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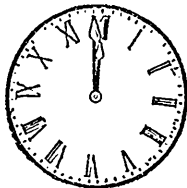
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PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.
MISS L. H. MONTIZAMBERT, *Ed. Prov. Pages.*

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.—PSALM II. 8.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading: August—
Moosonee, Greenland. Sept. — Qu'Appelle,
Chinese in America.

DIocese OF MOOSONEE.

Arch Vincent, a most devoted Missionary, who has laboured there for 40 years, holds the fort at Albany, and with the Rev. R. Faries (Indian) works the district from that post as far as to Osnaburgh, passing several stations where they are building the churches we were asked to help with. The Rev. J. Saunders itinerates the southern part of the Diocese and ten stations. The Rev. E. Richards lives at Rupert's House, and visits the rivers running east, while Bishop Newnham, last year, secured the Rev. C. Asch, late of Montreal, to help with the work at Moose, as the Rev. J. Taylor expects to return to England this summer. Unless some scheme is devised of maintaining the work, what is to prevent the Indians relapsing into heathendom? There are not enough men now to reach them. There are still 4,000 heathen Indians, whilst others who have been baptized have almost relapsed, being left unshepherded and unable to read for themselves. The Bishop hopes to take back four or five men this summer. Let us pray that the Spirit of God may move so many to offer themselves. Mr. Lofthouse is stationed at Fort Churchill. In the spring of 1896 he tramped 1,000 miles on snowshoes to visit some of his scattered Indians. At one post he came upon a gathering of 275, who implored him to send them a teacher. Further on he visited Fort York, where there used to be a very thriving mission, but it has been left for about six years without a pastor. A catechist walked to York, 250 miles, from Severn, that he might be there to meet Mr. Lofthouse and receive the Holy Communion. From Churchill along the coast to Severn, and inland as far as Trout Lake, there are only Mr. Lofthouse, the Rev. W. Dick (Indian), and a catechist to supervise all the work. Some one has said that the Indians, having heard and received the gospel, ought to be able to keep up the services among themselves. How would that rule work in Eastern Canada, say in a simple Country village where we have had the Gospel for years? These Indians were *pure heathen* not so many years ago.

The C.M.S. is gradually withdrawing their help where the Indians have been Christianized, their work being among heathen only. So now is the time for we fellow country men and women of these poor ignorant ones, to hold out to them the helping hand and send them the Gospel of Peace. That the people there are willing to help themselves we know from several sources, and what an example to many of us is the fact that a poor Indian widow, who, having just earned 4 beaver by hard work, put a paper for the value of a half beaver into the plate; and again at Christmas, she gave 15. as alms for the poor, and the same amount was given by her little girl, being her *first earnings* in service!

The Provincial Treasurer (Mrs. M. Bell Irvine), desires to notify the W.A. that Miss E. D. Ferres, 216 Herkimer St., Hamilton, has charge of all business connected with W.A. badges, so all orders should be sent to her.

The Bishop of Mackenzie River wishes to thank "a friend from Ingersoll" very warmly, for \$5 received a few days ago towards building a new house. Fort Simpson, April 1st, 1897.

JUNIOR BRANCH.

HALIFAX, June 11.—"We have just had our Annual Meeting of the C.C.M.G. of St. Luke's and our Superintendent has asked me to write you a short account of the year's work for the LEAFLET. At the cost of \$43 we were able to make two presents of fonts, one to the Mission Church across the Arm, which is connected with St. Luke's, and the other to Rev. Mr. Hurley, Bayfield, N.S. The money from our banks, which amounted to \$10, was sent to the Bishop of Moosonee. To the Bishop of Mackenzie River we sent \$9; to the Lady Medical Mission, Japan, \$10, Zenana work in India, \$10; Rev. Mr. Roy, E. Passage, N.S., \$15; and to Rev. F. W. Miller, Churchover, N.S., over 100 presents and candy bags for a Christmas tree for his Sunday School. The children have worked well during the year the attendance being very good. Four prizes were given, two for regular attendance, which were given to May Chislett and Jean Allen. The prize for bringing missionary information to the monthly meetings was given to Bessie Truen, and for best sewing to J Allen. We close our year with a membership of 50 and we have over \$7 in hand, \$5 of which we intend sending to the Bishop of Algoma. We have eight patch work quilts ready for lining which we hope to send away in our Christmas boxes. We have stopped working for the summer.

INA M. WEST, Sec. C.C.M.G.

We offer our sincere congratulations to the C.C.M.G. for having taken such good advantage of the privilege of working for missions, and they have our best wishes for many as successful seasons in the future, even if not able to extend their sphere of labour as they grow.

ARIGASAKI, MATSUMOTO, SHINANO, June 20th.

Two or three days ago we all moved out to Mr. Kennedy's house, and although the workmen are still all here, and the noise is fearful, we felt that the sooner we all got away from our old place, the better it would be for us, and daily the summer rains are expected to set in; so, early on Wednesday morning, we started the moving, the first load going off before eight o'clock, you see here it is slow work, as all the loads are drawn by men, no horses or waggons, just hand-carts, but by keeping six of them going, we managed the move in one day. The walls of our house, which are made of Kabe, (mud) are still very wet, and the first night or two the water poured off the windows, as if there had been a hard frost, and our bedding and clothing felt quite wet, but, fortunately, the sun is at present warm and bright, so we don't expect the damp will do us any harm, and we are so delighted to get out to a place where we can get a breath of fresh air, and where we can look on the outside world without having to do so through wooden bars. Oh! You can't appreciate it as we do, unless you have been as we have been, shut up in a dirty, sweltering, narrow Japanese street, surrounded by children who seemed to scream from morning till night, and sometimes from night till morning. At first I used to think the children were being murdered or tortured, and used to be quite anxious, but I soon learned to know that it was just their way of crying. Now that I have built the "Home" I would like to see my first girls through their course, which will take three years, that is of course if the W.A. gives me the \$200 yearly that I have asked for; but as I made the request about a year and a half ago, and as yet I have only received help from Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec, to the amount of \$115, my prospects of taking four girls into the "Home" don't look very bright. I must have a grant of \$50 a year for each girl. I will take in two girls, feeling sure that this help will come yearly, but my personal expenses of keeping the "Home" going will be just as great with two girls, as if I have four or six, and also classes must be held, teaching given for a small number just as much as for a large; and then, if I could take in four or six girls, see the hopeful outlook for the Native work for the future, the greater number of Native workers we have the faster Christianity will spread in Japan, and remember there are 42,000,000 (forty-two million) souls on these Islands; and our hands need to be greatly strengthened, if we hope to carry the glad tidings to one-third of these people. I wish I could have a *certain promise*, that by the *Autumn*, the grant of \$200 a year could be secured to me, I would then be able to give a decided answer to the girls who desire to train for Christian work in the "Home." When Mr. Kakuzan asks me about it, I tell him I cannot yet give a decided answer. Mr. Kennedy and I often talk it over, but still no letter comes from Canada to say that all is well, I fear that my friends in the home lands must be falling away from me. . . . For several

weeks I have suffered very much from muscular rheumatism in my neck, caused, I expect, by lying in such damp quarters, but now that we have a house where we can get the sun, I hope soon to be all right. The nurse that Mr. Kennedy got last autumn, from Miss Smith, is to be married next month to Dr. Shiba of the Nagano Mission, and so they will have her back there again. My teacher and helper, Schimina San, is of great use to us, but the worst of it, is always being bothered to get married, the Japanese can't understand a woman that is not married. The report spread about me here is that I am a very rich widow. There is a Japanese Dentist here, who spent several years in California, he proposed to Schimina San, but she told him she did not care for him, a most unusual thing in Japanese women, for they never have anything to say in these matters, all being arranged by the parents, however I am glad to say that my helper has a mind of her own. This same dentist married the other day a girl he never saw till the wedding day, I am told he had not even seen her photograph, but his father said he must marry, and so arranged the whole matter. But I cannot hope to keep Schimina San all the time I am in Japan, there is an engineer whom she has promised to marry on certain conditions, he is to study Christianity, and if he becomes a Church Christian she will become engaged to him, and then he is to be on probation for a year, and if he prove worthy she will marry him. If you only knew what a step in advance this is for a Japanese woman, why most of them are neither body nor soul their own, they are ruled from their birth to their death by either father, husband, brother or son.

L. PATERSON.

Miss Mulvaney, Sec. C.E.Z.M.S., writes, "I am thankful to say Miss Rose is better, but not yet well enough to enter upon any business matters, so we must wait to hear from her all about her visit, but we cannot speak too gratefully of all the kindness that was shown to her in her illness."

Rev. E. H. Bassing of Shoal River, writes. Our new Church was opened for Divine Service on Advent Sunday. That was a day of real thankfulness to all of us, when for the first time we were able to offer up our praises and prayers in a building set apart entirely for the glory of our Heavenly Father. There is still a little work to be done on the outside of the building, which will be finished, I hope, very soon. There is still \$60 required, for which I am personally responsible, to pay off the debt on the Church, which I hope will be cleared very soon. Our most pressing need now is a bell for the Church, which will, I expect, cost about \$70 before it reaches here; towards the bell I have in hand \$14, given by our people in various ways. This shows that they try to do what they can. This week the men have been making a fence of peeled pine for the Church and graveyard, this is purely voluntary work.

[Aug., 1897.]

Toronto Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO:—" *Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.*"

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ANSWERS TO MISSIONARY QUESTIONS.

1 Territorially the largest Diocese in the world, embracing both sides of Hudson's Bay, a strip of land on eastward and westward sides, indefinitely to the North and Southward to the C.P.R. Moose Factory, Albany, Churchill, Matawakumme, York Factory are stations.

2. *Certainly*, the more individual praying, reading and giving members the wider and deeper our influence for good.

3 Greenland lies to the N E. of the American continent; a native ministry is established, there are 130 schools, see "Story of Missions" in Auxiliary Library, 17 Richmond Street, west.

4 (1) Because we are highly honored in being permitted to be co-workers with God. (2) Our Society has been greatly blessed; (a) in its efficient, painstaking and zealous officers, (b) in the hearty co-operation of so many members, (c) in the work undertaken for the spread of Gospel Light and building up of Christ's Church at home and abroad (3) For the manifest reflex blessing to our own souls, therefore should we "offer unto the Lord thanksgiving and pay our vows unto the Most High."

QUESTIONS FOR AUGUST.

1. In the eleven districts of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle how many clergy are working, and what schools are under Church direction?

2. What has been done for the Chinese in B.N.A. and what openings are there for increased Christian work?

3. What has been the increase in the Episcopate in Great Britain and her missions during the 60 years of Queen Victoria's reign?

4. Do you think Auxiliary Branches realize their privileges?

AUXILIARY NOTES.

Mrs. Newnham, wife of the Bishop of Moosonee, is, until the middle of August, with her mother on Toronto Island. The English Society sent for Bishop Newnham to confer with him regarding the proposed division of his vast Diocese. The "Babes in the Wood" accompanied their parents and look none the worse for the long canoe journey. Mrs. Newnham speaks most hopefully of the work among the Indians. Their new house is nearly finished and the Life Membership money voted at the Annual Meeting of 1896 had been received in January, 1897. The letter from the Bishop to the Auxiliary, expressing their thankfulness for the timely aid, shared the fate of so many other letters entrusted to private hands, and never reached Toronto. Mrs. Newnham would like it to be understood that they hope before long to rebuild their old house for the purposes of a Hospital and Old Peoples' Home, about \$1,000 will be needed, towards which she will be very glad to receive donations. The Auxiliary wishes this brave and earnest wife a safe journey back to her distant home, where the work is bearing fruit among these singular and isolated Indians. The *Church Evangelist* in August will contain more particulars of the different missions.

The "Missionary Alphabet" for Juniors is now ready, apply to Miss May Hoskin, Deer Park P.O.

As the Toronto Exhibition will be held earlier this year, and the first meeting of the Diocesan Board of the W.A. will be held as usual on the second Thursday of the month. W.A. visitors are requested to remember Thursday, 9th of September at 10.30 a.m. in St. James' Cathedral School House, and try to be present, they may be assured of a hearty welcome. A book will be provided at the W.A. table upstairs, 17 Richmond Street, S.P.C.K. rooms, and W.A. visitors or members coming to town either on a visit, or to reside, are requested to write their names and addresses.

INDIA.

An appeal from the Bishop of Lucknow, on behalf of the famine stricken people of the Diocese.

As Bishop of an Indian Diocese in which terrible suffering is now going on from famine, I appeal to Christian people for help. In the Diocese of Lucknow alone (which comprises Oudh and the North West Provinces), there are at this moment, considerably more than a million and a half persons who are cast upon Government for their daily bread. Of these 1,089,856, are on Relief Works; 53,309 are in temporary Poor Houses, 511,442 are being relieved in their own

homes. It may be rightly judged from this that Government is making a vigorous effort to save life. The country however is so vast, and the population so multitudinous, and so scattered, (there are over 46 millions in this Diocese), that when Government has done all it can, there is still great need for private charity. Hence the Mansion House Fund, and other Funds, which are being raised in England and other countries. The reason for making a special and additional appeal of my own is this. There are, I believe, a large number of people who prefer to give what they have to give through Christian hands, and especially through the hands of Missionaries, male and female. They desire their gifts to come to the sufferers not as a mere dole, but as a sign of Christian compassion and love and sympathy. They feel the touch of brotherhood, and wish that it shall be expressed not only in the gift, but in the giving. That this is the case is evident from the considerable sums which have been already entrusted to me. Appreciating this, I on my part undertake that any relief sent through me shall be distributed, so far as I can ensure it in this spirit, and through Christian instrumentality.

Information concerning the Diocese of Moosonee, given by Miss Newnham, Authoress of "The Babes in the Wood," "Life at Moose Fort," etc.

STAFF—Bishop, three English Clergy, five Native Clergy, twenty-five Catechists and School Teachers, seventeen schools, 486 scholars; 3624 Baptized Natives, 4,000 *computed* heathen Indians in the woods. The whole population reckoned at about 10,000; the Eskimos numbers being uncertain. *Area*, 600,000 square miles (lowest reckoning); *three* mails in the year; one ship in the year for *all* supplies.

All round the south shores of Hudson Bay from Fort Churchill on the west to great Whale River on the east, the work is mostly Indian. Years ago the C.M.S. sent its Missionaries through this tract of country to preach the Gospel. Many Indians believed and were baptized. The C.M.S. being a Society for taking the Gospel to those who have not heard it, and being pressed for men and money, have withdrawn their block grant from what is now known as *pastoral* work. The Society still supports the Bishop, Revs. Lofthouse and Watson, with the Eskimo work. There are not more than ten men labouring among the Eskimos; that leaves twenty-four for this enormous tract of country, and only eight ordained, three English, five Native Clergy. Who is to be responsible for the support of these men who have given up all pleasant things of life, for the sake of keeping up the spark of spiritual life received by these Indians in the past? Look at a map of the Diocese,

The Bishop hopes to take back three, perhaps four men this summer—who will help to support them? Donations for Moosonee will be gladly received by Diocesan Treasurer of the W.A., 561 Jarvis St., Toronto.

From Mr. John Sinclair, Hollow Water River, Rupert's Land, to Dorcas Secretary.

"Our hands are full at all times and we have to do something for the poor Indians, they often come to us for some tea, flour and many other things, we have to spend a good deal to help them on in reality. I do require help, many of those who attend day school are half naked and it would be a great pity for them to have to stay from school for the want of something to cover their skin with. I did get some clothing last fall but it is all gone and worn out, allow me to say we are in a hard place, but if we could have such patience as Job had we could overcome the many trials and difficulties we have to meet. I have only been at this mission for the last two years. God has blessed the work that has been done, there is a big change, Indians begin to see things that were unseen to them before and they try to follow the white men who try to serve the one and only true God. You will be pleased to hear that we have some converts (adults) and some infants are being baptized since I came here; our Indians attend Church services regularly. I can speak to them in Cree and in Ojibway, I think they highly appreciate my addresses to them in their own tongue. I am happy to inform the Christian ladies that my poor Indian pupils are doing well, many of them can read, write and spell and do arithmetic up to compound addition; they can also sing many of your English hymns and a few of the Cree hymns too. I do not know how long I may stay here but will try to do some good to my fellow Indians. I fully believe that Jesus opened a way that I may be saved and will teach these poor Indians how they can be saved and tell them that Christ suffered and died on the cross for man's salvation. Pray for me and pray for the poor Indians who are still living in darkness that God may turn them from darkness to light. Excuse my imperfect scribbling."

Extracts from a letter written by Miss Trent from Nagoya, Japan.

"Visiting the homes with my Biblewoman takes two afternoons a week—when my examinations are over I hope to do much more of this visiting—then on Friday we have what is really a "Mother's meeting" like we have at home, only the women do not sew; we read the Gospel to them, sing hymns, and have prayers, then have tea and cake: they like 'Foreign tea in Foreign cups.'" * * * I told of the great loss we sustained in O Sen San's death, just one

month after her little sister died; she was trusting in Jesus but was not baptized. Of course the family being Buddhists there was a Buddhist funeral, and it was my sad duty to be present and witness these rites for the first time. Never can I forget the scenes; to all appearance when you near the house a great merrymaking is going on to judge by the noise, and you find on entering that this is indeed the case. After taking off our shoes we were met at the door by the poor mother who, as custom dictates, tried to smile, then the father met us and we were taken to a corner of the room where a square box stood containing the body of our poor little O Yoshi San. She was in an upright position, the knees almost touching the chin; by her side some toys and a tiny vase of flowers which I had given her during her illness, also a small idol; beads were placed in her hands. Before the family shrine were burning candles, also different offerings of food had been placed in little dishes. At intervals the priests would kneel before the shrine and gabble some prayers. We were next taken into another room where there were a number of people on the floor with little trays before them, on which were a great variety of Japanese dainties, the worst looking concoctions you can fancy. When the feasting was over the guests were invited upstairs while all was made ready; then we went out and the procession was forming, first, two men carrying the flowers, in reality paper of most brilliant colors fastened on a branch of bamboo or some green material, then four men each carrying a white lantern, then the priests all in gay colored robes; the box-like coffin came next suspended on a heavy pole, the ends resting on two men; close behind came the chief mourners, finally the friends and invited guests. The Temple was a wretched, dreary-looking place; only the family went inside. On a table outside were all manner of eatable things, also lighted candles, in front of this table the coffin was placed. The wailing chants of the priests were kept up for some time, and then a move was made to the burying ground at the side where they laid the little body to rest amid more wails and meaningless repetitions. I could only think of the words of our own beautiful service 'In sure and certain hope of a joyful Resurrection.' Do pray earnestly that these Japanese may be led to know and love their Saviour."

Report from Temiscamingue for the past three months by J. Hickland, Catechist.

Thirty-four services have been held at Haileybury, Liskeard and Baie des Peres, besides services in lumber camps, steamers, etc. Literature sent by the "Aberdeen Association" with English and Irish religious papers, have been well distributed. The services are rather fewer as the Presbyterian minister has the use of the schools at Liskeard and Haileybury every other Sunday. The family sent from near Toronto are at Haile, bury, and the man has employment.

From the very interesting Pastoral Letter issued by the Bishop of Mackenzie River to his Clergy we take the following extracts.

"To form the Diocese of Selkirk, Mackenzie Diocese lost one fourth of its area, three out of its seven clergy, and more than one half of its church population, of these four clergy Mr. Kirkby and Mr. Spendlove have left the Diocese and three other clergy have been ordained, Mr. Ttssiella among them, the first and only native clergyman within the Arctic Circle. Lay helpers have increased from two to six, and there are eight native Catechists. Hay River has proved a desirable location for our School, the influences of Mrs. and Miss Marsh have been excellent and they have now the valuable co-operation of Miss Tims. The S.P.C.K. makes an annual grant of \$20 for each child and a lady in England raises £10 yearly to support one child. The Government has made a small grant for our schools; to secure grants from the Indian Department, school must be regular and printed registers filled up and forwarded. The extension of the Eskimo Mission from Peel River to Kittigagzooit is an advance and draws more sympathy from our supporters than any other mission in the Diocese. Another step forward is the occupation of Fort Wrigley; Mr. Webb writes hopefully of the work. The American Whaling Co. are putting up at their charges a new house at Herschel Island. At Fort Norman before Mr. Hakesley left for England he had the satisfaction of presenting fifteen candidates for confirmation. Last spring ten more were added to the roll of communicants, the Indians expressed to me the hope that their present "Yati," Mr. Camsell, would remain with them many years. At Fort Simpson there has been far less insobriety among the whites, and church services have been well attended both by them and the Indians. At Peel River the Archdeacon has had the privilege of seeing one of his people elevated to the sacred ministry, also completed the translation of the Bible into Ikuuah. St. James' Mission has been vacant since Mr. Spendlove left. Fort Rae and Liard are also without a clergyman, I should be so glad to re-occupy them and to open a mission at Fort Smith and Providence, especially at the latter place where a small band of Indians, after being faithful to us for years, are gradually being drawn into the Romanists through our neglect of them, but at present we have barely means to maintain existing missions. We need much additional support and I am sorry to say the contributions from Eastern Canada are falling off, showing that there is much necessity for keeping our work well before the public, not only through the press but also by the living voice. Are we weak, let us lean more upon God that we may be 'strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.'"

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.—From 20th May to 20th July.

RECEIPTS.

Diocesan.	
Toronto—St. Mary Magdalene.....	5 90
All Saints'.....	5 55
Ch. Epiphany.....	14 50
Campbellford.....	6 17
St. Hilda's Mission—	
St. Anne's, Toronto.....	1 00
Algoma.	
Anonymous.....	10 00
Donation per Mrs. Williamson.....	10 00
Toronto All Saints'.....	75
Shingwauk Home—	
Deer Park (little boy).....	1 00
St. Luke's, T., for Ruby May.....	6 25
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Toronto—Ch. Redeemer Jrs....	7 00
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Ch. Epiphany, Toronto.....	10 00
Ashburnham.....	1 25
All Saints'.....	50
Orillia.....	50
Trinity Church.....	70
St. Simon's.....	06
St. John's, Toronto Junction.....	5 00
Blackfoot Hospital.	
C. M.....	2 00
Emily B.....	1 00
Jenny Young.....	75
St. Stephen's Girls.....	3 05
St. Margaret's.....	4 00
Central Room.....	2 00
St. George's.....	54
Newcastle.....	10 00
Refunded freight.....	7 02
Maitron's Salary.	
St. Simon's.....	60
Trinity Church.....	20
All Saints'.....	6 45
Mr. Sinclair.	
Collingwood.....	2 50
Saltcoast's Hospital.	
Mr. McLean Howard.....	1 00
Hwy River.	
Mulmur.....	4 00
Ch. Redeemer Jrs.....	8 00
Collingwood.....	2 50
Mackenzie River.	
St. James' Cath. for freight... 30 00	
Donat'n, per Mrs. Williamson.....	5 00
Rev. C. Weaver—	
St. Peter's for freight.....	7 60
Leamer Slave Lake Home.	
Port Hope S.S.....	6 63

Miss Durnall's Salary.	
Ch. Redeemer Jrs.....	10 00
Undesignated Thankoffering.	
St. Matthew's, Toronto.....	1 00
C.C.M.A., Foreign	
Ch. Epiphany.....	2 00
Rev. J. R. S. Boyd—	
St. Paul's Jrs.....	9 00
C. E. Z. S.	
St. Stephen's Girls....	12 88
Mr. Cameron.....	1 50
St. Peter's.....	2 00
India—Famine Fund.	
C. M.....	146 65
".....	7 00
" per Mrs. Williamson... 100 00	
St. Simon's ".....	34 00
Anonymous ".....	3 30
St. Paul's envelopes.....	84
St. Margaret's.....	14 67
Yoro In, Japan.	
Ch. Redeemer Jrs.....	5 00
Miss Paterson, Japan.	
St. Luke's, Toronto.....	75
Rev. H. Hamilton.	
Ch. Redeemer Jrs.....	10 00
Japan C.C.M.A.	
Ch. Epiphany.....	25 00
New Westminster—Chinese work.	
Donation per Mrs. Williamson.....	15 00
South America.—Miss Thomas.	
Ch. Ascension.....	4 00
C. W. Mission to Jews.	
St. Luke's.....	50
Education Fund.	
St. Simon's.....	65
Trinity.....	40
Rent Central Room.	
Mrs. Osler.....	3 00
St. Simon's.....	25
All Saints'.....	1 10
Trinity.....	20
Hospitality Fund.	
Balance Lunch Fund.....	4 20
Mrs. Kenny.....	5 00
St. Luke's, Mrs. Davidson... 1 00	
St. Philip's, Mrs. Murrich... 1 00	
Mrs. Dewdney.....	1 00
Central Rooms.....	37
Mrs. Blachford.....	25
Collection Monthly Meeting.....	3 24
Extra-Cent-a-day Fund.....	18 38
Donation for Ursa Church.....	1 62
Expense Fund.	
Ch Redeemer Jrs.....	10
Central Rooms.....	50

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Huron Diocese.

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AUXILIARY NOTES.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Management of the Huron Diocesan Branch of the W.A.M.A. will be held, D.V., in St. Thomas', on Friday, October 1st, at 2 p.m. At 5 o'clock a Bible Reading by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and at 7.30 p.m. a public Missionary Meeting will be addressed by his Lordship and Canon Hill. At the Board of Management Meeting, Branches to be represented by their Presidents, or Presidents' substitutes *only*—the Bible Reading and Missionary Meeting are open to *all*. Let us all pray earnestly that a special blessing may rest on our Semi-Annual Meeting.

The Lord Bishop of Huron, with nearly all the Canadian Bishops, has been attending the Pan-Anglican Synod, of which he will doubtless have much to tell us at our Semi-Annual Meeting. We women of the Auxiliary are merely units in the great Church Militant, but nothing that concerns that Church can or may be indifferent to us, and every detail that may make it more active in God's cause, more *efficient*, is of *deep interest and importance to each one of us* who prays daily from her heart, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done." Unless the Church is holy, wise, and strong at home, we cannot hope to effect much in the dark places of the earth. God asks of her, for the accomplishment of the work he gives to her to do for him, only the best she has to give, her best endeavour, the best of her men and women, the best of her offerings. We can all discern, easily enough, her weaknesses, her errors, her failures, but are we as keen to realize how we, even we ourselves, have our own share, however infinitesimally small, in bringing these about? Let us examine ourselves, and in singleness of heart do our own part towards making the Church at home holy, wise and strong, for every member who prays and loves God and her neighbor, helps and strengthens the whole body.

The resolution, *re* the Lady Missionary at Omoksene, in the June LEAFLET, should read, "the Huron W. A. to be responsible for salary and board." This correction was sent too late for insertion in the July issue.

Mrs. Boomer desires to acknowledge most gratefully the gift of \$30 for the Education Fund, from her generous anonymous friend, who for several years has contributed \$40 to this fund, the additional \$10 being given this year to the Montreal Educational Fund. Also Mrs. Boomer heartily thanks Mrs. Crisp for her loving donation of \$20 to the same fund, and would add that these kind gifts are all the more welcome because the fund *needs* help, as our children grow older and advance in their studies, the demands made on it are necessarily heavier. Will not our Auxiliary mothers who are glad and proud at this season of the year of the school and college successes of their boys and girls, put aside some small thankoffering and devote it to the purpose of helping our Missionary children, who in their remote homes could have no like educational advantages.

Our missionary children have gone home for their holidays. They are all doing well and giving satisfaction to all those who have charge of them. Ethel and Weston Frost went by way of Sarnia, where they were kindly met and put on board the boat by Miss Jacobs.

ZENANA WORK.

Our Diocesan Secretary for Zenana work, Miss Falls, sends for insertion, the following extract from India's women and China's daughters, which cannot but be very interesting to our Branches at this time, when they are making so earnest an effort on behalf of our hoped for *Huron's* Lady Missionary for China. Miss Codrington writes, "I am once more in the dear Feu-çheng Home, my eyes resting on the Hwa-Sang mountains, standing as a continual reminder of those who there passed into "the glory that excelleth," and ever calling us to follow them as they followed the Lord. All is so peaceful, so happy. the sound of women's voices comes from the school-room built for Mrs. Stewart by her mother, Mrs. Smyly, mingled with the shriller voices of the clear wee bird's-nest girlies at their play. The outward surroundings, the busy life, are so little changed, that it seems still as if they must be here, and at first every step in the house gave me a feeling of expectation of the dear familiar faces, missed so sorely at every turn. Yes, the blanks are felt, but it only makes us turn more to Him Who "takes our emptied, yearning, outstretched hands within His own to draw us closer to Himself." And a day or two later, from Sa-yong, she writes, "The love and sympathy shown us everywhere on our journey was very touching. One woman came and stroked my face softly as she told me how sorry they had been; even the rough coolies were full of concern, but what gave me most joy was when a woman from Hwa-Sang came and spoke to me almost tremblingly at first, for she thought I would shrink from her, knowing

where she came from. By her I sent a message to the Hwa-Sang people of God's love and forbearance towards them. When we reached Sa-yong, Christians from the different villages met us, the children clung round us and with their dear dirty little arms in ours, we entered the house, which loving Chinese hands had decked for our coming with green arches and Chinese lanterns, and where, in the "tiang-clong" (audience hall), were gathered a large group of men and women. Oh, to see the faces of these women, and feel the clasp of their hands, it was more than sufficient reward for coming back to them. In the evening all the men and boys came to return thanks to God, and it was with a very full heart I looked round on those bright faces "kept by the power of God." Pray specially that spiritual and physical strength may be granted us to meet the growing needs of the work, do send us help in every way, and specially by prayer. If only more helpers would come! *The gaps in Ten-Cheng have not been filled, only one has been appointed to this country since August 1st, 1895.*

Addressing the Annual Meeting of the C.E.Z.M.A., in London, England, last May, Mrs. Bishop, the celebrated traveller, said, "There are many Christian mothers here to-day who will go back to their nurseries to be gladdened by the patter of children's feet, and many who are proud of their daughters in their early womanhood. In China, I, and many here, heard the wail of the Chinese mother for sorrow that a woman is born into the world, and I was once present at a meeting of Bible-women in South China, where I learned, to my horror, that there was not one of those women receiving Christian instruction who had not put an end to the lives of from one to five girl babies."

BRANCH NOTICES.

The Dorcas Secretary reports following bales sent out from June 20th to July 20th:

To Blood Reserve—Woodstock, (O.S.P. 1, Preston Juniors, 1; Windsor (All Saints'), 1, St. Thomas' Earnest Workers, 1. *Vermilion*—Brantford (Grace Church), 2. *South River*—Chatham (Holy Trinity), 2. *Wapuskaw*—Matherville, 1. *Sandy Bay*—Clandeboye, 1. *Dynevor Hospital*—Wilmot, 2. *Jack's Head*—Walkerton, 2. *Lesser Slave Lake*—Chatham (Christ Church), 2. *Hole River*—St. Thomas' Juniors, 2.

BRANTFORD (Grace Church)—On June 25th we held a social evening in the school-house, on which occasion we had the pleasure of having with us the Provincial Corresponding Secretary, Miss Montizambert, who addressed us on the subject of Mission work in the North West, but especially on the Blood Reserve. She spoke in high terms of the work done among the girls there by Huron's Lady Missionaries. The piles of warm garments, quilts and rag carpets and medicines about to be dispatched to the Rev. Malcolm Scott, Vermilion, was exhibited, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

Several members of the St. Jude's Branch availed themselves of the kind invitation to be present, extended to them. PRINCETON—On April 24th we had the pleasure and privilege of an address from Mrs. Baldwin, our loved President. The meeting was held at the Rectory, and many were present, also several Falkland members. Mrs. Baldwin spoke earnestly and lovingly of our privileges as workers, and of the great needs of Missionary work at home and abroad, and of the reflex blessing we gain in this work. The meeting was opened by his Lordship the Bishop. Refreshments were served, and the members had a pleasant talk personally with Mrs Baldwin. All were delighted with the meeting, and very thankful for the opportunity of hearing and meeting Mrs. Baldwin. We are working for bales to be sent off in the fall, and hope to have a good substantial bale this time. We are making some overalls for boys as we noticed in the LEAFLET that they would be acceptable. WARDSVILLE—The members of the St. James' Branch held a successful Jubilee Garden Party, in the Rectory grounds, on June 17th, when a very pleasant time was spent. A table for the sale of useful and fancy articles, was under the charge of Mesdames Hacher and Otton. All articles were sold, and the proceeds, amounting to about \$8.50, are to be applied to Missionary objects.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

The Bishop of Mackenzie River writes to Mrs. Boomer under date of April 1st. "*Your kind letter of October 19th, reached me only four days ago, too late for me to send you anything for the Huron Annual Meeting. In November I wrote to Mrs. Sage, asking her to thank all the kind friends who helped to fill the boxes and bales. Unfortunately, owing to some of the packages being broken, some of the names were obliterated, and I could not mention them, but all the same we were very grateful for the very useful things sent; and I hope that every one has been warmly thanked. I wrote to the London drug store thanking them for their generous gift. The boxes arrived quite safely. I have not yet counted all the bottles, but the selling prices of the medicines must have been at least \$150! Owing to our letters sometimes going astray, and to the length of time which elapses before we can acknowledge the receipt of these gifts, I am afraid the donors will think that we do not care for them, and cease sending us anything, but such is not the case, I can assure you. We are much cheered as well as helped by them, and our prayers ascend daily for a blessing upon all those who are taking such a warm interest in these Northern Missions. Our new house is under-way, but work proceeds so slowly here, that we shall have to live in our present habitation at least two more winters. We spent a great deal of labour on it after my return, but it is virtually cold at night when the fires die down, or when the wind blows as it is doing just now. Logs are already squared for the new building, but are not yet all hauled home. It is to be larger than*

the one destroyed, and is to have what we have hitherto lacked, a room large enough for meetings other than Church Services. The man engaged on the house has been talking of throwing up his work because we do not feed him well enough! He has been living at our table, and having exactly the same as we have, more we cannot do for him." Following interesting communication has been kindly forwarded by a member of the Aylmer Branch. "From one of Miss Young's recent letters her friends will be pleased to learn that she has successfully passed her examination, and that her health is very much improved. She writes very brightly, on the whole, of the work in which she is so heartily engaged, though the women are *very* hard to reach, as they think the Missionaries are so strange to try and instil their "foreign notions" into them, and are so utterly indifferent to their condition. Miss Young writes joyously of some of the evidences she has of having herself been used of God in bringing souls to the light, of revealing to them some of the wonderful and beautiful truths He has revealed to her, and though she by no means thinks she was the sole instrument used, she is especially grateful for the conversion of Sugamo San, the first Japanese to whom she had spoken on spiritual things, and for whom she had often asked our prayers. He is a very promising man, nephew of a prominent judge, with whom he lived till his conversion, when, of course, he was obliged to leave, and has since made his home at the 'Preaching house.' His religion has cost him dear, for apart from being cut off from his home and friends, he loses his uncle's influence and help in the way of getting a situation in a bank he is anxious to secure, as he would have more time for study, and would not need to work on Sunday. Miss Young also writes that the two young men who were baptized some time since, are still very much in earnest, and altogether the work is looking brighter, and is more encouraging. Miss Young and Miss Trent were about to leave for the mountains when the former wrote." To the Dorcas Society of the Chapel of the Ascension, Windsor, the Rev. William Hunter, Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, writes, "This is the first opportunity that I have had to write and thank you for the useful articles forwarded in the bales. I was on a long journey when they came, and on my return distributed them to the people who needed help. Everything sent was so good that it would be out of order to particularize. Those who received, chiefly—S.S. scholars and their parents—were heartily glad, and I assure you much comfort to the needy will be the outcome of your beneficence. The members of your Society deserve great credit for their first work in this department. The article you mentioned 'to adorn a rectory bed,' is very acceptable, as are also the other things sent to Mrs. Hunter. As there is a possibility of your sending a bale at Christmas, I take the liberty to suggest that *children's goods* would be most useful. I thank the members of your Society for their work and love towards my sheep,

and for giving me the privilege to participate in the same." Princeton Branch sends the following letter from the Rev. John Sinclair, Cedar Lake, in the hope that something may be done for him by some of our other Branches. His case is a sad one, for there is no Superannuation Fund for him to fall back on. Mr. Sinclair writes, "Your welcome letter came safely with the enclosed \$2.25 and the stamps; thank you very much. Your bale arrived safely, and most thankful we were to receive such warm clothing for our poorest people, and thankful they were when we gave it to them. We are so far away from civilization—about 360 miles from Winnipeg—that we have to watch for a chance to send off our letters, and we get them by chance. Thanks for all the questions you ask. My dear wife is with me, we have a family of nine, six are boys of whom three are married. There are three girls none married, and the three youngest are boys. Anything sent to us will be very acceptable, old or new, books, etc. Would it be too much to ask your Branch to send me a surplice, five feet long? I hope you will excuse bad English, I am a man of no English, and never had right advantages to learn. I am sorry to tell you I have been weakly in health, since April 1895, and cannot do much Missionary work, and was obliged to retire, October 1896, but I am still ministering here at Cedar Lake, to do what I can for our dear Lord and Master. We do not know who is to take charge of this Mission. I administer the Holy Sacraments for these people here, and the Rev. J. Hind, of Devon Mission, visits Moose Lake Reserve, Grand Rapids, and Shoal River Missions. As I have already told you I have a large family, and any little help sent to me will be very thankful for. May the Lord abundantly bless you for all your labour of love; we are thankful to know friends are helping and praying for us." To Brantford (St. Jude's Branch), which has worked for him for several years, the Rev. R. E. Coats, Scantebury Mission, writes some incidents of his work, under date June 2nd. "I have found this a very trying time, we have had 27 deaths more than in the three previous years together. The travelling is difficult, for the Lake is very high, with strong north winds. Last Thursday I went to Grande Marais, the north end of my Mission, visited all round, held service with Holy Communion, and then was storm-bound. I left my boat and walked as far as possible, about eight miles, and then came to a big marsh with several creeks through it. Here I, and a young fellow whom I asked to go back with me, tried a boat across the Lake, but the waves were too much for us. We then hauled the boat over the sand-bank into the marsh, and after paddling, dragging and poling another eight miles, reached home at 1.30 Sunday morning. After morning service that day. I caught my ponies, and started for service at Poplar Park, went about four miles and then came to grief in the bog. My ponies struggled on bravely, but had at last to give it up, and I had to take another cold bath to unhitch and help them out. At

Grande Marais, when preparing for Holy Communion, the wine was found (through nobody's fault) to have been left at Balsam Bay. A young man started to fetch it, and was back for service, having walked through mud and water, the journey being quite twelve miles. *Such help is comforting.*"

Our Huron members will have read with keen interest Mrs. Stringer's letter, printed in the Provincial pages of the July LEAFLET. In those long months, during which no tidings of the Stringers could reach their W.A. friends, many a kindly thought turned to the young wife in her Arctic home, and at many a meeting one or another would say "I do wonder how Mrs. Stringer is getting on," and all are glad to know that God's loving kindness encompassed her in her hour of suffering and peril, and all rejoice with her in her possession of her very all-engrossing "white woman" Rowena, "who does not cry."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.		Lion's Head.	
General Fund.		Exeter	25
Interest in Canadian Loan ...\$	7 28	Tyrconnell	5 00
Mrs. Jewell, towards Dorcas		Port Dover, Girls' Auxiliary...	1 00
Sec. paper	50	Kanyengeh.	
London, S. George's, G.M.B.	55	Exeter	25
Exeter	2 30	Tyrconnell	1 00
Adelaide, Girl's Auxiliary.....	65	Port Dover, Girls' Auxiliary...	50
Brantford, St. Jude's Girls'		Brantford, St. Jude's Girls'	
Auxiliary	05	Auxiliary	15
Brantford, Grace Church	6 00	Port Dover	1 00
Haysville, Mrs. Ward, Life		Circles of the King's Daughters—	
Membership badge	2 50	Per Mrs. Tilley.....	25 00
Zenana.		Diocesan Missions.	
London, St. George's, G.M.B.	2 00	Miss Marsh, Thankoffering ...	5 00
Tyrconnell	6 50		
Lady Miss, China.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Miss Marsh, Thankoffering ...	5 00	General Fund—	
Ailsa Craig	1 50	To Mrs. Irvine, Mem. Pins ...	5 50
Miss Rose, Hospital Ex.—		" Mrs. Falls, Stamps	50
Mrs. Falls.....	50	" W. L. Carrie	1 60
London, St. Paul's	1 00	Stamps for June	36
Lady Miss, N.W.		Miss Ferris, L. M. Pin	2 50
Exeter	25	R. Southam.....	8 95
Tyrconnell	5 00	P.O.O.	56
Port Dover, Girls' Auxiliary...	50	Miss Gower, Stamps and Dor.	
Lady Miss., Japan.		Sec. Paper	2 50
Exeter	25	Lady Miss, N.W.—	
Tyrconnell	2 00	To Archbishop Tims' Salary...	50 00
Port Dover, Girls' Auxiliary...	50	" " " Board...	31 25
Brantford, St. Jude's Girls'		Kanyengeh—	
Auxiliary	15	To Miss Kerby.....	50 00
Port Dover	3 00	Omoksene—	
Algoma.		To Archbishop Tims for little	
London, St George's G.M.B.	2 00	Katie.....	15 00
Ailsa Craig	2 00	Lion's Head—	
Mackenzie River.		To J. M. McWhinney.....	80 25
Brantford, Gr. Ch. ex-ct.-day	15 00	Diocesan Missions—	
London, St. George's, G.M.B.	4 00	To J. M. McWhinney..	5 00

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

Contributors to the Diocesan W.A. “Jubilee Thankoffering” will read with pleasure our Bishop’s kind acknowledgment as given below. We are glad to know that some further subscriptions have been sent in and that the total is now \$343.10. We are hopeful that \$350 may yet be reached.

MY DEAR LADIES OF THE MONTREAL D.W.A.—I have received to-day your letter of the 21st June conveying to me the very pleasing information that you have, as a result of a Resolution “To commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria by raising a fund to augment the W. & O. Fund of this Diocese” in this its time of exigency, paid to Canon Empson the sum of \$335.50 to be added to the invested capital. I accept with gratitude this “expression of sympathy” and beg you to convey to the M.D.W.A. my grateful sense of their action, and assure them that it will be deeply appreciated by Bishop and Clergy and that I trust the people generally will be stirred up by this deed of love to greater liberality on this behalf.

Thanking God, I am truly yours,

W. B., Montreal.

By the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. J. Macfarlane the members of St. Matthias’ Church were invited to meet Mr. K. Borup, our missionary to Uganda, before leaving for the scene of his labors. The beautiful grounds were well filled with guests, most of whom had the opportunity of conversing with Mr. Borup, whom we hope to meet again some day. About 9 o’clock we proceeded to the Church where a very solemn farewell service was held; prayer was offered by Rev. T.

Everett, after which Rev. O. Troop addressed us very earnestly. Mr. D. W. Ross said a few words on behalf of the W.A. to whose endeavors he gave the chief credit of carrying on this work. Mr. T. Harling, Superintendent of Sunday School, then presented Mr. Borup with \$20 from the S.S. with good wishes. Mr. Borup in a few touching words expressed his gratitude for all the kind wishes of his friends and promised to keep us informed of his work and progress in Africa. The Rector, Mr. Bushell, closed the meeting with prayer. The evening of Tuesday, 29th June, 1897, will long be remembered by the congregation and W.A. of St. Matthias' as one of the most impressive occasions in the history of the Church. *Com.*

Owing to illness in the family of a local Branch President, Mrs. Holden's visit to Franklin and neighboring Branches has been postponed. We regret the cause of the disappointment and hope it will soon be removed.

The President of Havelock Branch also has been temporarily laid aside from active participation in the work so dear to her heart, and our best wishes for her recovery, and our sympathy with her fellow-workers in her absence from their anniversary meeting, is hereby tendered.

It is with sorrow also that we record the death of Mrs. Knowlton, late Sec. of the Knowlton Branch. An active and efficient W.A. worker, faithful and devoted in her social, family and church relations, her loss will long be felt—but, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea saith the Spirit for they rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

Havelock Branch held their July meeting and at the same time celebrated their tenth birthday, as it was on July 8th, 1897, the Queen's Jubilee year, that the Branch was organized, under the pastorate of the Rev. N. P. Gates. There have been many changes in the past ten years. 13 members have been married, two have been removed by death, and one is now living in Vancouver and actively working in the congregation of the Rev. Mr. Tucker (formerly of St. George's, Montreal), but the original office-bearers are all still in their

places. (A fact that speaks well for their faithfulness and efficiency and its appreciation by their fellow-workers.—ED.) The Branch records with sorrow the illness of their beloved President, Mrs. Bustard, and pays a tribute to her work. [Summarized from Card sent by Havelock's Rec.-Sec.—ED.]

The Dorcas Secretary reports one box sent by the Diocesan Board to the Rev. T. Smitherman, Kolah, Sault Ste. Marie, Dio. of Algoma, containing fancy articles, etc., for a sale to be held for the mission. St. Paul's Branch, Upper Lachine, sent one bale to Miss Shaw, care of Rev. J. K. Matheson, Onion Lake, Dio. of Sask., containing 5 new garments and second-hand samples for patch work, spools, etc., volumes of "Christian Treasury," and magazines, freight, \$3.07.

ANNE MCCORD,

Dorcas Secretary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR MAY AND JUNE.

RECEIPTS.—Jubilee Thankoffering for Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese, \$343.10, Educational Fund—Miss Thornton, \$10; St. Thomas' Branch, Farnham, \$5; ———, \$1, Mrs. E. Roe, \$0.50; Uper Lachine, for a Missionary, \$22, Farnham, for Bishop Reeve, \$2.40; for Miss Shaw, \$16.50, Lower Lachine, St. Stephen's Branch for Shingwauk Home, \$15, Cyprus River Church, Miss Owens, \$15; Japan, \$21, Jews, from St. Stephen's Branch, \$22.50; Printing Fund, \$4.50; Members' fees, \$11.80, Miss Owen's scholarship in India, \$12; Zenanas, \$14.40. DISBURSEMENTS.—Canon Empson, Jubilee Thankoffering, \$343.10, Dominion Printing Co., \$40; Illuminated Address, \$7.75; Postage, \$4; Cyprus River Church, \$15; Caretaker of Synod Hall, \$5, Canon Empson for Uganda, \$15; Bishop Bompas, \$14.14; Donated to a Missionary, \$22; Mrs. Waller, Treasurer for Jews, \$22.50, Zenana Secretary, Mrs. Holden, \$14.40, Scholarship in India, \$12.

JESSIE DAWSON, *Dio. Treas.*

Mr. Forget, Indian Commissioner, has twice lately visited Elk-horn, and on each occasion has expressed himself as astonished and delighted at the way in which Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have contrived to carry on the work since the fire. The new building is now begun. The site is just a quarter of a mile out of the village, and comprises 360 acres of fine land. The Institution will cost about \$26,000.

The Cor. Sec. has received a letter from Mrs. Young, Athabasca Landing, acknowledging the safe arrival of the bale sent by the Diocesan Board. Bishop Young has just started to visit some Indian

Missions down the Saskatchewan for Bishop Pinknam, accompanied by his son, and Mrs. Young hoped to go with them part of the way. Bishop Young desired her to convey his kind and grateful remembrances to the members of the Montreal W.A., in which Mrs. Young heartily joined.

Mrs. Wilson writes our President that "Clothing (for the Homes) is getting pretty low." Will our Branches please remember this when apportioning their bales.

W.A. LETTER BOX.

To Mrs. Dawson, Dio. Treas., Montreal W A from Miss Bristow, Girls' School, Krishnagar, March 29th, 1897.

MY DEAR MRS. DAWSON.—Very many thanks for the \$46 safely to hand for the four girls' scholarships. I will enclose letters for Mrs. Fairbanks, Mr. Hague, Mary Seaward and her friend, which perhaps you will be kind enough to pass on to them. I also send a photo group which I would like all who subscribed to see. I am sorry I cannot send one each to keep, but I have very few copies and there are very many places for them to go to. I think perhaps Mrs. Fairbanks had better have this one, and if I get a chance to send another time the others must have them. * * * Our work has made steady progress through the year, the girls did very well in their examination, and Dr. Martin the Head of the Educational Department for Bengal, after a personal inspection and examination of the school, very kindly gave us an increased Government grant which enables us to pay the salary of an extra teacher, whom we very greatly needed, but were unable to have for want of funds. Several of our girls have passed out of the school during the year. Some two or three have gone to Calcutta to be trained as teachers, others have left to be married. We have now filled up again with little ones, some of whom do not appear in the group, having then not arrived. We like to get them when they are about five or six as they are then much more teachable, and there is time before they leave really to teach them properly, when they come to us at ten, eleven or even twelve and do not know their letters it is very trying, and they cannot get on very far before they have to go, besides having learned a good deal of wrong which it is difficult to efface, and habits are formed which are hard to break. They are a very happy, bright band, some of them full of fun and mischief, all needing a good deal of love and patience. We are seeking to sow the good seed in their young hearts and pray that it may spring up and bear good fruit by-and-by. May you, who have helped to teach these children, and we who have sought to train them for Jesus, rejoice together when we meet them in the bright Home above.

[Aug., 1897.]

Niagara Diocese.

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

OFFICERS. *Hon. Pres.*—Mrs. DuMoulin; *President*—Mrs. H. McLaren, Balquidder, Hamilton; *Vice Presidents*—1st, Miss Ambrose; 2nd, Mrs. Wade; *Treasurer*—Mrs. Webster, 256 McNab St. North *Editor LEAFLET*—Mrs. T. W. Reynolds, Drawer 47, Hamilton. *SECRETARIES: Recording*—Miss E. Counsell, 211 Jackson St. West, Hamilton; *Corresponding*, Mrs. J. M. Stewart, 150 Victoria Ave. S., Hamilton; *Organizing*—Mrs. Houston, Niagara Falls, Dorcas—Mrs. Sutherland, 171 Hannah Street West, Hamilton; *Junior*—Mrs. Ker, St. Catharines; *Sec. Treas. Lit. Com.*—Miss A. Gaviller, 70 Main St. Hamilton; *Uniform Badge*—Miss Ferres, 216 Herkimer St., Hamilton, *Treasurer Extra-cent-a-day Fund*—Mrs. Sewell, 21 Bold St., Hamilton.

Extract of a letter from Miss Millege, St. John's College, Winnipeg, to Dunville Branch.

She acknowledges thankfully the receipt of a parcel containing clerical suit, and says: “Clothing of that kind is very expensive here, and it being new will last many years. At present we are trying to collect \$50 for a horse for Rev. Geo. Gill Russell, Manitoba, we have \$27 now towards it. He is a most energetic man; has seven missions under him and only one assistant; keeps three horses on the go all the time. This one was invaluable and died from an accident. I have just received a letter from Mr. Cockrane, asking if a bale could be sent for the Indians at Loon Straits, Blood River, and Rabbit Point—address, Rev. H. Cockrane, Bull Head, via. West Selkirk, Man., (C/o Mr. Jesse Mathison), it would save 120 miles carriage. He writes. “I am so grateful to know that the W.A. members are praying for the success of my work; may God bless them all. I find the work heavy in many ways, but if I only had dogs of my own it would be much simplified. Had a grand time at Loon Straits my last visit, christened two adults, married one, to a half-breed man. One woman brought a boy seven years and a nephew 12 years to be christened too, also a tiny babe: had another marriage, an Indian woman to a white man, and administered Holy Communion to fourteen persons.” I may mention that an effort is being made to send out the dogs at once, two have been given by friends in Winnipeg, the carriage has been bought at a much reduced rate, so if we could raise about \$27.50, I think that would cover the expense. Some persons told us that the dogs which were given will not be able for

those dreadful journeys of 60 and 80 miles, in that case we will have to get two others. In order that you may understand the appeals we get I will mention two other cases. At Neepawa the congregation after great difficulty, got a nice little church built, contributions from the Archbishop and other friends in Winnipeg, enabled them to build a stone one, to save expense of painting frequently. This was paid for all but \$500, which was expected to be made up this summer, when it would be consecrated, when, to the people's dismay, the church was seen to be in flames one Saturday morning, everything lost, even the surplice and stole, with difficulty the parsonage and barn were saved. It cannot be accounted for and it is thought to be the work of an incendiary. Rev. C. H. Houghton told me that there was only \$1,000 insurance, \$500 of which goes for the debt. Then another appeal comes from a clergyman, saying, in his district are 30 Indian children in most destitute circumstances, some of them wearing only a cotten garment, with a threadbare shawl or bit of a blanket, the only thing they have to eat is a few fish or rabbits, poor flour is sold to them at double the price of good, and the fur bearing animals are so scarce this year, that the poor creatures have no means of earning a livelihood—this appeal comes from Fairford. Then from Rainy River comes the same cry. Our grand Society is a great blessing to these poor isolated labourers, and even if we are not able to support all that is needed, yet we can help the Missionaries in many ways, and they are encouraged knowing that they are sure of our sympathy and prayers. In our College here, our young clergymen are trained for their future work. I know them all personally, therefore can sympathize with them more fully, perhaps, than others who do not hear of all their different trials. They always say, "What should we do without the W.A."? And they always come in numbers to our Annual Meeting, held during Synod."

From Rev. Geo. Bruce, Fairford, to Miss Beavan, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Acknowledging bale he says. "Many a poor person have you made warm and comfortable and happy, and many a poor child have you enabled to attend school, also the adults—on the means of grace—you have done much to elevate the condition of the poor red man in the wilderness. I must tell you that I recently returned from a visit of nine days absence, seeing only part of my family in the wilderness. Stogsville is over 50 miles from here, some thirty years ago I built the first schoolhouse there and had to manufacture my books before I could attempt to teach the children. Later on, as years rolled by, we managed to put up a little church, which has been greatly improved, recently, by Rev. Mr. Cook, who was in charge for some years past, but unfortunately resigning last June from the work, leaving the cosy church without Bishop, Priest, *Urim* and *Thummam*, and when I preached there recently, it was with joy and sorrow

mingled together, to see such an orderly congregation worshipping so heartily and taking part in the services of the day. Wherever I went the same pitiful pleading, "Can you help me I am in a needy and destitute condition." Mr. Bruce then gives a brief sketch of a trip, recently made, as follows "Friday"—Left home in company with a man, using horses, carrying food for man and horse, travelled 20 miles and camped for the night at 'Elm Point,' here there are three families living; had service at nine p.m., also baptized an infant. *Saturday*—Rose early and attended to my horses, then got breakfast ready, had family worship, then started out as soon as daylight would admit for travelling; we had to cross Lake Manitoba, the day was cold and stormy, and one feels it doubly so when out on the exposed lake; arrived at 11.30 a.m. at the "Bluff," where there is only one solitary Icelandic family living, rested for dinner, having yet 12 miles to travel before reaching the "Narrows," where there are three families; camped for the night in a Roman Catholic house, the man desiring me to have family worship. *Sunday*—Rose at 3 o'clock, and as soon as ever we could make use of the day we were on the move, having 12 miles to travel, arriving at Stogsville 10 o'clock. Here I had anticipated to have had service, but unfortunately I arrived before my letter, which I had sent off early in the past week, notifying the people of my intended visit, however a messenger was immediately dispatched notifying as many as possible for evening service. In the meantime I had a private meeting and baptized an infant, and administered private communion to the mother of the said child; and then visited others of the sick around. The day was cold and stormy, nevertheless the comfortable little church was well packed with devoted worshippers. After evening service I visited the sick again, and then had another baptism. The night was now well spent. *Monday*—A marriage to celebrate, and left immediately after the ceremony for a twelve miles journey. The roads being simply impassable, reached the Reserve after sundown, had service, also baptized a child, and then had to hasten back, floundering through snow and drifts, reaching half way at 10 p.m., had a cup of tea which is always welcome; but I felt it doubly so to-night, being out most of the day and part of the night without any refreshment. Here again we had worship, and then I left for my night's lodgings, arriving at 1 o'clock a.m. You will not be surprised when I will say that I was glad to get under my buffalo robe and take rest. *Tuesday*—Left in company with a little boy for Sandy Bay, where I had services and baptized an infant, also visiting five families, and returning as usual at a late hour. No police out here to fear to be out at late hours. *Wednesday*—Visiting only part of the day, day being cold and stormy. *Thursday*—Visited the sick, and then had another call to go seven miles, which I willingly complied with, had service, and as usual had another infant baptism the parents of the said child being Roman Catholics. *Friday*—

Travelled 12 miles and camped for the night. *Saturday*—Travelling all day on the open Lake, and then reaching home at 4 p.m. (a journey of nine days, travelling 150 miles), and having all my Sunday duties to attend to the coming morning, and returning home a trifle worse of the wear; for at times it is not very inviting to walk on snow shoes, which had to be the case on my journey, and when a man has reached his 60th year, and has been over 40 years in the mission field, enduring the burden and heat of the day, he is inclined to confer with flesh and blood and exclaim "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." We have commenced to build a church at Sandy Bay, say 12 miles from here, and if all is well, if only means and ways are available to try and complete the building this summer; but it is uphill work in this out of the way place, where there are no masons, carpenters, or no means at one's disposal, but have to arise and build.

Your bale, as usual, is a model one answering our wants admirably, and which has rendered such help to our work. Some of your articles I have sent 50 miles away. Kind ladies have no idea what a wonderful change they have made for the better, by their kind gifts, in the appearance of the people on a Sunday. Will you kindly convey to your kind helpers our warmest thanks. I may tell you that I have two daughters, now in school in Winnipeg. The eldest was studying for a teacher, but unfortunately her eyesight failed, she is learning short-hand and type-writing at present, and the youngest is doing very well. She wrote after Christmas, "that she did not get plucked in any subject." Robert, my eldest son, helps me in the school; Rupert is not well all winter; Mrs. Bruce is always busy, no fear of her rusting out."

From Mrs. Tansy, Somerset, Manitoba, to Mrs. Sutherland, Dorcas Sec.

She apologizes for not writing sooner on account of the death of her little daughter, and says: "I am afraid I will not be able to write very fully about the distribution of each article the large bale from Hamilton contained, but they were however given to those most in need, and we had very many of those in our mission this winter. We had at the time a young boy, not 18, dying with consumption, and Mr. Tansy at once took him a couple of the shirts and some underwear, and he shared the little delicacies and things in the way of nourishment, and you will understand how much he appreciated them when I tell you that all the family were living on was salt pork and potatoes sometimes, and dry bread, no tea or anything, and the poor lad did like the cocoa so much. He died in February. We also gave to his mother and father a number of the garments and a warm quilt. I may say that in every instance the quilts, and all in the way of bedding, were very much appreciated."

(To be Continued.)

[Aug., 1897.]

Ontario Diocese.

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

OFFICERS: *Hon. President*—Mrs. Lewis, Kingston, *President*—Mrs. Rogers, 148 Barrie St., Kingston; *Vice-Presidents*—Miss Gildersleeve, and Mrs. MacMorine, Kingston, *SECRETARIES Recording*—Mrs. F. Prime, Johnston St., Kingston, *Corresponding*—Miss Daly, 298 Brock St., Kingston, *for Junior Branches*—Miss Lewin, Johnston St.; *Literature and Editor LEAFLET*—Mrs. Buxton Smith, Kingston, *Dorcias*—Miss A. Muckleston, 296 King St., *Extra-cent a day*—Miss K. Wilson, Union St., *Treasurer*—Mrs. Worrell, 242 Brock St.

As the Branches had so recently reported at the Annual Meeting, very few of those in the Deanery of Frontenac sent reports to the July Board Meeting. Catarqui was one which did, and it was encouraging to find that in addition to the regular work, which has been going steadily on, a C.C.M.G. Branch was organized in June, consisting of six girls and one boy, two girls have since joined. The officers are, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Weston, Superintendents; Miss Nellie Riley, President; Miss Bessie Barker, Treasurer. The Secretary is not yet appointed. St. James' also reported. A Branch has been revived at Christ Church, Belleville, the officers being, President, Miss S. E. Adams; Secretary, Miss Ida Carr; Treasurer, Miss M. Campbell. Five new representatives were present at the meeting, being as follows; Miss Corbett for the J.W.A. of Christ Church, Belleville, Miss Ferris for Fredricksburg, Mrs. Smythe for Amherst Island, Miss Nicholl for Bancroft, and Miss Kirkpatrick for St. John's Belleville. An invitation has been extended from the Ontario Board to the Provincial Board, to hold their autumn meeting in Kingston.

DORCAS REPORT.

BELLEVILLE—St. John's J.W.A. sent a bale to Peigan Reserve, Dio. Calgary, in the spring, which through an oversight was not reported in the May LEAFLET. KINGSTON—St. James' J.W.A. sent a bale to Rev. J. Sanders, Biscotasing Diocese.

ANNIE MUCKLESTON.

The following letter has been received by the St. James' Branch of the W.A. from the Rev. J. R. Matheson, Onion Lake, Sask., N.W.T.

DEAR MRS. ROGERS—I am so glad this morning to sit down to answer your letter and acknowledge the receipt of the bale. Our freighter got in this morning with a cargo of flour and brought the bale with him—the first of the season. You would have to be here to see for yourself how welcome the things were, to appreciate our gratitude or our need—and it was such a splendid bale. Oh, how much sewing and worry and labour those 23 girls dresses will save, and how pretty and tasty they are; and those men's socks! well—may the feet of the donors never grow cold. I could just go over every article in the bale by turn and tell how handy and useful they are. The boys' clothes were much needed, and the only thing the matter with the men's clothes is that they are much too fine and valuable for this kind of people. We are much blessed in our Miss Shaw. What special favour the Lord has on his work here to give me such helpers as Miss Phillips and Miss Shaw. Our work is growing, and very evidently the Lord is owning it. We never had so much encouragement since we began as we have now, such splendid congregations of Indians, and so many Roman Catholics attend the services, really more Romanists than Protestants. Our school is prospering and growing. We will soon have to build more, "The place is too straight for us." God bless and keep you and your Branch."

Also the following to the Branch at Burrirt's Rapids, from the Rev. J. Hinchliffe, St. Peter's Mission, Peigan Reserve:

"DEAR MRS. BURRITT—At last we have received your splendid box from Burrirt's Rapids. I am very pleased indeed with it. I cannot tell you how glad I was to see the boy's clothing, the nice shirts and socks and trousers were just what we wanted. I must especially thank the Mrs. Burrirt who knitted the nice socks. We have thirty boys now, and it is no easy matter to keep them supplied with stockings. My wife wishes me to thank you very much for the quilts. In conclusion let me thank your little band of workers most heartily for the valuable help sent to us, and let me also ask that our work may be remembered in your prayers."

The following letter is from John Sinclair, Hollow Water River, to Miss Margaret Webster, at New Dublin:

"DEAR MADAM—I cannot but return you many thanks for the kind help you are giving for our poor Indians, but more especially to the little ones, who attend school. I received some clothing from some other ladies some time in November last; oh, how glad and thankful

were these poor little creatures, some were half naked at the time, and they were more than ever regular at the school This is a new mission opened, where I was sent by the C.M.S., on or about the first of April, 1895. I am thankful to say that God has blessed my work among my own kind. I am a Cree Indian—The Indians here are something of the same race. We have such nice Church services here with the poor Indians, some of whom have embraced Christianity, and some new converts have been made since I was here. I have every reason to believe many will be brought to the knowledge of the true God. Looking to myself there is no power but trusting to the Giver of all good things—everything is bright. I am thankful to say I can read and preach in the language used here. The school children are doing well, they can read and write, and sing many English hymns and some of the Cree hymns as well. At present we have a miserable school house, but I started to build one before winter and hope to have it finished before July. I should like to have, before our new school is opened, an old, if not new, surplice. God bless you and those who relieve our great necessities."

TREASURER'S STATEMENT—June.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Domestic Missions.	Paid Ont. Sec. Treas. D. & F.M.S. 28 85
Picton, Lady Miss., N.W.... \$ 12 00	To Mrs. Boomer, for Ed. Missionaries' children..... 1 10
Belleville, St. Thomas', for support of boy in Peigan Mission School 6 25	Paid Lady Miss. N.W., salary for quarter 75 00
Foreign Missions.	C.C.M.G., Members' cards 2 00
Picton, Lady Miss., Japan ... 6 00	Rev. J. Hinchliffe for Peigan Schools 6 25
Missions Unappropriated.	Travelling expenses of speaker at Annual Meeting..... 11 00
Lombardy, Dio. Member..... 2 00	Treasurer for Dio. Missions..... 216 78
Diocesan Assessment.	Expenses at Annual Meeting..... 6 00
Brockville—	Programmes..... 3 00
St. Peter's C.C.M.G 1 00	Advertising, etc..... 2 00
Selby 1 00	Cost of order and postage 12
Hawley 1 40	
Trenton 70	
Collections, Annual Meeting 24 73	
Thankoffering at Annual..... 216 78	
	\$352 10
\$271 86	

CHARLOTTE A. WORRELL, *Treas. Ont. W.A.*

In arranging for the education of their daughters, we hope that Church people will remember the very excellent school at Fairlawn, Kingston, under the patronage of His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario and the Dean of Ontario. Mrs. Cornwall, the Principal, will be pleased to give any information required.

[Aug., 1897].

Ottawa Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"God is love."

OFFICERS: *President*—Mrs. Hamilton, Christ Church Rectory, Ottawa; *1st. Vice-President*—Mrs. Tilton, 37 Gloucester St.; *2nd Vice-President*—Mrs. Pollard, Park Avenue; *Treasurer*—Miss Cath. E. Baker, 5 Arthur Street **SECRETARIES:** *Recording*—Miss Humphreys, 288 Daly Avenue. *Corresponding*—Mrs. W. Fitzgerald, 260 MacLaren St. *Dorcas*—Mrs. G. M. Greene, 483 McLaren St.; *Literature and Leaflet Editor*—Miss Whiteaves, 22 Gloucester St; *Junior Work*—Miss Parris, 84 Victoria St.; *Organizing*—Miss A. B. Feilding, 370 Slate St.

A regular board meeting was held Monday, July 12th at 3.30 p.m, the first Vice-President in the chair; meeting opened as usual with hymn and missionary litany; minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. The Corresponding Secretary read (1) a letter from Miss Daly, Kingston, returning hearty thanks for the loving greetings sent to Ontario at the time of their annual meeting; (2) a letter from Miss Lewan, Junior Secretary of Ontario Diocese, stating that although it had been decided at first that the J.W.A. of Ontario will not undertake half the support of a missionary's child, several Junior Branches were anxious to make the effort; she would communicate with Ottawa later about the matter; (3) a letter from Mrs. Boomer concerning several matters in reference to the Educational department; (4) a card from Lady Johnstone. No report was received from the Dorcas Secretary who is out of town at present. The Treasurer read a letter from Miss Gaviller in reference to a paper on Dorcas work by Miss Halston. The Secretary of Literature reported fourteen new subscribers to the LEAFLET, three letters written, five letters received and three postals; receipts for month, thirty-eight cents. The Organizing Secretary reported three new branches, Fenaghvale, Plantaganet and Hawkesbury, also one new Diocesan member, Miss Aird. Mrs. Tilton gave a very interesting account of her trip to Fenaghvale and Plantaganet. Mrs. Buxton Smith from Ontario Diocese was introduced to the meeting and said a few words. The board will not meet again till the second Monday in September.

BRANCH NOTES.

CORNWALL.—J.W.A. held two meetings during the month, both very well attended. Miss Ella Culbertson elected Dorcas Secretary.

FENAGHVALE.—A new branch organized with following officers: President, Mrs. J. H. Blaney; Recording Secretary, Miss S. Downing; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. Downing; Treasurer, Miss S. Downing.

PLANTAGANET.—A new branch organized with following officers: President, Mrs. W. Kaines; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. L. Spaul; Treasurer, Miss G. Stairs.

HAWKESBURY.—A new branch formed with following officers: President, Miss May Higginson; first Vice-President, Mrs. Becklam; Recording Secretary, Miss Jane Byers; Treasurer, Edith Short.

Extract of a letter from Mrs. Rolston, Dynevor Indian Hospital, to the President of Ottawa East.

“Allow me to thank you very warmly for the bags from your Branch of the W.A. They are all most useful things, I find a constant demand for second-hand clothing. Only this morning I gave some of your coats to a patient going a long journey by boat in a very delicate state; he was most thankful for all the little comforts I was able to give him—and this kind of thing is constantly occurring. Please thank the kind donor of the tea and cocoa for so kindly remembering us.”

INDIA.

The Bishop of Lucknow says that in the earlier part of the cold season one of the great wants of the sufferers was clothing, and he was enabled by means of the funds committed to him to give away three miles of warm cotton cloth. The summer is now coming on. He is now, therefore, not giving

clothes but food. He has also arranged for the support of 100 orphans for two years, and more are being taken in hand.

Moreover it is especially important to provide safe refuges for young widows and destitute girls, who in a time like this are often deserted by their natural protectors, and are therefore in grave moral danger. Something will be done to meet this need.

The Editor regrets to say that at present there are not enough subscribers in the diocese to pay the expenses of the LEAFLET. In order to avoid a deficit we would require 535 paying subscribers, that is about 100 more than we have now. The number of subscribers could surely be increased with very little effort. There are 1,200 members of the Auxiliary in the Diocese of Ottawa, 435 of them take the LEAFLET, 765 are non-subscribers. Will the LEAFLET Secretaries—or the persons who distribute the LEAFLETS in the different branches—endeavor to see that every member of the W.A. is asked to subscribe to the LEAFLET. The Editor would be much obliged also if the LEAFLET Secretaries would distribute their LEAFLETS as soon as possible, as complaints are sometimes made to her that no LEAFLETS have been received for “last two months,” “last month,” etc. It would simplify matters very much if all subscriptions would be paid in January. In the case of new subscribers ordering LEAFLETS in the middle or end of year charge them for the balance of the year at the rate of $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents a month, and then begin the new year in January. Branches receiving letters from missionaries asking for or acknowledging bales are again reminded that all such letters should be sent to the LEAFLET Editor for publication. All items from branches and all letters should be sent to LEAFLET Editor *before* the 17th of the month. It has been the custom to send a few extra copies of the LEAFLET to the branches for free distribution. This practice will have to be discontinued till the Editor has a balance on hand. The branches will receive in August just the number of LEAFLETS subscribed for.

[Aug., 1897.] **Quebec Diocese.**

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

OFFICERS: *President*—Mrs. Hunter Dunn Esplanade *Vice-Presidents*.—Presidents of the Parochial Branches; *Cor. Sec.*—Mrs. E. Joly de Lotbiniere, St. Genevieve St., Quebec, *Rec. Sec.*—Miss Edith Carter, 25 Mt. Carmel St.; *Sec. for Jun. Branches*—Mrs. Boswell, ; *Editor*—LEAFLET—Mrs. R. H. Smith, St. Foye Road, Quebec; *Treasurer*—Miss M. Anderson, 6 St. Denis St., Quebec, *Dorms Sec.*—Miss Bennett, St. Genevieve St., Quebec; *Sec. Lt. Com.*—Miss McCord, 179 DesFosse's St.

The following was received by the Editor the day after the matter for the July LEAFLET had been dispatched; this will therefore account for its late appearance:

OBITUARY.

PASPEBIAC.—Mrs. D. Bisson, an active member of the W.A. entered into rest, May 31st, after a very long and painful illness.

At a meeting of this Branch, held June 1st, a Resolution was passed expressing the deep sympathy of the members with the bereaved family, and their own sorrow in the loss of one who did so much to help them and who took such an active interest in the W.A.

A copy of a letter from Edward F. Hockley, Miss. in charge of the Kissock Home, St. Paul's Mission, Blood Reserve, to the St. Michael's Branch W.A.

DEAR LADIES—This morning I had the pleasure of opening the barrel of clothing so kindly contributed by you to our work here. I had received, previously, Mrs. Von Iffland's letter

concerning the same, and have been on the lookout for its arrival. You will be sorry to hear that the Rev. F. W. Swainson, our senior missionary, has been compelled to relinquish his charge, being medically advised in England not to return to this cold climate on account of permanent throat trouble. This is a great loss to our work, but we hope to maintain, by God's help, the grand undertaking inaugurated by him, and with expected reinforcements to extend the work. As soon as his successor arrives at St. Paul's Mission to take charge of the Home (39 boys, and 25 girls), I shall proceed to "Red Crow's Camp" and occupy the Mission House there, to engage in itinerating operations among the various bands of Indians. In the summer they travel about with their "teepees," but during the winter remain in the same place, occupying their log houses . . . The work is as interesting as ever, though fraught with trying circumstances of course, largely owing to the lack of workers, and the slowness of the Indians to improve. The results at the Church Homes for Indian children are very encouraging; the children making good progress in every respect. They are comely, intelligent, curious and bright; just now I hear the girls romping about in their dormitories, prior to retiring (8.30 p.m.), also in the distance, I can hear the boys returning from the bush amid shouts and yells, they have been regaling themselves on the wild goosberries, I fancy, which are very numerous this year. . . . One of the greatest encouragements we have, is the constant and faithful co-operation of the Woman's Auxiliary, their bales are most valuable; they practically supply our children's wants entirely, at least those of the girls, for much less comes for the boys in the bales. We hope to reach the older Indians through the children. Several of the parents have been led to respect our teaching through the influence of their children who have received training in our Homes. I wish that some of your ladies could take a trip West and peep in upon us, they would feel delighted, I think, to see the great difference between our children and the boys and girls in the camps. With regards and many thanks for your splendid bale.

Letter from Gowan Gilmour, Rosseau, to Mrs. Von Iffland, St. Michael's, Quebec.

DEAR MADAM—I duly received the barrel of clothing from your Branch of the Auxiliary, and am very thankful indeed. I have a number of poor families scattered through my mission, and the different articles in the barrel were just what was required. I have no Indians in my present mission, but I find the white people, when they are in great need, more pitiable. I enclose a letter I received a few days ago, and it is one of many, and it will show you how badly off some of my flock are. The last two winters have been very severe on poor people, and the times hard, work very scarce, and no money at all. . . . Poor Mrs. Gilmour has been in bad health for some two years past, and is now with her parents in the North West, Alberta, and I fear will not be able to return to Rosseau. The lady who was house-keeping for me here suddenly became very ill some weeks ago, with nervous attack, and her eyesight in great danger, and the pain awful; we sent her to Toronto for special treatment. I have been occupied day and night, and am indeed nearly worn out, which has prevented my writing and acknowledging the barrel at once. The lady is better but the Oculist reports the sight of one eye nearly gone, and if we had delayed sending her any longer would have become totally blind. I have other great troubles to meet in my mission, and am never at rest. I met Canon Von Iffland some ten years ago, for a few minutes only, on the railway platform at North Bay. Please convey to the members of your Branch my thanks and kindest regards for their work and labour of love, also to the old woman who gave the quilt and jacket, which I gave to the writer of the letter.

P.S.—I was never so badly in want of Prayer and Hymn books.

Copy of the letter inclosed to Mr. Gilmour.

DEAR SIR.—I write you these few lines to ask if you intend to give me the clothes that you said you would as we are in fearful rags; I would not mind if it was not for Harry, if you

could give him a pair of pants they would be a god-send to the poor boy. We can't get money to buy us any more food, as there is no work doing yet. I am sure Mr. Gilmour if you send down to where you got the stuff and tell them that we are in need, they would send something up to us. God knows we need it badly; the poor children have their feet all cut up for want of boots to put on. I am badly in need of clothes myself, and have come pretty low when I am glad to turn potato sacks into clothes, but we are half starving for the want of some other place to help us. I don't know what we should do without Sarah. Signed M. M——

This pathetic letter speaks for itself, and shows the great poverty which exists not so very far from our doors. The great demand now, as in almost all letters received from the far West, is men and boys' clothing. Trousers, or as they more generally are termed, pants, are particularly requested; we may call them the "fundamental" garment in a man or a boys' outfit, for when they are supplied, the other articles are not difficult to find. At this holiday season, when so many of our members are at the sea side, or some other watering place, enjoying the pleasant change and the fresh breeze, we would ask them to bear in mind their less favoured brethren, and to endeavour to do something in their spare moments for the bales to be despatched in the early part of next autumn. Native cloth is easily obtained at the seaside places as is also cheap work. A lady who has, for several years, had "pants" made at some of the watering places, said that they cost her very little over \$2 per pair. Could not some other ladies follow her example? Just think what a boon it would be to many a poor working man during the long coming winter! Even second-hand trousers would be most welcome; and those of our members who are unable to purchase new ones, might try and secure some men and boys' second-hand clothing. We trust that this appeal may meet with some response, and that kind friends will do what they can; and we feel certain that a blessing will attend their efforts.

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