

and even houses torn down and the material sold; but the Christians in Honan were robbed, many of them, of everything before the winter began. You know, probably, that Dr. MacClure has twice sent in small sums by messengers, but the country is so unsettled and infested by robber bands that it is a very dangerous undertaking to carry money over the long road between Chefoo and Honan, I would also ask for special prayer for these messengers. The last sent was one of those young Helpers who so nobly volunteered to take that terrible journey to the coast last summer with us. Many a time we would not have known what to do without the assistance these two devoted men gave so willingly. We have not yet heard of his safe arrival. He is to distribute the relief funds as the money can be sent in little by little. It will be a most trying and dangerous task and he needs our earnest prayers that he may be given the wisdom and guidance he needs and be kept safe from harm.

We hear by to-day's mail, that the Governor of Shen-si is to be compelled to assist the Christians in that Province. We trust the commands may be carried out there and in Honan also, but have very little confidence in anything being done through officials. We cannot hope to get back to work in Honan till this famine is over, and for that, if for no other reason, we should pray that God will open up ways whereby relief may reach the famine-stricken, and that He will send the rain so long withheld from that thirsty land. But above all, we pray for the suffering women and children—the Christians, many of whom we knew and loved, and fear we shall never see again. We can pray for them, and that is much."

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SPECIAL PRAYER was also offered at the Board for the recovery of Mrs. MacKenzie's little lad, who has been seriously ill at the isolation hospital. He is one of the little children who were so marvelously protected in the escape from Honan. He is out of danger, but very weak.

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OUR MISSIONARY AT LAKE OF THE WOODS sends us two interesting sketches this month; one, that of the Indians harvesting wild rice fields, the other, the treatment of a sick child by the Indian Medicine Man at a camp some 60 miles from Keewatin, and on Shoal Lake, where our boarding school is to be built this spring. The point is called Atabaskasing, and around it live between 300 and 400 Ojibeways, all heathen.

During Mr. McKittrick's visit, accompanied by his interpreter, Jacob Bear, they were very kindly treated by the five Chiefs and their people. Several of the Chiefs and others asked him to write letters for them, for none can read or write. They were heartily thanked for their visit, and four days later, when they left for home, both were given a supply of rice.

Their trip home was eventful, as it often must be on a stormy lake in a small canoe. Amongst the innumerable islands they went astray about 15

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