Saugeen Mr. John Thunder, care of Rev. W. Beattie, Virden,
Man.
Stratford Rev. Geo. Arthur, Regina, N.W.T.
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Prince Albert, N.W.T. Mission Bands—
For India—Mrs. Shortreed, 18 Elm St., Tor-
onto.

Whithy ...... Mr. R. C. McPherson, Strathclair, Man.

Directions for Shipping.—All goods should be forwarded to the North-West in September. Parcels from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands to be sent (freight prepaid) to one or more central places in the Presbytery, to be repacked by the Committee appointed by the Presbyterial Society. Invoices for the Indian Department at Ottawa should be prepared by this Committee. Great care should be exercised in sending only such goods as are well worth the freight and suitable for the climate of the North-West. Let the missionary's address be painted on each package, with the words, "To be left till called for." All goods must be prepaid at full rates. As soon as goods are shipped, send the shipping bill and invoice to Mrs. A. Jeffrey, 4 Classic Avenue, Toronto. The missionary will be notified by the Board of the goo's having been forwarded.

C. M. JEFFREY.

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

## Items about Africa.

The Review of Reviews for May reproduces an article from the Royal Geographical Journal, in which the author, Mr. H. H. Johnston, says The missionaries have acted as a kind of informal school board for Central Africa, and the results of their years of patient teaching have begun to manifest themselves. An increasing number of natives are able to read and write, and, above all, are trained to respect and to value a settled and civilized government.

The South African Auxiliary Bible Society issued last year 32,000 Bibles and Testaments from its depository at Cape Town. These were circulated in Cape Colony, the Free State, Transvaal, Bechuanaland, and

more distant regions.

One of the most important educational institutions in Africa is Lovedale, located 700 miles northeast of Cape, Town. Dr. James Stewart of the Free Church of Scotland, to whose wisdom and energy this school is greatly indebted, has described in a recent volume its aims and method.

The Hausas, numbering many millions, and occupying an area of half a million square miles in the Central Soudan, are called the leading commercial people of Africa. They are noted for the variety and excellence of their manufactures. Those who have begun to learn the Hausa language speak of the richness of the vocabulary, as an instance of which they have eight names for the different parts of the day from sunrise to sunset.

Dr. Emil Holub has an instructive article in *Illustrated Africa* for May, 1895, on Khama the Christian King of the Bamangwato, who has done so much to promote civilization. By enlightening his reople he has broken the power of the "Njaka's," or rain doctors. By the introduction