

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. Tate's kindness in receiving us into their home, we are comparatively comfortable though very much overcrowded.

We have appropriated the \$100 granted for shed, to the purpose of putting up an extension to Mr. Tate's house for kitchen and woodshed. It is well under way, and I trust you will approve of the use made of the money. Our winter's stock of boots as well as the greater part of our stores were destroyed.

The foundation is partially destroyed and the Missionary Committee have had plans for an Industrial School drawn up, which have, I think, been submitted to the General Secretary. The plan is to have one large building, so arranged that boys and girls be separate. In brick, it would cost from \$10,000 to \$12,000. The hope is to get the Government to co-operate with the two Missionary Societies in the undertaking.

The Secretary of one of the Montreal Mission Bands wrote me in November, enclosing postal cards for monthly items of interest. The address has been lost and I shall be glad if the young sister will kindly communicate with me again. The school was closed just four days. The school furniture was all saved. We feel that gratitude should be the uppermost emotion of our hearts, when we remember all the providential circumstances connected with the fire.

December 29th, 1891.

Yours of December 21st to hand yesterday. I feel deeply grateful to the ladies for their kind thoughtfulness concerning me, both as regards the replenishing of my wardrobe and arranging for a holiday. As there is no pressing need of my remaining at my post, I shall gladly avail myself of the permission to spend a month in recreation, directly after the beginning of the new year.

The full amount of insurance (\$4,000) has been paid to Mr. Tate, and is deposited in the Bank of British Columbia, Victoria.

The Christmas service, Christmas-tree, and feast, were much enjoyed by all, though, of course, a shade of sadness, when we remembered our scattered children, was but natural. Still, we commend them to our Father's care, being assured they are safe in His keeping.