

the members of its Executive Board, Mrs. Harvie and Mrs. Jeffrey, to the West to pay a visit to all the missions and schools from Portage la Prairie on the east to Prince Albert and Mistawasis on the west. Six weeks of tedious travel and careful inspection will be long and gratefully remembered by the missionaries on account of the stimulus and encouragement which the visitors carried with them, and by the Foreign Mission Boards of the Church on account of the clear reports brought back and the deepened interest throughout the auxiliaries which is likely to result from the story of those who tell with the living voice the things which their own eyes have seen.

GIFTS OF CLOTHING.

Mention has already been made of the very considerable extension of these missions since the North-West rebellion in 1885. The most conspicuous way in which this deepened interest manifested itself was among the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, who, for several years, have borne the entire cost of that part of the work which is especially directed to women and children, and this, since it includes the building and maintenance of schools, the payment of the salaries of matrons and teachers, and similar expenses, has amounted to about two-thirds of the Committee's whole revenue. In addition to these gifts of money, liberal as they are, the ladies have gathered, year by year, and packed with loving and provident care, bales of clothing and other good things for use in the schools and on the reserves. These bales amounted, last year, to more than eleven tons and have been simply invaluable in covering the shivering and half-naked savages from the rigors of a northern winter, in clothing the school-children, and so reducing the cost of school maintenance, and in commending to otherwise un-receptive hearts the gospel which accompanies the gifts. Indeed, in a way,