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for the big boy to run after the sleigh, or the little one ride thumping along, many a time the sleigh being on the side.

As soon as the snow comes, these Indians go off to their hunting grounds. Perhaps one family alone, sometimes two or three, remain here. They often live crowded into a little shanty. While the men are hunting, the women and children are left with probably nothing to do. As these hunters are scattered all over the country, away from all Christian privileges, such as school or service, is it any wonder that they are superstitious and ignorant? Yet Jesus died for them, and that is the message we have come out here to deliver. Please pray for all of us Northwest missionaries, that we may be filled with the Spirit.

CHARLES R. WEAVER.

Wapuskow, Nov. 21st, 1896.

### HOME NOTES.

Miss L. Thomas, a sister of the Central Secretary of the Gleaners' Union, has been accepted as a candidate, and appointed to work as a C.C.M.A. missionary under the Rev. C. A. Sadleir, of the Araucanian Mission, in connection with the South American Missionary Society. Readers of the GLEANER will remember that Mr. Sadleir appealed for a school-teacher. She will proceed to her new field as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. Funds will be needed for an outfit, etc.

Miss Bella Rutherford has been accepted for work in St. Paul's Mission, Blood Reserve, Alberta, in response to Archdeacon Tim's appeal. She left for her destination the middle of last month, her expenses being paid by the C.C.M.A.

The Standing Committee of the C.C.M.A. met on March 18th to deal with business assigned them by the General Executive.

### THE GLEANERS' UNION FOR PRAYER AND WORK.

It may fairly be concluded that about all of the renewals for 1897 have now been received. Many of our readers are ready with the question, "What about our own missionary?" The sum now on hand toward this object is \$212, so we are still a long way off from being in a position to ask for a Canadian Gleaners' own missionary. But there has been an advance made in the contributions for this purpose. In 1895 the nucleus of the fund was formed, \$3.55. In 1896 (that is, up to October 1st), the contributions amounted to \$55, and in 1897 to \$153.45. More donations may still be received; but previous experience would seem to show that unless the members send in subscriptions *when renewing*, they do not send in at all. Some of our friends may feel a little disappointed at this result, but we would urge them to remember that this fund is not to be pushed at the expense of any others. All contributions to it are to be *extra*. Still we do believe that much more might easily be done if the meaning of renewing our membership year by year were more clearly understood, and made, as in many cases it might be, a more solemn act than it is at present. We are glad to notice the formation of two new Branches of the Union: Hamilton, Ont., St. George's, secretary, Miss Nora Ambrose, Hughson street, south. Hamilton, Ont., Ascension Chapter Daughters of the King, secretary, Miss Bessie G. Gunn, 141 Herkimer street.

ST. MATTHIAS, HALIFAX, N.S.—This Branch was founded shortly before Christmas, and now numbers twenty members.

Meetings are regularly held on the first and third Fridays of each month, and each member is to write a paper on some mission field, or a sketch of the life of some missionary. We have had papers on Mackay of Uganda, Livingstone, Bishop Crother, Bishop Hannington, Uganda and its needs, as well as several readings. We have held one public meeting, which was largely attended, and though our Branch is still in its infancy, we all feel that we have learned and profited greatly by the few meetings we have had.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—This Branch meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month for prayer and study, but during the winter months a public meeting is held on the third Thursday, the prayer-meeting being continued on the first. In January an interesting lecture on Mackay of Uganda was given by the Rev. Mr. Fullerton.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.—A joint meeting of Holy Trinity and St. George's Gleaners' Unions was held in St. George's school rooms on March 8th, and was well attended. The meeting was opened by singing "Jesus shall reign" and after reciting the Gleaners' Prayer, the Collect for Palestine, and the Lord's Prayer in concert; the Chairman, Mr. Fred. J. Nixon, read parts of Matt. ix. and x., dwelling on the "Compassion" of the Saviour resulting in equipping and sending out the apostles. He also gave a glimpse at the "great need," especially referring to India and China, each a world in itself, together containing one half the inhabitants of the world, and to the small number of those 700 millions as yet reached by the Gospel.

Mr. E. H. Taylor gave a very interesting address on "The Bible and Mission Schools in the Foreign Field." Mrs. Roy, the wife of Rev. J. J. Roy, read a beautiful paper on "Prayer and the Gleaners' Union." Mr. J. Jerrard spoke of the work in Palestine "the Birth place of Missions" dealing with the work among Mohammedans and Jews, Medical Missions and Woman's work, stating that there are 130,000 Jews in Palestine to day. This was a very instructive address. The last speaker Mr. R. D. Richardson spoke very feelingly to those who had received a call to the foreign work and were holding back.

Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, then offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Let us hope for some blessed results to the Master's glory and the extension of His Kingdom from this first joint Gleaners' Union meeting in the Northwest.

#### MONTREAL BRANCH.

The third monthly meeting for this winter was held as usual in the Synod Hall on Friday, January 15th, Archdeacon Evans presiding. Mrs. Carus-Wilson gave a missionary Bible reading on Psalm lxvii., and Mr. Reginald H. Buchanan delivered a lecture upon C.M.S. missions in India, with special reference to Tinnevely.

The fourth monthly meeting was held on Friday, February 19th, the chair being taken by Dr. L. H. Davidson, Q.C. The Rev. G. O. Troop gave a Bible reading on the words, "In thee shall all nations be blessed," and a lecture on North-west Canada was delivered by Dr. Frank Adams, Professor of Geology at McGill University.

The fifth monthly meeting was held on March 19th, the chair being taken by the Rev. E. Bushell, rector of St. Matthias, who also gave the Bible reading on the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. Miss Jennie Botterell, B. A., lectured on the Women of Japan. Mr. H. B. Ames lending the splendid coloured slides which he brought from Japan last year to illustrate the lecture.

At all these meetings the music was led by the ladies'