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Prayer is asked this month for "The Indians of our Dominion. That God may bless all efforts to elevate and christianize them. That the children in the homes and schools may become useful to their own people."

We can never forget that we have dispossessed the Indians; that is, that we have taken from them the lands which they called their own; the inheritance to which they thought they were born. What shall we give them in return? Some white men have given them the "fire water" (well named) which has stolen away their senses and only served to make still darker the dark shadows of heathenism. What shall *we* give them? Shall it not be the pure and satisfying religion of the Lord Jesus Christ? If we give them the gospel with all its elevating influences surely it will be a blessed exchange and they will be better and richer than ever their fathers were.

The hope of the missionary is in the children! More can be done for the tribes by their own children, taught the knowledge of Christ and trained to various industries, the result being christian homes and communities, than by any other means. Let us work, let us pray for the homes where this is being done.

We are on the eve of two great anniversaries! Our world has had many grand historical events to chronicle, but only two on which its very life and salvation depend. The first was the sacrificial death of our Lord Jesus Christ, made necessary by man's departure from God. The chief priests and scribes cried in derision "He saved others, Himself He cannot save." And it was true! What they cried in cruel mockery was really true. If He had saved Himself, He could not have saved others. He did not save Himself, but "gave His life a ransom for many." What do we owe Him to-day.

Our second great anniversary will be ushered in, not with the world's "dead march" for a dead Christ, but with a triumphant hymn of praise for an opened sepulchre, a risen Christ, an everliving Saviour! Oh the joy of Easter! Are we sharers in it? Happy will it be for each of us if we can say "The Lord is risen indeed and hath appeared"—not only to Simon, but to *me*! Then we shall want to go and *tell* the good news, as Mary did.

We thank our friends and patrons for their kind words and deeds. The subscription list is coming up well and the outlook is hopeful.

Our letter under the head of Foreign Correspondence will be continued next month.

The poem on the first page, entitled "The dying Micmac" was written many years ago by one who has since "passed into the skies." It was suggested by a story told by a Micmac missionary.

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An Easter Appeal.

DEAR BAND MEMBERS.—The general board of our W. M. S. have requested the auxiliaries to hold public Easter services and thank offerings; the proceeds to be devoted to the establishing of a Hospital for women in Chentu, China.

The great need of such an institution is shown by Dr. Stevenson in a letter lately written.

He and Dr. Kilburn were called to visit a woman with some affliction of the eyes, besides other ailments. They were expected to treat this poor woman without seeing her. Finally, they were allowed to look at her eyes through a hole in a curtain, and to feel her pulse, her hand being brought from behind the curtain for the purpose. So small was the knowledge they could thus gain, that they dared not treat the woman. And so she was left to her sad fate. You will see, then, the great need of women doctors, and a place where these poor Chinese mothers, sisters and daughters may be properly treated.

Would it not be a grand thing then, for all our band members to practise some self-denial between now and Easter to swell the contributions which come up from the auxiliaries for the starting of a Woman's Hospital in Chentu? How many are willing to do this? How many Presidents will bring this before their bands?

A. J. H.