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WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
(WESTERN DIVISION)

VOL. X. TORONTO, FEBRUARY, 1894. No. 10.

Subjects for Prayer.

FEBRUARY. — For those ladies who have offered themselves as Missionaries, that others may come forward, and for those who are in training for the work; also that the liberality of the Church may be such that there shall be no lack of means to send them. For all colleges, schools and hospitals connected with our Missions.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." — II. Tim. ii. 15.

"He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully." — II. Cor. ix. 6.

"The entrance of thy words giveth light." — Ps. cxix. 130.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Annual Meeting.

The eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 17, 18, and 19, 1894. A cordial invitation is extended to delegates from every part of the Society throughout the Western Division. Names should be forwarded to Mrs. E. H. Bronson, 75 Concession Street, Ottawa, Secretary of the Billeting Committee.

Increase.

Presbyterial Societies :

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| WHITBY..... | Enniskillen, "Auxiliary." |
| "..... | Blackstock, "Auxiliary." |
| OTTAWA..... | Ottawa, St. Paul's Ch., "Auxiliary." |
| "..... | " St. Andrew's Ch., "Auxiliary." |

Life Members Added in December and January.

Miss Bella McLellan, Topp Auxiliary, Knox Church, Toronto.

Miss Catharine Courtney, Topp Auxiliary, Knox Church, Toronto.

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Mrs. Richard Irwin, Clinton Auxiliary.

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- Miss Hendry Etta Durie, Ottawa.
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 Miss Anna Murray Grant, Wilson-Grant Mission Band,
 Knox Church, St. Mary's.
 Mrs. Arnold, Knox Church Auxiliary, Woodstock.
 Mrs. McEwen, Carleton Place Auxiliary.
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 Miss Janet Cunningham, "Lend-a-hand Mission Band,"
 Haynes Avenue, St. Catharines.
 Miss Lily Gilchrist, Mission Band, Knox Church, Beaverton.
 Miss McLachlan, St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Toronto.
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 Mrs. D. D. Cameron, Indian Lands Auxiliary.
 Mrs. J. G. Shearer, Erskine Church Auxiliary, Hamilton.
 Mrs. W. W. Hogg, Paisley Auxiliary.

Treasurer's Statement.

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| Dec. 4 | Balance in Bank..... | \$113 50 |
| 5 | Mrs. Hurdon, to be added to interest from investment | 3 00 |
| 12 | Miss E. McWilliams, outfit money returned | 150 00 |
| 16 | W. B. F. M., St. Andrew's, Quebec, for support of a Bible woman in India | 50 00 |
| 28 | Saugeen Presbyterial Society..... | 662 50 |
| Jan 2 | Morvyn House, M. B..... | 18 00 |
| 2 | Life Membership Fee, Lindsay P.S. | 25 00 |
| 6 | Dovercourt Auxiliary, Toronto P.S. | 26 75 |
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EXPENDITURE.

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| Dec. 5 | Secretary of Supplies, letter postage \$2.00, Express charges 25c | 2 25 |
| 5 | Freight charges on boxes to Regina and to Duck Lake..... | 39 01 |
| 19 | Foreign Secretary, postage | 1 00 |
| Jan. 2 | Freight on box to Birtle..... | 2 96 |
| 2 | Postage on Life Membership Certifi- cates to Dec. 31st..... | 2 01 |
| | | <hr/> \$47 23 |
| Jan. 9 | Balance in Bank | 1001 52 |
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E. MACLENNAN,
Treasurer.

Certificates of Life Membership.

Applicants for Life-Members' Certificates are requested, when sending for them to Miss MacMurchy, to mention which size of certificate is preferred. The large one is of the same size that it has always been, the smaller one is 6 x 9 inches.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

CENTRAL INDIA.

A Quiet Wedding at Bombay.

FROM MISS GRIER.

Canadian Mission, Indore, C. I., November 23, 1893.

At last we are at our journey's end, though we do not feel positively settled until the Council meeting comes off next Tuesday. You would receive my letter posted at Aden. We had a very rough passage across the Indian Ocean, just caught the edge of a cyclone.

Mr. Russell, Mr. and Miss Jamieson and Miss Duncan met us in Bombay. We arrived in Bombay on Monday at noon,

had a rest and did some shopping. Then on Tuesday morning at noon we had the wedding. They were married in St. Andrew's, the "Free Church," exactly one year, even to the hour, since Mr. Russell was married. The bride looked very pretty in her white wedding dress, and we have all got to love her so much that we think Mr. Jamieson one of the most fortunate of men. They left at two o'clock for Poona, but I think are to be in Neemuch for Sunday. It was so nice to see the interest Mr. Jamieson's two boys took in the new mem sahib, both of them walking all the way from the hotel to the dock to see her (a long distance). Mrs. Jamieson was so well and bright the whole of our long journey, and was so kind and thoughtful for each of us, that we all feel as if we could not do enough for her.

After the wedding, we each did what we liked. I went for a drive with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, and saw enough native life to show how very much Christianity is needed, both for civilizing and Christianizing. You can tell the difference at once between a native Christian and a heathen. At one of the stations on our journey from Bombay yesterday, two native Christians, who are doing mission work in that village, came to the windows of the railway carriage and were introduced to the new missionaries, and enquired so kindly after the new mem sahib. They had been on the lookout for us.

When we arrived in Indore last night, we had quite an ovation at the station: Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie, Miss Sinclair and Dr. O'Hara, the native pastor, one of the teachers in the college, a young man studying medicine, and a number of the Christians, whose names I forget at present. To-night there is to be a reception in the church, when we are to be presented to the Christians. It seems so nice to think and know there are at least a number of the people themselves tak-

ing so much interest in strangers coming to teach their women about Jesus. We all wish we were able to begin work at once, as there is so much to do, but we will have to practise a little patience. Miss White will write you after the Council next week. All the ladies join me in sending kind regards to the ladies of the Board.

A Very Hearty Welcome.

FROM MISS WHITE.

*C. P. Mission, Indore, Central India, }
November 30, 1893.*

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It is exactly one week since Miss Grier wrote to you, telling of our safe arrival the previous night in Indore.

Accounts doubtless have been given by others of our voyage, arrival and kind welcome by the missionary party (Messrs. N. Russell and Jamieson and Misses Jamieson and Duncan), who came so far to meet us at Bombay; also last, but not least, the wedding of Miss Butler and Mr. Jamieson in St. Andrew's Church at noon next day. Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson went to Poonah and we left same night for Indore. We all felt better after the rest in Bombay. Everything seemed very natural to me except the "street cars;" they were unknown in my early days in India.

The train left Victoria station (said to be the largest and finest in the world), at 10 p.m., very much crowded with the Carthage people, but we were comfortable and relieved of all care by our kind, experienced missionaries. After travelling all night and part of next day we changed trains and went on our way through fine scenery along the Ghauts Mountains and Nerbudda River, the banks of which were crowded with encampments of pilgrims from all parts, to bathe in its holy waters. Poor benighted creatures! Truly here were "gloomy hills of darkness,"

and it was hard to "look, be still, and gaze." Towards evening, a few stations below Mhow, we were agreeably surprised to meet Mrs. Russell, Dr. Turnbull and Miss Calder, who came to welcome us and brought a large basket of refreshments. We had a very happy time together, and dropping them off at Mhow, we went on our way and reached Indore an hour later. We were met at the station by Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie, Bessie, Dr. O'Hara, Miss Sinclair, and several native Christian gentlemen, who expressed pleasure in meeting us, and welcomed us to India.

Next evening we attended a special service in the college, when we were presented to the native Christian congregation, and received a very fine, written address, read by the native assistant pastor, Mr. Jehorry. We were surprised and delighted with our welcome. The address was so nice that we asked for a copy ; will gladly send you one when we get ours.

On Sabbath morning we all drove to a native Christian village, where service is held among very poor people. We were greatly surprised to see two floral arches erected, with "Welcome" over the arch, and all the people were assembled to see us pass under. We entered the room and found it profusely decorated with different coloured tissue paper and little flags and wreaths of flowers, also a carpet over the mud floor. We were seated on chairs at the end ; women and children crowded in and sat close up to our feet ; one held my foot all the time ; the men stood behind, and some stood round the door. Mr. Wilkie addressed them in Hindi, prayed, and Hindi hymns were sung, accompanied by a concertina played by the native assistant pastor. Then one venerable native Christian, who has done much for this congregation, asked Mr. Wilkie if he might give us "one flower." Accordingly a tray was brought in with pretty bouquets, each of us receiving one. Next, we were decorated with a necklace of

flowers and presented with betel-nut in the leaf, to chew (the betel-nut is used by the women to redden the lips and gums). We were all happy—yes, delighted, with the welcome extended to us by these poor creatures, for they are very poor. It cannot be said of them, that they are Christians for the sake of their bread and butter; they manage to live without our help in temporal things, but gladly come spiritually poor for the Bread of Life. We could not help feeling that Mr. Wilkie had much to encourage him.

We fervently hope we will soon be able to help in the great work that is being done round about us. Dr. O'Hara kindly took us with her, two mornings, to visit the sick in their homes—nothing home-like about them. In many cases we saw a heap of clothes on a damp and muddy floor, beside which Dr. O'Hara knelt and disclosed to us a poor sick woman. Even the privilege of telling her aches and pains seemed denied her, for the husband would invariably come forward to tell all about the case, as if he knew better than the poor sufferer; but he was politely pointed to the door, and then our poor dusky sister would pour out her troubles to Dr. O'Hara, and help was always given in some form. We were privileged to visit a wealthy native patient, wife of the *commander-in-chief* of Maharajah Holkar's army. This home was a pleasing contrast to the others visited by us, quite European in style and furnishing. The second son received and entertained us, while Dr. O'Hara attended his mother (he talks English fluently). He presented each of us with his photo. I asked him to write his autograph, which he did, and added his age (18) too.

The Council meeting of our mission was held here this week. It has been decided that Misses Grier and Dougan and self are to remain in Indore for the present. I am to study Hindi and prepare myself to relieve Miss Sinclair in her work when the time comes for her furlough. The time will soon pass.

Miss Grier and I began Hindi yesterday with a Pundit rejoicing in the name of Solomon ; so if there be any virtue in a name, we ought to do well in the language.

We are very comfortable and happy in our new home. The weather is delightful just now, very cool in the evenings. I fear my letter is rather lengthy ; kindly forgive me. Trusting this will find all well and happy in the festive season. Love and best wishes to self and the ladies.

Settling Down to Work.

FROM MISS DOUGAN.

Indore, Dec. 6, 1893.

I am truly sorry that your letter of loving sympathy has waited so long for an answer. But my departure was so hurried, and on the voyage it was hard to collect one's thoughts for writing, that I know you will excuse me. As I read again your letter, the memories of those last dream-like days flood upon me, and my heart goes up in gratitude to Him whose sustaining grace upheld my dear mother. Had it not been for her faith and courage, I would not have been here. Surely "He leadeth me ;" His presence is very near.

I am glad I have come to India. I often wish I could show to Christians at home the scenes I have witnessed here, or that I had the talent to depict it to them. Oh ! that Christ's followers would yield wholly to the blessed influence of the Spirit and open their hearts to the need of the world.

The Council have sent Dr. and Mrs. Woods to Rutlam and have retained the rest of us here. Miss White and Miss Grier are to study Hindi, the former with a view to taking the Boarding School ; the latter, Miss McWilliams' school and zenana work. I am to learn Marathi for work in the city

where Miss Sinclair's day school is. It will require some patience to wait till we learn the language before we begin our actual work, but waiting seems to be part of the discipline of everyone's life at some time or other.

Give my love to the other ladies of the Board, and express my gratitude for their kind sympathy. May God's rich blessing rest upon the workers at home as you pray for us abroad.

NORTH-WEST INDIANS.
Helpfulness of the Girls in the School.

FROM MISS FRASER.

Mission School, Portage la Prairie, Nov. 23, 1893.

Please pardon my tardiness in writing to you; I had fully intended to write you when I returned from my holidays, but every day seemed to bring with it extra work to be done, consequently your letter was left aside until now. This is such a busy season with us here, work seems to crowd upon us so that really we do not know sometimes where to begin first. There are so many things to look after, in order to be in readiness for the long cold winter. You will be glad to know that we have a wood-shed now. The wood is all nicely piled in it, and we are delighted at the idea of not having to dig it out of the snow this winter. We are getting things more comfortable every year, which will enable us to do our work more efficiently.

You, too, will be pleased to know that our school is increasing in numbers, and I think I may safely say, that the sympathy and interest of the parents is increasing too. Our average is seventeen out of nineteen names enrolled. We hope to gather in a few more this winter; there are quite a few yet of school age that we should have. We must not forget to pray that while we gather them into our school, they also may be gathered into the fold of Christ.

I need not tell you any of our difficulties this time; you know them now, and then it is always more pleasant to dwell on the bright side. We are glad to be able to say that through the strength of Him who hath said, "Fear not, for I am with you," we are little by little overcoming some of these difficulties. The parents come to visit their children often, but do not ask them to go home now, as they used to do. They are beginning to see more and more the good that is in the school, and show that they are pleased to see that their children are able to work. We feel encouraged to know this, and trust that the day is not far hence when all this people shall become interested in our work here.

Our largest girls, Louisa, Katie and Topsy are becoming a great help to us. They help with the knitting and sewing as well as with the house-work. Louisa not only makes all her own clothes but cuts and fits for the others. She has learned to cut by the "French tailors' system" and does very well. During two of the summer months she was engaged as a domestic, with a family in Portage; they were well pleased with her work. Of course we do not mean to say that these girls are model ones. They often make mistakes and have a great deal to learn yet, but this is just to give you an idea of what they can do.

Miss Laidlaw is well and is enjoying her work very much.

Description of an Indian Wolf Hunt.

FROM MISS MINNES.

Albani, Nov. 24, 1893.

Miss Johnston received your letter and gave me your message. I am really ashamed that I have not written before in reply to your very kind, encouraging letter received so long ago. I

would have liked so much, had I been able, to spend a little while in Toronto when I was east during vacation, but could not do so, as I found, in order to get back to Alberni to open school on August 14th, I would have to leave home a week sooner than I expected; so my stay was very short. 'Still I feel very much better for the change, and, except for a cold, am feeling very well indeed. Miss Johnston was for some time troubled with a very bad cold, but I am glad to say has got rid of it, almost, now.

As you probably know, we are in our new school-house now, and find it very comfortable and also convenient to the home. The distance between the two buildings being so short, our little ones have not time to get wet on their way to and from school, and this is a consideration during such wet weather as we have here in winter.

Mr. Vowel, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, visited our school and home, and expressed himself as being much pleased with all he saw.

Last week our children were rather upset, as the Indians were having a "wolf hunt," and of course the little ones wanted to see all that was going on; so it was hard to keep them in school, and we were very glad when it was over. This "wolf hunt" was quite a unique performance. Some of the men were dressed in skins and grey cloth to represent wolves, and they were really splendid; the rest of the men and the women were hunters. The wolves were on the opposite side of the river, where there are a great many trees. The trees have been cut down in places, and a path runs along near the edge of the river. Along this path the wolves would creep, and whenever they were seen by the people on the opposite side of the river, which was quite frequently, then their howls and the noise of the people, who grew terribly

excited, were almost deafening. Shots were fired, and the wolves after playing about for a little while would disappear for a time. Canoes would go out with men and women in them, and go almost to the other shore ; then appear terribly frightened and return. It was really a very interesting proceeding, and shows how clever the Indian people are at imitating. I only wish I could give you a better description of it, for I am sure you would be interested.

We have had a fairly good attendance at school for the last quarter, but cannot depend upon any being regular except our own little ones in the home, as the parents seldom remain in one place for very long. Those who do attend regularly, however, are getting on very well. Harry and Eva, our eldest scholars, read in the Third Reader and are working at Reduction in arithmetic. Then we have some in the Second Reader, some in Second Primer, some in First Primer and two or three very little ones learning A B C. A friend of the mission has supplied us with some kindergarten materials, and I find them very, very useful in keeping the little ones busy, and they like it very much.

You will be sorry to hear of the death of one of our school boys. Peter was about seventeen years of age and quite a bright boy. He attended school last fall and was with us for a short time ; then he went sealing and did not return till vacation, while I was away. He attended school pretty regularly, and very seldom missed Sabbath School till he took sick, about three weeks ago. He did not seem very ill at first, but grew worse till he passed away on Wednesday night. Miss Johnston was talking to him on Monday and asked him if he loved Jesus ; he said yes, and also said yes when asked if he was going to Him. Whether the dear boy really realized what he was saying or not, we cannot tell ; we can only hope

he did and that he is really "Safe in the arms of Jesus." Such deaths make us feel more than ever the responsibility of our position here and our need of your prayers. It is such a comfort in such times to know that so many are remembering us in their prayers.

Perhaps, Mrs. Harvie, you can tell me who it is who so kindly sends me the *Sunday at Home* every month. I would like to thank whoever it may be, but have no idea to whom I am indebted. If you know, would you please convey my best thanks and tell them how much we enjoy it.

A House of Mourning.

FROM MISS M'LAREN.

Mission School, Birtle, Dec. 8, 1893.

Your letter of Nov. 24 reached me in due time, also one from Mrs. Jeffrey. Thank you all very much for remembering us so kindly in our troubles. Your letters were a great comfort to us. It was indeed a great trial—the loss of our boys; and now, when the excitement is over and we have settled down to the regular routine once more, we just begin to realize how great the loss has been. Their places at the table were side by side. The girls set the table as usual the morning after the accident, but three plates of porridge, three cups and three spoons at one side of the table were not needed. One little body was still and cold in the office; two others were down in the river. I have to stop now as I write and think—Is it all a dream?

On that Saturday forenoon my brother and the children had been clearing the basement. We had moved over a week or so previous, but were not at all settled. Shortly after two o'clock he started off to the Lizard Point Reserve, twenty or so miles distant. Our eldest boy was in the printing office as usual; the second one, working for one of the neighbours; the other eleven, laying about. They had gone as far as the gate for a ride, my

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s." brother telling them twice, before bidding them good-bye, not
of to go to the river. Though the townpeople had been skating
1 a for two weeks or more, our children had never been down. Miss
ber- McLeod, the girls, and six of the boys were filling beds out at
lly the hay-stack. It was a fine mild day and had been unusually
to warm for two days previous. I was upstairs arranging the beds
am as they were brought in. As one was being brought in, the cry
est was raised, "The boys are in the river!" I heard the cry and
rush, and got down in time to see Miss McLeod and the children
about half way to the river. The school is, I should say, one-
eighth of a mile from the bank, and very uneven ground. I saw
they had taken nothing. I got a rope and hurried down.
Willie was lying on his back, keeping himself afloat, and,
though making a noise, did not appear conscious. Odessa was
perfectly still and nothing visible but the back of his head. It's
a mystery to all yet, what kept him from sinking. We turned
our attention to Willie, and I could throw the rope into his
hand, almost, but he was, as I said, unconscious, or else too
cold to grasp it. When I would pull, it slipped through his
hand. Indian boys are as much at home in the water as on the
land, and he seemed to keep up this motion with his hands more
from instinct than anything else, as he never struggled in the
least.

om We tried everything we could in the time. I tied the rope
so around Miss McLeod, but we could not reach him. The children
us seemed petrified all this time; they would neither run for help
w, nor scream. Finally we attracted the attention of the miller
he and his men. In what seemed to us ages, they reached the
he hole. Mr. Rae (I suppose the only man in Birtle who cannot
le swim), took the boys out. He is a tall man—the water just
at, came up to his chin. A crowd had gathered on the bank by
one this time, the doctor and others doing all that could be done
nd for Odessa, but all in vain.
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After we reached the house, Arthur told us that Alick and Fred were still in the river. I do not remember much that happened after that; but it appears that five of the boys had gone to the river and ventured on, first only a step or two, but very soon playing quite carelessly. Arthur, the eldest, about twelve years old, started home in a few minutes, asking the others to come on with him. When about half way to the school he looked back and saw Willie break in. Odessa and Alick were sliding and could not get away in time, went in too. Fred, the youngest, seven years old, was out on the bank. He got a stick, and, running out, held it to the boys. They, of course, pulled him in. Arthur ran up to the house and gave the alarm.

Nothing could be done that night as it was getting too dark to drag the river. I sent for my brother. He reached home about daylight. By half-past ten both bodies were found. The parents and friends came in the afternoon. Any person who has heard an Indian mother lament her dead will never forget the awful wail.

When the message reached my brother he gathered some of the Indians together and went to the house of Alick and Fred's parents to break the news to them. When they were taken into the office, one took one little body in their arms, the mother the other; and it seemed as if they would put life into them whether or not. The school was crowded with the townspeople, but none will ever forget the scene. Mr. Trew had a service at five o'clock. Mr. McArthur came up in the evening and had a service the next morning. My brother went with one company to the Lizard Point, Miss McLeod to the other. The boys were all buried on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Flett came over to the Reserve at once and waited for a few days. He says the poor Indians listen to the gospel these

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days as never before. May God in His great pity look down on these parents and comfort them. What would we do without Him times like this?

We thank you for your prayers. May we be more zealous, more mindful of the shortness of time and the value of these immortal souls. Pray for us that we may be more faithful, far more faithful, than we have been in the past. We have thought and talked and planned about our new school: we have been so proud and so pleased with it, so anxious lest something might not be just right. We have not been so anxious about our children. They have all been so strong and well, we never thought of death coming to claim one of them so soon. We talked about an opening; this has been the opening. May God forgive us for our neglect; we can do nothing more for these He has taken. May we redeem the time that He is giving us. We have been thinking too much of time. May we never again lose the thought of eternity!

HONAN.

A Hopeful Outlook.

FROM REV. D. MACGILLIVRAY.

Chu Wang, Nov. 14, 1893.

I was quite touched by your kind letter of Sept. 17th, in reference to my illness and especially by this token of the interest of the W. F. M. S. in one whose direct connection with the Board is only one of common service in the vineyard. I am happy to say that I was laid aside for only one week, and so slight did I consider the break, that I did not inform even my brother.

I will tell you how it happened. I was returning overland from South Honan, and the hot season was in full swing. I

had hoped to get home before the worst, but had failed to do so; consequently I had two or three days very hot on the cart, and arrived in Hsin Chen, which was, happily, on my way north to Chu Wang, in a rather weak condition. Happily the prompt application of remedial measures by Dr. McClure set me on my feet again in a week. There was certainly a very kind and all powerful Providence who answered your prayers in advance, for the doctor said another day out in such weather would likely have made my illness very serious indeed.

I have just returned from a fifteen days' trip with Dr. McClure. It is now three-and-a-half years since he and I visited Chang Te Fu, the big city, and were invited to cut short our stay. This time we spent two quiet days there and left of our own accord, all of which is in pleasant contrast with our former experience. Although I am not one who easily sees rose-coloured views, yet, praise God, there are, I believe, signs of the beginnings of God's workings in several villages. In Chu Wang itself, our hospital now is crowded with in-patients, and we must look out for more room soon. Patient and faithful work has overcome discouragement here, and prospects are bright.

At this writing, all are in excellent health. Mr. Goforth is once more moving about after a mild attack of typhoid fever.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

Additional Supplies for 1894.

Guelph Presbyterial Society.—To provide for the children in the school on Mis-ta-wa-sis Reserve—20 children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.—Rev. A. W. Lewis.

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ADDITIONAL REPORT OF SUPPLIES SENT TO
THE NORTH-WEST FOR 1893.

Maitland Presbyterian Society.—980 lbs. of clothing for Prince Albert, consigned to Miss Baker, also one large box of clothing for Mis-ta-wa-sis Reserve. Consigned to Rev. A. W. Lewis.

Salt Springs, Pictou Co., N.S.—120 lbs. of clothing for the Birtle school. Consigned to Mr. G. G. McLaren.

Fredericton, N.B.—1 box of clothing for Alberni. Consigned to Miss Johnston.

New London, P.E.I.—1 box of clothing for the school at Birtle. Consigned to Mr. G. G. McLaren.

St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Carmen, Man.—1 box of clothing. Consigned to Rev. Geo. Flett.

Petal, Man.—1 box of clothing for Round and Crooked Lakes Reserve. Consigned to Rev. Hugh McKay.

C. M. JEFFREY,

Sec. of Supplies.

Acknowledgments of Supplies.

FROM REV. HUGH MCKAY.

*Round Lake, Whitewood P.O., Assa., }
Dec. 21, 1893.*

I received your letters, and I owe you an apology. You may perhaps think that we are indifferent in regard to the assistance received from the W. F. M. S. I beg of you not to think so. We could not keep up our school at Round Lake if the W. F. M. S. would withdraw its hand.

I wrote you a letter on the 17th of October acknowledging the receipt of the goods. You did not receive it. Perhaps it was not posted. We are 17 miles from the postoffice, and often send letters by Indians. It may be that the Indian lost the letter and said nothing about it.

The contents of my letter were as follows :—“The goods stated on the shipping bills have been received in good order—7 bales shipped at Orillia, 8 cases and 1 bale from London, also 3 bales from Woodville. We need not say how much we appreciate the help of those who assist us in our work. Were I to write many pages I could not express our thanks for the kind interest taken in our work.

We have received much, and we trust we shall be able to use it for the good of the Indian and for the glory of God.

We do not think lightly of the many little notes and letters found among the goods expressing sympathy with us in our work, and prayers for success in the cause of our Blessed Redeemer. You do not know how we are strengthened and encouraged when word comes from Belmont, London, Woodville and many other places saying, ‘We are with you in your work.’

We have many old and helpless Indians about us this year, and I do not know how they will do this winter. We cannot expect of these what we expect of the young people ; they will not rise with the tide of civilization, but will sit in their tents dreaming of the past, and will starve if Christian sympathy does not interfere. The work commends itself to every noble heart, and we should thank God for the privilege of doing a little in this good work.

We pray that God may bless the W. F. M. S., and that we all may feel more than ever what we owe this poor dying people.”

We are now in the midst of our winter’s work. We have our full number of scholars and they are doing well. The weather has been very cold, the thermometer going down to 40 below zero ; but our buildings are comfortable and we did not suffer. Our dining room, with its pretty flowers and green foliage, is a contrast to the white prairie. We have had no sickness in the school this fall—all our children are healthy, not one case

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scrofula, of which we had so much in years past. We have at present an equal number of boys and girls. The boys are kept busy for two hours each day sawing wood and taking care of cattle, while the girls assist in housework, sewing, etc.

We frequently have visits from the children's parents ; the child is glad to see the parent. The old people like to be allowed to sleep in the basement when it is warm. They bring their own blankets and lie on the floor. Last night one little boy asked me if I would let him go and sleep with his father ; the boy was willing to leave his own comfortable bed and go and lie on the floor with his father. We see much of this affection between parents and children.

When we had our communion a few weeks ago : 4 new members were added ; six Indians drove 20 miles to be present. I was glad to see that some of our Indians were able to drive so far on Sabbath morning, when the thermometer was 30 below zero, that they might enjoy the privilege of commemorating the love of Christ.

We received a short time ago a bale of goods from Folly Village, Nova Scotia, which we appreciated very much ; it contained a good number of boys' coats, pants and vests, which was a great help to Mrs. McKay. We always appreciate anything in the shape of clothing for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 15.

I pray that God may bless every member of the W. F. M. S.

FROM MISS M'LAREN.

Birtle, Dec. 5, 1893.

We are settled in our new home ; comfortably settled, I was going to say, though I have a great deal of fixing up to do yet. We are putting up the window blinds this week. I put down the dining-room carpet yesterday and it certainly looks very nice and cosy. The curtains you sent for the dining-room could not

have been better chosen. We are delighted with everything sent by Toronto Presbyterial Society, and I hope your great kindness will cheer us up to renewed efforts in the work.

Our number is reduced to nineteen now ; three who went home to the funeral have not returned as yet, but will be in soc. Both the agent and my brother think it best to let things quiet down before asking for more children, though the Indians are not the least hostile. I thank you again for your words of comfort and your prayers.

FROM MR. ALEXANDER SKENE.

File Hills, Assa., Dec. 19, 1893.

Your letter, with shipping bill of clothing sent by the Presbyterial Society of Lanark and Renfrew to our school and Reserves, came to hand. We now have the clothing unpacked and put away. The supply is *very* generous, especially for the Reserves. A good supply of new material has also come ; also a quantity of ready-made clothing sufficient for present needs. Along with this the generous ladies of Lanark and Renfrew have remembered that we need needles, pins, thread, braided garter elastic, buttons, slate pencils, lead pencils, copy books, drawing books, etc. ; and have sent a good supply.

It is encouraging to us to see the interest taken in our work as shown by the many kindly worded notes found in the bales. We are not alone in the work. We have your sympathy, your prayers ; you in the East and we in the West unitedly working for the advancement of our dusky brothers and sisters. We are also pleased to notice that the children are helping in the work. We hope they enjoyed making those warm little hoodies as much as our little girls enjoy wearing them. We are keeping the needle-books and other knick-knacks for Christmas. Our children have been counting the days for nearly three months

I must not forget those who so kindly remembered the missionary and his family. These gifts remind us of kind, thoughtful hearts, and dispel the feeling of loneliness which sometimes comes over us in our solitude. Baby thanks little Johnnie G— for the dog; and many thanks to those sending reading matter. Some of our boys can now read very nicely, and such a book as "Child's Life of Christ" was well chosen. The Sabbath School lesson picture-tablets are also very helpful. Never mind if they are old, they are new to us. We are studying the Book of Acts at present. We go over the lesson on Sabbath, and leave the picture hanging on the wall, to be reviewed every morning during the week.

FROM REV. A. J. M'LEOD.

Industrial School, Regina, Dec. 29, 1893.

I should have written before respecting the distribution of something on the Indian Head Reserve, which I merely acknowledged receiving in a very short note to you. In the early part of November I went to Indian Head and brought out the thousand lbs. of clothing with me to the Reserve. Although the notice to the Indians was short, they gathered quickly, and the distribution was a source of great pleasure to all concerned. The old and infirm absent from the meeting were not forgotten, and all the parents who have children attending our industrial school were specially remembered. The Sarnia Presbyterial Society cannot easily imagine how many shivering Indians their well-selected bales of clothing helped to keep warm. Many of the Indians are great visitors, but when all are at home, this Reserve numbers about 230 souls, and every one of them, as far as I know, are moving in heathen darkness. I am glad to say we have a number of their children, promising girls and boys, in our home.

Thirteen children have been enrolled from Duck Lake. Not one of these parents ever saw this school, but by an exercise of faith they sent their boys and girls to a school more than 200 miles away. The uncle of one of these boys was the first rebel shot dead in the Rebellion of 1885.

I take this opportunity of acknowledging with very many thanks the handsome contribution sent us from St. Stephen's, N. B., St. John, N. B., Cavendish, P. E. I., and Kensington, P. E. Island. This clothing came a great distance, and proved very valuable to us. Much of the contents was new material, and the clothing that had been worn a little was in good repair, and for the most part seemed to meet our wants exactly.

I wish to express thanks for the choice gifts sent us for our Christmas tree. The school children had a most enjoyable evening, and all the staff join me in deep gratitude to those in the East who helped to make Christmas the most brilliant day of the year to our pupils.

MISSION STUDIES.

BY MISS FERRIER, CALEDONIA.

Sixth Paper.

SAN FERNANDO.

The semi-jubilee of the Trinidad Mission was celebrated last year (1892), which makes this a fitting time to speak of the progress which has been made, and the present condition of the work at the different stations.

San Fernando, the oldest of these, has enjoyed greater advantages than any of the others, and there is abundant proof that the labour has not been in vain. It is the centre of a district ably worked by the Rev. Dr. Grant, Rev. F. I. Coffin, Babu Lal Bihari and a number of well-trained catechists. The Gospel is regularly preached every Sabbath in about forty different

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stations, several of which will, it is hoped, soon become congregations requiring a minister. Since the work began, fifteen hundred persons have been baptized, and there are now three hundred and sixteen communicants in the district. A large number of young people have been educated in the schools, and in many cases pupils who had left at an early age, and had been apparently lost to the mission, have returned years after to seek further instruction and apply for baptism. There are seventeen schools in the district with an average attendance of seven hundred.

Mr. Jacob Corsbie, a Chinaman, one of the earliest pupils, proved from the time of his conversion so earnest a Christian and so apt a scholar that Mr. Grant was anxious to have him thoroughly trained as a teacher, and for this purpose he was sent to an excellent school in Galt, Ont., friends of the mission there paying all necessary expenses. Subsequently he taught for a number of years in the San Fernando central school, and though now otherwise engaged he is still a devoted Christian worker doing good service in the mission.

Several lady missionaries have at different periods taught this school, which is a large and successful one, and it is now ably superintended by Miss Kirkpatrick, who is assisted by several native teachers. Many of the former pupils now occupy good positions in the town and are professing Christians. Indeed the large congregation of which Dr. Grant is pastor is composed principally of East Indian and Chinese converts. The church in which they worship will seat four hundred. It is built on an elevated site, and is a neat substantial building, with a tower on each of the front corners and a Gothic entrance, over which is printed in Hindi characters—"The Church of the Living God."

Close by, and also facing the main street, is the new college, a fine building well suited for the purpose, and the manse in which Dr. Grant and his family reside. Behind the church and manse is the school-house, with two spacious rooms used for both day and Sabbath School work; and two houses, one occupied by the Rev. Lal Bihari, and the other as dormitories for the students.

All these buildings are the property of the mission, and besides affording tangible proof of its growth and present prosperity they must help to call public attention to the various departments of Christian work carried on in them.

These are some of the results of twenty-five years of patient labour and seed sowing. It is easier to speak of them than of the difficulties which have been surmounted and the trials which have been endured before the present stage of prosperity was reached, but those conversant with the history of the mission know that these were neither few nor small.

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Letters concerning the organization of Societies, and all matters pertaining to Home work, are to be addressed to Mrs. Shortreed, 224 Jarvis Street, Toronto. The Home Secretary should be notified *at once* when an Auxiliary or Mission Band is formed.

Letters asking information about missionaries, or any question concerning the Foreign Field, as to Bible-readers, teachers or children in the various Mission Schools, should be addressed to Mrs. Harvie, 80 Bedford Road, Toronto.

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Miss Shortreed, Assistant Home Secretary, 224 Jarvis Street, Toronto, will conduct correspondence with Mission Bands, and will be glad to receive items of news or helpful suggestions relating to this branch of the Society's work.

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