

maintenance of non-treaty children attending the various schools, pays the salaries of teachers, matrons, helpers, etc., and erects school buildings.

The schools aided are 9 in number, 6 Boarding schools and 3 Day schools, namely, Portage la Prairie, Birtle, Crowstand, Round Lake, File Hills and Lakesend Boarding schools, and the Day schools at Mistawasis, Makoce Waste (Prince Albert) and Okanase.

In British Columbia, schools are established at Alberni, Uclulhat and Ahousaht.

The Home Secretary emphasized a few practical points in her department; among other things, the need of a more careful use of the tabulated forms particularly in entering the membership; greater promptness in forwarding reports to Presbyterial Secretaries and Treasurers; the duty of keeping the regular offerings intact for the support of the work for which the F. M. Committee had given us an estimate, the importance of reporting the funds of the Mission Band and Auxiliary *separately*.

Two Auxiliary reports not in Presbyterial order were heard with peculiar pleasure. These were the reports of the "Purah-ka-Tara Aux.," Indore; and the "Indian Womens Aux." on the Bird Tail reserve. The former, which is a literal translation from the Hindi, reports a membership of 22, and an average attendance of 25, the offerings amounting in all to Rupees 19-5-6. The explanation of the smallness of the contribution is, that this year it is *all their own*, "not because our hearts have grown careless or our love cold, but because in former years Mem. Sahib and the Miss Sahibs gave much more than we did." The "Indian Women's Auxiliary" has increased in numbers and has contributed this year \$17. "They realize more and more Christ's claim upon them to help on His cause, and their own condition is gradually improving."

The Supply Secretary reported a year of more than usual success. Of quilts, the supply had in a few cases exceeded the need, but clothing for boys and for old women was insufficient on some reserves. Grateful acknowledgment of the kindness and co-operation of Mr. Hayter Reid of the Indian Department was made; also a reference to the Government Blue Book on Indian affairs which contained warm commendation of the work of our Mission Schools.

The report of publications showed the paid circulation of the LETTER LEAFLET at the close of the year to be 14,000. A falling off in the sale of Contribution Envelopes was noted, and a return to their use enjoined, as a help to systematic giving. Greater activity in the distribution of literature among the indifferent was also urged.

The Treasurer's statement showed the total receipts from all sources to be \$42,876.33. The expense of management including the printing and