

Letter Leaflet of the Woman's Auxiliary

"The love of Christ constraineth us." - 2 Cor. v. 14.

PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading. October - Selkirk, and All Islands. November - Algoma, and South America, and Mexico,

This Diocese, Selkirk, was divided from that of Mackenzie River in 1891, and Bishop Bompas undertook the charge of it, leaving his former Diocese to Bishop Reeve. Selkirk lies directly north of the Diocese of Caledonia. The Bishop and Mrs. Bompas live at Buxton Mission, upper Yukon River. In the following extracts from a private letter, we get a glimpse at the daily family life of these noble self-sacrificing people, whose name is so lovingly familiar to all interested in Mission work. 'A temperature of 59 degrees below zero, is not favourable to letter writing, nevertheless I must take advantage of a benevolent miner going to Junneau to send news. We are all well in spite of the cold, which is truly intense. It is really a great business to keep everything going this weather. All eatables have to be thawed before they are prepared for cooking, loaves have to be held to the stove before they are cut, etc., etc. The fetching of our wood and water is a serious business, and requires some of the Bishop's wise planning to organize, but just now it is a daily amusement to our five mission girls. The Bishop goes down at twelve o'clock, when school breaks up, to re-open our ice hole on the river, and after the water comes the wood-fetching. Our food supplies have not failed yet, I am thankful to say. We had our fish season—one gets rather tired of salmon, much sooner than white fish, of which we have none here. The Bishop is so busy all day, he keeps school for Indian boys now. He is up most mornings at 5.30 to light our three stoves—then Indians are coming in all day long for one thing or another, he has hardly ten minutes quiet till evening. Our daily evening prayers are well attended even now, with this severe cold, we have a good sprinkling. The thermometer has gone as low as 77 degrees below zero."