

## Official Notices.

### CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*The following amounts have been received from September 1st to December 31st.*

A. J. R. interest, \$27; Yarmouth N.S., Woman's M. S., \$20; Proceeds sale, Springfield Ch., \$98; Eastern Assoc., N. S., \$9.40; Nool, N.S., Evangelistic Fund, \$4.50; South Maitland, N.S., Evangelistic Fund, \$2.66; Selma, N.S., Evang. Fund, \$2.40; Wingham, Ontario, Woman's M. S., \$10; Tilbury East, for 1893-4, \$2; H. J. C., interest, \$62.50; Paris, Ont., \$71.73; Montreal, Calvary, Junior C. E., \$1.65; V. C. C., interest, \$149.62; Kingsport, N. S., Evang. Fund, \$35.50; G. M. interest, \$20.60; F. M. interest, \$40; F. M., paid on principal, \$100; Economy, N. S., C. E., \$9; Wingham, Ontario, Woman's M. S., \$20; Embro, Ont., Evang. Fund, \$14; Brooklyn, N.S., Evangelistic Fund, \$23; S. A., interest, \$73.50; A. W. Main, supply at Truro, \$8; H. T., interest, \$76.05; T. J. Wilkie, Toronto, \$10; Winnipeg, Central Ch., \$126.80; do S. S., \$40; Winnipeg, Maple St. Ch., \$14.05; Keswick Ridge, N. S., Woman's H. M. S. \$5.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON,

Kingston, Dec. 30th, 1893.

Treasurer.

## Woman's Board.

Extract from a letter of Miss Amy Johnston, dated Cisamba, Oct. 20th, 1893:

"The week after we arrived, I commenced hearing the boys read in the evenings, so as to get the correct pronunciation of the language, and on the 6th Sept., we started school, Miss Melville taking some of the younger lads—those reading in the primer, etc.—and I the older ones; 26 of them. Some are over 20 years old. Ngulu and some others are reading the Psalms now, some are in Mark's Gospel, others in John. Their school starts at 2 p.m. At 4, I have the girls' school, and Miss Melville helps in dispensary work at that hour. As the girls live—some of them, at least—a good distance off, their attendance is not so regular as that of the boys. (There are 43 boys, all living on the station.)

"To-day there were 30 women and girls at school, while perhaps to-morrow there may be only 18 or 20. Every morning at a quarter to six, the boys meet by themselves for morning prayer. At six they start to work, some in the gardens, some hoeing the fields, some at building or thatching, some look after the cattle (Mr. Currie has a good herd), others take charge of the sheep, goats and pigs; two or three work at the mills, and so on. Their work is changed every week, except that of the house-boys.

"Sunday is always a busy day for the boys, as well as for us; though as little manual labor as possible is done, it being one of the rules of the

mission that no water is carried from the brook on that day. (There is no school on Saturday and they stop working an hour earlier in the morning, so as to have everything ready for Sunday.) At eight o'clock they have a prayer-meeting, led by Ngulu, to ask blessing on the services of the day. At half-past ten we have morning service, many of the people being here an hour beforehand. It lasts an hour; then after fifteen minutes rest, Sabbath school begins. At four o'clock the boys start off to preach in some villages a few miles distant. The evening service at seven o'clock takes the form of a prayer-meeting. All the services, of course, are in Umbundu. Every Wednesday, after the boys' school, and instead of the girls' school, both girls and boys meet together for prayer-meeting, led by Mr. Currie.

"Fancy a village in Canada where every man, woman and child, even every baby, goes to prayer-meeting! And such a prayer-meeting! The boys are fluent of speech; their prayers are simple, but they pray for every one and every thing that they think needs prayer. If any of their number are away, they plead earnestly that they may be kept from evil. They always remember us, and when we first came there was always a petition offered that we might 'soon learn Umbundu,' and so be able to teach the 'words of truth.'

"Last Sunday we had the largest attendance yet—about five hundred. The school-house could not hold them all. It appears that the chiefs and old men of the villages had given orders that the women were not to go to their fields, but to come 'to hear the words.' But none of the old men, though friendly, dare to avow themselves on the Lord's side.

"The medical work here is quite successful; last month there was an attendance at the dispensary (open every afternoon except Sunday) of 554, mostly cases of goitre, rheumatism, pneumonia and ulcers."

EXTRACTS from the report of London Branch meeting, held in the Central Congregational church, Forest:

(This report reached us just a little too late for the January number.)

"The afternoon session was opened at 3 o'clock, with devotional exercises, led by the President, Miss Rawlings. After routine business, two papers were read, one on 'Giving and Praying,' by Miss Hindley, and one on 'The Reflex Benefit of Missionary Effort,' by the Secretary, Miss Gammon; after which the President called on Rev. W. H. Watson, who gave a short account of the African Mission, its growth and influence.

"The 'Rainbow' Mission Band then gave very successfully a Mission-geography exercise, finish