

Official Notices.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts from June 1st to July 17th.

Wingham Church, per Robt. Currie, \$9.70; Point St. Charles Cong'l. S. school, per Rev. Thos. Hall, \$30; Burford C. E., \$3; New Durham C. E., \$4, per Rev. J. T. Daley; Alton church, per Rev. W. H. Madill, \$2.30; J. R., \$1; Emmanuel S. S., Montreal, per B. B. Stevenson, \$20; Liverpool, N.S., Cong'l C. E., per Miss Charlotte E. Wharton, \$5; St. Catharines, Ont. C. E. and Junior C. E., per Rev. W. W. Smith, \$10.

DEAR MR. SMITH,—Would you kindly emphasize in the INDEPENDENT the fact that as Treasurer of the Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society, I would like to have all contributions from our churches to any foreign mission work (excepting those which should go to the Woman's Board) *pass through my hands*.

This is in order that each church may have credit in our report for the work done. The amount will be forwarded at once to the society or person designated.

The *Missionary Herald* will be sent, not only to every person contributing \$10, who applies for it, but also to all Christian Endeavor Societies giving the same amount, who will write me the address to which they desire it sent.

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM T. GUNN,

Treas. C. C. F. M. S.

Cowansville, Que., 18th July, 1894.

Woman's Board.

EXTRACTS FROM RECENT LETTERS FROM MRS. LEE AND MISS MELVILLE.

Mrs. Lee writes: "You will be glad to hear that the health report for our station is good. The members of our own and Mr. Woodside's family keep well, as also our boys; and continue to enjoy Sakanjimba air. Already boys from the villages of this district are beginning to gather round us, working in the morning and attending school in the afternoons. Not just at first could we induce the village lads to come to the station, as they, and still more their elders, looked upon us with suspicion. But gradually the people seem to be believing in our given reason for coming amongst them; and so the young boys are allowed to come here. Mr. Lee has six who are working by the month, one of whom is living at the station. Others would like to live here, but we have no room for them yet.

"Mr. Woodside has also some every-day workers, while several are attending his school, and he tells us that some of them are very quick in learning the alphabet.

"The king and two others of the chief men of the district have given each a boy as a scholar,

probably in order to test thoroughly our teaching. Another good thing we notice is that our average Sunday congregations are larger; and the king, the prime minister, and all the other men of importance are numbered among the attendants. One Sunday recently, four hundred persons were counted. Our services are being temporarily held in the large 'onjango' which has been lately finished. This is merely a public visiting-house for the natives, but it affords shelter for at least part of the Sunday congregation; the rest standing outside. In case of rain coming during service-time, is is well to have even this small building for our use, but we shall be glad when there is a good school-house erected.

"After service . . . I took a chair and seated myself under a large shade tree a little distance in front of our house, and had those who cared to listen to what I should say, gather around me. A large number seated themselves, while others stood on the grass before me; and then I told them what I could in a few minutes, of the message we had come to bring them—how man had sinned, and that we have a Saviour in Christ, who loved us and died for us, and whom we ought to love in return."

"As a few drops of rain fell, our gathering was soon broken up, but I was glad I had been able to say these few words for our Master. . . .

"As we are some little distance from the stream which furnishes our water supply, it was thought best to try whether water could not be found right on the station. For this purpose a well has been dug, and water has been reached at a depth of about twenty-five feet. It may be interesting to you to hear the superstitions of the natives respecting this undertaking. At first on hearing of this proposal, they thought we would be enticing away all the water from the stream, and then they asked where they would get the water to drink? They were assured that we would not draw from that source, and some village men undertook the work of digging for a few days. But soon they refused to work longer, and as no others could be induced to take their places, our own boys had to complete the task.

"On enquiry it was found that the old men were keeping the young ones from working, and for this reason—they said we intended to catch some boy and kill him and throw his body into the pit, in order to draw the water. So it was greatly to their surprise that the undertaking had a satisfactory result; since we had resorted to no special inducement for the water to come.

"All the daily work of the station goes on smoothly; the villagers are quite ready to work in cutting sticks for the buildings, bringing grass for thatching, digging ditches, making fences, etc. Indeed more are asking for work at present than