

flag raised by the Indian boys, with, we will trust, a right good cheer for the kind young donors of the gift.

I am glad to report two more city representatives for Country Branches, Mrs. Blizard for Brighton, and Miss Sutton, 35 St. Mary Street, whom I hope will take Colborne. I should very much like to have some more names for this most pleasant duty.

I have much pleasure in announcing that the "Children's Missionary Guild," of St. John's, South Ward, Peterboro, has become enrolled as a Junior Branch. They have been working for two bales, and have done well for both Diocesan and Algoma Missions, besides sending in their W.A. bales. The membership numbers 21. President, Miss Lagfield, Superintendent, Mrs. Beck, Secretary, Miss Lucy Wood. Sent out, members' cards 43, members' badges, 43.

M. FORSYTH GRANT.

Secretary Junior Branch.

*Letter from Mrs. Stocken, Blackfoot Reserve, continued from December.*

They are certainly sun-worshippers, calling the sun "Father" and the earth "Mother," and there are dances connected with their religion, but these I have not seen yet. There are several great hindrances to Missionary work, one being the fact that they all think exceedingly well of themselves, and though they will acknowledge the tribe as a whole to be wicked, they individually are always very good. One thing occupies a great deal of our time and attention, and that is attendance on the sick, of whom there are always a great many. We have now a very nice hospital, but it is not open yet, and what we really do need, and under God would prove the very greatest blessing to the work here, is a resident christian medical man—in fact without this we seem terribly handicapped, for they come to us for advice in sickness and expect our drugs to cure them at once, and really we neither of us know quite enough about it to undertake any serious case. Of course they have their own medicine men who beat a tom-tom and use some sort of herbs, but it is a most awfully barbarous sort of treatment. We have just had a gift of money to build a Mission Room, and when this is opened we are looking for great things, as we shall then have a place to hold sewing classes for the women and girls, and we also hope to get the young men together in the evening and give them games, and fret-saw classes and other things, and provide them with the illustrated papers. We shall need an organ very much, and if you should know of anyone who would feel inclined to help us with the money for this, we should be most grateful.

This letter has been written at odd times, just when I could get a few minutes to spare, and is now being finished in the room of a child who is sick, and with whom I am sitting up. I know I need hardly ask for your most earnest prayers for our work. I think no one who has not lived on an Indian Reserve, can have any idea of the