

funds which she held were appropriated. The list of donations of clothing, etc., sent through the society was next read, and showed that members and others had kindly sent warm clothing and useful gifts for the North west and other points. All goods will be despatched on the 13th inst.

The correspondence came next in order, and it was quite voluminous. Letters from several branches, which were read, showed an increasing interest in mission work. The Auxiliary has now twenty-seven associate branches in the city and country parishes, all working well—doing their parish work first and not stopping there, but going on to the "regions beyond."

At the request of one of the members a resolution of last May was read from the minute book which showed that it was at that time unanimously resolved to help the Elkhorn school, then about to be started.

It is understood that a committee will be appointed to see that this resolution is carried out immediately. One plan recommended is, that each branch should give a fixed sum annually, which sum, together with the fees of the members of the Central branch in Montreal, would go to support the "Washakada home," Elkhorn, N. W. T. It is to be hoped that this may be done by the women of the Montreal Auxiliary so that they may in some measure emulate their sisters of the Toronto branch who have helped to support a school for over a year in Gleichen.

MRS. HENDERSON, President of the Montreal Diocesan Branch, addressed a large meeting in St. John, P. Q., in the interests of the Auxiliary.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at Bishopstowe on Dec. 17th, Bishop Baldwin in the chair. The Treasurer's report showed a most satisfactory condition. Letters were read from Rev. J. Gough Brick, of the North-West, Rev. A. J. Young, of Algoma, and Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, of Japan. The latter also sent a very interesting paper written by Miss Hoare, for many years one of the missionaries of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Japan, expressly for the Huron Auxiliary. This paper gave some interesting particulars regarding the Japanese.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

The following letter shows how gifts are appreciated by missionaries sometimes:—

Sheguiandah, Manitoulin Island, (Algoma),
Nov. 22, 1888.

MY DEAR MR. IRVING.—The barrels you kindly sent came to hand at last. I need not tell you that their contents were very acceptable. I have already appropriated some of the garments, which I find very comfortable. There was a pair of

boots that just fit me. They had been worn but little and were quite good. I wish you could thank the donor.

The garments and other things intended for distribution among the Indians, I have decided to keep till Christmas, when they will be distributed from the Christmas tree. We shall have time to look them over and apportion them according to needs and fit, and so on. The Indians will be glad of them, for their crops have not been so good this year; and the fishing has not been much. I don't know what they will do this winter, for the cord wood is all done. In fact, there is not much timber of any kind on the reserve, except at great distance from the shore. The clothes you send will be a help to them and their families.

Kindly thank your society for their interest and sympathy. I wish I could see them in person and thank them. You will pardon me for not writing you before, but it is only lately that we received the barrels, and I have been away from home on a missionary tour to the White Fish River, Berch Island, and other places on the north shore of the Georgian Bay. I have done with boating for this season now. There is already a wide fringe of ice around the shores of the bay, and my boat is in her winter quarters. In a week or two we shall have sleighing on the ice.

Thanks for your prayers and good wishes, but, above all, for your practical and substantial proofs of regard and sympathy. These things encourage one on his way, and make burdens lighter and life pleasanter. I will write you again at Christmas, after the festivities and Christmas tree, and then I shall be able to give account of distribution of gifts.

With many thanks, believe me to be
Yours sincerely,

FREDERICK FROST.

The Rev. E. A. Irving, Dundas.

Mr. Irving received also a similar letter from Rev. J. Jacobs, of Walpole Island.

Books and Periodicals Dept.

PERHAPS some of our readers have visited the extensive offices of the *Scientific American*, at 361, Broadway, New York, but many have not, and to such the following account may be of interest. A correspondent who recently had the pleasure informs us that he was greatly surprised at the magnitude of the establishment. It suggested to his mind an enormous insurance company or banking house. At the main office, which is principally devoted to the patent business—forming as it does so important a part of the establishment—may be seen the members of the firm and their able corps of examiners. Ready access to the principals is afforded to every one; and here may be seen inventors from all parts of the country showing their models and drawings, and explaining their inventions. The models left by inventors form a large