

## A Mission Band in the Kootenay.

NOTE.—The following letter has been received at Room 20, and is so interesting that we would like to share it with our Auxiliaries and Bands. The Rev. T. H. Wright, it will be remembered, was one of three earnest men who, with their wives, volunteered for service in the Kootenay at the last meeting of the Montreal Conference.

*Michel, East Kootenay, B.C.,  
December 4th, 1900.*

DEAR MISS OGDEN,—By this time, perhaps, you will have forgotten my call on you last summer when we were on our way to this our new field of labor. It has been missionary work in real earnest, as you would say if you saw us in our 14 x 20 "shack" (as Ralph Connor calls our log houses). The place is going forward fast now, however, and by spring we expect to have quite a thriving colony; a very mixed one, too—a few native Canadians, many Yankees or people from Pennsylvania, U.S., Englishmen and women, Hungarians, Italians, etc. We usually have a good congregation on Sunday evening, and have quite a little Sabbath School. We have also about sixteen children meeting every second week, and giving a collection once a month for the Mission Band. I am trying to keep my three months old Evelyn quiet and write at the same time—not very easy work, so excuse style. *Pray for us.* We are all well and feel safe in our Father's hands—shut in here by the eternal hills. Praying for a prosperous year to our Woman's Missionary Society, and wishing you a Happy Christmas, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

LILIAN WRIGHT.

## Indian Work.

*From Miss Clarke, Port Simpson, B.C., November 24th.*

YOUR letter, with greetings and report of what the Board has done for us, arrived a few hours ago. My head is in a whirl, so much so that I am sure I cannot find words in which to suitably express the gratitude I feel for the liberal manner in which all our requests have been granted. You will wonder what has happened to upset me, and will be sorry to hear that Miss Carroll is seriously ill. She had to give up five days ago, and to-day Miss Spence came to nurse her, which relieves us and insures the best possible attention.

Apart from the anxiety we feel concerning Miss Carroll, her illness coming in the midst of our written examinations and pre-