

furnishings. From nearly all the clergymen come monthly appeals for help in that line. We do all we can, but it is quite inadequate to the demand. As I cannot find the addresses of the corresponding secretaries for Huron, Niagara, Ontario and Quebec, I enclose the appeals, hoping you will kindly forward them. A number of divinity students are going out this summer to do missionary work in the vacation, and we are most anxious to send parcels by them to a number of clergy who applied over a year ago for these things. We were so glad to hear that Mrs. Sharpe is to have a bale, also Mr. McDonald, of Thunder Child's Reserve. I have just received a letter from him thanking our branch for the bale we were able to send him. It was not as large as those generous ones which come from the East, but it served to clothe some destitute ones till relief came from other sources, and there are so many appeals coming from all parts of our own Diocese that really we feel as if we must supply them first."

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

MRS. TILTON also received the following letter from Rev. D. D. Macdonald, C. M. S. missionary at Thunder Child's Reserve:—

"I take the liberty of writing to you, and our pressing needs in this mission must be my only excuse. Some time ago I sent an appeal to the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE stating the requirements of this place. You may have seen it, but I cannot refrain from addressing you personally. I have four reserves to attend to, with a population of about seven hundred Indians, and they are very poorly clad, indeed; in fact some of them are nearly naked, the majority of them are heathen, of course, a great many of them have been baptized by the Romish priesthood but their religion is small indeed. All they know is that they have been christened. As to having any religious understanding they do not possess any, and consequently are very ignorant and superstitious. We have, belonging to our Church, about one hundred and thirty that would like to throw up their old habits, but are, to a great extent, prevented through poverty. They are sadly in need of help, so if you will kindly use your influence to get us some clothing, as much as you conveniently can send would all be of use. Men's clothing, such as discarded suits, shirts, and some attractive articles for children, any remnants of print, flannel, dress goods, or anything that could be made up would be a great benefit, indeed, as Mrs. Macdonald could teach the young to sew. Again my mission is in very poor repair. If I could get some help through kind friends, with a little money, I would be getting great assistance, as the house itself is very poor

and in bad repair. The Romish Mission close to me is finely fitted up and consequently has some attraction for the ignorant Indian. If I could get about two hundred dollars I could make a great improvement indeed. This may seem to you a very poor opinion of the Indian manners and feeling, yet nevertheless it is true as regards those in this district."

DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA.

MRS. RIDLEY, wife of the Bishop of the Diocese of Caledonia, appeals to the Auxiliary for the work in that Diocese. In a letter received, dated March 7th, she says:—

"Anything that draws us closer to the older provinces of the Dominion I welcome right heartily.

"In order to respond to and keep up your sympathy, I will briefly explain our position.

"After a long struggle with opposition, that led to a great secession from our Church, we have been permitted by God to extend her borders since 1887, so that not only has lost ground been recovered, but great extension has been effected. For example, quite recently, five new churches have been erected, one enlarged, and another, (nearly destroyed by rebel Indians), restored. Funds are being raised for five new ones.

"This winter a large and bold tribe of Indians, that for years have persecuted the few Christians among them, have become Catechumens, and many of them baptized. Such a movement, I suppose, was never known in this Province.

"They burnt down the little church erected by the twenty-six Christian Indians in 1886. They are now about to erect one to seat 200, almost entirely at their own expense. The men who set fire to the church measured the land, (100 feet square) for a new one, when the Bishop visited the Mission last January. We have for many years had a High Class School for Indian youths, and those who pass through it have a good English education.

"We commenced last year a similar institution for girls.

"What I should much like is to be drawn closer to Church people beyond the mountains, and to feel that we belong to each other. As it is now, England seems nearer to and more necessary to us than other parts of Canada. We shall, for many years to come, be dependent on the Church beyond our Diocese, for though the population is slowly increasing, they are mostly poor and isolated people.

"Ten years ago there was but one clergyman in priest's orders, and one deacon. Now, there are ten, besides native teachers, a medical missionary, and an honorary lady nurse. We are