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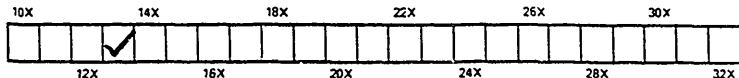
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## SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

SPECIAL thanksgiving for extension in the home work; for personal, family and national mercies, and for the bounties of God's providence.

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## Thanksgiving.

IN our Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, the holding of the thanksgiving meeting some time between October and Christmas has become almost an established usage. We would recommend to any circle which has not had such a gathering, to make the experiment and see how enjoyable and profitable it is.

Last October THE LEAFLET enumerated and suggested causes for thanksgiving. We need hardly do so again. Let our members for themselves think over the common blessings of which we have all been partakers, and the special and personal blessings which each one must recall for herself. Is it not a means of grace to us just to pause and look back over the year, and try to name



mate can only be an approximate one. Unforeseen changes occur during the year, sometimes making the sum required larger, sometimes reducing it.

The Board also wishes to impress upon the Society the necessity for not relaxing its efforts, for though the amount now asked for is not quite as large as that raised by the Society last year, it will be noticed that several important items are not included—two of these being the boarding school and hospital in India. It is hoped that both will be in progress before the end of the year.

School work in the North-West, too, demands all the Society can do to extend it and make it more efficient.

Again would we repeat: "Freely ye have received, freely give." Let us show our gratitude and love to that Master who gave so much for us and who is continually loading us with His benefits by giving with free hand to His needy ones.

Another item not included in the estimate for this year is the additional salary paid to married missionaries, which is held in abeyance for the present, to be decided at the annual meeting of the Society.

INDIA.

Miss Rodger, salary.....	\$730 00	
" Beatty, salary.....	730 00	
" Oliver, salary.....	730 00	
" Scott, salary.....	730 00	
" Sinclair, salary.....	730 00	
" Ross, furlough allowance.....	365 00	
" Harris, four months salary....	\$240 00	
Part of travelling ex-		
penses.....	510 00	
		750 00
Miss Jamieson, four months salary.	\$240 00	
Travelling expenses.	760 00	
Outfit.....	200 00	
		1,200 00
Miss Stockbridge, salary.....	375 00	
" Minnie Stockbridge, salary.....	375 00	
" Katie Stockbridge, salary....	360 00	
Schools, dispensaries, etc.....	3,000 00	
Allowance for exchange.....	50 00	
		<hr/> \$10,125 00

CHINA.

*Formosa.*

Two teachers, each \$60 .....	\$120 00	
Girls' School, Tamsui .....	300 00	
		\$ 420 00

*Honan.*

Miss Sutherland, salary, May to September.....	\$167 00	
Miss McIntosh, salary, No- vember to April.....	\$250 00	
Miss McIntosh, travelling expenses .....	250 00	
Miss McIntosh, outfit.....	200 00	
	700 00	
Miss Graham, the same .....	700 00	
	1,567 00	
		\$1,987 00

INDIANS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

*Prince Albert.*

Miss Baker, salary for May and June.....	\$100 00
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*Mis-ta-wa-sis Reserve.*

Teacher's salary.....	\$100 00	
Building.....	200 00	
	300 00	

*Stoney Plain Reserve.*

Mr. Anderson's salary.....	\$300 00	
Maintenance of school.....	350 00	
	650 00	

*Piapot's Reserve.*

*Miss Rose's salary .....	\$300 00
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\*Since this estimate was prepared Miss Rose has married, and in consequence the school is closed in the meantime. Something will be required for salary and expenses now due, but as the exact amount cannot yet be ascertained, this item has been allowed to stand as at first prepared.

Word has been received that the Government may probably purchase the buildings, and in that case the pupils will be transferred to Muscowpetung School.

Building .....	\$400 00	
Maintenance.....	400 00	
		———— \$1,100 00

*Muscowpetung's Reserve.*

Teacher's salary....	\$300 00	
Maintenance .....	852 00	
		———— 1,152 00

*Indian Head.*

Mr. McLean's salary.....	\$300 00	
Repairs to buildings .....	50 00	
		———— 350 00

*File Hills.*

Teacher's salary.....	\$300 00	
Building .....	100 00	
Maintenance.....	702 00	
		———— 1,102 00

*Round Lake.*

Mr. Jones' salary.....	\$300 00	
Building.....	750 00	
Maintenance.....	352 00	
		———— 1,402 00

*Birtle.*

Mr. G. G. McLaren's salary.....	\$550 00	
Miss McLaren's salary (matron)....	400 00	
Maintenance.....	600 00	
		———— 1,550 00

*Okanase.*

Mr. D. H. MacVicar's salary.....		300 00
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*Crow Stand.*

Mr. John Black's salary..	\$450 00	
Building.....	400 00	
Maintenance.....	752 00	
		———— 1,602 00

*Portage la Prairie.*

Miss Walker's salary.....	\$300 00	
Maintenance.....	450 00	
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Miss McKellar, Kingston W.M. College ..	300 00	
“ Fraser, “ “ “ ..	300 00	
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Schools.....		600 00
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**Mistawasis Reserve.**

ARMADALE MISSION, *July 30th, 1889.*

MRS. MACKAY. —Yesterday's mail brought a letter to my daughter from you, and as she is away to Prince Albert for a few weeks, I shall endeavour in a measure to answer it. You kindly inquired if there was anything we wished for in particular, that it could be packed with the rest. A piece or so of white cotton and a small quantity of print. If this is too late please do not trouble to send any extra parcels. My reason for sending for a few yards of cotton is that I have often been obliged to rob my bed of my sheets to put on our poor dead Indians. They never take a thought of providing such for themselves. But it is a great blessing and a source of comfort and encouragement to us that of all the deaths on the Reserve of those who have come to years of maturity, all have died happy deaths, expressing themselves in their simple child-like manner of their faith and confidence in a Saviour. Have we not reason, if we do feel our arms ready to drop at times, to feel that they are supported. And some heathen whom you ladies assisted last winter are coming round gradually. The old net-maker, as we call him, was here a few days ago on a friendly visit. He expressed himself in a

very feeling way—how thankful he is to Christian ladies for thinking of such poor creatures as himself and his band. He hoped the day was not far away that they would hear that they gave up their heathen ways. He has had his last heathen dance this spring. This is the first time we have heard him express himself in this manner. Certainly they cannot but appreciate the kindness of the ladies to them in their destitute state. The Sunday school papers are very acceptable, also a few mother's catechisms for the young ones. I shall close for the present, wishing you and the rest of the kind Christian ladies much success in your labours of love.

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ARMADALE MISSION, *July 24, 1889.*

MISS C. B. MACKAY.—Your kind letter reached us safely last week. We are pleased to know our goods will reach us earlier this fall. Everything was so suitable last year that we cannot expect to have the like this year. If the ladies can send us a piece of print for the school girls' summer dresses or some dark material for that purpose, I would be so pleased. I would allow each one to make her own; they would be so delighted to have the privilege.

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### Birtle School.

[The Board would draw the attention of all societies interested in supplying clothing, etc., for our Indian schools, to the following letter kindly furnished by Miss Kerr, Galt. Although the supplies for this year are almost completed, the details furnished will be helpful for future guidance. Presbyterian officers will read it with special interest.]

BIRTLE, N.W.T., *July 30, 1889.*

MISS MCLAREN.—Your letter of July 8th and card of the 13th are both before me; the first was awaiting me on my return, the card came a few days after. I fully intended visiting you when I was in your neighbourhood in Ontario, but my stay was so short it was impossible. Any information I may have given



the Guelph Society has no doubt been passed on, but I must say I am more than thankful that we have fallen into such good hands. "Practical people"—that is what is wanted in every department of our Indian work. From the time *you* begin to collect the clothing that is to make these poor little Indians happy, to the time *I* strip them of their rags and give them their first bath, there is very little poetry; it is sternest reality at every stage.

But we must to business. "Why a little wheel?" Well, firstly, and I may emphasize this because by no amount of coaxing or bribery could you get an Indian woman to stand to spin; it is too hard work; and again, because it is much better to teach the girls here on the same kind of wheel which will be got later on for their homes, and the larger kind takes too much room. Their houses and the teepees they inhabit in summer would not accommodate such a large piece of furniture. I am glad to be able to tell you that I feel encouraged by the reception this new industry has met with. Two of the larger girls can already use the hand cards quite skilfully, and I hope by next summer to have half a dozen at least ready to use both wheel and cards. Thank you very much for the large wheel. For my own part I would rather use it as it is the kind I was always accustomed to, but for the present, at least, we will try the small one.

"How many do I pile in a bed?" One night last winter after an unexpected influx of children, I spent two hours trying to solve the problem of how to stow thirty-three children into ten beds and have only three in a bed. Finally I hit on the plan of shoving one bed against the wall and putting five little fellows crosswise on it.

From last winter I only have comfortable bedding for two beds. This leaves ten still unprovided for. Some of the ticks used last winter may do another year. I fill both ticks and pillows with straw. It answers perfectly well for the ticks. A few soft pillows will be very acceptable. I have often longed for such when the children had measles. In time we may perhaps get all soft, but do not burden yourselves this year. These things must come by degrees, as all luxuries do, into a house. Make up most of the bedding. Some persons, I am told, prefer colored sheeting, but by all means send me white. Bolsters or pillows do equally well.

Now for foot wear. This and pants for the boys are our

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greatest difficulties. Of the latter, please remember that you cannot send too many, and never refuse a pair, no matter what the color, style or material may be; they will be thankfully received here. The money collected by the Doon M.B. for moccasins will go twice as far here as in Ontario, for the larger boys and girls will make for the whole school. We got a beautiful skin last winter for \$5.25. I cannot say how many pairs were made, but we will keep account this winter and report to you in the spring. Collect also all the cast-off boots you can, both ladies' and gents', that are worth paying freight on. Send me three sizes of *dress waist* patterns (not basques), one for a girl of eight, one about thirty-two (32) bust measure, and one about (35). Pants for a boy of eight. I have a couple of patterns for larger boys. Collect all the old hoods, tuques, caps and mufflers you can, and a few hats for the larger girls, if offered you, but do not buy any. We have taught all the larger girls to knit, but of course it is slow work with them yet. Quite a supply of stockings, socks and mittens will be required and some yarn: I have some from last year. I have quite a number of overcoats and girls' ulsters, as these do not wear out soon. Smaller ones are not plentiful.

Tell the little folk that any paper with a picture in it will be hailed with delight here, but, as yet, very few are far enough advanced to care anything about reading matter. Now for my *reward-box*. Into this I put all toys, picture books, bits of ribbon and lace, gloves, neck-ties, collars, etc., hymn books, bibles, etc. You have no idea how much it helps me to have something to give to a well behaved boy or girl. Another discovery I have made: though I believe in dressing the children plainly, I like to see them take a little pride in their appearance, and I notice that when a boy gets promoted to a collar and tie, or a girl to a pair of gloves, they behave better in church than before. Now I don't want you to buy any of these articles, for I think the money spent could be better invested, but if you can pick them up, remember my children.

Another matter I was almost forgetting: an unlimited supply of combs, thimbles and needles. As you do not know what kind of hair the comb has to do duty on, I will give you an idea of the best kind. There is a short, coarse comb, little longer than a fine comb, which is more suitable than any other; a longer one they break in two, giving half to any friend who loses hers; then

the teeth break off soon, and in less than a week neither has one. The short kind is too short to break in two. A supply of fine combs is always in demand. What becomes of thimbles, needles and darning needles is a mystery. I do not supply pins; there is no use; I let them forage for them.

Now, my dear friend, I think this is all. If I have not answered all your questions use your own judgment. I see quite plainly that you have gone to work systematically, and I do not doubt the result. Never fear, you will send plenty. Remember that I am not altogether out of anything.

As to your kindly interest in my own comfort, you will never know till you find yourself in a like situation how I was touched by your thoughtfulness. The Committee allowed us to buy bedsteads and a table for our own rooms. By exercising a little more economy in other things we got one bureau instead of two tables, and made boxes do duty for tables and washstands. My mother sent us pillows, blankets and quilts and some other necessities. This constitutes the whole furniture of our rooms. As yet we have no parlor, but as the partitions are temporary, 8 feet high or so, and of lumber planed on one side, we are going to try to fix up one little corner, a little more home-like than the dining room, which is dining room and kitchen combined, or the schoolroom. Any little thing for our table or rooms we have to provide ourselves. So I can assure you we can appreciate very much your kindness in thinking of us.

May God bless and reward you in your work of love.

NOTE BY MISS KERR TO SOCIETIES IN GUELPH PRESBYTERY.  
*Dear Friends.*--All that Miss McLaren tells in her letter is in reply to a number of questions I asked her. We can understand many things better from what we have been told. The really hard work, self-denial and unselfishness involved in our missionaries' work—it is all stern prose. Cannot we, out of our abundance, give them a few home comforts and pretty things? Their space is small: the more easily made snug. We will do it I know. They are there in our stead, and we can help them in their work for God by letting them feel that they are remembered.

## INCREASE.

### *Presbyterial Societies.*

LANARK AND RENFREW....	<i>White Lake</i> —The "Sunflower" Mission Band, by Mrs. Irving, July.
PARIS.....	<i>Princeton</i> —The "Goforth" Mission Band, by Mrs. McKenzie, Aug. 18th.
GUELPH.....	<i>Linwood</i> —Auxiliary, Aug. 21st.
".....	<i>Hawkesville</i> —Auxiliary, Aug. 22nd, by Mrs. W. C. Armstrong.

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## NOTICES.

THE Board of Management meets on the first Tuesday of every month, at three o'clock p.m., in the Managers' Room, Knox Church, Toronto. Members of Auxiliary Societies, or other ladies interested in the work and desiring information, being introduced by a member of the Board, are cordially invited to attend.

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

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All correspondences relating to the sending of goods to the North-West, or other Mission fields, will be conducted through the Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, 220 Richmond Street west, Toronto.

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