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FOREIGN MISSION LETTERS.

MRS. JONES.

ROUND LAKE, BROADVIEW P.O.,
May 28th, 1887.

In your letter to Mr. McKay, you kindly say, Tell Mrs. Jones to write. Well, I must first tell you how very thankful we are for your grand donation for our school buildings. I assure you we think that it is every way worthy of the ladies of our beloved Church; it has taken a great burden off us all. It has given us joy beyond expression, to think that our dear little children will have a home in which they may be comfortable, and learn of Jesus and His love. We have our holidays, or rather the children have; but with us it is work from five in the morning until nine at night. Your missionaries some time ago went to the bush and got out timber for part of the building, at night coming home wet and weary; it took them I think about ten days, and then they had to go to work and pick and draw stone for a lime-kiln. That took them about two weeks; for a week they had to take turns in sitting up at night to burn the stone for lime; now they have two hundred bushels of good lime. Then to work digging out a basement, for we must have one: so they have been over a week at that. I forgot to tell you about putting in wheat, oats, potatoes, etc., also a garden; of course they have a man helping them, and will have to get more help; for it will take us all on the jump till fall to get ready for the school to open, which we would like to do in September next. I have kept six girls for the summer, they are learning to work very well, we are teaching all kinds of house-work, as well as the English branches of education. The other children were very anxious to remain during the summer months, but lack of means, for it takes nearly all Mr. McKay's salary to keep them in the winter, compels us to let

them go. But now the Woman's Foreign Mission Society has done so nobly, we feel sure that they will help us in our work for Jesus, and that they will not see this school go down for lack of means to carry it on successfully. They have put their shoulder to the wheel and will not turn back, but their watch-word will be to us, Go forward, and we will stand by you in this work for our blessed Master.

I have had some beautiful letters from Miss Jennie Davidson, of Guelph. Such letters cheer and encourage us much, because they tell us we have the sympathy and prayers of God's people. I would like much to have some of your Leaflets, and also a copy of the Report of your society.

REV. HUGH M'KAY.

BROADVIEW P.O., ASSA., May 16, 1887.

I have received your letter, and although it contained only a few lines still there was far more in it than what I expected. I am sure that all at Round Lake have been made glad by your letter. Your grand gift has removed a burden from my shoulders. We began our new building, which will cost \$4,000; all we had in sight was \$1,000 from the W. F. M. S., and \$500 from the F. M. S. The only security I had for the balance was my salary; now we can proceed with confidence and comfort. I am delighted and surprised, and yet, why surprised? Is not mission work among the poor Indians one of the most important parts of our Foreign Mission work? Have not the poor Indians claims upon us which no other heathens have? We are glad that the Church has taken so much interest in this work during the past few years, and we hope that the time is not far distant when it shall occupy a different position from that which it has been occupying, viz., fourth in the work of Christianizing the pagans of our own country.

I am sure the W. F. M. S. have cause for thankfulness to God for the grand work which they have been enabled to accomplish during the past year. May every worker be blessed and rejoice in the thought that we are "co-workers together with Christ."

Mr. and Mrs. Jones wish to join me in expressing our feelings on receiving your letter, yet we are not able. It is a feeling of thankfulness and humility which we can't express.

MRS. C. G. M'KAY.

KILDONAN, MANITOBA, April 28, 1887.

I received your kind letter a few days ago. I intended to have written you before we left the Mission, but my husband was so very ill I could not get time; it was so hard to see him suffer when we could not get a doctor to see him. He said all winter that he was not going to get better. It was so cold that we could not start for home till it would get warm; we had a long way to drive to get to the train. We were only at home at my mother's three days when Mr. McKay died. I was so thankful to have got home before he died. All the Indians were so sorry when we had to leave.

I have one little boy of my own, he is three years old. I am going to stay at home with my mother. We received five boxes and two bales of clothes before we left the Mission. We gave them out before we left.

FROM AN INDIAN CHIEF.

CÔTE RESERVE, ARDPATRICK,

FORT PELLY. 24th April, 1887.

I have received your very kind letter, dated 29th March. I am indeed very happy to hear you in telling me which is right for the good of my soul and body. We did feel sorry for the loss of our teacher, and I wish we had a teacher. I will be very happy to see of the kind in my Reserve. I am sorry that I can't tell the very day I received the clothing you sent me; I think it was about 6th or 7th December, 1886, I received them. He began to give them out to my people till he went off. I am thankful indeed to have such assistance from you. I now will close this letter, wishing you may prosper in your duty. Give my best regards to your folks.

JOSEPH COTÉ, *Chief*.

MISS WIGHT.

PORTAGE-LA-PRAIRIE, May 20, 1887.

With a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction I read your last letter. What an immense sum of money the W. F. M. S. has collected during the last year. The amount completely surprised me. Let it incite us to even more earnestness. What an intense missionary spirit prevails! Pray that those whom you send may be faithful. I feel the need of that prayer, and prayer is a mighty power.

Our school is increasing, and making good progress. The number is much less than it might be, considering the number that do not attend at all. There is also quite a number who come but seldom, too seldom to receive much benefit. During the last two weeks we have had a total of eighty-five, which is still small, but a decided increase.

Rev. Professor Hart, of Winnipeg, visited our school; he said the progress of some of the pupils is really remarkable. Rev. H. McKay is in town; we hope he may visit us before leaving, and give hints regarding the work. I find it very difficult to know how best to manage the children; were it so that they could not get home it would be quite a different matter. However, I hope we are progressing. Did not you say in your letter that it is not success but faithfulness that is required of us? Peter and David, to whom I referred in my first letter, have not been attending much lately; sometimes they run in for a few minutes' lesson but hurry away again. They are good workers and earn good wages. Peter came in the other day and asked me to cut a vest. I had never attempted to cut the like, but as they think I ought to be able to do all such things, I dared not say "I cannot," so I set to work and cut it, and found that a vest is not much to cut, but perhaps it may not fit, I think it will, however. Were you talking with Peter you would really decide that he was a Christian, but alas! were you to go to his tent you would be certain to see an idol.

We got a little girl whom I thought was a prize, but when she had been with us scarcely a week her mother came and took her away. She was but four years of age, her name Jennie. We have another whom we call Topsy. I wonder if any but one else ever better deserved the name—we are not afraid of losing her. She is learning to talk English, can read two words, and has hemmed for herself five handkerchiefs; she is about seven years of age. The Indians enjoy roving about, and may be seen stalking over the prairie, now and then basking in the beautiful sunshine, fanned by the refreshing prairie breeze, and surrounded by myriads of flowers. Their careless, easy life certainly has a charm which they enjoy. Then let us visit their tents and see them in the midst of all kinds of filth and disorder, lounging perfectly at ease, seemingly entirely regardless of their surroundings, and considering themselves wise even in their ignorance, and there, to raise them from their degradation of life, is ample scope for work. In many of the tents, however, considerable order and system prevail, showing that the efforts which have been put forth during the last few years by noble spirits have not been in vain or without results.

Again, to see many of them comfortably and neatly clothed would cheer the hearts of many, very many who have no doubt sometimes been weary while preparing the comfortable clothing which has been sent. The preparing of the clothing is a grand work, and will not be without its reward.

I have just been out three miles into the country, and the sight of the exceedingly large fields of grain just commencing to be quite green is very pleasing, although I am told it is simply a grand sight when they are no longer green fields but fields of waving golden grain.

The spring is very pleasant though a little changeable, and sometimes high winds prevail, and play with the dust, you know.

Strange to say, forwardness characterizes many of the children. I was much amused a few days ago with one of the boys about twelve years of age, he came in asking me to go out to play, on my refusing he coaxed earnestly ; I then asked how he wished me to play, he said he would swing me round, and if I did not go he would use his fist, but all his boldness is characterized by something very amusing. He is not by any means a disobedient boy. One poor Indian has just told me that one of his little children died, and never did I see a father grieve more over the death of a child. They indeed love their children. I told him again the story of the love of Jesus, and how he might again see his little boy.

PRAYER CARDS.

It is intended to issue new cards, containing the subjects for prayer, as the supply printed in 1886 is exhausted.

The Committee will be glad of suggestions regarding this matter which may occur to the mind of any member of the Society.

Address communications to the Home Secretary, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, 194 Richmond Street W., Toronto.

INCREASE.

PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETIES.

THE PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY OF BARRIE was organized on May 17, by Mrs. Ewart. The Auxiliaries included in it at the time were Barrie, Churchill, Collingwood, Orillia and Barrie Mission Band, and two have since been added. *Officers*—President, Mrs. H. Robertson, Collingwood; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. McKee, Barrie, Mrs. Grant, Orillia, Mrs. Duncan, Churchill; Treasurer, Mrs. Beaton, Orillia; Secretary, Mrs. Copeland, Collingwood.

THE PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY OF SAUGERN was organized by Mrs. Harvie, on 31st May, and includes the following Auxiliaries, viz:—Arthur, Clifford, Durham, Holstein, Presbyterian Church, Mount Forest, and "The Harvie" Mission Band, Mount Forest. *Officers*—President, Mrs. Young, Clifford; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Fraser, Arthur, Mrs. Straith, Holstein; Secretary, Mrs. Jamieson, Mount Forest; Treasurer, Mrs. Harris, Mount Forest.

AUXILIARIES AND MISSION BANDS.

In Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterian Society—organized by Mrs. Mylne and Mrs. Farrell, *Oliver's Ferry Auxiliary*, May 7; "*The Cedar*" Mission Band, Port Elmsley, May 17; *The Kiltie Auxiliary*, at Toledo, May 20; *Lanark Auxiliary*, May 27; *The "Ardent Hope" Mission Band*, Arnprior, organized March 15, by Mrs. Edmonston; *St. Andrew's Mission Band*, at Fort Coulonge, Que.

In Barrie Presbyterian Society—*Gravenhurst Auxiliary*, by the Rev. A. Dawson; "*Couchiching*" Mission Band, in connection with Orillia Auxiliary, May 26.

In Hamilton Presbyterian Society—*Strabane Auxiliary*, by Mrs. Lyle and Mrs. McQuesten, June 3.

In Guelph Presbyterian Society—*Hespeler Auxiliary*, May 17, and *East Puslinch Auxiliary*, by Mrs. Smellie and Mrs. McCrae.

In Maitland Presbyterian Society—*Wroxeter Auxiliary*, May 3, by Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Graham.

In Paris Presbyterian Society—*East Oxford "Labourers of Love,"* and *Blenheim St. Andrew's Church Auxiliaries*, May 26th, by Mrs. Dickenson; *The "Gordon" Mission Band*, St. George, by Mrs. McTavish.

In the Sarnia Presbytery—*Watford Auxiliary*, 4th June, by Mrs. Macadam.

In the Saugeen Presbytery, previously to the formation of the Presbyterial Society—on May 30, *Durham and Holstein Auxiliaries*, and on the 31st *Clifford and Arthur Auxiliaries*, by Mrs. Harvie.

In the Winnipeg Presbytery—*Port Arthur, St. Paul's Church Auxiliary*, June 7th, by Mrs. Ewart and Mrs. Smellie.

In Brandon Presbyterial Society—*Neepawa Auxiliary*, May 9, by Mrs. MacTavish.

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Letters asking information about missionaries, or any questions concerning the Foreign field, as to Bible readers, teachers or children in the various Mission Schools, should be addressed to Mrs. Harvie, Wilcocks Street, Toronto.

Letters containing remittances of money for the W. F. M. S. may be addressed to Mrs. James MacLennan, Treasurer, 10 Murray Street, Toronto.

All requests for literature may be sent to Mrs. Telfer, 72 St. Albans Street, Toronto.

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