

THE "TROUSERS" QUESTION.

This is the time of year when letters come from all quarters saying how much our missionaries and those under their care appreciate the clothing sent to the Indian schools and reserves by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. After gathering experience for several years the selection of articles both in respect of style and of quality shows an accurate knowledge of the needs of the various reserves to which they are sent. It is gratifying to note that an increasing quantity of new goods—material both for knitting and sewing—finds its way into the bales, and this is all the more satisfactory, since almost every school has now a sewing machine and since the sewing class bulks so largely in the education of the girls. Indeed while schools and Indians cherish a lively gratitude for the bountiful and valuable gifts that have been sent, it is not to be forgotten that the sending of clothing that has been used is after all an expedient of the "second best" degree of usefulness. The articles in many cases require to be altered to make them fit, labor which usually falls not on the Indians but on a matron or teacher already worked almost to the limit of her capacity. And when made to fit, they wear for so short a time! White boys, every one knows, are heedless enough about their clothes, but what are they to these young rough-riders for whom their traditional buck-skin was scarcely tough enough, who career down the hill toboggan-wise on a barrel-stave and when they come into the house singe their trousers in front of the fire. One lady teacher reports that after her day in the school room, she spends many an evening till twelve o'clock with her needle in trying to make the children's clothes presentable for the next day.

A NEW PRESBYTERIAN PAPER.

The Editorial Table welcomes a new aspirant to a place among the Presbyterian newspapers of Canada. Its name is "Wah-Wah" and it is published quarterly at the Lakesend Indian Mission, under the management of the Rev. W. S. Moore, B.A. It has four very neat pages, half of the last being in Cree. The opening announcement says that it "is published in the interest of our boys and girls, not only those in our schools, but specially those who have now set up in homes of their own." The fact that a man on the field sees the need of a paper for such a class surely marks a new era in the history of our Church's work in Indian education. We take the liberty of borrowing a couple of items to show how lively and interesting a contemporary we have in the West:—

Three infants on Pasqua's Reserve and one on Muscowpetung's were baptized during the last month. The people on Pasqua's Reserve white and Indian, have raised about seventy dollars to help in building and fitting up the new church there.

We have received nice letters from Edward and Joseph, former pupils, now in Regina Industrial School. Joe, after most anxiously