

told me quite carelessly: "Pappa does not want me now; he would rather live alone, he says, than have to work for so many." The eldest of her two small children belongs to a previous husband, who is living quite near her with a new wife. Next door lives a Mohammedan man with three children, whose wife has left him for another; the youngest child is not three years old. Just think what it is to work among such people; pen cannot trace it. Sometimes I feel quite powerless to speak to them. When they have no other excuse they say somebody put something in their food which turned their head. One effect of this evil meets us in the schools. Such parents do not care for the improvement of their children, therefore it is a heavy task to the teachers and to the missionary to keep up the attendance in the schools.

FROM MR. R. N. TOMS.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING.

WINNIPEG, June 15th, 1887.

Will you kindly convey my hearty thanks and the grateful remembrance I have of the kind treatment I have received at the hands of the dear sisters of Toronto during my loneliness, sickness and struggles with ignorance, superstition and moral depravity, to the W.F.M.S. My dear wife wishes me to convey to all her dear sisters her heartfelt gratitude for their kindness to myself and my work during our separation. Wishing my dear sisters a year of prosperity and spiritual blessing.

THE NORTH-WEST BOXES.

In order to receive the half rates, the boxes or bales must contain *chiefly* second-hand clothing for the Indians; if new clothing or material is sent in any quantity it must be placed in a separate package, and full freight charges paid on it.

INCREASE.

In Glengarry Presbyterial Society—"South Branch, No. 10," Auxiliary; "The King's Daughters" Mission Band and Children's Mission Band, of Knox Church, Cornwall, organized by Mrs. Donald MacEwen.

In Brockville Presbyterial Society—Farmersville Auxiliary, by Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Farrell, on June 16th.