

homes in your parish, and devote the proceeds to some missionary object. In this way children, and grown people too, are encouraged to acts of self-denial, so that the mite may be dropped into the box and make it heavier. And when some day you can pack a bale of clothing contributed among yourselves, and some simple garment made by your own hands, how happy you will be to ship it off to some lonely missionary working among the Indians, and when his letters come telling you of the delight and gratitude of the poor people, how your hearts will glow, and how eager you will be to repeat the kind deed the next year. In one reserve, which is called our "Baby Indian mission," the Valley River, a noble work is being done. A faithful teacher, himself an Indian from St. Peter's, has gone among them. Where not long ago all were heathen; now, if you peeped into the tepees at night you would see the children kneeling in prayer before lying down, the result of the training they are getting in the school. Many of the parents are still heathen, but they are being brought in, and each time the nearest missionary (75 miles distant) visits them he finds a band of seven or eight ready to be baptized, confessing their faith. This teacher receives the totally inadequate salary of \$200, and has to depend upon the kindness of neighboring missions and friends elsewhere for sufficient to meet the absolute necessities of himself and family. Is not here scope for our generosity right at our very door? Many of our Indians on Rainy River are still heathen. Shall we not uphold the hands of those who, under great difficulties, are trying to carry the gospel to them? While we sympathize greatly with foreign missions, and desire to show our practical interest by including them in our gifts and prayers, we must never lose sight of the fact that we are an auxiliary to our own Diocese, and that the parent societies at home are withdrawing their grants, one-twentieth a year from us, and that, unless we step in and fill the gap, many of our existing missions will have to be closed, and no new ones opened."

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