

MRS. ROCHESTER OF RAT PORTAGE gave a few very interesting statements at the Board with regard to our Indian work at Lake-of-the-Woods. The population of 1000 Indians living in that district is wholly pagan. They seem willing to accept our schools, but are averse to accept religious instruction. The school buildings already estimated for by our Board have not yet been put up, owing to difficulty in securing a suitable location. Meanwhile the missionary, Rev. Mr. McKittrick, is doing excellent work, going about among the Indian homes, seeking to open the way of Truth by ministering to them in their temporal needs. There is a Roman Catholic school in Rat Portage, but the section our school has located in is quite a distance away among other bands of Indians.

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TWO INTERESTING PICTURES will be found in this issue. The new Crowstand Boarding School which replaced the old building a year ago, and the File Hills Boarding School. The buildings in both cases look quite attractive and are an evidence of the progressive work Mr. Gilmour and Mr. Farrar are doing among the Indians on those reserves.

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MISS BAKER, our missionary, oldest in the North-west work, sends an interesting letter on the arrival of the clothing. The Reserves are all some distance from the station, and the labor in getting these heavy bales to their destination is no light task. What untiring energy and love lies behind this sentence: "As soon as we were notified that the clothing had arrived, Miss Lyttle and I went down at once with a large wagon and brought it home. When we reached the mission all on the Reserve were asleep. We tugged until we had our precious load stowed away in our front room."

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MISS GILLESPIE OF MISTAWASIS writes that her school has never been so promising as this quarter, the number having increased of late to ten, three of whom are half-breeds. She enclosed letters of thanks from the children for the organ they were so delighted to get. The letters were well composed and beautifully written and are a credit to their teacher.

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IN INDIA INDUSTRIAL TRAINING is regarded as a most important branch of the instruction to be given to the women and children in connection with the mission schools and homes. Miss Jamieson reports that at Ujjain the women are employed in spinning wool for the manufacture of blankets by the blind boys, and which find a ready sale. Miss Campbell also reports the girls have begun cap-making.

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OUR WORKERS who have lately arrived in India have been drafted off by the council to their different spheres of labor. Miss McCalla has been appointed to Indore, Miss Leach to Mhow, and Miss Ptolemy resumes work at Indore, and Miss Duncan returns to Neemuch.