

and Mrs. Wilson, who were to leave for India on the 18th. We felt a special interest in them as we almost expected them to come to Trinidad, and hence were anxious to meet them face to face. We cannot, however, express regret at their going to Central India, its population is vast and its needs are great. We were much pleased with Mr. Gibson, so thoughtful and kind, securing friends for himself as we moved along. A winsome manner is important in a missionary. Our regret was that he came *alone*. It is pleasant to have the *West* looking *South*, and to have two such valuable men from Knox College.

With every good wish, and craving for ourselves and our Mission your daily prayers,

Believe me, &c.

EXTRACTS OF LETTER FROM NORTH-WEST.

BIRTLE, Man., Nov. 1884

TO MRS. J. HARVIE :

*My Dear Madam*,--In regard to those boxes of clothing for the poor Indians of this neighborhood, so generously consigned by your Society, I received one by stage from Elkhorn, on the C. P. R., on Wednesday last. There are some thirty families of Indians on the Reserve, and they are very poor. I visited their school some time since. The teacher says their attendance is not very regular, and you can understand how it would not be as frequently the little fellows would have no dinner, and have to catch gophers and dig wild turnips as substitute. Think of children in highly favored Ontario pursuing an education under such difficulties. Then those families have apparently a large measure of contentment; many of them are, I believe, Christians. They know our Presbyterian Church well, and love her too. They call on me frequently, and greet me very warmly when we meet.

Please convey to the Society, of which you are Secretary, my personal gratitude on behalf of the poor Indians.

I hope the good people of Toronto, who have so kindly assisted you and enabled you to give practical expression to your sympathy for those poor people, will find ample reward