

At the present time the number of Christians on the roll of the Mission is no less than 6,472, with all kinds of evidence of religious vigor and spiritual life. The whole Mission under its present missionary, the Rev. A. Margoschis, includes the Mudalur, Kadaianodai, and Christianagram Missions, and thus occupies ninety villages, with more than 13,000 Christians. Working under him are six native clergymen. Some of these give reports of great interest. For instance, the Rev. V. Abraham sends an account of the comparatively new work of the Kadaianodai pastorate of the Nazareth Mission, which relates several most thankworthy things:

"It gives me great pleasure to speak of the encouraging works of the Christians of Kadaianodai. There is a small church of brick and chunman here. It is called St. Thomas's Church. In my last report I said that as the building would not hold all the people on Sundays and Festival days, they were enlarging it at their own expense by adding a chancel and two transepts. The work was begun in August, and finished with much difficulty in November last. It cost Rs. 2,000 (\$900) in addition to the personal labor given without pay by the people themselves. The church is now much stronger and more beautiful than it was before. The Holy Communion was administered for the first time in this church by the Most Rev. the Metropolitan on November 16th, when the number of Communicants was 252. The dedication of this church was an event which will never be forgotten by the people, who exerted themselves to make it a joyous and festive occasion. They erected a long pandal between the church and the school which was prepared for his lordship's residence, and decorated it with leaves and plantain trees. The church was also beautifully decorated with flowers. The Metropolitan, preceded by the choir and clergy (European and Native) went in procession along the pandal into the church. The whole place resounded with music. The converts of Parkulam and Kurukatoor came and visited his lordship, who was very much pleased with them, and after giving them good advice sent them home very happy."

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us"

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THE Rev. S. Trivett writes as follows from "Omoksene," MacLeod, Alberta, N. W. T.: Will you kindly allow me, now the winter is over, publicly to thank the many kind friends, who so nobly answered our appeal made last October, for clothing for our poor Indians. I can assure you that had it not been for the Woman's Auxiliary of Canada and other friends, many of our Indians (men, women and children alike), would have

lacked the necessary clothing to keep out the cold, and yet the large supply we did receive was found too small to enable us to give to all the needy ones. Many of the Indians were quite destitute of clothing till the boxes came. I must say the greater part of the clothing received was very good and most useful. Some things, it is true, were very much worn, but some of our friends had not time to make up dresses and so sent what they could get. Next year we trust that we may receive more new clothing, but as it was, all received was acceptable, and thankfully received by the Indians.

Our school children were delighted at Christmas when they came together for their Christmas gifts of clothing. The girls were especially pleased with the dresses made after Indian fashion. The nice warm material and pretty trimming quite charmed them. I think the mere sight of the dresses made them feel warmer. Then the warm stockings, hoods or mufflers, as far as they went, added to the costume, and the little work bag with the packet of needles, the reel of thread, the thimble, packet of pins, and in some cases scissors, made the present complete. Only the best girls got what out west we call "a complete outfit." The boys who got a warm shirt and muffler were very lucky as we fell far short of shirts. Others got stockings, trousers, coats or vests with mitts, but on the whole the girls got the best presents. As it was we had to present some of the boys with girls' clothes, which did not come amiss to them, they were so glad to get anything. The old men got overcoats or undercoats and a few shirts. Some women got warm Indian native dresses, but our supply of these was small, as only one or two branches of the Auxiliary had time to make them this year, and many had to receive the partly worn dresses and skirts, and it amused me the following week to see how they had stitched them together to make them something like the Indian women's dress. Yet all who received seemed satisfied, though I am sorry to say many poor old men and women got nothing. Heartily then do we thank all who so cheerfully helped us, for their gifts, large or small, and sincerely do we hope that when the winter of 1889-90 closes on us it may find us well supplied with warm clothing for our poor people. We ask then the friends of the past winter to labor on preparing things for the boxes, and we earnestly trust that many more parishes will come to our assistance. In Jesus' name we tender you all our warmest thanks, not only for the gifts for the Indians, but for the nice things enclosed for ourselves and our little children. Will you allow me also to thank those friends who have helped us in funds for our Indian Girl's Home, C. B., St. Thomas, \$10; Rev. E. F. Wilson, Sault Ste Marie, \$20; Fund per Rev. Mr. Lance, \$5; Havergal Girls' Missionary Branch, London, \$13; H. Brown, Esq., \$10. Sincerely do I hope that more will help us, as it will take at least \$1,200 to complete the necessary buildings.