

muscle was necessary. My lameness gave me an important advantage over Mr. Holmes, for while my crew did all the tracking, Mr. Holmes and his man alternately engaged in this trying pedestrian exercise; and as a cool and impartial observer, I must say that English pluck does not appear to disadvantage when pitted against Indian toughness. I must admit, though, that the protracted means by which Mr. Holmes sometimes circumvented a snag, created a little diversion; for people will laugh when it would better become them to weep. So it was when one day my pole slipped from a boulder and I disappeared over the canoe into the waters of the Peace River. Every one laughed, even my own wife, and my explanation how it had happened made no difference.

Our trip was not altogether unpleasant, though mosquitoes were often so bad on the river that we found it necessary to carry a smoke in the canoe.

Partly owing to the heavy cargo of the larger canoe which lengthened out our journey by at least one day, and partly owing to our excellent appetites engendered of healthy bodily exercise, our stock of provisions ran short; and this too, notwithstanding that we had started with a full supply and had shot twelve geese on the way. The day before we reached the Peace River Landing we breakfasted on a small bannock, dined on a corn-starch soup, and supped on pancake made from the compound shakings of our flour-bag. We made an early start next morning, hoping to have breakfast at the Landing, but it was nearly noon when we reached there; and to make matters worse we found the depot locked and Mr. Tait away. English pluck was again up to the mark, and not many minutes after our arrival, Mr. Holmes was mounted on a sturdy nag, and with our hearty wishes for his speedy success, he started in hot pursuit of the much wished-for Mr. Tait. Some Indians camped about the place were kind enough to bring us a few berries, a good thing for little Frank, who was beginning to express his disapproval of the prolonged fast. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Tait made their appearance a little before sunset, and our hunger soon had to look for other quarters. Next day we had to bid farewell to our old travelling companion, Mr. Holmes, and the day following with our Indian fellow-travellers, who returned to Vermilion. They did their duty by us, and Mr. Holmes and I tried to do them good—they in helping us forward to temporary homes—we in directing their minds to an abiding home above.

At the Landing I had to hire a new crew to take us on to this place. They did their best, and lost no time; and although several times we were almost upset, thanks to a kind Providence, we arrived here in safety on the 1st of August.

We were glad to get away, and, believe me, as glad to get back again. The place though untenanted during our absence had received neighborly attention from the same hand that had pushed out our raft at starting, and we were delighted to find

a great many flowers in full bloom, and everything safe in house, field and garden.

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."

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SAULT STE. MARIE.

On Thursday evening last a reception was given at the parsonage by the St. Luke's Woman's Auxiliary, with a view to promoting that feeling of unity which exists between the clergyman and his people, and among the congregation generally. Upwards of seventy guests were present. Refreshments were served, games introduced and a pleasant evening spent in music, etc.

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The "Juliet Kerr" Branch of "The Church of England Zenana Missionary Society" was formed in St. John, N. B., June, 1885, with Mrs. T. W. Daniel as President, Mrs. Carr, Treasurer, and Mrs. J. C. Allison, Secretary. Collectors were appointed, and several persons took "Mission Boxes." During the ensuing winter and spring, working parties were held every alternate week at the house of the President. At the first annual meeting of the society held in June, 1886, we were able to report as the result of the first year's work \$71.81, collected and remitted to the Hon. Secretary in England. The magazine, *India's Women*, had eleven subscribers. The former officers were re-appointed at that meeting.

At the second annual meeting we were glad to report increased interest and aid in the work.

During the year the sum of \$172.47 had been collected.

The visit of Mrs. Greaves, an accredited missionary of the C. E. Z. M. S., in September, 1886, was a great pleasure, and the information which she gave of life in the East, awakened much interest.

In the autumn of 1886 it was thought advisable to affiliate the Zenana Society with the Mission work of the Church of England Institute in St. John, the President and Managing Committee of the Institute permitting us to retain our own Directorate. During the winter and spring of 1887 working parties were held regularly at Mrs. T. W. Daniel's, and articles of clothing, work-bags, etc., were made, and in the summer a box was sent to England.

The time of holding the annual meeting was changed from June to January in 1887, that it might be held at nearly the same time as the annual meeting of "The Church of England Institute." So the third annual meeting was held in January, 1888. Having followed so closely upon the June meeting it was impossible to report the