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**NEWS OF FOREIGN MISSION WORK IN NORTH-WEST.**

**Toronto, January 1st, 1886.**

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**FROM MISS ROSE.**

REGINA, Dec. 12, 1885.

MY DEAR MRS. HARVIE,--

You shall wish to know that I have arrived some time past at this place; but find that the schoolhouse is not ready, the Indian Department failing to keep faith with our worthy committee.

I am recommended to remain in Regina until steps are taken to prepare the school.

I need not tell you that I feel disappointed, but find comfort in this: "For if there be first the willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." Rev. Mr. Urquhart tells me to "stand still and see the salvation of God," and Prof. Hart suggests that I "possess my soul in patience." Apart from the disappointment experienced, I am most pleasantly situated, boarding as I am with or in the same house as the Rev. Mr. Urquhart and his sweet young wife.

I wish to acknowledge three boxes of clothing from Woodstock, three from Toronto, and one from Teeswater, due no doubt to the thoughtful kindness of your Society.

I shall take the earliest opportunity of distributing, and shall let you know from time to time how we do. Would have

written sooner, but was waiting further orders. It would be a mistake to give out the clothing before the school would be in operation.

Chief Piapot's Reserve is considered a most important point to secure as a mission.

With a request for an interest in your prayers that we may be led aright, and many thanks for your kindly interest,

I remain,

Yours in His dear name,

ISABELLA ROSE.

NOTE.—Three of the boxes referred to above were from Barrie, but shipped at Toronto.

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FROM MR. GRANT.

INDIAN HEAD, ASSINIBOINE RESERVE,  
21st Oct., 1885.

MADAM,—

On behalf of the Indians under "Jack," "The man who took the coat," who reside near Indian Head, I beg to acknowledge receipt of five cases of clothing.

The chief, in speaking for this band, stated that things of this kind are just what are wanted, the Indians being poor, and not yet sufficiently acquainted with the ways of the white man to earn a proper livelihood. And more, he thinks that it proves that the Indians have some friends who sympathize with them in their efforts to farm and procure a living.

He is glad also that a school is about to be started, and that the young people will be able to learn to read and write, and be tutored in ways of industry and virtue.

I am, your obedient servant,

W. S. GRANT,

Acting Indian Agent.

FROM MR. BURGESS.

BIRD TAIL, SIOUX RESERVE,  
Nov. 1st, 1885.

DEAR MADAM,—

On behalf of the people of this reserve, I beg to thank you and all the other ladies who have united in sending us such a handsome present of clothing most heartily. Up to the present time only two of the four boxes mentioned in your letter have reached Elkhorn; but the other two may arrive any day. The Indians are charmed with the things, especially the old people, who for the most part received a warm pair of socks or stockings. One old woman to-day insisted on shaking hands with me at intervals. I told her who had sent her the clothes, when she repeated "good, good," the only English words she knew.

The women require warm things much more than the men; their only protection in winter against the intense cold is a thin *print* dress, chosen on account of its cheapness and bright color, moccasins, and a blanket over the head.

They cut and carry all the firewood in winter, and also fetch water from the springs.

We have a little log building which acts as church and school-house, but by next summer we hope to have a good new church; the block is up and the roof on, but there is still a lot to be done to it.

The number of children on the school roll is at present twenty-four. In summer they come pretty regularly, but in winter I have to drive round and teach them in their own houses, some of them living over three miles away from my house. Each child who attends school daily is entitled to a quarter of a pound of "hard tack." They are bright, happy looking children, quick to learn, and not troublesome. I have been with them two years now, and can speak the language pretty well; but it is difficult to acquire without books. Mr. "Solomon Tankunsaicia," our native minister, holds service in the church twice every Sunday in summer, and a prayer meeting during the week. In winter we only have one service, and for my own part it is just as much as I can endure to sit

it out with a heavy coat and mitts on; the women and children sit in a circle on the floor, round the stove, and so are pretty comfortable, I suppose. But the rest of the people suffer much from the cold, the building being old and out of repair. I could tell you much about the people, but will not trespass more on your time.

I would have written to you last winter, but the box you then sent came to "Mr. Hodnett," and I did not know by whom it had been forwarded.

Again thanking you for your most kind gifts,

I remain, dear madam,

Yours very sincerely,

J. G. BURGESS,  
Teacher.

P.S.—I shall be very glad at any time to give you any information about the poor folks here.

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FROM MR. C. G. MACKAY.

MOOSOMIN, N.-W.T.,  
Nov. 10th, 1885.

DEAR MADAM,—

I received eleven cases of clothing, including one for Rev. H. Mackay, of Broadview, which I forward to-day to him. I shall be obliged to make two trips, as I cannot take all on one team, which is my own, and to hire would be too expensive. I shall let you know after I make my first journey. I may say I also received \$15 cash from Perth. Hoping this will be satisfactory for the time being, I shall now close by leaving you in the hands of the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

I am, yours sincerely,

C. G. MACKAY,  
Asessippi P.O., Fort Pelly.

### BOXES FOR THE NORTH-WEST.

An abundant supply of warm clothing has now been forwarded to the Indians of the Canadian North-West, who are under the care of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee. The following list shows the Reserves and addresses to which the clothing has been sent, and the names of the Societies contributing:

- To Rev. Hugh McKay, Broadview, N.-W.T.  
From Guelph, Fergus, Melville Church Auxiliary, Galt; Knox Church Auxiliary, St. Catharines; Gananoque S.S.M.B.; Harrington, Brampton, East Zorra, Brooksdale, Listowel, Mitchell, Paris, Grafton, Lucknow, Prescott, Uxbridge, Greenbank, Leaskdale; St. Andrew's Church, Scott, Indian Lands, and Kincardine.
- To Rev. George Flett, Okanesse, Man.:  
From Avonmore, Cornwall, Vankleek Hill, Lochiel, White Lake, St. Helens, Langside and Spencerville.
- To Mr. J. G. Burgess, teacher, Beulah, Man.:  
From Ottawa, Woodville, Bowmanville and Atwood.
- To Mr. C. G. McKay, Teacher, Fort Pelly, N.-W.T.:  
From Perth, Smith's Falls, Peterborough, Stratford, Picton, Amherst Island and Stirling.
- To Mr. R. McKinnon, Indian Dept., Regina, N.-W.T.:  
From Barrie, Teeswater, Walkerton and Ripley.
- To Miss Rose, missionary teacher, Regina, N.-W.T.:  
From Woodstock.
- To W. S. Grant, Esq., farm instructor, Indian Head, N.-W.T.:  
From Hamilton, Caledonia, Carluke, Burlington, Dundas, Cobourg, Clinton and Colborne.
- To Rev. John McKay, Mistowasis Reserve, N.-W.T.:  
From Chatham, Collingwood and Toronto.

The total number of cases, bales and parcels, is sixty-seven, contributed by sixty societies.

## NEW SOCIETIES ORGANISED DURING LAST TWO MONTHS.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH AUXILIARY, Fergus, and ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH AUXILIARY, Berlin, in Guelph Presbyterian Society, organized by Mrs. Smellie and Mrs. D. McCrae.

BLUEVALE AUXILIARY and BERVIE AUXILIARY, in Maitland Presbyterian Society, the former by Mrs. McNabb and Mrs. Leask, and the latter by Mrs. Murray.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH AUXILIARY, Orangeville, and OAKVILLE AUXILIARY, in Toronto Presbyterian Society, by Mrs. Harvie.

KIRKWALL AUXILIARY, in Hamilton Presbyterian Society, by Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Grant.

MORRISBURG AUXILIARY, by Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Dowsley.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH AUXILIARY, Belleville, formed.

BLYTH AUXILIARY, in Huron Presbyterian Society, formed.

BARRIE AUXILIARY, by Mrs. Ewart and Mrs. MacLennan.

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OTTAWA MISSION BAND, by Mrs. Thorburn.

LAGGAN MISSION BAND, in Glengarry Presbyterian Society, by Mrs. James McMaster.

"WILLING WORKERS" MISSION BAND, of Melville Church, Fergus, in Guelph Presbyterian Society, by Miss Smellie.

"THE HARVESTERS" MISSION BAND, of Erskine Church, Toronto, by Mrs. Ewart.

"THE LITTLE LAMP-BEARERS" MISSION BAND, of McNab St. Church, Hamilton, by Mrs. Fletcher.

"THE OLIVE BRANCH" MISSION BAND, Oshawa, "EAGER HELPERS" MISSION BAND, Newcastle, and MISSION BAND in connection with Whitby Sunday School, all in Whitby Presbyterian Society.

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THE PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY OF BROCKVILLE was organized on Dec. 1st, at Prescott, by Mrs. Thorburn, of Ottawa, and sanctioned by the Presbytery, which was then in session.

Four Auxiliaries were represented, viz., Prescott, Brockville, Spencerville and Morrisburg. The list of officers is as follows : Mrs. Geo. Blair, President ; Mrs. Kellock, Vice-President ; Mrs. John Dowsley, Corresponding Secretary, Prescott ; Mrs. Burnfield, Recording Secretary ; Mrs. Bayne, Morrisburg, Treasurer.

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TO TREASURERS.

It is very desirable that the Treasurers of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands should place their money in a bank, that it may accumulate, with interest, till the close of the year ; or in cases where there is no bank convenient, the money *may* be sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer *quarterly*.

Where there is neither Presbyterial Society nor bank, the money can be sent quarterly to the General Treasurer, Mrs. Maclellan, 10 Murray Street, Toronto.

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NOTICE.

The following leaflets, etc., can be had on application to the Home Secretary, or the Secretaries of Presbyterial Societies :

“*Mrs. Pickel's Missionary Box*,” one cent each.

“*Pitchers and Lamps*,” one cent each.

“*Kashabai*,” fifteen cents per dozen.

*Mite Boxes*, one cent each.

*Our extra W. F. M. Monthly Leaflets*, one cent each.

*Monthly Envelopes*, free.

*Leaflet on Presbyterial Organization*, free.

*Leaflet on “How to Organize and Manage a Missionary Society or Band*,” free.

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