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"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor. v. 14.

PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading. September—Qu'Appelle and Chinese in America. October—Selkirk, All Islands.

We have so recently had the pleasure of a visit from the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, that what he told us of His Diocese must still be fresh in our minds, and stir up in us an eager desire to help him by our most earnest prayers to push forward the work with all speed, and also urge us to give generously towards its support.

Not only the Chinese in America but those poor souls in China should be brought by us all before the Throne of Grace with heartfelt pleading for mercy. With this terrible plague hurling such numbers into eternity daily, and now war as well, they are indeed in need of our prayers. Corea too, the scene of the work of that noble man Bishop Corfe and his devoted band of Missionaries, should be often in our minds and on our lips. May the seed soon bring forth much fruit in this time of distress.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Board of Management is to be held in Quebec, on Thursday and Friday the 11th and 12th October. It is hoped that the members will do their utmost to attend the meeting. Should it be necessary the business will be continued on Saturday. Notice will be sent to each Member of the time and place of meeting, etc., etc., as soon as the final arrangements are made, which probably will be before this reaches them. Will all our W.A. members pray that the Board may be blessed in their work, and guided to a right judgment in all things?

Very good news comes to us from the Bishop of Algoma, the formation of a Diocesan Branch uniting the various Parochial Branches now at work in Algoma. Mrs. Lawrason, of Rosseau, has been appointed Secretary, and the Bishop thinks will also undertake to be Treasurer. The heartiest welcome of the Provincial W.A. is extended

to the new Branch, and many good wishes for its prosperity. Fuller particulars will be give later.

The Rev. R. Benison, writes from Nepigon, as follows, in answer to enquiries as to his condition since the fire, which left him homeless:—"In reply to your kind letter of the 6th, I beg to state that many of our kind friends in Toronto and other places have responded very spontaneously to our pressing needs. It will take about \$200 still to complete the amount necessary to repair our losses, and whilst I do not wish to make any demands upon your beneficence, we shall be thankful for any help that you can send, if you could do nothing more than write the kind sympathetic letter that you have sent, even that in itself is no small help, because a word of cheer and sympathy does good, like water on a thirsty land. We have been camping out by the Lake-side for several weeks past, but will soon have to get into more comfortable quarters before the autumnal winds begin to blow."

These extracts from a letter just received from Miss Smith, will show us how her work is growing. Should Japan be attacked by the Chinese, Miss Smith and her nurses will have their services more in request than ever. We trust that Japan may be left in peace. "Just as soon as I received Dr. Mockridge's letter enclosing the first quarterly allowance (\$100), I wrote to Osaka and Tokyo to engage four more nurses to enter the school at the beginning of next term (Sept. 1st.), and have since been trying to engage another Christian doctor to work with us. Mr. Foss is having a new mission-house built, to contain a large room to be used for preaching to the heathen, another for a night-school for young men; and now since there is money to carry on the work, he is going to have another room for a Dispensary. This is in an entirely heathen quarter of the city, in the neighborhood of one of the large Shinto temples. I think it is a very good idea to have the Dispensary in the same building where the Church services are held, for when patients come for treatment, we can tell them to come to the same place for the services. We are doing a good deal of work among the women (the lower classes especially) in our little Dispensary in the school, which I have entire charge of myself. The more difficult cases I send to the doctor of the hospital where the nurses receive their instructions, but there are many cases that any trained nurse would take the responsibility of. Our district work and cases of private nursing increase all the time, and we have been unable to attend many of the calls we had from the native doctors; but now that we are about to get more nurses, that will be remedied. I think I wrote you about our new Church being consecrated in the spring. By this mail I send you a photograph of it. The native Christians are very proud of this Church, as they contributed a large portion of the money with which it is built."

The General Corresponding Secretary will be very pleased to send this photo to any one wishing to see it, who will enclose four cents for postage.

Rev. D. D. Macdonald, writes from Thunder Child's Reserve, Saskatchewan, enclosing the Bishop's sanction to the appeal: "This mission of Thunder Child's embraces three reserves, viz., Little Pines, Sweet Grass, and Thunder Child's. I have been holding services in the Indian Department School House, but it is very inconvenient for training people, especially ignorant Indians, in due reverence for God during service, so that I am compelled to build or try to build, a Church, costing about six hundred dollars. I would like to build the same next summer, and therefore would ask you as the General Dorcas Secretary to lay before the several Branches of the W.A. our needs. I think I can get a grant of money from the S.P.C.K. towards the building, but it will not be sufficient; so that I am compelled to ask the assistance of kind ladies down east, and hope that our needs will not be overlooked. My Indians are still very ignorant, and require all the encouragement they can possibly get. We now have ninety-one souls baptized into our faith on this reserve, and many more darkened minds to be enlightened, and I hope on, and pray to God to help us, as it is very uphill work indeed. If you should see clearly your way to help us to collect the required amount of money, I would like all donations sent to the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary, who will keep the money until the required amount be raised. I do not want to put up the Church till next spring, so that I can raise the money during the winter, and every little that can be given will always help to swell the money to the required sum of six hundred. I would not be so bold, but I feel and know that the W.A. are as eager as I am to further God's Kingdom among those poor people. I received a bale from the W.A., and it has been a great benefit indeed."

The following letter has been received from Archbishop Mackay, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.—"I was very glad to receive your kind letter of the 3rd inst, and to hear that there is a prospect of our receiving some help for the additional pupils that we intend to take shortly. I can't tell you how grateful all we who are engaged in the Indian mission work in the North-west, feel towards the W.A. for the interest shown, and the kind help furnished. I do hope you may be successful in your efforts towards getting support for a teacher for Onion Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Matheson require help, and none are more deserving. They are working faithfully, and with straitened means against the opposition of a body of well equipped priests and nuns. Their mission is in the extreme west of the Diocese, it was commenced comparatively recently, when the Romanists had already obtained a

firm hold, and consequently we are outnumbered there. I shall leave shortly for a visit to our Missions north of this, and when I return I expect to bring with me the girls that we intend to add to our present numbers. We shall then have thirty Indian pupils at Emmanuel College. With sincere and heartfelt thanks for all that the W.A. is doing for the work generally, as well as for my own special work, and the earnest prayer that all engaged in it may be abundantly blessed, etc.—J. MACKAY.

The Diocesan Dorcas Secretaries of Montreal, Ontario, and Huron, have kindly responded to the appeal for clothing by undertaking two girls each, and the other Dioceses say they will do what they can, so we hope soon to be able to send the Archbishop the wherewithal to clothe the new arrivals.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Niagara Juniors are working away with much energy. Since their Annual Meeting they have sent away \$31 in cash, and have expended \$38.57 on sales. The Branch at Ancaster is preparing a girl's out-fit for one of the Indian Homes, and several other Branches are busy in the same line of work, while four are already preparing to cheer the hearts of the little ones in the Algoma Diocese, for they are getting ready Christmas trees for them.

Our readers will be glad to hear something from a Junior Branch in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in connection with St Luke's Church. They closed their year's work in May, and under the able management of Mrs. Crawford, it proved a very successful one. The amount of money raised was \$91, and was the result of a sale, banks and offerings. \$50 of this was given to missions in the Diocese of Nova Scotia; \$5 to the Lady Medical Missionary in Japan; \$10 to the Zenana Missions, and \$8 to the Rev. Mr. Stocken, Sarcee Reserve, N.W.T. Besides this, 128 Christmas gifts were sent to a Sunday School at New Ross, in the Diocese, and many other valuable gifts, amounting to over \$50, which was not included in the cash raised. The children worked well, and their interest increased all the time, the membership being 35; and the prospects are there will be an increase in September, when they again renew their loving labours. Surely there is much in this report to commend itself to other Junior Branches, for although they have the W.A. to mother them, they have worked nobly, and have shown such breadth in their sympathies for their own Diocese. The Indians of our North West, and the far off fields of India and Japan, have all been remembered. May God's richest blessing be upon both those who so carefully trained them, and upon the members themselves, learning as they are to help forward Christ's Kingdom while life is young.

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DIOCESAN MOTTO.—“*Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.*”

Subjects for Reading and Prayer. September—Qu'Appelle, Chinese in America. October—Selkirk, All Islands.

The second Thursday in September will we trust, see the re-assembling of our W.A. Diocesan Board; the members of which will doubtless come prepared to fulfil to their utmost power, the responsibilities, which for Christ's sake they have so willingly assumed. During the past month our Heavenly Father has permitted heavy trials to visit the households of some of our valued workers. The loving sympathy of their W.A. sisters has been with them; and to the sorrowing parents and friends the words of St. Paul to the Thessalonians must be most comforting, “I would not have you to be ignorant brethren concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as those which have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him.”

To many of our Diocesan Board, one sad thought connected with the September meeting will be that one of our Life Members, one of our most devoted, and enthusiastic workers will not be present. How hard it is to write these words.—How difficult to believe, that the “*Mary Amelia Gilmor*, entered into rest, Sunday, July 28th” is our dear and loving friend, always in her place at the W.A. meetings, ready to speak if called upon, filled with kindly sympathy, and the wise counsel of experience; it is heart breaking to feel that her place with us will know her no more. Mrs. Gilmor has indeed in her life exemplified the marvellous influence of little things, and of fulfilling the duties of each day “as unto the Lord.” May God grant that the example of her holy and useful life, may be ever before the minds of her loving and sorrowful friends of the Woman's Auxillary.

Again we have to repeat our gratitude in the matter of stoves. Our readers will remember that at the June Board Meeting the "Extra-cent-a-Day" money was voted to the purchase of a large stove for the new "Boy's Home" on the Blackfoot Reserve. This stove at a reduced cost has been sent, and we have to thank a gentleman of St. Stephen's Church for the trouble he has taken in arranging with the Winnipeg firm for the buying and shipping of the stove to the Blackfoot Reserve. More subscribers to this Extra-cent-a-Day Fund are needed. Mrs. T. W. Howard, 404 Markham street, will be glad to correspond with any one on the matter.

A member of Cobourg W.A. writes: "We have lost one of our very active mission workers, Miss Thomas, who has married, and gone to live in Vancouver. We shall miss her so very much, as she was foremost in everything for the Church and Sunday School, also a faithful member of the Choir. Her friends of the Auxiliary gave her a handsome silver tea set and tray, the Choir giving a beautiful marble clock." The LEAFLET has pleasure in reporting this item, as we most earnestly desire that of the active helpers in all Parish and Diocesan work, it may be said, they are devoted members of the Woman's Auxiliary. We trust that Cobourg's loss, will prove a great gain to Vancouver.

DORCAS REPORT.

Branches have forwarded the following: Church of Ascension—Mrs Young, Athabasca, bale; Orillia—Rev. J. Swainson, bale; Orillia—Mr. Mills, Calgary, bale; St. Margaret's—bale; Church of Ascension—Rev. R. Renison, parcel; St. Philip's to Central Rooms for Rev. R. Renison, parcel; Central Rooms to All Hallow's School, Yale, bale; Central Rooms, to Fraser River sufferers, bale.

The Dorcas Rooms have been given up for July and August to save the rent, so that until September Branches are requested not to send parcels, etc., to the Central Rooms.

FANNIE H. BANKS. *Dorcas Secretary.*

To the Diocesan Treasurer, from Rev. R. Renison, Népigon.

"I have been absent from home on a long missionary tour with the Bishop, among our Indians, and now hasten to acknowledge your very kind letter, and thank you for the very substantial way in which your Auxiliaries have helped in our recent losses by fire; it is a source of great comfort and encouragement to feel that in our need we have been so generously aided by the members of our Church.

Margaret Durtnell writes, Aug. 3rd: "A boat leaves in a day or two, so I write a few lines. The work as I expected is very trying and uphill, but I am hoping and praying that as time goes, and things are more organized and settled, I shall find it less difficult. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are very grateful for the bales sent out here, and feel they would not be able to work the School without them, they often have to exchange some of the things sent, to get food for the support of the children in winter, especially fish, which is the staple food among the Indians. These poor people do indeed seem very much in need of help both for bodies and souls, but the Gospel of the grace of God will raise them in His own good time."

From the Diocesan Secretary, to LEAFLET Editor.

My recent trip to Mackinaw has taken me through a large portion of the Diocese of Algoma, and doubtless the readers of the LEAFLET will be glad to hear of the Missionaries and their work in Algoma. Mr. Hunter is now lay-reader of Manitowaining in place of Mr. Johnson, who has gone to Temiscamingue. Although the people at this place are very poor they have repaired their Church at a cost of \$200, raised by means of a sale of work; many of the articles sold, having been sent to them by members of the W.A. of Toronto. They are now anxious for enough money to pay for painting the new work of the Church, and intend holding another sale, and will be grateful for any donations of work that can be sent them. There are many very poor people, and bales of clothing for the winter will be very acceptable. Mr. and Mrs. Frost met me at Little Current, one of his six Stations. Mr. Frost has been at his post for twenty-two years. The little Church

is in a lovely spot. There is need of a Communion Service, also of Fair Linen ; both having been destroyed with the parsonage about a year ago. Mr. Frost is anxious for gifts for about ninety children at Christmas, and hopes that intending donors will send before navigation closes towards the end of November. Mr. Eccleston met me at Thessalon, and went as far as his mission on St. Joseph's Island. They are making an earnest effort to build a Church at Richard's Landing, another Station on this Island. No bales of clothing are required in this mission, but Mr. Eccleston hopes that gifts for two Christmas trees will be sent him as in former years. There is also great need of reading matter to lend among the families during the winter, contributions would be most welcome. Mr. Eccleston would be very glad to receive the LEAFLET regularly. Speaking of the LEAFLET reminds me that in passing through the Saloon of the "City of Collingwood," we found two copies upon the table, and on enquiring, found that a member of the Collingwood Branch has made a practice of thus fulfilling her duty as an Auxiliary member, by diffusing Missionary intelligence. Would it not be a good thing thus to utilize extra copies on the excursion boats during the summer. Of course I have been to see the Shingwauk Home. The girls from the Wawanosh Home have been removed to the Shingwauk, principally on the ground of convenience and economy. The whole Shingwauk building is unsatisfactory ; the ceilings are low, in winter it is bitterly cold, only heated by small wood stoves. The want of clothes presses give the rooms an untidy appearance, which troubles the staff not a little. Mrs. Irvine wished me to say that second-hand boots and shoes would be most useful, as they could be repaired by the boys in the shoe shop ; and that second-hand clothing could also be made over in the tailor shop. Clothing, (but not chemises) is much needed ; but very little is received large enough to fit the older girls, who are much larger in build than white girls of the same age. Contributions of cloth would be most acceptable. I hope to visit several of our Northern Diocesan W.A. Branches before my return."

Buron Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO—“*Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God.*”

The pleasant holiday season is over, and the scattered members of our many W.A. Branches are eager to begin work again. The first meeting after the holidays seems almost the most important of the whole year, there is so much to be discussed—the bales to be sent off before Christmas; the winter's steady work for the bales to be sent in spring; 'ideas' picked up by this or that worker during her summer trip; plans for increasing the Branch's "funds," which are always, and always will be, so limited in comparison with the many calls that appeal so strongly to us. This last is an ever-recurring difficulty, which can never be *effectually* met but by one method, the patient, persevering practising of *self-denial*—everything denied to self to be brought to God as a thank-offering for the good gifts He has given us, your summer pleasures, dear W.A. sisters ranked among these good gifts. Will not each one bring to the glad hopeful "first Meeting" her thank-offering in money or in kind? We hope some of the Branches will tell us something of the articles laid on the table at the "first Meeting." And there is one thing we would specially urge on our Branch Presidents this month—the duty of discussing in all their details, the important matters to be brought up at our Semi-Annual Meeting, especially in reference to our own Diocesan Missions. If every individual member of the W.A. would consider it her *duty* to make herself acquainted with its work, and form her *own* views on every subject, the organization would be greatly strengthened, there would be no misunderstandings, no unredeemed pledges, and even when the work seems almost beyond our strength, we shall go forward in faith and prayer.

We would draw attention to the following communication from Mrs. Whitehead, Convener of the Committee in question.—“The Branches of the W.A. are perhaps not aware that at the last Annual Meeting, a Committee was formed for the purpose of supplying outlying Missions with suitable vessels for the celebration of the Holy Communion. This is one of the most pressing needs. In some Missions the most deplorable substitutes have been resorted to, quite incompatible with the reverence befitting this most solemn act of worship. The Committee urgently entreats the Branches to contribute some small sum *annually* for this purpose, to be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer marked 'Chancel Furniture Fund.'” We would further suggest that all Branches, or Members, sending Communion vessels, Altar Cloths, etc., to any mission, report to Mrs. Whitehead.

A correspondent writes.—“Is not that a touching passage in Mrs Fortin's letter in the August LEAFLET (page 326) in which she tells of the *general* rejoicing at the news that a Huron Branch is sending a Communion Service to a Rupert's Land Missionary, and how a W.A. Member sought him out to tell him the good news, and how he asked “when will it come?” It sets one thinking, asking oneself “do our W.A. Members realize the full import of our work? Some do, but are there not many who go to the meetings because they have been asked to become members, and give “something for the bale” or put an occasional something into their mite boxes for a similar reason? We would have them all pass some quiet evening hour in picturing to themselves what the bales and the help given in money are to our isolated Missionaries—think of the lonely days and weeks of toil, unrelieved by the comforts and relations for which we too often forget to thank God, because they seem the natural circumstances of our lives; think of the useless longing for many things sorely needed, yet to them unattainable, which are to us the common compliment of our daily existence. Can we not comprehend with our hearts how welcome those W.A. gifts are, which we who send them feel to be so inadequate to the need? And when in accordance with the duty imposed on us by our W.A. constitution, we pray daily for missions, let our petition be that God would give to us all grace to realize and fulfil the duty of giving of all that he has given us the *tenth*, (Gen. xxviii. 22.) The work allotted to all women who love the Saviour who did so much for them, is the spreading a spirit of Christian Communion, of awaking themselves and others to the conviction that it is not *getting* but *giving* that is the one true pure source of satisfaction. Mrs. Fortin's letter reminds me of the concluding sentence of a letter from a W.A. sister, who had asked me for some information, “Surely the W.A. *must* be a good thing, since it fosters such a spirit of sympathy and helpfulness among Christian women.” May Mr. Rogers' desire be soon realized, and every parish in every Diocese have its prayerful, loving, helpful W.A. Branch.

With reference to the communication from the St. Thomas' Branch, relative to a second-hand knitting machine, (August LEAFLET, page 325) we would remind our readers that some of our Branches are anxious to send a knitting machine to Omoksene, and ask the co-operation of *all*. Are there not other knitting machines, stoves, lamps, books, articles of furniture, no longer needed by their owner that might be sold at a very reduced price, or *given*, to the W.A. for our mission stations? Read over page 345 of the August LEAFLET, and let nothing be unused that could help on their work who are working for God. A suggestion has been made, that when an appeal for a Hospital, a Home, a flag, a knitting machine, etc., appears in the LEAFLET, the *preliminary* step taken by each Branch would be the asking for *one cent* from every member. “Not worth while,” some say, but even *cents* mount up, and this collection would be merely a *beginning*, inter-

fering in no way with what the Branch might be further able to do. Shall we not at least *try* this plan?

A friend from another Diocese writes.—“ I am pleased to know that your Huron Auxiliary has proved so strong in faith as to take a *second* missionary child. I am certain the means for her support will not be withheld.” Another asks “ Would it not be well for the Central Secretary to give clear information in her pages as to the correct wording of a form of bequest for those who might wish to remember, in their wills, the work of the W.A. specifically, or as a whole. Already the exact title of the movement on behalf of the Education of Missionaries' children was enquired about with a view to this kindly intention.

DORCAS AND BRANCH NOTICES.

INGERSOLL — St. James' Branch continues to labour heartily in the good work. In April we sent two well-filled bales to Mr. Brick, Peace River, and in September one will go to Mr. Pritchard, Lac Seul, as we have done every year. Our Juniors sent a large bale to Mr. Swainson in July. We take 61 LEAFLETS, and do our utmost to induce all the women of our Church to join our W.A.

PORT DOVER records the progress of its Junior Auxiliary, organized last February, when 28 members were enrolled, who meet weekly to sew. Thirteen members have membership cards, one member subscribes for the LEAFLET. Eighteen mission boxes, collected at the end of three months contained \$6.60, which was voted towards a Communion Table for the new Church at Fort a' la Corne.

AILS CRAIG reports a happy and successful Union Meeting, at which were present the Presidents and several delegates from the following Branches:—Lucan, Brinsley, Hensall, Granton, and St. George's Church, London West, who were entertained by the Trinity Church Branch. The request to respond to the roll call with a verse of Scripture, as suggested by Mrs. Baldwin, was acquiesced in by many present. Mrs Baldwin gave an instructive Bible reading, and a short account of her travels in the Holy Land, mentioning the noble work of Miss Atleigh, and the other lady missionaries in Jerusalem. The remainder of the evening was spent in an informal manner, refreshments were served by the Mission Band, and Mrs. Baldwin gave much pleasure to all by shewing her views of Egypt and the Holy Land. The members of Trinity Church Branch much appreciate the hearty response of the neighboring Branches to the invitation to unite in the meeting.

WARWICK.—A meeting of this Branch was held on July 18th, which was addressed by the Rev. T. R. Davis, of Sarnia; who congratulated those present on the evident signs of life in their Branch, and encouraged them to go forward in their noble work. We spoke of the excellent showing this parish has made during the past five years, in all departments of Church work, especially in the wonderful development of Missionary enterprise; the Diocesan statistics showing an increase in this department of Parish work, of nearly 120 per cent. The Rev. A. G. Smith, missionary to the Muncey Town Indians, gave an instructive address, and some interesting details of his work among the Indians under his care.

WALPOLE ISLAND.—The Rev. J. Jacobs, has sent Mrs. Boomer an urgent invitation to be present at the opening of his new Parish Hall, an account of which, and of his work, will appear in the October LEAFLET.

LONDON.—St. Ann's Branch is sending a bale to Mr. John Matheson, Onion Lake. A Branch which does not give its name writes, "we make a little money for our working expenses by selling recipes to one another, and to friends, for a few cents each, all these recipes have been tested, and the buyers promise not to give them to any one except for the price they gave for them, so that a little money comes in from time to time for freight and similar expenses.

VARNA, a new Branch takes five LEAFLETS, but have not yet decided for what mission it will work.

FROM OUR MISSIONARY LETTERS.

The father of one of Huron's new little missionary daughters, writes: "We are indeed thankful for your continued interest in us and ours. Those living out of this Diocese have no idea of the immense advantage the Educational movement offers to the children of the Missionary clergy. Our Bishop who knows all the details of our lives, has made the subject one of his many cares. I think the plan of education at the public schools excellent; if our children can get that we ought to be very thankful."

The parents of a dear girl whose term of education has come to an end, writes. "In view of her departure, it is incumbent upon us to express with unfeigned sincerity, our debt of gratitude to our friends in Eastern Canada, and our appreciation thereof. We trust that the Educational scheme will be still further developed, and that great and cheering results will be granted. The needs of Algoma are all the while multiplying, but in connection with the effort of God's people there is the solacing thought "God Reigneth"

From Mabel Gander comes the following. "I am having a very nice time, and study my reading and spelling, and read my history; it will help me at school, for in the room I passed into they take up history. Berry picking will begin next week, we have a large kitchen garden, with almost every kind of vegetable in it. Our Bishop was here a little while before I came home, he confirmed nine candidates, and our Church was consecrated."

The Rev. F. Frost writes. "Many thanks for all your kindness, we are disappointed that you cannot come to us this summer. Ethel shall be in London by the time you speak of. I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Broughall; we went to Little Current to see them. I might tell you that I am trying to induce the Bishop to take from me the white people here, and leave me the Indians only; there is fully enough work for a missionary to the Indians, and the thing does not seem to *mix* very well."

With reference to Huron's new little daughter, Rev. J. Jacobs writes: "I will be pleased to take charge of Rev. Mr. Frost's daughter when she arrives in Sarnia, and to see her safely on the train to London."

To Mrs. Boomer Miss Wilson writes. "I enjoyed my rest very much but was glad to return and get at work again. The children were so good to me, gathering the choicest flowers and berries, and showing many little acts of kindness. Two little girls died while I was away, poor little Annie and Helena. All through Annie's illness Helena was the one of all the girls she wanted with her, and then Helena was taken first, to be there to welcome little Annie. I found Annie's poor old mother near the school the other day, sitting in a heap, moaning and rocking to and fro. I told her Annie was in heaven, no more pain, no more cough, but very, very happy, she brightened up and said yes! yes! she did not seem to doubt it for a minute. I thank you for the parcel sent for my little girls, I gave one of the shirts and a little pair of stockings to my little Godchild, Hattie, quite a nice looking girl is the happy possessor of the dress with the red yoke and sleeves."

The Rev. A. H. Wright, Fort a' la Corne, writes to Port Dover: "To the members of your Junior W.A. please convey our warmest thanks for so lovingly sending the \$6.00 for the Communion Table, for our new Church, and let them know that with great joy I shall be able to speak about how the money was obtained for the purpose to my younger Indians, and thus they will all be doing a piece of work in the Mission field, and with God's blessing resting upon it, some young Indian boy or girl may think more deeply of the Saviour, when they see and hear of what the younger ones among the whites are doing."

To St. John the Evangelist's Branch, London, Mr. Wright writes ; " Your annual bales have arrived ; such a nice useful, good collection , I have them stowed away till autumn. To your list you add " a few groceries," during the journey they must have multiplied. Two men were boarding at the house, having come to lay the foundation for the new Church. His reverence the cook tried his hand at cooking some of the newly arrived luxuries, and though we had no milk, the tapioca received a vote of 1st prize from all hands. The Altar Cloth is such a nice one, and will look well in our little Church when completed. All in all, I am thankful that the work here is not going back. On Easter Day I had over 70 Communicants ; I baptized an old Indian woman, and two children. Though there are several 'hard ones' among the Indians, yet there is a great joy to find there is a *something* working among them, and they are beginning to talk more about the white man's religion to those who have embraced it. From a half-breed with several little boys, *very thinly clad* last Fall, to whom I sent some of the mission goods, I received these lines : I thank God for raising up so many Christian people to be His instruments in dealing mercies to the needy ; you have indeed made glad the hearts of my children with the warm clothing you so kindly sent."

To Simcoe Juniors, Mrs. Tansy, of Manitoba, writes her grateful thanks for a gift of \$8 : " You cannot imagine what a sum \$8 seems to us ! We are so anxious to get the parsonage debt paid off, and all around us are so poor, and so many in need of help. Anything new or second-hand will be most acceptable. The mission is very large, five different stations, Somerset being the principal one."

Bishop Reeve, of Mackenzie River, has sent to Mrs. Boomer a summary of accounts given by Rev. J. O. Stringer, of two visits to the Eskimo, from which the following are extracts : " The first visit was made just a year ago, to the Eskimo village near the mouth of the Mackenzie River ; there he taught the people daily. He was heartily welcomed, and much encouraged at the outset by hearing them singing a hymn he had taught them the year before. Hunting the grampus is their chief occupation, and some had agreed not to hunt on Sunday ; but one Sunday a cry was raised that whales were in sight, and immediately all the men were off, nor could the others be persuaded to attend Divine Service. Discouraged and disappointed, Mr. Stringer was returning to rest, when a message came that he was wanted at the Council House ; he went, and found the men sitting quietly, (their hunt had been unsuccessful). They said they wanted to learn to sing like the Indians. He sat down, and they prayed and sang, and read for about two hours, they were most attentive, and the time was spent most profitably. " Here," Mr. Stringer says, " in the midnight twilight, I learnt a lesson of trust and patience, which stood me in good stead for many a day. It is *always* darkest before the dawn, and

we complain of disappointments, which are the prelude to opportunities and blessings. So the days went on, one dark and dreary, the next bright and joyful. Many were eager to learn, many, too, were careless, and seemed to take no interest." Having made considerable progress in the language, Mr. Stringer took no interpreter with him, so had to depend on himself, the best way of getting hold of the language, as well as of the people. On one occasion one of the men exclaimed with great earnestness "Oh, I hope you will be able to teach us all soon, hurry up and learn our language well, so that we may understand everything, we may soon die, and we are not prepared, Kyeta, Kyeta, (quick, quick.)" The second visit Mr. Stringer made was to Herschel Island, a trying journey amid fogs, snow, and polar bears "We lived in a snow house, the first house I ever owned." The Eskimos here were totally ignorant of the Gospel message, and had never seen a missionary. Think of these poor people living and dying without an opportunity of hearing the blessed Gospel! They were very kind, and would fain have had him stay with them all winter to teach them, promising to hunt for him. The return journey was terrible, the sun was not seen for several days, and then merely peeped above the horizon for a very short time. They were dependent for fires on such driftwood as they could find under the snow, and the thermometer stood for days at 50 to 55 degrees below zero. Then follows an appeal from Mr. Stringer for an assistant, "One man cannot do the work. Influences are bearing in from different quarters that will make the work far more difficult in years to come. I am persuaded that it is now or never. Where is the man? Where are the means? I know that another labourer will be sent forth in God's good time. An unordained man would do as well for the present if he were the right stuff. I earnestly commend this work to the consideration of God's people—His labourers, and His stewards."

To Grace Church Branch, Brantford, The Rev. J. Johnson, Gordon Mission, Jackes Head, writes. "I cannot tell how thankful we are to you all for the good large bale you have sent us; it will be a great help to us, and our poor Indians. Especially we thank you all for the good large carpet, the very thing we wanted, and the first we ever got. Mrs. Johnson is very much delighted with it. Surely you shall not lose your rewards, for you cannot give a cup of cold water but God writes it in the book of remembrance, to be brought up at the last day, to the joy and glory of the one who gave it *for Christ's sake*. I will write and tell you about my mission when I return home. We came here (St. Peter's) bringing the corpse of our dear little only son; our God has been pleased to take him home from us. We have not any Communion vessels, we have not even a Church yet, being quite a new mission. I do not wish to seem to impose upon kind friends willing to help us, but we would be very glad of a few groceries, we have to give

a good deal to the poor Indians; fur-bearing animals, by hunting which they live, being very scarce."

The following quotations from a letter from a LEAFLET reader in England, will come as an inspiration to those who, laid aside from active Christian work, still desire to feel there is a niche they can fill. The writer is the widow of a Sierra Leone Missionary, who died at his post, and though almost a helpless cripple from rheumatism, contracted while his ardent fellow-worker there, she has found one way after another of doing something for Christ. Walk she cannot, and it is with difficulty that pen, pencil, or crochet-needle can be placed in her crippled fingers, yet see what she manages to achieve, "We are much interested in the papers you send us. In addition to my text painting, Christmas letters, etc., I have lately been learning to write in 'Braille' for the blind. I found the alphabet difficult to learn, as you may suppose, but am glad to say that I am beginning to write pretty fairly; when those who see have written a book the blind can make copies. I hope to copy books for children, which are much needed." Yet more than those whom God has laid aside, should those, to whom he has given health and strength be incited by such an example to be more and more diligent in their *helping* work.

In reference to our Missionary Letters, Mrs. Boomer writes; "It is being in touch with those in the field that keeps alive the enthusiasm for missions. We of the W.A. are not only 'only women,' but we are 'very human women,' and no amount of even the best regulated machinery will keep us a-going like the heart-to-heart talk which comes from the missionary himself. Those who are privileged to go among our Branch workers, see how necessary these direct messages are, and how their warmth of tone in replying to gifts sent, affects the members. 'Mr. So-and-so seemed *so glad* to have the bales; he told us so much that was interesting about his Mission, we must work for him again this year. Or Mr. So-an-so's letter is so cold, perhaps he does not *like* having bales sent him? We must ask the Dorcas Secretary to send us the name of some mission that *really wants* to be worked for.' It is not that the Branches want to be *thanked*, it is only that they wanted so much to help, and the wish to know that they *have* helped, is surely reasonable. Perhaps this sounds as if Christian love and charity were at a very low ebb, but we cannot shut our eyes to facts, but must face them, and use them, and do the very best we can in every circumstance of life."

Montreal Diocese.

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DIOCESAN MOTTO :—“ *Go work to-day in my Vineyard.*”

“She will never miss it.” How often do we hear these words when it is proposed to ask a subscription from some wealthy member or friend of our Woman's Auxiliary, for religious or charitable purposes. And yet when we think of it, how unsound in principle they are, and how unscriptural. We remember how it was with David, when he wished to raise an Altar to the Lord, that the plague might be stayed from the people, and Auranah the Jebusite offered him the threshing floor and the oxen as a gift, how David answered, “Nay, but I will surely buy it of thee at a price; neither will I offer burnt offering unto the Lord of that which does cost me nothing.”

It was in David's power to buy the threshing floor and the instruments for the sacrifice, at his own cost, and he esteemed it a privilege to do so. Also that poor widow of whose gift it was said, that “Wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached, there shall also this that she hath done be told for a memorial of her.” And why? Because it was “of her penury,” that she “cast in all her living” to the Treasury of the Lord.

Everywhere, in all the world, there is such need of our help. In our own parish it may be, or in our own Diocese; and perpetually among the heathen, where souls and bodies are being lost and degraded for the want of Christian administration. There are works of piety, of charity, and of benevolence. Works that will relieve or retrieve our fellow creatures, that will make the world better, purer, and more God-fearing; and we must not give to them only what we shall never miss. We must, if we would be made “like unto Him,” be liberal in His service. If we have “much” we must give “plenteously.” If we have “little” we must “do our diligence to give gladly of that little; and so gather to ourselves a good reward in the

day of eternity."—The reward of an approving conscience in this present life, and the great reward in the final life, when we shall hear his blessed voice pronounce the "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful, (over much or little) enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

With September most of those of our members who have been absent during the summer will have returned, and amid the press of re-adjusting themselves and their families to temporarily suspended requirements, will perhaps, find it difficult to resume their Auxiliary duties as promptly as they would wish. But we earnestly hope that an effort will be made to so arrange matters that none, unless unavoidably prevented, will be absent from the first monthly meeting in October, when it is usual to discuss the season's scheme of operations, and when a strong representative of our members, and especially our Branch Presidents, is a great help to satisfactory conclusions.

Montreal's Delegates to the Board Meeting of the Provincial Woman's Auxiliary, to be held in Quebec, October 11th, are Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Henry J. Evans, Miss. McCord, Mrs. Everett; Substitutes—Mrs. C. E. Dawson, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Norton.

A Branch in Franklin.—This is cheering news for our October Meeting. Welcome. And may the great Master of the Vineyard cause the new Branch to bud and blossom and bring forth fruit abundantly to His glory. Let us hear about that "Opening Meeting."

We are sorry that some of our Branches and individual subscribers have not received their LEAFLETS regularly during the past few months. Several causes have combined to occasion delay, but we hope it will not occur again. If those who have been disappointed will please notify the Montreal LEAFLET Treasurer, Miss Hanson, 26 St. Louis Square, Montreal, an effort will be made to procure the missing numbers, and forward them. Be particular to send address, and state how many copies are taken.

Havelock's Recording Secretary is to be commended for keeping us so fully and regularly informed as to the progress of her Branch. While want of space compels us frequently to "Boil down" our items, we are none the less pleased to hear from any one of our Branches at any and every time, and to give, as there is room, our LEAFLET Readers the benefit of the information. For it is thus that our different Branches will learn to know each other and become interested in their mutual work, and so the bond of common membership will be strengthened and extended.

Speaks well for Elkhorn! "A silve medal and diploma of Honorable Mention was awarded the school for the exhibits sent to the Exposition, over which we feel very much elated." *Advocate*, (Monthly Supplement.)

"Havelock Branch held a very well attended meeting in July, Being the holiday season, a number of the S.S. girls were present. We are pleased to have among us our esteemed friend Mrs. Cole, of Montreal, who spoke kind words of encouragement to help us on our way. The work of preparing the November bale is now going on. The good ladies of Franklin (same parish) are about to organize a Branch of the W.A., and have kindly invited Havelock members to be present at the opening meeting. Expect later to be able to report a flourishing Branch doing grand work. Enjoy the reading of the LEAFLET, would not be without it, as it keeps us informed as to what progress our Church is making in distant lands, as well as in the Home Mission field."—*Com.*

Those who responded so promptly to the President's appeal for assistance for the sufferers from the Frazer River floods, will be glad to know that the Corresponding Secretary has received a very interesting and kind letter of acknowledgement from Rev. S. R. Tucker, in which he says. "Such acts create spiritual bonds between us, and for that will have their influence on the future of both the Church and State."

Mrs. Burn, wife of the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, writes to Hon. Mrs. Ward, of St. John's Evangelist W.A., that the clothing and fancy articles sent in June, were "Just the kind of things that will be useful for sales, and to sell at odd times. There are several of these sales coming on in different parts of the Diocese, and the box is in good time."

Mrs. Nivin, has received from Bishop Reeve, a long and interesting summary of two missionary visits made by Rev. Mr. Stringer to the Eskimo of Mackenzie River Diocese. We give to-day a portion of the summary; it will be read by those of our members who have at dif-

ferent times contributed to Bishop Reeve's work, with especial and personal sympathy, and will, we doubt not, be the means of inciting them to further efforts on behalf of the dwellers of the farther North, so that the door that is now being opened may not be closed for want of Christian help.

St. David's Mission, Mackenzie River, N.W.T., Canada, June, 1894.

The first visit was to the Eskimo village near the mouth of the Mackenzie, which Mr. Stringer reached on Aug. 4th, pitching his tent alongside the Chief's camp in the middle of the village. He stayed there three weeks, and taught the people daily, as opportunity offered. A hearty welcome was given him, and he derived much encouragement at the outset by hearing them singing a hymn which they had learnt the previous summer, their voices rising above the voice of the stormy wind, and reaching his ears as he approached the village. They have a good sized roughly built log building, which is used as a Council Chamber, and for other public purposes. In this Mr. Stringer held service almost every day. He says: "At first it was an uncertain thing, and interruptions might occur at any moment, but before I left we used to have quite orderly services; singing, reading, and prayers; and sometimes they were hearty. One day in the midst of the service the head of a whale was brought in for all to eat, some wished to begin at it then and there, but at the word of the Chief all refrained. As soon as the last prayer was said, and I told them 'taina,' (that will do), a rush was made for it, and it soon disappeared. A choice piece was given [to me to cook and eat, the others omitting the cooking. I learned to like fresh whale while here, and ate a good deal. Hunting the grampus is their chief occupation in summer, and last season one hundred and fifty-five were killed. After a day's hunt all would meet in the Council House, and the exploits and adventures of the day would be related with great animation, and considerable eloquence. Some of them had said that they would not hunt on Sundays; but one day when Mr. Stringer was in a tent visiting a sick person, a cry was raised that whales were in sight, and when he came out all the men were off in their Kyaks. Unable to get the others to attend service, and discouraged and disappointed with the days proceedings, he was just about to retire to rest when a message came to say that he was wanted at the Council House. He went, wondering what was wrong, and was surprised to see nearly all the men sitting there quietly. (their hunt had been quite unsuccessful.) 'They said they wanted me to teach them to sing like the Ithillys (Indians), so I sat down, and we sang, read, and prayed for about two hours. There in the midst of the midnight twilight, after the worry and disappointments of the day, I learnt a lesson of trust and patience, that stood me in good stead. It is always darkest before the dawn, and we often complain at disappointments which may be but the prelude to opportunity and blessing."

Niagara Diocese.

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 DIOCESAN MOTTO.—“*Lo! I am with you always.*”

Subject for Reading and Prayer: September—Qu'Appelle, Chinese in America.

In the course of our summer trip we stayed over a day at Sault St Marie to visit the Shingwauk Home hoping that a personal account of it might be interesting to our reader.

The Home is beautifully situated on the St. Mary river about a mile and a half from the town and is reached by a pretty road running along the side of the river; opposite the Home are several Islands one of which, connected with the mainland by a bridge, is used as a picnic ground for the children. The Institution now accommodates both boys and girls as it was found more convenient and economical to combine them, besides the inconvenience of distance the Wawanosh having been a mile and a half the other side of the town, compelling the girls to walk three miles each way to Chapel. The buildings consist of a large stone one (partly covered with creepers) containing dormitories etc., a small one for a Hospital (which fortunately has not been used for more than a year and a half), drill hall and schoolroom, laundry and workshops. There is also a very pretty little Chapel large enough to accommodate all the pupils, decorated over the windows with texts carved by the boys with the help of their instructor. Mr. Irvine was kind enough to show us all over the buildings but owing to the holidays only thirty-five children are at the Home. They seem bright and happy working away; the matron told us that they often say to her “sit down and let us do that for you” whatever it may be and that when they go into town if they only have five cents to spend they are sure to bring her something however small. They sleep in good sized dormitories and the beds are covered with patch work quilts which would be recognized by many of the Auxiliaries, as they were all sent in the different bales. One in particular that we noticed had a number of names worked upon it. The captain of the school one of the bigger boys has a room opening off the dormitories to himself (except for one companion) and he is expected to keep order among the younger boys.

We saw the children at their work so far as it was in operation, several girls helping in the laundry while others were washing dishes and boys cutting wood with a machine and doing other things. As a letter from Mr. Irvine, appeared in August LEAFLET it is unnecessary to go into further particulars except to say that we join heartily in his wish that more people could visit the Home and see for themselves the good work done.

Later in our trip we stopped at Sheguiandah, where strangely enough the boat had not called for seven years. We found Mr. and Mrs. Frost, and two of their children on the wharf when we had the pleasure of a little chat with them and walked with them part of the way to the house they have occupied since the fire, an isolated frame one, on a hill overlooking the water. The nearest village where the Church is, being across the bay, more than a mile away and is reached either by the road or more directly in a sail boat. They are very busy getting Ethel, their little girl ready to go to London, to be educated and seemed much pleased with the prospect. When one sees the homes of these Missionaries and considers how few advantages they have and how many privations they have to endure, it ought to stir up a more Missionary spirit and a strong desire to help those who at so much cost to themselves are doing the Lord's work in all corners of His vineyard.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

It is hoped that as many as possible will attend the Quarterly Meeting of Niagara Diocese, to be held in Orangeville this month of which due notice will be given. Those who have had the privilege of attending former meetings, know what a help they are besides being a great encouragement to the local Auxiliary when there is a large number present; and as the winter's work will just be beginning many useful hints may be obtained. A good programme is being prepared consisting of a paper by the Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. Webster, on "Our Diocesan Pledge" and another by the Junior Secretary Miss M. Halson on the subject of "Junior Work." These with a probable address by a Missionary or perhaps a discussion on some subject will be among the interesting features.

From Miss Coleman, Trichnor, India. to Miss Glassco, Church of Ascension Branch. After thanks for former letter and regret at the illness of former secretary she says she and her sister have come to Bangalore for a change, her sister's health making this necessary. I do not think we shall be able to go to England this year as the ladies who have come out to supply our place, have to learn the language and become acquainted with the manners and customs of the people. We may possibly go next year. Thank you so much for your kind invitation to visit Canada; should we come via America it will give us much pleasure to visit your Branch of the W. A. and personally thank those kind friends who have given us such valuable help in the past. I am sorry to inform you that Esther Parookutty, one of the Bible women supported by your Branch has recently been removed from our midst.

We brought her, and her son with us to Bangalore, thinking the change would do them good. For a week or two she was quite well, but one evening partook of some very indigestible food called "rago";

next morning she again ate of it cold this brought on an attack of cholera of the worst type. As the remedies we gave produced no effect, the lady with whom we are, advised her being sent to the Hospital; the doctor's assistant came to see her and said she must be removed at once giving her at the same time some brandy and another medicine. This was at o. a.m. her son and our servant accompanied the bandy she was in but no one was allowed to go into the Hospital. At 3 p.m. we sent to inquire and received word that she had passed away at 2 30 p.m. She was buried in the Protestant cemetery the native Pastor officiating. An hour or two before she was taken to the Hospital I asked her if she had peace in her mind? she replied "yes for Jesus is always with me" and spoke of her firm trust in him. She was the first high caste woman in our Mission and for ten years witnessed a good confession and was useful and earnest as a Bible woman; but her work on earth is done and she is resting from her labors. She has left two children a boy and a girl whom we have taken charge of. We have another high caste woman in training for a Bible woman whom we think it will be well to put in Esther Parookutty's place; she takes great pleasure in learning the Bible etc. and when the Rev. F Bower examined her previous to Baptism, he remarked to us. "I think you will have in the future a useful Bible woman in her." The Government Inspector was much pleased with our Industrial School and remarked "this is what we want, industries for our women." Some of the women weave colored grass mats, and others make lace, crochet etc. one of them is learning to embroider table cloths etc. with gold thread on black cloth. They are very effective and sell well in England. Would you like us to send out a sample by Parcel Post. It is a great help to us when we can dispose of our work. We give employment to twenty five widows, most of these have been baptized since they found us.

From Rev. A. Allman, to Dorcas Secretary.

The area of ground covered by this Mission is quite considerable in extent, traversing a distance of twenty miles from east to west and fourteen from north to south. The Church people are scattered in every direction and are chiefly English, Irish, and Scotch. There are no Indian settlers in this region but the work does not lack interest of its own with many bright and earnest church services. There are three fully organized Churches and one out station. Pastoral work brings us into personal contact with individuals and families from day to day and it is easily seen that while here and there an old settler is comfortably off, for the most part hard times are experienced so that ends very seldom meet. Mortgages and heavy store bills weigh down most of the settlers and at any time suitable articles of clothing are quite a godsend especially in the winter season. The absence of money is often seriously felt and a great deal of business is transacted

by barter. The Church of England has ministered here for nearly twenty years but even now, the quota contributed to the Clergyman's stipend from the entire Mission does not exceed \$170; a sure evidence of the poverty of the neighborhood. To have it in one's power to relieve real need and encourage thrift and industry means that a moral influence is to be extended that will tell favourably in carrying out the true spirit of Missionary operations. But the help rendered by the W. A. is oftentimes a very real boon to the Clergyman's wife and family.

Like many of those around me I have a large family ranging from eighteen years of age down to two years; four boys and three girls. . . . As you will have gathered there is a great deal of travelling in order to visit the people and sustain the services; and that, over roads very often repulsive by their roughness. . . . The winter is far more favourable for travelling although it is extremely cold, unless one is well clothed and wrapped about with furs. One Sunday there is service in the morning about fifteen miles away, in the afternoon about ten miles and in the evening here. Next Sunday I travel five miles north, return for Sunday School and take service in the evening here again. The following Sunday, service here morning and evening, and in the afternoon I drive ten miles to take another service, and so on through the year. We have service twice on Sunday and Sunday school between the services; we also have service twice during the week on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Rev. Arthur Cobb, writes to the Junior Secretary that he has had much help from the Junior Branches during the past winter which was much appreciated; and says that when distributing the clothing etc sent by them he tells the children about the senders, their ages etc. and shows them how much can be done by busy and willing workers.

With respect to Christmas gifts, he says that while anything that may be sent will be most welcome he hopes for a few suitable presents for those about thirteen or fourteen such as cheap photo frames and books, and for the younger ones, India rubber balls ten cent bats, and plain wooden pen holders are all appreciated. Good warm clothing for those about seven to twelve is really the most useful present and mentions boots and boys clothing, girls stockings and discarded hats as most acceptable.

"Some 'Don'ts' for the Missionary meetings: Don't sing 'Greenland's Icy Mountains' every time. Don't talk about a 'penny collection' or a 'collection' of any sort; call it an 'offering.' Don't speak of 'begging money.' Don't make it appear that the only reason your Church has for doing Missionary work is that it would be a shame for other Churches to do more. Don't fail to teach that our ancestors were heathen saved by foreign Missionaries. Don't always mention the heathen as 'dying' and 'suffering' until the children come to associate a Missionary meeting with long faces and funeral tones."

—Selected

Ontario Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO:—" *She hath done what she could.*"

Subjects for Prayer and Reading: September—Qu'Appelle, and The Chinese in America. October—Selkirk, and All Islands.

In September, when nature warns of coming change, and seems to say, "Work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work" let us resolve, that in this, as in all departments of our life's work, we shall give of our best. Let us pray more, love more, think more, study more—as well as work more—for the cause of the Lord. Our annual report tells us that we are a strong body, numerically, in this Diocese. What might not 2000 women and children accomplish. As all cannot possess a copy of the report we reprint this month the "Reports of Branches" from it, believing that its study will afford both interest and encouragement.

KINGSTON (St. George's Cathedral.)—100 members in branch; held 8 monthly meetings; average attendance 15; subscribers to LEAFLET 61; amount of money collected, \$256.83; bales and parcels, value, \$97.29. A branch of the J. W. A. formed in parish during year, with a membership of 20. Total \$415.12.

KINGSTON (St. James.)—64 members; 9 meetings held with average attendance 16. Sent to Diocesan Treasurer \$189.15; two bales and one parcel, value \$92.83.

KINGSTON (St Paul's.)—Membership 16; meetings held 12; average attendance 10. Sent to Diocesan Treasurer, \$59.60; sent one bale, valued at \$12.74.

PORTSMOUTH—Membership, 42; meetings held, 25; average attendance, 8. Two bales unvalued; seven subscribers to LEAFLET.

BARRIEFIELD (St Mark's.)—Branch organized in November, 1893 by Mrs. R. V. Rogers and Miss. Muckleston. Began with membership of 8; since increased to 15. Monthly meetings held at Rectory during winter; weekly meetings in Lent. Bale, valued at \$30.00, sent to Manitoba.

KEMPTSVILLE—No report. Sent to Diocesan Treas., \$9.35.

MERRICKVILLE—Membership, 27; business meetings 10; weekly sewing meetings in summer. Clothing prepared for Shingwauk Home, valued at \$63.61. Sent to Diocesan Treasurer, \$9.00.

PRESCOTT.—Membership, 29; business meetings, 9; average attendance, 12; besides nine reading parties and two quilting bees. \$15.00 realized in this way. Two bales prepared, to one of which the J. W. A. contributed dolls, candies, etc. Sent to Diocesan Treasurer, \$40.95.

NORTH AUGUSTA.—Reported in September as having formed.

JELLYBY.—No report.

BELLEVILLE (St. Thomas).—Membership, 45; 39 weekly and 10 monthly business meetings; average attendance, 15; sent to Diocesan Treasurer, \$75.50. Three bales sent out. Life Membership presented to Mrs. Burke, Hon. President. Set of lamps to one Mission; various gifts and money to different places; 50 subscribers to LEAFLET.

BELLEVILLE (Christ Church).—New Branch just organized, 43 members; 16 meetings, with average attendance of 12; sent to Diocesan Treasurer, \$9.00; 30 subscribers to LEAFLET. Preparing a bale to be sent to Saskatchewan, containing carpet, warm stockings, mitts, quilts, groceries, medicines, etc.

DESERONTO.—Membership, 28; 9 meetings, with average attendance of 11; two bales sent out; 20 subscribers to LEAFLET; sent \$14.00 to Diocesan Treasurer.

DUNGANNON.—Assessment, 60c.; total collections, \$32.26; disbursed for Missions: Home, \$20.00, W. & O., \$5.00.

BROCKVILLE (St. Peter's).—Membership, 40; sewing meetings during Lent, and all material donated by members. \$35.00 unappropriated over and above various assessments. \$2.00 from J. W. A. for Missions. \$10.00 Parochial collections for Diocesan Missions. C. C. M. G. raised \$21.00 by self-denial cards in Lent, also for Diocesan Missions.

BROCKVILLE (Trinity).—Membership, 52; six meetings with average attendance of 12. Sent to Diocesan Treasurer, \$16.10. Two bales, respective values, \$53.15 and \$10.25.

BROCKVILLE (St. Paul's).—Membership, 76; weekly meetings for work, and monthly for business. Two bales, valued at \$38.80, sent to Diocesan Treasurer.

NEWBORO'.—Membership, 30. No work done as a Branch, but one member preparing a box to be sent during summer. Assessment, 40c.

BATH.—Organized in July last with membership of 11; now increased to 20. Ten monthly and 4 special meetings held, with average attendance, 10. Seventeen subscribers to LEAFLET, bale sent out valued at \$60; sent Diocesan Treasurer \$13.25.

CAMDEN EAST.—Membership 17; meetings held, 12; average attendance, 8; sent to Diocesan Treasurer \$7.04.

NEWBURGH.—Membership 8; meetings held 11; average attendance, 5; sent to Diocesan Treasurer \$4.51.

YARKER.—Membership, 10; meetings held, 10; average attendance, 6; sent to Treasurer \$4.85; one bale valued at \$6.15

NAPANEE.—Formed at beginning of W. A. year. Membership, 12; meetings held, 6; average attendance, 10; sent to Treas., \$7.60; one bale.

PICTON.—Membership, 40; meetings held, 13; average attendance, 12; sent to Diocesan Treasurer \$23.90; two bales valued at about \$50.

TRENTON.—Memberships 24; work satisfactory, bale sent to Biscotasing valued at \$50. Have undertaken to clothe a child in Piegan; 12 meetings held, average attendance, 9; expended for various objects, \$17; sent to Treasurer \$7.20.

WELLINGTON.—Not working at present.

GLOUCESTER.—Not working at present.

BILLINGS BRIDGE.—Membership, 17; meetings held, 6; average attendance, 5; one parcel not valued, M. C. S., sent to Miss Brown; Assessment, 50c.

MANÓTICK.—New branch just formed.

OTTAWA.—Membership, 288; 8 parishes; meetings held, 11; average attendance, 26 or 27; sent to Treasurer, \$362.05; 14 bales and one medicine case.

ST. MARGARETS.—Membership, 10; meetings held, 9; average attendance, 8; sent to Treasurer, \$9.47; two barrels sent out.

CARLETON PLACE.—Membership 69; meetings held, 11; average attendance, 8; sent to Treasurer, \$84.86.

LANARK.—Membership 12; meetings held, 24; average attendance, 4; one bale sent out, valued at \$11.62; sent to Treasurer, \$2.

PERTH.—Membership, 102; meetings held, 13; average attendance, 25; sent to Treasurer, \$60; two valuable bales; 45 LEAFLET subscribers

HAWKESBURY.—Not working at present.

PEMBROKE.—Membership, 22; meetings held, 11; two bales sent out, valued at \$36; sent to Treasurer, \$280.

CORNWALL.—Membership, 70; meetings held, 14; average attendance, 14; sent to Treasurer, \$33.50; one bale, valued at \$22.09, and another to go soon; 33 subscribers to LEAFLET.

Total \$76 00

Bank account 20 00

\$96 00

Expended 73 23

\$22 77

Intend to support a child in St. Peter's Piegan Home.

IROQUOIS.—Membership, 21; meetings held, 23; average attendance, 4; sent to Treasurer, \$12.36; 3 boxes, valued at \$15.70.

MORRISBURG.—Membership, 30; meetings held, 19; average attendance, 10; sent to Treasurer, \$27.08; two bales sent out, valued at \$29.30.

WALES.—Membership, 26; meetings held, 12; average attendance, 13; sent to Treasurer, \$20.00; one bale valued at \$85.82.

ODESSA.—Formed last summer. The Recording Secretary much regrets that in the list of officers on page 4 of the Report, Christ Church, Belleville, is reported incorrectly. The printer had finished that part of the book when the names were received. They are as follows: President, Mrs. Daw; Vice-President, Mrs. Geen; Treasurer, Mrs. Sutton; Secretary, Mrs. Grene.

DORCAS REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, ST. THOMAS' W. A.—Sent one bale to the Shingwauk Home, Diocese of Algoma, containing 43 new garments, 2 second-hand, 1 quilt, and 9 yards cotton, cost new material, \$9.34.

ANNIE MUCKLESTON, *Dorcas Secretary.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS—

St. James', Kingston W. A., Rev. R. Renison	\$ 4 00
Wales W. A., support of boy, Piegan Home.....	25 00
	\$ 29 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

Carleton Place W. A., Lady Missionary, Japan...	4 00
Wales W. A., " " " "	1 50
Ottawa W. A., for Bible woman, Foo Chow, China.	40 00
St. Thomas', Belleville W. A., Zenana Mission ..	1 00
	\$ 46 50

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT—

Brockville, Trinity, C. C. M. G.	1 85
Carleton Place W. A.,	3 10
Bancroft, C. C. M. G.	80
	\$ 5 75

Total,..... \$ 81 25

EXPENDITURE.

Handed to Ont. Secretary. D. & F. M.	56 00
Paid Jas. Hope & Co. for stationery.	5 50
To Gen. Treas., amount of Provincial Assessment	10 00
Money Orders.....	12
	\$ 71 62

ALICE L. ROGERS, *Treas. Ont. W. A.*

Quebec Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO:—“*Ye have done it unto Me.*”

The Annual Conference of the St. Francis District Association of the Woman's Auxiliary, will be held this year at Windsor Mills somewhere about October 18th. The Secretary of the Association (Miss Roe, Windsor Mills) will be glad to hear as soon as possible from the different Branches in the District how many of their members propose attending the said conference and how many will accept hospitality for the night.

From the Rev. D. D. Macdonald, Thunder Child's Reserve, Battleford, to Miss Roe, Secretary of Inverness Branch.

“I am this day in receipt of the bale of goods sent us by your Branch of the W. A. and I can tell you we were glad to see such a nice collection of useful clothing, while the quilts were really nice. You ask me to tell you a little more about our Indians. Well, please come with me round the Reserve, and first let us enter old Thomas Ottawa's abode, and what do you see? you look round naturally for a place to sit, and the first thing you notice is his whole family sitting down on the bare mud, and you, to sit, must do the same. On second thoughts you cannot, as the place looks so dirty and poverty stricken that you are compelled to stand and wonder how the poor old fellow and his family can live in such a place. Look at their bedding; a piece of coarse canvas, perhaps some kind of a mat for an underspread, while you are not apt to find anything to cover them with. Now perhaps you would like to ask him a little about religion, and you ask him, “Do you pray?” ‘Yes I have prayed all my life, but not the way you pray. I have been a great man, feared by everybody on account of my medicine, and now it seems beneath my dignity to kneel down.’ So you go out of that house disheartened.

Now let us go into some other house. An old woman sits

at the hearth, boiling an old black kettle, with a small piece of bacon to be cooked, (but mind you, you do not always find the bacon); perhaps the next time you go in, you may only find a piece of dry hard bread, baked with nothing but water.

You wait till dinner comes, each of the family receive a little tea in a pot and a piece of the hard bread for dinner, but not always tea, as they do not always have it. While eating, you begin to wonder at their clothing. Look at that little boy sitting on the off side of his mother; why, he is naked! you ask the mother, 'Has not your boy got any clothing?' 'No' is the answer, 'if you do not give us any, were are we to get it from? we have nothing to sell to buy it with, and nobody round here wants us to work.'" Then look at the mother herself, how dirty and poorly clad she is! just an old print dress that has not been washed since it was new. 'Why,' you exclaim, 'her dress is literally in tatters, did you ever see such dirt and poverty?' "But just look at the man lying with only a covering on! "Have'nt you a coat?" you ask, and he will produce one made in Indian fashion, out of an old blanket. 'Where are your shoes?' 'Oh! I do not wear shoes in the summer, as I have none, and nothing to get them with; you see my feet are cracked up with the heat and mud.'

Now after you have talked with them about their clothing, you start to teach them the Lord's Prayer or the Ten Commandments. You say, 'Repeat after me,' and you may hear a kind of a sound coming from one of the children, while the old people sit as silent as blocks. You think this is very disheartening and try again. This time perhaps you get the mother of the family to put in a word here and there, not repeating after you, but telling her children to do so, just as if the old folks think our teaching is only meant for children, while they are hardened in their old heathen and superstitious ideas; you go out of the house thinking what uphill work; really it requires patience and hard prayerful work to touch these old hearts. Now then let us go into the Chief's house and see what his chieftainship and family are like. As you first enter, you notice three squaws squatted on the floor,

each with her children sitting round her, and his chieftainship lying on a kind of a bed, with a rough wooden mat or some such thing supporting the head. Three families but all one man's children, as the Chief has three wives. As this is the Chief, you would expect a little more cleanliness. Three women ought to keep a man's house a little clean; but look at their clothing, the children are even worse off than the rest. Now you say, 'Let me hear the creed,' and the children, thank God, will start and repeat it word for word and show you some of their reading and writing in the syllabic character, but the father and mother cannot, as they are still heathen.

I could take you through every house on the Reserve, but you would become tired with the same story of poverty, and some people on the other Reserve are even worse than they are here. Now you can form an idea of the circumstances of these poor people and pass a good opinion of the difficulties we have to contend with in trying to christianize these poor benighted souls. And I pray that you all may try to assist us in our arduous labors. Somebody may say this must be exaggerated, but I give you but a faint idea of what it really is.

I need the prayers of all, and these poor people require the sympathy of their more wealthy and christianized brethren.

I think I have already told you of my intention to build a Church next spring, and I require about six hundred dollars to complete the building; I want the donations sent to the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary, who will keep the children until we are ready to build. I hope you will use your influence to influence ladies on our behalf. Much, very much, remains to be done for the Master in this locality, and I am sure anybody seeing the poor people as they really are, would be at once interested and do all they could to help the cause of Christ among them. I have often been asked to give an account of my Indians but so far have never really done so, and I thought people would not be interested in the story. Some other time I will give you a further account, but at present I must forbear as my time is taken up."

From the Rev. Malcom Scott, Lesser Slave Lake, Athabaska, to the Secretary of St Matthew's Branch.

"Your letter March 3rd with enclosed P. O. order has just reached me, for which I thank you. I do not think there will be any difficulty with the P. O. order, doubtless the H. B. Co. will accept it readily.

The bale you sent us last year will probably reach Vermillion during the week. The one you sent this year may arrive at the same time. I now thank you for the last. We had twenty children attending school during this year, sixteen of which were boarders. Owing to the non-arrival of your bale we were rather short of clothing, however we managed to pull through. For several reasons we were obliged to close our school earlier this year, partly because I was obliged to leave home, but chiefly because we had but little to feed them with.

The loss of our crop by the fire necessitated our depending on others for food, but the supply failed. We could not buy a sack of flour in Vermillion so we were obliged to disperse the children.

I am thankful to say that although there has been much sickness and death throughout this Diocese, we have had comparatively little of this at Vermillion; true, we had scarlet fever, but not of a severe type, and by God's good providence, with our strict precautions, we succeeded in keeping it out of the school. I have come to this place at our Bishop's call to meet in Synod, tho' the journey is a long and difficult one (400 miles, 300 of which was a hard paddle against a strong current as the Peace river was unusually high); it is a great pleasure to meet with our brethern after years of isolation. The Bishop has not yet arrived here, but boats are in sight out on the Lake, and so we expect him. I shall be taking home with me a helper in our work at Vermillion in the person of Miss Herbert, who is to become Mrs. Warwick. Please will you always send in the barrel the LETTER LEAFLET, not more than one copy of each number. It is quite as well to come thus, as we should not get it except once a year in any case under present mail regulations."

Bishop Corfe, of the English Mission in Seoul, Korea, writes that Mrs. Isabel Bird Bishop, the famous traveler, had arrived in that city and was staying with one of the missionaries, making preparations for her travels through Korea. The Bishop says: "At one time it seemed as if she would not be able to accomplish her object, so difficult was it for her to secure a competent interpreter. The few Koreans who can speak English shrank from the dangers involved in so long a journey, and in such unusual company. Mrs. Bishop will be the first woman to attempt an investigation of the unbeaten tracks of this country, and though I do not expect that she will encounter open hostility, the novelty of the expedition would present extraordinary obstacles to her obtaining Korean companions as interpreters, so abhorrent to the native mind is the notion of ladies being seen abroad."

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