

LETTER FROM MRS. BURN.

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DEAR FRIENDS,—I am very anxious to write and thank all the Associates and others who have been good enough to send out so many useful and ornamental things for the use of this Diocese. You can hardly imagine the help it is to us. Most of the parishes have a sale once a year for some Church purpose, and we make up a parcel of \$50 or \$60 worth of things for any parish wishing for it, as they are not able to get enough things made for a sale. Each parish has a "Ladies' Guild," which meets every week, except in the summer, and gets orders for work, or works for the annual sale. A great many of the clothes are sold privately, and of course in this case the money goes to the Diocesan Fund.

There is a great excitement when a box arrives from England; people are very anxious to look it over. Anything that is nice and a good pattern gets bought at once. Last year was the first year that I had seen the contents of the boxes, and I thought the things most beautiful and so well made. A lady told me they were the best boxes that had ever been sent out. Everything was sold off by Christmas. One of the Clergy was having a sale of work lately, the proceeds to go towards enlarging the Vicarage, which at present has only one room; it is to have one more. Also for providing a bell for the Church Services. It is a large ranching country, and people live three and four miles from the Church, so it is very necessary to have a bell. I was very sorry only to be able to send \$25 worth of things, as that was all I had left.

I hear there are two boxes on their way out, which we shall be most thankful to receive, and I am hoping to get more in the course of the year. We always try to hear of some one coming out who will be good enough to bring them, then of course there is nothing to pay on them; but this cannot always be done. We are glad of anything at all; the underclothes should be made of flannelette and not of unbleached calico, if they are for the poorer people; very little calico is worn here. We can do with any amount of flannel petticoats of all sizes, and other petticoats. Children's things are always useful, and it is well to make two alike, as they buy them in pairs. All vests and children's knitted petticoats ought to have *long sleeves*. Pinafores in all shapes, particularly anything new and pretty, are sure to sell. Children's aprons are not much worn. There is a great demand for stockings and socks of all sizes, and comforters for children, as well as large ones. Flannel, and also strong flannelette shirts are always bought. There is a quick sale for aprons; the cooking ones ought to be to the bottom of the dress, and should nearly meet at the back, the dressy muslin aprons they like nearly to the bottom of the dress.

We should very much like some fancy things that would do for