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Monthly Letter Leaflet

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
(WESTERN DIVISION)

VOL. IX. TORONTO, APRIL, 1893. No. 12.

Subjects for Prayer.

APRIL.—Central India—The Medical and Zenana work. For our Boarding and Day Schools, Assistant Teachers and Bible Women.

"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."—Heb. x. 36.

"A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time."—Isa. lx. 22.

List of Missionaries in Central India.

CITY OF INDORE.—Rev. J. Wilkie, Mrs. Wilkie, Dr. Marion Oliver, Dr. Margaret O'Hara, Dr. Agnes Turnbull, Miss J. V. Sinclair, Miss McWilliams. MHOW.—Rev. Norman H. Russell, Mrs. Russell, Dr. W. Grant Fraser, Miss J. Ross, Miss Calder. NEEMUCH.—Rev. W. A. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson (on furlough), Dr. Maggie McKellar, Miss Jessie Duncan, Miss Jamieson. RUTLAM.—Rev. J. F. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell. UJJAIN.—Rev. J. Buchanan, M.D., Mrs. Buchanan.

NOTE.—Miss Beatty's resignation, on account of continued ill-health, has been accepted by the Foreign Mission Committee, at her own urgent request.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Letter Leaflet.

The LETTER LEAFLET year ends with this number. All orders for the May issue must be in the hands of the Secretary of Publications no later than April 12.

Will Presbyterian Secretaries please see that the printed forms sent them by Mrs. Telfer are filled in and forwarded by the above date.

Annual Meeting.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Division), will be held in St. Andrew's Church, London, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 18, 19 and 20, 1893. On Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a devotional meeting in the church, at the close of which delegates will be enrolled and billeted. The Nominating Committee will also meet on Tuesday afternoon at the close of the meeting. On Tuesday evening a conference of the Board with Presbyterian Presidents and Secretaries will be held, beginning at half-past seven, at which questions may be asked and subjects of interest to the Society considered. On Wednesday and Thursday the proceedings will be in much the same order as on the Tuesday and Wednesday of former years.

A conference of Mission Band Presidents with officers of the Board has been arranged for Wednesday afternoon at the close of the regular meeting.

The Board hopes that by beginning on Tuesday, as was suggested by some members at the close of the last annual meeting, and holding the preliminary devotional meeting and the conference on that day, the Annual Meeting will be less fatiguing than of late years, and, consequently, will be more likely to be pleasant and profitable to all who may be present.

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A cordial invitation is extended to delegates from every part of the Society throughout the Western Division. All names should be forwarded as soon as possible to Miss L. M. Fraser, 544 Waterloo Street, London, Secretary of the Billetting Committee.

Delegates who may have arranged to stay with friends during the Meeting will confer a favour on the Billetting Committee by acquainting Miss Fraser with the fact, and also by stating the name of the friends with whom they intend to stay.

Increase.

Presbyterial Societies.

TORONTO	.....	Laskay Auxiliary.
"	.....	East Toronto Auxiliary.
GUELPH	.....	Rothsay Auxiliary.
"	.....	Elora, Chalmers Church, "King's Helpers" Mission Band, reorganized.
"	.....	Waterloo, "Willing Workers" Mission Band.
BARRIE	.....	Collingwood, "Little Followers" Mission Band.
"	.....	Orillia, "Bright Sunbeams" Mission Band.
OTTAWA	.....	Kenmare Auxiliary.
LINDSAY	.....	Somerville Auxiliary.
MAITLAND	.....	Chalmers Auxiliary.

Treasurer's Statement.

Feb. 7th.	To balance in Bank.....	\$ 8,538.68
"	" " " Hand	7.00
" 10th.	Subscription Mrs. Alexander, Santa Barbara	5.00
	Subscription late Miss Hamilton.....	10.00
	St. Andrew's, King, Auxiliary	53.00

Feb. 14th.	Esquesing Auxiliary	92.85
“ 18th.	Canmore Auxiliary, Alberta	17.15
“ 24th.	Subscription Mrs. Stewart Begg, Moose Creek, Ont ...	15.00
	Saugeen Presbyt'l Society..	528.44
	Membership Fee, Toronto..	1.00
“ 27th.	Stratford Presbyt'l Society..	1421.95
“ 28th.	Lethbridge Aux'ry, Alberta.	26.55
Mar. 3rd.	Barrie Presbyterial Society.	1242.74
	Orangeville Presbyt'l Society	697.67

EXPENDITURE.

Feb. 11th.	Lithographing 200 Life Member's Certificates, small size.....	15.68
	1 doz. Receipt Books for use of Presbyterial Treasurers..	2.00
Mar. 7th.	Balance in Dominion Bank...	12,640.00
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E. MACLENNAN,
Treasurer.

Stopped !

“SHINING LIGHTS, EXTINGUISHED.”
“GLEANERS FOR THE KING, STOPPED GLEANING.”

What did those words mean written on the report, in the midst of the long list of Mission Bands? Some little *Lights* that had been “shining for Jesus” had gone out: some little *Gleaners* who had started bright and early to find something to do in the great harvest-field, had left their work and wandered off.

I wonder why they *stopped*. I wonder why so often the name of a Band is sent to us, and then, in a year or two, we are told “Oh, that Band is all broken up, they don't meet any more. And

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Perhaps the Band-leaders would tell us that there are a great many things to hinder their work. Rain keeps the children at home; when there is snow and ice, the boys want to coast and skate; in summer it is too hot, and in winter too cold; the children forget the meeting and the mothers forget to remind them: birthday parties and ball games will come at the same hour. Perhaps the children would tell us that the meetings are not interesting; that they are tired of hearing about India and China; and, if they are very honest, that they want to keep their money to buy candy and marbles and paper-dolls.

Well, think about it, children. While you are growing tired of the work, the missionaries are keeping right on in summer and winter, never dreaming of stopping just because they are tired. It is not always interesting. The school children are dirty and naughty, the men and women are lazy and deceitful. Don't you suppose that sometimes, when the mercury in the thermometer goes up to 120 degrees in the shade in India, they think it would be nice to come to America and take a sleigh-ride? Don't you suppose that when they hear the harsh, shrieking music of the Japanese, they wish that they could go to one of the Thomas concerts?

Is it not a little thing for us to give an hour a month to a Mission Band meeting, even if it is not always very interesting; even if we have to go late to the party or give up the ball game, so that we may learn about the missionaries and pray for them, when they have given their whole lives to the work? Is it not a little thing for us to give our money, when they have given up home and friends and native land?

I wish that all the boys and girls in every Band of Lights and Gleaners and Workers and Soldiers that has *stopped*, would think about this and either start again or join other Bands. And every time that there is the least little feeling that it is

too much trouble to go to the meeting, or that you would rather do something else, every time any one suggests in the faintest whisper that it is not worth while to keep up your Band any longer, just say over and over, "Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—*Leaflet published by W. F. M. S., Philadelphia.*

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

INDIA.

An Appeal from the Decennial Conference

TO THE SECRETARIES OF MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN EUROPE,
AMERICA, AUSTRALASIA AND ASIA.

Bombay, January 5, 1898.

The members of the Decennial Missionary Conference of India, assembled in Bombay, overwhelmed by the vastness of the work contrasted with the utterly inadequate supply of workers, earnestly appeal to the Church of Christ in Europe, America, Australasia, and Asia.

We re-echo to you the cry of the unsatisfied heart of India. With it we pass on the Master's word for the perishing multitude, "Give ye them to eat." An opportunity and a responsibility never known before confront us.

The work among the *Educated and English-speaking classes* has reached a crisis. The faithful labours of godly men in the Class-Room need to be followed up by men of consecrated culture, free to devote their whole time to aggressive work among India's thinking men. Who will come and help to bring young India to the feet of Christ?

Medical Missionaries of both sexes are urgently required. We hold up before medical students and young doctors the splendid opportunity here offered of reaching the souls of men through their bodies.

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The *Women of India* must be evangelized by women. Ten times the present number of such workers could not overtake the task. Missionary ladies now working are so taxed by the care of converts and enquirers already gained that often no strength is left for entering thousands of unentered but open doors. Can our sisters in Protestant Christendom permit this to continue?

India has fifty millions of *Mohammedans*—a larger number than are found in the Turkish Empire, and far more free to embrace Christianity. Who will come to work for them?

Scores of Missionaries should be set apart to promote the production of *Christian Literature* in the languages of the people.

Sunday Schools, into which hundreds of thousands of India's children can readily be brought and moulded for Christ, furnish one of India's greatest opportunities for yet more workers.

Industrial Schools are urgently needed to help in developing a robust character in Christian youths and to open new avenues for honest work for them. These call for capable Christian workers of special qualifications.

The population of India is largely rural. In hundreds and thousands of villages there is a distinct mass movement toward Christianity. There are millions who would speedily become Christians if messengers of Christ could reach them, take them by the hand and not only baptize but lead them into all Christian living. Most of these people belong to the *Depressed Classes*. They are none the less heirs to our common salvation, and, whatever admixture of less spiritual motives may exist, God Himself is stirring their hearts and turning their thoughts toward the things which belong to His Kingdom.

In the name of Christ and of these unevangelized masses for whom He died we appeal to you to send more labourers at once. May every church hear the voice of the Spirit saying, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called

them!" In every church may there be a Barnabas and Saul ready to obey the Spirit's promptings!

Face to face with two hundred and eighty-four millions in this land, for whom in this generation you as well as we are responsible, we ask, Will you not speedily double the present number of labourers?

Will you not also lend your choicest pastors to labour for a term of years among the millions who can be reached through the English tongue?

Is this too great a demand to make upon the resources of those saved by omnipotent love? At the beginning of another century of missions in India let us all "Expect great things from God—attempt great things for God."

For the reflex blessings to yourselves, as well as for India's sake, we beseech you to "hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." The manifestation of Christ is greatest to those who keep His commandments, and this is His commandment—

"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE."

A. MANWARING,
J. L. PHILLIPS, M. D., } *Sectys. Decennial Conference.*

Increased Attendance at the Sunday Services.

FROM MISS M'WILLIAMS.

Indore, Jan. 2, 1893.

We are having such pleasantly cool weather here now, and, during the past week, have had rain about every second day. Small showers, called "Mango showers," are not at all uncommon at this season, but heavy rain, such as we have been having, is very uncommon.

Last Wednesday Miss O'Hara's and my first year in India was ended. We have both had such good health all through. I

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have not yet had even a slight touch of fever, and this is not often the experience of anyone during his or her first year in this land. We are both busy at the language, and are expecting to be notified any day now as to the date of our first year examination. For part of the year Miss O'Hara had a very poor chance to study owing to Miss Oliver's illness and to her subsequent trip to the hills. Up to the middle of June, with the exception of three weeks' teaching in Mhow for Miss Fraser, I gave my time altogether to the language. Since then I have spent part of each day in my city school, and thus have not been able to devote as much time to the book-work as I did before. But being with little ones and teachers, who do not understand any English and to whom I have to speak in Hindi if I wish to be understood, has helped me much in the practical part.

For the past few days most of our missionaries from the five stations and many of the native Christians are attending the great Decennial Missionary Conference in Bombay. We expect them back on Thursday night.

Two weeks ago yesterday we were in one of the rooms of the new college for church services for the first time. The old room in which they have been held for some time past was quite too small for the numbers that were coming out to them. Though the room in the new college is fully twice as large as the old room, it was well filled at both services' on Sunday, December 18th, and has been so at nearly all our meetings since. There are quite a number from Indore city asking for baptism, and a number seemingly just on the point of coming out but holding back through fear of persecution. Those who are opposed to their brethren coming out on Christ's side are doing all in their power to prevent their doing so.

The regular attendance of such large numbers at our church services, and the increasing interest in the cause of Christianity, is indeed encouraging to all engaged in the work. We need

your earnest prayers that we may be strengthened both in body and spirit for this great work ; and that those who are wavering may be given strength to come right out and confess Christ before men ; and that when they have come they may be given strength to stand firm in the face of all persecution.

The new band of missionaries arrived on November 20th in Bombay and in Mhow on November 22nd. It was with feelings of joy we welcomed them to India and to the work. Not only is the work in each station greatly in need of more helpers, but their coming from the dear home land seemed to bring new life to the work and to us. God grant that we may have another band as large or larger at the close of this year.

On Friday, December 23rd, before closing my school for the Christmas week, I gave all my girls a picture-card, most of them were old Christmas cards; some were advertisement cards. I had brought a few of these with me and the others I had got out of last year's mission-box. I cannot tell you how delighted the little ones were with these cards, some of which Canadian children would scarcely have thought worth picking up. The Christmas cards that we would think really pretty did not please them nearly so much as the brighter colored and more common ones did. These cards, together with some country *mati* (candy) and fruit, seemed to satisfy them for the disappointment of not having the Canadian presents from the mission-boxes here. I had told them that in two or three more months those boxes would arrive. Next morning, however, I heard of the loss of the boxes on the fated *Roumania*. Oh, how thankful we are that our heavenly Father prevented Dr. Reid's buying the tickets for our new missionaries to come by that vessel.

On Thursday night, December 22nd, Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan's dear little baby girl went to be with Jesus. They had loved their child fondly, and it was exceedingly hard for them to give her up. But when she was really gone home, they bore the

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bereavement so quietly and showed how fully they gave up their will and said, "Thy will, not ours, be done." It is hard to part with a dear one in any land, but much harder when far away from home and loved ones. I remained over Christmas day with them in Ujjain, and on Sunday visited two schools and attended church services there.

I was surprised at the progress Dr. Buchanan has made in the short time he has been in Ujjain. The people seem to have much confidence in him. He is about to start a hospital there. His patients being mostly men and boys cannot be admitted into the Indore hospital (for women only) even if it were possible to convey them this far. Though there appears at present very little chance of his securing the necessary funds, Dr. Buchanan is bravely facing the difficulty.

The new College in Indore, is also in need of more funds. The aim of this institution is certainly a good one. The training and sending forth of educated Christian men—who will be able to meet, on an equality, as far as education goes—and superior in other respects to educated heathen men; and also to receive within its walls the sons of heathen men—where they will not only receive an education but will come under a daily Christian training, which can not fail to have a good influence on their after lives—even if they do not at once profess Christianity. The lower story of the College is now approaching completion. It will, when completed, be a grand looking building, and we can pardon Mr. Wilkie, if he feels proud of it—after his labor in bringing it on to its present state. Anyone who heard his address, at the opening of the first room, finished for our Church services—would know how thankful to our Heavenly Father he is for His goodness to him and the work here, since its commencement.

Interesting Services in the New College Building.

FROM MRS. WILKIE.

Indore, Dec. 27th, 1892.

Bessie and I have returned to Indore after a pleasant sojourn in the Himalayas, the last four months in a quiet, lonely spot about fifty miles from Simla. Amidst the grand scenery around us, our hearts became sad as we realized that God's noblest creature was so unworthy of the beautiful world, and so indifferent to the redeeming love of God, though for over fifty years this has been preached to them. "Every prospect pleases, only man is vile," has a meaning there, that Canada seldom can bring out.

Yearly itinerating has been done among them for over fifty years but the missionary at present in charge of the field, believes it has had a hardening effect, as the gospel was not presented to them in a regular and continuous form; and so he is now seeking new centres in which he means to place teachers and catechists who will, day by day, bring the power of the gospel to bear on them.

The people are intensely conservative, and although without the Hindoo caste, yet, should a Christian touch the outside of their house, only the blood of the goat they think, can cleanse it.

Mr. Rentel has a good boys' school under Government inspection. About one hundred of the boys attend the Sunday-school and are gradually being freed from old prejudices and inclined to the truth. In some places they still observe the Pass-over. After the sheep has been killed and the doors sprinkled the people leave the village for a time, a man takes the place of the scape-goat of the Bible, and after being badly beaten, is driven from the village. Before the British had control he was sacrificed to their God. Within sight of Kotgur is a very old

deodar tree, the same as the cedar of Lebanon, said to be one thousand years old. It was worshipped by the people and human sacrifices were presented to it, not one hundred years ago; but as the result of the many influences at work it stands neglected and it can be reached only with difficulty, because of the jungle around it. Some of the iron hooks and rings may still be seen, reminding us of the horrible service of the false gods. The people are supposed still to worship there, but like many another Indian temple it has been forsaken. God grant that the day may soon come when all the temples shall be forsaken and India shall have been won for Christ. *

To turn to Indore, we were much cheered last Sunday, to be able to have our first service in one of the rooms just finished in the new College building. The old place was much too small for our late congregations. At the morning service for the Sunday schools there were over three hundred present, which did not by any means represent all the scholars of our Sunday-schools, as none of the ladies' schools could be represented. Of the boys, part of the scholars only could come so far. At the evening meeting the room was full when the Communion of the Lord's Supper was dispensed to our Christians in the presence of a crowd of Hindoos. All the principal male workers took part in the service, and the whole congregation seemed deeply grateful for what the Lord hath done for us.

To-night the congregation showed its appreciation of what had been gained, by voting 1000 Rupees to the College Building fund. We regret that the funds available are almost used up before the first story is quite finished, but possibly the Lord has even greater surprises in store for us than this one to-night. The spontaneous effort of the congregation here and the strengthening of our faith in Christ may be the most valuable gift He wishes to bestow and is preparing us to receive.

When it was found that we could not go on with the centre

hall for want of funds, two of the class-rooms were thrown into one to serve for our present purpose, and we have been cheered to find it filled at all our services. As you enter the building, in front of the porch is the text, "Our Aim is God's Glory," On one side, "Our guide, God's Word"; on the other side, "Our Shield, God's Love." If we keep these before us in our work and at all times make God's glory our true aim, we shall be blessed.

You asked about the movement among the low-caste people. It still goes on; many of them are suffering much persecution. Women have been badly beaten by their husbands because they expressed a desire for baptism. Last night we baptized a man and his wife, but we are receiving them with great care. It is an anxious time, but we know God is all powerful and will direct us in the work.

We have our Auxiliary meeting this evening. All are coming to our house, and we will have tea when through with the meeting.

We enjoyed the conference in Bombay last week, but as our Mission was well represented I will take for granted that you have had full particulars, as I have all the children's letters to get ready. They were put off with a card last week, when we were in Bombay.

TRINIDAD.

A Prosperous Work.

FROM MISS BLACKADDAR.

» *Tacarigua, B. W. I., Dec. 22, 1892.*

You will be glad to hear that our task has prospered well. Our day and Sunday Schools have never been better attended than this year. The Sunday service, too, has been well attended; our men's class numbers forty, Miss Morton's class, twenty to thirty women and girls. It is really a delight to see the

bright young girl surrounded by grandmothers, daughters, and even granddaughters. Miss Morton has three generations of one family in her class. Then a band of boarding school girls come from Tunapuna and take a class, Anna Mena has another, and I have the general oversight ; so you see our Sunday School is all alive.

Our young catechist has been ill for a year ; some of the people asked that while he lived no one be appointed, as they would help, and well have they redeemed their promise. One young woman goes out and brings in others, and visits among them.

A few Sundays ago we had a pair of dear little twins baptized, called Rachel and Benjamin. We have the whole family, and soon the father and mother will come out and join the church.

A number of young men are deeply thinking over the truth, and I trust will soon come out of darkness into light. We have had 103 boys in school and 54 girls, then we have had some 40 others who only attended a short time.

Some of our pictures have been taken for a magic lantern, so you will see us as we are. We had some friends from Canada, Rev. G. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, from Ottawa ; Prof. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, of Kingson ; Rev. Mr. Mackie, also of Kingston, and we do hope some day to see some of our own dear friends from Ottawa and Toronto come over and take a look at us. Why could you not let some of the cold of next winter go and take some of our heat instead ?

We miss dear Mrs. Burns ; it will be long before a stranger can fill her place in our work and hearts.

I am anxious to complete the term of twenty years' service, if possible. I have taught in Trinidad now for sixteen years, and would like to complete the term without going home if my health holds out. This last year has been one of the happiest I have spent in the Mission work.

As you know we have a college for the catechists now in San Fernando, it does a good work. Mrs. Morton's Home has and is doing a good work for the girls.

We have had floods and robberies, but no sickness of an epidemic nature, so we have much to thank God for.

We had a very pleasant closing, the children came out well, and had good presents and were thankful and happy. The garments have been made to fit the Coolie children this year, so we have not had to re-cut and do over.

My house was attempted to be robbed, a sash out of the window was cut; but my dog made such a noise that the thief ran away. I can picture his grief, if he had got in, only to find a few cents for his trouble, as I never keep more than a few shillings in the house. We expect to see some of the other teachers next week. We are so far away from each other that we rarely meet.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

Acknowledgments of Clothing and Christmas Gifts.

FROM MRS. MORTON.

Tunapuna, Trinidad, Dec. 22, 1892.

It is not long since we received a promising looking box, which on being opened up was the occasion of great rejoicing to my daughter and myself as we unpacked it, and afterwards to hundreds of our brown lads and lassies, among whom the contents were divided as Christmas rewards. We found the box marked "Quebec," but no other sign of its origin, until we opened up a pretty work-box and writing-case marked to my husband and to myself, from "Chalmers' Church Auxiliary." Dr. Morton and I beg to thank the ladies for their personal gifts and to assure them that their box, being a very unusual one, both as to the

quantity and quality of the contents, received an unusual quantity and quality of appreciation.

It was my pleasant duty, as always, to divide the rewards for the children. You may judge of the number of children by the number of buns they ate at the Christmas treats, all the good ones getting one each, and a good many unfortunate ones, guilty of habitual avoiding of school, except on cake days, enduring the agony of seeing their buns cut down to a half or even to a third. The whole number of buns for our district of Tunapuna was 581. The attendances made in the year by the children are carefully counted up and the rewards distributed to those who make from two to four hundred attendances in the year; eatables are given to those lower on the list, but no reward, unless a shirt to the very poor and naked. To apportion the rewards with even-handed justice, and at the same time to make them hold out, is no light task. The dolls, bottles of beads and bags in your box, covered a great many classes and were received with great delight by the girls. They were wild with delight over the dolls, — we had never before had such nice ones. The whistles, pen-knives and pictures went far with the boys. Less deserving ones got a few marbles in a tiny bag sewed by our girls. There was not an article in your box that was anything but perfectly suited to our Christmas wants, unless it might be the red flannel jackets, and I am sure to find use for them too, when the girls who have been married from the "Home" bring their sick husbands to be nursed through a fever, or inflammation of the lungs, as they are in the habit of doing.

My Tunapuna Home for training Indian girls is said to excel the Ladies' Colleges of Canada in this respect, that it provides husbands; that is, no sooner is a girl considered fit to be trusted with a home of her own, than a search is instituted and a worthy young man found, who is more than willing to enter into partnership with one of "Madam's girls."

The dolls' tea-sets have been reserved for the girls in the "Home"; also most of the work-boxes for the teachers' wives; also all the wool-work for the "Home" girls,—they had work-boxes sent from Truro, N.S. They have not yet received their presents, as we allow them to go to their parents for about two days at Christmas time and find it better to reward them after returning punctually, or else keep back the reward if they do not.

Each girl in the "Home" was presented with one of the looking-glasses on the day of the box-opening. Great was their pleasure as I hung one near each bed; they had previously had one small broken one among the whole of them. They had not complained, because they broke it themselves, nevertheless, it was a happy day that enabled them to gaze at pleasure on their own cheerful countenances.

They are all at work on the canvas sent; we are such practical people and so hard worked that our thoughts but seldom stray in the direction of fancy work, but a blank was left in the "Home" by the marriage of two maidens on the 10th Dec., and after such a making of garments as the girls had gone through, not to speak of scrubbing, washing, and otherwise toiling for a year without any holidays, a holiday was proclaimed on the Monday after the wedding. The wool-work was distributed, and content promoted among the maidens left behind to await their turn for a bridegroom and a marriage feast. The vocation, and the only one of an Indian maiden, is wifehood. It is a matter for thankfulness when they are honorably wedded. The next anxiety is "Will they remain with the wedded partner?" Of the ten girls who went out of the "Home," after a longer or shorter period of training, only one has made any trouble in that way, and it does not seem serious. She is merely spending a little time with her mother without informing her husband of the probable date of her return. The husband is not a Christian,

but the parents made the match before the girl came into the "Home." He, however, attends church and Sabbath School regularly and will probably be baptized before long.

The stationery and lead pencils were very acceptable, also the lovely needle-books and emery bags. These last are much needed here as needles rust so quickly. We gave out a bag with a needle-book and an emery for each sewing mistress, for use in school. The piece of flannelette (largest) was cut out at once and sewed into a shirt for a last sewing exercise by the two girls who have been married. The largest bag I confiscated for a darning bag for myself; the household stockings have to wait so long at most times before they can be mended that I am forcibly reminded of a character in Dickens who sadly neglected household duties in the interests of an African mission.

The pictures and literature on the handkerchiefs were pronounced charming; one of these in a little box or bag was considered a rare present. The blotting books and the two desks were given to the teachers and the brides. The girls in the "Home" learn to knit, so the needles and cotton were welcome. In fact, everything was so suitable that we could easily see that the ladies of Chalmers' Church Auxiliary, Quebec, were experienced in getting up valuable Mission Boxes.

FROM MR. WHYTE.

Crowstand School, Kamsack, Jan. 31, 1893.

The box of clothing from Scotch Ridge, St. James, New Brunswick, of which you spoke in your last letter, arrived in our last load of stuff from Yorkton. It was a most useful box, containing mitts, stockings, a warm quilt, and a number of garments of sensible home-spun flannel.

The New Brunswick people do not often have four days with the thermometer hovering around thirty below zero, with a dip to fifty-two below by way of variety, as we have had in the past.

four days, but they know how to prepare garments for such weather all right. A good many of these garments are already doing good service.

When we see the state of some of the children and grown people on the Reserve, we feel thankful that we can do a little to ease and heal the little ones in the school.

MISSION STUDIES.

(Tenth Paper.)

BY MISS FERRIER, CALEDONIA.

Mission Work in Ujjain.

Ujjain is one of the so-called sacred cities of India. Many people come to it from great distances to wash away their sins by bathing in the muddy waters of a little river which flows through the city. There are many temples built along the banks of this river, and broad stone steps leading to the water's edge. In one large temple there is kept a gold image of a god, who is represented as very cruel, delighting in killing and destroying. This image is very carefully attended to, is clothed in cold weather fanned in hot weather, regularly fed, put to sleep at night, and awakened in the morning, and two or three times every year it is carried in state through the city, attended by a band of soldiers and followed by crowds of worshippers. Priests swarm in the city, and so-called holy men and women may be seen going about the streets naked, and doing the most shameful things in the name of religion. Monkeys, cows, and snakes are also worshipped, and you may see well dressed men and women bowing low before a cow, or some ugly stone image. Ujjain is a very dirty city, the houses are old and poor, many of them in ruins; the streets are narrow, and without drains; oxen, cows, dogs, and geese, wander about all day, and filth of all kinds is thrown into the streets, which added to the want of good water, makes it a very unhealthy place.

Occasional visits were made to Ujjain almost from the commencement of our mission in Central India, and many Scripture booklets were given away in the streets and temples. From the first, some of the people proved very friendly, and at length regular work was begun by the native Christians at Indore sending two of their number to live there as their missionaries. These workers were very faithful and did good service.

In 1887 the Rev. Mr. Murray was chosen to take charge of Ujjain, and two Christian families moved to it from Rutlam, to work under his direction. Mr. and Mrs. Murray, being unable to procure any house in the city, remained in Indore, Mr. Murray going back and forth by rail, continuing thus to superintend the work for about a year, till as has been previously stated, he and Mrs. Murray died within three months of each other.

In 1890 Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, both fully qualified doctors, went to reside in Ujjain and are now in charge of the work there. They have suffered much from ill-health, and for want of a house have had to live in tents, but are not discouraged, considering the city one of the best possible openings for medical mission work. A comfortable bungalow has lately been built for them, and they hope soon to have a building suitable for a hospital which is very much needed. Last year (1892) 4,861 patients were treated by Dr. Buchanan, and 2,124 in the dispensary for females, either by Mrs. Buchanan or her assistant, Rachelbai. This branch of the work was begun in 1888 by Drs. Beatty and Oliver, who visited the city twice a month to see patients.

They also began schools for girls, which are still going on and are fairly successful. Mrs. Buchanan says the children are bright, lovable little things, and she does all she can to teach them Bible verses and truths.

There is an excellent boys' school in Ujjain, superintended by Mr. Fitch, a graduate of Jaffna College, Ceylon. The

pupils are carefully instructed in the truths of Christianity ; they also attend the Sabbath School, in which the International course of lessons is used, and some of them wrote the same examination papers as were given by the Committee on Higher Religious Instruction to Canadian Sabbath School scholars. Many of these lads seem at times almost persuaded to become Christians, being only hindered by the dread of being disowned by their relations. One, a little lad of ten years, named Grangudher, was brave enough to declare himself a Christian. Not long after he was seized with cholera ; while suffering dreadful pain one of the native Christians bade him not be afraid. "No," he replied, "I will not be afraid, for Jesus is my friend," and after a few hours' illness he passed peacefully away to be with the Lord he had learned to love. During the same epidemic a young Brahmin, with whom Dr. Buchanan had often conversed, and who had said that he would be a Christian, took suddenly ill, and when death was near and the missionary prayed for him, his voice joined in asking pardon, mercy and blessing of Him, who said to the dying thief on the cross, "To-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."

Every Sabbath religious services are held in the dispensary. The room only holds about sixty or seventy, but the people seem to prefer standing outside ; thus many, coming and going during the three hours the service is kept up, hear something of the way of salvation. Services are also held by the native Christians in different parts of the city, and during the week in the surrounding villages. Thus in this old, heathen, sacred city, the Gospel is being faithfully preached and taught, not without blessed results, and the good hope that the seed sown will yet yield an abundant harvest.

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