

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

The love of Christ constraineth us.—2 Cor. v. 14

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MISS L. H. MONTIZAMBERT, General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary in Canada, has received the following letter from Mrs. Sillitoe, New Westminster:—

"I am afraid that the branches of the W. A. that were good enough to wish to hear from me on our return home, will think that I have quite forgotten my promise of writing. Such has really not been the case, but I have shrunk from writing as the only news I had to send was bad news. Our journey home was a most anxious one, as from the very start the Bishop was ill and got worse day by day, and on our arrival home was at once ordered to bed, as the doctor found him to be suffering from an attack of pneumonia. That is now nearly five weeks ago, and he is still confined to bed and making but very slow progress towards recovery. I am very glad to be able to report that Teu Young, the Chinese Catechist from Honolulu, has arrived and begun work, so that I trust now the work may go on more satisfactorily than hitherto. Mr. Gowen, who is in charge of the Chinese Mission, is most anxious to have a small organ for the services. This need, I think I mentioned when I was in the East. Will any of our friends help in this matter? for it is of the utmost importance that the Chinese services should be made as bright and attractive as possible. We have been obliged to furnish a room for Teu Young and there are no funds available towards the purchase of an instrument. I have also much satisfaction in telling you that the hospital for Indians is to be begun immediately. This does not mean that we have all the necessary funds at present, but the government has made a grant of \$500 towards it, stipulating, however, that it shall cost not less than \$1,500; and also that it shall be built by the 30th of June. Consequently, in order to secure the \$500, we are obliged to commence at once. It will be a one-storied building, consisting of a ward, kitchen, small bed-room, sitting-room, bath-room, storeroom, and cupboard for drugs. Even when the building is complete it will require furnishing. I hope we may look to the W. A. for help in this matter. We are so very grateful to the Cathedral Branch of the Ministering Children's League, of Quebec, for a contribution of \$20 for the hospital. It would be so much more satisfactory if it only could be opened free of debt. Please to express to the W. A. my thanks for all their kindnesses which so largely helped to make our stay in the East so pleasant a one."

REV. J. HINCHLIFFE, writes from St. Peter's

Mission, Peigan Reserve, Diocese of Calgary, as follows:—

"It is now a year since I was placed in charge of this mission, and though our work has been greatly hindered for want of funds and workers, we have much to be thankful for. Though we cannot say that any of our Indians are Christians, there are signs which show that our labours have not been in vain.

"Most of our time and attention has been devoted to our Girl's Home, and I am sure our labour in that direction has had most encouraging results. The Home was not re-opened till July last year, as we had not sufficient clothing or bedding before that time. The first week in July we opened the Home and soon had as many children as we felt able to keep. Since then our number has gradually increased, and now at the end of the year we have twelve. Had we more accommodation and a large enough staff of workers, I believe we could easily increase the number to twenty.

"When I look at our girls now, and think of what they were like seven or eight months ago, I cannot help feeling that our work has been blessed.

"Any one knowing what life in an Indian camp is like, will understand how important it is that the children should be taken from it if any real good is to be done to them.

"About a week ago the Government Inspector of Indian Schools visited our Home. He expressed himself as well satisfied with all he saw, and he made a most encouraging entry in our mission diary. Our Indian agent, a gentleman who avowedly has no interest in mission work, has congratulated us on the good report we are getting, 'and' he added, you 'deserved it.'

"Here I would record my gratitude to the branches of the W. A., the missionary Guilds and other societies that have assisted us. Without such aid I believe we would have accomplished but little.

"I will now lay before you an outline of our plans, and a list of our great needs, in the hope that some who are enjoying the benefits of religion, education, and perhaps wealth, may be moved to assist us to rescue these children from their degraded condition.

"Our Home for girls has succeeded so well that our Bishop decided to build a Home for boys. A grant of \$400 has been secured from the Indian Department, but \$400 or \$500 more will be required to build a suitable building. Towards this amount I have already received \$5. The Home is really needed. The boys who attend the day-school now peep wistfully into the dining-room to see our girls at dinner. Time after time they have asked if they could not come and live with us too, and I have seen some of them weep when we told them they could