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

VOL. IX. TORONTO, NOVEMBER, 1892. No. 7.

Subjects for Prayer.

NOVEMBER.—New Hebrides, Mission work in other islands of the sea.

Missionaries in the New Hebrides ; Rev. J. W. Mackenzie, Efaté ; Rev. H. A. Robertson, Erromanga ; Rev. J. Annand, Santo (Tangoa) ; our missionaries' wives and the native teachers.

"He shall not fail nor be discouraged till He have set judgment in the earth ; and the isles shall wait for His law."—Isa. xliii. 4.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."—1 Sam. vii. 12.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Woman's Missionary Conference.

The Woman's Missionary Conference, held in Central Church, Toronto, on the 28th and 29th September, during the meetings of the Council of the Alliance, was a memorable gathering, made up as it was of representatives of Woman's Missionary Societies from Britain and the United States, returned mission-

aries from India, Africa, China, Syria and the New Hebrides, and members of our own Society from many places, with a very large number from Toronto societies. It was estimated that at least 1,200 ladies were present in the morning and afternoon of Wednesday, and the attendance at the Thursday forenoon session was almost as large as on the previous day.

The President, Mrs. Ewart, occupied the chair, and seated at her right hand was Mrs. Blaikie, wife of the President of the Alliance, and Mrs. McLaren, 1st Vice-President of the Society.

The devotional exercises of the meetings, which were peculiarly earnest and impressive, were led by Mrs. MacLaren, Toronto; Mrs. Watson, Hamilton; Mrs. Lindsay, Glasgow; Mrs. N. Jewhs, London; Miss Orr, Edinburgh; Mrs. Cunningham, Wheeling, Virginia, and Mrs. Blaikie, Edinburgh. The President gave a brief sketch of the circumstances which had led to the calling of the meeting and the objects in view, which were, mainly, to unite in closer bonds of fellowship and union Presbyterian missionary workers throughout the world. The calling of the roll by the Secretary on Wednesday morning was an interesting feature, delegates rising in response to their names.

Mrs. Harvie gave a cordial welcome to the delegates and missionaries in the name of the Society, to which an equally cordial reply was made by Mrs. Blaikie on behalf of the delegates.

Mrs. Dennis, missionary of the American Presbyterian Church at Beirut, Syria, presented greetings from the Women's Board of New York, and sketched the work in Syria in which she and her husband, Dr. Dennis, had been engaged for the past 19 years. There were special difficulties in missionary work in that country, the population being made up of many diverse elements, and Moslem influence being very strong, and of late increasingly hostile to Christianity. Notwithstanding all difficulties and opposition, the work was making progress and hearts were being won to Christ.

Miss Davidson, deaconess of the Church of Scotland, gave an interesting account of the Training Home or Deaconess' House in Edinburgh with which she is connected. This institution was conducted under the authority of the General Assembly, its object being to afford such instruction and training as will qualify Christian women for missionary work, either at home or abroad. The regular course extended over two years, and embraced instruction in Scripture Knowledge, the Art of Teaching, the Methods and Practice of Home Mission Work, and the History and Methods of Missions to the Heathen. The House met its own expenses by fees and payment of board, but all tuition and lectures were given gratuitously, many of the ablest ministers in the Church aiding the work in this way. An exact description of the kind of workers the Home aimed at producing would be found in the second chapter of Titus, from the tenth to the fourteenth verses, "A peculiar people, zealous of good works." Miss Davidson represented the Committee on Life and Work of the Church of Scotland, and also the Woman's Association of Foreign Missions.

Miss Adam, delegate from the Woman's Missionary Society of the U. P. Church in Scotland, presented greetings, and gave some very interesting facts regarding the Foreign missionary work of the U. P. Church, as carried on in Africa at Old Calabar and Kaffraria; in Rajputana, and in Manchuria. The Woman's Society has associations in each Presbytery, and a number of ladies assist the Foreign Mission Committee in administering the work.

Miss Orr, of Edinburgh, spoke for the Ladies' Society of the Free Church of Scotland for Female Education in India and South Africa. This Society was almost fifty years old. There were seventy-four Presbyteries in little Scotland, and it was hoped that by next year—the jubilee year—there would be an Auxiliary in each Presbytery. They followed the plan of col-

lecting from house to house. Monthly meetings for prayer and hearing missionary intelligence were held.

Mrs. Lindsay, of Glasgow, also a delegate from the Ladies' Committee of the Free Church, gave an outline of the Foreign work of her society. This must always be conducted in connection with the work of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church. One great centre of operation is, therefore, in India, at the three great Presidency cities of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, in the inland towns of Nagpore and Poona, and among the Santals, an aboriginal tribe which is not bound by caste like the Hindus, and is more accessible to the Gospel. Boarding and day schools and zenana visiting are regularly carried on, and the magic lantern is used as a means of attracting the women in the villages. The Free Church has also a Mission in South Africa, where the great training institution at Lovedale, known all over the world, is situated; and where there are smaller schools conducted on the same principle. In these schools the pupils are trained to all kinds of useful work, and many are trained for teachers.

Mrs. Mathews gave the greetings of the Woman's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church in England. This branch of the Church was small but vigorous. Their Missions were situated in Southern China and in Formosa. In both these fields women were working with wonderful success. One of the evidences of the good influence of women missionaries was the slow but sure elevation of the standard of native women now going on in these countries.

Mrs. McLean brought the good wishes of the W.F.M.S., Eastern Division, and spoke of Dr. Geddie and the martyr-brothers Gordon, sent out by the Nova Scotia Church, the pioneer missionary Church of Canada.

Miss Forsyth, of Evansville, Indiana, appeared in behalf of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This was, she thought, the youngest of the Women's Boards, being only twelve years

old. They carried on Missions in Japan, Mexico and Indian Territory.

Mrs. Cunningham, of Wheeling, Virginia, followed, and said she belonged to the oldest of the American W. F. M. Societies in Presbyterian connection, the Philadelphia Board. Mrs. Cunningham outlined the founding of that society when a few of the women came together not knowing anything about rules or constitutions, and not knowing even how to pray audibly. Their most recent undertaking was the founding of two homes for missionaries' children. She felt at home in Toronto, for she was born in Scotland; her home had been in the States, and she had once lived in Prince Edward Island, and attended the same Bible class with one of the Gordons, afterwards of Erromanga.

In response to the request of delegates from abroad, Mrs. D. J. Macdonnell, Toronto, gave an excellent account of the work and methods of the W. F. M. S. of the Canadian Church, which need scarcely be reported here, as it covered ground quite familiar to most readers of the LETTER LEAFLET.

Mrs. Shortreed read a cordial letter of greeting from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, after which "God is love," by Lowrie, was sweetly sung by a quartette of young ladies.

Mrs. McClymont, of Aberdeen, brought greetings from the Church of Scotland Women's Association for Foreign Missions. The principal Mission Stations of this Church are at Calcutta, Madras, Poona, Guzrat, Sialkot and Chamba in India; at Blantyre and Domasi in Africa, and at Ichang in China; twenty-seven lady missionaries are supported, who are assisted by over one hundred Eurasian and native teachers and Bible women. There are now forty-six Presbyterian Auxiliaries, with 522 parishes contributing to the funds, which, for 1890, amounted to about \$52,685. Mrs. McClymont related a touching incident showing the faith of a secret believer: "A few months ago a woman at one of the stations, whose husband would not permit

her to be baptized, asked him upon her deathbed to bring her water. When it was brought she dipped her fingers into it and, with great pain, raised her arm to her head and said, ' I baptize myself in the name of the Lord Jesus.' "

Mrs. Macdonald, wife of Rev. Dr. Macdonald of Calcutta, for nineteen years a missionary of the Free Church of Scotland in that city, corroborated what has been so often said and written about the sad condition of Hindu women. There had been improvement, however, and under British rule reforms were being gradually inaugurated. There was no hope of evangelizing India through European agency. Too little sympathy and prayer were given for the native converts and not enough credit to the native Christian workers. The Girls' Boarding Schools were an invaluable agency, teaching obedience, method, cleanliness and truthfulness, and when a girl thus trained went back to a zenana her influence for good was very great.

Mrs. Wilson, of the Canadian Mission, Neemuch, said the women in Central India were not so much secluded as in some other parts of the country. She herself knew very few purdah-women, but had been brought more into contact with the Sudra caste. These were a most industrious, hard-working people. They were very religious after their own fashion, much more so than the men, but were completely under the power of the priests. The native Christian women, as a rule, did much by their consistent lives to commend the Gospel to the heathen.

Mrs. Laws, wife of the Rev. Robert Laws, M.D., D.D., of Livingstonia, Central Africa, said that for nine years the missionaries in this field might well have said, " who hath believed our report," but fruit had appeared at length. The darkness and wickedness of the people were terrible beyond words. The women were not crying " Come over and help us," they were asking for calico and beads and brass-work ; nevertheless, the power of the truth had been manifested, and some had been

gathered in, and each one converted meant a radius of hundreds whose hearts would be influenced for good. Their hope was in the children, who were being taught all kinds of useful work, as well as the Word of God.

On Thursday morning Mrs. Blaikie submitted a proposition which she had mentioned on Wednesday, to form an International Union of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies. An interesting discussion took place on the best way of carrying out this scheme. It was at length decided unanimously, on motion of Mrs. Shortreed, seconded by Mrs. Kirkland, that such a union be formed; that Mrs. Blaikie be President and Mrs. Mathews, Secretary, and that each Board appoint its own Secretary, who shall write an annual letter giving an account of the work being done by the Society—this letter to be made accessible to all members of the Societies; and that a meeting of the International Union be held when the Council of the Alliance meets, the next meeting to be in Glasgow in 1896.

Questions which had been handed in on the previous day were then brought forward for discussion. In reply to the first, "How can the Training Home be made useful to workers in the city where it is situated who are not able to be permanent residents," Miss Davidson said that lectures and classes were open to all on the payment of half-a-crown per term. Mrs. Shortreed gave information as to how expenses were met in the Chicago Training Home, which also is conducted on the voluntary principle and is without endowment. Miss Davidson thought the Edinburgh Home would be entirely self-supporting when they had gathered the necessary money to enlarge the building.

A request having been presented for information on the Opium Traffic, Miss Beatty, M.D., of Indore, was called upon to give her medical experience in regard to the use of the drug among the women and children of India. Miss Beatty said that during the seven years of her work in India not a day had passed with-

out her having to treat cases of opium poisoning. It was almost universally used. Not a babe was born that does not get opium. In one sense opium was a blessing to the women of India. Without proper medical attendance, as they are, their sufferings would be insupportable, were it not for the relief of opium. It was no use to talk to the women of India about Christ while under the influence of opium. It would not be a kindness to them to take opium from them. What was needed was to send them the knowledge of Christ and they would not want opium. They would never do without opium as long as they were without Christ.

Mrs. Macdonald, of Calcutta, said the use of the drug was not so common in Bengal as in Central India, probably because it was not grown in the vicinity. Still it was used to a large extent. The use of it was almost unknown among the Christian girls of the Mission with which she was connected, although some of the older Christians were addicted to it. The Hindus are a drug-consuming people. One reason of their fondness for narcotics was that they enabled them to endure the pangs of hunger. The opium traffic was largely a question of finance in India.

Mrs. Wilson, of Neemuch, gave some interesting statistics in regard to the production and exportation of the drug. The Province of Malwah, where the work of the Canadian Mission is carried on, is one of the chief centres for the production of opium, this Province and in the valley of the Ganges being the only places where its growth is not restricted. Official figures showed that its consumption by the Hindu people was increasing every year, although the export trade was falling off.

The next question discussed was the baptism of converts living in polygamy. Mrs. Laws, Livingstonia, said this question was one which greatly vexed the missionaries. Speaking for the Livingstonia Mission, not one living in polygamy had received

baptism. One chief, a Christian in belief and practice, had three wives, but as yet he was outside of the Church. The difficulties in the way of dissolving polygamous marriages were very great. Mrs. Macdonald said that in India the natives were now ashamed to ask for baptism while living with more than one wife. It was very hard for a Hindu wife to be cast off, for then she had no means of support. The principle which had been followed by the missionaries was, that the Christian convert should choose one of his wives and live with her only, putting the rest away, but at the same time continue to support the others.

The ever-recurring question of "How to interest the women of the Church in Missions" was admirably answered by Mrs. Cunningham, of the Philadelphia Board. The dollar fee as a condition of membership has been given up by that Society.

Mrs. Blaikie gave the closing address. Although not a regularly appointed delegate, she could yield to none in her interest in Foreign Missions. She had given to the Lord's work in China her own and only daughter. The key-note of Mrs. Blaikie's address was in the words, "Behold, I make all things new." This was a star of promise in the midst of the world's darkness and misery, and the beginning of its fulfilment was seen wherever a soul was found giving up sin and turning to God.

Mrs. Ewart spoke a few earnest parting words, Mrs. Blaikie led in prayer, and the Conference separated, after singing the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

This report is but a skeleton of the proceedings, but it is all that it is possible to give our readers in the limited space of the LETTER LEAFLET. But even were abundant space available, it would be impossible to put into printed words all the delightful features of the meeting. The delegates and missionaries were so interesting and so charming in themselves, all the addresses were bright, happy and earnest, and, let it be published far and wide, all were *well heard*.

That a powerful and far-reaching impulse to the Lord's work will be the result of this Conference there is not room to doubt.

Increase.

Presbyterial Societies.

SAUGEEN.....	Palmerston Knox Church Auxiliary.
“	Mount Forest “ Bickell ” Mission Band.
Brockville	Osgood Line Auxiliary.
“	South Mountain Auxiliary.
“	Heckston Auxiliary.
“	Hallville Auxiliary re-organized.
Whitby.....	Utica Auxiliary.
“	Brougham Auxiliary.
Winnipeg	Oak Bluff Auxiliary.
Glengarry.....	Lunenburg Auxiliary.
Regina Presbytery	Moosomin Auxiliary.
Rock Presbytery	Carman Auxiliary.

Life Members added in September and October

- Mrs. John Heron, Ashburn Auxiliary.
- Mrs. S. Cameron, Brandon Auxiliary.
- Mrs. F. T. Frost, Smith's Falls.
- Mrs. George Haigh, Hespeler.

Treasurer's Monthly Statement.

September 13, 1892.

To balance in Dominion Bank.....	\$7,919 88	
14th. “ Life Membership fee, Ashburn....	25 00	
23rd. “ Ormstown Quebec Auxiliary.....	150 00	
By Express charges and postage on Reports.		\$4 51
Home Secretary, letter postage.....		1 10
<i>Carried forward.....</i>	<u>\$8,094 88</u>	<u>\$5 61</u>

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$8,094 88	\$5 61
Corresponding Secretary, letter postage		2 75
Secretary of supplies.....		2 00
Paid for printing 2nd part of Mr. Wilkie's lecture, in addition to balance in hand of \$11.40 proceeds of sale of slides		4 60
Printing programmes for Women's Missionary Conference in connection with the Alliance		7 50
Oct. 11th. Balance in Dominion Bank.....		8,072 42
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	\$8,094 88	\$8,094 88

Estimates for 1892-93 for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

(As received from the Foreign Mission Committee.)

INDIA.

Miss Beatty, M.D., furlough allowance....	\$365 00	
Miss Ross, salary.....	730 00	
Miss Oliver, M.D., salary	730 00	
Miss Sinclair, "	730 00	
Miss Jamieson, "	730 00	
Miss McKellar, M.D. "	730 00	
Miss Fraser, M.D., "	730 00	
Miss O'Hara, M.D., "	730 00	
Miss McWilliams, "	730 00	
Miss Calder, five months' salary ..	\$304 00	
" Outfit	250 00	
" Travelling expenses.	350 00	
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Miss Duncan, five months' salary..	304 00	
" Outfit	250 00	
" Travelling expenses.	350 00	
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Miss Turnbull, M.D., five mos. sal.	304 00	
" Outfit	250 00	
" Travelling expenses.	350 00	
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		\$8,917 00

Brought forward \$8,917 00

REQUIRED FOR WORK IN THE FIELD.

Indore.

Hospital	Rs. 4,152	
Boarding school	1,824	
Marathi girls' school	1,146	
Hindi girls' school	420	
Miss McWilliams	96	
	<hr/>	Rs. 7,638

Mhow.

Additional for Mhow school	Rs. 3,000	
Girls' school in Pension Pura	300	
Miss Ross	3,468	
Dr. Fraser	3,810	
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Neemuch.

Miss Jamieson	741
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NOTE.—In the estimates, the Council asked for Rs. 2,794 for Miss McKellar's work at Neemuch. Since then it has been decided that Miss McKellar should stay at Indore. Something may be required for her work there.

Rutlam.

Mr. Campbell	840
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Ujjain.

Dr. Buchanan	2,794
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Rs. 22,591

At 40 cts. per rupee	<hr/>	\$9,036 40
Balance to complete building of hospital		4,161 50
“ “ “ boarding school		2,502 35

\$24,617 25

Brought forward 24,617 25

CHINA.

Formosa.

Girls' school, Tamsui, and Bible women... \$750 00

NOTE.—The Committee have received no estimates from Dr. MacKay, and this estimate is based on his expenditure last year.

Honan.

Miss McIntosh, salary 500 00

 " Rent, exp. moving and teacher. 125 00

Miss Lucinda Graham, M.D., outfit \$250 00

 " Travelling expenses... 400 00

650 00

\$2,025 00

INDIANS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Mistawasis.

D. H. McVicar, teacher, one-half of salary
(balance paid by the Gov't)..... \$300 00

Rent for teacher's house..... 30 00

\$330 00

Okanase.

Miss Cameron, teacher, half salary 150 00

Round Lake.

Mr. A. J. S. Morrison, salary..... \$450 00

Maintenance of pupils, additional
to amount received from the
Gov't..... 300 00

750 00

File Hills.

Mr. Alexander Skene, salary . . . \$700 00

Maintenance..... 380 00

1,080 00

Carried forward..... \$2,310 00 \$26,642 25

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Crow Stand.

Mr. W. J. Wright, teacher, salary.	\$500 00	
Miss E. M. Armstrong.....	450 00	
Miss M. Armstrong.....	425 00	
Miss F. McLean.....	240 00	
Matron.....	300 00	
Maintenance, additional to that granted by Gov't.....	350 00	
Furnishing.....	300 00	
Building kitchen, laundry and bakehouse for the school.....	750 00	
	<hr/>	3,315 00

Lakesend.

Maintenance..... 800 00

Birtle.

Mr. G. G. McLaren, salary.....	\$600 00	
Miss A. McLaren.....	450 00	
Mrs. Jean Leckie.....	400 00	
Rent.....	320 00	
Maintenance and furnishing.....	100 00	
Building.....	5,000 00	
	<hr/>	6,870 00

Portage la Prairie.

Miss A. Fraser, salary.....	\$300 00	
Maintenance.....	300 00	
Additions and improvements to building (painting, chimneys, etc)	100 00	
	<hr/>	700 00

Stony Plain.

Mr. G. J. Welbourn, salary.....	\$500 00	
Maintenance.....	350 00	
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Prince Albert.

Miss Baker, salary.....	200 00	
Maintenance of Non-treaty children.....	600 00	
	<hr/>	15,645 00

Carried forward \$42,287 25

Brought forward \$42,287 25

INDIANS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Cost of property at Alberni.....	2,000 00	
Part of salary of matron of boarding school, Miss E. Lister.....	\$200 00	
Travelling expenses of Miss Lister.	100 00	
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	300 00	
Maintenance of pupils (10).....	700 00	
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		\$45,287 25

SUMMARY.

India	\$24,617 25
China	2,025 00
North West.....	15,645 00
British Columbia	3,000 00
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	\$45,287 25

The Board desires to call the attention of the Society to the fact that of this sum of \$45,287.25, \$5,318.55 is already in Dr. Reid's hands, as will be seen on page 141 LETTER LEAFLET for Oct., 1892.

The remaining sum is large, but it must be borne in mind that the Society is still growing, and a continuance of the faithful work done in the past by the different officers and members of the Presbyterial Societies, Auxiliaries and Mission Bands will doubtless, by God's blessing, enable the W. F. M. S. to do all that He lays upon it. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life."

The Board also wishes the Society to observe that no mention has been made in the above estimate of Trinidad or the New Hebrides, the reason being that these missions are under the care of the Eastern Division of the F. M. C. For several years

past the W. F. M. S. (W.D.) has desired to assist in the work carried on in these places, and so, at the annual meeting of the Society, has voted a sum of money to each of them. If it is so desired, and there is a sufficient amount in hand at the end of the year, the same course may be pursued again.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Designation and Farewell Services.

A deeply interesting service was held in Knox Church, Stratford, on the evening of October 3, when Miss Jessie Duncan was publicly appointed to the mission work of the Church in Central India. Rev. R. Hamilton, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. There were present a large number of ladies from the neighbouring Auxiliaries of the W. F. M. S. and many members of Presbytery. Rev. J. Macdougall, returned missionary from Honan, preached, and addresses were given by Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Convener of the F.M. Committee, and Rev. R. P. Mackay, Secretary. Mr. Cassels presented the missionary-elect with a copy of the Bible on behalf of the W.F.M.S., and Miss Moderwell, Presbyterial President W.F.M.S., read the greetings from the Board. Rev. Mr. Panton of Stratford and Rev. Mr. Leitch, pastor of the congregation, spoke a few earnest words of farewell, and the meeting was closed with an appropriate musical selection. Miss Duncan was the recipient of many valuable testimonials of affectionate esteem from various societies in the congregation.

The designation of Miss Kate Calder to the mission field in Central India was held on Sunday evening, October 2, in Knox Church, Beaverton. There was a very large attendance, as the services in the sister Presbyterian and the Methodist Churches

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were given up in order to give the friends an opportunity of attending the meeting in Knox Church. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. D. C. Johnson, late pastor of the congregation, and addresses were delivered by Rev. R. P. Mackay, Secretary of the F.M. Committee, and Rev. J. L. Murray, of Kincardine. Mr. Mackay presented the designate with a Bible, in the name of the W.F.M.S., also, the greetings of the Board. Mrs. Ross, of Lindsay, Presbyterian President, was unable to be present, but had requested Mr. Mackay to present Miss Calder with a very handsome set of books, Missionary Biographies, etc., in the name of the Presbyterian Society. A farewell social was held on Thursday evening, October 6, previous to Miss Calder's departure.

The many friends of Miss Hodgins in Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, were privileged with an opportunity of saying farewell to her, before she left for India, at a very impressive service held in the church, on the evening of October 5. Miss Hodgins travels to Central India in company with our newly-appointed missionaries, with the intention of being united in marriage to one of the missionaries of our Church in that field. Testimonials of regard were presented to Miss Hodgins at the service from the congregation, the Sabbath School and the Y.P.S.C.E.

A farewell service, previous to the departure of Miss Lister, to Alberni, B.C., to which Mission she has been appointed, as matron of the Indian Industrial School there, was held in Perth, on the evening of September 20. There was a large attendance, and suitable addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Moore, Ottawa, Rev. Mr. McCarthy, returned missionary, and Rev. Jas. Ross, pastor of the congregation. A letter of greeting was sent by the Board of the W.F.M.S., and a beautiful set of religious volumes was presented by the Sabbath School of the congregation with kind expressions of esteem and affection.

NEW HEBRIDES.

Seed-time and Harvest.

FROM MRS. ANNAND.

Tangoa, Santo, July 28, 1892.

We thank you for sympathy and prayers. You cannot realize how your prayers and cheering words cheer our hearts and strengthen our hands.

We had heard of Miss Harris having been called to her home above. From all I have heard of her, her death will leave a sad blank in the work in which she was engaged in India. It seems sad to us to think of her being called away from her work so soon and while so young, but God does all things well, and we shall know by-and-by why all these things were permitted.

I am thankful to say that all is quiet on this south side of Santo. While we were absent at our annual meeting on Aneityum, three war-ships, two English and one French, were here to punish the bushmen. Three companies of marines went inland and destroyed the village and what yam they could find, and shot some pigs of the murderers, but saw no natives,—they had fled on the approach of the marines. God has called the two most guilty ones to account. About two months after the murder, the man who shot Mr. Sawers' servant died suddenly, and in March last the man who shot Mr. Sawers was himself shot and his body eaten, because his brother had stolen another man's wife. We hope for peace now on this side of Santo. They know now that the men of war can go inland.

Our people at this village are turning out well to the Sabbath services. Last Sabbath we had fifty out in the morning, and fifty-five in the afternoon. This, out of a population of about seventy in the village, is not bad. The women attend much better than formerly, and the men allow them to come about us

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more, even allowing some of them to do a little work for us, which enables us to gain more influence over them.

I am sorry to say that our school is not very popular. Some of the young people can read the Gospel by Matthew, which Mr. Annand translated and printed for them this year. They have also a small hymn-book and catechism combined.

Mr. Annand and our teacher hold two services on Sabbath at two villages on the mainland. On Santo we are most anxious to reach the hill tribes, but cannot do so until we get more teachers. We cannot get men. Our hearts were made sore upon our return home to learn that one of our teachers from Efaté had died after two days' illness. It seems that he was out fishing and caught cold. God's dealings seem at times hard to understand, but He does all things well.

We had a delightful meeting of Synod this year. There were twenty-nine grown people and eleven children. We were kept quite busy from morning till night with such a houseful. I do not think that you at home can realize how we all enjoy these reunions, when we can meet and sympathize with each other in joys and sorrows. The past year has been the most trying one for many years in this mission. There was so much sickness and other trials in the mission families.

You mention for our encouragement the good work that has been accomplished on the other islands. We saw a grand sight when at Nguna on our way home from Synod meeting. We spent a Sabbath there. Mr. and Mrs. Milne have been there twenty-two years. When we came to the islands, they were all cannibals there, and Mr. Milne worked for nine years with but one man willing to listen to him. The Sabbath we were there, the beautiful church was full to overflowing, over five hundred being present, all so attentive and looking so clean and nice. Some of them had walked ten miles that morning to get to church. What a change the Gospel has made in those people

The singing was led by one of the young native women, and was very good.

All well, my purpose going up to Sydney at the end of the year for a six months' furlough. I almost forgot to mention that one new missionary and his wife joined our number this year, Dr. and Mrs. Lamb. He is an honour man in College, and an M.A., B.D., M.B., C.M. His wife is a trained nurse, having spent two years in a hospital at home, so as to prepare herself for the work here. He hopes to start a hospital and sanatorium. He is to be settled on Ambrim this month.

HONAN.

A Well-earned Holiday.

FROM MRS. GOFORTH.

*China Inland Mission, Sanatorium,
Cheefoo, N. China, August 2, 1892.*

You will have heard before this of our trip to Cheefoo. Every member of the mission felt, I think, that we should take a good change this summer, as we had not had any holiday to speak of since coming to China. It was also thought best, for several reasons, that Miss McIntosh should accompany us. At the time it was decided by the members of the mission then in Lin Ching, that it was best for her not to go to Honan till the autumn, but to spend the summer months at Chefoo. Miss McIntosh was in the midst of preparations for moving into Honan, so you can imagine what a disappointment it was to her to have to put off for another six months her long looked-for work in Honan. The one thing that reconciled her to coming to the coast was the fact that her time would be freer for the study of the language. We have found it a great help, since coming here, to study every day together.

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Last week we went together to Dr. Corbett to be examined in the spoken and written language. Miss McIntosh did very well indeed, and Dr. Corbett seemed much pleased. He said he would be very pleased to certify that we were both fitted for work in China, as far as the language was concerned, and that according to his judgment we need not pass any more examinations.

Our holiday is drawing fast to a close. We shall have to wait here for those who are coming out from Canada this fall, in order to accompany them inland. We feel very much benefited by our rest and change. The many new faces and pleasant intercourse with missionaries from different parts of China and Corea has done us as much good as the sea breezes.

We feel the time spent here has not been lost, and that we shall be able to do better work for the Master on our return, for the refreshing of soul, as well as body, by our communion with so many of God's chosen workers in this trying field.

Miss McIntosh says she will write you (D.V.) when she reaches her station.

. INDIA.

A Glimpse at Missionary Home Life.

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM DR. M. OLIVER.

I am glad to be able to tell you that we are all well here. Mrs. Wilkie and little Bessie are still at the hills. Mrs. Buchanan and her two little children are at present occupying the Wilkie bungalow. She came down from Ujjain with both children ill, and though the children are much better they have decided to go away for a little change, as Dr. Buchanan has had great deal of fever during the last few months. The Mhow people are also well and busy. We all took a run down to see

them last Saturday afternoon and had dinner with Mr. Russell. Miss McWilliams was feeling somewhat out of sorts, so we persuaded her to take a run up to Neemuch for a week or two and help Miss McKellar to set her house in order. We expect her back to-morrow, and she writes that she is again feeling quite well. Both she and Miss O'Hara have thus far acclimatized remarkably easily.

I cannot tell you how much I long for Miss Beatty to be here again, but I would not have her come unless her health be fully restored, and her last letters hold out little hope of this Christmas seeing her among us again. She writes me that I am expected to take furlough next spring. I hope you have not made it compulsory, for, if as well as I am at present, I would like much to remain another year. Miss O'Hara has done very well indeed at the language, considering that she has been at work in the dispensary ever since her arrival in the country, but if I return home next spring she will have no spare time whatever for study.

Our Auxiliary meets this afternoon and I have promised to give a short account of the rise and growth of "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society." The women enjoy the meeting very much. With kindest remembrances.

The Story of Baktouribai.

FROM DR. MARION OLIVER.

Indore, August 11, 1892.

Last week, after two days' illness from choleraic diarrhoea, death took from us a dearly loved patient. But seeing her passing away was not the sad heart-piercing trial that we have so often to bear, of seeing lives going out into utter darkness.

This dear sister had for months rejoiced in Christ her Saviour, and when death drew near there was no fear, no faltering, but joyful looking-forward to meeting with her Lord.

I have once or twice before spoken of her in my letters to you, she was the wife of a Brahmin priest, and shortly after we moved to the hospital last year, she was brought to us in apparently a very bad condition. So ill, indeed, was she that we at first thought it not wise to admit her, but she begged so hard to be allowed to stay that we consented, and she remained with us for three months.

She could read and had read many of the Hindoo sacred books, but had never heard of Christ. As soon as she was able to sit up and listen to us she began to be interested in hearing of Him. I gave her a New Testament, and she spent hours daily reading it. Long before she returned to her home her faith in her own religion was gone and she openly declared herself a Christian.

After leaving the hospital, whenever I visited her in her home, before all her husband's people, would sit down and talk of Christ, and they all said she was no longer one of their people. Her home was near by the city dispensary and after her return she came in once or twice every week, at the time the patients were gathered, and always with her hymn-book in her hand. She was no singer, but she would sit down and croon over the hymns to the women and then talk to them of Christ. She got her husband to read the Bible and other books I had given her, and several times spoke to me of how she prayed for and talked with him.

1892. About a month ago her old illness began to trouble her again and she came back to the hospital, and it was in the hospital her worst illness seized her. When we saw that she would not recover, I sent for her husband, having first told her that she might not live until evening. She did not speak for a few minutes, when she looked up at me and said, "I am not afraid, God is calling me to His House and I am ready to go, for Jesus has saved me." I said to her, "You feel that Jesus is all you need."

“Oh yes ! I want no other. He is my Saviour.” We all gathered around her bed, and the Christian women sang one of her favourite hymns ; then with bowed heads, weeping, we prayed that Christ would give her grace to endure unto the end. Her husband and several heathen women stood by, looking on and wondering at what to them must have been a strange scene.

Her friends wished to have her taken home to die. At first she did not wish to go, but at last consented. I was willing to have her go, feeling that any effort on our part to keep her from her own people in her last hours would not commend “The Gospel of Love” to them. A bed was made up in a closed-in cart, and I took her to her home, staying with her as long as she was conscious. She lived for some hours longer, and in the early morning her body was carried to the river bank and burned by her relatives, with no doubt all their idolatrous ceremonies. After she was taken to her husband’s home her sister-in-law begged her to call upon “Ram,” but her answer was “The Lord is my God.” Our prayer is that her death may lead her friends to think upon and turn unto that God who was her refuge and her strength during the last year of her life.

A few days before Baktouribai’s death, the woman who for the past four years has been caretaker of our city dispensary also passed away, trusting in Christ for her salvation. She had been ill for some months with fever, which finally brought on consumption, under which she rapidly sank. She had always declared her disbelief in idol-worship, and was in fact a careless, irreligious woman, unwilling to talk about or hear anything of Christ so long as she was well and strong ; still, as she had to sit quietly down each day in the dispensary when the women were being spoken to, she could not fail to learn something of the Christian religion. During her last illness, as hope of recovery passed away, like many a careless soul in Christian lands, she turned to God and cried for mercy, and died looking upon Christ’s shed blood as the only sacrifice that could take away her sin.

New Openings for Work—Baptism of an aged Woman.

FROM REV. N. H. RUSSELL.

Mhow, July 25, 1892.

I doubt not you will be looking for a letter from me. I am back in Mhow very much refreshed, as we all are from our summer holiday, refreshed both in body and spirit. Hill climbing, I find, is a splendid rectifier of impure blood and enervated system. And our daily morning prayer-meetings, which were in English, were very refreshing and helpful. I don't know what the others find it so, but I constantly am tempted by an over-pressure of mission work, seemingly very necessary, to make my only daily spiritual food a rather small feast. The holidays were a great help in correcting this, and I hope not to fall into the same mistake again. I find I get very useless by spiritual fasting.

You will be glad to hear the much-talked-of girls' school in Mhow is at last under construction. I set it moving the day I arrived in Mhow, and now we have the foundation laid and a good part of the plinth built. A couple or three weeks will see it nearly ready for the roof. I think the building will be a very substantial and serviceable one.

The school seems to be going on nicely as no doubt Miss Ross says you word. Our boys' school will soon, however, be even with it in numbers. We have 80 now in attendance and I am much exercised to find a place suitable for them, as the present is far too small. Our Sunday school yesterday was 211, which is very encouraging for such wet weather. The village Sunday schools are also flourishing. I have a Sunday school in each of my village day schools. In this matter, as in preaching centres, we have more openings than we have workers.

Two stations are at present asking for resident teachers, one of about five or six thousand people, and in which I hope

we may be able to put a catechist and teacher. Another village has offered me a house and to pay fees for their teaching. But I am very short-handed ; I am trying to manage my three schools now, including the camp school of 80 boys, on five teachers. However, I feel that these matters are in the Lord's hands, and the Lord of the harvest will provide.

We are all very glad to hear of the addition to our staff we are to receive this fall, and we Mhow people feel we have a claim on one of them, in which no doubt the Council will concur. There is much work here that is necessarily left undone ; especially is this so of the village work. There are many large villages about Mhow in each of which we might have girls' and boys' schools. These could be superintended by a lady or male missionary respectively and homes visited meanwhile. Especially the village work is waiting at present and to my mind offers great prospects of harvest.

We will have room soon and much need for one or two itinerant doctors or lady doctors for villages in the distance. I was at one last week where much might be done in this way. Miss Fraser finds many patients in the villages about Mhow. Should it be the Lord's will, I hope to visit Dhar this fall and see the prospects. I have no doubt we will be calling on you for workers for that centre soon. Then the Bhil work lies beyond that again. The Boarding School and Boys' Home seem to be developing fast. We have sent up quite a troop to them both from Mhow lately.

The W. F. M. S. and F. M. C. reports are to hand, as also Assembly news, and are all very welcome.

Your continued interest in us and prayers on our behalf are to us a source of sweet comfort and strength.

The interest here seems to be growing, and we have several enquirers but they hold off and fear baptism. I baptized one old woman in the bazaar a few days ago. Her people were quite

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angry, and when after a few days she died they would not give us the body to be buried. We all trust, however, that she is with the Lord, for she seemed to have faith in His death and love for her. I have no doubt there are many secret disciples, and He will bring them out in His own way.

I open my letter to say I have just received word from F. M. C. that our request is granted and we will begin the addition to building at once.

SUPPLY.

Acknowledgments of Clothing.

FROM MR. G. M. M'LAREN.

Birtle, Man., Sept. 26, 1892.

Your favour of the 8th was duly received, with enclosed shipping bill. The goods arrived a few hours prior to the letter; they have been opened and packed away in the store-rooms. There is an abundant supply and of good quality. I think it will be in every way most satisfactory.

We have very little use for fine clothing of any kind; all material sent should be plain and strong, especially strong, for girls' dresses and boys' pants.

We are preparing to build a new house; we have had some trouble procuring water, but this morning we were successful in boring through the clay and into the sand where the supply of water is abundant. It is rather late in the season to get the building up this fall, but we will get things in shape for an early start next spring.

Please accept our thanks for the very generous supply of clothing. We will try and use it in the best way possible.

FROM MR. FLETT.

Okonase, Elphinstone P. O., Manitoba, Sept. 24, 1892.

Yours of the 8th came duly to hand, and the clothing also, for all of which we are truly grateful.

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