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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

The speedy conversion of the Jews. Mission work in France Spain, Italy and other European countries.

Contradiction of Mrs. Robertson's Death.

We are thankful to be able to state that the report of Mrs Robertson's death which appeared in the November Letter Leaflet was without foundation in fact. We deeply regret that the false rumor obtained such wide circulation before being contradicted.

Visit of the President to the Maritime Provinces.

By invitation of the Board of the W.F.M.S. (*Eastern Division*) Mrs. Ewart attended the Annual Meeting of the Society, held at Charlottetown, P.E.I., September 26th and 27th. The

meetings were interesting and enthusiastic. Much progress has been made by our co-workers in the Eastern Division since the formation of their Society. The present year records an advance in numbers and in funds. The whole membership is now about 4,000 in ninety Auxiliaries and thirty-five Mission Bands, with a total income for the year of over \$5,000.

The presence of Mr. and Mrs. Morton, of Trinidad, at the meetings added much to the interest. These beloved and honored missionaries were heard with great pleasure and profit by large and attentive audiences. They are now on their way back to their field of labor, we are glad to say, in improved health. All our members will rejoice to know that they are accompanied by two young lady teachers, Miss Adella Archibald and Miss Maggie J. Graham, who will assist them in the work. Also that a missionary, the Rev. F. J. Coffin, has been appointed for Couva. Mrs. Ewart greatly enjoyed her visit to the Maritime friends. She was received with the very warmest hospitality and loaded with honours, which we would take this opportunity gratefully to acknowledge.

Items of Information received from Foreign Mission Committee.

THE NORTH-WEST.

The Rev. Alex. Campbell, of File Hills, has resigned his position, and Mr. D. H. MacVicar has been appointed for one year as missionary at File Hills, especially to help the school and secure children for it, with the understanding also that he will act as interpreter in such communications as the teacher needs to hold with the Indians. Mr. Alexander Skene, of Johnston, near Owen Sound, has been appointed to have charge of the File Hills Boarding School—his salary and Mr. MacVicar's to be \$700 each.

Mr. Andrew Duff, of Carlow, Ont., has been appointed to the charge of the Indian Head School, and it has been agreed to secure a female teacher to take the place rendered vacant by the removal of Mr. MacVicar from Okanase to the File Hills.

INDIA.

The F. M. C. has been informed by the Council in Central India that a Committee has been appointed to prepare plans for the Boarding School for Girls at Indore, and the Executive have been authorized to sanction the plans and site and to take the necessary steps for the erection of a building as soon as they are received. The Executive have also been authorized to sanction plans for the proposed Hospital, and to take steps for the erection of a building as soon as plans come from Indore. A committee has been appointed here for preparing them also. Miss Jamieson has been instructed to proceed to Neemuch, where, it is expected, she will labor with Miss Scott; Miss Harris to remain in Indore.

CHINA.

Miss Sutherland was married on September 3rd to Rev. Dr. Corbett, of the Shantung Mission of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

The following extract minute sent by the Foreign Mission Committee to the Board explains the position of the Committee with regard to Miss Sutherland's resignation, information about which has been asked by members of the Society:—

“The Committee having heard Miss Sutherland's letter of February 22nd, 1889, resigning her position as a trained nurse in the Honan Mission, and offering to refund the money expended by the Committee for her outfit and travelling expenses to China, and also a letter from Rev. Dr. Corbett, of the Shantung Mission of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in regard to his approaching marriage to Miss Sutherland, agree, that having respect to the valuable services rendered by Dr. Corbett to our Honan Mission, and to the fact that Miss Sutherland will after her marriage occupy a place in a sister mission of the same faith and order, not less important to the cause of Christ than that which she now holds, and also having regard to the fact that our own mission has, in the person of Mrs. McClure, drawn in a corresponding manner on the staff of the Presbyterian Mission of our United States brethren in China, it is inexpedient to accept from Miss Sutherland the repayment of the expense

incurred for her outfit and travelling expenses to China, unless the ladies who have supplied the funds very specially desire it; and the Committee appoint Drs. Wardrope and Kellogg to confer with the Board of the W.F.M.S., and to bring the afore-mentioned considerations under their notice."

Further Information Received from the F.M.C. anent Estimate of Amount Required from the W.F.M.S., 1889-90.

Expenses incurred in conducting school on Piapot's Reserve, between the beginning of April and the beginning of July, were: For salary, \$75, and for maintenance of pupils, \$50—in all \$125.00. This, it will be noticed, is a smaller amount than was expected would be needed when the estimates were sent out.

It was at one time thought that \$3,000 would be required for a school building on Muscowpetung's reserve. That amount, however, was not placed in the estimate, because in the meantime word had come from the N.W. Committee that they did not intend proceeding with the building this year. Further information has now come "that though they are not intending to make any extension of the premises this year, yet they have found it absolutely necessary to authorize the expenditure of about \$350.00 in order to make the present buildings habitable for the winter." This amount will therefore have to be added to what has already been asked for under the head of Muscowpetung's reserve.

In Stony Plain reserve an additional sum of \$250.00 is required "for the completion of the building and the furnishing necessary to establish a Boarding School."

The salary of Miss Fraser, Portage la Prairie, Miss Walker's assistant, has been increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00 a month, so the difference, \$60.00 for the year, will have to be provided for by the W.F.M.S.

Draft Report of Committee on Notices of Amendment to Constitution.

[The Committee considering that it is exceedingly desirable that these notices of motion should be discussed in Presbyterial

Societies and Auxiliaries, and that members coming to the next annual meeting should be prepared to report the opinions of their respective societies regarding them, decided to ask permission of the Board to insert their report in THE LETTER LEAFLET.

At the November meeting of the Board it was resolved :

“That the Board consents to the insertion of this report, on condition that a statement accompany it to the effect that no opinion has been expressed by the Board on any of the suggestions, the duty of this committee being to report not to the Board but to the Society.

The report will be formally made at the annual meeting of the Society in April. This draft copy is circulated now in order to give Societies time to discuss the items in detail, and to send delegates to the annual meeting, prepared to reject or approve each or all of them.”]

The committee appointed at last annual meeting to consider and report on the various notices of motion regarding changes in the constitution, met in St. Andrews' Church on Tuesday, the 10th September, at two o'clock. Present: Mrs. Ewart, Convener; Mrs. Grant, Hamilton; Mrs. Roger, London; Mrs. Donald McEwan, Cornwall; Mrs. McCrae, Guelph; Mrs. Harvie, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Macdonnell, Toronto.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. McEwan, after which the Convener read an extract from minutes of the General Secretary, containing the appointment of the committee. It was moved by Mrs. Hamilton, seconded by Mrs. Harvie, that Mrs. Macdonnell be Secretary for this meeting. The notices of motion are as follows :

1. From Hamilton Presbyterian Society : “That Presbyterian Presidents, Presbyterian Secretaries and one-fourth of the Presidents of each Presbyterian Society be Vice Presidents of the Board of Management ;” with the question, “Whether sufficient interest is aroused by the printing of the abstracts of Reports of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands in the Annual Report to warrant the increased cost and labor involved in publishing them ?”

2. From Peterborough Presbyterian: “That in view of the large and ever increasing number of Vice-Presidents of the General Society, thus rendering the Executive Committee uncertain and unwieldy, this Presbyterian Society would recommend the reduction of the number by substituting for ‘The Presidents of

Presbyterial Societies, Auxiliaries and Mission Bands'—'The Presidents and Secretaries of Presbyterial Societies and a proportion (about one-fifth) of the Presidents of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands.'"

3. From the London Presbyterial: "That the first clause of the second article of the Constitution, beginning 'Its object' and ending with 'salaries and locations,' shall be amended to read as follows: 'Its object shall be to promote the Church's work among women and children in heathen and other lands, and for this purpose it shall receive and disburse all mony which shall be contributed to the Society, provided always that the estimated requirements of the Foreign Mission Committee for work among women and children shall be made a first charge upon its funds, and that with the said Committee sha'l lie the appointment of the foreign missionaries supported by the Society, and the fixing of their salaries and locations.'"

4. By Mrs. Parsons, Toronto, to change article 4 of the Constitution of General Society to read, "The members of the Society present at each annual meeting shall elect a Board of Management which shall consist of thirty-six members, resident in Toronto, and one representative member from, and previously recommended by each Presbyterial Society. The Board of Management shall meet and elect its own officers, namely, President, four Vice-Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board shall have authority to fill vacancies occurring in their body during the year, and to elect Honorary Vice-Presidents."

5. By Mrs. Hamilton, Toronto, in amendment to article 4 of the Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society: "The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of thirty-six managers, including the President, four Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretaries and a Treasurer. These Managers shall be elected from the members of the Society annually by the members who are present at the annual meeting. These members shall also have power to elect Representative Vice-Presidents. The Board shall have power to elect the officers and to appoint corresponding members when the objects of the Society shall be promoted thereby; they shall also have authority to fill vacancies occurring in their body during the year. Also that an article be added to the constitution pro-

viding that the thirty-six elected members elect their own officers."

6. By Mrs. Parsons, in order to secure a standard of representation at the annual meeting, that a new article be added to the Constitution, to read, "At the annual meeting the Officers and Managers of the Board, the Presidents of Presbyterian Societies, Auxiliaries and Mission Bands shall *ex officio* be entitled to vote. All life members and members of the General Society are also entitled to vote. Each Presbyterian Society shall be entitled to send one delegate besides its President. Each Auxiliary shall be entitled to one delegate besides its President. Each Mission Band shall be represented by its President only. These delegates to be members of the General Society and to be provided with entertainment during the annual meeting. Only such delegates as are personally present and duly accredited by their Societies shall be entitled to vote."

7. By Mrs. MacMurchy, "That if the plan of holding weekly meetings, now agreed upon by the Board of Management, be found to answer the purpose intended, provision be made in the constitution for a weekly meeting of the Board. A recommendation accompanied this notice of motion, that all the proposed changes in the constitution be considered during the year by a committee comprising the movers of the various notices and such other ladies as the President may appoint. The committee to report to next annual meeting."

It was agreed to consider the first clause of notice No. 1 along with No. 2 and No. 4, as bearing on the same points, viz., *the reduction of representation on the Board.*

It was moved by Mrs. Harvie, seconded by Mrs. Roger, and carried, as a recommendation to the Society, that "Instead of the present representation, the Presbyterian Presidents, and one-fourth of the Presidents of each Presbyterian Society, be Vice-Presidents of the Board of Management, the manner of choosing the representatives to be left to each Presbyterian Society to determine, with the suggestion that it might be well to follow the plan adopted in some of the Presbyteries in appointing commissioners to the General Assembly, viz., to send some by rotation and elect others, thus securing that every Auxiliary should have its turn, while it should be possible to send any member whose Society should specially desire her presence."

[*Note*—Among several reasons suggested for this change, it was urged by members of Committee from a distance, that it is manifestly unfair that so large a number of votes in proportion can be given by those in the neighborhood of the place where the annual meeting is held, who can attend without expense or inconvenience, and that something should be done to equalize the voting power of the Societies near and far, represented at the annual meeting of the Board.]

Notice No. 1, Clause B, regarding items in the Annual Report. The Committee believe that it is of sufficient importance to have items presented from individual Societies to warrant the additional cost and labour referred to.

Notice No. 3, regarding the object of our work. In the opinion of your Committee the proposed change is so radical that it would alter our relation to the Foreign Mission Committee, therefore your Committee do not recommend it, but they think it desirable that the Presbyterial Societies generally should express their mind about it.

Notice No. 5, regarding the appointment of the Board. Your Committee approve of this amendment, which is chiefly verbal, and intended to make the meaning more distinct. The last clause was withdrawn by the mover on account of the reduction of the Board proposed in Notice No. 1.

Notice No. 6, regarding representation at Annual Meeting. Your Committee recommend a modification of this amendment in the following terms: Each Presbyterial Society shall be entitled to send one delegate besides its President. Each Auxiliary shall be entitled to one delegate besides its President. Each Mission Band shall be represented by its President only. These delegates must be members of the General Society (thus entitled to vote), and shall be provided with entertainment during the annual meeting. All other members of the Society shall be welcome to attend the annual meeting and to vote, but the hospitality committee shall not be responsible for their entertainment.

Notice No. 7 This notice had been given on the understanding that the Board were to try the experiment of adjourned weekly meetings, but as the new Board appointed did not adopt the recommendation of the previous one, and weekly meetings have not yet been held, your Committee did not consider it necessary to discuss the motion.

The Convener, Mrs. Harvie, and Mrs. Campbell, were appointed a sub-committee to confirm the minutes when written out by the Secretary.

N.B.—The sub-committee met on the 17th and confirmed the foregoing.
E. L. MACDONNELL, *Secretary.*

Report of Conference Between the Executive Committee Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Assembly's Home and Foreign Mission Committee.

THE Conference took place at Knox College on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 8th. It was held pursuant to resolution of General Assembly of June last, to consider a proposal to widen the constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society so as to include Home Missions.

The chair was occupied by Dr. Wardrope.

The first speaker was Dr. Cochrane. He urged, in general terms, the desirability of the proposed change, and disclaimed any wish on his own part or that of the Committee to antagonise the Foreign Mission work of the women.

He was succeeded by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, who spoke very decidedly against the multiplying of organizations within the Church. Thought there should be but one women's society in a congregation, and that it should be so constituted as to be able to take charge of any and all work which women could suitably undertake. Alluded to the Women's Association in St. Andrew's Toronto, which, he said, did all the work of an auxiliary, availing itself of the missionary intelligence supplied by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and contributing to that society a portion, more than one-half, of the funds raised, but taking up, at the same time, other objects of interest. Mr. Macdonnell thought there were too many meetings, and that people were beginning to think they would be better to spend more time at home for the good of their own spiritual life and that of their children. Therefore, instead of multiplying organizations, he would like to take advantage of machinery already existing and of meetings already held. The reading and discussion of letters from the foreign field was undoubtedly one of the prominent features of

the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and one great means of the success which it had attained. Now, apart from the giving of any portion of the *funds* of the Society to Home Missions, it would be a great matter if the existing machinery of the Society could be made use of for the *diffusion of information* about Home Missions.

Dr Warden considered it a grave mistake that the interest of the women of the Church should be developed in one direction, as is now being done; and not only the interest of the women, but the young people as well, who are being formed into Foreign Mission bands all over the country. He made allusion to the romance connected with Foreign Missions, and said that one reason why this branch of work was so attractive was that it was both cheaper and easier to engage in it than in Home Mission work. Should the change of basis now urged by the Home Mission Committee be carried out, it would follow as a practical result that new auxiliaries would be formed in many congregations where it is now impossible for the W.F.M.S. to organize branches because of their exclusively Foreign Mission constitution. He believed that the increase in the revenue of the W.F.M.S. was chiefly derived from new auxiliaries. He had no sympathy with the argument of "woman's work for woman" in this connection. He contended that Home Missions were no less for the benefit of women and children than Foreign Missions.

Dr. Robertson set forth in forcible and eloquent terms the claims of the Home Mission Scheme. He spoke of the deficit now existing and the imperative need of increased funds. He thought the change proposed was the only plan by which this state of things could be remedied. He asked if it was desirable to have a mass of heathenism in our own country; pointed out that the heathen of India and China were being cared for by the Churches in Great Britain and other European countries, while there is no one but ourselves to care for the heathen in the North-west. He requested the friends present to compare the moral condition of British Columbia to-day with that of Manitoba and the rest of the North-west; the contrast would show what Home Missions had accomplished for the latter territories. If the Home work were but supported as it should be now, there would soon be large sums forthcoming from these new congregations for Foreign Missions. He cited the condition of society in the Western

States owing to the neglect of Home Missions on the part of the American Church in earlier days. Unless more were done, and done *now*, for the spiritual needs of the North-west, Ontario would, in the future, be made to suffer. These people had votes, and, what with the Roman Catholics in Quebec and a population without any religion in the North-west, Ontario would be crushed between the upper and the nether millstone.

The Convener then invited the ladies of the Executive to express their views on the proposed change. Mr. Cassels read the resolution of the Board adopted at the regular meeting in October.

Mrs. Harvie, in a few words, introduced the Recording Secretary, who, she said, would read a paper which had been prepared by Mrs. Ewart, whose absence she regretted. She also stated that, in view of this Conference, the question had been discussed at length by the Board at its last meeting, and that the Secretary would read the minute respecting it. Mrs. Ewart's paper and the minute of the Board were then read.

The points touched upon in Mrs. Ewart's paper were: 1. The special object for which the Society was organized under sanction of the General Assembly. 2. The obligation of the Society to meet annually the estimates given to them by the Foreign Mission Committee, and the hitherto hearty co-operation of all our branches. 3. The risk involved, under the proposed change, of a shortage in funds to meet the needs of the Foreign Mission Committee in respect to the work for heathen women and children, and the almost certain check to the extension of that work. 4. The express declaration of the Society, at its last annual meeting, against any attempt to depart from the original purpose for which it was organized. 5. The danger of introducing an element of confusion, and, possibly, of discord, into a hitherto harmonious organization. 6. That missions among the Indians are practically Home Mission work. 7. That the W.F.M.S. has neither salaried officers nor any provision for travelling expenses, and incurs no outlay except for postage, printing, and incidental expenses of meetings.

Mrs. Harvie, in support of the reasons presented in the minute, said that the W.F.M.S. had been organized for a specific purpose, namely, the evangelizing of women and children in heathen lands. 2. That we were auxiliary to the F. M. Committee.

3. That a combination of Home and Foreign work must result in a change in our constitution, and that this would lead to a change in our relationship to the F. M. Committee. Following out this thought, she asked to whom or to what would or could the Society be auxiliary, or would it be an independent society contributing to both Home and Foreign missions? 4. She said that the members of the Executive felt the very great importance of the Home work, and as individual members of the Presbyterian Church were contributing towards it. But the friends settling in the North-west had their Bibles and the knowledge of the true God; the heathen were in darkness, and the command was to give them the Gospel. She would venture a suggestion to the ministers to present to their congregations the claims of Home Missions, either on the Lord's Day or at the prayer service. Replying to the argument against the formation of a separate organization by women for Home Missions, as tending towards a multiplicity of meetings, she said that, while there might be truth in the statement that we have too many meetings, that it could apply only to the large cities and not to country places, nor to the Church in general, where for the most part the auxiliary was the only meeting to bring the women together. That these meetings were of great good spiritually; that if we had no auxiliaries there could be no representative body or woman's board of any kind. Lastly, in reply to the statement that the ladies had come to the Conference with their minds made up, she said that truly they had done so, because, being auxiliary to the Foreign Mission Committee, we were bound to be faithful and loyal to that Committee.

Mrs. MacLaren referred to the views she had already expressed to the Board, and which had been presented in the minute, and mentioned, in addition, that the women of our Society were already overworked, and that it was not reasonable to ask them to do more. 2. That if the Home Mission Committee desired organized assistance in their work, why not organize the boys and young men of the Church? After the organization of the W. F. M. S. they had been asked why they left out the boys and the young men. The Home Mission work is one which they could undertake, and which would do them good. If they undertook the work they would then find out the difficulties our Society had to contend with. After informing themselves of facts con-

cerning the work, and having their own hearts deeply interested in it, when they stood up to address those gathered to hear them, they might sometimes feel as though they were speaking to ice, to hearts out of sympathy with what they had to say. 3. She suggested that the ministers might explain the Schemes of the Church at the weekly prayer-meetings. Many of our churches have monthly missionary concerts for prayer and hearing missionary intelligence, and why not give information in regard to all the Schemes of the Church on such occasions. If this were done, and an hour set apart for united prayer, God would pour out His Holy Spirit, and we would see revivals in our churches in which the hearts of the people would be opened to give liberally so that the treasury would be full and there would be ample means to carry on all the work of the Church.

Mrs. Campbell then spoke. She said she entirely agreed with all that had been said in behalf of Home Missions; that it had always been her own deep conviction that the work of Home Missions *is the work of our Church to-day*. And that from the formation of the W.F.M.S. to the present time our members throughout the country thoroughly understood that. And just because we considered it the work of the Church, we prefer working for it as individuals, as Christians and as church-members, working through our Church, and not as a separate organization.

2 That our W.F.M.S. work is a small, self-denying effort over and above our individual Church work, and that we have no wish to transfer our means from the Church to any society. Referring to what had been said in the minute of the Board regarding our work for the Indians, Mrs. Campbell went on to say that over \$12,000 was contributed last year by our Society for the evangelization of our Home heathen in the North-West; and that clothing to the value of far more than that sum had been given to aid in the work, and that such supplies are sent yearly to the Indians. By way of a suggestion to the Home Mission Committee, Mrs. Campbell mentioned that if those at the head of that Scheme would furnish information that would reach all the members of the Church as Foreign Mission news now does, the means would soon be forthcoming, showing how effectual such instrumentality might be made.

Principal Grant, Dr. MacLaren, Dr. Reid, Dr. McMullen, Mr. Barclay, of Montreal, Mr. Macdonald (Seaforth), Dr. Fraser and

Mr. Cassels made appropriate addresses, emphasising what the members of the Woman's Executive had said, Dr. MacLaren bringing out very clearly the fact that in some places, and he believed to a considerable extent, the work of the W.F.M.S. was now made to contribute indirectly to all the Schemes of the Church through the practice of dividing the money raised by congregations on the basis of giving a less amount to Foreign Missions and more to other objects, if an Auxiliary existed in the church, and especially if the Auxiliary or Band contributed liberally. He thought it a wrong principle to divide the money in this way, but said he had known cases where it was done.

Dr. Reid said that on a recent visit to the United States he had met a lady prominently connected with missionary work in the Presbyterian Church there, and that from conversation with her he learned that the experiment of combining Home and Foreign objects in one woman's society, which has been tried in the American Church, has not proved successful, and that there are now separate organizations for these two branches of work.

In the minute of the Board presented reference was made, among other things, to the work of Home Mission Societies in the United States, showing that their efforts are chiefly directed towards the evangelization of the heathen in their own land, such as missions among the Indians in Alaska, in Mexico, and in the Western States—a work identical with that undertaken by our own Society among the Indians in the North-West. The American Home Mission Societies also worked for the instruction and evangelization of the Freedmen, the Mormons and the "poor whites" of the South. It would seem from their report that aid to struggling and destitute congregations, though given in some measure, is not the main object of their Society.

Mr. Macdonnell asked permission to say a word more. He thought the sentiment that only women could raise the money for work among women an absurd one. He maintained that men no less than women could pity the condition of their sisters shut up in zenanas, and that he felt as much sympathy for heathen women as any woman possibly could. He protested that the proposal had not been discussed on its merits, and said that the ladies had come there with their minds made up.

Dr. Laing thought we made too much of our Foreign missionaries and too little of those labouring in the Home field. He

illustrated his view by the case of Mr. Donald McGillivray and Mr. D. G. McQueen. He asked if it might not be possible to insert items of Home Mission news in the ladies' LETTER LEAFLET as a means of awakening interest.

After a short discussion on points of order, the Home Mission Executive withdrew, and the Foreign Mission Committee agreed to frame a resolution which should be transmitted to the Woman's Board. This resolution has been received and is as follows :

BOARD ROOM, KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO.

Wednesday, 9th October, 1889.

The Foreign Mission Committee (Western Division) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, being duly constituted, *inter alia* : It was resolved :

"The Committee having, at the request of the Home Mission Committee, and in accordance with the instructions of the General Assembly, held a conference with the Home Mission Committee in regard to the propriety of widening the basis of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society so as to include Home Missions, and having at the same time conferred with the Executive of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society on the same subject, though they cordially sympathize with the Home Mission Committee in their earnest desire to excite a deeper interest throughout the Church in the great work committed to their care and to call forth a more abundant liberality in its support, are convinced that it is highly inexpedient to change, in the manner suggested, the constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, or to interfere with the work of an association which God has so signally blessed ; and the Committee is the more confirmed in this judgment by the very strong and unanimous opinion expressed by the Executive of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in opposition to the proposed change."

NOTE.—Acknowledgment of clothing from Birtle, Statement of Increase, Standing Notices and List of Publications have been omitted owing to want of space, and will appear next month. "Notices" and "Publications" will be found in previous numbers of LEAFLET.

Extracts from Letter of Miss Walker.

Sept. 16, 1889.

It is just one year to-day since I commenced work in the Mission School. . . . I have enjoyed this summer's work very much. We have had an interesting class, and our average attendance was better than ever before, as we hope it always will be as the work advances. We dread the Fall term though, as most of our pupils get work with the farmers, and our attendance for September and October is sure to be small. Some of the boys are getting five and six shillings a day, and the men from eight to twelve shillings. We are pleased to see an interest taken in making a decent living, and must not grumble if our boys are not with us when they can get work. . . .

How very sad Mrs. MacMurchy's death seems to us. She will be very much missed. . . . I wished that some of the W.F.M.S. ladies from Toronto would take a trip to the North-West this summer when there were so many special excursions. It would be a pleasure to us to have some of you visit our schools. We visited for a few days this vacation with Miss Maclaren of Birtle. They have a nice school, and one could easily become very fond of the work. The Cree Indians are in every way superior to the Sioux, but, for all, we have some fine fellows in our band. I couldn't help yesterday (Sabbath) thinking of my first Sabbath afternoon among the Indians, and noticing the change in the year. It was out of the question to think of asking any of the Indians to take part in the service, and on the first Sabbath several of the Indians dropped into the church tent after pagan worship. One of these Indians read the lesson yesterday from his own Bible, the others all joining in the service. Pagan worship has not been held this summer, and we have had as many as fifty at the Christian service. Then we have also had a prayer meeting on Thursday evenings during the warm months. There is a talk among the band of building a church for the winter near the winter huts. It seems almost too good to be true, but I do hope it may be so. One cannot help feeling that the work is not in vain when we see ignorant and rough Indians and poor tired squaws coming so regularly to each service, and when we hear their voices so earnestly raised in singing "Jesus Loves even me," we do feel repaid for any feeble effort.