

labour and wearing anxiety would be spared to the clergy and others, who are often at their wits' end to know how to meet the expenses of the work they are doing. And lastly, but not least, it might be possible to do away with bazaars, and other similar means of raising money, which, even if legitimate in themselves, have an undoubted tendency to lower the standard of Christian almsgiving, which is a sacrifice to God, and ought not to be a means of getting something for oneself under the pretext of helping God's work.

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

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

Communications relating to this Department should be addressed Mrs. A. E. Williamson, 83 Wellesley St., Toronto.

THE report of the Toronto Quarterly Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in last month's issue of the monthly *Letter Leaflet* was very encouraging. A paper read by Miss Tilley, of Toronto, on "God's Chosen People," was most instructive and full of interest to all who heard it. The evening meeting was deeply interesting owing to the presence of Bishop Reeve. His address was full of information concerning the work of his enormous diocese; a good suggestion was made that the various Auxiliaries combine in the spring, to send bales of provisions to the bishop; cereals, owing to the heavy freight, are very expensive, a barrel of flour costing \$40. The Treasurer's report at this quarterly meeting showed that since last May \$3,175 has been received.

THE annual meeting of the Montreal Branch was held on February 18th and 19th, the Bishop of Algoma preached at the opening service, and spoke at the evening missionary meeting.

THE annual meeting of the Huron Branch is arranged for March 16th and 17th. The Auxiliary in the diocese has been making rapid strides and the *Leaflet* circulation is largely increased.

THE report in the February *Leaflet* of the work accomplished in Kingston by the Woman's Auxiliary is very encouraging, a paper was read by the President upon the report of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

MISS SHERLOCK has begun her lessons in Japanese, feeling that a knowledge of the language is her first necessity. Nearly all the church services are held in Japanese.

MRS. BOURNE tells the Auxiliary of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, that "Apiko,"

for whose support they subscribe \$25, is still in the Home, and doing well, ranking fourth in a class of seven. The reports from the various Indian Homes as to the progress of both boys and girls show very conclusively that educating the children is the only way by which we can hope to influence these Indian tribes.

Our Indian Department.

Edited by Rev. W. A. Burman, B.D., Principal of the Rupert's Land Indian Industrial School, St. Paul's, Manitoba. Missionaries having items of interest regarding the Indians will kindly forward them.

THE following letter has just reached us from Mr. Bassing, our faithful Missionary at Shoal River, in the north-west corner of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. His loss of house, home and all belongings, is a very serious one. We trust friends may be led to come to his assistance at once. Contributions will be thankfully received by Rev. A. E. Cowley, Local Secretary C.M.S., Box 998, Winnipeg.

"SHOAL RIVER MISSION, ASSA.

"FORT PELLY P.O.

"December 30th, 1891.

"DEAR SIR,—I am very glad to say that the Rev John Sinclair has paid another visit here; he arrived here on December 16th, and remained four days. On Thursday the 17th, we had morning prayer and address; in the afternoon I accompanied Mr. Sinclair to Shoal River House where we had a very hearty service, during which the infant son of Mr. Munro was baptised. The following morning we returned to the mission, and in the evening another service was held, followed by a practice of hymns in Cree. Saturday was a busy day, there being service morning and evening, and during the day, visiting. On Sunday the school-house was crowded at both the services. In the morning sixteen Indians were baptised, six being adults, and ten children. In the afternoon Mr. Sinclair conducted his last service.

"At the celebration of the Sacrament there was eight communicants. Unfortunately some of the men were away hunting, had they been home two or three of them would, I think, have come forward for baptism, as they have for some time been thinking seriously of becoming Christians. It may be interesting to know that the old heathen customs amongst the Indians here, are slowly, but very surely, becoming things of the past. Out of the large number of Indians here only five or six have more than one wife. On Christmas Eve we had a very happy tea party for the children, which they very greatly enjoyed. Before going to their homes they each one received some candies and Christmas Cards.

"On Christmas morning I conducted service at