

# FOREIGN MISSIONARY TIDINGS

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

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I AM WITH  
YOU  
ALWAYS."

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## NOTICES.

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The Board of Management meets on the *first Tuesday* of every month, at 3 o'clock p.m., and on the remaining Tuesdays of each month at 10 a.m., in the Board Room of the Bible and Tract Societies, 104 Yonge Street, Toronto. Members of Auxiliary Societies, or other ladies interested in the work and desiring information, may attend a meeting if introduced by a member of the Board.

Letters concerning the organization of societies, and all matters pertaining to Home work, are to be addressed to Mrs. Grant, Home Secretary, St. Margaret's College, 403 Bloor Street West, Toronto. The Home Secretary should be notified *at once* when an Auxiliary or Mission Band is formed.

Letters asking information about missionaries, or any questions concerning the Foreign Field, as to Bible-readers, teachers, or children in the various Mission Schools, also letters concerning supplies for India, should be addressed to Mrs. Shortreed, Foreign Secretary, 224 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

All correspondence relating to work in the North-West and British Columbia including supplies, will be conducted through Mrs. A. Jeffrey, Secretary for Indian Work in the North-West and British Columbia, 62 St. George Street, Toronto.

All letters to the Board not directly bearing upon work specified in the above departments, should be addressed to Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Corresponding Secretary, 220 Richmond Street West, Toronto.

All requests for life-membership certificates should be sent to Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 254 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, to be accompanied in every case by a receipt from the Treasurer of the Auxiliary into which the fee has been paid.

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## SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

December.—The Indians of the Canadian North-West; the French Canadian Mission, and other Home Mission work of the Church.

“For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”—Luke 19 : 10.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.”—Acts 4 : 12.

## HOME DEPARTMENT.

### LIFE MEMBERS.

Miss Kate Telfer, King's Daughters' M. B., Thedford.

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Miss Jean S. Loveless, Cheerful Workers' M. B., Knox Church, Agincourt.

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Mrs. R. Edwards, Cannington.

Mrs. T. S. Conler, Daisy M. B., New Westminster, B.C.

Miss Margaret Moorcraft, St. Paul's Auxiliary, Bowmanville.

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

1898.

## RECEIPTS.

Oct.	1.	To balance on hand.....	\$1,889 42
"	1.	" various Presbyterian Societies, for Miss O'Hara's expenses.....	25 10
"	19.	" refunded by Treasurer of Training Home....	4 00
"	26.	" Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society, East Hawkesbury.....	22 00
"	26.	" three ladies, Glen Sanfield congregation....	3 00
"	27.	" Sauguen Presbyterian Society.....	392 67
			\$2,336 19

## EXPENDITURE.

Oct.	4.	By Training Home.....	\$200 00
"	4.	" postage International Secretary.....	0 60
"	4.	" postage Secretary for Indian work.....	1 04
"	4.	" postage Foreign Secretary.....	2 63
"	4.	" postage Corresponding Secretary.....	3 25
"	4.	" postage, etc., Home Secretary.....	3 35
"	31.	" balance on hand.....	2,125 32
			\$2,336 19

ISABELLA L. GEORGE, Treasurer.

## IMPORTANT CORRECTIONS.

In the October issue of "The Tidings," page 166, under "Supplies for 1899" note the following alterations:—

*Glengarry Presbyterian Society.*—Crowstand School to provide for forty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five to sixteen.

*Toronto Presbyterian Society.*—Crowstand School to provide for forty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five to sixteen.

*Mission Bands* not to provide gifts and prizes for Central India.

In the November issue, under "Expenditure 1897-98," page 197, by printer's error the total expenditure figures \$12,472 11 are misplaced. They include "British Columbia Indians" expenditure as well as "North-West Indians."

Also, under "Estimates 1898-99," page 202, by printer's error Miss Sinclair's estimate for Educational should read \$526; also Miss Oliver's and Miss Thompson's estimates should appear combined under one, thus:—

Miss Oliver.		
Miss Thompson.		
Evangelistic .....	\$66	00
Medical .....	1,388	00
Miscellaneous .....	124	00
Salary .....	730	00
Salary .....	730	00
		<u>\$3,038 00</u>

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### "THE MISSIONARY REVIEW."

Subscribers to "The Missionary Review" are reminded that the year ends with the December number. Those desiring to renew their subscriptions, and others wishing to take advantage of the club rate, \$2, please remit to Mrs. Telfer, 72 St. Alban's Street, Toronto, before the 12th December. To remit later than this will not insure club rates.

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### DAY OF PRAYER.

The programme for the "Day of Prayer" will appear in the January number of "The Tidings," which will be issued earlier than usual in December.

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### PRESBYTERIAL MEETINGS.

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#### TORONTO.

The semi-annual meeting was held in Markham on Friday, October 21st, 1898, and, notwithstanding the inclement weather, about 150 ladies were present and 35 Societies were represented. Two sessions were held, the one in the morning being a devotional meeting, led, in the absence of the President, Mrs. Gray, by the 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Frizzel, who presided at all the meetings. Mrs. Ross gave an interesting and instructive talk on the "Power of Prayer" in winning the world for Christ. At the close of this meeting a conference was held on helps in work, both for Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, when many helpful hints were given by different workers. The afternoon session began with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Brown, of Agincourt, and Mrs. Campbell, of Markham. The Secretary then read a letter of greeting and counsel from the absent President, and also at her request Hymn 221 was

sung. Reports were given by the Secretary and Treasurer, and showed that the work was progressing. Miss Wilson, Secretary of the Jewish Mission in Toronto, gave an earnest address on the Jews, and asked the Presidents to have a prayer for God's ancient people at every meeting of their Auxiliaries and Bands. Miss Paterson and Miss Lordass added much to the pleasure of the meeting by a duett, "The Master Stood in His Garden." Mrs. Ross, of the Ewart Training Home, in an address on the Home, gave much information as to why it was established, its object, and the results of its first year of work. Mrs. W. B. McMurrich answered the questions, and the meeting was brought to a close by a standing vote of thanks to the ladies of Markham who had entertained us so bountifully, after which the Rev. Mr. Duncan pronounced the benediction.

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#### STRATFORD.

The fifteenth annual meeting was held in Lucan on Tuesday and Wednesday, 25th and 26th of October, beginning on Tuesday, at 2 p.m. After devotional exercises and addresses of welcome and replies, the President, Mrs. Grant, of St. Mary's, gave an address to the delegates. Reports were read from the Secretary and Treasurer. The funds reported this year amounted to \$1,456. Also the Supply Secretary reported goods sent to the North-West to the value of \$475. An eloquent address was given by Mrs. Jeffrey, Toronto, on the Indians of the North-West and the work among them. A paper was read by Miss Moderwell, of Stratford, on "Mission Band Work," followed by an animated discussion, bringing out many methods of work among the young of our Bands. A public meeting in the evening, held in the Episcopal Church, was addressed by Rev. W. J. Clarke, of London, on the general subject of "Missions, and their Influence over the Public." At both afternoon and evening meetings there were large attendances and good collections. Wednesday morning was devoted almost entirely to business and reading of reports. The officers for the coming year are:—Mrs. Hislop, Stratford, President; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Hossack, Lucan; 2nd, Mrs. Grant, St. Mary's; 3rd, Mrs. Cameron, Shakespeare; 4th, Miss Craw, Thorndale; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Hamilton, Motherwell; Recording-Secretary, Miss McPherson, Stratford; Supply Secretary, Miss Moderwell, Stratford; Treasurer, Mrs. Gibb, St. Mary's. At the close Mrs. Cameron, of Shakespeare, read an excellent paper on "Being Faithful." About 50 delegates were present, besides many visitors. On Wednesday afternoon greetings were given by the sister societies of Lucan, from the English Church and the Methodist.

## BARRIE.

The twelfth annual meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 1st and 2nd, 1898. The President, Mrs. McCrae, of Collingwood, presided at all the sessions. The first session opened with a devotional meeting, Mrs. Webster, Jarrett's Corners, in charge. Mrs. Grant, Orillia, gave a cordial welcome to the delegates, and Mrs. Dougal, Barrie, responded on behalf of the visiting ladies. The Committee on Credentials reported 76 delegates present, 36 societies being represented. The reports of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands took up the rest of the first session. At the afternoon meeting, which was a most interesting session, the President gave an address dealing with the work of the Presbyterian during the year just closed, the outlook for the future, the general progress of our missions, and the movements of our missionaries at the present time. The Presbyterian reports were then read. The reports of the Secretaries showed an increase of six new branches. Number of Auxiliaries, 30; Mission Bands, 22; total number of branches, 52. Total membership, 908. Value of clothing sent to the North-West, Okanase Reserve, \$389.77. Total contributions, \$1,339.85, and 552 copies of "The Missionary Tidings" subscribed for. Mrs. McKinnel, of Orillia, gave an address on the words "This Thing is From Me," that will long be remembered by those who heard it. Bright Sunbeams Mission Band, led by Miss Hester Miller, Orillia, then delighted the Presbyterian with an instructive missionary exercise on the mission field of Central India. A short service "In Memoriam" of the members who had passed away during the year was led by the President. A public meeting was held in the evening, Rev. R. N. Grant in the chair. Addresses were given by Rev. John Neil, Toronto, and Rev. George Arnold, Waubaushene. The choir rendered acceptable music and the collection amounted to \$19.40. Two sessions were held on Wednesday; Mrs. Hall, Bond Head, led the devotional meeting. Two papers were much enjoyed, one by Mrs. Macdonald, Beeton, on "The World for Christ," and the other by Mrs. Harvey, Orillia, on "The Progress of Christian Missions in the Chinese Empire During the Victorian Era." The Question Drawer and the hour for discussions brought forth much valuable information and helpful hints for the Auxiliaries and Bands. It was decided to re-pack and value all the clothing for the North-West in Orillia. The following officers were then elected:—President, Mrs. Cameron, Allandale. Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Webster, Jarrett's Corners; Mrs. Smith, Bradford; Mrs. Young, Gravenhurst; Mrs. Elliott, Midland. Treasurer, Miss Beatrice Thompson, Bradford; Leaflet Secretary, Miss McConkey, Barrie; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Orillia; Mission Band Correspondent, Mrs. Stevenson, Barrie; Auditor, Mr. J. Boddy, Bradford. The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. to meet in Midland on the second Tuesday in November, 1899.

**SARNIA.**

The eleventh annual meeting of the Sarnia Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, on November 2nd and 3rd. Fifty delegates were present. The first meeting opened Wednesday at 2.30 p.m., with the President, Mrs. McTavish, in the chair. The opening exercises were taken part in by Mrs. Laughlin and Mrs. Telfer. The President gave her annual greeting to the Society. The Secretary reported encouragingly in regard to work done during the year. The Treasurer reported \$1,074 contributed this year, as to \$1,006 last year. After the reception and adoption of these reports, Mrs. Fortune, of Alvinston, offered prayer, dedicating the year's contribution, the choir singing the Long Metre Doxology. An excellent paper was read by Mrs. Stirret, of Petrolia, on Mission Band work. Mrs. Jeffery, of Toronto, gave an able and interesting address on our North-West mission work among the Indian schools and reserves, showing the great necessity of this part of our work. The public meeting in the evening was presided over by Mr. Jordan, and addressed by the Rev. Mr. Elliott, of Nairn, and Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of North-West mission work. He brought the needs of our Western work vividly before the audience. Rev. Mr. Currie, of Thedford, and Rev. Mr. Bell, of Napier, were present and took part. The sessions of Thursday were devoted to the reception of Auxiliary and Mission Band reports, discussion and reading of papers. Mrs. Currie, of Thedford, gave an excellent paper on "Gratitude"; Mrs. McKinnon on the "Influence of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society." These papers were listened to with great interest. Mrs. Towers ably conducted a conference on "Our difficulties and discouragements"; Mrs. Jordan gave a spirited talk on the clothing. Officers for the year:—President, Mrs. Urquhart, of Corunna; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Telfer; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Fortune; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Elliott; Secretary, Miss Brebner; Treasurer, Miss Geddes; Leaflet Secretary, Mrs. David Alexander; Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. Stirret. The retiring President (Mrs. McTavish) was appointed to be the Presbyterian delegate to the annual meeting to be held in Woodstock. After the usual vote of thanks to the hostesses and young people assisting, this very enjoyable annual meeting was brought to a close by Mrs. Bell offering prayer.

**FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.**

BY MISS SARAH J. M'MASTER, MONTREAL.

In the Province of Quebec we are living side by side with a people whose connection with the Church of Rome, even to-day,



keeps many of them in a state of darkness and semi-bondage. It is urged by those who know the true condition of the Roman Catholic Church, that not only from a religious, but from a political point of view, we must not shrink from our duty towards them.

One branch of the work of the "Montreal Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada" is French Evangelization. The work has been carried on in our province for nearly sixty years. The first French Protestant missionaries who came from Switzerland landed in Canada in 1840. Then the greatest ignorance and superstition existed among the French people, very few of them being able to read or write. These pioneer missionaries laboured diligently while they endured great privations, and overcame many difficulties. The work which they began has been continued under a variety of agencies—by colporteurs, teachers in mission schools and by pastors and Bible women.

The workers among this spiritually blind people have met with much opposition, and what has been harder to bear, much discouragement and coldness from those who claim to be enlightened Protestants.

Madame Cote, the Bible-woman employed by the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society, began her work in 1884. For some few years she spent much of her time among Roman Catholic families whom she needed to enlighten and guide. A great deal of faith and patience were necessarily required in the work of exposing error, and in imparting clear and simple ideas regarding the only way of salvation. She has sustained the faith and courage of many, has sought to cheer those who, leaving the religion of their fathers, found themselves cast off by their relatives and friends. Madame Cote says, "Converts from Romanism need someone to listen with sympathy to their troubles and doubts. Some are anxious to get light on subjects of not sufficient importance as they think to discuss with their pastors, but about which they are not ashamed to converse with me. I have thus many opportunities of having serious conversations with enquirers."

Like many of our missionaries in foreign lands, our Bible-woman is called upon to do a great variety of helpful work. The poor out of employment find in her a true friend, for in many cases she is successful in finding employment for them. As it is difficult to draw attention to religious subjects when there is destitution in the home, in times of sickness or lack of work, she gives assistance in the way of medicine ordered by the doctor, provides proper food for them in their weak state, and often necessary fuel to keep them comfortable. Further extracts from her reports may best serve to illustrate the nature of her work. "I visited two families and urged them to accept the truth, but their false conceptions of spiritual life and duty, because of environment, makes it difficult for them to grasp the truth. One woman said to me, 'The nuns encourage

us to beg, indeed impose it on us as a duty. We are told that Jesus when on earth begged from door to door, and if we do so we are only showing our humility, an act very meritorious in the sight of God, and one which will do much toward our salvation.' I tried to make plain to her Christ's mission on earth and spoke of that promise of His, 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other things shall be added unto you.'"

Again she says:—"A dying man expressed a desire to see me. On my arrival he begged me to sit near him and speak to him of the remission of sin. I repeated to him such passages as 'the blood of Jesus cleanseth us from all sin.' 'Oh!' said he, 'say that again and again. Yes, it is true, and I can die in peace.' He continued to repeat, 'The blood of Jesus cleanses me.' Later on, he said, 'I am afraid of death.' I told him it was a short passage, that Jesus was there with outstretched hands to help him. That thought gave him peace. As his wife was afraid of the priests interference, from the 24th of May till the 29th, the day of his death, I spent hours by his bedside, and his faith became clearer and clearer as he neared the end. For years the man had not seemed to understand or enjoy the truth, though his intellect was apparently over the average. The Spirit of God could alone enlighten him."

At another time she writes:—"A Roman Catholic woman received my visits with pleasure and died in perfect peace although outwardly remaining in the Church of Rome."

Our Bible woman is a great help to the French pastors and missionaries of the city. She assists in the work among the young, which is perhaps the most encouraging form of French evangelization. A French Protestant has said, "Give us the French children, and we will get the whole of Canada."

There are pleasing signs of advancement in the work. In a comparatively recent report, Madame Cote says:—"It is with a feeling of solemnity that I review the work that has been done. My Master has entrusted so much to my keeping. He gives me so many occasions to speak of Him. The Kingdom of Christ is advancing—the Word of God is no longer chained; its influence is felt even by those who are opposed to it."

We cannot but go forward in this branch of mission work. There are many who have cast off the fetters of superstition and must not be left to drift into unbelief. They need to be further enlightened and built up. There are openings for more workers in the field if there were but the necessary funds provided. These surely will be forthcoming when the claims of the work are fully realized.

#### IGNORANCE—INDIFFERENCE.

A few years ago as the contingent of delegates and others from P—— and vicinity were speeding on their way to the annual meet-

ing, a lady was overheard to say to her seat neighbour on the train, "What is this meeting we are going to, anyway?"

Though receiving a lucid reply, she still looked a little puzzled, and asked further, "Well, then, what was that meeting so many of these same ladies attended in P—— the other day—the annual something?"

"Oh, the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Society of P——. This is the whole thing, you know."

"But they have had an annual meeting of some Woman's Board over in T—— lately. I thought that was the whole thing."

Her well-informed interlocutor started out on an enlightening lecture, but after listening a moment or two, the other exclaimed laughingly, "Oh, it is too complicated for me; I give it up," and changed the subject.

In the days when the societies studied the missionary countries month by month, the president of Blankville Auxiliary, in making out her yearly schedule, accosted an intermittent attendant of the meetings with, "Now, Mrs. A——, won't you take one of the subjects this year?"

"Well," replied Mrs. A——, complacently, "I don't mind if I do take either Australia or Cuba. I'm rather interested in both these places."

"But," protested Mrs. President, "our Church hasn't any missions there. Haven't you ever noticed our list of countries, with names of our missionaries given from month to month in 'The Tidings?' You take that?"

No; she didn't know that it was there, and by her manner anybody could see that she was quite indifferent to the whole matter. It is simply astonishing how many blunders are made in connection with missionary affairs by people of whom one would naturally expect better things.

In the first place, there are the blunders of the dear sisters who are considerably interested, and somewhat active in the work. They mean well, but they will send Foreign missionary money to Home missionary officials, and the reverse; they write to editors of magazines for leaflets and mite boxes, and send their magazine subscriptions to treasurers of Boards. They have rather vague notions of what a Presbyterian Society really is, and confound our woman's Annual Assembly with the august General Assembly of the Church. They have no definite idea of the bounds of the Society or Board to which they belong, and lose their bearings entirely when the General Board is mentioned. They find it difficult to distinguish Indian Mission in North-West from missions among the settlers, locate our Honan missionaries in Hunan, which lies much farther south in China, and inquire periodically whether "Alaska is Home or Foreign Missions."

Then there is the large circle of people who are scarcely interested in the subject at all, but have no prejudices against it, and treat it good naturedly when they come in contact with it. Many such women in our churches are "on" somebody's "list," and, if the same collector visits them year after year, they know which of the numerous societies it is, and contribute cheerfully enough. They belong to that class who think that the zenanas they hear so much about are a certain tribe in India, and are undecided as to whether the Vedas are priests or temples. It was distressing to hear one of these—an intelligent person, too—inquire of a missionary just home from China, if she had been in a way of frequently seeing a mutual acquaintance, a missionary stationed in Persia. Such individuals altogether misapprehend the conditions of life in tropical countries, and are disposed to curtail their contributions when missionaries happen to refer to "servants," or to speak of their country work as "vacations."

Then the totally behind-the-times people are yet with us, the ones who among other statements are forever bringing up the oft-disproved assertion that it takes a dollar to get twenty-five cents to the mission field.

Now, it cannot be that so many persons are what our Scotch friends would call "dull in the uptak." It must be merely because they are too indifferent to allow themselves to be informed. It is frequently said that people are indifferent to missions because they are ignorant of the subject. It seems to be equally true that they are ignorant because they are indifferent. They have plenty of opportunities if they wish to learn.

For example, with what open arms would the members of that outer circle above-mentioned be received in our Auxiliary meetings? Occasionally one may be enticed there. "Do come to the missionary meeting next Tuesday," pleads an ardent worker.

Perhaps the invitation is blandly received by the indifferent one, and she promises that if she doesn't have to go to the dressmaker's, or the dentist's, or if her mother-in-law doesn't come to spend the day, she will be at the meeting. Perhaps notwithstanding shoals and quicksands, she gets there, and the ardent worker beams with satisfaction. But with such a world of outside things to think of, and taking so little interest in the present subject, the visitor only vaguely sees the maps, the "poster," the literature table, only partly hears the prayers, talks and readings. Consequently she goes away "all mixed up" statistically, having a hazy idea that all the Native Church is in India, and consists chiefly of lepers.

How many have eyes that see not, and ears that hear not, as far as missions are concerned!

Ignorance, Indifference, Inefficiency, on one side; on the other, Information, Interest, Inspiration—which is the "better part." Which part are you choosing?—Adapted from Philadelphia Presbyterian.

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

## NOTES FROM CENTRAL INDIA.

From late letters we learn that Miss Grier, Dr. Smith and family were enjoying a much needed rest at Conoor, where Dr. Oliver received so much benefit last year. The "Home of Rest" for missionaries at that place is most highly spoken of. Miss Grier writes that, "It is more like the home of a friend than a boarding house. It really aims at being a home of rest for missionaries, and certainly everything is arranged and done for the comfort of the visitors. The head of the Home is a Miss Marsailles, an American lady, who, I believe, bought and furnished the house. She is kindness itself to us all, and we feel as though we were visiting with friends."

Two weeks after their arrival, Mrs. Smith and the children were already showing signs of improved health. Miss Grier expected to be back at Indore by the 1st of October. During her absence Miss Ptolemy was superintending her work.

Dr. Turnbull, writing in regard to her quarterly report, states that "many of the famine children are still under treatment; so many have such miserable constitutions. This, of course, greatly increased our number of treatments during the past year, though I am glad to say that independent of that we have had an increase of numbers in all three dispensaries."

It is expected that Dr. McKellar will take Dr. Turnbull's place when the latter leaves in the spring of 1899 on furlough. Misses Duncan and Calder take furlough at the same time, but so far as we know definite arrangements have not yet been made to fill their places during their absence from the field.

We were glad to learn that Miss Campbell's health had been much improved by her rest at the hills. She writes:—"The climate of Ootacamund is cool and pleasant, the situation, on the hill-top, beautiful; the roads, unlike most hill stations, splendid for driving, cycling, or walking, and, with good company, as we enjoyed, is an ideal place to spend a short holiday." On the way home Miss Campbell visited as many mission stations as possible where industrial work was carried on, as she was anxious to become familiar with the various methods adopted in these institutions, with a view to perfecting her own plans in carrying on her work among the famine orphans. Miss White, of Indore, was with Miss Campbell at Ootacamund, and was also much benefited by her holiday there. She writes that on her return she was able to do ever so much more work, and things seemed to glide along more smoothly than they did before the holiday began. It would indeed be most helpful if

all our missionaries could get such change and rest for at least six weeks each year. They are all at a considerable distance from the hill stations, however, and to reach them involves expensive, long and weary travelling in the intense heat, both going and returning. And, so it is, that they usually stay by their work until compelled to seek rest and change through sheer inability to continue their labours.

Rest and change does not, however, always ward off disease, as in the case of Miss Chase, who returned from her holiday apparently invigorated in body and mind, but was soon laid aside by a severe attack of typhoid fever, from which she has been slow to rally. We are glad to state that the latest reports are reassuring. A letter from Indore, dated September 29th, gives the cheering news that she was at that time making good progress toward recovery, and expected soon to go with Miss Ptolemy to Rutlam for a week or so, until strong enough to go to Conoor alone.

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A card from Dr. Margaret O'Hara tells of her safe arrival in Liverpool October 28th along with Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Russell and family. The voyage across had been very rough.

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Mrs. Ledingham was disappointed in securing a berth on the steamship Egypt at Gibraltar for Bombay, as announced in the November "Tidings," and was compelled to wait for a later steamer. She sailed from New York on November 5th by the steamship Augusta Victoria, hoping to be able to connect with the P. & O. steamship Peninsular at Gibraltar November 16th. We sympathize deeply with Mrs. Ledingham in her plans and consequent delay in reaching India, and hope she will be spared from any further discouragements by the way.

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Indore, Sept. 15, 1898.

Miss Ptolemy writes:—The last three months have been rather trying as regards my Christian workers. Since the holidays the two Christian teachers have been absent, turn about, most of the time, because of sickness. Santibai was at home part of the time and in the hospital for two weeks. Shubai's husband was sick in Mhow, and she was waiting on him there. Two weeks they were both out at the same time. My Bible woman, the only other Christian worker I had, chose this time to run away from her husband, and I was left with no help in teaching the Bible lesson, and over a hundred children coming every day.

Though rather a strain, it was a good time to prove my friends, and the two heathen teachers could not have done better than they did then. One of the calling women and some of the large girls, too, were very kind and helpful with the smaller children, so that I really enjoyed the work in spite of the drawbacks. It seems almost impossible to get good Christian Murathi workers here.

From one of our India letters, dated September 15th, we learn that the Rev. Donald McGillivray was then visiting our mission stations in India. "He came up from Bombay last Saturday. On Sunday he visited the Sunday schools in the morning and gave an address in church in the evening. He spoke in English and Mr. Johory (our dear, clever little native pastor) interpreted it as he went along. On Monday evening some of the college students met at Mr. Wilkie's to have a social talk with him, but it really ended in his giving them a talk about China and its religions and customs. He is visiting Mhow and Dhar this week, goes to the other mission stations next week, and after seeing some of the historical places, as Delhi, Agra, Cawnpore, sails from Calcutta the week after. It is pretty hot for sight-seeing these days, and especially for one not used to the country."

## China.

### A LONG-CONTINUED WET SEASON.

FROM DR. JEANIE J. DOW.

Honan, Sept. 12, 1898.

For the last two months there have been no women in-patients. First came wheat and barley harvest; then heat, with occasional showers, the earnest of more to follow. This made it unsafe for persons at a distance to take the long trip, lest, before healing was complete, they should be overtaken by the summer rains.

The wet season has been very persistent and long-continued this year, though the downfall has not been considered specially large. The mission houses, excepting those put up this year, are saturated with damp, some even to the ceiling, and in spots are green with mould.

In fall grains there has been a large yield. No flooding has occurred in this region to destroy it.

In the dispensary there are some piteous sights these days—children of a year reduced to skeletons by disease which might have been cured "if," as the mother says, "we hadn't been so busy," or if it

hadn't been "only a child." Then is the time one grows wroth, for often the word is careless, the laugh heartless. The child, lying weak and listless upon her breast, has been ill for a month or six weeks, and they live a mile or perhaps two away. Even now she probably would not have come had not the clouding eyes, the poor, inflamed lips, told her that now, if ever, was the time to make, at least, the semblance of an attempt to save him. A few days ago such an infant died in the chapel before dispensing hours.

Yet expressions of the mother instinct are not wanting. Two days ago, when I undertook to instruct a strong woman of thirty or forty years on her duty to the child God had given her, she burst into rebellious tears, sobbing, "When your elders would not let you have her treated, what were you to do? I wanted to bring her earlier, but they wouldn't let me." A sad enough commentary on the everyday unassimilation of the discordant elements of the Chinese family.

Another every-day sight is the obedience of parents to their offspring. The child screams, kicks, pulls and twists until the faintly-resisting mother allows it to squirm out of her hands. You remonstrate, feeling your patience ebbing; she explains that the youth "is perverse." You wonder whether, if either expedient were feasible, the rod of correction should be administered to parent or to child, but, as no solution presents itself, you soothe your feelings by a practical exhibition of the efficacy of main force and will-power even against such fearful odds. She goes away admitting that the results are admirable, but with a mental reservation that your heart is hard.

Last week we had an unexpected visit from Mrs. Chao, of Hui Lung, a bright, industrious widow interested in Christ through the word of a fellow-townsmen not more than a year ago. She has plodded through "Griffith John's Catechism" and the Gospels by Matthew and Luke, and now, much to her credit, is reading Mark's Gospel. The two days she spent here she lodged with Christian women in a compound not far off. They were much impressed by her cleverness, good sense, and understanding of the Truth. Her stay among them was of mutual benefit; for they saw to what a woman could attain without foreign help, and she was strengthened by fellowship with other believers. We got our morsel of stimulus, too, for hers is a character one does not meet every day.

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### "REST FOR THE WEARY."

FROM MRS. GOFORTH.

Rocky Point, China, July 5, 1898.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Parsons we publish the following letter from Mrs. Goforth, which our readers will find interesting:—



I think I wrote you that we were coming to the coast for a short visit. Well, on our way down, Paul and Grace both got seriously ill, and were ill for ten or twelve days in Tientsin before a decided change for the better came in both. They were ill with pneumonia. Mr. Goforth was also in a much run down condition, and the Tien-tsin doctors told us we should not venture back a month's journey in the heat, but should, by all means, spend the hot season at a health resort on the sea coast, a few hours ride by rail from Tien-tsin. This we finally decided to do, though reluctantly, as we felt unwilling to leave our work so long, though our friends at Chang-te will do all they can. We are here at the sea side, and oh how can I describe our enjoyment of this change. We are here right close to the shore, within almost a stone's throw of the waves. As I write I can hear the never ceasing roar of the ocean, and then just above us to the north is a hill which we walk up every evening, and from the summit one of the most glorious views can be seen. To the north the beautiful chain of mountains that divide Mongolia from China proper, and upon which the great wall may be distinguished on a very clear day. To the east the valleys, hills, and, beyond all, beautiful glimpses of the sea. To the south the wide unbroken ocean, with its fine sandy beach and massive rocks. To the west valleys, mountains, and beyond the setting sun. I cannot tell you what all this is to me after being shut up so long in a Chinese compound. I seem to breathe in new life—that is mental life—and I trust our stay here will in no sense be a loss of time. The children are as brown as can be and are having the great privilege of meeting with other children. There are here now between sixty and eighty foreign children. One of the missionaries, Mrs. Kingman, takes the children for kindergarten for an hour every morning, and this is a great treat for them.

Later—August 15th.—It is more than a month since I wrote the first part of this letter, and so much has happened in that month. Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm arrived two weeks ago, and Mr. Grant a little later from Formosa. The latter only stayed a few days, and then left for Honan, accompanied by Mr. Slimmon. Mrs. S. is remaining to go in with the Malcolms. Mr. Slimmon is to take a long trip into a district as yet untouched, which will necessitate him being away a considerable time.

We hope to leave here next week. We have had a most profitable time. Mr. Goforth seems much better. In the interior when it gets towards the end of the summer, we all, especially the children, look so "washed out," pale and thin, but this summer they are looking better than in the spring.

Dr. Malcolm brought the box here, and I had much delight, also the children, in going over the contents. I wish you could have seen the pleasure the very sight of some of the dolls gave the children.

Paul is now reading "Christy's Old Organ," and is greatly enjoying it.

Thank you for all your trouble.

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## New Hebrides.

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### GENEROUS HELP.

FROM REV. JOSEPH ANNAND, D.D.

Tangoa, Santo, Aug. 27, 1898.

This month has been an exceptionally pleasant one to us socially. The company of kindred spirits afforded us many a joyous social hour. In the middle of a heavy shower the mission boat from Hog Harbour arrived here on the 3rd. She brought Dr. and Mrs. Bowie, Messrs. Watt, Anderson, and Paterson, as well as a large native crew. They had found the sea somewhat rough, and the wind light, consequently their voyage was prolonged. It took them twenty hours to make the fifty-four miles between the two stations. They were first sick and then soaked. When they arrived they were both wet and weary, and the whole company were pleased to reach our haven of rest. This large addition to our families greatly enlivened Tangoa. Hours that could be spared from our routine work were devoted to such pleasures and profitable employments as we could find. On the Saturday that the whole company were with us, we all went on a picnicking excursion to some charming spots three or four miles eastward. Our visitors pronounced the scenery wondrously beautiful. They had no idea that such lovely quiet scenes were to be found on Santo. Very few white people have seen any of our lagoons; and not many have even heard of their beauty. We lunched on an islet that forms a picture itself. There we were all photographed, that we may have the scenes and joys of the day recalled in future years. The weather was lovely, and we returned home before sunset, all in good humour, thoroughly satisfied with our outing.

Croquet playing in the shade of an ancient banyan, on an old heathen dancing ground, occupied a part of the company during their spare hours.

One evening Mr. Watt gave his magic lantern exhibition to a large and appreciative audience. For two full hours he entertained and instructed us.

We also availed ourselves of the Doctor's presence, and we got him to examine two of our lads who had given some indications of lung troubles. Our fears were not wholly dispelled by his diag-

Phthisis is becoming a sadly common disease in these islands, carrying off many of our brighter young people.

In the first hour of the twenty-four of the 9th, we bade our beloved physician, his worthy wife, and Mr. Paterson, a hearty farewell; and sent them away with three ringing cheers, vigorously responded to from the departing boat, which echoed in the midnight silence. Mr. Anderson, the Doctor's assistant, having had fever severely, remained behind for a longer rest and change. He left for his home and work by the steamer last night near midnight. While Mr. Watt, being homeward bound, awaits the return of the steamer on her southward voyage, probably on the 31st.

The steamship *Ysabel* arrived last night, bringing seven more students, all unmarried men and lads, from Mr. Milne's parish. This addition to our number brings the total up to seventy.

Through the kindness of Mr. Cronstedt, a settler on Tongoa, the natives of that island have contributed for the Training Institution the sum of £14 11s. 4d. The subscription sheets, from twelve districts, show gifts, collected by chiefs and teachers, from one penny up to two shillings and six pence. Probably more than six hundred people helped to make the generous amount. Mr. Cronstedt and his family made up the balance of £16 12s., and he sent me an order for it on a Sydney firm. Mr. Michelsen, the missionary of Tongoa, is now in New Zealand on furlough. From Sydney also we have good news. A young lady, a graduate of the University there, and well recommended for her missionary zeal and good work, is reported to be willing to accept an appointment as assistant teacher in our Institution. Our many kind friends will please accept these printed letters as replies to theirs. All are fairly well, and the work moves on hopefully.

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The steamship *Ysabel* arrived on the evening of the day that my last letter was printed. She was ten days later than we expected, on account of her visiting most of the trading stations southward of us before coming to Tangoa. By her we received our usual bi-monthly stores and mails, both of which are always very acceptable. Here and now we give our hearty thanks to kind correspondents for their cheering words. "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

The additional students that were promised did not come; neither were we informed as to the reason of their non-appearance. Some of them may arrive by the next voyage of the steamer.

We have our times of depression, as well as our times of elation. The month now drawing to a close has been one of the former times. Some few of the students lately received into the Institution, who have had more intercourse with white men than most of the others,

were dissatisfied with the food and clothing supplied to them. Before we were aware of it, they had stirred up discontent among many of the younger lads. Seeing that something was wrong, we made particular inquiries, and learned the facts. The ring-leaders were publicly rebuked, and threatened with dismissal, unless they at once gave up their unreasonable murmuring. Now the bad talk seems to have ceased, and all is again running smoothly.

Even among the heathens in the bush there are troubles, as we learn from the following incident:—Mr. Lang was lately requested not to take any more jew's-harps to the market, where we buy yam and taro, until the taro planting is over, because, "Mary (term for woman in general) make him jew's-harp all time, no work along taro. Bym by plant him taro finish, we speak him, you bring him." The English, used generally about the group, can hardly be commended for its purity. A bush lad working with Mr. Bowie, came to him the other day for medicine for a sore on his leg. When told that he was injuring his health by over much eating, he replied, "What name you make him? This fellow, him no belonga kaikai." That is, he did not put food into his sore leg. The same lad being called, but not hearing the call, soon came with the question, "You talk along me? One fellow he speak me, you talk along me. Me no hear him you talk. This fellow (tugging at his ear) along me fas" (fast); meaning that he was dull of hearing. It is very difficult to get some of the students to give up this style of speaking. Among themselves we frequently hear such phrases as, "Him he here," "That fellow belonga me," "What for you make him that fellow?" "What name you make him?" etc.

Two weeks ago the "bana" were on our coast for several days. They are the fry of some fish common here. They come in myriads, darkening the water for yards along the shores. The natives scoop them up with baskets and buckets, and even with their hands. Fishing and feasting is the order of the evenings, while the bana are around. They are a very palatable dish, and they are not despised even by the missionaries, although about a dozen are required for a very moderate bite.

The work of the Training Institution being largely routine, there is little of interest to report in our daily labours. In this quiet place we have few visitors, and those we have get very little time on shore, as the steamer's stay is always short. Our neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Landels, were with us four days early in the month, after the death of their little boy. Thus sudden bereavement was a very severe blow to them.

During the present month the weather has been favourable; food has been abundant; the health of the people has been good; and, upon the whole, we have had great cause for thankfulness. The Lord be praised: in Him is our hope.

## Indians of the North-West and British Columbia.

## GREAT REJOICING OVER THE CLOTHING.

FROM MISS CUMMING.

Indian Industrial School, Regina, Assa., Oct. 17, 1898.

Mr. McLeod has assigned to me the pleasant task of acknowledging the consignment of clothing sent by the "Guelph Presbyterian Society," which came to hand some weeks ago, in good condition, it having been very carefully and neatly packed. The unpacking revealed, not only the care and attention with which the numerous and useful articles had been selected, but also something of the work and time it took to arrange and dispose of so much clothing. It would take me too long to enumerate all the good things sent; but the warm coats and overcoats, socks, stockings, hoods, and mittens were especially acceptable. The good quilts, all new, and the pretty rag carpet, showed that busy fingers had been at work for some time past; and the dolls, too, of which there were a number.

These, with some other things, go a long way in making our Christmas tree look attractive, as well as making happy those who receive them, and all the girls, and sometimes a few boys, get a doll. The little nick-nacks, such as odd pieces of ribbon, lace, etc.—dear to every girl's heart—pin-cases, and needle-books, will be very useful.

To all those who contributed in any way we are very grateful, as it all goes to show the interest and loving thought bestowed on our work by our kind friends in the East.

The children are all enjoying good health and are very happy looking. One girl and two boys from Birtle were added to our number.

The other day I had a letter from Clara (one of the graduates of last spring), at "Indian Head Mission," in which she says she took first prize at Wolesley Fair for bread and butter making.

Two of our girls, Annie and Katie Liveright, who graduated last spring, and who have had situations in Regina, left this morning for their home at Fort Pelly. Their people were very anxious to have them home for a while. Annie's father and mother came for her, and were two weeks in making the journey here. The roads are so bad, owing to the recent rain and snow. The weather is cold and dreary, and I fear they will have a hard time in getting home again.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeod are well. Mrs. McLeod and I have had two very pleasant visits among the Indians on the Reserves near here, and contemplate making a third if the weather permits. The Indians for the most part received us very kindly, helping us put up our tents and bringing wood and water—little acts of kindness which we appreciated very much.

FROM MISS BESSIE WALKER.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Oct. 20, 1898.

The time has gone so quickly that I hardly realized I was delaying so long in writing to you; but, feeling Miss Fraser and Miss Laidlaw had written, I put off, till the clothing arrived, knowing that I should write then.

The clothing came on Tuesday, and there was a great jumping for joy as the children spied the bales as they were being carted across the prairie. We all felt as delighted as the children, for so many garments were needed, which we did not feel like making, knowing that the bales would contain all we needed. We had been saying to each other for several weeks, "Oh, wait till the boxes come, then all wants will be supplied." Nellie had had to wear her old dress, which had become rather small, longer than she felt she should, so when we said, "Wait a little longer," she answered, "I've waited very long time for that box to come; I should have my dress first."

Well, we opened the bales and took out the gifts we thought would do for Christmas, and then we allowed the children to come in and see the supply. They danced about in great glee, clapped hands, laughed, talked and all things else which made a commotion. We enjoyed their pleasure very much.

Old Mrs. Ross was here, at work, when the bales arrived, so the news was carried to the tepees that afternoon. Next morning several visitors arrived for their share. We found there was a doll to spare for each after putting away the Christmas gifts, and if the Mission Band girls could know how much pleasure these gifts of theirs had given, they would work with renewed zeal another year. Our little baby, "Tiyo," has had hers on her back, carrying it around as her "Dakota baby" all evening. They made little hammock cradles at the end of their beds to keep the dolls in at night. Then under the pillows all the other treasures are kept.

Miss Dunsmore said she never thought how much it meant when she heard the announcement from the pulpits at home for gifts in clothing, etc., for the boxes to be sent to the Indians. I wish all could see and realize just how much it means to have this help.

We are looking forward with pleasure for the return of Miss Fraser and Miss Laidlaw, and are thankful the trip has been so beneficial to them. Miss Dunsmore and I have enjoyed the summer, in the work, together, very much; nor have we wearied of the work in the least.

I have particularly enjoyed the meeting with the old Indians, and have had many expressions of pleasure from them at seeing me again, and there have been many requests to "please stay." They think they want us all.

The new bell for the church will indeed be a great help. We all missed the ringing of the old bell, but we have no objection at all to

calling at the different tepees—quite enjoy seeing all the faces, hearing their cheerful grunt of greeting. Sometimes, of course, the greeting is not a pleasant one, but then we just pass this off as an attack of indigestion or biliousness. Next time we go they are all right; but we can find out by these calls if there is need or trouble in the home.

There has been sickness in several homes this summer, and four deaths—three little children and one man. Sandy had suffered from rheumatism for nineteen years. He was always patient, and had always a smile whenever we spoke to him. Though he was unable to walk about, or do anything to help himself, yet he is missed very much. He planned and arranged for his wife and family what they should do after he had gone. He seemed to have no fear of death, yet whether he knew or not of Christ as his salvation, we cannot tell. He always listened kindly, but never said how much or how little he understood.

Several Indians have given their names as wishing to become members of the church. Two joined this summer. There is certainly a great improvement in the Indians and in their homes since I last saw them, and at the school and home the change is very great.

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FROM MISS DUNSMORE.

Indian School, Portage la Prairie, Oct. 20, 1898.

You do not know how pleased we were to receive the clothing. The children had been watching for "the box" for several weeks and they would say, "I wonder if the box is on that train" when they saw one come in. We simply could not hold them when they saw the bales coming on Tuesday morning. The whole scene reminded me of Christmas morning at home. If the little mission workers knew how delighted the children are they would feel well repaid for their work.

There were enough dolls to go all around, even to the biggest boy, and I smiled this morning when I discovered in the boys' dormitory a cardboard box turned into a bed, and their dolls carefully laid in the folds of a sheet.

We were glad to give around the little bags with washing soap and comb, and we have had the pleasure of seeing well-combed heads round the breakfast table since.

I expect to be through here on November 1st, and then I intend to do some Reserve work before settling down to my winter's work at Regina.

I will be sorry to say good-bye to Miss Walker and the Portage children, but I will feel at home when I again see the Regina Industrial School.

May I ask your prayers for God's blessing on my Reserve visiting? This has been a very pleasant summer's work.

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FROM MR. JOHN THUNDER.

Pipestone, Man., Oct. 13, 1898.

I am glad to be able to inform you that we have been taking up our annual collection for Home and Foreign Mission work. During the month of September I have taken up as my subjects the work in China, India and our own country.

China—far, far to the East. The idol worship is very great. Their lives on earth are joyless and dark, bound with a strong chain. The name of Jesus is despised, more so than in our country. The houses are built very low; many made of straw and mud; no windows, mud floors. Satan rules and has dominion over them.

India—Its people are something like our Indians in this country, although so very many more of them. One missionary says:—"India has nearly fifty times as many people as there are in Canada." Their gods are of wood and stone, who make only cruel laws and bid the half-frenzied mother throw her child into the crocodile's jaws.

We Indians in North America, from sea to sea, are numerous; and the Gospel is quite strange to many. Dark and heavy clouds hang over them. Medicine man and conjurer have been practising daily, but, thank God, some of our Reserves are now having the light of the Gospel, and are enjoying the light of the countenance of the Lord Jesus Christ.

After all of these explanations I said that if we are really to enjoy the blessed tidings we must try and do something towards those who are carrying the glad news, and now I have a list of the names of those who willingly give to the cause of Christ. Our collection amounted to \$14.65, and I have sent \$4.65 to the Foreign Mission Committee towards the seats of the new church for Bird Tail Reserve.

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Pipestone, Man., Oct. 22, 1898.

Enclosed please find the shipping bill. The clothing reached me in good order. Nearly everyone got something. One newcomer, who is totally blind, at the distribution addressed his people. He said, "While we are gathered up here beside these gifts from the kind ladies and gentlemen, I would like to say a few words. This clothing came from a long way off; came upon a train. Why? Is it because the people who have sent this clothing want us to pay for it? No; only doing this by their kindness. We are very poor and needy.



We ought to receive these gifts with truly grateful hearts, especially myself. I am a blind man, and unable to help myself in any way, but by the help of the kind people I will be comfortable this winter."

This old blind friend, named "Iyojanjan (the Sight), while he made his speech almost moved me to tears. Some fifteen or twenty years ago this same blind man was one of the smartest and most honest Sioux around the Turtle Mountain, but now he is the lowest among his people; but in my own opinion he is a Christian Indian. Himself and his wife, Old Mary, have a good name at Deloraine. His wife and children were converted under the Christian Endeavour Society at Deloraine, but they have moved from there to here and we are pleased to have them.

I made the division of the clothing as well as I knew how. Amongst those here I left a few quilts and a few unmade clothing, which are in Mrs. Thunder's hands for her sewing class.

We are thankful to receive a roll of unmade flannel from the South Kinloss Auxiliary. Mrs. Thunder divided this up amongst her class, giving each woman a share, so they can make it up for themselves.

We are very sorry that Rev. Mr. McQuarrie has left us, but I am very glad that Rev. Mr. Spears will take his place. Mr. Spears will always give me good advice.

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FROM REV. A. J. M'LEOD.

Regina Industrial School, Oct. 28, 1898.

Enclosed please find the formal receipts for the clothing sent to us by the Auxiliaries of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The consignment from Winnipeg was duly received, and much appreciated. The flannelette, gingham and other new material were welcome, and also the boys' clothing. In fact everything was welcome, and will be very useful to us.

The Kingston consignment also came to hand, but I expect Mrs. McLeod will write you in that connection in a few days.

The bales of clothing for the Indians on Muscoupetung's, Piapot's and Pasquah's Reserve have, I think, all arrived. There will be no difficulty in getting it conveyed to the mission, as the Indians of Piapot's alone have yet to bring in about 100 tons of hay to fill a contract they have at the barracks. One Indian already offered to bring in two loads of wood to the school, and to take back the clothing with him to the Lakesend Mission.

Mr. Campbell H. Munro arrived on that mission field direct from London, England, about September 29. He was accompanied from Qu'Appelle by Jacob Bear and his wife. It is the wish of the committee that Jacob Bear should remain for the winter at Lakesend

with Mr. Munro, and act as interpreter and general helper. Mrs. Bear could undertake the duties of housekeeper. Unfortunately, Mr. Bear took sick after he had been a few days on the field.

Last week I drove out to see Mr. Munro, and to find out his wishes about the clothing. He will make arrangements as soon as he is more comfortably settled to have the bales brought by the Indians to the mission, and then you may expect to hear from him regarding the distribution.

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FROM MR. F. T. DODDS.

Moose Mountain, Nov. 7, 1898.

I received yours of the 8th October about the 15th, but did not receive notice of the arrival of the clothing until the 28th.

The clothing arrived here safely and in good condition last Friday, and on Saturday the Indians brought all their aged and infirm, their sick and destitute. And since we could not, like our Master, heal them all, we were glad to be able, through the kindness and generosity of friends in the East, to supply them with much-needed clothing to keep them warm during the winter.

The statement one hears so often, that the Indian is undeserving, and that he has no sense of gratitude, is not true. But even if it were true, it would only prove that he is the white man's brother. On one occasion, at least, nine-tenths of those benefited by our Lord's presence and love and power, failed to show any gratitude; and if Christian charity only reached and embraced the deserving, I fear there would be comparatively few benefited by it.

We are pleased to acknowledge the liberal donation of clothing and other things for the use of the Indians, and especially the cloth and yarn for them to sew and knit, as I think it will be a greater benefit to teach them to help themselves in that way than it is to give them ready-made things.

Many thanks to our friends for the carpet and other things for use in the mission house. All these evidences of faith are encouraging to the missionary, and prove that there is indeed a unity of spirit and a bond of love, love to God and love to man, that is world-wide.

There has been much sickness amongst our people here during the past summer. There have also been an unusually large number of deaths. One who died recently gave evidence of a saving faith in Christ. And it is encouraging to know that our ministrations to the sick are appreciated, being welcomed and spoken of with gratitude by their friends and relatives.

I enclose receipt for clothing.

FROM REV. NEIL GILMOUR.

Crowstand, Nov. 3, 1898.

I now write to publicly acknowledge the receipt of the clothing from Hamilton Presbyterial for the school children at Crowstand.

The experience gained by years spent in this self-denying work has made the ladies so familiar with the needs of our schools in the matter of clothing that it is almost unnecessary to make any mention of the suitability of the supplies sent.

The present is the first year in our experience that the plan has been adopted of giving to each Auxiliary certain children to outfit; and I would like to say a word as to our impressions on the working of the plan.

Heretofore an objection has been that, while there would be an abundant supply in some lines of clothing, in other garments there would be a great shortage, doubtless because one Auxiliary could not know what the other was making. This year, under the new plan, there has been no such difficulty, and as each outfit was opened out we were more than delighted with its completeness. Were it not for the fact that in some way six of our boys were not especially provided for, we would have had an abundant supply of clothing. As, however, a quantity of extra things were sent, we will, by making some exchanges, be able to provide pretty well for all.

There is a very generous supply of quilts for the school, and they are of excellent quality. The material is strong, they are well quilted, and just what we need for our beds. We were particularly pleased to receive so good a supply of mitts, socks, and stockings; for, notwithstanding the quantity of ready-made clothing sent, what with making, mending, darning, etc., the energies of our sewing staff are very fully taxed, and it would have been simply impossible for us to have supplied ourselves with knitted wear. The large box of new boots was a treasure. We were completely out of boots at the time of its arrival, and, as we have had an unusually wet autumn, you can understand what a relief it was to us to have the children out of moccasins and into boots. We have enough warm overcoats for all our boys, as well as a good warm cap for each one.

The outfits for the girls are, in every respect, most complete. We cannot overestimate our satisfaction with the plan of giving to each Auxiliary certain children to provide for. It insures that, for the most part, the garments will fit, and that, for each child, there will be a good supply of clothing. The parcel of clothing from the Home Circle Mission Band, of St. Paul's, Hamilton, for small children, is most acceptable.

The goods sent especially for use at the mother's meetings, we are very glad to have, and more could be used. The carpets are splen-

did, and enough for all our wants. In the matter of clothing, I believe the school has never been better supplied than it is now, and we take this means of publicly and most heartily thanking the ladies and the young people of Hamilton Presbyterial for the noble and generous way in which they have responded to the call for clothing for the Crowstand Indian Mission School, and we only wish they could see our boys in their warm overcoats and comfortable fur caps, and our girls dressed in the splendid costumes sent them. But that is a pleasure reserved for us who are on the field, and I assure you that in this instance particularly it is a very real pleasure.

Wishing the Hamilton Pesbyterial all the prosperity and joy that its noble generosity deserves, and praying that God's blessing may rest upon its members, collectively and individually,

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FROM MISS GILLESPIE.

Mistawasis, Nov. 7, 1898.

I had a letter penned to you—in my mind—the evening we opened the boxes containing the clothing, and several times since, but never succeeded before this evening in getting my thoughts placed on paper.

Seeing the clothing is uppermost on my mind, I will write you about it first; but just here I find myself at a loss for suitable words to express to you how thankful we are for the very generous way in which we have been supplied with such warm, comfortable, and even beautiful clothing for our children for the coming winter. To understand how thankful we are you would need to be here for the past year and witness the half-clad condition of many of these children, and the bravery of some of the more determined ones in trudging to school nearly every day, despite the piercing winds and biting frosts of the last winter, and to look at them all now, so warm and comfortable; and the best part of it is, there is ample provision made for keeping them so during the whole of the winter.

It is quite impossible to thank as we would wish to do the Bruce Presbyterial Society for their generous thoughtfulness of us, but one thing we are assured of, that the blessing contained in the "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me," is theirs.

I would like to give you a full account of the unpacking of the boxes and the wild excitement of our little crippled Indian boy, Tommy, who helped us with a will. The toys for the Christmas tree were almost too much for him; we bound him over to secrecy that

he would not tell any of the other children what he had seen. I wish I could tell you how each child looked and acted as he or she received their new outfits, and the many interesting remarks that were passed; but space would not allow such a lengthy account, so I will confine myself to a few of the incidents that happened.

Catharine Driever told me I was to tell the kind ladies that the "children are very thankful for the clothes," and Willie Muchahoo said to tell them they had made "sunshine for the children." I was telling them one time in the spring different ways in which sunshine might be made, and Willie was very much impressed with it.

Tommy, who is staying with me for the winter, was delighted with the overcoat sent him and the handkerchiefs, and here would I express hearty thanks to the senders of the carpet, quilt and mitts, all of which are very useful and very much appreciated. Mrs. Moore, too, was delighted with her mitts and aprons.

One cold night I took little Flossy in to clothe her, and the poor little one had nothing on her but two old print dresses and a pair of moccasins. I cast aside the old garments and decked her out in a flannel chemise, drawers with waist, two petticoats, and a little grey flannelette dress, stockings, coat, hood, mitts and shoes. It would have rejoiced your heart had you seen the child as each new article was donned. She was growing so excited at last that she could not speak; she could only draw great long breaths. I gave her a change of undergarments to take home with her. What Flossy got is a sample of what all the rest received.

This year's clothing has done what everything else failed to accomplish. It has succeeded in bringing out school children I have been trying to reach all year, but failed. They have started and are very much interested in their work.

The school work is going on nicely, and since the haying season is over there is a good attendance. Best of all, the children who have taken on themselves the name of Jesus are standing true to their colours. My heart often burns within me with gratitude to God as I listen to their young voices, one after the other, raised in prayer to our Father before we begin each day's work. My earnest prayer is that each and all may be kept faithful to the last.

Mr. Moore has returned and with him a season of spiritual refreshing. We are glad indeed that he decided to remain in the Indian mission work longer. The time has not yet come when we can well spare either him or Mrs. Moore.

The last of our women's prayer meetings for the year was held two weeks after Mr. Moore's return. It was an open meeting, and the welcome there accorded him was of a very genuine and hearty nature. We feel those prayer meetings of the past summer were specially blessed to us all.

Enclosed is receipt for clothing.

FROM MR. R. C. M'PHERSON.

Okanase Mission, Eephistone, Man., Nov. 6, 1898.

The clothing arrived in good order. Enclosed please find shipping bill and receipt. The clothing is all good. I should say extra good, and a credit to the Barrie Presbyterial Society.

One thing for which we give praise and thanks to God for, is our people are a church-loving and church-attending people, and as they learn more of God's love and kindness we pray that their hearts will be changed and they will be able to realize that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We hope the day is not far distant when they will be brought to acknowledge God's goodness and the kindness of their many friends in the East, for so many years bountifully supplying them with such valuable clothing.

We return our grateful thanks for the personal gifts to Mrs. McPherson and myself.

Our Sabbath services are well attended, and they are good listeners, and I am glad to think that soon we will require a new church. Our school, where services are held, is about the same size as the old church, but it does not seat as many, on account of the school benches being small and taking the room of large benches. I spoke to our people in January last about a new church, and they will likely do something this winter. They have never yet done anything for the support of our church, and they could not do better for a beginning than take the initiative in building a church. They must do the most of this themselves, and then they will feel more independent. I hope and pray God will put it into their hearts to do this. I am glad to say the health of our people has been extra good. There has been little sickness for the past six months.

FROM REV. W. J. WRIGHT.

Rolling River, Nov. 4, 1898.

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of the clothing sent to us by the Whitby Presbyterial Society. We received it almost four weeks ago, and found everything in first-class condition.

The supply was quite sufficient for the old people and the sick and the children, and has already almost all been given out.

All the able-bodied men and women seem to take very well with the idea of having to buy their supply for winter somewhere else. They have been working well this fall, and have been getting good wages.

I enclose the receipt, which I have signed. I will try to get a letter about the work ready for you in a few days.

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