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(WESTERN DIVISION)

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TORONTO, OCTOBER, 1895.

No. 6.

Subjects for Prayer.

OCTOBER.—Special Thanksgiving for extension in the Home work: for personal, family and national mercies, and for the bounties of God's providence. Confession.

"Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."—II Cor. ix, 11-15.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Increase For October.

Presbyterial Societies:

BARBIE..... Severn Bridge Auxiliary.

HURON..... Bayfield, "Lou Graham" Mission Band.

"Blake Auxiliary.

TORONTO......Woodbridge, Knox Church Auxiliary.

Life Members For August.

Mrs. Colin Fletcher, Thames Road Auxiliary.

Mrs. J. N. H. Milne, Boston Church Auxiliary.

Mrs. Wm. Thompson, Park Hill Auxiliary.

Miss Fraser, Emerson, Manitoba.

Mrs. Wm. Moir, Carmel Auxiliary, Hensall.

The Thank-offering Leaflet.

The title of the story which has been selected by the Board as a Thank-offering Leaflet, and which is now ready, is "Mrs. Grantley's Heathen." Price 8 cents per dozen. It is one of Emily Huntingdon Miller's stories, prettily told and pointed, and will, we trust, help to bring home the lesson of thank-offering to many hearts throughout the Church. Mrs. Telfer will also supply Thank-offering envelopes at 20 cents per hundred.

Will secretaries, when sending for literature, kindly bear in mind that it is not necessary to register letters containing postage stamps or small sums of money?

Presbyterial Meetings.

The semi-annual meeting of Toronto Presbyterial will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Brampton, on Friday, Oct. 18th. It is expected that Miss Sinclair, of Indore, C. India, will address the meeting at the afternoon session.

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The annual meeting of the Barrie Presbyterial will be held in Collingwood on the 29th and 30th October.

NOTE.—If Secretaries of Presbyterial Societies will kindly notify the Editor of the Letter Leaflet, intimation of the time and place of holding Annual and Semi-Annual Presbyterial meetings will be made in the Letter Leaflet.

Annual Meeting, Bruce Presbyterial Society.

The annual meeting of the Bruce Presbyterial Society was held in Knox Church, Paisley, on Thursday, Sept. 5th, and proved to be one of the most successful meetings ever held by the society. Enthusiastic delegates to the number of 50 were present from nearly all the Auxiliaries in the Presbytery. The President, Mrs. Johnston, of Paisley, occupied the chair. The morning session was occupied with routine business, reports from Auxiliaries, etc. At the afternoon meeting the attendance was very large. The surrounding districts and sister churches were well represented showing that in all Christian congregations in the vicinity there is a little band of women interested in the great command, "Go ye into all the world," recognizing that however wide they may differ in creeds and occrines they are one as co-workers in the great cause of advancing and extending the Kingdom of Christ. Miss Miller, of Paisley, welcomed the delegates in a neat and pointed address which was acknowledged by an

intoresting address from Mrs. N. Robertson, of Walkerton. The President gave a brief sketch of the work during the past year, together with its prosperity, touching on the aim and object of the W. F. M. S., conveying to her hearers a vast amount of thought for consideration as to the importance of being earnest workers for the Master. The annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were then read giving a very encouraging account of the work done by the society during the past year. The ten Auxiliaries and three mission bands have contributed nearly \$700 towards sending the gospel to the remote corners of the earth. Clothing to the value of \$300 was sent to the Indians of the North West.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, resulting as follows:-President, Mrs. Johnston, Paisely; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Guthrie, Walkerton; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Craigie, Hanover; Secretary, Mrs. Ferguson, Chesley; Treasurer, Miss Millar, Paisley. Miss Sinclair, of Indore, was then introduced by the president and spoke for upwards of an hour giving her hearers a most interesting sketch of the work among the Hindoos, their every-day life, progress and education, giving interesting incidents connected with the work of the school, and the cleverness and retentive memories of the children of India. A solo was rendered by Miss Stark, of Paisley, followed by a capital address by Mrs. Kippan, of Tara, on some of the obstacles to auxiliary work and how to overcome Greetings were extended from sister societies, Mrs. Colling representing the Methodist auxiliary and Mrs. Buchanan the Baptist. The delegates then adjourned to the basement, where a repast was provided and served by the Paisley ladies. A public meeting was held in the evening at which addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. McQuarrie, of North Bruce, and Rev. Mr. Maclennan, of Pinkerton. Both these addresses dwelt at length upon the principles of missionary work in general, and the responsibility resting upon the Church to send the gospel to heathen lands. This, says the Paisley Advance, closed one of the most successful meetings which the ladies' societies of the Presbytery have yet held, and they are to be congratulated on the growing interest taken in this noble work.

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Notice of Motion For Next Annual Meeting.

The Hamilton Presbyterial Society have, with the sanction of the Board, withdrawn their former suggestion that the Presbyterial reports be taken as read at the Annual Meeting of the General Society, and have substituted for it the following:—"That the devotional meeting of Tuesday, preceeding the business sessions of the Annual Meeting, commence at

2:30 p.m. instead of at 3 o'clock; and that the Presbyterial reports be read on that afternoon so as to leave more time at the disposal of the Society on the following day for the discussion of the various topics coming before the meeting."

Will each Auxiliary consider this matter and send an expression of opinion upon it to the Presbyterial Secretary for consideration at Annual or Semi-Annual Presbyterial meetings; and will Presbyterial Secretaries kindly report the decision of their several societies to the Board in good time, so that if favorably considered the suggestion may be acted upon at next Annual Meeting of the General Society?

Reasons for Thanksgiving.

To every sincere disciple of Christ the time of Thankoffering, now at hand, comes, not unawares, but as a welcome festival. All such will be prepared for it in heart and mind, and they will have been laying by them in store, an offering of a sweet savor, acceptable to God, to commemorate at this season His loving-kindness through another year. Indeed if we are alive to a sense of our heavenly Father's love and goodness as we should be, the song of thanksgiving must rise continually in our hearts, and we will be ready every day of the year, in everything to give thanks. The Thankoffering meeting will thus be but the natural outcome of loving hearts eager for an opportunity to give expression to their gratitude, and to present their offerings in order that the Gospel of Salvation which has brought happiness unspeakable to women in Christian lands may be sent to the uttermost parts of the earth.

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It is not necessary here to point out reasons for personal thanksgiving. These will occur to every thoughtful mind, and will vary as widely as the circumstances of each may suggest. The privileges, comforts and joys of our daily life in this favored land are so many and so great that surely no one will refuse to make acknowledgment of them by her presence at the Thankoffering meeting. It is true there are those to whom in the past year experiences have come the reverse of joyful. Sorrow and suffering it may be, bereavement, thwarting of the most cherished plans, these things have come to some of God's children. Are such required to give thanks? Assuredly yes. If you cannot "praise Him with joyful lips," now, for these experiences, have faith to believe that there is not one hard thing you have been called to bear for which you will not be able some day to give thanks. For do not all things work together for good to them that love God?

We will remember, too, that our thanksgivings are not to be limited to the acknowledgment of personal and family mercies, and we will bear in mind God's goodness to us in the great work He has given us to do as a Missionary Society. For the guidance of any who may not have been able to follow this work as closely as they would wish we will outline a few of the chief reasons for thankfulness in our Foreign Mission work at this time.

Before doing so three things may be mentioned in connection with our W.F.M.S. in which we feel sure every member of the Society will unite:

- 1. For the Heavenly Father's goodness in calling us to this work. Will each of our members ask her own heart: "What has the work of the W.F.M.S. done for me?" "In what ways has it blessed me?"
- For our President, whom God most graciously restored to her usual health soon after the Annual Meeting.
- 3. For the memory of the loved ones who have gone before during the past year. For the enriching and uplifting influence which has been given to our lives by their wise counsel, their unselfish service, and their triumphant entrance into the joy of their Lord.

Then in regard to our foreign work :-

- 1. For faithful missionaries and teachers.
- 2. For the helpfulness and devotion of native preachers and teachers.
- 3. For open doors in all our fields, especially in India and Honan.
- 4. That the work in Honan has not as yet been disturbed or hindered by the war in China, but goes on quietly without menace to life or property.
- 5. For the health of our missionaries, and for their preservation in their journeyings by sea and land. Some who were home on furlough have returned in rafety to their respective fields, rested and refreshed, while those who remained at their post have been sustained and blessed. The Lord hath preserved their going out and their coming in.

6. For all who have been brought to the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, through the instrumentality of Foreign Missions; and for the many tokens of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in awakening the heathen to a sense of their spiritual need.

7. For continued religious interest in all our mission schools, and for the marked development of industry among the Indian children in the North West. 大学のないないのかのできる

S. For the good-will shown to our missionary work by rulers and governments, both in our foreign fields and in our own country.

9. For our Treasury. That year by year the estimates given to our Society by the Foreign Mission Committee, though increasing in amount,

are being generously met; and that the spirit of liberality in the cause of Missions is growing in the Church.

The above are of course merely suggestive. Many other reasons will occur to all who are familiar with the labors of our missionaries through their letters to The Leafler, and through the Annual Report of the Society. Let us give thanks intelligently and definitely as well as in an earnest spirit. We shall be encouraged to go forward to greater things, as we recognize how much we have to be thankful for in time past. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

Departure of Missionaries.

An ire resting farewell meeting was held in Knox Church, Toronto, on Sabbath evening, September 12th, in connection with the departure for Honan of Mrs. Goforth, Miss Mackenzie and Rev. Mr. Mitchell. The celebration of the communion, which took place at the beginning of the service, was felt to be most appropriate to the occasion, and added to the impressive character of the service. Rev. Dr. Parsons, Rev. Prof. MacLaren and Rev. R. P. Mackay, took part in the exercises. Afterwards addresses were delivered by Mr. Hamilton Cassels and Mr. R. S. Gourlay representing the Foreign Mission Committee. Mrs. Goforth, Miss Mackenzie and Mr. Mitchell spoke briefly and earnestly. Rev. R. P. Mackay referred in his closing address to the recent troubles in China and said, "God may be doing His best work for China's salvation through these distressing experiences."

On Monday at 3 p.m., there was a large gathering at the Union Station to see the missionaries off. The crowd sang," Blest be the tie," and as the train moved out, "All hail the power of Jesus name. Dr. and Mrs. McClure will join the party at Minneapolis.

As we go to press we learn that Miss Ptolemy, who is to join the staff in Central India, will be designated at Woodburn on September 18th; and Dr. J. Dow, Medical Missionary to China, at Fergus, September 30th.

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A Sad Story.

FROM MR. GOFORTH.

Chang-te-fu, Honan, June 1, 1895.

It is now more than three months since I left Toronto. God's goodness has passed before me all the days. I am now living alone in our own house at Chang-te-fu. It is over five years since we first tried to gain a foothold here. Though the enemy prevented we have finally triumphed. I am at present repairing the houses we secured last year. The people are friendly and there are good prospects for a peaceful future. It may be that I will

be able to bring Mrs. Goforth and the children here when they arrive in the autumn. No foreign lady has yet visited this city. Though we have many times preached on the streets the women have never heard the Word. In a city it would be improper for the women to mingle with the crowds we can preach to on the street. The door of access will be opened to them only when the ladies can reside here; therefore I am anxious to have my wife come here on her arrival in Honan. It will open the door of light to many in the city as well as in the surrounding villages.

I yesterday witnessed a painful scene just across the street from us. A young girl of thirteen had been married to an old man. According to Chinese custom the match was made by go-betweens. The girl knew not what kind of a man she was getting until the marriage ceremony was ended. As soon as she saw a man old enough to be her grandfather as husband, it seems she took a violent dislike to him. The young wife came back to her mother's home and refused to live with her husband. The husband and mother-in-law came after her yesterday and a row was the result. young wife attempted to jump into the well, but was held back. She then ran and flung herself on the ground opposite our gate. The husband and old mother-in-law shook her and dragged her about in the dirt, the poor unfortunate screaming pitifully all the time. The husband finally got ropes and tied her hand and foot. A crowd had gathered around but it seemed no one had a right to interfere. I did not wait to see the end but turned at my from the shameful scene, praying that Jesus, the Son of Mary, might soon exalt our Chinese sisters to their proper station, for as long as heathenism prevails millions of females will be subjected to unspeakable wrongs.

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The converts and inquirers from the surrounding country came to the city and gave me a hearty welcome. We spent two happy days with them studying the Word.

CENTRAL INDIA.

A Building For Dispensary Secured.

FROM MISS O'HARA.

Dak Bungalow, Dhar, July 12, 1895.

On the 10th we went out to look for a house in which to carry on our work, feeling that it would be nice to get a good house, but resolved to take whatever was available. Just inside the city gates was a large house which we found to be empty. The owner living in a larger one close by, we went to him. He was willing to give the house for Rs. 20 per month. After seeing it I offered him Rs. 12. Then he said as it was for charitable

purposes he would give it for rupees fifteen per month, but no less. There were some alterations necessary, and if there were made I promised to take the house at the rent he mentioned. He said he would think over the matter and give an answer at 4 p.m. At the promised time the answer came that he would rent the building for the specified sum, but stipulated that no in-patients were to be put upstairs. There is a large room upstairs, 12 by 36 ft., opening on to a balcony of equal length and about 8 feet broad. This would have been an excellent room for sick ones, but he would not have it, and as we were just beginning work I did not press We drew up writings and made the agreement for six months. This is well for us as we cannot be compelled to move for that length oftime; and ere that has elapsed I trust many prejudices will also have passed away. This upper storey would make an excellent place or a day school, and as the stairway goes up from the cutside it would interfere in no way with the medical work. The place is to be cleaned and ready for work by next Wednesday. In the meantime I will go morning and evening and give medicines to those who may gather.

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This morning, when at the dispensary, a boy about ten years of age came up and salaamed in a very friendly manner. His face had something familiar, so I asked his name. With a look of astonishment be said: "Have I salaamed to you so many times in Indore and you do not know my name." He then made quite a speech to those about, and asked us to come to see his relations who lived in another part of the city. Miss Calder and I went, the boy standing up on the back of the gari as if he owned the whole turn out, the Miss Sahibs included. His mother had been treated in the hospital last year. When we arrived at his uncle's house he ran in to tell them of our arrival. We were invited to come in. First an old coat was spread on the floor for us to sit upon, then some one alse brought a dari-a kind of mat-and spread also. The man of the house was weaving and his wife was sitting beside him. The ways of these people are as primitive as is possible to imagine. A hole is dug in the mud floor deep enough to admit the weaver's feet and legs. His knees are on a level with his web. The yarn warp is wound on a beam at both ends. The piece is usually 2½ yards long and half a yard wide. The woof is rolled on a stick and the weaver passes this slowly through, then straightens his threads and selveges with his fingers, presses the whole firmly with a board and then passes the next thread.

We spent quite a while in this house, then visited the State dispensary which is in charge of a Brahmin. He received us very kindly, showed us his way of doing things and welcomed us to the City of Dhar, saying:

"The women need you much." The Dewan called upon us and was very kind and polite. He said H. H., the Maharajah, was likely to give us land on which to build. Miss Calder has returned home. It was most kind of her to come with me and see me settled. The Dak Bungalow is not home-like but is comfortable. Since coming here have had prayers with the servants, those of our own and those belonging to this compound. We started with seven, including Miss Calder and myself; last night we had twenty-one present besides ourselves. As there was such a crowd we had an evangelistic service, and after an hour the people seemed unwilling to leave. Surely God has many many souls here. Two, whom Mr. Russell had several talks with last cold season, are still enquiring after the true way. One of them, a carpenter, is wonderfully clear on some points.

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Home mail does not leave for some days yet, and if there are any new developments I shall let you know.

Pray for me that I may be so filled with the Holy Spirit that the overflow may go out to those who are in darkness.

July 16th.—This is "home mail day," but I must add just a word. Last Sabbath had such a good service in the dispensary building which was conducted by Bhajis, one of Mr. Russell's men. To-day, Tuesday, I had my first service with the women. Previously I gave medicines outside, but to-day my dispensary was clean and ready for work. Just fancy, ready a day before the promised time. That is something to be thankful for in India. I am so, so glad, that I do not know how to thank the dear Father sufficiently for all His goodness. The missionaries are all so good to me and each day's mail brings some token of their loving thoughtfulness. I am as happy as a queen, and do not feel a bit lonely, and I know that there are many of God's elect in this city.

Interesting Conversations With Women.

FROM MISS ROSS.

Mhow, July, 1895.

Dr. Frazer and I returned to Mhow on the 21st of June. It was very pleasant to be with my dear girls and women again and they gave me a warm glad welcome. During the last two years so often when I have asked for absent ones the reply was, "Down with fever." Malaria and smallpox prostrated many, but I was thankful to see so many of them in good health on my return and to know there was less sickness in their homes. Therains had broken in Mhow and to me the air felt very chilly; a disagreeable attack of malaria came on which I did not at all enjoy, but now it is a thing of the past and I am delighted to be in the work again.

The last two days have been pleasant ones in the school. The girls seemed more wide awake and industrious and less pouty and unreasonable in their requests to run away home long before the hour for dismissal. We have some nice little maidens that come regularly and are making fairly good progress although many are so troublesome.

Yesterday I went to Kishna Poura. A goodly number of women came to the meeting. Our lesson was the call of Abraham. One woman was present who had lately gone on a pilgrimage to a sacred shrine. I asked her to tell us about what benefit she had gained. Her reply was that she had spent money, had a lot of trouble, and came back as she had gone away. I inquired if she was more truthful than when she left; the woman said no, and she admitted that there was no improvement in her heart, yet she believed that the stone gods she had seen were worthy of worship and were representations of God. The idols are very ugly, and when asked if they thought the living and true God showed Himself in such a form the women looked puzzled. The call of Abraham was given and how God followed and blessed him. The women were very much interested and said here was a reality that they knew nothing of. I told them that God had called me to come to this distant country, that I had left all my connections and come alone, yet I went everywhere unmolested, while many of them dared not go out alone in their own land and asked why was this so. A number at once said that God took care of me. When I asked if God was not just as willing to take care of them they again looked puzzled. They were told about how sin came into the world, that fallen nature does not want to obey God. but yet their tender Father is yearning over them to return to Him. They admitted the truth of all I said to them, yet they sit in darkness. Oh that they would arise and go unto their Father.

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On Monday I visited Gungabai, one of the women who has learned to read in her home. She welcomed me warmly and said that while I was away, she had forgotten much that I had taught her. I asked if she still prayed to God, she replied that she only prayed a very short prayer asking Him to come into her heart, but that he gave no answer. When asked if she believed God were true or false she at once said: "He is true." I then told her that He says to us, "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man open the door I will come in," then if He were waiting to come, and she was asking Him to enter, whose fault was it that He had not come in? She looked thoughtful and said it was her fault and that she would again ask Him to come into her heart. We had an earnest talk together and I tried to help her to realize her responsibility more than she had

done. In the course of conversation she said she thought that God was partial to the English, but yet that among the white people there was only one in one hundred bad whereas among the Hind so there was only one in one hundred good. I pointed out to her that righteousness exalteth a nation and that those who forget God and will not follow Him are brought low. She acquiesced and expressed her belief that it was sin that degraded India. It would take too much space to give you all her conversation. May she and many others speedily realize that in Jesus Christ there is redemption from sin, love, joy, peace, rest and reconciliation with God.

Rescue of a Little Girl.

FROM MRS. WILSON.

Rutlam, Aug. 7, 1895.

We have the mission house full just now, Mr. and Mrs. Russell and baby being here for a few weeks while the classes for the catechists are going on. I don't mean that Mrs. Russell and baby are teachers, though I have no doubt they help Mr. Russell, too, in his work. Men are here from Mhow and the other stations, and if only we had proper arrangements to put them up I think they would all enjoy the classes very much. Even as it is they seem to enter into the spirit of the thing and to like the study.

We are not having good rains this year, and the weather is very trying: Cholera has been as bad here as we ever knew it in Neemuch, and it seems to me that Rutlam is much more feverish than Neemuch. You would not wonder that cholera has things pretty much its own way here if you could just once go through the bazar. The present Dewan cares only for saving money to the State, and the city roads and lanes are in a disgraceful condition. The other day I spent a little time in a Mahomedan house to which I had been called for the first time. That morning a man had died of cholera in the same courtyard, and at the time I was there another was dying just across the lane. The people were rather in a funk and listened better than sometimes when I read and talked to them.

You will be pleased to hear that we have got possession of a little Hindu girl who is to be brought up as a Christian. Indeed, she is now at the Christian Girls' boarding school and they say is getting on very nicely. The mother followed me one Sunday from the bazar where she had happened in to my S. S. class, and asked me if I would take her daughter and keep her from harm. She told me a very sad story about an older girl who had been married to a brute of a man in the bazar, the man having promised to keep the whole family if the child were given to him.

She was only ten years of age and lived just three months after being married. And now the mother told me the man wanted the other daughter and she was afraid he would steal her away. The girl is a pretty little thing, seven years of age, and sure enough the Mahomedan did come to our compound and try to bribe the mother to give up the child. To insure her safety I sent her to school as soon as possible, and now she is living very happily. People here say that the mother really sold the first child to this man, and that after seeing what she had to endure she wished to save the second from a like fate. However it may be, we have the child. and if the woman ever wants to take her away she will have to show that she is a fit guardian for her daughter. She is a widow, and you know what widows are in India-poor widows. I mean. It was only the other day that I found out that even a mother can't claim a child from a mission school if it can be shown that she wants to sell her or to bring her up to a bad life. In the meantime the woman seems contented enough and is doing coolie work. She visits her daughter every week, and is apparently pleased that she is being taken care of.

NORTH-WEST INDIANS.

A Crowded House-The New Building Needed.

FROM MISS LAIDLAW.

Portage la Prairie, Indian School, Aug. 15, 1895.

Miss Fraser and I have been very well all summer but neither of us have taken any holidays.

Eight of the children have the whooping cough. The doctor will not allow any of us to go to church, so it is now six weeks since we have been at either church or Sabbath school. It is hard to be shut up so long but we are in hopes two weeks more will bring us out of quarantine. Some of the children were home for three weeks, all came back last week and we are at work in the school-room every day.

In June there were nine new pupils came to school. Their homes are near Brandon, although a part of our own Sioux tribe. Six of them are boys, four larger than Robbie. We thought we had all the summer sewing done but as there was nothing for any of these boys we had to make a suit each. By the time we had finished we received a barrel of ready made clothing from Nova Scotia, containing so many valuable articles and just what was most needed, sent through Mrs. A. D. Mackay. The children were all willing to share their beds with the new-comers, but I assure you it was no easy task to stow away thirty children in eight beds and a crib. However, after a good deal of changing and re-changing we came down stairs feeling a good deal more comfortable, probably, than they did.

The summer has gone very quickly but we are still looking forward to having the new building completed before the cold weather. We are so much in need of extra room. The Committee have decided to build en this iste. Miss Fraser has secured a house in the west end for us to move into while the new one is being built,

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The attendance at the Indian church on Sabbath is on the increase. The singing too has improved since we got the church. Most of the Indians have started to build their winter tipis on their own land. They are building them larger and I think David will have two rooms in his. Mr. Marlett offered a prize to the one who would build the neatest and best building. He also offered a prize to the one who would have the best garden. Last night Mr. and Mrs. Marlatt, Miss Fraser and I drove out to decide which was the best and David I think will get the prize. Three or four gardens were splendidly kept but the first mentioned had more of a variety. We go down every week to prayer meeting, not needing now, as before, to gather them up, for all come in answer to the bell. Perhaps I did not tell you, Knox Church, Winnipeg, Y.P.S.C.E. gave us a bell at the beginning of the year. The sewing class is still carried on, one of us and sometimes both, going each week.

The Indians have not had very much opportunity of earning any money this summer because the berries have been a failure. When visiting among the tipis the old people tell us they will all die this winter for they will have nothing to eat. Poor creatures it makes our hearts ache to see so much misery and makes us long all the more that an eternity with Christ may be theirs, where there will be no sorrow, but where all will be joy and rladness.

Louise is still at service. She was home for a few weeks not feeling well. Katie filled her place until she was better.

We had visits during the summer from Miss McLaren, Prof. Baird, Prof. Hart and Prof. Scrimger; also several Toronto friends travelling West on a holiday trip.

A year ago we were cheered and encouraged by the visit from you and Mrs. Jeffrey and hope it will not be so very long before you are able to come again.

FROM MISS FRASER.

Indian School, Portage la Prairie, August 23, 1895.

It is now about a year since you and Mrs. Jeffrey were with us. How very much I would like to see you again. Your visit has not been forgotten by any of us. The children are often heard going over some of the things they heard from you. Just the other day I overheard Edith

telling one of the others what you had said about "repentance." They are all growing so well; Charlie and Peter are just fine lads. The whooping-cough has been a little hard on them, especially Peter; Charlie seems to have taken it lighter.

Miss Laidlaw has told you of the new pupils, and all about the time we had getting a corner for them all. We are all looking forward with very great pleasure to the time when the new building will be finished, even the parents are anxious to know when it is to be ready for us. A few weeks ago a father came with his little child on horseback (a baby girl just about one year old), and wished us to take her. We were so sorry to refuse him, but being so crowded a ready, we could not possibly take her. He seemed very much disappointed as he had run away with her so that the grandmother would not have her. We told him to bring her to us when we got into the new house. This pleased him and he went away seemingly happy. A number of the parents tell us that they are to send their little ones when the "tipi tanka" is finished, so that we long every day to hear the first sound of the hammer. I think work will begin in a couple of weeks now.

We have had a fine garden this summer, everything grew so well. The children showed quite an interest in looking after it. The boys had to hoe the potatoes for a while every day. There was so little work for them to do, that we just got them to go over the potatoes every morning while the girls were doing up their work. One of the lads asked Katie "If Miss Fraser was going to make them hoe the potatoes every day all summer?" They hoed and weeded gardens for a number in the town, and no boys were ever prouder than they were starting off with their hoes in the morning, then again after school hours. Had the whooping-cough stayed away from us they would have got more to do. But I must not weary you writing about these children.

We had a call yesterday from Mr. Wright and Professor Ross, of Montreal. Professor Ross thought the children looked so well and happy. In the evening, when we were down at the tipis, holding our usual prayermeeting, Mr. and Mrs. Willison, of Toronto, came along (Mr. Willison, Editor of the Globe). They seemed quite interested. Mr. Brown is just as faithful as ever; he never misses a meeting.

The New School Building Well Under Way. FROM MISS JOHNSTON.

Alberni, B C., August 10, 1895.

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There are, as you must know, many trying things in our surroundings here, and some that are very sad. There are also very funny things. We have some rather shocking experiences, and some that are very pleasant and encouraging, by which our hearts are filled with God's goodness, and we are lifted above the cares of this beautiful earthland of ours and nearer to Him.

The new building is going on nicely; there has not been one wet day to hinder the work since it was begun. I cannot help looking forward to the time when it is ready for use. Next to the sleeping accommodation we need the pantry, storeroom, and cellar, or some cool place. Even if I am not permitted to take charge it will be such a blessing to whoever does.

I have just heard of Miss Minnes' safe arrival in Kingston, but when she wrote me she was hungering for news of the children and their friends, many of whom will never forget her, she was so good and kind to them. Indeed, I never visit them that they do not tell me of the pain they have in their hearts (Yaak-clc-ah-muxty) because she is not coming back. However, I am now in a position to interest them in her successor. They have a good many questions to ask about her appearance and goodness of heart, which I have tried to answer to their satisfaction and they are ready to welcome her. I hope Miss Armstrong will be something like the description I have given of her.

I have twenty-eight children in the Home. Four of these have been given me since school closed. A woman when dying gave me her three children, and a boy who was promised me so long ago that I thought the matter was forgotten, came up from "Dodgers Cove," early in July, a very bright little fellow about eight or nine years of age. Most of the children have been in the Home all summer. And the few who were with their friends came home every Saturday and stayed till Monday. Although very busy I have been very happy. Kenneth, of whose illness I told you in a former letter, is breaking up very quickly. I fear his school days are over. He has been spending part of the holidays with his mother and is there at present. He still assures me of his trust in God, he knows that Jesus loves him and he is not afraid to die and go to Him which makes it much easier to part with him. We are all very fond of him.

The Indians take a great interest in our new Home. Nearly all the old men and women are coming to live with us and going to school. They want to sleep in the attic. I feel sure that one trip up and down would be all that they would care to take. I am very glad they appreciate so much what is being done for their children. There are a few sick ones at present. Very few of the Indians are at home, everything is so different this year from what it has been. The girls take more interest in doing their work

well. They make very good bread and are anxious to make butter; two of them have tried it, and are anxiously waiting for another opportuni., which I will be very glad to give them as soon as we get into a cool place where they can take their time.

There has not been one runaway this summer. I wish you could really understand what that means to us. They are all very much improved. How much I wish that you had been able to come and visit us, which reminds me that it has been whispered that Mr. Cassels may be sent out in October. If he or Mr. McKay could see their way clear to come I think it would be a great help to them in arranging for work in this part of the field, and we would be so glad to have them at the opening of the New Home, which we hope will be completed by that time.

MISSION STUDIES.

Mongolia and Thibet.

BY MISS FERRIER, CALEDONIA.

Mongolia, a part of the Chinese Empire, is a vast territory in the interior of Asia, surrounded on all sides by high mountains, and consisting mostly of table lands which are inhabited by nomad tribes, who in summer move from place to place over the great plairs to pasture their flocks of sheep and camels. To the east and south-east the people are more settled and cultivate the land. Thibet, lying between Mongolia and India, is also a part of the Chinese Empire. Its inhabitants belong to the Mongolian family; they are more civilized than the Mongols but less so than the Chinese. In religion both Mongols and Thibetans are Buddhists.

Buddhism is one of the chief religions of the Asiatics, whose strange doctrines and practices are very difficult to understand, but which has no effect upon the moral life of its adherents. The Grand Lama, or chief priest of Thibet, is supposed to be an incarnation of Buddha, and nowhere are priests more numerous and powerful than in Thibet and Mongolia. In every family one or more of the sons become a lama. These live in monastries, but at the same time mix freely with the people directing their worship, and practically controlling almost every event in their lives, since

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their presence is considered necessary to the success of every kind of labor, and as a protection from demons.

They are an intensely religious people, but their religion is one of superstition and fear and constant effort to lay up merit that they may escape future punishment. In villages and towns public evening prayer is the regular custom; the temples are lighted, the priests chant a form of service, and play a hymn tune on long horns. At this signal the female head of each house gosa up to the roof and lights a fire of juniper boughs and sings a hymn -which, however, must not be supposed to be at all like our Christian hymns. Every house and tent has its family altar, its shelf of gods, and its prayer wheel. Every man, woman and child wears a charm in which is a small image of Buddha, and a strip of paper on which the sacred prayer is written, and this prayer is being constantly repeated by every one while at their daily labor; every child is taught it as soon as it can speak; the dying murmur it with their parting breath; it is written on flags kept waving in the breeze along the road sides, on every temple and house top. Thousands of copies of it are enclosed in the prayer wheels, which are kept constantly turning either by hand, or by wind, or water power, yet this so called prayer is only a few Sanscrit words of which few, if any, understand the meaning, the constant repetition of which is supposed to win merit, and these poor ignorant worshippers have no idea of prayer to the Heavenly Father for pardon and help in time of need.

Among Buddhists, women are considered far inferior to men, but I cannot tell you much about Mongolian women and girls, except that vice of every kind is universal, and that life in a dirty, smoky Mongolian tent must be more wretched than anything we can well imagine, for both sexes drink to excess, their habits are filthy, their clothing and food coarse and scanty, they have neither help nor comfort in sickness, and no hope in death.

The character of the Thibetans is said to compare favorably with that of most heathen nations. They are friendly, honest and industrious, but among them also immorality is very prevalent; they are very intemperate, and filthy in their habits, thinking it sufficient to wash once a year, and wearing their clothes till they are ready to drop to pieces. The women are short in stature and very plain in appearance, and wear a very singular headdress, which, though the pride of every Thibetan girl, does not add to her good looks. Girls marry when about eighteen, being purchased from the parents or eldest brother. The eldest son of the family, who is the heir of the land, is the only one permitted to marry, but the younger

brothers are regarded as inferior husbands; and this strange custom is one of the great difficulties in the way of inducing them to listen to the gospel.

From a human point of view, scarcely any field could be more hopeless for mission work than either Mongolia or Thibet, both are so inaccessible. so destitute of all we are accustomed to think necessary for comfort, if not for life; but the love of Christ has induced some brave men and women to make great efforts and sacrifices to reach them with the gospel. The Morayian Church, after repeated unsuccessful attempts to send missionaries to the Mongols through Russian territory, sent, in 1853, Messrs. Pagell and Heyde, with their wives, to northern India, in the hope of being able to reach Mongolia from thence; but though they made many brave efforts, they found it impossible to do so, so they settled in Kyelang, in Lahoul, from which many of the people of Lesser Thibet could be reached. Other missionaries followed, some of whom were, ten years ago, allowed to settle in Leh, the capital of Lesser Thibet. Much good work has been done by these earnest men. The Bible has been translated and printed in Thibetan, and more than 30,000 copies of Scripture portions have been distributed, for the Thibetans can read and are quite willing to receive Christian books, At each station there is a small band of converts. Schools have been established. Mrs. Heyde has an Industrial School attended by forty girls; the goodwill of the people has been secured by the help given to many of the sick, and the example of holy living set by the missionaries has won their respect. Mr. and Mrs. Pagell, after laboring ceaselessly for thirty vears, died within a few days of each other. Mr. and Mrs. Heyde are, I think, still living and have never left the field, but both missionaries at Leh died in 1893, leaving their widows alone. These self-denying pioneer missionaries have done much to prepare the way for the special efforts which are now being made to reach the inhabitants of Chinese Thibet with the gospel.

In 1817, two English missionaries began work among a tribe of Mongols living in Siberia; they labored faithfully till 1841, when they were ordered to leave the country; but they had translated the Scriptures, and these continued to be circulated by the Bible Society, and in 1870 Mr. Gilmore, a zealous Scotch missionary, went to northern Mongolia, in the hope of being able to carry on the work thus begun. For several years he travelled up and down the great plain, living as the Mongols did, and enduring privations of every kind. He continued his arduous labors for twenty years and had the joy of seeing some brought to Christ, but passed to his rest and reward just as his work was becoming more hopeful.

American missionaries are stationed at Kalgan, one of the most nor-

thern cities of China, at which there is a gate in the Great Wall, and they work among the Mongols as well as Chinese. There is a large school for girls, an hospital for women, and the lady doctor goes out on tours on the plains, taking her tent and necessaries with her, and putting in, she says, three weeks at a time of as hard work and as much discomfort as can well-be imagined.

Mission work in Mongolia and Thibet has hitherto been that of the sower, not the reaper; but the harvest will come when fruit shall be gathered to life eternal, and then they who have sowed and they who have reaped shall rejoice together.

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NOTICES.

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

Letters concerning the organization of Societies, and all matters pertaining to Home work, are to be addressed to Mrs. Shortreed, 224 Jarvis Street, Toronto. The Home Secretary should be notified at once when an Auxiliary or Mission Band is formed.

Letters asking information about missionaries, or any questions concerning the Foreign Field, as to Bible-readers, teachers or children in the various Mission Schools, should be addressed to Mrs. Harvie, 80 Bedford Road. Toronto.

Letters containing remittances of money for the W.F.M.S. may, until further notice, be addressed to Mrs. Jeffrey, Acting-Treasurer, 142 Bloor Street West, Toronto.

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