

the track. He often had to wait for me to come up when I was uncertain of the way, by signals, and my speed was reduced to about two miles an hour.

On emerging from the bush I could scarcely get to the lake. I called for the Indian to stop and he had to haul me on the toboggan over the last bit of lake, which was nearly free of snow, about one mile distance, and reached here a little after midnight.

WANTS.



RS. BERNARD, Corresponding Secretary to the Woman's Auxiliary at Calgary, Alberta, writes to us regarding some pressing needs in the diocese as follows:

Rev. J. W. Tims, Blackfoot Reserve, begs for clothing—especially men's.

Rev. H. W. Gibbon Stocken, Sarcee Reserve, is opening a boarding school for boys, and still needs about \$250 for building and furnishing, or he would be most grateful for help, "in kind," of household and kitchen requisites.

Mr. Swainson, on the Blood Reserve, has opened another school the attendance being thirty or forty children, whom he is teaching in a mud shack fourteen feet square!!! He applied to Government for help and they promised all the materials for a school house, *on condition*, he puts it up, that will cost \$100, and he has not *one cent in hand*. He says "the Roman Catholics are trying to get a footing in the camp," and he is sure they would be only too glad to put up the school. Mrs. Bernard is trying to collect this \$100 and says of it:—"Our little colony though generous is not rich, and I will be most grateful for outside help—even the smallest donation."

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

The love of Christ constraineth us.—2 Cor. v., 14.

Communications relating to this Department should be addressed Mrs. A. E. Williamson, 83 Wellesley St., Toronto.

IN the General Report of "The Woman's Auxiliary" for 1891, the value of the total contributions in Dorcas Work are stated to have been \$15,712.39. A subsequent examination of the Diocesan Reports from Toronto and Niagara, shows the value to have been understated, the former by \$846.85, the latter by \$75, thus increasing the total value of this work to \$16,634.24.

The Acting Dorcas Secretary is very grateful to the Diocesan Dorcas Secretaries for calling her attention to the errors in question, and takes the earliest opportunity of communicating

to the members of the Auxiliary the necessary corrections.

THE annual meeting of the Toronto Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary will be held on April 27th, 28th, 29th, too late for any notice of the proceedings to appear in this number of the Mission News.

A LETTER received from Mr. Hinchliffe, who has been appointed to the Piegan Mission, Fort McLeod, tells of many very great necessities which must be supplied before the school work can be satisfactorily gone on with. Nearly all the furniture and kitchen utensils belong to Mr. Bourne, his predecessor, and must be replaced. "The district is reckoned at twelve miles by fourteen; some camps being on one side of the river and some on the other side, and there is neither horse nor vehicle for travelling purposes." Mr. Bourne, of course, taking his own horse away—a horse and buckboard would cost \$150. Desks and forms are needed in the schoolhouse—wood, to make these, would cost about \$12. Another very serious need is a bell for the school-house. There are four camps, the nearest three-quarters of a mile away, and as there are no clocks in the Indian teepees a bell does seem a necessity. The cost of one, and the fittings, would be about \$40. Kitchen utensils and furniture would be about \$200. So there is a wide open door for some generously disposed Churchman or woman, to enter into, and at a cost of about \$450, enable Mr. Hinchliffe to begin his work with some comfort and hope amid the many discouragements of effecting some good among this large tribe of Indians.

In an interesting letter from the Rev. D. D. Macdonald, Battleford, we take the following extract, "The Indians have been fed and supported by the Indian Department, and are become so dependent. . . . They have no way of making a living, no means to purchase clothing. The Indian naturally is very affectionate to his children, therefore, resents any attempt to influence a child for his own good. We are obliged to work very carefully in training these children. Their ideas of God are altogether different from ours. Thunder, lightning, the elements in general, are their gods. 'The Cree Heaven is a big town, the teepees extend a long distance, and when you get there you must pass through an archway, where a big chief sits taking in his good people.' The old woman who gave this idea of heaven has become a Christian. . . . If the members of the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, who have helped us, could see for themselves the work done here they would be greatly encouraged."

MONTREAL reports a most pleasant visit from Archdeacon Phair, who addressed several