.—With kind regards, I remain, yours very sincerely,

ABERDEEN.

Keith-
Falconer Mis-
sion Accounts.

145. The Vice-Convener submitted the following Abstract Account of the Keith-Falconer Mission for the year 1897, sent by Rev. Dr. J. C. Young, which has been examined and is now passed by the Committee:—



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ABSTRACT ACCOUNT, 1897-1898.

	Rs. s. p.		Rs. s. p.
To Balances on Hand,	119 12 6	By General Mission Expenses,	530 8 0
To Drafts from Secretary,	1366 12 0	By Repairs and Assessments,	444 2 8
To Capitation Grants, &c.,	1385 0 0	By Dispensary Expenses,	603 12 4
To Amount Subscribed Locally,	186 12 0	By School Expenses,	1121 8 0
To Fees, Materials Sold, &c.,	39 4 0	By Towing Expenses (New Tent),	25 0 0
To Amount recovered from New Oriental Bank,	9 9 2	By Balances on Hand,	392 2 8
Total,	<u>Rs.3117 1 8</u>	Total,	<u>Rs.3117 1 8</u>

* One draft for £10, 15s. 9d. not included, as it went to Church Building Fund, which is still Rs.700 in debt. J. C. Y.

146. Under Minutes 80 of December, 1897, and 109 of February, 1898, Rev. Alex. Miller, Vice-Convener, reported that Mr. James Leggate had not been passed by the doctor for Aden, but that Dr. J. R. Morris, L.R.C.S. and P. Edin., now in charge of the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society's Cowgate Dispensary, and with theological training, had applied, and had favourably impressed the sub-committee. It was agreed to consider Dr. Morris's appointment at next meeting.

Dr. Miller's Successor.

147. Under Minute 110 of February last, Colonel Cadell reported the application, with satisfactory medical certificate, of Mr. William George Robertson, M.A., B.D., of Aberdeen University, and the Free Church College, there, for the vacancy in the Wilson College, Bombay. Testimony having been borne to Mr. Robertson's missionary spirit, as well as to his brilliant academic attainments, it was resolved to appoint him, and to present him to the next General Assembly. The Vice-Convener and several members expressed their congratulations to his father, the Rev. Professor Robertson, D.D., on the resolution. Mr. Robertson having been called in, and suitably addressed by Colonel Cadell, V.C., declared his acceptance of the office. Accordingly the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland hereby appoint Mr. William G. Robertson, M.A. and B.D. of the University of Aberdeen, and of the Free Church College there, to be a Missionary of the Church to India, and in the first instance to Bombay for work in the Wilson College. The Secretary was instructed to arrange for Mr. Robertson's ordination by the Free Presbytery of Aberdeen. At the request of the Vice-Convener, Rev. J. Douglas led the Committee in prayer to Almighty God for the young Missionary and the Bombay Mission. Mr. Robertson was thereafter welcomed by all the Members present.

Wilson College—
Mr. W. G. Robertson appointed.

148. Colonel Cadell reported the satisfactory conclusion of the litigation regarding the Bethel land in the country of the Nizam of Haidarabad, and the Committee sanctioned the payment of a further fee of Rs.250.

Bethel—
Lawyer's Fee.



Rev. D. Doig
Young's
Furlough.

149. The Secretary reported that Rev. D. Doig Young, who, under minute, had come to London with his sick wife who had since been successfully restored to health, had himself been ordered by medical certificate to rest for six months. In these circumstances the Committee grants him furlough from the day on which he left his station.

Lovedale—
Mr. D. A.
Hunter.

150. Read letter from Mr. D. A. Hunter, Honorary Missionary, Lovedale, reporting his arrival in this country, with Dr. Stewart's approval, and his intention to return in July. The Committee agreed.

Natal—Rev.
Dr. Dalzell
and Mr. J. M.
Moir.

151. With reference to the Minute, No. 89, of December, 1897, the Sub-Committee reported that letters had been received from the Rev. James Scott, Impolweni (dated 11th March last), and from the Rev. Messrs. Bruce and Dewar, from which it appears that the reduction of the grant to the Gordon Memorial Mission School was due to a change in the educational policy of the Government, and not to the cause stated in the Minute above referred to. The Committee consider that, under these circumstances, it is unnecessary to take any further action in this matter.

Alibag Mis-
sion House.

152. Read Minute of Western India Mission Council dated 12th March, 1898, forwarding plans for the Mission House at Alibag, estimated to cost Rs.9225, and asking for sanction by telegraph. The Conveners and Secretary having approved of the plan, wired "Proceed." The Foreign Missions Committee hereby endorse their action, and direct that the sum of Rs.9225 be remitted accordingly.

General
Assembly's
Report.

153. The Draft Report for the past year, having been circulated, was considered and approved for submission to the approaching General Assembly.

Next Meeting.

154. The next meeting of Committee was fixed for Tuesday, 10th May.

Closed with the Blessing.



[Confidential—for Members of Committee only.]

Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

At Meeting held on the 10th May, 1898, and then confirmed.

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TUESDAY, 10th MAY, 1898.

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 10th May, 1898.

Sederunt.

155. Colonel Cadell, V.C., *Vice-Convenor*, in the Chair; Messrs. Agnew, Daly, George Henderson, Kilpatrick, Mackay, Colin Mackenzie, Macphail, D.D., Miller, B.D., Principal Miller, Reid, Revie, M.B., C.M., C. A. Salmond, Sandeman, D.D., Crawford Smith, J. A. Smith, Soutar, Swanson, Symington, and Thomson, *Ministers*; Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, C.I.E., Mr. H. M. Cadell, Dr. Fleming, Rev. John Forgan, Captain Graham, Messrs. Gray, Kinmont, Rev. Geo. Laing, Messrs. M'Kelvie, Mowat, Orr, Prentice, L.R.C.P. and S.Ed., Rolland, Ross, J. Simson, R. Simson, Smith, W.S., Traill, and Young, *Elders*.

Rev. A. Symington constituted the Meeting with prayer.

Minutes.

156. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

Keith-
Falconer
Mission—
Dr. Morris
appointed.

157. Under Minute 146 of last meeting, Rev. Alexander Miller, *Vice-Convenor*, reported that the Sub-Committee, being satisfied with the theological training of Dr. Morris, and having heard him conduct Divine service and a prayer-meeting service, recommend him for appointment to the Keith-Falconer Mission for five years as an ordained Medical Missionary, from October next. The Foreign Mission Committee resolved accordingly. Having been called in, Dr. Morris declared his willingness to accept of the appointment, and was suitably addressed by Colonel Cadell, V.C.

The Foreign Mission Committee of the Free Church of Scotland hereby appoint Mr. John Rutherford Morris, L.R.C.S. and P. Edin., a Medical Missionary of the Church for the Keith-Falconer Mission for five years, from the date of his sailing, and instruct their Secretary to apply in their name to the ensuing General Assembly for sanction to ordain Dr. Morris, with a view to his assisting and officiating for the acting Presbyterian Chaplain at Aden.

The Rev. T. B. Kilpatrick, B.D., then led the Committee in prayer to Almighty God for the young Missionary and the Keith-Falconer Mission, and Dr. Morris received the right hand of fellowship from the *Vice-Convenor*, Secretary, and members.

Dr. Morris submitted a satisfactory medical certificate. He will be presented to the General Assembly.

Livingstonia
—Selection of
Dr. Robert
Scott.

158. The Secretary reported the selection by Lord Overtoun, *Convenor*, and Rev. Dr. Elmslie, of Dr. Robert Scott, M.B., C.M. (Glas.), that he may sail on 4th June next, to reinforce the medical staff of the Livingstonia Mission, in succession to Rev. Dr. Ramsay,



invalided. In the event of the formal appointment of Dr. Scott, by the Livingstonia Committee, on the 21st inst., the Foreign Missions Committee approve of the selection, Dr. Peden having passed, as "in all respects, a good life, and quite fit to proceed to Africa." Dr. Scott will be presented to the General Assembly.

159. On the unanimous report of their Standing Sub-Committee, the Foreign Missions Committee resolve to ask the General Assembly to re-appoint the Rev. Professor Lindsay, D.D., Convener, for the following special reasons:—

Convenership
—Rev. Dr.
Lindsay.

1. Because of the exceptionally able and valuable services he has rendered to the Foreign Mission work of the Church.

2. Because these services are specially needed in the immediate future, when important financial questions are coming up—e.g., in connection with exchange and the management of legacies—calling for the careful and watchful supervision of one experienced in the past administration of the Church's Missions.

3. Because the Convenership of the Foreign Missions Committee requires an amount of time and personal attendance at the Office, which only one in the position of Prof. Lindsay can afford to give.

4. Because it is likely that within the next two or three years, in view of Union with the United Presbyterians, there will be important negotiations in connection with Foreign Missions, and it is desirable at such a juncture to have in office one thoroughly familiar with all details.

The Vice-Convener, Colonel Cadell, V.C., is glad to be able to report that Professor Lindsay, if appointed, is willing to continue in office for a limited time.

160. Having received from the missionaries concerned a statement of the number of "famine orphans" and of children deprived by famine of their fathers only, many of whom it is very desirable to retain, and having considered the number for whose support aid is available in India and from Home, the Committee authorise payment meantime at the following yearly rates—the grants for girls being paid through the Woman's Society—to begin on the first of last April. In the case of Toondee and Bhandara, Government grants are available, and in the other cases the Committee also desire the Local Committee to make every effort to secure Government aid.

India Famine
Children—
Finance.

Toondee,	.	at Rs.2	for 44 boys and 59 girls,	Rs.2472.
Bhandara,	.	" " 2	" 100 " 0	" " 2400.
Nagpur,	.	" " 3	" 0 " 40	" " 1440.
Jalna,	.	" " 3	" 25 " 25	" " 1800.
Poona,	.	" " 3	" 8 " 10	" " 648.
Saswad,	.	" " 3	" 17 " 0	" " 612.



The Committee further sanction the grant of Rs.400 for buildings required at Toondee for orphan boys, and Rs.400 for orphan girls.

The Committee desire £500 to be deposited from the cash balance at credit of the Famine Fund.

Madras
Christian
College—
Narrative.

161. Under Minute 83 of 21st December, 1898, the Secretary reported that "a Narrative of how the Free Church Mission Institution and Christian College at Madras came to be constituted as it now is" had been unanimously approved by the Special Committee, had been circulated to the members of the Foreign Missions Committee, and had been submitted to Mr. John Cowan, W.S., who wrote on 7th May last: "So far as I can see, that merely contains a statement of facts and arrangements that had been made, and does not contain any new matter." On that understanding, and deleting the eleventh line from the foot of page 3, the Foreign Missions Committee direct that the Narrative be appended to this Minute for information.

Widows' Fund
—Lovedale
Appointment
suppressed.

162. Under Minute 176 of 19th May, 1897, transferring Rev. W. J. B. Moir to Blythswood, the office of ordained missionary at Lovedale, which he held, is suppressed, his place there having been filled by the local appointments of teachers.

Minutes
Confirmed.

163. The Minutes of this day's sederunt were confirmed.

Closed with the Blessing.



THE MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

It has been thought advisable to draw up a narrative of how the Free Church Mission Institution and Christian College at Madras came to be constituted as it now is, which may be available for the members of the Committee, specially with the view of furnishing material for defining the relations between the Committee and the College.

In April, 1874, the Rev. Wm. Miller sent to the Foreign Missions Committee a printed proposal, in alternative forms, that the Free Church Institution, consisting of College and School, should be made the one efficient Christian College for Southern India, at a maximum cost to this country for the College only of £1800 a-year for five Professors, this allowing for one being on furlough, the School to remain under the supervision of the Principal. The non-Collegiate side of the Mission should be conducted by two Missionaries. The estimate for the College assumed salaries of Rs.330 a-month for unmarried and Rs.400 for married Professors. Furlough was to be granted at the rate of one year after five, and the scheme contemplated the payment of all passage money of the families as well as of the Professors on furlough. The cost to the Committee of the College, if entirely separate from the School was estimated at £2500.

Mr. Miller proposed that the College should be organised on one of the following plans, but expressed a preference for the first:—

(a) That it should continue entirely Free Church, should that Church meet *all* the outlay and secure the confidence of the other Churches and Societies in Southern India.

(b) That some of the large and wealthy Societies would take the work off our hands entirely. This was pronounced unlikely and dangerous.

(c) That the Missions should unite to support one Central College.

(d) That some one or more of these bodies would contribute men or money.

Mr. Miller held that a College based on the interests of all classes "would draw to itself ere long local benefactions and resources." The printed scheme came home with a warm approval of the Free Church taking the lead in this movement for an efficient Christian College, signed by the local representatives of seven Missions, being all the Protestant bodies which had direct connection with advanced education in Southern India.



The consideration of this proposal by the Committee had two results:—

First, It led to the adoption of an increased rate of salary for all Missionaries in India, at the rate recommended by Mr. Miller. The increase took effect from 1st January, 1877.

Second, The Committee, estimating the financial effect of the proposal in Madras alone at an increase of £750 a-year, opened negotiations with the other missionary bodies on the principle of their subsidising the enlarged College. The Church and Wesleyan Missionary Societies agreed to pay £300 a-year each. The Propagation Society, through Bishop Caldwell, promised to pay increased fees for the students it might send. The London Missionary Society promised to send students, and nothing more. The Established Church of Scotland sent a friendly communication.

The General Assembly of 1875 empowered the Committee to carry out the scheme in this subsidised form. From 1876 the College was constituted on this footing, and one of the Professors was of the Wesleyan Society. The home cost was taken at £2000, instead of £1800, and the staff at six instead of five Professors. The Committee undertook to send the College £2000 per annum, of which it was to recover £600 from the Church and Wesleyan Societies. Since 1889 the Church Missionary Society has preferred to pay its contributions directly to the College, the Wesleyan Missionary Society continuing the original arrangement. The net payment by the Committee has all along been £1400 a-year, and certain payments for outfit and passage money (see No. 4 below).

In 1878, on the representation of Mr. Miller, then at home, the Committee, with sanction of the General Assembly, made an attempt to change the subsidised organisation into an organisation including not only more of the Societies than two, but a joint Board of Management at home; each of the partners to appoint one representative for every £150 contributed. It was understood that the approval, by the Committee and General Assembly, of the regulations and *personnel* of the Board, would be necessary. The London Missionary Society again declined to co-operate. The Established Church of Scotland held negotiations with the Committee on the basis of giving £600 a-year, which would have *pro tanto* relieved this Committee, but afterwards found that it had not the necessary funds. The Church Missionary Society refused to agree to a Home Board, preferring purely Free Church control. The Wesleyan Society alone has up to this time approved of such a Board. On the other hand, the Madras representatives of all the bodies have been and are members of the Local College Council.

In 1882, in consequence of the great increase of students and want of accommodation, the Committee, in response to the earnest request of the College Council, sold a site immediately in rear of the Institution, on which a hall and some class-rooms have been erected. One condition of sale was that this new building must be distinct from the Institution



building, and further, that in the event of any change taking place in the position of the College, the Committee must retain the power of purchasing the building.

In 1884, an application was received from the College Council to sanction the sale to it of the adjoining Girls' Boarding-School, which was under the Mission; but this the Committee could not see its way to comply with. The building was, however, sold for Rs.24,000 in 1887 to Mr. Miller, and by him presented to the College for behoof of the Professors' Retiring Fund. It is known now as "College House."

While the arrangement proposed in 1878 for the separate management of the College under a United Board is virtually acted upon at Madras, it has been found impossible to form such a Board in Great Britain, there being only two co-operating Societies, one of which declines to join such a Board. Thus the Foreign Missions Committee is still the supreme governing body of the College, and contributes much the largest proportion of what the College receives from home.

In a theoretical point of view these arrangements are merely provisional; but the experience of more than twenty years seems to show that they may be indefinitely continued with great advantage to the whole Christian cause throughout Southern India, and with remarkable economy to the funds of the Committee. Without reckoning the increased support which the College has drawn to itself through its relation to other Mission bodies, there is a direct saving of at least £600 a-year through the grants received from the two contributing Societies. At all events, there is at present no apparent prospect or intention in any quarter of altering the arrangements for the maintenance of the College.

In these circumstances it seems desirable to make precise and clear what the present arrangements are, and especially what responsibilities the Committee has undertaken and means to bear. All that is necessary may no doubt be gathered from the various minutes passed since the Madras College was placed on its present basis, from a paper by the Rev. A. Alexander which the Committee printed in July, 1885, and especially from the yearly Calendar of the College, which contains the "Articles of Association" as drawn up in 1887, and amended in 1889 on the suggestion of the Committee.* The Committee is likely, however, to find the following conspectus and summary useful for its guidance when it wishes to decide questions on the lines of its previous decisions, and to find it especially useful in view of the fact that by its constitution the membership of the Committee is subject to annual change.

1. The Committee has come under no legal obligation to the Madras College, or to the missionary bodies which contribute to its support or otherwise take an interest in it. The Committee retains entire power to enlarge, diminish, or withdraw its contribution, or otherwise to alter existing arrangements so as to suit any providential circumstances which may from time to time arise.

* These Articles, however, have not yet been formally approved by the Committee.



2. The Committee regards it as desirable that details of management should be left as much as possible to the local authorities, and that recommendations from those authorities should be acted on in ordinary cases, and should in all cases be considered. It is also needless to say that the Committee will always pay the utmost deference to any suggestions for the management or improvement of the College which may be made by the Committees of the Societies which so generously contribute to its support. At the same time, the Committee thinks it well to place on record that, as the supreme governing body, it retains entire power to appoint, and remove or suspend, the Principal and Professors, and fix the terms on which such appointments shall be made; to disallow any other appointments to which it may see cause to object; to decide finally any disputed point that may be referred to it; to introduce any changes of management which it considers to be called for, and generally to hold itself responsible in the last resort for the whole influence of the College being, as far as possible, that which a Christian institution ought to exercise.

3. The Committee regards the sum of £2000 per annum provided from home in the way already noted, as meeting the ordinary expenses of the College and the School attached to it, including all salaries, all allowances for furlough according to the furlough rules, all payments on account of passage except as specially provided otherwise (see No. 4 below), together with the cost of the regular upkeep of buildings, of providing libraries and prizes, and generally of whatever is needed for the maintenance and the usual working of the College and the School.

In connection with this matter, it is right to note that, besides the annual grant already specified, the Committee has placed at the disposal of the College the greater part of the buildings which the College and School now occupy, on condition of the College Council paying to the local funds of the Free Church Mission a rent of Rs.100 *per mensem*, which is not very much more than sufficient to enable that Mission to bear the public burdens on the buildings. On similar terms the Committee has placed the Anderson Hall at the disposal of the College. The Committee, however, has made special grants when very extensive repairs and a very large outlay on its own buildings have been indispensable.

The hall and class-rooms erected in 1882, as also the residence of the Principal, known as "College House," and the building known as "The Second Students' Home," are the property of the College, and not of the Committee. These three buildings were erected or purchased from funds not provided by the Committee; but the first of the three stands on ground bought from the Committee on condition that if the College should erect separate buildings elsewhere it should "revert to the Free Church on its paying such a sum as may be deemed by arbiters equitable in all the circumstances, and may be approved by the Committee." On these three buildings the College Council bears the cost of *all* repairs and all public burdens.

4. The Committee originally recognised five of the Professors of the College as Missionaries of the Free Church. It requires each of its Missionaries to contribute to the Widows' Fund, and secures to them the benefits of the Fund. It requires each of them to take part in keeping up the usual services in the College Church at Madras, and requires any of them who may be at home on furlough to give reasonable help in visiting Free Church congregations. They are entitled to the same children's allowances and to the same grants from the Invalided Missionaries' Fund as other Free Church Missionaries. Further, the Committee gives an allowance for outfit to each of its recognised Missionaries on his appointment, and bears the cost of the first passage to Madras of himself and of his wife; the cost of subsequent passages on furlough and on retirement being borne by the College.

If one who is qualified to be a Free Church Missionary be appointed a Professor when there are already five Free Church Missionaries on the staff of the College, the Committee recognises him as in its employment unless the Madras College Council prefer him to be considered only as in the employment of the College.

The Members on the College staff thus recognised at present (*i.e.*, in April, 1898) as Missionaries of the Free Church are the Rev. Dr. Miller, Rev. W. Skinner, Rev. G. Pittendigh, Rev. J. M. Russell, Rev. E. M. Macphail, and Rev. W. Meston.



5. At present, one Professor is a Wesleyan Methodist Missionary, whose outfit and first passage to Madras is paid by the Wesleyan Missionary Society. He is appointed by that Society in consultation with the Supreme Governing Body.

6. With those Professors who are not recognised as Free Church Missionaries the Committee deals only in its capacity as Supreme Governing Body of the College; but in this capacity it appoints each of them to office. It makes no allowance for their outfit or first passage.

7. Men are often invited from home by the College Council to fill temporary vacancies. In such cases there is no formal appointment, but the Committee requires that the names of those thus selected be submitted to it, so that, if it see cause, it may object to their being employed.

8. It may happen that in addition to the Missionaries who are fully in the Committee's employment, one who is qualified to be a Free Church Missionary is temporarily a Member of the College staff. On the death or retirement of one of the Professors recognised as Free Church Missionaries, the Committee may fill his place by the appointment of one who is thus already in Madras. When a case of this kind occurs, the Committee pays to the College the allowance for outfit and first passage which would have been paid to the Professor had he gone out in the first instance as a Free Church Missionary.

9. A Professors' Retiring Fund has been instituted in the College in which those who are recognised as Free Church Missionaries participate. This Fund is almost entirely supported by contributions from the Professors themselves, and by gifts not made by the Committee, but by friends of the College, and is, therefore, to be considered in the same way as a private insurance.

10. Generally, while the Madras Christian College is managed under the arrangements above described, the Committee has the same regard for that College as for the other Mission Institutions in India and Africa which are under the Committee, and is prepared to treat it in the same way in all respects, save in those which have been definitely arranged otherwise as set forth in this Minute.



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Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 1st June, 1898, as confirmed at
Meeting on the 21st June, 1898.*

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 1st June, 1898.

Sederunt.

1. Rev. Prof. Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Affleck, Bannerman, D.D., Dickson, Douglas, Forgan, Harvey, Henderson, D.D., W. Macdonald, Colin Mackenzie, Macphail, M.D., Alex. M'Rae, Miller, B.D., Nicolson, Revie, M.B., C.M., C. A. Salmond, Symington, *Ministers*; Mr. Walter Arras, Captain Bruce, Colonel Cadell, V.C., Rev. J. G. Cooper, Dr. Wm. Ferguson, Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I., Captain Graham, Rev. George Laing, Rev. R. Logan, Messrs. Macpherson, Mowat, R. R. Simson, J. Simson, R. Simson, Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

The New
Committee.

2. The Secretary laid on the table the Roll of the Committee appointed by the General Assembly for the year 1897-98, or 70 Ministers (besides 10 ordained Missionaries on furlough) and 68 Elders as follows:—

Committee on Foreign Missions—1898-99.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Alex. Adamson, B.D., Dundee.
 " Wm. Affleck, B.D., Auchtermuchty.
 " William Agnew, Kirkcaldy.
 " Alex. Alexander, M.A., Dundee.
 " George Anderson, St. Cyrus.
 " Robert Ballantine, M.A., Peebles.
 " D. D. Bannerman, D.D., Perth.
 " William Binnie, M.A., Mauchline.
 " David Black, M.A., Penpont.
 " John Creighton, Forgandenny.
 " Thomas Crerar, M.A., Leith.
 " J. Fairley Daly, B.D., Glasgow.
 " Lewis Davidson, M.A., Edinburgh.
 " John Dickson, Leith.
 " G. Donaldson, Kirkpatrick-Fleming.
 " R. H. Falconer, Carnbee.
 " Duncan Finlayson, Kinlochbervie.
 " Daniel Forbes, Edderton.
 " Robert Forgan, B.D., Rothesay.
 " J. A. George, Montrose.
 " David Gillies, Orphir.
 " W. D. Glendinning, Maybole.
 " James Harvey, M.A., Edinburgh.
 " A. Henderson, D.D., Crieff.
 " George Henderson, B.D., Monzie.
 " James Hunter, B.D., Laurieston.
 " W. S. Hunter, M.A., Bo'ness.
 " T. B. Kilpatrick, B.D., Aberdeen.
 " T. M. Lindsay, D.D., F.R.S.E., Glas.
 " G. D. Low, M.A., Edinburgh.
 " M. Macaskill, Dingwall.
 " G. G. Macdonald, Ordiquhill.
 " Jas. Macdonald, Reay.
 " W. Macdonald, Bellshill.
 " P. R. Mackay, Prestonpans.

MINISTERS—continued.

Rev. Colin Mackenzie, St. Ninian's.
 " D. F. Mackenzie, B.D., Glasgow.
 " M. Mackenzie, Inverness.
 " Rod. Mackenzie, M.A., Maryburgh.
 " Wm. Mackenzie, West Kilbride.
 " Malcolm M'Lean, Gartmore.
 " J. C. Macphail, D.D., Edinburgh.
 " John M'Neill, Auldearn.
 " Alexander M'Rae, Kilcalmonell.
 " John M'Rae, M.A., Aberfeldy.
 " D. J. Martin, Oban.
 " John Mathewson, Crossford.
 " Alex. Miller, B.D., Buckie.
 " A. H. Moir, M.A., Aboyne.
 " Andrew Morris, Colliston.
 " John H. Morrison, Kirkmichael.
 " D. J. Nicolson, South Uist.
 " James A. Paton, Dalbeattie.
 " Matthew Reid, B.D., Greenock.
 " James Robertson, D.D., Aberdeen.
 " C. A. Salmond, M.A., Edinburgh.
 " S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., Aberdeen.
 " R. J. Sandeman, D.D., Edinburgh.
 " Crawford Smith, M.A., Monifieth.
 " T. Smith, D.D., Edinburgh.
 " Alex. Soutar, M.A., Glasgow.
 " Jas. Stalker, D.D., Glasgow.
 " William Stephen, Kelty.
 " W. S. Swanson, M.A., Aberdeen.
 " Andrew Symington, Greenock.
 " John Tainsh, Glasgow.
 " Wm. D. Thomson, M.A., Lochend.
 " George Wallace, D.D., Hamilton.
 " J. H. Wilson, D.D., Edinburgh.
 Ordained Missionaries at home on furlough.



ELDERS.

- Mr. D. D. Adamson, Greenock.
- " Walter Arras, Fodderty.
- " John K. Boyd, Largs.
- " Wm. Brown, Pitnamoon.
- " W. R. Brown, B.L., Glasgow.
- Captain James Bruce, V.D., Edinburgh.
- Dr. Burgess, C.I.E., Edinburgh.
- Colonel Cadell, V.C., Cockenzie.
- Rev. J. G. Cooper, Ayr.
- Sir John Cowan, Bart., Beeslack.
- Mr. John Cowan, W.S., Edinburgh.
- " Walter Duncan, Glasgow.
- " Hugh Ferguson, Stirling.
- " Wm. Ferguson, LL.D., Kinmundy.
- Dr. J. B. Fleming, Edinburgh.
- Rev. John Forgan, Edinburgh.
- Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I., Edinburgh.
- Captain Dugald Graham, Edinburg.
- Major-General Grant, Corstorphine.
- Mr. Alex. Gray, Edinburgh.
- " Wm. Gray, Galston.
- " Patrick Guthrie, Edinburgh.
- Sir Wm. Henderson, LL.D., Aberdeen.
- Mr. R. A. Hill, Solicitor, Bridge of Allan.
- " Alex. Hutton, Dundee.
- " John Kinmont, S.S.C., Edinburgh.
- Rev. George Laing, Edinburgh.
- " R. Logan, Moffat.
- Dr. Loudon, Hamilton.
- Mr. W. D. Lowe, W.S., Edinburgh.
- " Alexander M'Cutcheon, Glasgow.
- Dr. M'Ewan, Prestonpans.
- Mr. D. R. M'Gilvray, Aberdeen.
- " Wm. Mackay, Thurso.

ELDERS—continued.

- Mr. J. M'Kelvie, Edinburgh.
- " Alex. Mackenzie, Edinburgh.
- " D. MacLean, Glasgow.
- Rev. E. MacLean, Stirling.
- Mr. J. S. M'Murray, Dailly.
- " John Macpherson, Edinburgh.
- " A. Maitland, Aberdeen.
- " D. B. Meldrum, Guardbridge.
- Dr. John Moir, Edinburgh.
- Mr. Murdo Morrison, Edinburgh.
- " Martin Mowat, Edinburgh.
- " Michael B. Nairn, Kirkcaldy.
- " R. L. Orr, Advocate, Edinburgh.
- Rev. Thos. Paterson, Strathmiglo.
- Mr. Andrew Reid, Perth.
- " James Robertson, Helensburgh.
- " J. C. Robertson, Glasgow.
- " Robert Robertson, Edinburgh.
- " A. Rolland, J.P., Aberdeen.
- " John Ross, Edinburgh.
- " Joseph Russell, Greenock.
- " R. K. Simpson, W.S., Edinburgh.
- " James Simson, Edinburgh.
- " Robert Simson, Edinburgh.
- Dr. George Smith, C.I.E., F.R.G.S., Edin.
- Mr. John Stephen, Glasgow.
- " J. Hay Thorburn, Leith.
- " D. M. Traill, Edinburgh.
- " Frank J. Usher, Edinburgh.
- " John Watson, Edinburgh.
- " Wm. Waugh, Biggar.
- " Frank H. Wilson, Annan.
- " David Winter, Dundee.
- " Robert Young, F.R.S.G.S., Edin.

Rev. Professor T. M. LINDSAY, D.D., F.R.S.E., *Convener*.

Rev. ALEX. MILLER, B.D., and Colonel T. CADELL, V.C., *Vice-Conveners*.

Rev. J. MURRAY MITCHELL, LL.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

Dr. GEORGE SMITH, C.I.E., F.R.G.S., *Secretary*.

3. Wm. Ferguson, Esq. of Kinmundy, LL.D., congratulated Rev. Professor Lindsay, D.D., in the name of the Committee, on his re-appointment as Convener at the urgent request of the late Committee, after having held office during the past twelve years with such signal blessing on the Missions of the Church. Professor Lindsay briefly acknowledged the compliment, saying he had not desired re-appointment, and that he trusted that he would not be required to serve out the period of another five years.

Convener congratulated.

4. The Convener welcomed the new Members.

New Members welcomed.

5. The Committee welcomed Professor Thomson, Duff College, Calcutta, who was present.

Professor Thomson.

6. The following was adopted as the resolution for the conduct of business during the year:—That there be one Standing Sub-Committee to meet steadily on the day previous to the Meeting of the General Committee, at 3 P.M., as a rule. That it be open to any Member of the General Committee to attend the Standing Sub-Committee.

Standing Sub-Committee.



Sub-Committees.

7. The following were appointed to be the fixed members of the Sub-Committees :—

STANDING.

Ministers—

- Rev. W. Agnew.
- " Alex. Alexander.
- " Dr. Bannerman.
- " J. Fairley Daly.
- " Lewis Davidson.
- " J. Harvey.
- " Dr. Henderson.
- " T. B. Kilpatrick.
- " Dr. Lindsay, *Convener*.
- " P. R. Mackay.
- " Dr. Calder Macphail.
- " Alex. Miller, *Vice-Convener*.
- " Professor Robertson.
- " C. A. Salmond.
- " Dr. Sandeman.
- " Dr. Thomas Smith.
- " A. Soutar.
- " A. Symington.
- " Dr. Wallace.
- " Dr. J. H. Wilson.

Elders—

- Dr. Burgess.
- Colonel Cadell, *Vice-Convener*.
- Rev. J. G. Cooper.
- Sir John Cowan.
- Mr. J. Cowan, W.S.
- " W. Duncan.
- Dr. Fleming.
- Rev. John Forgan.
- Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I.
- Captain Graham.
- Major-General Grant.
- Mr. John Kinmont, S.S.C.
- Rev. George Laing.
- Dr. Loudon.
- Mr. W. D. Lowe, W.S.
- " J. M'Kelvie.
- " David MacLean.
- Rev. E. MacLean.
- Dr. Moir.
- Mr. M. Mowat.
- " Michael B. Nairn.
- " R. L. Orr, Advocate.
- " Joseph C. Robertson.
- " A. Rolland.
- " John Ross.
- " R. Simson.
- " John Stephen.
- " Frank J. Usher.
- " Robert Young.
- Dr. George Smith, *Secretary*.

LIVINGSTONIA MISSION (meeting in Glasgow).

The Right Hon. Lord OVERTOUN, *Convener*.

- Rev. Alex. Alexander, M.A.
- Mr. W. R. Brown, B.L.
- Colonel T. Cadell, V.C.
- Sir John Cowan, Bart.
- Rev. J. Fairley Daly, B.D.
- Mr. Walter Duncan.
- " W. Ferguson, LL.D.
- Rev. R. Forgan, B.D.
- Sir William Henderson, LL.D.
- Rev. T. B. Kilpatrick, B.D.
- " Professor Lindsay, D.D.
- Dr. Loudon.
- Mr. D. MacLean.
- Rev. Alex. Miller, B.D.
- Dr. Moir.
- Rev. Prof. Robertson, D.D.
- Mr. Joseph C. Robertson.
- " Joseph Russell.
- Rev. R. J. Sandeman, D.D.
- Dr. George Smith, C.I.E.
- Rev. A. Soutar, M.A.
- " J. Stalker, D.D.
- Mr. John Stephen.

- Mr. Gilbert Beith.
- " Thomas Binnie.
- " Robert Brodie.
- " Hugh Brown.
- Rev. James Brown, M.A.
- Mr. James Campbell.
- Rev. Joseph Corbett, D.D.
- Mr. Hugh Davidson, Lanark.
- Rev. R. Hill, M.A.
- " R. Howie, M.A.
- Mr. P. F. Husband.
- " Andrew Hutcheson.
- " T. R. Johnstone.
- " Robert M'Clure, *Secretary*.
- Rev. A. R. MacEwen, D.D.
- Mr. Stodart J. Mitchell.
- " Fred. L. M. Moir.
- Rev. G. Reith, D.D.
- Mr. A. Ellison Ross, *Gen. Treasurer*.
- " A. Somerville, B.Sc., F.L.S.
- " James Stevenson, F.R.G.S.
- " James Thin.
- Rev. James Wells, D.D.

From Foreign Missions Committee.

From Glasgow.

Ordained Missionaries on furlough.



ON JUVENILE CONTRIBUTIONS (with power to add to their number).

Rev. Dr. J. H. WILSON, *Convener*.

From Foreign Missions Committee.

Ministers—

Rev. J. Fairley Daly.
 „ Lewis Davidson.
 „ T. B. Kilpatrick.
 „ Dr. Lindsay.
 „ Murdo Mackenzie.
 „ D. J. Martin.
 „ Alex. Miller.
 „ Dr. Sandeman.
 „ A. Soutar.
 „ A. Symington.
 „ D. M'Rae Tod.
 „ Dr. J. H. Wilson.

Elders—

Colonel Cadell.
 Rev. John Forgan.
 Mr. R. A. Hill.
 „ J. Simson.
 „ R. Simson.
 Dr. George Smith.
 Mr. John Stephen.
 „ Traill.
 „ Frank J. Usher.

And

Ordained Missionaries on Furlough.

*Besides these, there are Representatives from the
 Committee on Youth.*

GORDON MEMORIAL MISSION.

Mr. R. Simson and Sir John Cowan, to represent the Foreign Missions Committee on the Gordon Memorial Mission Committee, with Rev. Dr. Lindsay, *Convener*.

ON THE CHURCH'S MISSION PROPERTIES.

Rev. Prof. T. M. Lindsay, *Convener*.
 „ L. Davidson.
 „ Dr. Henderson.
 „ Alex. Miller, *Vice-Convener*.
 Colonel Cadell, *Vice-Convener*.
 Mr. John Cowan, W.S.
 Dr. Burgess.
 Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I.

Mr. John Kinmont, S.S.C.
 „ W. D. Lowe, W.S.
 „ R. L. Orr, Advocate.
 „ R. Simson.
 „ R. R. Simpson, W.S.
 Dr. George Smith, *Secretary*.
 Mr. Traill.

ON HOME ADMINISTRATION.

Rev. ALEXANDER MILLER, *Convener*.

Ministers—

Rev. Wm. Affleck.
 „ W. Agnew.
 „ Alex. Alexander.
 „ D. Black.
 „ J. Fairley Daly.
 „ D. Finlayson.
 „ Robert Forgan.
 „ Dr. Henderson.
 „ Geo. Henderson.
 „ T. B. Kilpatrick.
 „ Professor Lindsay.

Rev. James Macdonald.

„ D. F. Mackenzie.
 „ M. Mackenzie.
 „ Dr. Macphail.
 „ Alex. M'Rae.
 „ John M'Rae.
 „ D. J. Martin.
 „ J. Mathewson.
 „ Professor Robertson.
 „ C. A. Salmund.
 „ Alex. Soutar.
 „ A. Symington.



ON HOME ADMINISTRATION—*continued.*

Elders—

Mr. Walter Arras.
 Major-General Grant.
 Sir William Henderson.
 Mr. W. D. Lowe.
 „ Alexander M'Cutcheon.
 „ J. M'Kelvie.
 „ Wm. Mackay.

Mr. D. MacLean.
 „ R. L. Orr.
 „ James Robertson.
 „ J. C. Robertson.
 „ John Ross.
 „ R. Simson.
 „ John Stephen.
 Dr. George Smith, *Secretary.*

And Corresponding Members who are Members of Committee.

ON INDIA EXCHANGE AND SALARIES.

Rev. Professor ROBERTSON, *Convener.*

Dr. Burgess.
 Colonel T. Cadell.
 Rev. J. Fairley Daly.
 „ L. Davidson.
 „ J. Forgan.
 Mr. A. H. L. Fraser.
 Rev. Dr. Henderson.
 „ Professor Lindsay, D.D.
 Mr. D. MacLean.

Rev. Alex. Miller.
 Mr. M. Mowat.
 „ R. L. Orr.
 Professor Robertson, D.D.
 Mr. John Ross.
 Dr. George Smith.
 Rev. A. Soutar.
 Mr. Traill.
 „ Frank J. Usher.

NATAL SUB-COMMITTEE.

Rev. Dr. LINDSAY, *Convener.*

Rev. Dr. Bannerman.
 Colonel Cadell.
 Sir Wm. Henderson.
 Rev. Dr. Henderson.
 „ T. B. Kilpatrick.
 „ Prof. Lindsay, D.D.

Mr. David MacLean.
 Rev. Alex. Miller.
 Mr. R. L. Orr.
 Rev. Prof. Robertson, D.D.
 Dr. George Smith.

Closed with the Blessing.



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Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 21st June, 1898, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 19th July, 1898.*

II. MEETING: 1898-99.

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TUESDAY, 21st JUNE, 1898.

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 21st June, 1898.

Sederunt.

8. Rev. Prof. Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, Affleck, Agnew, Alexander, Anderson, Ballantyne, Bannerman, D.D., Binnie, Fairley Daly, Davidson, Donaldson, Douglas, Falconer, Forgan, Glendingning, James Hunter, W. S. Hunter, Kilpatrick, Low, G. G. Macdonald, W. Macdonald, P. R. Mackay, Macphail, D.D., John M'Rae, Martin, Mathewson, Miller, Morris, Paton, Salmond, D.D., Sandeman, D.D., Crawford Smith, Soutar, Stalker, D.D., Stephen, Swanston, Symington, Wallace, D.D., Wilson, D.D., and Young, *Ministers*; Messrs. Adamson, W. R. Brown, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, Bart., Dr. Fleming, Mr. A. H. Leith Fraser, Captain Graham, Messrs. Alex. Gray, Guthrie, Kinmont, Rev. Geo. Laing, Rev. R. Logan, Dr. Loudon, Messrs. Lowe, M'Gilvray, M'Kelvie, Maitland, Meldrum, Mowat, Orr, Rev. Thos. Paterson, Messrs. Reid, James Robertson, J. C. Robertson, Rolland, Russell, Simpson, W.S., J. Simson, R. Simson, Traill, Usher, Waugh, Wilson, Winter, Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

9. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

10. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th June, 1898, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

1898-99.		
Balance at 31st March, 1898,		£4,505 17 6
Associations,		2,653 16 7
Congregational Specially Destined Contributions,		54 13 3
Collections,		50 10 9
Donations,		41 14 4
Special Donations,		499 5 3
Legacies,		636 13 8
Income Tax Recovered, . . . . .		.....
Interest from all sources,		1,202 13 6
		£9,645 4 10
Paid General,	£545 11 11	
" Calcutta,	955 5 5	
" Santalistan,	404 0 0	
" Bombay,	1,078 4 1	
" Madras,	1,139 5 10	
" Poona,	288 16 0	
" Nagpore,	760 0 4	
" Lovedale,	1,022 0 7	
" New Hebrides,	242 15 3	
" Syria,	62 10 0	
" Kaffraria,	1,636 14 6	
" Natal,	545 15 0	
" Rescued Slaves, . . . . .	.....
" Arabia,	173 11 6	
	8,854 10 5	
Balance at credit,		£790 14 5



11. Rev. D. Doig Young, being present on furlough under medical certificate, was welcomed by the Committee.

Rev. D. Doig Young.

12. Read the following Minute from the Woman's Society :—

Santalia—
Woman's
Society.

At the Christian Institute, Bothwell Street, Glasgow, 17th June, 1898, which day the Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society being met and duly constituted :

Inter alia,—The Secretary reported that the Conference agreed upon at the Meeting of 15th April, between the Sub-Committee of this Committee and that of the Foreign Missions Committee, had met on Wednesday, 1st June, and that after statements from Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Mackay, late of Pachamba, Dr. Macphail and Mr. Soutar, and after deliberation, it had been unanimously agreed that Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I., should draw up a minute expressing the mind of the Conference. Mr. Fraser had done this, and had sent the Minute to Dr. Lindsay, from whom it had been received by the Secretary with a note which stated that it satisfied him. The Minute is as follows :—

"The attention of the Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been called by the Rev. A. Soutar and the Rev. Dr. J. M. Macphail to certain difficulties connected with the Society's work among the Santals, it seems to the Committee very desirable to send a deputation to inquire into all the circumstances, and to consult with the Missionaries and the Agents of this Society as to the best methods for carrying on in future the work among the Santal women and girls. The Committee have ascertained that Mr. A. H. L. Fraser is willing to undertake this work along with Rev. G. Pittendrigh of the Madras Christian College, and they desire to secure the services of these gentlemen. They would accordingly ask the Foreign Missions Committee to join with them in approving of this deputation, and in giving every possible facility for carrying it out."

The Committee unanimously adopt the Minute as prepared by Mr. Fraser.

True Extract,

WILLIAM STEVENSON,
Secretary.

The Foreign Missions Committee cordially concur in the proposal to send a deputation to inquire into all the circumstances, and to consult as to the best methods of carrying on work among the Santal women and girls, and they instruct their missionaries among the Santals to give every facility to the members of the deputation. The Committee highly approve of the deputies proposed, and they trust that Mr. Pittendrigh, the Madras Christian College Council approving, will see it to be his duty to join Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I., on this deputation to their Santal Mission.

13. Read letter (with extract Minute) from Rev. John Stewart, dated 2nd May last, asking for a grant of Rs.400 to build a house for the pastor of the new congregation at Melrosapuram.

Melrosapuram
—Grant

The Committee resolved to grant Rs.400 from the Village Evangelisation Fund.

14. Read Minute of Local Committee, dated 5th April, asking sanction for the erection of new Mission House at Sriperumbudur, to cost Rs.12,200, or £813, with plan; also letters from Rev. John Stewart, dated 2nd June, and from Rev. J. H. Maclean, dated 27th May last. The Foreign Missions Committee resolved to grant Rs.11,000 for the Mission House from the Jubilee Suspense Fund.

Sriperum-
budur—
Mission
House.



Chingleput
Scarcity—
Conditional
Grant.

15. Read Minute of 5th April last, in which the Madras Local Committee ask for £200 to enable the native Christians of Chingleput district to meet famine.

While the Committee have grave doubts about the propriety of expending any of their famine funds on their Madras Mission, seeing that the Government have made no declaration that famine exists within the Presidency, and that it is very inexpedient to lead poverty-stricken Christians to expect material support from the Mission, nevertheless, giving heed to the urgent representations of the District Missionaries, they instruct the Madras Local Committee to consider the whole state of matters carefully, and if they are fully persuaded of the necessity of the matter, authorise them to advance a sum of not more than £200 for famine purposes from the Mission Funds, which sum will be repaid by this Committee if need be.

Chingleput
Congregation.

16. Read letter from Rev. A. Andrew, dated 21st April last, complaining that this Committee's Minute 127 of 22nd March places the Chingleput congregation in an invidious position, by contrasting it with that of Walajabad.

The Committee adhered to their Minute.

Patna—
Request to
start a New
Mission.

17. Read letter dated 20th June, 1898, from Rev. A. R. Cavalier, Secretary of the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, which has a mission among the women of Patna, requesting this Committee to undertake work there among the men, especially the students. The Committee decided that Patna is too far from its ordinary sphere of operations to undertake work in Behar, even if they had funds for a new station.

Gordon—
Mr. J. M.
Moir's Resig-
nation.

18. The Natal Sub-Committee reported that a letter had been received from Mr. John M. Moir, dated 12th May, 1898, resigning his position as teacher in the Gordon Memorial Mission, the resignation to take effect 30th September next, "while reserving the rights secured to me by my Agreement with your Committee of 20th November, 1890."

The Committee agree to accept Mr. Moir's resignation, *simpliciter*, and record their thanks to Mr. Moir for his services as teacher during the period of seven and a-half years.

The Committee learn from Dr. Dalzell's letter of 13th May, 1898, that he has arranged to set Mr. Moir free from his duties at the end of the present month of June, on account of the state of Mr. Moir's health, and also to obviate a change of teachers in the middle of the school session. The Committee approve of this arrangement, and, recognising the good work done by Mr. Moir, agree that he receive salary for six months from 21st of June, 1898, in accordance with terms of his Agreement of date 20th November, 1890, and in addition to pay the travelling expenses to Scotland of himself and his family.



19. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Livingstonia Sub-Committee, Livingstonia
held on the 20th May last, having been circulated, the Foreign Missions —Dr. R.
Committee recorded the appointment of Dr. Robert Scott under its Scott's
Minute 158 of 10th May last. Appointment.

Closed with the Blessing.



[Confidential—for Members of Committee only.]

Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 19th July, 1898, and confirmed at
Meeting on the 20th September, 1898.*

III. MEETING: 1898-99.

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 19th July, 1898.

Sederunt.

20. Rev. Prof. Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, Affleck, Agnew, Anderson, Creighton, Davidson, Forbes, Forgan, George, Harvey, J. Hunter, W. S. Hunter, G. G. Macdonald, W. Macdonald, P. R. Mackay, D. F. Mackenzie, Rod. Mackenzie, Wm. Mackenzie, D. J. Martin, Miller, B.D., Dr. J. Murray Mitchell, Morris, Crawford Smith, Smith, D.D., Stephen, John Thomson, Wm. D. Thomson, and D. Doig Young, *Ministers*; Mr. Walter Arras, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, Colonel Cadell, Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, Bart., Messrs. Alex. Gray, Wm. Gray, Sir Wm. Henderson, Mr. Alex. Hutton, Rev. Geo. Laing, Dr. Loudon, Messrs. M'Kelvie, Meldrum, Dr. John Moir, Rev. Thos. Paterson, Messrs. James Robertson, A. Rolland, Ross, Simpson, W.S., James Simson, Robert Simson, John Watson, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

21. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

22. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th July, 1898, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

	1898-99.	1897-98.
Balance at 31st March, 1897,		£7,060 14 7
Balance at 31st March, 1898,	£4,505 17 6	...
Associations,	4,513 12 0	4,368 2 9
Congregational Specially Destined Contribu- tions,	62 12 7	56 3 0
Collections,	67 0 8	58 18 5
Donations,	42 6 4	46 7 6
Special Donations,	1,402 9 5	490 18 8
Legacies,	666 13 8	+3,166 18 7
Income Tax Recovered, . . . . .		...
Interest from all sources,	1,205 11 3	1,339 7 2
	£12,466 3 5	£16,587 10 8
* Paid,	11,731 17 6	10,631 4 1
Balance at credit,	£734 5 11	£5,956 6 7
* Paid General,	£820 9 1	£896 11 2
„ Calcutta,	1,159 5 5	1,041 2 5
„ Santalia,	501 0 0	504 7 5
„ Bombay,	1,992 15 1	1,318 0 6
„ Madras,	1,190 15 10	1,244 2 10
„ Poona,	318 16 0	315 12 8
„ Nagpoor,	1,728 7 6	1,020 19 8
„ Lovedale,	1,060 19 7	1,043 0 11
„ New Hebrides,	245 2 3	523 1 9
„ Syria,	62 10 0	176 0 0
„ Kafraria,	1,786 0 7	1,557 15 4
„ Natal,	627 4 8	682 14 1
„ Rescued Slaves (balance), . . . . .	...	2 11 9
„ South Arabia (balance),	238 11 6	305 3 7
	£11,731 17 6	£10,631 4 1

† The above Legacies include £800 of Collins' Debentures uplifted and £250 transferred from Capital on account of New Hebrides.



23. The Convener welcomed the Rev. J. Thomson on his return from South Africa on furlough. Rev. J. Thomson welcomed.

24. The Committee agreed to request Messrs. Cowan & Dalmahoy, W.S., to furnish a Power of Attorney from the General Trustees to Rev. John Stewart and Rev. James Hair Maclean to act as their local agents in Madras, jointly or severally. Madras—
Power of
Attorney.

25. Read letter from Rev. John Stewart, dated 8th June, 1898, requesting annual touring allowance for Rev. J. H. Maclean from 1st January. Sriperumbur—Touring
Grant.

The Committee agrees to add the sum of Rs.360 to their grant for mission expenses to the Madras Mission Council. They also decide that the two sums of Rs.360 given as touring grants to the missionaries of Chingleput and Walajabad be in future added to the whole sum given for missions expenses, their desire being that the touring grants in their Madras Mission should not be regarded as personal allowances, but as sums to be voted by the Mission Council as *bona fide* mission expenses. This Minute will establish the rule in Madras that holds in their other district missions in India.

26. The Convener laid upon the Table the Lovedale Accounts for 1897, and with them the following Abstract with these explanations:— Lovedale
Accounts.

(1.) These Accounts were sent home at the usual time, and the delay in presenting them arose from the fact that they had been sent to the Convener's home address when he had been absent from the country.

(2.) The Accounts as furnished in Abstract to the Committee give only the cash intromissions, and in an industrial institution these do not represent everything. Most of the departments contribute in kind but not in cash to the support of the institution. For example the Farm department, whose cash income is stated at £73, contributed £856, while four of the Industrial departments have contributed in labour and material a sum of about £1180 to the building operations.

(3.) In the Accounts as presented this year the building account has not been kept separate as it has been during the last two years, and it is, therefore, almost impossible to say whether the deficit is due to the ordinary or the extraordinary expenses of the institution. At all events it is not easy to fix the proportion of deficit which belongs to each side.

(4.) The Accounts show a deficit of £2112, 15s., which sum exists in two overdrafts on the Standard Bank—one on the General Account for £1403, 8s. 1d., and one on the Building Fund for £709, 6s. 11d.

(5.) Dr. Stewart accounts for this deficit by the deficit on last year—viz., £615, 4s. 11d., by the reduction in the Colonial Government £623, 10s., and by decrease in special donations.

The Foreign Missions Committee in passing the Accounts express their deep sympathy with Dr. Stewart in the very trying circumstances in which he has been placed during the last year, more especially by the



action of Dr. Muir with regard to Government Grants; they very much deplore the large accumulation of debt which the accounts reveal, but since Dr. Stewart has begun a process of reorganisation which has been approved by the Committee they refrain from commenting upon the causes of the deficit, though they must state that the Committee is quite unable to increase the regular grants they give to the institution or to promise the repetition of the extraordinary grants, and that the income and expenditure must be brought into harmony with each other at Lovedale itself.

LOVEDALE INSTITUTION ACCOUNTS FOR 1897.
ABSTRACT OF CASH ACCOUNTS.

Government Grant,	£1,772 10 0	Balance against (31st Dec.),	£100 16 0
Foreign Missions Committee's Grants—			
Salaries,	£1,014 13 5	Salaries,	£1,014 13 5
Institution	662 10 0	Hospital,	12 0 0
Specially Des- tined,	89 14 4		
Repairs	118 12 8		
Hospital,	12 0 0		
Passage,	134 12 1		
General Account,	105 4 6		
	<u>2,137 7 0</u>		<u>£1,026 13 5</u>
Education Account—			
Elementary School Fees,	11 12 6	Salaries,	£1,192 15 2
		Materials, &c.,	131 7 5
			<u>1,324 2 7</u>
Boarding Account—			
Fees,	£3,038 15 8	Salaries,	£734 2 6
Produce sold,	63 17 8	Provisions,	2,524 11 6
	<u>3,102 13 4</u>		<u>3,258 14 0</u>
Girls' School Accounts—			
Woman's For- eign Mission Committee,	£371 12 0	Salaries,	£603 15 10
Foreign Missions Committee,	210 0 0	Work Depart- ment,	120 7 2
Donations,	22 15 0		
Fees,	462 10 4		
Interest,	9 18 0		
Accounts col- lected,	84 5 1		
	<u>1,161 0 5</u>		<u>724 3 0</u>
Gallas Account—			
Foreign Missions Committee,	£344 2 0	Expenses,	70 3 6
Donations,	39 15 0		
Woman's For- eign Mission Committee,	8 0 0		
	<u>391 17 0</u>		
Carry forward, £8,577 0 3		Carry forward, £6,504 12 6	



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Brought forward,	£8,577 0 3	Brought forward,	£6,504 12 6
Farm Account—		Expenses,	1,044 11 1
Produce sold,	73 0 2	Wages,	£200 8 5
Blacksmith Account—		Material,	120 3 11
Accounts Collected,	36 13 0		<u>320 12 4</u>
Waggon-Making Account—		Wages,	£358 13 0
Accounts Collected,	92 12 3	Material,	221 16 3
Printing Department—			<u>580 9 3</u>
Accounts Collected,	115 14 9	Wages,	£330 2 11
Poultry and Bees—		Materials,	79 12 0
Accounts Collected,	0 17 9		<u>409 14 11</u>
Bookbinding Department—		Wages,	£70 10 9
Accounts Collected,	529 1 6	Materials,	35 10 10
<i>The Christian Express</i> —			<u>106 1 7</u>
Accounts Collected, &c.,	46 3 3	Wages,	£90 16 0
Carpentry Department—		Materials,	25 10 10
Accounts Collected,	98 2 11		<u>116 6 10</u>
Bootmaking Department—		Expenses,	26 19 11
Accounts Collected,	379 3 11	Wages,	£548 16 1
Medical Mission—		Material,	234 0 0
Sums Received,	7 2 0		<u>782 16 1</u>
Telegraph Department—		Wages,	£238 19 9
G.P.O. Grant and Refund,	84 4 4	Material,	502 1 5
Technical Department—			<u>741 1 2</u>
Accounts Collected,	118 1 9	Expenses,	24 13 3
Basket-making Department—		Expenses,	54 1 3
Accounts Collected,	36 8 9	Salaries,	£102 8 0
Hospital Buildings Account—		Materials,	167 19 8
Donations,	2,180 7 6		<u>270 7 8</u>
Building Account—		Wages,	£53 6 3
Woman's Foreign Mission		Materials,	5 8 8
Committee,	£300 0 0		<u>58 14 11</u>
Refunds,	40 0 0	Spent on Buildings,	1488 17 6
	<u>340 0 0</u>	Expended,	£767 19 9
		Expended (Bank),	108 18 8
Carry forward, £12,714 14 1			<u>876 18 5</u>
		Carry forward, £13,406 18 8	



Brought forward, . . .	£12,714 14 1	Brought forward, . . .	£13,406 18 8
General Account—		Wages, . . .	£309 10 4
Sundries, . . .	£90 14 5	Grounds, . . .	355 6 9
Donations, . . .	199 11 4	Materials, . . .	336 6 8
		Bank Charges, . . .	21 18 1
		Office Books, . . .	31 12 10
		Postages, . . .	42 6 4
		Loan Account, . . .	10 14 0
		Lady Evangelist, . . .	43 6 8
	290 5 9		1,151 1 8
Transferred to Suspense Account, . . .	4 14 5		
Balance against, . . .	1,548 6 1		
	<u>£14,558 0 4</u>		<u>£14,558 0 4</u>

Somerville
—Grant
asked for
Church.

27. Read letter from Rev. D. L. Erskine, dated 10th June, asking grant of £300 to enlarge Church. The Committee referred the request to the Juvenile Contributions Committee.

New Hebrides
—Additional
Maritime
Grant.

28. Read Minute of New Hebrides Synod, No. 22, dated 16th April last, deciding that, to settle "certain matters in dispute" between the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria and the *Dayspring* Board, involving £350 claimed by the former for expense of trips 3 and 4 of the s.s. *Dayspring* in 1896, the sum of £25 per missionary should be contributed by the Churches.

The Committee have in several minutes declared that they see no reason for increasing the Maritime Service Grant. They adhere to these minutes, and refuse the grant.

Furlough—
Change
Proposed.

29. Read Minute of New Hebrides Synod, No. 46, dated 19th April, recommending that for the present ten years' furlough rule the following be substituted:—"At the beginning of the third hot season, six months in the Colonies. At the end of seven years, eighteen months' absence from the Islands, including time spent on passage."

The Committee are not prepared to alter their present furlough rules as laid down in their General Rules, No. VIII., in the meanwhile.

Training
Institute.

30. Read New Hebrides Synod's Minute, No. 38, dated 18th April, requesting the Churches to make an Annual Grant to the Training Institution for Native Teachers and Pastors.

The Committee are in full sympathy with the New Hebrides Institution, but they are unable to increase the Grants they already make to the Mission. They would, however, suggest that as their Grant of £250 for Maritime Service does more than meet the requirements of their missionaries, they are willing to reduce that Grant to £200, and give £50 as an Annual Grant to the Training Institution for Teachers.



31. Read New Hebrides Synod's Minute, No. 71, dated 20th April last, suggesting the inaugurating of a Jubilee Native Teachers' Fund. Jubilee Native Teachers' Fund.

The Committee are unable to join officially in the inauguration of a Jubilee Native Teachers' Fund for the New Hebrides Mission, but if the fund is inaugurated they will be glad to place it before their people through the *Free Church Monthly*.

32. Read letter from Rev. Dr. Mackichan, dated 1st July, asking that a Power of Attorney from the General Trustees of the Free Church be sent out in his own name and those of Revs. R. Scott and R. MacOmish, and of Mr. Jack, in the matter of an addition made by Government to the Hostel. The Committee resolved to request Messrs. Cowan & Dalmahoy accordingly. Bombay Special Power of Attorney.

33. The Convener laid on the table a copy of the Abstract of the India Mission Schedules for 1897, which the Committee resolved to incorporate in the Minutes of this Meeting. India—Abstract of Schedules.

Closed with the Blessing.



India Mission Colleges—Continued.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.

Balance at 31st Dec., 1896	Rs. 1,585	12	8
From Foreign Missions Committee	2,831	10	0
Local Subscriptions	390	0	0
Interest on Local Capital	90	0	0
Fees	5,591	8	1
Government Grants	5,640	0	0
Refund from Bhusawal	1,500	0	0
	Rs. 17,628	14	9

3. NAGPORE.

EXPENDITURE.

Teachers	Rs. 15,261	4	5
Scholarships and Prizes	227	0	0
Furniture and Apparatus	165	0	0
Miscellaneous	169	0	0
	Rs. 15,822	4	5
Balance at 31st Dec., 1897	1,806	10	4
	Rs. 17,628	14	9

2. STAFF AND STUDENTS—

3 European Professors. Salaries not in above accounts.
2 Non-Christian Teachers.

The College has 134 Students, of whom 4 are Christians.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.

Balances at 31st Dec., 1896—			
General Fund	Rs. 22,132	2	0
Scholarship Fund	3,508	9	2
Special Fund	657	7	11
Endowed Prize Fund	617	8	2
Library Fund	859	15	5
	Rs. 27,775	10	8
From Foreign Missions Committee, including £300 from Wesleyan Missionary Society	26,625	9	6
Specially Destined Contributions	25,100	0	0
From Church Missionary Society	4,995	0	0
Local Contributions	4,634	7	3
Interest	5,620	5	8
Government Grants	35,069	14	5
Fees	69,293	13	9
Books, &c.	95	12	0
	Rs. 199,210	9	3
Balance against Building Fund at 31st Dec., 1897	9,173	6	3
	Rs. 208,383	15	6

4. MADRAS.

EXPENDITURE.

Balance against Building Fund at 31st Dec., 1896	Rs. 14,303	1	7
Professors' Salaries	65,638	2	2
Teachers' Salaries	39,794	2	4
Servants	3,790	12	0
Rents and Taxes	3,586	13	4
Scholarships and Prizes	9,834	1	0
Furniture and Apparatus	757	3	4
Library	870	1	2
Printing	2,233	12	5
Passage Money	6,385	3	1
Building and Repairs	9,726	14	1
Retiring Allowances	3,871	10	0
Capitalised	17,896	13	5
Miscellaneous	4,648	14	1
	Rs. 182,787	8	0
Balances at 31st Dec., 1897—			
General Fund	Rs. 19,917	12	7
Scholarship Fund	3,906	3	10
Special Fund	586	14	0
Endowed Prize Fund	432	11	10
Library Fund	752	13	3
	25,596	7	6
	Rs. 208,383	15	6

2. STAFF AND STUDENTS—

13 European Professors.
12 Native Christian Teachers.
52 Non-Christian Teachers—in School and College.

The College has 706 Students, } of whom 100 are
The School has 994 Pupils, } Christians.

II. INDIA DISTRICT MISSIONS.

1. CALCUTTA DISTRICT—HUGLI.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.

Balance at 31st Dec., 1896	Rs. 13,079	15	7
From Foreign Missions Committee	14,027	6	4
Specially Destined Contributions	1,900	3	1
From Europe and Colonies	1,585	3	8
Local Subscriptions	3,256	0	0
Interest	1,586	15	7
Rents	551	8	0
School Fees	5,233	1	0
Government Grants	1,398	0	0
	Rs. 42,618	5	3

EXPENDITURE.

	Evangelistic.	Primary Schools.	High Schools.	Medical.	Total.										
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.										
Native Superintendents	2,070	0	0	..	4,086	0	0								
Teachers	..	1,635	8	0	..	7,659	11	3							
Catechists	4,828	10	0	..	..	4,828	10	0					
Catechists in Training	103	5	6	..	..	103	5	6					
Medical Expenses	404	7	6	404	7	6						
Itinerating Board	406	6	9	..	..	406	6	9					
Scholarships	74	6	0	..	517	7	3	517	7	3					
Rents and Taxes	696	5	3	..	1,112	3	9	1,808	9	0					
Books	119	9	7	..	..	119	9	7					
Repairs	343	6	9	..	..	343	6	9					
Colporteurs	178	0	0	..	..	178	0	0					
Miscellaneous	1,613	15	4	298	11	0	1,160	14	6	3,073	8	10			
	Rs. 10,439	1	2	1,984	3	0	10,830	12	9	404	7	6	23,608	8	5
Balance at 31st Dec., 1897													19,009	12	10
	Rs. 42,618	5	3										Rs. 42,618	5	3



India District Missions, Bombay District—Continued.

2. STAFF AND WORK—

BOMBAY DISTRICT—THANA, KARJAT, ALIBAG, REVADANDA, &C.

- Rev. W. E. Wilkie Brown.
- 4 Native Superintendents.
- 18 Catechists.
- 2 Hospital Assistants.
- 10 Christian Teachers.
- 24 Non-Christian Teachers.
- 1 High School—170 Pupils, of whom 6 are Christians.
- 10 Primary Schools—382 Pupils, of whom 6 are Christians.

4. POONA DISTRICT.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.			
		Evangelistic.		Primary Schools.	Total.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Balance at 31st Dec., 1896	4,361 5 10	477 0 0	2,618 3 1	2,618 3 1	4,770 0 0
From Foreign Missions Committee	5,951 12 0	..	..	..	2,190 0 0
Specially Destined Contributions	1,456 11 1	2,190 0 0	..	..	701 2 3
From Europe and Colonies	2,528 2 1	701 2 3	3,217 8 9	3,217 8 9	629 13 0
Local Subscriptions	688 15 3	..	275 8 0	275 8 0	284 3 3
Interest	95 12 2	..	195 4 9	127 1 0	956 14 9
Rents	74 0 0	354 5 0	..	..	200 12 10
School Fees	178 1 6	88 14 6	..	..	1,678 9 6
Government Grants	52 8 0	829 13 9	200 12 10	..	..
		200 12 10	1,167 11 8	510 13 10	..
		Miscellaneous	..	..	..
		Native Superintendents	..	..	..
		Teachers	..	..	..
		Catechists	..	..	..
		Itinerating	..	..	..
		Board	..	..	..
		Rents and Taxes	..	..	..
		Furniture and Apparatus	..	..	..
		Repairs	..	..	..
		Colporteurs	..	..	..
		Miscellaneous	..	..	..
		Rs.	6,009 12 0	6,944 7 5	12,954 3 5
		Rs.	2,438 0 6	..	2,438 0 6
		Rs.	8,442 12 6	6,944 7 5	15,387 3 11
	Rs. 15,387 3 11	Balance at 31st Dec., 1897	..	..	..

2. STAFF AND WORK—

- Rev. J. Small.
- Rev. J. Torrance.
- 7 Catechists.

- 9 Christian Teachers.
- 4 Non-Christian Teachers.

- 7 Schools, with 251 Pupils, of whom 53 are Christians.
- 32 Regular Preaching Stations.

1. ACCOUNTS—

5. JALNA AND BETHEL DISTRICT.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.			
		Evangelistic.	Primary Schools.	Medical.	Total.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Balance at 31st Dec., 1896	4,941 4 9	540 0 0	270 0 0	..	810 0 0
From Foreign Missions Committee	9,000 5 0	627 0 0	1,722 2 0	..	2,849 2 0
Specially Destined Contributions	2,011 4 5	1,787 0 0	..	192 0 0	1,979 0 0
From Europe and Colonies	993 12 3	..	..	387 0 0	387 0 0
Local Subscriptions	338 12 6	..	..	180 12 1	180 12 1
Interest	256 14 8	..	..	193 10 9	193 10 9
Rents	15 0 0	..	..	..	434 4 5
Medical Fees	10 0 0	484 4 5	..	..	1,002 0 1
School Fees	201 14 0	..	1,002 0 1	..	92 8 0
Government Grants	1,047 4 7	92 8 0	65 11 6	92 14 7	318 3 0
		169 8 11	..	..	..
		Furniture and Apparatus	..	..	..
		Building and Repairs	7,667 12 1	189 7 0	251 2 6
		Colporteurs	314 14 6	..	..
		Biblewomen	470 3 6	..	..
		Miscellaneous	1,115 7 7	470 1 6	82 5 9
		Rs.	13,208 11 0	3,719 6 1	1,379 13 8
		Rs.	..	..	18,807 14 9
		Rs.	18,807 14 9	..	1,008 9 5
	Rs. 19,816 8 2	Balance at 31st Dec., 1897	..	..	..



India District Missions, Jalna and Bethel District—Continued.

2. STAFF AND WORK—

Rev. Dr Mowat and Rev. R. Baillie Douglas.
16 Catechists.
5 Biblewomen.
2 Hospital Assistants.
15 Christian Teachers.
5 Non-Christian Teachers.

6 Schools, with 289 Pupils, of whom 62 are Christians.
23 Regular Preaching Stations in Town.
93 Regular Preaching Stations in Country.
176 Villages visited during the year.

6. NAGPOOR DISTRICT MISSION.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.	
Balance at 31st Dec., 1896	Rs. 2,515 7 4
From Foreign Missions Committee	13,132 0 8
Specially Destined Contributions	1,047 9 4
From Europe and Colonies	1,710 12 10
Local Subscriptions	308 2 0
Interest	383 0 0
Rents	47 4 0
Book Depot	213 12 1
Government Grants	245 13 0

Rs. 19,603 13 3

EXPENDITURE.	
Servants	Rs. 371 12 0
Teachers	1,933 2 0
Catechists	1,478 4 0
Itinerating	219 11 9
Board	111 0 0
Rents and Taxes	540 8 4
Furniture and Apparatus	657 7 6
Building and Repairs	9,306 7 10
Colporteurs	399 10 0
Biblewomen	102 0 0
Miscellaneous	2,736 8 11

Balance at 31st Dec., 1897
Rs. 17,886 8 4
Rs. 1,717 4 11

Rs. 19,603 13 3

2. STAFF AND WORK—

Rev. J. Douglas.
7 Catechists.
1 Colporteur.
4 Biblewomen.
13 Christian Teachers.

2 Non-Christian Teachers.
443 Pupils, of whom 18 are Christians.
77 Villages visited in the year.
9 Preaching Stations in Town.
6 Preaching Stations in Country.

7. WARDHA DISTRICT MISSION.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.			
	Rs. a. p.	Evangelistic.	Primary Schools.	Medical.	Total.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Balance at 31st Dec., 1896	1,200 9 10		418 0 0		418 0 0
From Foreign Missions Committee	3,711 9 5	793 5 0	..	345 0 0	1,183 5 0
Specially Destined Contributions	730 8 4	464 2 0	..	..	464 2 0
From Europe and Colonies	261 9 11	..	46 9 3	3 0 0	49 9 3
Local Subscriptions	124 8 0	..	376 3 2	28 4 9	404 7 11
Rents	254 5 4	14 6 3	..	..	14 6 3
Medical Fees	169 1 0	115 0 0	..	..	115 0 0
School Fees	1 14 9			36 5 5	36 5 5
Government Grants	24 3 2			682 8 0	682 8 0
				646 11 11	646 11 11
				74 15 6	74 15 6
				141 14 1	916 6 4
		Rs. 1,706 13 3	1,295 4 8	1,958 11 8	4,960 13 7
		Balance, 31st Dec. 1897			1,507 8 2
	Rs. 6,468 5 9			Total	Rs. 6,468 5 9

2 STAFF AND WORK—

Rev. Dr. Revie (on furlough).
Rev. Dr. Sandilands.
4 Catechists.
4 Hospital Assistants.
1 Colporteur.
1 Biblewoman.
1 Christian Teacher.

3 Non-Christian Teachers.
2 Schools, with 71 Pupils, of whom 4 are Christians.
245 Villages visited in the year.
2 Preaching Stations in the Town.
3 Preaching Stations in the Country.



India District Missions—Continued.

8. BHANDARA.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.	
Balance at 31st Dec., 1896	Rs.4,072 12 6
From Foreign Missions Committee	19,278 0 0
Specially Destined Contributions	370 0 0
From Europe and Colonies	3,337 0 0
Local Subscriptions	986 0 0
Rents	8 0 0
Medical Fees	48 0 0
School Fees	5 0 0
Government Grants	2,148 0 0
	<u>Rs.30,252 12 6</u>

EXPENDITURE.	
Teachers	Rs.1,648 0 0
Catechists	361 0 0
Dispensary and Medicine	1,120 0 0
Hospital	284 0 0
Itinerating	481 0 0
Board	3,813 0 0
Scholarship	1 11 0
Rent and Taxes	36 0 0
Furniture and Apparatus	101 0 0
Repairs and Building	2,410 0 0
Colporteurs	100 0 0
Miscellaneous	358 0 0
	<u>Rs.10,713 11 0</u>
* Balance at 31st Dec., 1897	19,539 1 6
	<u>Rs.30,252 12 6</u>

* This balance includes a sum of Rs.15,000 for a new Mission House

2. STAFF AND WORK—

- Rev. Dr. Sandilands.
- 3 Catechists.
- 3 Hospital Assistants.
- 3 Biblewomen.
- 7 Christian Teachers.
- 6 Non-Christian Teachers.

4 SCHOOLS—286 Pupils, of whom 9 are Christians.

9. AMRAOTI DISTRICT.

1. ACCOUNTS—

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.			
		Evangelistic.		Primary Schools.	Total.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Balance at 31st December, 1896	188 5 3	Native Superintendents . . . . .	..	180 0 0	180 0 0
From Foreign Missions Committee	1,724 0 0	Teachers . . . . .	..	1,970 5 0	1,970 5 0
Local Subscriptions	21 0 0	Catechists	659 0 0	..	659 0 0
Interest	22 8 0	Itinerating	9 0 0	..	9 0 0
Rents	192 0 0	Scholarships . . . . .	..	66 0 0	66 0 0
School Fees	215 12 6	Rent and Taxes . . . . .	..	120 0 0	120 0 0
Government Grants	852 0 0	Miscellaneous	107 8 0	..	107 8 0
	<u>Rs.3,215 9 9</u>				
		Balance, 31st Dec., 1897	Rs. 775 8 0	2,336 5 0	3,111 13 0
			88 4 3	15 8 6	103 12 9
			Rs. 863 12 3	2,351 13 6	3,215 9 9

2. STAFF AND WORK—

- Rev. Sidoba B. Misal.
- 5 Catechists.
- 5 Biblewomen.
- 3 Catechists in training.
- 8 Christian Teachers.

9 Non-Christian Teachers.
 106 Preaching Stations in town.
 24 Preaching Stations in country.
 5 Schools with 250 Pupils, of whom 15 are Christians.



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Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 20th September, 1898, confirmed
at Meeting on the 18th October, 1898.*

IV. MEETING: 1898-99.

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
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Sederunt.

34. Rev. Prof. Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, Agnew, Binnie, Black, Creighton, Daly, B.D., Dickson, Falconer, Forbes, Glendinning, Harvey, Henderson, B.D., Low, G. G. Macdonald, J. Macdonald, C. Mackenzie, Macphail, D.D., Macphail, A. Macrae, J. Macrae, Miller, B.D., Moir, Morris, Mowat, Paton, Revie, Robertson, D.D., C. A. Salmond, S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., Soutar, Stephen, Swanston, Symington, Tainsh, and Young, *Ministers*; Messrs. D. D. Adamson, Wm. Brown, Captain Bruce, Dr. Burgess, Colonel Cadell, Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, Dr. J. B. Fleming, Rev. John Forgan, Wm. Gray, Sir Wm. Henderson, Alex. Hutton, D. B. Meldrum, Martin Mowat, Rev. Thos. Paterson, Andrew Reid, J. Russell, Wm. Waugh, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

35. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

36. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th September, 1898, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

	1898-99.	1897-98.
Balance at 31st March, 1897,		£7,060 14 7
Balance at 31st March, 1898,	£4,505 17 6	
Associations,	5,958 9 2	5,867 12 1
Congregational Specially Destined Contribu- tions,	121 5 1	78 7 0
Collections,	437 8 11	405 6 11
Donations,	98 16 4	102 5 0
Special Donations,	1,609 16 9	1,005 11 9
Legacies,	685 10 1	3,380 6 8
Income Tax Recovered,		
Interest from all sources,	1,253 10 5	1,373 18 4
	<u>£14,670 14 3</u>	<u>£19,274 2 4</u>
* Paid,	16,778 10 9	17,246 17 7
Balance due,	<u>£2,107 16 6</u>	
Balance at credit,		<u>£2,027 4 9</u>
* Paid General,	£943 5 9	£969 18 5
„ Calcutta,	1,988 5 0	1,904 0 1
„ Santalia,	828 17 6	916 4 4
„ Bombay,	2,076 19 1	2,265 18 6
„ Madras,	2,194 16 8	2,573 5 5
„ Poona,	593 12 9	595 15 5
„ Nagpoor,	2,313 7 11	1,594 17 11
„ Lovedale,	1,602 14 11	1,517 17 2
„ New Hebrides,	451 19 11	790 13 11
„ Syria,	125 0 0	188 0 0
„ Kafraria,	2,295 19 0	2,395 15 1
„ Natal,	1,063 15 9	926 5 7
„ Rescued Gallas (balance),		
„ South Arabia (balance),	299 16 6	608 5 9
	<u>£16,778 10 9</u>	<u>£17,246 17 7</u>

Minutes
confirmed.
State of the
Fund.



37. The Committee record with sorrow the death of Dr. John Pringle, Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals of the old Madras Medical Service. From 1869 to 1898 Dr. Pringle was an active and valued member of the Foreign Missions Committee. The Committee desire to express their sympathy with his widow and family.

Late Dr. John Pringle.

38. The Committee have received from their honorary Treasurer at King William's Town, James W. Weir, Esq., the sad intelligence of the sudden death of Mr. Andrew Smith, M.A., on the 2nd July, 1898. For almost the quarter of a century Andrew Smith, M.A., was a professor in the Church's Missionary Institution at Lovedale. He retired in 1888, when he was sixty years of age, on a modest grant from the Invalided Fund. The Committee then recorded their sense of the value of the services which he had been enabled to render to the cause of Christ among the Kafirs, and invited him home to Scotland. From loyalty to the Mission he had refused a high secular appointment. He loved South Africa. His published writings are valued by experts who have the good of its people at heart.

Late Mr. Andrew Smith.

39. Read letter from Mr. Andrew Scott, Secretary of the Lebanon Schools Society, arranging for a Deputation from the Society to have an interview with the Standing Sub-Committee on Monday, 19th September; also Petition from twenty members of the Native Church at Shweir; also letter from Miss Dobbie, addressed to the Convener, of date 26th July, 1898, all having reference to the proposed abandonment of work on the part of the Lebanon Schools Society, and desiring that the work should be undertaken by this Committee; also a memorandum, drafted by Dr. Carslaw, our missionary at Shweir, setting forth the work done by the Society in the Lebanon, and estimating the minimum expense of carrying it on at £612 a-year. The Convener reported that the Sub-Committee had received the Deputation, consisting of Rev. Professor Robertson, D.D., Glasgow University; Rev. Dr. J. G. Cunningham; Rev. J. Fairley Daly, B.D.; and Mr. Andrew Scott, C.A.

Lebanon Schools Society.

The Foreign Missions Committee appointed the following Sub-Committee to consider and report to an early meeting on the proposals of the Lebanon Schools Society:—The Conveners and Secretary, Rev. J. Harvey, Rev. G. D. Low, Rev. A. Soutar, Sir William Henderson, and Mr. J. Kinmont, S.S.C.

40. Read Minute of Bengal Mission Council, dated 8th July, 1898, asking sanction for the use of Rs.1296:7:6 of the Rs.4700 got for the old materials of 2 Cornwallis Square, to put a third (intermediate) storey over the bath-rooms of the new building.

Calcutta—Buildings Rs.1296 additional asked for.

The Committee, while disappointed that the Mission Council, notwithstanding the very large sum which this Committee has been compelled to set aside for buildings at Calcutta, has proposed now to go beyond the original estimates, agree to the proposal, although their intention had



been to use the sum referred to in providing part of the outlay required for the alterations on the premises in Beadon Street.

Calcutta—
Rev. J. C.
Scrimgeour's
Final Lan-
guage Ex-
amination.

41. Read Minute of Bengal Mission Council, of date 8th July, 1898, reporting that the Rev. J. C. Scrimgeour had passed his Final Language Examination; read also certificate from examiner showing that Mr. Scrimgeour was entitled to the bonus promised to those who have taken two-third of the maximum marks.

The Committee accordingly grant the bonus of Rs.500, and admit Mr. Scrimgeour to be a member of the Bengal Mission Council.

Calcutta—
Furlough of
Rev. Dr. K. S.
Macdonald.

42. Read Minute of Bengal Mission Council recommending that furlough be granted to the Rev. K. S. Macdonald, D.D., from March or April, 1899. Read also medical certificate, of date 13th July, 1898, and letter from Dr. Macdonald to the Convener, of date 11th August, 1898. The Convener stated, for the information of the Committee, that Dr. Macdonald's regular furlough was not due until 1st December, 1900.

The Committee resolved:—That they are quite willing to grant Dr. Macdonald ordinary furlough ante-dated, at the beginning of next hot season, if the state of his health renders that necessary, but they would require a medical certificate to that effect, given at a date nearer the proposed time of leaving India, say in December next.

Bethel—
Rules for
Management.

43. Read letter from Rev. R. B. Douglas, Bethel, dated 10th August, 1898, with the following Rules for the management of the property, as finally passed by H.H. the Nizam's Government.

RULES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE BETHEL PROPERTY AND MISSION.

1. The Government of H.H. the Nizam having made over to the Free Church of Scotland 400 bigas of Gauthan land in trust for the maintenance and endowment of the Church, attended by the native Christians of the village of Bethel, situated in the taluq of Jalna, Zilla Aurungabad, the following rules for the management of the land have been sanctioned.

Committee of
Management.

2. The affairs relating to the land allotted for the maintenance of the Bethel Church and community shall be managed by a committee of six members, consisting of the agent of the Free Church of Scotland in charge of the Jalna Mission holding a general power of attorney; the Native Christian Pastor of the Bethel Church and four duly ordained Native Christian elders, one of whom shall be nominated by the agent of the Free Church of Scotland, and three shall be elected by members of the Bethel Congregation. All members of the community in full communion with the Church, who have resided in Bethel for three months previous to date of election shall have the right of voting. The agent of the Free Church of Scotland in charge of the Jalna Mission shall be the presiding member of the Committee of Management but shall only have one vote, except in the case of an equal division.

3. The Native Christian Pastor of the Bethel Church shall be *ex-officio* manager of the Trust, and shall be responsible to the Government for the proper fulfilment of the conditions of the same.



4. As it is understood that the congregation of the Bethel Church consists for the most part of illiterate men, the members of the Committee need not necessarily belong to the Bethel congregation, but may be selected from any of the other congregations under the Jalna Mission of the Free Church of Scotland. Qualification of members of Committee.
5. The members to be elected for three years, but shall be eligible for reappointment. Period of service.
6. The manager shall be appointed for three years, and shall not be removed within that period except on a three months' notice signed by a majority of the Committee. Period of Manager's appointment.
7. The names of the members of the Committee shall be furnished to the Tahsildar, who shall also be informed of any changes in the constitution of the Committee, by death, resignation, &c. Names of Committee to be furnished to the Tahsildar.
8. The manager shall be regarded as the Executive member whose duty it is to carry out the orders of the Committee. The Government will hold him responsible—
 (1) that all orders of the Government to the Committee are properly carried out; and
 (2) that all resolutions of the Committee are properly executed and the manager will be regarded as the medium of correspondence between the Committee and the Government Officials. Duty of Manager.
9. All money raised from the Bethel property, whether ground rent, house rent, land assessment, or local cesses to be expended on the Bethel community exclusively. Such expenditure may take the form of repairs and improvements to the church building and to houses, wells, agricultural improvements,—salaries of pastor, manager, school teachers, &c., &c. It will be for the Committee to decide the objects on which the money is to be spent. Expenditure of money.
10. The manager will collect all dues from the members of the Bethel community, and the President, acting as treasurer, will hold them at the disposal of the Committee, who will annually publish a statement of receipts and expenditure for the information of the community. A copy of such statement shall also be sent to the Tahsildar. The Manager to collect dues
11. It shall be the duty of the Committee to lay down rules for the guidance of the members of the community, such rules to refer to the rates of ground and house rent, assessment, the allotment of building sites or fields for agricultural purposes, village sanitation, &c., &c. Committee to lay down rules.
12. Every member of the Bethel community occupying a building site, house, or field, shall enter into an agreement with the Managing Committee specifying the terms on which he holds such site, house or field, such agreement to be written or printed on an eight anna stamp paper. Agreements to be entered into.
13. In the event of any breach of such agreement involving eviction, the Committee, through the manager, after giving due notice, shall take the necessary proceedings before a tribunal having jurisdiction. All such proceedings shall be conducted in the name of the manager, and in all suits or actions against the Committee either by the Government or by private parties, the manager shall be the person who will be held responsible for all acts of the Committee. Procedure on breach of agreement.

The Committee record the Rules in their Minutes, and congratulate their Missionaries at Jalna and Bethel on the termination of the long series of negotiations with the Government of H.H. the Nizam.

The Committee further request the granting of a general power of attorney by the General Trustees of the Church, in favour of Rev. Dr. Mowat and Rev. R. Baillie Douglas, jointly and severally.



Konkan—
Grant of
Rs.1000 for
Famine.

44. Read Minute of Western India Mission Council, dated 24th June, 1898, asking an increase of Rs.100 a-month to the grant for the Konkan Mission.

The Committee greatly regret that the state of their finances will not enable them to make any increase in their yearly grants to any of their Mission Stations; but inasmuch as the last year's expenses in the Konkan have been very heavy, and the District Mission is Rs.3094 in debt, they resolve to repay to the Mission the sum of Rs.1000 of Extraordinary Famine Expenses (*Cf.* Schedule II, 3, printed in their July Minutes).

Bombay City
—Mr. Mac-
nicol's work.

45. Read Minute, as above, asking an increase of Rs.75 a-month for Mr. Macnicol's vernacular evangelistic work.

The Committee are, for the same reason, unable to comply with the request of the Council.

Rev. John
Torrance's
Furlough.

46. Read Minute of Western India Mission Council, dated 2nd September, 1898, recommending that the usual furlough be sanctioned for Rev. John Torrance, Poona, from March instead of April, 1899, and assigning satisfactory reasons for the request. The Committee sanction the furlough from March accordingly.

Hispol College
—Mr. Len-
drum's Resig-
nation.

47. Read letters, dated 26th August and 2nd September, 1898, from Rev. John Lendrum, sorrowfully resigning his appointment from next March, on account of continued ill-health, and expressing the hope that a successor might be sent out by Christmas, so as to begin his Marathi studies at once in the cool season. Read letter from Principal Whitton, dated 26th August, urging the same request.

After deep regret and sympathy with Mr. Lendrum had been expressed by the Convener, Sir W. Henderson and Rev. Professor Robertson, D.D., the Committee accepted the resignation of Rev. John Lendrum as from March next, and the Convener and Secretary were instructed to look out for a suitable successor.

The Convener stated that Mr. Lendrum's illness was due to life and work in the Tropics, and would in no way unfit him for work at home.

Lovedale
Church—Mr.
Mzimba's
Resignation.

48. Read letter, dated Lovedale, 6th April, 1898, to the Kafrarian Presbytery, from Rev. P. J. Mzimba, giving nineteen (ultimately eighteen) reasons for his resignation. Read the nineteen findings of the Presbytery in answer. Read letters from Rev. John Lennox, dated Lovedale, 30th July and 20th August, 1898, giving a narrative of the proceedings, and adding that Mr. Mzimba "has privately circulated a pamphlet saying that he wishes to organise a Presbyterian Church for natives of S. Africa, independent of the white man."

In the later letter Mr. Lennox reports the ordination, at Burnshill, on the 16th August, of Rev. Yekelo Mbali as missionary to the Free Church



native congregation at Johannesburg, which since the deposition of Mr. Edward Tsewu had been without a minister.

Read letter, dated Lovedale, 29th July, from Rev. D. D. Stormont, reporting that the Presbytery had appointed him Moderator of the Lovedale Native Church and in charge of the Schools and Mission, in addition to his duties in the Institution.

Submitted Minutes of the Presbytery of Kafraria, at Lovedale, 15th to 21st April, 1898; 27th and 28th April; 18th and 19th May; and 3rd, 6th, 7th, 15th, and 23rd June, 1898.

The Foreign Missions Committee appointed the following as a Sub-Committee to consider the papers and report to a future meeting:—The Conveners and Secretary, Rev. J. Fairley Daly, Dr. Henderson, G. G. Macdonald, J. Macdonald, and Tainsh, Sir W. Henderson, Mr. R. L. Orr, and Mr. John Stephen.

49. The Minutes of the Livingstonia Meeting of 28th June last were laid on the table. With reference to No. 7, the Secretary reported that Her Majesty's Government had resolved to send out to Blantyre, in the Shiré Highlands, three Experts to report on the causes and prevention of Malarial Fevers, and especially the Blackwater scourge. The Committee resolved to thank the Marquis of Salisbury and the Hon. Francis Bertie, Assistant Under Secretary, Foreign Office.

Livingstonia
Minutes.

50. It was reported that the Collecting Books, Nos. 530 and 620, issued under Minute 175, of 19th May, 1897, to Rev. Dr. Revie, had been duly returned by him. The sum received was £953, 7s. 6d. (since increased to above £1000). The Committee directed that the Collecting Books be transmitted to the General Treasurer, in terms of the Act of General Assembly, 1895.

Rev. Dr.
Revie's Col-
lecting Books.

Closed with the Blessing.



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Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 18th October, 1898, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 15th November, 1898.*

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60. Lovedale—Health of Rev. Dr. Stewart.
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and P. (Edin.).
63. Rev. Dr. William Miller's Departure.
64. Date of next Meeting.



At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 18th October, 1898.

Sederunt.

51. Rev. Prof. Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Affleck, B.D., Agnew, Alexander, Ballantine, Davidson, Falconer, Forbes, Gillies, Henderson, D.D., Henderson, B.D., Hunter, B.D., W. S. Hunter, Low, Macaskill, G. G. Macdonald, W. Macdonald, C. Mackenzie, D. F. Mackenzie, M. Mackenzie, R. Mackenzie, W. Mackenzie, M'Lean, M'Neill, J. Macrae, Martin, Mathewson, Miller, B.D., Principal Miller, Morris, Morrison, Reid, B.D., C. A. Salmond, Salmond, D.D., Sandeman, D.D., Soutar, Stalker, D.D., Swanson, Symington, Tainsh, Thomson, *Ministers*; Messrs. Arras, W. Brown, Bruce, Burgess, Cadell, Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, J. Cowan, H. Ferguson, Major-General Grant, A. Gray, Sir Wm. Henderson, John Kinmont, Rev. G. Laing, Rev. R. Logan, Lowe, Dr. M'Ewan, Mackay, M'Kelvie, Macpherson, J. Robertson, J. C. Robertson, Ross, Russell, R. Simson, Stephen, Traill, Usher, Wallace, D.D., Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

52. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

53. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th October, 1898, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

Minutes
confirmed.
State of the
Fund.

	1898-99.	1897-98.
Balance at 31st March, 1897,		£7,060 14 7
Balance at 31st March, 1898,	£4,505 17 6	
Associations,	7,939 10 4	8,004 6 8
Congregational Specially Destined Contribu- tions,	141 10 4	79 7 0
Collections,	469 8 5	470 5 4
Donations,	100 16 4	405 14 9
Special Donations,	1,992 10 8	1,106 8 4
Legacies,	1,195 10 1	3,430 6 8
Income Tax Recovered,		
Interest from all sources,	1,310 11 5	1,430 19 4
	£17,655 15 1	£21,988 2 8
* Paid,	18,470 16 6	18,728 9 1
Balance due,	£815 1 5	...
Balance at credit,		£3,259 13 7
* Paid General,	£1,150 1 11	£1,198 16 0
" Calcutta,	2,240 6 6	2,309 4 3
" Santalia,	1,016 17 6	1,006 5 6
" Bombay,	2,279 15 5	2,488 2 0
" Madras,	2,202 6 8	2,651 18 9
" Poona,	603 12 9	605 15 5
" Nagpoor,	2,699 1 4	1,842 2 11
" Lovedale,	1,635 11 5	1,724 8 4
" New Hebrides,	478 14 11	814 7 6
" Syria,	155 0 0	188 0 0
" Kafarria,	2,382 4 0	2,462 5 1
" Natal,	1,251 18 7	1,103 11 7
" Rescued Gallas (balance),		
" South Arabia (balance),	375 5 6	333 11 9
	£18,470 16 6	£18,728 9 1



54. The Secretary reported that the Juvenile Contributions Committee had selected the following six Leaflet Objects for the year 1889:—

Juvenile Contributions—
Leaflets, 1899.

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|--------------------------|---|
| NEW YEAR OFFERING, } | • Manse for New Mission, Pondoland. |
| January and February, } | • Livingstonia Mission. |
| March and April, . . . | • Famine Children, Keith-Falconer School, Arabia. |
| May and June, . . . | • Rescued Gallas, Lovedale. |
| July and August, . . . | • Work among City Waifs at Home. |
| September and October, . | • New Hebrides—Maritime Communication. |
| November and December, . | |

55. The Convener reported the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on the Lovedale Church, and Mr. Mzimba's action.

Lovedale Church—Sub-Committee's Report.
Kafir Petition for Prayer.

Read also translation of letter of three Elders to the Convener, dated 30th July, 1898, asking prayer in "these troubles." Read also Rev. B. Ross's letter, dated 30th August, 1898, suggesting that a letter of exhortation be sent.

Synod of Kafraria's Minutes.

Submitted also printed Minutes of the Synod of Kafraria, 21st July, 1898, showing an increase of £168, 8s. 4d. in the Ministers' and Mission Funds, amounting to £838, 11s. 10d. in the year ending June, 1898, and in all directions of Mission work. Minute 34 thus deals with the case of Rev. Mr. Mzimba:—

"The following deliverance, moved by Mr. D. L. Erskine, and seconded by Mr. Matheson, after lengthened conversation, was approved of by the Synod:—

"The Synod sympathise deeply with the Presbytery of Kafraria in the difficult situation which has arisen. In addition to the statement made by the Moderator they have heard from a member of Synod, who has been in private communication with Mr. Mzimba, that he has other, and in his estimation, more cogent reasons for the course he has taken, than those given to the Presbytery of Kafraria. If this be so, they must condemn Mr. Mzimba for not stating the whole of his case frankly to the Presbytery, and for confining himself to reasons for resignation insufficient to justify that step. In pursuing this course, he has practically defied ecclesiastical authority, forgetful of his ordination vows; he has broken up the oldest and most prosperous Congregation of the Church; he has introduced suspicion, distrust, and dissension into the whole Mission, and so far undone the faithful and devoted work of the Lord's servants who preceded him and laboured in the same field for two generations; he has also encouraged his supporters, in defiance of common honesty, to retain possession of records and other property to which they have no legal right. The Synod would support the Presbytery of Kafraria in its efforts to obtain restitution of the property referred to."

The Foreign Missions Committee resolved to recommend the Commission of General Assembly, at its next meeting, to send a pastoral letter to all the Kafir Congregations of the Church, to be signed by the Moderator. The Sub-Committee was instructed to prepare the draft for the next meeting of this Committee, and Mr. Robert Young was added to the Sub-Committee.



Lebanon
Schools
Society's
Proposal.

56. The Convener said that the Sub-Committee on The proposal of the Lebanon Schools Society, were not prepared to report, as they wished to make some inquiries of their missionary in the Lebanon; but meanwhile they recommended the Committee to send the proposals of the Lebanon Schools Society to the Woman's Society for information and suggestion. The Committee instruct the Secretary to send the papers to the Woman's Society.

Rev. R. Scott's
Furlough.

57. Read Minute of Western India Mission Council, dated 23rd September, recommending that Rev. R. Scott's furlough be sanctioned as from the close of 1898, and submitting medical certificate to that effect.

The Committee sanctioned furlough accordingly, from the close of this year for eighteen months.

Rev. J.
Strachan's
First Ex-
amination.
Madras—
Mr. Moffat's
Ordination.

58. Read Minute, as above, with result of Rev. R. Strachan's First Marathi Examination, in which he secured 325 out of 500 marks.

59. Read letter from Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D., dated 7th October, 1898, recommending the Committee cordially to agree to the ordination of Rev. Alexander Moffat, Licentiate, before he returns to his duties in the Madras Christian College, which he joined in 1892 in Mr. Michie Smith's place. Read, also, letter from Mr. Moffat, dated 6th October, 1898, expressing his desire to return to Madras as an ordained missionary of the Free Church of Scotland.

The Foreign Missions Committee hereby sanction the ordination to the holy ministry of Mr. Alexander Moffat, M.A., B.Sc. (Edin.), whom the Madras College Council have appointed to the College, and instruct the Secretary to arrange for his ordination by the Free Presbytery of Edinburgh, Rev. A. Alexander and the Secretary to represent the Committee at the service. Mr. Moffat must submit a satisfactory medical certificate.

Lovedale—
Health of Rev.
Dr. Stewart.

60. The Convener made a statement, based on official and other communications from South Africa, as to the health of Rev. Dr. James Stewart, which had been seriously affected by the over-strain of work in the Institution and dangerous illness in his own family. The Committee unanimously resolved to urge Dr. Stewart, by telegraph, to take three months' private leave to recruit, and to nominate Mr. Roberts, senior member of the Lovedale staff, to act as chairman of the Education Board during his absence. They ask Mr. Geddes to give special assistance to Mr. Roberts in all matters concerning the Boarding and Industrial Departments. They feel confident that all members of the staff will do their best to promote harmony and efficiency of work in this emergency.

Office—Chief
Clerk's Salary.

61. With the concurrence of the Finance Committee of the Church, and on the recommendation of the Standing Sub-Committee, it was



resolved to increase the salary of Mr. R. F. Young from £100 to £120 a-year.

62. Read letter from the Secretary, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, reporting the appointment to Nagpur of Miss Margaret Brodie, L.R.C.S. and P. (Edin.).

Woman's
Society—Miss
(Dr.) Brodie's
Appointment.

63. The Convener having drawn the Committee's attention to the immediate departure of Rev. Dr. William Miller, C.I.E., to Madras for the winter, Dr. Miller thanked the members for the expression of their good wishes, and stated that after next summer in Scotland, he hoped that, in God's good providence, he might be able to resume work in the Christian College.

Rev. Dr. W.
Miller, C.I.E.

64. The Committee resolved to hold its next meeting on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, the day before the quarterly meeting of Commission of General Assembly.

Next Meeting.

Closed with the Blessing.



[Confidential—for Members of Committee only.]

Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 15th November, 1898, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 20th December, 1898.*

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70. Madras C. College—Rev. J. Mackenzie's Ordination.
71. Jalna Bethel Settlement.
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75. South Africa—Union.



At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 15th November, 1898.

Sederunt.

65. Rev. Prof. Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, B.D., Affleck, B.D., Alexander, Anderson, Ballantine, Binnie, Creighton, Crerar, Fairley, Daly, B.D., Davidson, Dickson, Donaldson, Falconer, Finlayson, Forbes, Forgan, B.D., George, Glendinning, Henderson, D.D., Henderson, B.D., Hunter, Kilpatrick, B.D., Kellett, Macaskill, G. G. Macdonald, J. Macdonald, W. Macdonald, C. Mackenzie, D. F. Mackenzie, B.D., M. Mackenzie, W. Mackenzie, M'Lean, Macphail, D.D., Macphail, A. Macrae, J. Macrae, Mathewson, Miller, B.D., Moir, Paton, Reid, B.D., Robertson, D.D., C. A. Salmond, Sandeman, D.D., C. Smith, T. Smith, D.D., Soutar, Stephen, Swanston, Thomson, D. D. Young, *Ministers*; Dr. Burgess, Colonel Cadell, Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, Mr. John Cowan, W.S., Dr. Fleming, Captain Graham, Mr. Alex. Gray, Sir Wm. Henderson, Mr. Kinmont, Rev. G. Laing, Rev. R. Logan, Messrs. Lowe, McKelvie, D. MacLean, Rev. E. MacLean, Messrs. M'Murray, Macpherson, Mowat, Orr, Paterson, Reid, J. Robertson, J. C. Robertson, R. Robertson, Rolland, Ross, Russell, R. R. Simpson, J. Simson, R. Simson, Stephen, Waugh, Wilson, Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

Minutes
confirmed.
Rev. R.
Stothert's
death.

66. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

67. The Convener reported the death of the Rev. Richard Stothert, M.A., at Bombay, on the 21st October last, and expressed the sympathy of the Committee with his widow. Mr. Stothert was sent out by the Church to Western India in 1860, and continued to labour as an ordained missionary, side by side with Dr. John Wilson chiefly, for several years. During his furlough in 1880, he published his "Sabbath Mornings with the Bombay Missions," a work partly devotional and partly historical. On retiring from active service he returned to India in 1887, where he superintended evangelistic work at Lanowli, near Poona.

Rev. F. W.
Kellett
welcomed.

68. The Convener welcomed Rev. F. W. Kellett, the Wesleyan Missionary Society's representative on the staff of the Madras Christian College, on his return to this country on furlough, and expressed the gratitude of the Committee and the Church for the valued co-operation of that Society. Mr. Kellett declared the satisfaction he felt in visiting some of our Congregations in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and in his brotherly intercourse with our Missionaries and Ministers.

Repairs Fund
Allocation.

69. The Committee allocated the sum of £396, 15s. 8d., the available interest of the Repairs Fund, as follows:—



Lovedale Institution,	£66 0 0
Santalia,	50 0 0
Madras,	25 0 0
Bombay,	50 0 0
Nagpur,	60 0 0
Jalna,	25 0 0
Sheikh-Othman,	50 0 0
Blythswood,	30 0 0
Impolweni,	25 0 0
Bengal,	15 15 8

Madras C. College—Rev. J. Mackenzie's Ordination.

70. Read letter from Rev. G. Pittendrigh, dated 19th October, 1898, with Resolution of College Council, requesting this Committee as Supreme Governing Body of the College, to take steps to secure the services "of Rev. John Mackenzie, M.A., as an ordained Missionary of the Church, in succession to Rev. Dr. Cooper." Mr. Mackenzie was a distinguished student, and has been for some time Mr. Fraser's Assistant, Brechin.

Mr. Mackenzie has submitted a satisfactory medical certificate. The Foreign Missions Committee hereby appoint the Rev. John Mackenzie, M.A., whom the Madras College Council have nominated, to be an ordained missionary in the Madras Christian College, in succession to the Rev. Dr. Cooper, sanction ordination to the holy ministry, and instruct the Secretary to arrange for his ordination by the Free Presbytery of Inverness, Rev. Alexander Miller, of Buckie, to represent the Committee at the service.

Jalna Bethel Settlement.

71. Read letter from Rev. R. Baillie Douglas, dated 13th October, 1898, and letter from Rev. Dr. Mowat, dated 1st November, 1898, reporting final and satisfactory settlement of the Bethel property difficulties, and the names of the Committee of Management under the new rules, as follows:—

- President.—Rev. R. B. DOUGLAS.
- Manager—Jaiwantrao Shivaram Amolitt, *Pastor at Bethel.*
- Elders—David Manockji Surrey, } *Chosen*
- Limbaji Bhavanba Ghodke, } *by Bethel*
- Tukaram Punjaji Nirmal, } *Christians.*
- Philip Bhujang Shehote—*Chosen by President.*

"After a good deal of trouble, I at last obtained from the Tahsildar yesterday the order putting the village Gauthan into the hands of the Committee."

Rev. R. B. Douglas asks, also, for permission to spend a sum of money sent by the Glasgow Bethel Committee for the Provident Fund in repairing Bethel Church and School.

The Committee have no power to alter the destination of the money referred to, and cannot sanction the request. Meanwhile, they have voted the sum of £25 from their Repairs Fund, and they instruct the Rev. R. B. Douglas to have an estimate taken for the repairs referred to before they are undertaken. The Committee take this opportunity to state that they are desirous to encourage the people of Bethel to become a self-supporting community, and therefore by this minute give the local Committee of Bethel to understand that all ordinary expenditure should be defrayed from local funds.



Lovedale
Church—
Report.

72. The Convener reported that the sub-Committee on the Lovedale Church recommended that a pastoral letter be addressed to the Kafir and Zulu congregations, to be signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly. The Committee approved, and remitted it to the Convener to prepare a draft address, along with Rev. Dr. Melville, and to the Secretary to make a statement to the Commission at its meeting tomorrow.

Gordon
Mission—
Mr. J. M.
Moir.

73. Read letter from Rev. Dr. Dalzell, dated 13th October, 1898, asking the Foreign Missions Committee to pay £67, 10s. to Mr. J. M. Moir, retired, as local furlough allowance. The Gordon Committee's agreement with Mr. Moir declares—"The Committee do not undertake to provide for furlough." The arrangement was purely local with Dr. Dalzell, who is responsible.

Read also letter, since received from Mr. John M. Moir, dated 7th November, 1898, detailing the circumstances.

The Foreign Missions Committee are of opinion that Rev. Dr. Dalzell is bound to pay £67, 10s. to Mr. J. M. Moir in terms of Mr Moir's resignation, as settled with Dr. Dalzell himself.

Impolweni—
Rev. J. Scott.

74. Read letter from Rev. J. Scott, dated 15th October, 1898, applying—(1) for sanction to furlough due next year (August–September); (2) for help in finding, sending out, and paying a European farmer; (3) declaring his intention to ask for a qualified European to be put at the head of the Impolweni Institution.

The Committee wish to point out that by Minute 87 of 1895–96 the Committee were prepared to make arrangements for a second European missionary at Impolweni, and that Mr. Scott declined to accept a second European, and pleaded instead for a European missionary at Kalabasi (Renier), which in the end was agreed to by Minute 158. The Committee are, therefore, unable to contemplate the appointment of a second European missionary to Impolweni; they are also unable, in the present state of their fund, to send out and partially pay for an agricultural assistant as requested.

With regard to the Rev. J. Scott's furlough, the Committee, before coming to a decision, expect Mr. Scott to inform them how he proposes that his work should be superintended in his absence.

S. Africa
Union.

75. Read the following:—

DURBAN, NATAL, 15th October, 1898.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, CAPETOWN,
Tuesday, 13th September, 1898.

At which time and place, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa met and constituted, *inter alia*:—

Agreed to the following deliverance in connection with discussion of Report on Missions—viz.,

The General Assembly regrets that the Missionaries of the Free Church of



Scotland labouring in South Africa still remain outside the Union of the Presbyterian Churches. The General Assembly declares its conviction that the hands of the Missionary brethren would be greatly strengthened, and their work among the natives materially helped, and especially that the troubles and difficulties which have arisen in some quarters could be dealt with by the General Assembly in an intelligent, sympathetic, and helpful way.

The General Assembly rejoices to know that the Free Church of Scotland has expressed its desire that the Missions in South Africa should be embraced in the Union, and hereby records its opinion and belief that it would be to the mutual advantage of the Mission and Colonial congregations to be united in one Church.

And the General Assembly expresses its sympathy with the Free Church brethren in the difficulties above referred to, its admiration of the great work which they have done in past years in the mission field, and its earnest hope that in no long time they will see their way to acquiesce in the avowed desire of the Home Church, assuring them of a very cordial welcome to the fellowship of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa.

The General Assembly further instructs the Clerk to forward copies of this deliverance to the Convener of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, the Rev. J. D. Don, Clerk of Synod of Kafaria (Free Church), and the brethren of the Free Church Missions in Natal.

Extract from the minutes,

JOHN LAING, *Clerk of General Assembly.*

*To the Convener, Foreign Missions Committee,
Free Church of Scotland, Edinburgh.*

The Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland recorded their thanks to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa for its courtesy.

Closed with the Blessing.



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Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 20th December, 1898, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 17th January, 1899.*

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 20th December, 1898.

Sederunt.

76. Rev. Prof. Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Affleck, B.D., Black, Creighton, Fairley Daly, B.D., Dickson, J. Douglas, Glendinning, Henderson, B.D., Hunter, B.D., W. Macdonald, C. Mackenzie, D. F. Mackenzie, W. Mackenzie, Mackenzie (*missionary*), M'Lean, Macphail, D.D., M'Neill, John Macrae, Mathewson, Miller, Moffat (*missionary*), Morris, Reid, Robertson, D.D., C. A. Salmond, Salmond, D.D., Sandeman, D.D., Crawford Smith, Stalker, D.D., Stephen, Swanson, Symington, Tainsh, J. Thomson, W. Thomson, Wallace, D.D., *Ministers*; Mr. Brown, Capt. Bruce, Dr. Burgess, Sir John Cowan, John Cowan, W.S., Dr. Fleming, Capt. Graham, Major-General Grant, Alex. Gray, Wm. Gray, P. Guthrie, A. Hutton, J. Kinmont, Rev. G. Laing, Rev. R. Logan, M'Kelvie, D. MacLean, M. Mowat, R. L. Orr, A. Reid, Jas. Robertson, J. C. Robertson, A. Rolland, J. Ross, Jos. Russell, Jas. Simson, D. M. Traill, F. J. Usher, D. Winter, Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

77. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

Minutes
confirmed.
State of the
Fund.

78. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th December, 1898, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

	1898-99.	1897-98.
Balance at 31st March, 1897,		£7,060 14 7
Balance at 31st March, 1898,	£4,505 17 6	
Associations,	10,297 12 4	10,236 3 6
Congregational Specially Destined Contributions,	159 0 7	95 0 0
Collections,	544 6 0	530 12 2
Donations,	513 18 10	843 14 9
Special Donations,	2,563 14 6	1,827 9 5
Legacies,	1,946 3 0	4,068 13 7
Income Tax Recovered,		
Interest from all sources,	2,434 0 1	2,624 2 11
	£22,964 12 10	£27,286 10 11
* Paid,	24,544 12 5	25,010 17 9
Balance due,	£1,579 19 7	
Balance at credit,		£2,275 13 2
* Paid General,	£1,406 4 10	£1,409 1 8
" Calcutta,	2,986 17 8	2,828 10 9
" Santalia,	1,367 6 10	1,383 9 2
" Bombay,	3,146 5 7	3,285 7 4
" Madras,	3,527 0 7	4,092 17 6
" Poona,	897 1 9	894 0 6
" Nagpoor,	3,247 14 9	2,621 7 1
" Lovedale,	2,144 1 3	2,219 2 5
" New Hebrides,	704 19 5	1,006 12 0
" Syria,	155 0 0	250 10 0
" Kafraria,	3,328 16 11	3,488 11 4
" Natal,	1,541 18 7	1,384 10 1
" Rescued Gallas (balance),	...	34 13 6
" South Arabia (balance),	91 4 3	112 4 5
	£24,544 12 5	£25,010 17 9



79. The Committee resolved to vote from the India Village Evangelisation Fund the following grants for the year 1899, it being clearly understood that these sums are to be voted year by year as the Committee have special funds to provide for them :—

India Village
Evangelisation Fund—
Grants for
1899.

(1.) To the Bengal Mission Council for Village Evangelisation in the Hoogli-Chinsurah district, the sum of Rs.3750.

(2.) To the Nagpoor Mission Council for Village Evangelisation in the districts of Nagpoor, Wardha, and Bhandara, the sum of Rs.4500.

(3.) To the Santal Mission Council the sum of Rs.2000; this sum to include the sum of £24 formerly given by Lord Overtoun for the station at Saolapur.

(4.) To the Madras Local Committee the sum of Rs.3750; this sum to include the sum of £10 formerly paid by Lord Overtoun for the Rajahgopal Schools, and Rs. 1500 to be given for the Pariah work carried on in the Chingleput district, and Rs.750 for the Rev. A. Andrew's Boarding and Training School at Chingleput.

These grants are all given on the condition that they are to be applied to work done under the superintendence of vernacular-speaking Missionaries, and that a quarterly report be sent to the Committee. Missionaries are hereby warned that if they neglect this condition, and thus prevent the Committee keeping faith with the subscribers, the second half-yearly instalment of these grants will not be sent.

80. The Convener introduced to the Committee, and suitably addressed, the Rev. Alex. Moffat and Rev. John Mackenzie, who were ordained on the 15th inst. and will leave for Madras Christian College in a few days. The Rev. Dr. Calder Macphail led the Committee in prayer for the young Missionaries, who thereafter received the right hand of fellowship from the members of the Committee present.

Madras Christian
College—
Rev. A. Moffat
and
J. Mackenzie.

81. On the Convener's report from the Lebanon Sub-Committee the following Minute was unanimously agreed to.

Lebanon Sub-
Committee.

The Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland are not in a position, financially and otherwise, to undertake the work carried on by the Lebanon Schools Society, and must therefore prefer the other alternative of joining with that Society in offering the whole Lebanon Mission, with the property, to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, continuing Rev. Dr. Carslaw's services as at present.

82. On behalf of the Sub-Committee on the Lovedale Native Church, the Convener reported that a Pastoral Letter, signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly by authority of the November Commission, had been sent out to Rev. John Lennox, Clerk of Presbytery of Kaffraria, and Rev. John Bruce for the Church's Mission in Natal, with instructions to have it translated into Kafir and Zulu, and widely circulated. The Secretary then read the Pastoral Letter which will appear in the next *Monthly*.

Lovedale
Native
Church.



The Convener stated that the Sub-Committee had on the previous day received a letter and documents from Rev. P. J. Mzimba, and hoped to be able to report to next meeting after the documents had been circulated to its members. The Foreign Missions Committee approved of this report, and directed that a copy of Mr. Mzimba's communication be sent to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Kafraria for information.

Home Administration
Sub-Committee.

83. On the recommendation of the Home Administration Sub-Committee as reported by Rev. Alex. Miller, Vice-Convener, the Committee resolved :—

1. That the month of October be recognised as the usual date for visiting the Presbytery selected in the Synods of Dumfries and Galloway.
2. That the following arrangements be sanctioned for visitation, all, if possible, before the General Assembly's Meeting :—

In the City of Aberdeen (8 congregations in January), Dr. Mowat ;
Do. Edinburgh (7 in February), Mr. Douglas and Mr. Henderson.
Do. Dundee (6 in March), Mr. Scott of Bombay ;
Dumfries (11 congregations), Mr. Dewar, as far as possible.
Penpont (7) Mr. Torrance, as soon as he arrives.
Lorn (2), Mr. Telfer.

For Aberlour (6), and Jedburgh (8), and Kelso (3); that Dr. Robertson and Mr. Laidlaw be asked to give assistance.

The congregations in Glasgow City have all been visited, being done in five years instead of seven as first arranged.

Hoogli—
Rev. K.N.Dé.

84. Read the following Minute of the Calcutta Mission Council, dated 26th November, 1898 :—

“Resolved to intimate to the Foreign Missions Committee that, in accordance with their Minute No. 124,4,c of 22nd March, 1898, the Rev. K. N. Dé would cease to act as Superintendent of the Chinsurah Institution from the end of the current year, and to recommend, at the same time, that Mr. Dé receive a further extension of service for the year 1899, without reduction of the salary hitherto paid him, although henceforth he would be required to do only pastoral and evangelistic work.”

Extracted by

W. M'CULLOCH,
(Mofussil) *Secretary.*

The Foreign Missions Committee adopt and confirm the above Minute of the Bengal Mission Council, and resolve that Mr. Dé receive a further extension of service for the year 1899, without reduction of the salary hitherto paid him, although henceforth he would be required to do only pastoral and evangelistic work.



85. The Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland unanimously and heartily resolved to commend to the brotherly services of all its Missionaries in India and Arabia, the Rev. P. R. Mackay, who has proceeded on a special Mission to India as Secretary of the Anglo-Indian Evangelisation Society.

Rev. P. R. Mackay in India.

86. Read letter from Rev. Dr. Stewart, dated 29th October, 1898, with copy of official letter to the Superintendent-General of Education, Cape Town, proposing to have one complete session of nine months instead of two sessions or terms of four and a-half months each, as hitherto. Dr. Muir has agreed, and the Convener is asked to wire "Agreed" before the 1st December, so as to give notice before the close of the session. This was wired.

Lovedale Institution.

The Committee approved of the Convener's action.

87. Read letter from Rev. John Stewart, dated 17th November, reporting that Rev. T. Itty's Royapuram Congregation has increased its contribution towards its pastor's stipend by Rs.10 a-month, the total paid being now Rs. 60 a-month. According to Minute 127 (2) of March, 1898, the Committee resolved that every increase made by the Congregation to the pastor's salary over Rs. 60 per month should be divided into two equal parts, the one of which should go to decreasing the Committee's supplement, while the other should go to increasing the pastor's salary. This rule comes into operation in any future increase.

Madras—Royapuram Tamil Church.

88. Read letter from Mr. A. W. Bodger, Secretary of United Committee on Native Races and the Liquor Traffic, asking this Committee to act with it as before. The following Minute was accordingly adopted:—

Native Races and the Brussels' Act.

The Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland ventures to hope that Her Majesty's Government will be able to secure the early meeting of the Powers in Conference at Brussels, and that steps may be taken to press upon the Powers the necessity of decisive International Action with reference to the Liquor Traffic in West Africa: and in particular—

- (1.) The desirability of prohibiting the importation of spirits into districts where the use of distilled liquors does not exist or has not been developed or where either on account of religious belief or for other reasons, the people of that district are opposed to the trade; and that this should be loyally carried out by all the Powers having Possessions in West Africa; and
- (2.) That in places where prohibition is deemed impossible from the existence of a well-established trade, a uniform duty should be established of not less than 4s. per proof (imperial) gallon, a regular, gradual increase taking place at intervals which might afterwards be decided; and that these duties should be uniform in all the Possessions of the West Coast of Africa.

Closed with the Blessing.



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Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 18th January, 1899, as confirmed
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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 18th January, 1899.

Sederunt.

89. Rev. Prof. Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Affleck, B.D., Agnew, Alexander, Anderson, Ballantine, Creighton, Crerar, J. Fairley Daly, B.D., Davidson, Donaldson, Falconer, Glendinning, Henderson, D.D., Henderson, B.D., Jas. Henderson, Hunter, B.D., Kilpatrick, B.D., Low, G. G. Macdonald, W. Macdonald, Colin Mackenzie, D. F. Mackenzie, B.D., W. Mackenzie, Macphail, D.D., Mathewson, Miller, B.D., Morris, Morrison, Paton, Matthew Reid, B.D., Robertson, D.D., C. A. Salmond, Crawford Smith, Stalker, D.D., Stephen, Swanston, Symington, Wallace, D.D., and D. D. Young, *Ministers*; Messrs. W. Arras, W. R. Brown, Capt. Bruce, Dr. Burgess, Colonel Cadell, Sir John Cowan, John Cowan, W.S., Dr. Fleming, Captain Graham, Alex. Gray, Kinmont, S.S.C., Rev. G. Laing, Rev. R. Logan, Dr. Loudon, W. D. Lowe, W. S., McKelvie, D. MacLean, Mowat, Orr, Dr. Prentice, Reid, Jas. Robertson, Rolland, Ross, R. R. Simpson, Jas. Simson, R. Simson, Usher, Winter, Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

90. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

91. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th January, 1899, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

	1898-99.	1897-98.
Balance at 31st March, 1897,		£7,060 14 7
Balance at 31st March, 1898,	£4,505 17 6	...
Associations,	12,584 7 9	12,425 12 5
Congregational Specially Destined Contributions,	169 19 1	120 5 5
Collections,	583 2 4	563 0 5
Donations,	769 19 9	862 6 7
Special Donations,	2,736 10 0	2,282 10 0
Legacies,	2,111 12 7	4,068 13 7
Income Tax Recovered, . . . . .	...	...
Interest from all sources,	2,655 10 1	2,848 10 10
	£26,116 19 1	£30,231 13 10
* Paid,	26,207 5 1	26,806 4 1
Balance due,	£90 6 0	...
Balance at credit,		£3,425 9 9
* Paid General,	£1,507 11 9	£1,651 18 3
" Calcutta,	3,176 17 8	2,998 10 9
" Santalia,	1,431 6 10	1,473 2 6
" Bombay,	3,328 18 1	3,502 19 10
" Madras,	3,637 0 7	4,449 2 6
" Poona,	907 1 9	904 0 6
" Nagpoor,	3,694 13 1	2,961 0 3
" Lovedale,	2,184 1 3	2,283 18 10
" New Hebrides,	704 19 5	1,031 12 0
" Syria,	170 0 0	250 10 0
" Kafraria,	3,468 19 4	3,644 10 2
" Natal,	1,761 3 7	1,522 0 1
" Rescued Gallas (balance), . . . . .	...	24 8 6
" South Arabia (balance),	234 11 9	108 9 11
	£26,207 5 1	£26,806 4 1



92. The Convener and the Committee welcomed the Rev. James Henderson on his return, on short furlough, from Livingstonia, where he had done invaluable service in training the native students of the Livingstonia Institution. Mr. Henderson made a most encouraging statement to the members. The progress on every side, and especially the spiritual results, have been greater during the past three years than in all the previous twenty years of the Mission's remarkable history. The time seems already at hand when the thorough training given by the Institution will annually send forth a supply of skilled preachers and teachers, who may themselves extend the knowledge of the Gospel to the tribes beyond the present districts. Mr. Henderson asked for more prayer and self-sacrifice in the Church at home.

Rev. James Henderson welcomed.

93. Read Minute of Bengal Mission Committee, dated 14th December, 1898, with medical certificate from Dr. U. Banerji, M.R.C.S., and L.R.C.P. Lond., to the effect that "a long residence in Europe has become necessary for the re-establishment" of Dr. K. S. Macdonald's health. A letter from Rev. Dr. Macdonald, dated 22nd December, 1898, was submitted.

Dr. K. S. Macdonald's Furlough.

The Foreign Missions Committee sanctioned Dr. Macdonald's immediate furlough, ante-dated accordingly.

94. The Foreign Missions Committee having been informed that it has twice happened that young missionaries attached to the Wilson College, Bombay, have not been allowed to devote their full time during the first year in India to the acquisition of the Vernacular, call the attention of the Western India Mission Council to section 9 of the 18th of their Rules for the Administration of India Missions under Mission Councils which is as follows:—"Mission Councils are directed to see that the first year of a new missionary's residence is devoted entirely to acquiring the language, and where possible, that his residence shall be fixed in a country district where he shall have constant opportunities of using the Vernacular. *No missionary should be permitted to engage in English work during the first year of his residence, without express sanction from the Foreign Missions Committee.*" They beg to inform the Western India Mission Council that this rule must be observed.

Bombay—Wilson College.

95. Read telegram and letters from Revs. M. and N. Macnicol, Hoogli and Bombay, reporting their departure for Dunoon in consequence of the critical state of their mother's health.

Messrs. Macnicol's urgent leave.

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter to the Rev. Dr. M. and Rev. N. Macnicol, which was read and adjusted by the Committee.

96. Read Minute of Transkei Presbytery, dated 5th October, 1898, asking the Committee to pay the travelling expenses of the Messrs. B. J. Ross, Erskine, and Matheson, when acting for Mr. Thomson in Duff and introducing Mr. Gavin in Pondoland. The total amount is £6, 10s. The case is new, and is not provided for by the Rules.

Transkei—Expenses of Moderators of Session.

The Foreign Missions Committee sanction payment of £6, 10s. as an exceptional case, owing to the continued absence on furlough of two missionaries at the same time from the North Kafir Missions.



Pondoland—
St. Andrew's
Co-operation,
Cape Town.

97. Read letter from Rev. D. L. Erskine, dated 2nd December, 1898, informing the Committee of the generous co-operation of St. Andrew's Missionary Association, Cape Town, which contributes £80 a-year to Mr. Gavin's salary, and has sent £100 to help to build his Mission-house.

The Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland instructed the Secretary to express to the Right Rev. John M. Russell, their gratitude for the help and their satisfaction at the co-operation of St. Andrew's Church Presbyterian Missionary Society, in the founding and maintenance of the Pondoland Mission.

Lovedale—
Native
Church.

98. On an oral report, by the Convener, for the Sub-Committee, on the proceedings of the Presbytery of Kafraria, and with reference to the receipt of a letter to the Secretary from Rev. P. J. Mzimba, dated Entabeni, Alice, 14th November, 1898, the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, unanimously resolved that the following telegram be sent to the Presbytery, and that the Conveners and Secretary with Rev. Dr. Henderson, prepare and forward suitable replies to the Clerk of the Presbytery and to Rev. P. J. Mzimba. Telegram:—"Committee advise, Delay libel."

Lebanon
Schools
Society.

99. On the suggestion of the Convener the Committee appointed him and the Secretary to prepare a statement, to form part of the joint communication of the Lebanon Schools Society and the Committee to the American Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church, under Minute 81 of last Meeting.

Church Mis-
sionary
Society's
Centenary.

100. Read letter from the Secretaries of the Church Missionary Society, requesting the Secretary of this Committee to take part in the proceedings of the great Centenary on 13th April next, and, along with Very Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang, to represent the Missions from Scotland. The Committee formally appointed Dr. George Smith, C.I.E., as their Deputy accordingly.

Lovedale—
Leave to Rev.
Dr. Stewart.

101. The Rev. Dr. Stewart of Lovedale having notified his acceptance of nomination as Moderator of the approaching General Assembly, the Foreign Missions Committee granted him leave of absence, for three months in the first instance.

Impolweni—
Rev. J. Scott's
Furlough.

102. Read letter from Rev. James Scott, dated 23rd December, detailing the arrangements which he proposes to make for the conduct of the Mission during his furlough. The Committee approved and sanctioned furlough accordingly as in Minute 74.

Woman's
Society—
Miss Lizzie
Taylor.

103. Read letter dated 10th January, 1899, from Rev. W. Stevenson, Secretary, reporting that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society had appointed Miss Lizzie Taylor, Superintendent of the Girls' Institution at Impolweni, in succession to Miss Miller.

Closed with the Blessing.



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Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 21st February, 1899, as confirmed
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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 21st February, 1899.

Sederunt.

104. Rev. Prof. Lindsay, *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, B.D., Affleck, B.D., Alexander, Ballantine, Bannerman, D.D., Black, Crerar, Dewar, Douglas, Fairley Daly, B.D., Davidson, Falconer, Finlayson, Forgan B.D., George, Glendinning, Harvey, Henderson, D.D., G. Henderson, W. S. Hunter, Kilpatrick, B.D., G. G. Macdonald, W. Macdonald, Rod. Mackenzie, Wm. Mackenzie, M'Lean, Macphail, D.D., Alex. Macrae, Mathewson, Miller, B.D., Nicolson, Reid, B.D., Robertson, D.D., Salmond, D.D., Sandeman, D.D., Crawford Smith, Stephen, Swanson, Tainsh, D. D. Young, *Ministers*; Messrs. Adamson, Arras, Wm. Brown, Capt. Bruce, Col. Cadell, Rev. J. G. Cooper, Sir John Cowan, John Cowan, W.S., Hugh Ferguson, Dr. Fleming, Capt. Graham, Sir Wm. Henderson, Hutton, Lowe, M'Kelvie, Macpherson, Orr, Rev. Thos. Paterson, Reid, Jas. Robertson, J. C. Robertson, Rolland, Ross, Russell, R. R. Simpson, Jas. Simson, R. Simson, Stephen, Traill, Usher, Watson, Waugh, Winter, Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

105. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed. (*See note, p. 164.*)

106. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th February, 1899, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

Minutes
confirmed.
State of the
Fund.

	1898-99.	1897-98.
Balance at 31st March, 1897.		£7,060 14 7
Balance at 31st March, 1898.	£4,505 17 6	
Associations,	14,023 19 10	13,987 8 0
Congregational Specially Destined Contribu- tions,	210 1 7	134 10 11
Collections,	656 3 7	594 1 2
Donations,	966 5 1	871 13 1
Special Donations,	2,865 10 8	2,375 4 1
Legacies,	2,251 19 0	4,168 13 7
Interest from all sources,	2,694 2 0	2,883 10 0
	£28,173 19 3	£32,025 15 5
* Paid,	31,242 17 11	32,267 12 3
Balance due,	£3,068 18 8	£241 16 10
* Paid General,	£1,737 6 6	£1,829 6 10
," Calcutta,	4,020 15 8	5,052 9 11
," Santalia,	1,995 13 7	1,750 8 4
," Bombay,	4,391 3 4	4,344 3 8
," Madras,	4,758 11 5	5,400 0 4
," Poona,	1,245 0 0	1,209 0 1
," Nagpoor,	4,461 13 0	3,453 16 10
," Lovedale,	2,341 15 5	2,487 13 0
," New Hebrides,	717 18 11	1,043 17 10
," Syria,	202 10 0	313 0 0
," Kafraria,	3,469 18 9	3,673 17 5
," Natal,	1,761 3 7	1,526 4 7
," Rescued Gallas (balance),		18 8 6
," South Arabia (balance),	139 7 9	160 4 11
	£31,242 17 11	£32,267 12 3



107. Under Minute 90 of last meeting the Convener reported that a statement had been received from the Lebanon Schools Society through its Convener, Rev. Prof. Robertson, D. D., of Glasgow, dated 14th February, 1899. A draft letter to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, had accordingly been prepared. The Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland having heard the letter, and approved thereof, instructed the Secretary to send it, along with the Statement of the Lebanon Schools Society, to the Corresponding Secretaries of the American Presbyterian Board, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York. A letter from Rev. Dr. Jessup, Beyrout, to Rev. Dr. Robertson, on the proposed transfer of the Mission, was read, and the Secretary was instructed to send copies of the Committee's letter to Rev. Dr. Carslaw and Rev. Dr. Robertson.

Lebanon
Mission—
Proposed
transfer.

108. The Convener laid upon the table the Report of A. H. L. Fraser, Esq., C.S.I., and Rev. George Pittendrigh, appointed according to Minute 12 of 21st June, 1898, and at the suggestion of the Woman's Foreign Mission Committee. The Report is dated 9th January, 1899.

Santalia—
Report of
Deputies.

Read also letter from the Rev. W. Stevenson, Secretary to the Woman's Foreign Mission Committee, stating that his Committee think it advisable "that a joint-meeting of the two Sub-Committees should be held at an early date to consider the Report (of the Deputies to the Pachamba Mission) and its recommendations."

The Committee agree to the suggestion of the Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and instruct their Secretary to arrange for the meeting proposed.

109. The Convener stated that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee he had written to the Rev. Nicol Macnicol of Bombay, to the effect that the Committee considered that they had fulfilled their obligations to him contained in the clause—"Should the Committee require to make an appointment to the permanent staff in any of its Marathi Missions, Mr. Macnicol is to have a preferential claim on it if the Committee think him suitable for the work" (*cf.* Minute 116 of date 19th February, 1895), when they offered him by Convener's letter of 15th March, 1897, the position in Bombay vacated by the death of the Rev. James Gardner; that they could not therefore pledge themselves for the future to refrain from filling up a vacancy in any of their Marathi Missions without first offering him the post; but that they now were ready to appoint him to the vacancy in Nagpur, if he chose to accept it; that if he did not accept it, they would be glad to consider any future application of his to be transferred to any position on the permanent staff of any of their Marathi Missions; but that in all future vacancies the application must come from Mr. Macnicol."

Bombay—
Rev. N. Mac-
nicol and
vacancies.

He further reported that he had received from Mr. Macnicol a letter which contained the following:—"I have to thank you for your letter about my relation to vacancies as they occur in the Mission staff.



I recognise the justice of what you say and agree to your suggestions. I do not desire to be a candidate for the Nagpur vacancy."

Bombay—
House Allow-
ance.

110. Read letters from Dr. Mackichan, dated 7th January, 1899, and from Mr. W. G. Robertson, dated 30th December, 1898, as to house or house accommodation for Missionaries.

The Committee are of opinion that the case of Mr. Robertson is clearly provided for under the new Rules to which he is subject, which provide that if an unmarried Missionary unprovided with a house, prefers to board, he will receive boarding allowance of Rs.40 a-month.

Poona—
Application
of Rev. R.
Angus.

111. Read letter from Rev. Robert Angus, Missionary at Poona from 1865, who in 1872 resigned, and went to the Australian Colonies, asking for a grant from the "Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund."

The Committee have no responsibility for the administration of the "Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund," and have no power to secure a grant from it; Mr. Angus's case in no way comes under the rules of their Invalided Missionaries' Fund, and it is impossible to entertain the idea of placing Mr. Angus on that Fund; with every desire to sympathise with Mr. Angus in the destitute condition in which he finds himself placed, the Committee regret that they are unable to sustain his application.

Kafraria—
Rev. D. D.
Young,
Application
for extension
of Furlough.

112. Read letter from Rev. D. D. Young, of date 25th January, 1899, applying for four weeks' extension of furlough.

The Committee, while extremely anxious that in the present condition of their whole South African Mission Field no missionaries should be absent from their Districts longer than is absolutely necessary, in all the circumstances of this case grant the extension of furlough for four weeks till 21st April next.

Somerville—
New Church.

113. Read letters from Rev. Dundas L. Erskine, of dates 22nd November, 1898, and 29th December, 1898, stating the urgent necessity for a new church at his central station. The proposed church is estimated to cost from £1200 to £1400. Mr. Erskine has in hand £250 available for the purpose of building; he expects to raise £200 locally; and he asks to be allowed to set aside a legacy by the late Miss Lumsden of £200 for this object.

The Committee are fully persuaded of the need of a new and greatly enlarged church at Somerville, and they gladly acquiesce in the request that the legacy of £200 be set aside for the purpose of building the church, but they desire to inform Mr. Erskine that it is quite impossible for them to vote any grant in the present condition of their funds.

Jalna—
Lumsden
Legacy.

114. The Committee resolved that the bequest of £200 to the Jalna Mission by the late Miss Lumsden be funded and the annual revenue be applied by the Missionaries to the Jalna Mission.



115. Read letter, dated 27th January, 1899, from Rev. John Bruce, reporting the gift by a Zulu convert to the General Trustees of the Church of 2½ acres of land, with a church building, about 7 miles from Pietermaritzburg. The Committee recorded its thanks and called for the name of the station with further particulars.

Maritzburg—
New Land
and Church.

116. Read letter from Sir W. Muir, Rev. Dr. Alex. M'Laren and others, asking this Committee to appoint delegates to a small Advisory Council to assist Rev. G. Carlyle, as Editor of *The Mission World*, but without any pecuniary or official responsibility lying upon them. The Committee appointed Rev. Lewis Davidson and Dr. George Smith, C.I.E., accordingly.

Rev. G.
Carlyle and
*The Mission
World*.

117. On the report by the Vice-Convener, Rev. Alex. Miller, of the Home Administration Sub-Committee, the Foreign Missions Committee resolve that, when their sanction is asked for a collecting book, the case shall be first remitted to the Home Administration Sub-Committee for consideration; and that, in ordinary circumstances, all such applications be made before the stated June meeting for the year then beginning. The Committee further approve of a circular to be submitted to Synods and Presbyteries, through Corresponding Members, regarding the support of Christian enterprises not connected with our own Church.

Home Admin-
istration—
Collecting
Books and
Circular.

118. Read Circular letter "to all parties interested in the New Hebrides Mission," dated 6th January, 1899, from Rev. Andrew Hardie, Convener, F.M. Committee, Presbyterian Church of Victoria, appealing for "a united effort in support of a new *Dayspring*."

New Hebrides
—Proposed
new *Day-
spring*.

Read, also, letter dated 3rd January, from this Committee's Agent and Secretary of the "*Dayspring* Board," Rev. Dr. Cosh, Sydney, expressing satisfaction with the present Maritime Service as contracted for with Messrs. Burns, Philp & Company, Sydney, year by year.

After discussion, and especially after hearing the practical and experienced opinions of members like Sir William Henderson, of Aberdeen, Joseph Russell, Esq., of Port-Glasgow, and Captain Graham, as to the excessive expense of working and repairing a vessel with auxiliary steam power; in accordance with Minute, 15th June, 1897, and many previous Minutes, the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland resolve:—

That they have never regarded the proposal to procure and maintain a steam-vessel for the exclusive use of the New Hebrides Mission as one deserving their support. They, therefore, formally disapprove of the proposal to build a new vessel to take the place of the *Dayspring*, and are of opinion that the needful communication with the various Mission stations can be better supplied in other ways. They further intimate to the Foreign Mission Committee of the Victoria Church, that should the proposal for a mission vessel be forced upon the whole Mission, they must reserve the question whether the sum of £250, which they now



contribute annually to the Maritime Service, may not be employed to better mission uses.

In view of the persistent efforts made to press the various Churches engaged in the Mission to the New Hebrides to approve of the purchase of a steam-vessel for the exclusive use of the New Hebrides Mission, the Committee instruct their Secretary to send a copy of this Minute to the Foreign Mission Committees of all the Churches which unite to support the New Hebrides Mission.

Woman's
Society—
Miss McNeil,
M.B., B.Ch.,
appointed.

119. Read the following letter from Rev. Wm. Stevenson, Secretary of The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society :—

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND OFFICES,
EDINBURGH, 20th February, 1899.

MY DEAR DR. SMITH,—I have the pleasure to intimate to the Foreign Missions Committee the appointment of Miss Margaret McNeil, M.B., B.Ch., as a Medical Missionary to Madras, in succession to Miss Howie, who retires in October next.

This new appointment is one of special interest. Miss McNeil is a Member of the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation, Greenock, being a daughter of one of the elders there, and her salary is to be paid by the congregation.

She accepts service under our ordinary rules, and all that the congregation asks is that she report direct to it as well as to the Society.

This very interesting and delightful alliance is due in chief measure to Mr. Struthers, the minister, but it speaks volumes also for the liberality, in every sense, of the Greenock Reformed Presbyterian Congregation. Their noble generosity may well be a stimulus to every congregation in the Church.—I am, yours very sincerely,
WILLIAM STEVENSON, *Secretary.*

The Foreign Missions Committee heartily thank Rev. Mr. Struthers and his congregation.

Closed with the Blessing.

[*Note.*—On confirming the Minutes of last Meeting the Committee, *ex gratia*, allowed Rev. Lewis Davidson to record dissent from No. 94.]



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Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 21st March, 1899, as confirmed
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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 21st March, 1899.

Sederunt.

120. Rev. Prof. Lindsay, D.D., *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, B.D., Affleck, B.D., Bannerman, D.D., Dickson, Douglas, Falconer, Harvey, Henderson, B.D., W. S. Hunter, Low, Macaskill, G. G. Macdonald, Jas. Macdonald, W. Macdonald, Macphail, D.D., A. M'Rae, J. M'Rae, Martin, Miller, B.D., Morris, Morrison, Reid, B.D., Robertson, D.D., C. A. Salmond, Salmond, D.D., Crawford Smith, Stalker, D.D., Stephen, Swanson, Symington, Thomson, D.D., Young, *Ministers*; Messrs. Adamson, Capt. Bruce, Dr. Burgess, Col. Cadell, Rev. J. G. Cooper, Cowan, W.S., Dr. Fleming, Capt. Graham, Alex. Gray, W. Gray, Guthrie, Sir Wm. Henderson, Kinmont, Lowe, M'Kelvie, D. MacLean, Meldrum, Mowat, Orr, Jas. Robertson, J. C. Robertson, J. Ross, Russell, R. R. Simpson, Jas. Simson, R. Simson, Stephen, Thorburn, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

Minutes
confirmed.
State of the
Fund.

121. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

122. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 10th February, 1899, is returned by the General Treasurer as follows:—

	1898-99.	1897-98.
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Balance at 31st March, 1898,	£4,505 17 6	...
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Congregational Specially Destined Contribu- tions,	248 5 6	190 15 11
Collections,	719 6 11	693 18 8
Donations,	1,373 12 1	1,198 7 8
Special Donations,	3,044 4 6	2,542 19 5
Legacies,	2,840 0 10	4,168 13 7
Interest from all sources,	2,694 2 0	2,883 10 0
Income Tax Recovered,	25 4 10	29 8 6
	£31,087 10 10	£34,078 7 6
* Paid,	31,723 3 3	32,791 9 4
Balance due,	£635 12 5	...
Balance at credit, . . . . .	...	£1,286 18 2
* Paid General,	£1,839 13 6	£1,889 4 7
" Calcutta,	4,087 9 0	5,055 18 3
" Santalia,	1,995 13 7	1,750 8 4
" Bombay,	4,436 3 9	4,349 19 2
" Madras,	4,758 11 5	5,400 0 4
" Poona,	1,245 0 0	1,209 0 1
" Nagpoor,	4,461 13 0	3,453 16 10
" Lovedale,	2,341 15 5	2,742 9 10
" New Hebrides,	920 12 0	1,198 13 0
" Syria,	250 0 0	313 0 0
" Kafraria,	3,469 18 9	3,700 1 11
" Natal,	1,761 3 7	1,526 4 7
" Rescued Gallas (balance), . . . . .	...	12 17 6
" South Arabia (balance),	155 9 3	189 14 11
	£31,723 3 3	£32,791 9 4



123. The Budget Estimate of Expenditure for 1898-99, circulated with the Minutes of last meeting, was discussed, and adopted as a Minute (page 173) of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, authorising the payment of all salaries, allowances, and grants mentioned therein, all other payments from the General Fund being made only on separate Minutes of the Committee.

Budget Estimate of Expenditure, 1899-1900.

124. Read extract from Will of Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel Prionath Mookerjea, of the Indian Medical Service, bequeathing Rs.10,000 "to the funds of the Free Church of Scotland, Calcutta," subject to liferent of a Burman.

Dr. P. Mookerjea's Bequest.

The Committee resolved to await receipt of certified extract of the Will.

125. The Convener reported the receipt of £150, as a payment to account from the Trust of late Rev. Peter Yule, Free Church Manse, Temple, "to be applied for behoof of the Foreign Missions in such way as the Committee may direct, to be used as the Committee may decide for behoof of Catechists, either Native or British, wherever the Committee may deem advisable." The Treasurer has credited the amount to the Indian Village Evangelisation Fund. The Committee approved of this course.

Yule Bequest £150.

126. Read letter from Convener of Nomination Committee, notifying that Rev. Alex. Miller and Colonel Cadell, V.C., having served three years as Vice-Conveners of this Committee, "fall to retire at the ensuing General Assembly." The Committee appointed the following to report on the subject to next meeting:—Rev. Lewis Davidson, Rev. C. A. Salmond, Messrs R. Simson and A. Gray, the Convener and Secretary.

Vice-Conveners.

127. Read Minute 87 of 21st December, 1897, resolving to report to the General Assembly the names of Delegates to the Ecumenical Missionary Conference, New York, on 20th April, 1900. The names of Rev. Dr. Thomas Smith and Rev. J. Fairley Daly, were submitted as likely to accompany the Convener. The hope was expressed that Elders also may volunteer before next meeting of this Committee.

Ecumenical Conference, New York.

128. The Convener laid on the table the Report of the Deputies appointed, at the request of the Woman's Society, to visit Pachamba, in the Santal Mission. The Committee resolved to print the Report, as follows, to record their hearty thanks to Mr. A. H. L. Fraser, C.S.I., officiating Home Secretary to the Government of India, their appreciation of the services of Rev. G. Pittendrigh, and their gratitude to the Council of the Madras Christian College, for granting leave to Mr. Pittendrigh.

Pachamba—Deputies' Report.



PACHAMBA—DEPUTIES' REPORT.

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Foreign Missions Committee, in conjunction with the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, Mr. A. H. L. Fraser and the Rev. Geo. Pittendrigh visited the Santal Mission at the end of December, 1898. Mr. Pittendrigh visited Tundi, and had an opportunity of discussing the work of the Mission there with the Rev. A. Campbell, and also of seeing personally the manner in which it is carried on. He then proceeded to Pachamba where he was joined by Mr. Fraser, whose official duties had prevented his visiting Tundi in conjunction with Mr. Pittendrigh. At Pachamba the deputation had opportunities of discussing the work with the Rev. Dr. Dyer and with Miss Nairn and Miss Ross Taylor, and also of seeing something of the methods which have been adopted in the work. Subsequently Mr. Fraser met the Rev. A. Campbell at Calcutta and discussed the work with him. The Rev. Dr. Macphail was prevented by illness from meeting the deputation and stating his views to them in India; but a record of his opinion as stated in Edinburgh is in their possession.

1. It is scarcely necessary for us to say that we were received by all the missionaries with the greatest cordiality and kindness. They welcomed us personally as brethren, whom they recognised as interested in their work, and animated only by a desire to assist them in determining the best methods for carrying it on. They also tendered to us a cordial reception as delegates whom the Committee and the Society had conjointly selected to represent them in conference with their missionaries. Our relations with all these missionaries have, therefore, been of a most friendly and pleasant character.

2. We are clearly of opinion that, among the Santals, as well as in other parts of the Mission field, the Boarding-School system is one which it is advisable to maintain. This system has grown up in Pachamba in the usual way as a natural development of Mission work. And it has been adopted by the Rev. A. Campbell in Tundi as a necessary outcome of the recent famine. Both Dr. Dyer and Mr. Campbell regard some form of the Boarding-School system as desirable, and even necessary. In this view we fully concur.

3. We are also clearly of opinion that the influence which the ladies who have been in charge of the Boarding-School at Pachamba have exercised over the girls has been of the most excellent character; that the work has been well and wisely managed; and that its results have rewarded the earnest labours of the ladies in charge. We believe that among the Santals, as in other parts of India, the influence of devoted Christian ladies from Scotland is most valuable. We saw no reason whatever to doubt, but every reason to maintain, this view.

4. At the same time we are of opinion that it is not advisable to have a division of authority and responsibility within any of our Santal Mission Stations at the present stage of the work. That this division of control has been injurious to our work in Pachamba is the opinion of the Rev. A. Campbell, the Rev. Dr. Dyer, and the Rev. Dr. Macphail. And from her experience of the work Miss Nairn also has been led to adopt this opinion. We concur in this view.

5. In accordance with this opinion, we believe that the method of conducting the Girls' Boarding-School at Pachamba should be left to the discretion of the Rev. Dr. Dyer as missionary in charge. Dr. Dyer proposes to continue the Boarding-School system at Pachamba on somewhat the same method as has been adopted by the Rev. A. Campbell at Tundi; and we recommend that he be allowed to do so.

6. After conference with the Rev. A. Campbell, the Rev. Dr. Dyer and Miss Nairn, we have minutely and carefully considered the present requirements of Women's work at Pachamba, and we are of opinion that for the present it is advisable to withdraw the ladies from that station, and allow the missionary there in charge to take over the work of the Boarding School. But in making this recommendation we believe (and Dr. Dyer admits the probability) that the time will come



when the development of the women's side of the work will require the presence of a European lady missionary. This will naturally be the case when a Central Boarding-School for the training of female workers becomes a felt need. But at present the three Santal missionaries concur in thinking it best to carry on the women's side of the work at their respective stations independently of one another. We accept this opinion.

7. We desire also to point out that the withdrawal of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society's agents will not involve the loss of the money which has been spent on buildings. The Boarding-School building will still be required by the Rev. Dr. Dyer in carrying on the work in the manner he proposes, and the bungalow occupied by the ladies (which existed before they were sent to Pachamba) will also be found useful in connection with Dr. Dyer's proposals. The money spent in putting it in order was bound to be spent in any case.

8. We desire also to say that our recommendation to withdraw these agents of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society involves no unfavourable judgment of the action of that Society in sending them out. The agents were sent out in accordance with the views of the late Rev. Mr. Stevenson, then in charge of the Pachamba Mission, and the Rev. Dr. Dyer informs us that at one time he also concurred in the belief that the presence of a lady representing the Woman's Foreign Mission Society would be an advantage to the work of the Mission; but from his experience of the practical working of a system of divided control, he has been forced to conclude that the appointment of a lady was a mistake. And further, though the local missionaries did not see their way to recommend Mr. Stevenson's proposals, yet, as the matter did not affect their stations, they were not disposed to take objection, when the question of sending out a lady was under discussion. The Woman's Foreign Mission Society was therefore justified in acting in accordance with Mr. Stevenson's request.

9. One other remark we feel called on to make. In all his communications with us Dr. Dyer has indicated that, while strongly opposed to the present method of work, he has a high regard for the agents of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society. We ourselves have the strongest sense of the zeal for the cause of Christ, the loyalty to the Church, and the sound judgment which have characterised the ladies in their work. It is not without regret that we feel constrained to advise their removal to another sphere of work. But we are both clearly of opinion that this is necessary.

A. H. L. FRASER.
GEORGE PITTENDRIGH.

CALCUTTA, 9th January, 1899.

129. Read Minute of Nagpur Mission Council, dated 14th February, 1899, on the subject of the Insurance of Mission property within the Presbytery area. Nagpur—Insurance of Buildings.

The Committee resolved to leave it to the Mission Council to deal with the question of the insurance of buildings with thatched roofs from local funds if they chose, as they had done in the case of the buildings with concrete and tiled roofs. The Secretary was instructed to send a circular letter to all the Mission Councils and Education Board of Lovedale, calling for information as to the insurance of the Mission buildings.

130. Read Minute 60 of 18th October, 1898, and resolved to extend the officiating appointment of Mr. Roberts, as Chairman of the Lovedale Board of Education, during the absence of Rev. Dr. James Stewart. Lovedale—Mr. Roberts as *Locum Tenens*.



New Hebrides
—Maritime
Service.

131. Read the following communication from Rev. Dr. Cosh, Secretary to *Dayspring* Board, Sydney, showing that out of an expenditure for freights and fares during 1898 amounting to £1883, 7s. 5d., the sum of only £146, 0s. 2d. was on account of our two missionaries. We send annually £250.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION MARITIME SERVICE.

Table showing the Expenditure for Freights and Taxes on account of the several Missionaries for 1898.

<i>Presbyterian Church in Canada—</i>			
Account, Rev. H. A. Robertson,	£59	9	10
„ J. W. Mackenzie,	88	9	6
„ Dr. Annand,	147	8	1
			£295 7 5
<i>Free Church of Scotland—</i>			
Account, Rev. Dr. Gunn,	84	4	5
„ F. G. Bowie,	61	15	9
			146 0 2
<i>Presbyterian Church of Victoria—</i>			
Account, Rev. Dr. Macdonald,	87	3	3
„ T. W. Leggatt,	95	16	11
„ J. Gillan,	54	18	5
„ F. J. Paton,	59	1	5
„ R. Boyd,	44	8	1
„ J. Noble Mackenzie,	83	1	7
„ Frank H. L. Paton,	88	8	8
„ Dr. Sandilands,	58	5	5
„ Dr. J. T. Bowie,	85	16	9
Mr. David Paterson,	15	3	9
			672 4 3
<i>Presbyterian Church of New South Wales—</i>			
Account, Rev. J. D. Landels,			142 6 9
<i>Presbyterian Church of Otago—</i>			
Account, Rev. P. Milne,	94	13	4
„ T. Small,	47	16	10
„ O. Michelsen,	87	8	4
			229 18 6
<i>Presbyterian Church of New Zealand—</i>			
Account, Rev. W. Watt,	36	13	4
„ Alex. Gillies,	19	5	9
„ Dr. Lamb,	147	0	7
			202 19 8
<i>Presbyterian Church of South Australia—</i>			
Account, Rev. T. Macmillan,			117 7 3
<i>Presbyterian Church of Tasmania—</i>			
Account, Rev. R. M. Fraser,			77 3 5
			77 3 5
Total,	£1883	7	5

JAMES COSH,
Secretary to "*Dayspring*" Board.

SYDNEY, 6th February, 1899.



132. Read Rev. Dr. J. C. Young's Cash Abstract of the accounts of the Keith-Falconer Mission for 1898.

Keith-Falconer Mission Accounts.

KEITH-FALCONER MISSION.

CASH ABSTRACT, 1898.

CASH.		CONTRA.	
	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
To Balance on Hand, . . .	392 2 8	By Missionary Expenses, . . .	527 1 0
To Drafts from Secretary, . . .	1847 14 2	By Repairs, . . .	621 11 8
To Capitation Grants, . . .	1159 8 0	By Dispensary Expenses, . . .	513 0 0
To Local Subscriptions, . . .	323 6 0	By School Expenses, . . .	1424 0 0
		By Balance on Hand, . . .	637 2 2
	<u>Rs.3722 14 10</u>		<u>Rs.3722 14 10</u>

133. On the 13th November, 1892, the Livingstonia Mission Council recommended the ordination of Dr. Elmslie and Dr. Prentice, "seeing that God has so manifestly set His seal to the work" in which each has been engaged. Dr. Elmslie was accordingly ordained by order of the General Assembly of 1896. Dr. Prentice having come home on furlough, and being about to return to the Mission, the Foreign Missions Committee instruct their Secretary to petition the ensuing General Assembly to sanction the ordination of Mr. George Prentice, L.R.C.S. and P. Edin., their Missionary to Livingstonia, by the Free Presbytery of Peebles, on the understanding that Dr. Prentice shall not be eligible for a call to a congregation in Scotland without consulting the General Assembly.

Livingstonia — Dr. Prentice's Ordination.

134. Read letter from H. M. Matheson, Esq., dated 6th March, 1899, reporting that the Trustees of the Duff Fund had agreed—(1) to increase Mrs. Mackay's annuity of £30 to £45, and to continue the sum of £30 annually to her unmarried daughter should she survive her; (2) to grant £15 a-year to Mrs. Dawson, widow of the Church's late missionary in Nagpur, for four or five years. Duff Fund.

135. Rev. J. Douglas made a statement as to the urgent need of school and other buildings in the villages of the district around Nagpore, which he works. The Committee agreed to his request for a Collecting Book under Act of the General Assembly. Nagpore—Collecting Book.

Closed with the Blessing.



[Confidential—for Members of Committee only.]

Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 18th April, 1899, as confirmed
at Meeting on the 9th May, 1899.*

XI. MEETING: 1898-99.

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At Edinburgh, within the Offices of
the Free Church of Scotland, 18th April, 1899.

Sederunt.

136. Rev. Prof. Lindsay, *Convener*, in the Chair; Messrs. Adamson, B.D., Anderson, Creighton, Fairley Daly, B.D., Donaldson, Falconer, Finlayson, Forbes, Forgan, B.D., Glendinning, Henderson, D.D., Low, Macaskill, G. G. Macdonald, W. Macdonald, C. Mackenzie, M'Lean, Macphail, D.D., M'Neill, Mathewson, Miller, B.D., Morris, Morrison, Paton, Robertson, D.D., Salmond, D.D., Crawford Smith, Soutar, Stalker, D.D., Stephen, Swanson, Symington, J. Thomson, *Ministers*; Mr. Wm. Brown, Capt. Bruce, Dr. Burgess, Rev. J. G. Cooper, Mr. J. Cowan, W.S., Dr. Fleming, Capt. Graham, Messrs. A. Gray, R. A. Hill, Hutton, Kinmont, Lowe, M'Kelvie, Macpherson, Mowat, Rev. T. Paterson, Messrs. Reid, Ross, Russell, R. R. Simpson, Traill, Young, and the Secretary, *Elders*.

The Convener constituted the Meeting with prayer.

Minutes
confirmed.

137. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

State of the
Fund, 1898-99.

138. The state of the Foreign Missions Fund (General), on the 31st March, 1899, is returned by the General Treasurer of the Church as follows, comparatively:—

	1898-99.	1897-98.
Balance at 31st March, 1897, . . . . .	....	£7,060 14 7
Balance at 31st March, 1898,	£4,505 17 6	....
Quarterly Associations,	£17,162 6 2	£16,974 14 5
Church-Door Collections,	780 2 10	240 4 10
Do. Special,	335 3 3	728 15 8
Revenue from Congregations,	18,277 12 3	17,943 14 11
Donations,	£1,674 5 2	£1,882 12 11
Do. specially destined,	3,096 9 3	2,994 0 0
Legacies,	3,317 15 1	2,938 9 1
Interest on Investments,	2,472 16 3	2,602 3 0
Transferences,	2,023 16 5	3,488 11 10
Income-Tax recovered,	25 4 10	29 8 6
	12,610 7 0	18,935 5 4
	£35,898 16 9	£38,939 14 10
Expenditure, &c.,	33,040 5 5	34,483 17 4
Balance at Credit,	£2,353 11 4	£4,505 17 6
Paid General,	£2,293 15 9	£2,165 14 0
" Calcutta,	4,117 18 7	5,199 8 5
" Santalla,	2,129 14 2	1,843 4 2
" Bombay,	4,436 3 9	4,410 12 6
" Madras,	4,808 17 1	5,447 18 4
" Poona,	1,276 17 3	1,378 0 8
" Nagpoor,	4,698 6 10	3,524 12 8
" Lovedale,	2,424 7 3	2,830 3 6
" New Hebrides,	920 12 0	1,198 16 6
" Syria,	250 0 0	313 0 0
" Kafarria,	3,678 14 1	4,043 15 9
" Natal,	1,778 14 6	1,729 12 11
" Transferences (including South Arabia balance),	236 4 2	348 17 11
	£33,040 5 5	£34,483 17 4



139. On a report of the Sub-Committee on Vice-Conveners, the Foreign Missions Committee heartily resolved to apply to the General Assembly for the re-appointment of Rev. Alex. Miller, Buckie, and Colonel Cadell, V.C. At the present time, in the progress of our Missions and Missionary administration, it is indispensable that members so experienced as Mr. Miller and Colonel Cadell should continue their services to the Church and the Committee.

Vice-Conveners' New Term.

140. On the suggestion of the Convener the Committee resolved to invite the Rev. Principal Fairbairn, D.D., LL.D., Oxford, to address the General Assembly on the Foreign Missions' night, and to report the same to the Assembly Arrangements Committee.

General Assembly—Principal Fairbairn to address the Members.

141. Read letter, dated 18th April, 1899, from Rev. W. Stevenson, Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, urging the necessity of immediately sending out £2000 towards the building of the Ladies' Boarding School, Cornwallis Square, Calcutta, requesting the Foreign Missions Committee to advance, at such rate of interest as the General Treasurer may fix, that amount, and offering to submit a minute of the Woman's Society at its first meeting, to the above effect. The Committee authorised the advance on these conditions.

Woman's Society, Advance of £2000.

142. Rev. Alex. Miller, B.D., Vice-Convener, reported on behalf of the Home Administration Sub-Committee, that the Presbyteries to be first visited by Missionaries should be Orkney, Skye, Forres, Deer, Stirling, Wigtown (in the month of October), Haddington, Dalkeith, Linlithgow, and if possible Kintyre and Lewis—also that the engagement of Missionaries to visit congregations outside the scheme of the Committee should, as far as possible, be made through the Secretary. The Foreign Missions Committee resolved accordingly.

Visitation of Presbyteries in next six years.

143. The Rev. Professor Robertson, D.D., moved that the final report of the Sub-Committee on India Exchange and Salaries be adopted as circulated, and that a copy be sent to each India Missionary appointed before January, 1896. Rev. Alex. Miller seconded the motion, which was agreed to by the Committee.

Exchange and Salaries.

144. Read letter dated New York, 22nd March, 1899, from Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., one of the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., as follows:—

Lebanon—American Presbyterian Board.

NEW YORK, 22nd March, 1899.

MY DEAR DR. SMITH,—We have received and read with deep interest your letter of February 22nd, regarding the work and property of the Lebanon Schools Society at Schweir, Syria, and at the meeting of our Board held March 20th, I had pleasure in presenting the following minute, which was unanimously adopted:—

“A communication was presented from the Committee on Foreign Missions of the Free Church of Scotland offering to unconditionally transfer to this Board the work and property of the Lebanon Schools Society at Schweir, Syria.

“The Board expressed its high appreciation of the generosity and particularly of



the Christian courtesy and fraternal spirit which prompted the offer, and which characterise the letter which communicated it. In view of the limitation of its own resources, the Board felt that it was a question whether it would be justified in making such an enlargement of its work in Syria as would be involved in the maintenance of so extensive a plant, but it expressed its great interest in the proposition and its cordial desire to accept it if practicable. As the Board understood that the offer is not to be considered final until it has been acted upon by the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland in May, it deferred final action until the receipt of the Assembly's decision. Meantime, it instructed the Executive Council to ascertain the views of the Syria Mission, and to give to the whole subject thoughtful consideration."

I write by this mail to our Syria Mission, sending a copy of the above action and asking for the judgment of the Mission. Pending its arrival and also the decision of the General Assembly of your Church, we shall give much thought and prayer to the whole question.—Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ARTHUR J. BROWN.

Lebanon—
Rev. Dr.
Carslaw.

145. Read letter from Rev. Dr. Carslaw, dated 12th March, 1899, as to transference of Schools to American Presbyterian Board, and stating the desirableness of his remaining as Pastor of Congregation.

Ecumenical
Conference
Delegates.

146. Under Minute 127 of last meeting the Committee appointed the Convener, Rev. Professor Lindsay, D.D., the Rev. Thomas Smith, D.D., Emeritus Professor, and the Rev. J. Fairley Daly, B.D., minister of Renwick Church, Glasgow, to be the Church's delegates to the Ecumenical Missionary Conference to meet at New York on the 20th April, 1900, along with such elders as may before that date volunteer to accompany them.

Jalna—
Bethel.
Training of
Agents.

147. Read letter from Rev. Dr. Mowat, dated 16th March, 1899, urging the need for an additional European Missionary at Jalna, to help in the training of native agents, and in the superintendence of the young.

The Committee, on the report of their Standing Sub-Committee, desire to place on record their appreciation of Dr. Mowat's statement, their sympathy with him, and the reasonableness of his proposal. The condition of their funds renders it quite impossible for them to accede to Dr. Mowat's request for an additional missionary to train native agents, but they desire to place on record that, as soon as their resources permit, they will seriously consider the proposals of appointing European missionaries specially to train native agents in the Vernacular Missions.

Rev. Dr.
Mowat—
Furlough
extension.

148. The Committee, for urgent medical reasons, accepted recommendation of Standing Sub-Committee to extend Dr. Mowat's furlough by six weeks

Prof. Thomson
—Extension
of furlough.

149. Medical certificates were submitted, according to which it was agreed to extend till October next the furlough of Professor Thomson, Duff College, Calcutta.



150. The Convener was empowered by the Committee to intimate to Rev. Dr. Mackichan that he might take urgent private leave if he required it. Dr. Mackichan's Leave.

151. The Convener laid upon the table the Lovedale Accounts for the inspection of members of the Committee, and made the following explanations :— Lovedale—Accounts for 1898.

1. Dr. Stewart has sent home to the Committee the following Accounts—(1) the General Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December, 1898 ; (2) a Profit and Loss Account as at 31st December, 1898 ; (3) a Balance-Sheet setting forth Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December, 1898 ; and (4) a Capital Account, consisting of a Valuation as at 31st December, 1898, of—(a) the Mission Buildings and Properties, (b) of the Farm, Growing Crops and Fruit Trees thereon, and (c) an Inventory of the Machinery, Plant and Live Stock.

2. The usual Summary of the Cash Accounts for the year 1898 has been made from the First Account. It includes the General Lovedale Account and the Building Account, and is as follows :—

[LOVEDALE ACCOUNTS.]



LOVEDALE ACCOUNTS FOR 1898.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
		Cash Deficit at 31st Dec., 1897—	
		General Account, £1393 8 1	
		Less on hand, 50 0 0	
			£1,343 8 1
Foreign Missions Committee (less parts of salaries paid at home),	£1,648 17 5	Institution Salaries,	675 19 9
Colonial Grant,	2,078 10 0	Teachers,	£773 13 4
Donations,	596 10 0	Materials,	66 12 0
Education Department— Fees, &c.,	128 2 0		840 5 4
Girls' Department— Woman's Society, &c., (Fees, £554, 5s. 8d.)	998 18 3	Salaries,	£287 10 0
Girls' Work Department— Accounts collected,	86 13 8	Board, &c.,	794 14 4
Elementary Department— Fees,	14 13 6		1,082 4 4
Boarding Department— Fees, &c.,	2,636 14 10	Salaries and Material,	158 16 4
Carpentry Department— Accounts Collected,	373 10 11	Salaries, &c.,	144 10 8
Waggon-Making Department— Accounts Collected,	226 16 0	Salaries and Supplies,	2,530 0 9
Technical Department— Accounts Collected,	224 3 2	Salaries and Materials,	482 8 5
Blacksmith Department— Accounts Collected,	23 10 9	Salaries and Materials,	442 9 6
Boot-making Department— Accounts Collected,	342 1 4	Salaries and Materials,	184 12 4
Printing Department— Accounts Collected,	83 4 9	Salaries and Materials,	372 11 6
Bookbinding Department— Accounts Collected,	602 9 5	Salaries and Materials,	619 3 7
Farm Department— Accounts Collected,	35 2 6	Salaries and Materials,	328 2 9
Book-Store Department— Accounts Collected, &c.,	216 14 11	Salaries and Materials,	865 5 0
Poultry Department— Accounts Collected,	17 19 11	Salaries and Purchases,	114 1 2
Basket-making Department— Accounts Collected,	13 18 0	Salaries and Purchases,	61 13 8
Fruit-Growing Department— Accounts Collected,	22 7 0	Salaries and Fruit Trees,	140 12 9
Post Office and Postages— Government Allowance,	81 3 0	Salaries and Stamps, &c.,	64 5 11
Band Fund— Concerts, &c.,	29 0 6	Salaries and Instruments,	70 19 7
Carry forward, £10,481 1 10		Carry forward, £11,059 8 7	



Brought forward, . . . £10,481 1 10	Brought forward, . . . £11,059 8 7
Galla Fund—	Special Expenses, . . . 30 13 9
Special Donations, . . . 39 0 9	Special Expenses, . . . 23 0 0
Christian Express Fund—	Salary and Drugs, . . . 42 8 9
Subscriptions and Donations, . . 69 4 3	Board, 116 13 4
Medical Mission Dispensary—	Building, Materials, &c., . . . 411 8 10
Sales, 3 5 6	Expended on Repairs, . . . 108 4 10
Lady Evangelists' Fund—	Grounds, &c., . . . £330 16 2
Woman's Society, 50 0 0	Office, 208 16 0
Hospital Account—	Rates, 124 13 4
From Hospital Fund, 816 4 0	Grahamstown Ex-
Repairs Account—	hibition Expen-
General Account—	ses, 40 5 0
Sundries (Discounts, &c.), . . . 14 6 1	Interest, 82 18 11
From Building Account—	Bank Charges, . . . 36 3 6
Advances Repaid, 845 15 5	Insurance, 40 12 0
	Valuation Ex-
	penses, 25 8 0
	Auditor, 7 10 0
	Sundries, 135 7 8
Debit Balance, 505 10 10	1,032 10 7
<u>£12,824 8 8</u>	<u>£12,824 8 8</u>

LOVEDALE BUILDING ACCOUNT, 1898.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
From Woman's Society, . . . £442 2 2	Debit balance at 31st Dec., 1897, £709 6 11	Repaid due General Account, . . 845 15 5	
From Mrs Stephen, 332 0 0	Building during 1898—	School, £34 4 6	
Sale of Shed, 25 0 0	Brickmaking, 24 5 0	Materials, 77 14 9	
Debit balance, 949 0 11	Water Tanks, 21 17 8		158 1 11
	Interest, 31 7 6		3 11 4
	Bank Charges,		
	<u>£1748 3 1</u>		<u>£1748 3 1</u>

LOVEDALE BALANCE ACCOUNT.

31st December, 1898.

Bank Overdraft on General Account, £594 1 1	Debit balance on General Account, £505 10 10
Bank Overdraft on Building Account, 949 0 11	Debit balance on Building Account, 949 0 11
£1543 2 0	
Less Cash on hand, 88 10 3	
<u>£1454 11 9</u>	<u>£1454 11 9</u>



3. It is to be borne in mind that the above gives a summary of the Cash Accounts only, and does not include the food produced on the Farm amounting to £415 during 1898, nor the work done for the Institution by the various Work Departments.

4. Dr. Stewart states that the least productive of the Work Departments—Poultry, Basket-making, and probably the Boot-making Department, are about to be wound up.

5. It is gratifying to notice that the Debit Balances are greatly reduced and are £1454 as against £2053 at 31st December, 1897.

6. The following Summary of the Capital or Valuation Account is also given :—

SUMMARY OF LOVEDALE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

I. Farm and Landed Property,	£1,650 0 0	
Growing Crops,	611 0 0	
Fruit Trees (Valuation, £1303- 50 per cent. off),	651 10 0	
		£2,912 10 0
II. Buildings and Property,		36,530 0 0
III. Machinery and Plant,	1,337 4 2	
Live Stock,	558 0 0	
		1,895 4 2
IV. Furnishings and Furniture,		500 0 0
V. Surplus of Assets over Liabilities (Balance-Sheet),	2,563 17 4	
Less transferred to Plant Account and Live Stock,	1,205 1 5	
		1,358 15 11
VI. Surplus of Assets over Liabilities, as per Book Department Balance-Sheet,		1,596 6 7
VII. Library Account—		
10,000 Volumes, valued at	1,500 0 0	
Cash on Fixed Deposit,	104 17 0	
		1,604 17 0
VIII. "Rider Engine" (for water supply),		100 0 0
		<u>£46,497 13 8</u>

The Committee passed the Accounts, and thanked the Convener.

Kalabasi
Church
Titles.

152. Read letter from Rev. James Dewar, as to state of Church Buildings, and asking authority to get the titles' to property put in order. Resolved that Mr. Dewar furnish Rev. James Scott with all the facts, and that Mr. Scott be asked to arrange the matter during his furlough in Scotland.

Report to
General
Assembly.

153. The Committee, having considered the Draft Report to the next General Assembly, which had been circulated, finally adopted it.

Next meeting.

154. The Committee resolved to hold its next meeting on Tuesday, 9th May, at 2.30 P.M.

Closed with the Blessing.



[Confidential—for Members of Committee only.]

Free Church of Scotland.

MINUTES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
COMMITTEE,

*At Meeting held on the 9th May, 1899, and confirmed
at same Meeting.*

XII. MEETING: 1898-99.

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TUESDAY, 9th MAY, 1899.

155. Sederunt.
156. Minutes confirmed.
157. Livingstonia—Dr. F. A. Innes appointed.
158. Do. —Mr. John M'Gregor appointed.
159. Do. —Prayer.
160. Do. —Power to appoint another Missionary.
161. Hislop College—Power to appoint Missionary.
162. Calcutta—Repairs.
163. Madras—Rev. T. K. Itty.
164. Lovedale—Cost of Pastoral Letter.
165. Natal—Mission Council constituted.
166. Gordon Mission—Mr. Meek's Application.
167. Notice of Motion.
168. Minutes confirmed.

