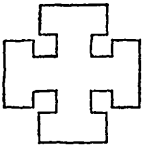


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MEMBERS' PRAYER.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who in the days of Thy flesh didst vouchsafe to accept the services of faithful women, we beseech Thee to grant Thy Blessing upon our endeavours to aid and encourage Missionaries. Put into our hearts the things that we should do and say to promote Thy glory, and further the object we have in hand. Grant that we may never be discouraged under difficulties, but go forward in faith and hope,—looking unto Thee. Have pity on those who know Thee not, on those who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land. Visit them with Thy Salvation. Hasten, we pray Thee, Thy Kingdom, that all may come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear and answer us O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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REMEMBER AT NOON TO PRAY FOR MISSIONS.

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

PROVINCIAL.

Resolution passed by the Synod of Athabasca:—

Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. G. Holmes, "That the members of this Synod take this opportunity of tendering their hearty thanks to the W.A. of Canada for their liberal help by bales of clothing and other necessaries sent to each Mission. Without such help it would be impossible for us to maintain our Boarding Schools and to assist those in want throughout our Missions generally, also for a liberal grant toward the building of the Indian Boarding School at Lesser Slave Lake, and other grants. They also desire to express their gratitude for the kind consideration with which Branches have from time to time sent gifts to Missionaries and their children."

The Prince Edward Island Branch of the W.A. held its Second Annual Meeting on May 17th. Steady progress during the year is reported. There are now five Senior Branches and two Junior Branches, with a membership of 155. One new Branch was formed during the year, and there is hope of two more shortly being organized.

Four bales have been sent away, one to Algoma, one to Qu'Appelle, and two to New Westminster besides a Communion Set to Trail, Diocese of Kootenay. The total amount expended on Dorcas work, including the Communion Set, \$126.06. The bales contained 206 new garments, 57 second-hand, and 12 quilts.

The offertory at the Annual Meeting, amounting to \$10.29 was voted to Lytton Hospital, New Westminster; \$18.16 was devoted to Home Missions. Officers: President, Mrs. C. C. Gardiner; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Davis; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Bayfield; Treasurer, Mrs. Habkirk.

DEAR AUXILIARY SISTERS—We are re-commencing our work of preparing bales, and I wish to say a few words to you, as Branches, and especially to those officers of each Branch who see to the packing and sending off of the bales.

See that all Christmas bales go off *early*; be very careful to send off all bales at the proper season of the year. Some Missions can only be reached in the spring, others only while navigation is open, such as those in Athabasca and Saskatchewan, and in Rupert's Land, where the bales go by water. It must be a great disappointment to a Missionary not to receive his much needed and expected bales, but I think it must add greatly to his disappointment to learn that they *were* sent, only too late to reach him, and that they are lying all winter in a freight shed waiting till spring to come before they can be forwarded. A little forethought and care on our part will prevent any danger of such delay.

There is one matter especially to which I wish to draw your attention; Last year I received a promise from the Indian Department to refund freight charges beyond railway limits, provided the Department was furnished with a proper freight receipt for charges paid; this I communicated to the Missionaries, on whose behalf, especially, I made the request to the Department, because you know, that except in a few cases where Branches forward money to pay charges beyond the railway these have to be met and paid by the Missionaries out of their very slender stipends. In reply I have received several letters, one in particular, from the Synod of Athabasca, pointing out the difficulties in the way of the Missionaries furnishing proper freight receipts, and all of the same tenor, to the effect that what is required is a means of identifying the bales, *while on the way*, so that the Hudson Bay Co. can make the correct charges of bales sent by any individual Branches. The most practicable solution of this difficulty seems to be that the bales should be so addressed as to give this information *at sight*.

I would suggest that the address be written on a piece of strong factory cotton and sewed firmly to the canvas covering, as being more convenient than printing on the canvas itself. Let me give an address as an example :

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I feel that marking the weight on the bales, which has been suggested, is not practicable in all cases, but as soon as the bales are sent the Secretary of a Branch should write to the Missionary, giving him the fullest information on all these points, viz. . Branch sending, number of bales, date of shipment, and weight of bales, which latter should be given in the freight receipt furnished by the agent Just one word as to the freight receipt. I am required by the Department to furnish a memorandum of all I forward, and I feel very heavily the responsibility, as in some cases the Branch gives a different amount on the Dorcas list to that on the freight receipt, which is what I make my list from, and even now I have at times to return lists to the Dorcas Secretaries because the *amount* paid is not written on the freight receipt, or it does not bear the statement "paid." If each Secretary would see that the agent has made out the receipt fully and *clearly*, it would often save delay in applying for a refund.

KATE E. HALSON, *Prov. D. rcas Sec.*

Letters from our Missionaries—Domestic.

QUEBEC. Letter from Percy Stocken, Sarcee Boarding School, Sarcee Reserve, Calgary, June 27th, 1900. to Mrs. Doak.

"I have to write and tell you that your boy, Peter Many Wounds, is leaving this School on the 1st of July, for the Calgary Industrial School, he being now 14 years old, an age at which the Government wish all boys to be drafted into the Industrial School, to learn trades. While at that School he will be entirely supported by the Government until he is 18 years old, when he will leave to start work for himself. I should be indeed grateful if you would bestow your kind patronage upon another boy in my School, as your outfits have been such an immense assistance that I shall find it hard to do without them. Peter's place will be filled by another boy as soon as he leaves, as I have three more boys of seven years of age to come in next month. I find it very difficult to keep myself supplied with boys' clothes, as bales that come up, though well appreciated, do not contain much

clothing for boys, so you will understand how much I need your continued support. Peter has been a very good boy all the time he has been in my School, and is leaving it with a good report, and the hope that he may continue well in the Industrial School. It is hard to part with the lads after they have been with me six or seven years, but it is the inevitable, and for their good. Peter is writing to-morrow to tell you that he is leaving here, and to thank you for your past kindnesses."

Peter's letter. St. Barnabas Home, Calgary, June 28th, 1900.

"Thank you very much for your past kindness to me. I am leaving here very soon, and am going to the Calgary Industrial School. I am going to learn some of the trades. We been weeding our garden every day, *morning and afternoon*; we have holiday on Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, and we go to fish in the creek. I am trying to be a good boy and to love the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, for He does love me so much. It is very hard sometimes to do what is right, but I try hard. In this Home there are seven boys and eight girls. I am sorry that I leaving this School. I hope you wont forget me to be yonr affectionate boy, when I leave this School. Dear Mrs. Doak I have nothing more to say now, so I must close my letter, hoping you will write to me."

TORONTO. From Miss Wilgrass, Grand Rapids, Athabasca River, June 3th, 1900.

"It is just a week since we began our journey from Athabasca Landing, and two weeks since we left Edmonton (and I might say civilization!) and took to camp life. Camp life is a curious mixture; it is at times most romantic and full of interest, as when we drove through beautiful parkland, the ground covered with wild flowers, or across a lovely valley, with a charming little gravelly creek running through it, and camped at night on a bed of violets. And then again it becomes monotonous and even unpleasant, as when the harness broke in pulling us out of a deep mud hole, and left us sitting in the waggon while the horses ran off in a fright. However even the trying parts have their compensations. Our second day on the water began brightly, but a strong head wind got up, with a cold drizzling rain and we had to make camp in the bush for the next 24 hours; yet I enjoyed that day, for a walk in the woods is always a treat to me, and

in the wet shrubbery I found some lovely beds of the pretty little oak-leaf fern, besides a few flowers and some exquisite mosses.

Yesterday we were camped on an Island in the middle of the river, with the Grand Rapids rushing and splashing on each side of us, they look very formidable; you might fancy some huge giant had tried to block the river's way with immense round boulders, but the water dashes triumphantly over or between them all, with a roar! More than one life has been lost in this part of the river; it is impossible to take any load down, so all our freight is landed on the Island, and carried in a small truck down to the lowest end, then the emptied boats are lowered carefully over the quietest part of the rapid, with ropes, and filled again, half a load at a time, till deep water is reached again. You can see how much work all this implies, for we have three boats, each carrying about five tons of freight, in bales, sacks or boxes. The poor Indian lads had very little Sunday rest, for they were carrying loads from nine till six. To-day began with a pouring rain, so they could not do very much, but it is clearing now and we hope to leave to-night. Sudden rain storms are very common here; hail, thunder, lightning and wind often accompany the rain; in one of these unexpected gusts the ridge-pole of our tent broke with a crash, and our tent fell in; fortunately it was day time, and we held up the end poles as best we could until some of the men came to help us, and propped it up; as it was at the Landing we soon had a new one made. The day I began this letter we had another little accident which might have ended more disastrously, had we not been on the spot; the tent caught fire (the wind was fresh and must have blown a hot cinder against it), but happily we saw it when the hole was not more than a foot across, and soon put it out, and had a patch put on it. My companion, having been over this journey twice, knows how to make tent life as easy and pleasant as it can be made, and I enjoy very much living in the fresh air. We have the floor of our tent covered with spruce boughs, which make a nice carpet and are excellent to sleep on; three valises and the all important lunch basket hold all we need, and we each have a camp stool. I have beside me as I write a bunch of lovely wild flowers. honeysuckle, columbine, roses, and many others I do not know by name. The island is covered with flowers, fruit bushes, flowering shrubs and trees. There is a quaint little H. B. Co.

store here with a fair supply of provisions, clothing, etc., for sale, also a 'Shack' for the man in charge, who lives here all the summer, and a large storehouse for furs and freight. The mosquitoes have been at times very troublesome, and I have been thankful for my gaiters, long gloves and green veil; the aromatic vinegar also has been a great comfort. We have about 12 Indians and half-breeds in our crew, and 6 white men, all told. The guide is a very tall, fine-looking half-breed Cree. Very few of them talk English, and it is odd to hear the guide shouting his orders in Cree, or listen to the men chattering to each other as they rest. The oars are huge cumbersome things, and they cannot row very long at once. I was sorry not to have Miss Scott with us, but it is perhaps better for her to stay awhile at the Landing and see some of the work there; she is just the right kind of worker for the work, she is so bright and useful, and falls into place at once. People in the North (beyond our Mission), are almost entirely dependent upon the Company for supplies, yet the Company is not always to be depended upon. There was a great deal of freight sent to their care this year for Archdeacon Macdonald and Rev. E. C. Whittaker, of Peel River, and a large part of it has been left behind in the Company's sheds at Edmonton and the Landing because they had not room for it in their boats, and the poor missionaries will have to wait another year for these supplies. I am sure they could have had a boat made if necessary. The Company has carpenters at work making five and six boats at a time; they are roughly made and unpainted, as they are never used twice, it is cheaper to make a new one than to bring a boat back, up stream, 2,500 miles."

Mrs. Hay, Fort William West, writing to thank the Girls' Auxiliary of St. George's, Toronto, says: "I made up, from your bale, little bags of tape, needles, pins, buttons, etc., for some of the mothers, they were so pleased. We have distributed the warm clothing carefully; the boys' clothing was most useful, and has been greatly appreciated. The little quilt with the girls' names on the blocks is much admired on Gracie's bed. Please thank all the girls most warmly from us all." From Miss Collins, South Camp, Blackfoot Reserve, to Girls' Mission Band, All Saints', Toronto, July.

"The quilt and carpet gave me special pleasure, and for them I am most grateful. The tea, sugar and candy were a treat; I gave one

piece of candy to each boy in the Home. The bonnets and shirts I sent to Miss Turner, keeping one for my little god child, Martha, her parents are still heathen, and I fear their object in desiring baptism for their child, was that they would receive help in the winter, Mr. Stocken, however, explained very clearly to them the meaning of the rite of Baptism, The prairie is so beautiful now, flowers everywhere, hills on which are cattle and horses, creeks and the river break the sameness, and the Teepees grouped all around appeal strongly to the heart—Give to these people the Gospel of Christ. Mrs. Many Spots is one of my patients, she has a terrible sore which is dressed every day; pray for her that she may learn to believe in the Saviour's love. Then there is Mrs. Spring Chief, she came from fifteen miles down the river, such a forlorn looking creature, with a shocking rash upon her, Spring Chief said, "her whole body is sick, Spom Ake (my Indian name), your medicine is good, help her." With the Indians you must not hesitate, so I lifted up my heart to God in prayer, that He would show me what was best to do for the poor woman. I then ventured to give what I thought best, directing her husband what to do, and yesterday he came saying, "Spom Ake, you are good, my wife is well." I told them it was God who had shown me what to do. I can speak to these people fairly well, but need far more knowledge of the language. There are so many of whom I could tell you, if time and space permitted—Heavy Eyes, Running Bird, Wolf Collar, Good Young Man, Night Chief, etc. I do indeed wish the girls of All Saints' much blessing in their work."

Extract of letter from Mr. Haynes, Peigan Home, to the Secretary of St. John's, Whitby.

"You will be glad to hear of the safe arrival of your bales; it indeed gave us great pleasure to unpack them, just as much as those kind friends who had the packing of them. Every article was very useful. The quilts were a fine sample of diligent, faithful hard work, and are a great boon to us. I must, I think, make mention first of the balls, they were looked at with such longing eyes by the children, I gave them some as soon as we had finished unpacking, and they enjoyed a good hours play with them before evening prayer and retiring to rest. The shaker flannel Mrs. Haynes will make up for dresses for the little babies who are brought to be baptized, as we generally try to give

them some small article of clothing at such time. The boys' trousers were very welcome, they seem to be so much harder on their clothes than the girls. I cannot mention each separate article, but would like to speak of the pair of stockings knitted by Mrs. Warren, something seemed to say give them to the best boy, and tell him an old lady of 96 knitted them. May God yet spare her to do many such acts of kindness and charity. I will get the boy himself to write to her the first opportunity."

Part of letter from Rev. J. Hines, to Mrs. Banks.

"The following bales were awaiting me at Prince Albert on my annual visit, in June last, viz., three from Thorold, for the Mountain Schools; one from Peterboro, for Devon; two, St. Paul's, Woodstock, for Devon; and one to be divided between Devon and Moose Lake; one, York Mills, for Devon; one barrel, St. Matthias', Toronto, for Devon; two consignments sewn up in rice bags, marked for Devon, but no word, either inside or out, to say where from; one bale for Big Eddy School, no indication on outside to say where from, but we have received a letter from a lady in East Toronto, to say that a bale was being sent for that School, so may find the missing link inside; 11 bales and barrels for Mr. Pritchard, of Cedar Lake.

I never open the contents of the bales for the Mountain Schools, as these Missions are about 100 miles from the Pas, and the contents of the bales are always disposed of before I make my autumn visit. The river which leads to the Mountain Missions, branches off from the main, Saskatchewan, about 200 miles west of the Pas, and Mr. Bear, the teacher, follows that stream when returning from Prince Albert with his year's supplies. I have given the teacher at the Mountain instructions not to open the bales until my autumn visit, but so far my instructions have not been carried out; I have also instructed them to write and thank the donors for the bales, and for private gifts in particular, but judging from a letter received from the East, this was not done last year, for which I am very sorry, but I assure you this was not my fault."

HURON. To St. George's Branch, London West, the C.C.M.S. Deaconess, working at Long Sault Mission, Rainy River, writes: "Your bale of clothing arrived in good condition, and for it we desire to extend to you all, our sincere thanks. The assistance which the

W.A. gives us from time to time, is a great help in the work. I think you would have been more than repaid had you seen the delighted look of one poor old Indian woman, when we gave her one of your good warm quilts. The little children are always delighted to receive things; their little dusky faces brighten up when we give them anything. It is the love of Christ which constraineth us all. We who have come forth in obedience to our Master's command, are striving to do what we can in our own humble way, you at the other end are holding the ropes, sustaining us by your prayers and your material help. Again I thank you, and pray that each member of your Branch may receive a rich reward for her labour of love."

The Rev. A. Owen, Omoksene, writes to Huron W.A.: "I will tell you our needs, and let those who will, assist. Our Hospital is plastered, but has not been painted; in fact all our buildings are suffering for want of painting—It would need about \$200. I have written to Ottawa about *furnishing* the Hospital, but do not think they will do anything. What we need for our Hospital you will probably know better than we do. Then about the *nurse*—I fear one could not be had for less than \$20 a month. The nurse who was with us through our operations of last year, graduates from Medicine Hat Hospital next year, and would, I believe, willingly come to us. She is well worth waiting for. This is enough for this time, but I do ask you to give these, our two *very pressing needs*, furnishing for the Hospital and the salary for the nurse, your earnest consideration."

In his account of the first Omoksene wedding, the Rev. A. Owen omitted details of interest to our Branches, which Mrs. Owen has kindly supplied. Nellie and her bridesmaid, Rosie, are two of the three girls adopted, some years ago, by the Senior and Junior Branches of the Memorial Church, London. A most complete outfit was sent to the bride, the instigator being Miss Beattie, London South, whose Branch provided not only for the bride, but also for the furnishing of her house. The wedding dress was made and given by the Mothers' Union, of the Memorial Church. Mrs. Owen writes, "We thank all the kind ladies most warmly for their interest and for the lovely things sent up for Nellie. As we unpacked the bale there were exclamations of 'How lovely,' 'Oh, it is too nice,' and one of the staff was heard to remark it made her feel like being a bride herself."

I placed all the nice things in one of the rooms, and then asked Nellie and Rosie to come and look. When Nellie first caught sight of them, she clasped her hands and coloured with surprise and pleasure, and they examined every article over and over again. Mrs. Red Crow came down next day, and Nellie showed her the trousseau; she was delighted, and hoped many of the girls would have as nice homes. When a boy or girl enters the school, the Agent looks after their treaty money, consequently when Willie and Nellie were married, they had about \$60 between them, out of which Willie bought such furniture as was most needed."

To the Ministering Children's League of the Memorial Church, Mrs. Nellie Scraping-White, writes herself, "I am afraid you will think me ungrateful for not having thanked you before this, for the useful granite tea set you sent me. I should like you to see my little home. Mr. Owen is, D.V., going to take some views of the inside rooms, also Willie's and my own photo, so we hope to send you them, which will give you some idea of what a comfortable home we have got. Would you please thank the Mothers' Union for my wedding dress; it was so pretty and was so much admired by those who came to my wedding. I find it keeps me busy keeping my house neat, and cooking our meals. Some of the white people about here gave me wedding presents in the way of dishes, and Mrs. Wood gave me a nice lamp; one of my Indian friends gave me a china breakfast cruet, and my step-father gave Willie a horse, and Wille's step-father gave me one. Mr. and Mrs. Owen are very kind to us, and do all they can to help us. Thanking you again for all you sent me, I remain your sincere friend, NELLIE SCRAPING-WHITE.

The Presidents of the Bervie and Petrolia Branches have sent very interesting letters, which unfortunately have to stand over for want of space, till next month.

ONTARIO. To Mrs. Buell, Brockville, from Mr. Hardyman, Bull's Horn School, Blood Reserve, Macleod, Alberta.

"It may be some weeks before I can get your bale from Macleod, as it is over 30 miles away, and it would cost too much to send specially for it, and the Rev. A. Owen, of St. Paul's Mission, 20 miles from here and 15 from Macleod, generally gets my bales out and I send an Indian from here to his place; but Mr. Owen is under strict

quarantine, scarlet fever having broken out, so now I have to depend on Mr. L. Wood, Lay Missionary, who is doing all the messages into Macleod for Mr. Owen, until the sickness is over. I am thankful to say that the fever is not spreading, only three cases, and these are isolated in the Hospital, and every precaution is being taken; it would be a frightful business if it were to go through the School, as so many are more or less delicate. I will divide my letter and description under different heads. First of all as to location, this is naturally an important point. Well, a person coming here goes straight to Macleod now that the Crow's Nest Railway is open, formerly you had to jump off at Calgary, and take the bi-weekly train to the South on the Calgary and Edmonton Ry. Then to get here you drive out to St. Paul's Mission (Church of England), under the Rev. A. de B. Owen, where we have a flourishing Boarding School, as Mr. Owen is an excellent head, and all the staff work together, which is so essential to success; and yet it is hard to find a Mission where all the workers are able to work in unison; but it is solely to Mr. Owen's good management that things work so smoothly here, and his house is always open and a genuine welcome, and he and his wife always make you feel at home, so this I may say is a successful Mission, and Mr. Owen is truly the spiritual father of the Indian children and of his whole household. To use the Indian style of describing where you live, it is either up the river or down the river, as the Reserve is bounded by the Beley River, and across it is White Man's Land, for my place is away up the river. The first place of importance you come to after Mr. Owen's, is the Indian agents, Mr. James Wilson, which is on the Reserve; for I should have mentioned that St. Paul's Mission is just off the Reserve, really an Island, which is the name the Indians call it, "large island," so to get to Mr. Wilsons you have to cross the river, and at certain seasons it is a dangerous business, when the water is high, or just before freezing up. At the Agency there is quite an imposing lot of buildings, Mr. Wilson's house and out-buildings, office and store, the Beef-issuer's house, the proprietors, etc., and the church for the whites, which is now converted into a dwelling for Mr. Wood, the Lay Missionary. Some six miles further down the river is a farm instructor's dwelling. After you leave Mr. Wilson's you pass numerous dwellings of the Indians, and in most cases you

notice a stable, with a large coral for their horses, which are their chief pleasures in life, and a supply of hay (a sign of civilization); and I have noticed lately low baby carriages, and buggies and wagons are getting quite common. You travel about eight miles, when you come to Stand Off N.W.M.P. Barracks, where is seen now a splendid stack of hay, put up by the Indians by contract. There is a trading store with post office a mile further up, and here a bridge is being built across the river, which will be greatly appreciated, especially by Mr. Deane Freeman, who comes up from the Agency twice a week, Monday and Thursday, to issue beef and flour to the Indians up the river, and on Tuesday and Friday the Indians down the River get their rations at Mr. Wilsons. About two miles from Stand Off you come to another farm instructor's house and large stable, ration house, store and several other out-buildings; and about a mile from here is the Roman Catholic Mission, which is most beautifully kept by two priests, brothers and sisters, and other workers. They have a Government Hospital, a large Boarding School, completed recently, about fifteen children, a nice Church, Mission House, and other necessary buildings, and all nicely furnished and painted, and good fencing; altogether it has often made me sad to see such a well ordered Mission, and apparently no lack of funds, and to compare ours, which is always struggling against debt. There is a good trading store just opposite the Mission, across the river. Then about a mile from here is Red Crow's Mission, where the Rev. E. Hockley used to live. Here is a day-school, but closed, and the building was used for services. No one has been appointed in Mr. Hockley's place, and I fancy if a new man comes he is to locate at Bull Horns. On we go another seven miles, with little Indian houses dropped, as it were, at intervals, in extraordinary places, none but an Indian could choose such spots; sometimes on the edge of a cliff, where no wagon could approach, or perhaps beautifully situated near some stream, handy for watering their dear ponies, of which there are thousand on this Reserve. I must not forget to mention that all the younger Indians now own cattle, and a splendid lot they are, and the Government provide thorough-bred ponies. It is only now the Indians are beginning to see the advantage of raising cattle, and they are eager to take all they can get. The Government gives them a two year old heifer for a pony, the former values about \$8 or \$10, the latter about \$22."

NIAGARA. Miss Phillips of Onion Lake, to Dio. Cor. Secretary.

"I left Onion Lake for a short furlough, on the 25th of April, after five years of labor in that field; and in those five years I have seen many sights of pity among these poor souls in darkness and heathenism, but thank God for some who are eagerly drinking in the Word taught in His Name. You will remember we are very far north, 210 miles from any railway station, and only receive our mail once in two weeks. When I was led out to the work in April, 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Matheson had been already labouring two years, and had a boarding school started, with 11 little inmates, but it has rapidly increased. The work has grown, both in the school and out among the older Indians. God has indeed abundantly blessed it, more than we could have asked or thought. One thing I have always noticed more than any other, is how willing the heathen are to listen to the Word read and expounded in their own tongue, and that is the greatest thing when we believe our Master's promise, "My word shall not return unto me void," and, praise His Name, He is always more than His promises. I must confess we have many discouragements among the old people, then again it is very encouraging among the children. I am so glad you had the pleasure of hearing Archdeacon Mackay, he is such an earnest man, and loved by all his flock. I had the pleasure of meeting a good many of the W.A. workers, both in Toronto and Montreal. I don't know what we should do without your help in the Mission field. We do so often bless you, and thank God that He has put it into your hearts to work for us. We are all working for the same great cause, and it matters not what we do in this great building as long as it is done with a single eye to His honour and glory. I ask your prayers for the work at Onion Lake, to which I expect to return in September, D.V."

Miss Crawford, Sarcee Home, to Dorcas Secretary.

"Two new girls came in this spring, so I have nine to look after. As the weather was so very warm I made them some dark blue print dresses for best during the summer. The boys are in great need of clothing for next winter, and as you are sending a bale for the Home, I thought perhaps the Niagara W.A. might send some clothes for the boys. The Archdeacon told me to ask you what you can do, for six of the boys will need complete outfits, three boys will require suits

that will fit boys of about 14, and the other three suits for boys of about 12. They each need two undershirts, two pair underpants, two pair stockings, two pair boots, two pair pants, and two coats. Good second-hand clothing will do for every day. I am glad the Dundas people took Sarah Big Crow again. The night we went out there is a night to be remembered, is it not? It is with great pleasure I look back to my visit in Hamilton."

From Miss Crawford, Sarcee Reserve, to St. Mark's Junior Branch, Hamilton.

She acknowledges bale sent and says: "It is very good, and we will be glad to have the uniform dresses for the cold weather. The dresses are all very nice. I was so glad to see so many boots and shoes; one pair of shoes fitted Daisy Grasshopper, and one pair of boots fitted Lizzie Many Horses. The sofa pillow and quilt are very pretty; the yarn and flannelette are so useful, also the pillow-slips. I was glad to see a slate and slate pencils. I gave the slate to Kate Starlight, as she had none. I have the large one you sent once to Fanny Grasshopper, she always used it and took such good care of it, there is not even a crack in it. The rubbers, carpet, underclothing and dresses are all useful. The hats are so good, but, I am sorry to say, of no use to the Indian girls, for they have to wear hats all alike. They will probably be of use to some other girls we know, so that they will not be destroyed or wasted. Perhaps your Branch, this coming year, might help in getting the outfits for the Boys' Home. The J.W.A. of Holy Trinity, Barton, clothe a boy, Bertie Crowchild (by the way thank the person of that Branch who so kind'y sent the dried apples). There are two new boys to come in. The boys who are in and who will be staying for a while before going to the Industrial School, are Charlie Crowchief, George Big Crow, John Head-above-water, Bertie Crowchild, and Harry Weasel Foot; Harry is about the age of Bertie. The children grow so rapidly, and the boys are great workers for such young lads. We are having fine hot summer weather, and the country all around looks beautiful. It is very hilly all around here, and beyond the hills we can see the Rocky Mountains towering up into the clouds. There are such a lot of pretty wild flowers this year, and both boys and girls are very fond of gathering them. With many thanks and best wishes for your success in your work."

From Mary Big Crow, Sarcee Home, to Miss Gertrude Millen, Hamilton.

"Thank you much for your kind letter, and it is so kind of you to write to me, it gave me great pleasure when I read it, and to know that you are same age. I don't know when my birthday comes, because Indian don't keep their birthdays, but perhaps you know I am fourteen years of age, and I not too tall nor too short for my age, and I hope you are the same, and I am not a thin girl. My father lives in West Camp, and it is five miles away from where I am live, and he don't often come to see us except when he really want to see us, and we had large house and a stable, and we lots horses, twelve cows, he had six cows and his wife had six cows. I had one brother, one sister, and one step-sister, and one big sister, my father's own daughter, but she is not my own sister, her mother is my mother's sister, and my father used to have two wives when I was a little girl before I came into school, but they are both dead. I got lots of cousins, but I like for very much, their names are Annie, Mary, David, John, and their father's name is One Spot. The Indian are getting to be quite civilized, the young women wear waist and skirt, and some of them got upstairs, and chicken and pigs and cows, besides they got lots of nags."

Extracts from Miss Lillian Millen's letter, written from Edmonton.

"From Fort William to Winnipeg, the railway traverses a wild broken region with rapid rivers and many lakes, but containing many valuable forests. There are many farms continuously appearing beyond Poplar Point. The line of trees not far away marks the course of Assiniboine River, which the railway follows for 130 miles. Portage La Prairie, on Ass. River, is one of the principal grain markets in the Province. It has large mills and grain elevators. Between there and Brandon there are many busy towns—Qu'Appelle, a great stopping point, also a post of the H.B.Co. There are several Indian Reserves and an important Indian Mission and School. For eight miles beyond Qu'Appelle Station the country is somewhat wooded, and then we enter the great Regina Plain. It is a beautiful place and is known as the park country. Moose Jaw is a railway divisional point, and a very busy town; there are a number of Cree Indians seen here. Gleichen, where there is the Blackfoot Reserve; the Rockies come in full view,

a magnificent line of snowy peaks. Calgary, a very important place, is very beautiful; lumber is largely made here from logs floated down Bow River. From Calgary to Edmonton it is very pretty, but mostly flat, with forests, farms, etc. The flowers all along have been beautiful, the golden marguerite-daisy is thick here. At Wetaskewin we stayed some time. In the fields near by and all around the place the Indians were having a picnic. There was the Chief all painted up with his tunic and blanket and all around him. There were Indians galloping along on horse back, all painted in such gay colours; women with their babies rolled on their backs, hundreds of them, all different. At Edmonton, a lady asked if a Miss Millen was there; it was Miss Durnnall, so we got into a trap and drove off to where she is staying. I am to share her room."

OTTAWA. From Rev. F. C. Chilcott, to Mrs. Almon, St. George's, Ottawa.

"We have received the bale safely, and everything is in splendid condition. We were very glad indeed to have it just at this time, for one of our Church families on the Mission, have lost their house and everything in it, by fire. I cannot tell you how very glad we were to be able to help them, homeless and destitute as they are, poor people. The rest of the things will be distributed to the best advantage, and I hope will enable a good many little ones to go to school with the feeling of being warmly clad. We are so thankful too for the delicious candy, we hope to have some of the little ones at the parsonage, soon, and give them a treat. Please express to your noble band of workers, our sincerest thanks for all the clothing, toys, candy, etc.

From Rev. J. G. Anderson, to Miss Beckett, Richmond West.

"We got your bale to the Mission, last week, but it had arrived at West Selkirk the week before. You do not need to make any apology. I am sure for Juniors you have done splendidly, and ought to be proud of the result of your efforts; if you continue as you have begun, I can say it will not be long before you will be in the front rank of W.A. bales. The articles of clothing will all be useful, and the groceries are very acceptable. We intend to use some of the things as prizes at our S. S. picnic, next Friday. As we have a large Mission and so many scholars, your bale will help us out a great deal. The needles and thread will be useful for the Indian J.W.A., just begun.

Mrs. Anderson wishes me to say that she has taken the two pillow-cases and two towels for our own use, as we were in need of them. The quilts are really nice and well made. Thank you very much for your prayers and wishes for our welfare. May God bless you in your labors, that you may rejoice with 'Joy unspeakable' when the Harvest comes."

From Mr. W. R. Haynes, Victoria Home, Peigan Reserve, to Miss Fleming, Crysler.

"I must thank you and every member of your Branch for their kindness in sending the very welcome box of clothing, which we received at a time we were in need; every article you sent was very welcome, and showed that our friends in the East are deeply interested in our work. It would be a very difficult matter to keep our work in this Home going without the kind and timely help of the W.A. We have a nice comfortable building, which will hold 50 pupils, although we have only 26, but we expect to take more in soon. The children are bright and happy, and always when a box or bale comes, begin to talk among themselves and wonder what they contain. We have prayers at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., which all attend. The children know the whole of the evening service, both in English and Blackfoot, and join heartily in the prayers and singing, while on Sundays we have Sunday School in the morning at 10 o'clock, and 1 p.m. service in Indian, which a good number of the adult Indians attend, and seem to take a deep interest in the whole service, some of them joining in the Creed, Lord's Prayer, and the responses to the Ten Commandments, and also join in the singing of such hymns as 'I'm but a stranger here,' 'Now the day is over,' and 'Abide with me,' these, of course, all in their own language."

From Mr. Williams, Gordon Indian School, to Mrs. Downing, Fenaghvale.

"I thank you very much indeed for the bale, all the articles will be very useful to us in our school. I am very sorry to hear that your Branch is a small one, but I trust that it will soon increase in membership, as our needs are many. Our School has at the present time 25 pupils, 14 girls and 11 boys, which are quite a task to look after, but on the whole are very good; in fact our big girls, ages from 13 to 16, are getting to be very good workers, they can make bread, butter,

knit, sew, darn, mend and do general house work that is quite a credit to them. The boys are taught to look after cows and horses, chop wood, and do gardening in the summer; they also have to clean the school-room, dormitory and lavatory, and make their own beds. Many of the children become very good Christians, and some ask to be baptized without their parent's consent; but their parents never refuse in any case."

From Mr. Williams, Gordon Indian School, to Mrs. Hannington, New Edinburg.

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of a bale of quilts and clothing from your Branch. It will be a great comfort and benefit to our School, especially the quilts, as the weather is very cold. I may say that our School is in a very comfortable state at the present time, for which we have to thank the kind ladies of the W.A., in the East. The children had their usual treat on Christmas Day, and with great rejoicing they look forward to Christmas Day, more than any other day in the year."

FOREIGN.

MONTREAL. The following very interesting letters from India, have recently been received by Mrs. Holden. Rajapalliam.

"To the gracious presence of the most honored Madam, the loving letter of Annal Biblewomen, with respectful salaams.—In this town where I live there are 6,500 houses, and 2,500 people who worship idols, and I am doing God's work here. Last year, in the month of October, Miss Elwin put me to this work, and I have been doing it till now. Twenty-four women of good cast learn with me. I teach them the lessons according to the Zenana rules, and besides them many other women come to listen to the Gospel teaching that I give them. Miss Elwin comes here from time to time and visits the houses of these women, one by one, examines them in the lessons they have learnt, speaks to the women generally, and strives to arouse them. Honored Madam by your kind help the work of God is going on in this dark town. I send you many thanks for it, and praise God. I pray that God will bless the family of the honored lady who helps me. I humbly pray you to remember me in your prayer, asking that the Lord will prosper the work which He has given me to do, and bless me." From Miss A. Elwin, Sachiapuram.

"I must add a line of many thanks for the money you so kindly sent, received last month. I think your Bible-woman is getting on well, although the place is very bigoted. Two pupils have desired to be Christians and to worship the true God, but are afraid of their relations. As yet their knowledge is very limited; when they know Christ as their Saviour then the courage will come. Do pray for them." From Miss Daenle, C.E.Z. Children's Home, Katm, Morwara, India.

"Thank you very much for the money for poor children suffering from the famine. I wanted to wait before writing so I could tell you what I have done with the money, but it will take another month or two before I shall be able to do so, and I did not want to keep you waiting any longer for a 'hearty thank you.' I was so pleased to get the money, and I shall have plenty of opportunity of giving it to the poor suffering little ones. How good of the kind, sympathetic friends in Canada, to let me have this joy and privilege of helping so many little ones. Please pray for me that I may be wise in the distribution of the money. I have already a Home for 208 famine children, whom Miss Branch and I were able to collect in 1897, but I should like to add to their number some more from this bad and worse famine, and your money will just help me to do so. The distress this time is terrible because of the scarcity of water. In one place the well in the children's Compound is dry, fortunately the well in our Compound, where our bungalow is, has still some water, but even that is failing. Oh! that God in His mercy would send us the longed for rain. The Monsoon has not yet broken, and we are expecting it every day. Cholera is very bad all round, it has also entered the School but only as an isolated case, I am thankful to say; one little girl named Fanny, aged 12 years, has succumbed to it, two more were attacked, but are thank God, better again. The famine of food must last till the rice-crop is reaped, which cannot be sown till rain comes, after the sowing it will take three or four months till the harvest, but the chief grain cannot be reaped till March. It is the March crop which has failed and is causing such deep distress, and it failed because of the want of rain. Civilians and officers are doing a great deal to lighten the distress, but there are such a few of them, some have died, some have had to go home on sick leave; also Missionaries are giving up their lives and work. There are more than one million on Relief work

and in the kitchens opened in one part of India for them, but cholera coming to starvation makes the Relief work very, very trying. Again I thank you and the kind contributors very, very much for your help, support, and sympathy. Please pray that we may have abundance of rain so that both the autumn and spring harvests may be abundant. Much land will have to be uncultivated because the people have died in such numbers, and because of the want of cattle who are dying for want of water and fodder."

HURON. Mrs. Kirkby, Aurora, has kindly forwarded a letter she has received from the Secretary of the C.E.Z.M.S. "Under date July 18th, our General Committee telegraphed the Rev. L. Lloyd: 'Withdraw ladies to Japan, Hong Kong, or elsewhere, outside Chira.' The answer came from Foo Chow, 'All quiet here; no foreigners ordered away; our ladies wish to remain.' After prayer and consultation, following was sent to Mr. Lloyd, on July 24th: 'Can not modify orders; advance furloughs nearly due.' On July 27th, following telegram was received from Foo Chow: 'Ladies leaving—Codrington. Reid, Johnson, Darley, *for home*; Rodd, Bryer, *for Singapore*; Barr, Chambers, *remain with Hospital*, Burroughs, Newcombe, *insist wait September*.' It is presumed that the ladies *not* mentioned are going either to Japan or Hong Kong."

Under date "Foo Chow City, June 11th," Miss Kirkby writes to the Huron W.A. "My dear friends—Since my last letter I have moved into the city to help a delicate missionary, who none of us thought ought to live alone. I have been very happy in my new home, because I know it is the place chosen for me by the One we love to obey. The house we live in is intended for the Lady-doctor, for whom we have prayed so long, but who has not yet been given to us. Both house and garden are native, and they are very picturesque. My Bible-woman and I have had some nice visiting in the crowded houses. I felt a little anxious the first day, not knowing where to go. The Bible-woman said to me before starting, after we had prayed together, 'Guniong, where are we going to day?' 'I do not know,' I replied, 'we must trust the Lord to lead us, perhaps we will be invited into some house.' We walked quite a long way, but no one responded when asked if they would like to hear about the 'Jesus Doctrine.' So we went till we got almost to the City wall, feeling rather sad, as

we would have to turn back soon. Suddenly several women looking out of their front door, saw us, and invited us in to preach, at the same time asking us to excuse their dirty houses—this was only their politeness, they did not really mind much about the dirt. We were taken to the back courtyard, and soon I had a crowd of about 30 people listening. There are always two or three who seem to care about what we tell them, the rest are merely curious. From here we had several invitations, more than we could accept that day, so these left us a margin to work on the next, and so on up to the present time. One old woman was much interested in hearing my version of idol-worship, 'that they had hands and could not use them; feet and could not walk; eyes and could not see, etc., etc.' This way of looking at them had never entered her head before, and she was very pleased at the discovery. I met her several days after, and she could remember much of what I said. The little schools scattered about the country are doing a wonderful work, by their means many people are brought into Christ's fold. To have them and to increase their number, it is necessary that friends at home should provide for their support. To do this is of priceless value, and surely is direct missionary work. No one can estimate the result of teaching these little girls while they are too young to do other work, or to be betrothed, and a child who has got to know the missionary through the school, always gives her a welcome in later years, and her home becomes a centre for preaching. If any of my W.A. friends feel able to help in this great work, please have the money sent here, through your Diocesan Treasurer, *not into the general fund of the C.E.Z.M.S.* If sent direct to us we guarantee a regular report to the persons interested. Sometimes we are sent a lump sum of several gifts together, to be devoted, say to the 'Bible-women's Fund,' to support a certain number of women. The names are given, so we are able to communicate directly with the donors, and keep them informed of the women they help; so please send the names of the donors, and say definitely how the money is to be spent, then we will do our best to carry out your wishes. I have enclosed a list of our different works, and also of the *small* yearly sums which will support a child at school, a woman in our station class, etc., to your Acting-Editor of the LEAFLET, Miss Weir, 95 Alfred Street, Brantford, who will gladly answer any questions about our work those interested may wish to ask."

ALGOMA.

MONTREAL. From Mrs. Johnson, Powassan, to Miss Wright.

"I must express our gratitude and appreciation of your kindness in sending us such a liberal Easter gift. The little garments for the children are a perfect fit. I know that you are interested in our work, so I may tell you how we are trying to raise money for our new parsonage, which we hope to have built this summer. Each member of our Guild has been trying to use some talent. One made maple cream for sale, another made buns, as there is no baker here. Two of us undertook to make Easter ties for sale. We have been very busy and expect to make five or ten dollars in this way. One difficulty is in finding some one in the city to buy us short ends of lace, chiffon, ribbon, etc., cheap, so that we can make a little profit. If any of your ladies have the time to spare, we would be so pleased to have them buy a little for us. We cannot sell anything that costs over 25 cts., so we must buy carefully."

From the Rev. Mr. Johnson, Powassan, to Miss Wright.

"I cannot begin to express our gratitude and delight at getting such a box of valuable and beautiful things; it will be such a wonderful help to our local Guild. We are trying to raise money to build a parsonage, and the ladies are all the time at bazaar work, so this splendid box is a great addition to their stock. There is no parsonage here yet, and we have to pay high rent for rooms over an old store."

From Mr. Geo. Ley King, Shingwauk Home, to Miss Lizzie Hyde, Huntingdon, P.Q.

"The barrel and bale of clothing, groceries, quilts, toys and books, kindly sent by your Branch of the W.A., for the Shingwauk Home, have arrived safely and in good order. We most gratefully appreciate your kindness, and think it will be a satisfaction to juniors and adults alike to know that everything sent will prove of the greatest help to us. I desire specially to thank you for the second-hand cloth clothing, top coats, quilts, shirts, towelling and warm underclothing. Our boys are 67 in number. The new Home for the girls, which adjoins the west end of the Shingwauk Home, is now rapidly nearing completion, we trust to have it habitable by the 31st of Jan., 1900. When completed the two Institutions will have accommodation for 100 children."

From John Stacey, Shingwauk Home, to Miss Lizzie Hyde, Huntingdon, P.Q.

" School opened to-day after the Christmas Holidays. We decorated the school-room, dining-hall and chapel on Christmas morning. We went to Church in town. In the afternoon quite a number of the boys went skating. In the evening we had all kinds of games with the Superintendent, in the dining-hall. We had our Christmas tree last night, and all got very nice presents. The Bishop of Algoma was present and distributed the prizes to those who stood highest in their classes at the December examinations. He and our Principal gave us very nice addresses, after which Santa Claus appeared on the scene. The boys welcomed the New Year by marching through the Home blowing horns, and ringing bells. Many of them were dressed like clowns. They kept it up till about one o'clock, ending with a scramble for candies, so we had a very happy Christmas and New Year. In closing I wish you all a very Happy New Year."

[Editor's note—The writing of this letter quite equals its spelling and style.]

Diocesan Branch Notes and News.

[QUEBEC]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"Ye have done it unto Me."

The members of the Auxiliary have rested from their regular labors for a season. We trust we shall all begin our work with renewed energy and spirit. The keeping up interest in good works, and carrying it on year after year and making it successful, is far more difficult than rousing people to undertake some new thing. Interest will flag, members become tired of the monotony of our humble endeavours to serve our Master according to our abilities. The simple routine is often very wearisome to the best of us, and ever and anon some new call is made upon us, while our means do not increase or even diminish. What can we do? Must we retrograde? Let us always remember that all we are asked to do is *our best*, no one can do more than that, and let us not grow faint hearted. Let us hope for a bright prosperous year.

Regarding the future of the Indian girls, now being trained in the Homes, the following extract from a letter from Mrs. Doak, Sec. W. A., Coaticook, is very forcible. "The idea of training the Indian girls as

domestic servants is an excellent one. If they were well trained in the various duties of domestic service (say in a training school established for that purpose), they could get places at once—*well trained*; and I think they should have a certificate to show they were qualified as cooks, housemaids, etc. Here in Coaticook, it is simply impossible to get *servants*. The missionaries speak very highly of the quickness and intelligence of the Indian children, so why could they not be taught to be good servants? It would be a grand thing for the girls themselves, and solve the problem of what to do with them after they leave school, I trust the matter will be taken up." It is a serious question for those having authority over the Indian Schools.

QUEBEC DIO. ED.

[TORONTO]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"*Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with hy might.*"

The Septembr Board Meeting, by kind invitation of St. John's Branch, will be held in West Toronto Junction. Our members will, we trust, return to work refreshed and invigorated by the summer change of occupation, if not of place. We look hopefully for largely increased enthusiasm and zeal for Missions, among our Branches. Each woman and girl joins the Auxiliary for this avowed object. May God give to all grace earnestly to use the words of the collect: "*That we being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish the things that Thou would'st have done.*" Africa and China are very near to us this year; also India, from an even more sorrowful cause Fervent prayers that our Lord will overrule the evil and horrors of war, famine and pestilence, to the spread of His Holy Gospel, have, we trust, been offered daily by our members.

To the W.A. Branch at Bolton, our deep sympathy is extended in the death of their President, Mrs. Alexander. Trinity W.A., Toronto, also Millbrook, have lost old and valued members; and the President of the Bradford Branch suffers deeply in the removal by death of her husband, the lamented Colonel Tyrwhitt. Doubtless in our short summer, others of our members have been taken from this busy life, all we humbly trust in the certain hope of a joyful resurrection. Miss Johnston, Sec. of Bolton W.A., sends this notice to the LEAFLET: "Entered into rest, June 21st, Mrs. Alexander, President of Bolton W.A. for

nearly fourteen years. Her sorrowing fellow members wish to pay a loving tribute to her worth and memory. Her unflagging zeal and Missionary spirit will long be remembered, her help and presence will sadly be missed by the Church in Bolton.'

Attention is directed to the new advertisement of the "Bishop Strachan School for Girls." The Editor, 83 Wellesley St., Toronto, is at all times glad to reply to any enquiries relating to schools advertised in the LEAFLET.

Miss Scott is by this time settled at Wapuskow; she travelled there from Athabasca Landing, in the care of Mr. Hamilton of the Hudson Bay Co. Miss Young writes to say how very much they missed her, and to express the thankfulness they all feel that such a bright and capable helper has gone to the isolated and distant Mission of Wapuskow.

The Annual Reports for the Toronto Diocese have been distributed. Single copies may be had, price 20 cts., on application to the Recording Sec, Miss Tomlinson. The Collingwood Girls' Auxiliary much regret that their officers names are not correctly given. They are: Hon. President, Mrs. Leask; President, Miss L. Knox; Vice-President, Miss F. Patterson; Secretary, Miss G. Dowse; Treasurer, Miss B. Rorabeck.

The Rev. F. Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Bowe, with Ichimura San, have their head quarters on Waverley Avenue, close to the Lake Shore, Balmy Beach. We sincerely trust Mrs. Kennedy's health may shortly be restored. Mr. and Mrs. Waller are occupying Mr. Kennedy's house in Matsumoto, Japan, which is also to be the home of Mr. Shortt and Mr. Ryerson, who left for Japan, July 4th. The thoughts and prayers of Auxiliary members will go with these, our Diocesan Clergy, who leave home and friends at the Master's call. May the "Good Hand" of our God be upon them.

The report on Calgary Indian Missions tells us the Blackfoot Hospital continues to be a great boon to the Indians: "There have been several cases where the confinement of the patients for a time to the sick wards has been of the greatest advantage to them spiritually. Nothing could exceed the devotion of Dr. Turner and his staff to their work, and it is with deep regret we hear of the Doctor's early retirement from the Mission. The following statistics give some idea of the

work accomplished but not of the work entailed, when the Dispensary is open from early morning until late at night, and the Indians, very few of whom have clocks, come at all hours for their daily dressings. There have been 1,478 days of in-patients, 2,639 treatments of out-patients, and 1,267 dispensary cases. This year has seen the opening of St. John's Church, on the Blackfoot Reserve, the first real Church on any of our Indian Missions."

The 25th Annual Report of the Shingwauk Home is just to hand. The Bishop of Algoma on pages 3 and 4 tells us of the Wawanosh Home, connected with the Shingwauk; it now stands ready (as soon as furnished), for the reception of homeless and neglected Indian girls. In this building a spacious ward commemorates the name and liberality of the late Robert Gilmore, whose legacy of \$500 to the Toronto Woman's Auxiliary, was appropriated by them to this Home for Indian girls. We need much aid in the mere maintenance of our Indian boys and girls, and our Sunday School children could greatly help in this matter; no School, however small, should be deterred from giving a yearly special offering to these Homes. Twenty-five years have gone by since the late Chief Shingwauk laid the foundation stone of the "Big Teaching Wigwam" for the educating and training of the young people of his race, and situated as it is, in a district nearly as large in area as England and Wales, containing also an Indian population of 3,000 souls, the Shingwauk Home has never lacked opportunity and scope for work; \$75 per annum will support a boy or girl, or \$50 if clothing is supplied. Two Sunday Schools may unite to support one child.

[MONTREAL] DIOCESAN MOTTO—"*Go work to-day in my vineyard.*"

We have much pleasure in welcoming a new Life Member, in the person of Mrs. J. S. Nicholson, the indefatigable Treasurer of St. Martin's Branch.

The next Quarterly Meeting, will be held, D. V., in September, at Montreal West, when we hope to have present Miss Lockhart, Superintendent of the Dynevor Indian Hospital.

In July the Diocesan President visited Lacolle, when she met and addressed the members of the Lacolle Branch, at the residence of Dr. Brewster, where she was most hospitably entertained.

The St. Armand Branch of the W. A. has sustained a great loss in the sudden removal of their President, Mrs. C. S. Mitchell, who on the morning of the 4th of August, was found dead in her bed, having apparently passed away peacefully and painlessly, as if in sleep. Only the week before she had been actively engaged helping at the bazaar in aid of St. Paul's Church, Philipsburg, and through the closing week of her life was moving about as usual. Members, both of Montreal and Country Branches, will remember that she was always present at the Annual Convention. The cause of Missions lay very near her heart, and her active hands and ready pen were ever devoted to the service of that cause. Words cannot tell how much she is missed. Yesterday, at a meeting of the Branch, the following resolution was carried by a standing vote:—

“ Moved by Miss C. Whitwell, seconded by Mrs. Burley, That on this our first meeting since the great loss we have sustained in the death of our Honoured President, Mrs. C. S. Mitchell, who was suddenly called away on the 4th of this month, it is resolved that we unite in expressing our deepest regret for our loss, feeling, that though her place can never be filled, each of us will try to do our best as she would have wished us to do, so that though she rests from her labours her works may follow her.”

MRS. MONTGOMERY, Sec.,

St. Armand's W.A..

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

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Management of the Huron Diocesan Branch of the W.A.M.A., will be held in *Brantford*, on Wednesday and Thursday, October 3rd and 4th. The general Missionary Meeting will be held on *Wednesday* evening. There will be Holy Communion in Grace Church at 9 a.m. At 2 p.m. there will be a Bible Reading by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Thursday evening the *Brantford* Branches will tender a reception to their guests. It is hoped that there will be a large gathering of the Branch Presidents, or where these can not attend, their substitutes. Will not all our members pray very earnestly that God would greatly bless this meeting and direct all its deliberations.

A meeting of such of the members of the Huron Committee for the Education of Missionaries' Children, as could attend, was held in

London, last month. Letters from parents were read, and cases considered. It was felt that nothing could be done at present in regard to far away candidates, in view of the early meeting of the schools, but the case of a daughter of an Algoma Missionary was received, and will probably be accepted. An offer to take, under certain conditions, a child under 13, made by a Toronto lady, was sent to that Diocese for consideration. With regard to Annabella Taylor, the lady who gives her a very real *home*, writes, "I think she will turn out all we wish her to be."

The long talked of Hospital, at Omoksene, is at last plastered and ready to be used, but it is still *unfurnished, and there is no nurse, because there are no means of paying her*; and here our Branches are saying, "We are doing all we can, we cannot possibly do anything more, and then there is always a deficit of our Diocesan Mission Fund pledge." There was no deficit in this pledge in 1898, therefore it *can* be met. With regard to the plea, "We are doing all we can," there are some Branches which have proved that a little *extra* done year by year does not in any way interfere with the redeeming of all their Diocesan and Branch pledges, nor with the fixed number of bales and outfits for which our Diocesan Dorcas Secretary holds them responsible. After the Annual of 1898, one delegate said to her Branch, "I know we are pledged to the full extent of our receipts, and of course our bales must not come short, but we *must* do something towards the salary of a nurse at Omoksene. Will ten of our members give *one cent a week*? that will give us five dollars yearly for this purpose, and I will ask our Corresponding Secretary to undertake to collect these cents." The Corresponding Sec. undertook the work, and did it with a right good will. She went to several women of the congregation who, though interested *in*, are not members of the W.A. *yet*, and asked for five cents a month; she very soon had twenty names on her list, the result being that at the last of the year she had collected \$12, and the Branch had paid in its \$5 to the Nurse's Salary Fund, paid \$2 unexpected extra freight on one of its bales, \$3 for another extra work, and had a balance in hand. This Branch is a Branch where it is only "littles" that make up the receipts. Will not some more Branches try the same plan on behalf of the nurse and Hospital at Omoksene? bearing in mind that the collecting must be undertaken by a member

who will do it regularly and gladly. Two cots have been sent to the Omoksene Hospital already. Would it not be a very happy thing to have all our Huron Branches represented in that haven of rest for the suffering, by cots and other necessary furnishings? to have it, in a sense, for our own Hospital, where we, to whom God has given our own houses, can help a little to care for the poor and sick. Does it not seem hard that to obtain help for these, those seeking to help them so, have to ask and contrive to get the means, knowing all the while that there would be enough, and more than enough, if all would bring faithfully to God's treasury the "tenth of all He has given." Cannot we women of the Auxiliary, at least, resolve that *we will do this*, and use our influence with others to persuade them to do so? None who have once taken the resolve have ever regretted it.

The first place among our Branch Notes this month must be given to the report of a most success Deanery W.A. Meeting, held at Port Rowan, sent by the Deanery W.A. Secretary, Miss Phipps, of Port Dover. "The Third Annual Meeting of the W.A. Branches in Norfolk Deanery, was held in Port Rowan, on August 2nd, all being well represented, with the regrettable exception of St. Williams, which small but energetic Branch, well deserves the encomium given by the Bishop at the Annual of 1898, as to the value of small beginnings. The interest of those present, already aroused by carefully chosen hymns and the earnest and practical Bible lesson, given by the President of the Port Rowan Branch, Mrs. Arthur Shore, was deepened by the well arranged programme. Deep regret at the inability of the Diocesan President to be present, was expressed, and her kindly message and encouraging text were read. The reports were read by the Secretaries of the Branches represented, and if they did not show a decided increase of membership, they at least showed an encouraging widening of interest, not the least aid to which has been our LEAFLET, which was specially mentioned in two of the reports. The President of the Port Dover Branch gave a short account of a visit paid by her to Emmanuel College and some Missions in Saskatchewan Diocese, which, with letters from the Missionaries more really connected with our Branches, and an address by Mrs. Bocmer, composed the long, but successfully carried out, programme. The presence of two of the Diocesan Officers was not only encouraging, but a

reminder that the Deanery is but a part of the whole Diocese, working with the same motto and for the same object. The members of the Norfolk Deanery W.A., earnestly recommend this means of strengthening each other's hands in our W.A. work, by receiving stimulus and help from our great centre (for Mrs. Boomer's address was most practically helpful, both as regards the method of our work, and the spirit in which it should be carried out), whereby the zeal and courage of the Home-Branches is greatly roused and strengthened, and the many who cannot attend our *Diocesan Annual Meetings* are reached. And remembering how each Annual Deanery W.A. Meeting carries us on further than the year before, and causes us to meet each time with quickened interest and earnestness, we eagerly urge the Branches in other Deaneries to try what a yearly meeting together will do for them. A bountiful tea was prettily served on tables, on the Rectory lawn, after which there was a short Missionary service in the Church, by the clergy of the Deanery, the Rural Dean giving an eminently helpful address on the work of women, as women. The collections amounted to \$20, and was divided between the deficit in the Mission Fund pledge and the cottages at Omoksene. The necessity of carrying out the programme was the reason that no formal vote of thanks to the ladies of Port Kowan was passed, therefore they are requested to accept this expression of the warm appreciation of their guests, for their most kind and thoughtful hospitality, which has left many pleasant memories which will abide."

BERVIE—Last year our Rectory was burned, and with it considerable W.A. clothing. A parcel for the Stringers was saved. Extra efforts were required from the congregation in order to build a new Rectory, so after paying our W.A. pledges in full, we considered it our duty not to neglect our own Jerusalem, and succeeded by talent system, etc., in adding \$180 to the building fund. In spring we sent two bales containing seven new outfits of boys' clothing, quilts etc., to the Shingwauk Home. We discontinued our meetings during the summer months, but hope to resume them with renewed zeal in the autumn. It has been our custom to hold a garden party to secure funds for material, but this year, instead, we have asked each family to take a mite-box, and all but two have accepted them. Our Senior Branch numbers twenty this year, and all take an active interest. A

Mission Band "The Busy Bees," was organized last January, and met regularly during the winter, making a quilt, scrap-books, carpet rags, etc. When the meetings were discontinued each of the little girls was given a doll to dress, and boys and girls were asked to bring, each, a ball of carpet rags to the first meeting in the fall, and at their own suggestion they were each given one cent talent money, which some have already increased fifty and one hundred fold, by selling vegetables and maple sugar, picking berries, etc. When the bales are ready to be sent away, before Christmas, the congregation will be asked to a "bale party" at the Rectory, to see the work done and to listen to a short Missionary programme, in which the children will have part.

Branches are asked to note that, Mrs. Whitehead having left London, Mrs. English, Hellmuth College, London, is *Convener* of the Chancel Committee.

[ONTARIO] DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"She hath done what she could."

Our last Meeting was held in St. George's Hall, on the second Monday in July, when it was decided to omit the meeting in August, as so many members of the Board are out of town then. Reports were received from the Rural Deanery of Frontenac. All the Branches in Kingston seem to be working faithfully, though the weekly gatherings cannot be held during the hot weather. Portsmouth also sent a good report, and has a membership of 46. The J.W.A. of St. George's Cathedral is very flourishing, it has 25 members and an average attendance of 13. At their Annual Meeting they contributed \$30 towards Missionary objects. This year they sent a large bale, containing wearing apparel and three quilts, to the Wawanosh Home for girls. A nice sum was also collected in the mite boxes. Mrs. Fraser is Superintendent of this Branch, Miss Smythe is Secretary, and Miss Sutherland has been elected Treasurer. A resolution of thanks was unanimously passed to Miss Thacker, for her earnest faithful work in connection with the W.A., ever since she has been amongst us; her departure from the Diocese is a cause of great regret to all her fellow-workers. A resolution of deepest sympathy was passed with Mrs. Rayson in her recent bereavement. In Mr. Rayson, the Church in Ontario has lost one of its most devoted clergy.

[NIAGARA]. DIOCESAN MOTTO.—“*Lo! I am with you alway.*”

The experiment has been tried of having no LEAFLET in August, thereby giving the Editor-in Chief a much needed rest. We are sure the members have not forgotten to read and pray about missions, especially the subjects for August. In our reading we have come across the following apropos of one of the subjects for prayer for the current month: “Bishop Perrin, of the Diocese of Columbia, has secured a missionary to work among the Chinese in Victoria, he has laboured for 17 years in China, and knows the Cantinese dialect well. On taking up the work in Victoria among the Chinese, Rev. Mr. Grundy at once made some radical changes. Ladies no longer teach the Chinese English; this is not in accordance with Chinese etiquette, and the work has been made more definitely spiritual (C.C.M. Gleaner). Miss Ridgeway (St. George's W.A., Guelph), went out, in July, to Prince Albert, to teach in Emmanuel College, under Archdeacon Mackay. The Niagara W.A. had the privilege of helping towards her travelling expenses, to the extent of \$25.

A daughter of one of our W.A. workers, in Holy Trinity, Barton, Miss Lillian Millen, also went out in July, as a missionary helper to the Rev. Geo. and Mrs. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake. Her expenses were met by the Toronto W.A., through whom she was engaged. We give a few extracts from one of her letters, describing the country. [Mr. and Mrs. Holmes paid expenses]—ED. TORONTO LEAFLET.

“Mrs. Fry, Corresponding Sec., St. Paul's W.A., Seguin Falls, Algoma, returns grateful thanks to the members of Niagara W.A., who sent her the parcel by mail.”

[OTTAWA]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—“*God is love.*”

It has been suggested that this department of the LEAFLET be devoted to Branch Notes, instead of a report of the Monthly Board Meetings. Your Editor will be pleased to make this change, and requests that the Branches be prompt in sending in their reports at the proper time.

The Extra-cent-a-day Fund was established in this Diocese about six months ago, and we have now eleven subscribers. A small beginning, but enough to encourage us to do what we can to increase our number. No one is obliged to contribute to this fund, it is purely voluntary,

and subscribers need not be members of the W.A., but remember it is the "extra" cents that are wanted, no other fund should suffer. Cannot we have a subscriber in every Branch, when we begin our winter's work? or each Branch might take, at least, one envelope. On application to the Treasurer of the Extra-cent-a-day Fund envelopes will be supplied.

Dorcas Reports.

[TORONTO.] Central Work Room, 563 Yonge Street.

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Mrs. Donaldson, of Steveston, B.C., writes gratefully, acknowledging the arrival of a small sewing machine, given by the Juniors, and saying what a great help it will be to her, as with several small children, and parish work as well, she finds it very difficult to manage without one.

FANNIE H. BANKS, *Dorcas Sec. Treas.*

[NIAGARA]. Christ Church Cathedral—Three bales to Battleford, Saskatchewan, and to Lytton Indian Hospital, a box of surgical instruments; Thorold—Three bales to Doon Mission; Niagara-on-the-Lake—Two bales to Washakada Home, Milton—Two bales to Gordon School, Holy Trinity, Barton, and St. Paul's, Glanford—One bale to Lesser Slave Lake; Fergus—One to Ottawa; St. George's, Hamilton—One to Dynevov Hospital; Port Maitland—One to Lesser Slave Lake, All Saints' Hamilton—Five bales to Lesser Slave Lake; Ancaster—One bale to the fire sufferers, Ottawa; and one bale from St. Thomas', St. Catharines, to the Sarcee Home, Rupert's Land. Of these 21 bales have been sent to Missions, on which has been expended \$276.55. The bales sent to Ottawa were valued at \$175.22.

JANE SUTHERLAND, *Dorcas Sec.*

Treasurers' Statements.

TORONTO—From 21st of June, to 20th of August, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Cavan, St. Thomas'	\$50 00
Collingwood	25 00
Stayner	5 00
York Mills, St. John's	6 00
Toronto—All Saints'	14 80
Church of the Epiphany	43 53
St. James' Cathedra	116 08
St. Luke's	5 00
St. Phil p's	4 70
Thankoffering from Member of W.A.	35 00
Donations per Miss Macklem, for India Famine Fund	814 69
Donations, Miss Macklem	20 00
" Miss Ellerby	1 00
" Miss E. C. Ellerby	1 00
" Geo. Parker	1 00
" Miss Reid	25
Interest Dominion Bank, to 30th of June	31 15

\$1,174 20

EXPENDITURE.

W. and O. Fund	\$11 00
Bosking Ch Building (E.C.A.D.)	41 85
Bradford Ch., Thankoffering	5 00

Shingwauk Home (Roby Day) ...	6 25
"	10 08
Wawanosh Home	25 00
Peigan Mission	26 50
Athabasca Mission	26 50
Moosonee Mission	27 50
Bosthern Church Building, Sask.	2 50
Mackenzie River Mission	32 50
Yale School Building Fd.	2 00
C. E. Z. S. work in China or Japan.	6 00
C. C. M. A., Rev. J. C. Robinson " ..	5 00
S. P. G. Famine Fund	86 60
C. E. Z. S. "	574 61
Leper "	72 75
Jews London Society, Rev. A. F. Burt	5 00
D. & F. Society	10 20
Italian Mission Fd	1 00
Missionary son's outfit, Emer- gency Fund (special)	25 00

Expense Fund—

Rent Central Rooms, July & Aug.	16 00
Printing Yearly Reports and Sundries	205 53
Expressage, Annual Meeting	3 00

\$1,727 37

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Chinese Missions, B. C.—	
Bancroft C. C. M. G., Life Mem.	5 00
Zenana Missions—	
Bancroft C. C. M. G., Life Mem.	5 00
Lady Miss, Japan—Selby	1 00
India Famine Fund—Newbro.	8 00
" Bancroft C. C. M. G.	5 25
Diocesan Missions	
W. & O. Fund, Thankoffering	346 91
Diocesan Assessment	
Fredericksburg	1 10
Selby	1 00
Mrs Moore, Lansdown Dio. Member	25

Mrs. Macdonald, Amherst Is.	25
Collection at Annual meeting	10 07

\$388 83

EXPENDITURE.

Rev. J. Davis, Sapperton, B. C.	\$25 00
Bishop of Sask. and Calgary	75 00
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Ont. Dio. Sec., amount of Thank- offering	346 91
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Cavan, St. Thomas	9 55		\$268 54
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Orillia, St. James'.....	21 25	DESIGNATED	
Penetanguishene, All Saints'	4 05	Diccesan Missions	\$206 64
Peterboro, St. John's	54 80	Algoma Missions	2 50
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