

Sabbath Schools.—There are in all about 60 Sabbath Schools with an attendance of 2800 children.

Zenana work.—Many of the women in India are prisoners in their own apartments called Zenanas. Many thousands of visits are annually paid to these homes by the lady missionaries, and their native helpers.

Indians in Canada.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

There are 24,000 Indians in Manitoba and the North-West Territories. They live on Reserves and the best efforts of Government are directed towards inducing them to cultivate the soil.

Schools.—There are 3 Day Schools, 6 Boarding Schools and 1 Industrial School. We have 6 ordained missionaries and 28 missionaries who are not ordained laboring amongst Indians scattered over 20 reserves. The work is slow but not without encouragement. In Regina school last year, 31 scholars came into the full membership of the Church, and a considerable number have been added to the Communion roll this year.

British Columbia.—There are in British Columbia, from 30,000 to 40,000 Indians, and the different churches do much work amongst them. We have a Boarding school at Alberni, and a Day school at Ucluelet, Ahousah and Dodger's Cove, amongst the Ohiaths, besides evangelistic work.

CHINESE IN CANADA.

British Columbia.—Mr. Coleman is working at Vancouver and New Westminster. Mr. Hall at Union Mines, and Mr. Winchester, whilst he has his head quarters at Victoria, takes an oversight of the whole work. There have been a considerable number of conversions and the missionaries are encouraged.

Montreal.—Dr. Thompson has been very much encouraged from the beginning of the work in Montreal. There are 17 Sabbath Schools, regularly attended by hundreds of Chinese and cordially supported by the Christian people of the City.

FINANCES.

The F. M. C. began this year with a deficit of \$3,784.81. According to present appearances, there will be at the close of the year a debt of \$30,000 or \$35,000. Only by a very special effort can that be prevented, already a serious reduction has been made in the work in India. Should the year end with such a deficit as is here indicated it will necessitate such reductions as no lover of missions can contemplate without sorrow.

Are the Young People's Societies loyal to the Missions of our own Church? Can they not more heartily support the work? Pray for the work and seek to answer your own prayers.

YOKEFELLOWS.

Along the quiet village street
Two oxen came with heavy load,
And, as their driver paused to greet
A friend, one, weary, sank upon the road;
The other, patient, stood and bore the yoke,
Now doubly weighted with his partner's fall.
Wondering I saw, and light upon me broke.
"O Lord, it is thy yoke I bear,
The strength to hold it comes from thee.
If thou wilt stoop to draw with me
Earth's heavy loads, and all my burdens share,
O grant that I may ne'er again despair,
And, by my faltering, added burden be!"
Agnes Gregoire.

HE HEARS AND HELPS.

A young accountant in New York city got his accounts entangled. He knew he was honest, and yet he could not make his accounts come out right, and he toiled at them day and night until he was nearly frenzied. It seemed by these books that something had been misappropriated, and he knew before God he was honest.

The last day came. He knew if he could not that day make his accounts come out right he would go into disgrace and go into banishment from the business establishment.

He went over there very early, before there was anybody in the place, and he knelt down at the desk and said: "O Lord, Thou knowest I have tried to be honest, but I cannot make these things come out right! Help me to-day—help me this morning!"

The young man arose and, hardly knowing why he did so, opened a book that lay on the desk, and there was a leaf containing a line of figures which explained everything. In other words, he cast his burden upon the Lord, and the Lord sustained him.

Young man, do you hear that? O, yes, God has a sympathy with anybody that is in any kind of toil! He knows how heavy is the load of bricks that the workman carries up the ladder of the wall; he hears the pick-ax of the miner down in the coal shaft; he knows how strong the tempest strikes the sailor at the masthead; he sees the factory girl among the spindles, and knows how her arms aches; he sees the sewing woman in the fourth story, and knows how few pence she gets for making a garment; and louder than all the din and roar of the city comes the voice of a sympathetic God: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."—*Talmage*.