

Foreign Missionary Tidings.

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Subjects for Prayer.

Indians of Canada, French Work. Other Home Mission Work.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost," Luke 19: 10.
"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," Acts 4: 12.

ARE YOU KEEPING IN MIND THE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP? It was unanimously agreed by our members that special effort should be put forth during the year 1900 to increase the missionary spirit among the women of our Church. We hope to find this effort has been very marked when reports from all the Branches come in. Meantime we are silently watching the reports sent in of Presbyterian meetings and feel assured that the company of missionary women throughout our land is growing in strength, and that by the end of the year the membership roll of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society will show a worthy increase.

If your Auxiliary or Band is one that has shown no special effort we would earnestly ask you to lay it before your members ere the year closes.

December and January are months in which many Branches hold their annual meetings when general impressions are formed as to the year in which the ideal of service has been reached during the year. As officers have we been faithful; as members have we been loyal? Has our influence been deeper than it was a year ago in bringing others to take an interest in the spread of the Gospel message? Each member must answer for herself.

Along with the increase in membership we would like to see a proportionate increase in the number of FOREIGN MISSIONARY TIDINGS taken. A number of the Presbyterials are well ahead in their list of subscribers, others again are not quite up to last year. Will Auxiliaries and Bands note how they stand and make an effort to be ahead.

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THE CLOTHING sent to the Indian Reserves will be none too much to meet the needs of the approaching winter. The crops upon which the Indians depend have been a failure in the North-West, and sealing, upon which the Coast Indians depend has been poor. No better way will be found of securing

direct information regarding the condition of the Indians on our Reserves than by reading the letters from our workers to the Presbyterials in answer to the bales of winter supplies sent last September.

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LETTERS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES ON THE RESERVES are full of expressions of grief at the news of Mrs. Jeffrey's death. Her letters were always welcome to them, so full were they of loving interest and helpfulness in their work. Letters of sympathy have also come to the Board from many friends of the Society and outside organizations.

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THE BOARD HAS APPOINTED MISS CRAIG to take the place of our late Secretary to the Indians. We feel grateful to the Toronto Presbyterial for so graciously relieving her of her duties as Recording Secretary. The work in which Miss Craig now starts is a difficult one involving as it does so much correspondence, but we feel assured that from her association with Mrs. Jeffrey, and from personal interest and knowledge of the work among the Indians the appointment is a wise one. The Board were all the more unanimous in their choice as it was known for some time to be the wish of Mrs. Jeffrey that Miss Craig be her assistant.

Missionaries in the North-West and British Columbia and any one writing concerning supplies, will note *Miss Craig's address, 228 Beverley Street, Toronto.*

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THE REV. C. H. MONRO OF PIAPOT'S RESERVE sends a note acknowledging the bale of clothing. Mr. Munro has been obliged to give up the work on the Reserve, but in the meantime, until an appointment is made, will visit the field every two months for a week at a time.

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MISS GUNN has reached Victoria in safety, and writes in good spirits under date Oct. 9th: "I can hardly say anything about the work here yet, but have begun to study the language, and am finding it rather difficult; it is very hard to distinguish the difference between some of the tones, but I hope the difficulties will be overcome in time, and that I may be able to speak so as to be understood. I have a very good-natured and patient teacher, wearing the native dress and cue hanging down his back, who comes every morning and gives me a lesson. This teacher is a Christian and that makes it pleasant to have him about. Yesterday afternoon the Rev. Dr. Campbell took me into Chinatown and up into a Chinese joss-house. It was my first visit to a Chinese place of worship and certainly the place was not an attractive one, and it is hard to realize that men are actually worshipping the miserable looking idols I saw there.

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MISS LEACH writes from Kirkcudbright, Scotland, Oct. 16th, where she is enjoying a pleasant visit with relatives, and will leave there for Bradford and Tideswell on her way to Liverpool to join the other ladies. All hope to sail from Liverpool for Bombay on November 10th, in S.S. Hispania. They expect to reach India early in December.

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GENERAL REGRET is expressed by every one that Miss Blackadder is unable to visit the west before returning to Trinidad. She has been busily engaged in the eastern section, and November was the only free month left, but accustomed as she is to a warm climate the risk to her health in coming west was too great. She has kindly sent us some bright papers on her work, which will be published from time to time. Miss Blackadder sails for Trinidad in December. Our best wishes go with her.

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IN THIS ISSUE will be found the Expenditure Statement of the Society's funds for 1899-1900, and the Estimates required for 1900-1901. No Branch can afford to slacken its effort, the work presses on us. If you fall behind in your share the burden falls the heavier on another; therefore do your utmost.

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THE FOURTH INTERDENOMINATIONAL CONFERENCE of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States and Canada will be held in New York City, at the Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth St., January 16th-18th, the Conference opening at 2 p.m. on the 16th. The executive officers and two delegates from each Board are invited to take part in the deliberations of the Conference.

The main theme will be Interdenominational Policy,—Educational, Medical and Home Work will be discussed in relation to it.

The Committee of Arrangements are making every effort to make this Conference of practical value to the Boards represented.

There are on the west coast of Vancouver Island seven tribes of Indians, with about 900 Indians in all.

In British Columbia we have four schools with an enrollment of 165 and an average attendance of 63. The chief discouragements are: (1) The fishing industry, and consequent absence from church and school. (2) The potlatches which are wasteful feasts, leading to poverty. (3) Gambling and drink, often encouraged by seamen who have their own ends to serve.

A Sioux Indian came to help nurse his little son who was ill at a Mission school. He brought his Dakota and his English Bibles, and would study them far into the night, using the English Bible for reference.

May, in all the Christianized islands of the Pacific, is the month of the year for great feasting; then the tribes assemble with great rejoicing, eat and are merry, and give of their substance to help on the great work of Christian Missions.

In Memoriam.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD ON THE DEATH OF MRS. JEFFREY.

WE as members of the Board of Management of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society desire to place on record our sense of loss and deep sorrow at the removal from us by death of our beloved sister, Mrs. Jeffrey, who for fifteen years had been a co-worker; from 1887 onward she served on the Executive, Finance and other Committees, and in 1890 accepted office as head of the Supply Department; with it was merged, soon after, all the western correspondence, and she was designated Secretary of Indian Missions in the North-West and British Columbia.

To this great department of our work she brought to bear, besides her marked efficiency and natural ability, a ripened business experience as worker in other societies and President of the Women's Christian Association, and an intelligent understanding of the Indians' needs acquired at first hand by personal visitations to the field.

We record with thankfulness that to the last, although too weak to attend meetings, she was able to take charge of the correspondence at her house, and through messages, to give the benefit of her advice and judgment to the Board.

We desire to give expression to our deep sympathy with Mr. Jeffrey and family in their sore bereavement, and pray that they may be sustained and comforted in the assurance that although absent from them she is "present with the Lord;" that they may have in remembrance His goodness to them and her during her illness in upholding and keeping her to the end in that "peace which passeth all understanding."

While we mourn in common with the Society, a wide circle of friends and her relatives that we shall see her face no more here, we acknowledge that it is the Hand of our Heavenly Father and we bow in submission to His Divine will and rejoice in the blessed hope that we will meet again in His presence "in fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

We desire as a Board—further, to record our gratitude for the example she set us of diligence and devotion to duty, of thoroughness in mastering the details of her department and of conscientious thought regarding all matters for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ, and we feel that we are the better for having been associated with her in that aim.

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The blessed Christ-Child lieth there.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee."

PUT IT FIRST.

- THE first message at the birth of Christ was a *missionary* message (Luke ii. 10).
The first prayer Christ taught men was a *missionary* prayer (Matt. vi. 10).
The first disciple, St. Andrew, was the first *missionary* (John i. 41).
The first message of the risen Lord was a *missionary* message (John xx. 17).
The first command of the risen Lord to His disciples was a *missionary* command (John xx. 21).
The first apostolic sermon was a *missionary* sermon (Acts ii. 17-39).
Christ's great reason for Christian love was a *missionary* reason (John xiii. 35).
Christ's great reason for unity was a *missionary* reason (John xvii. 21).
The first coming of Christ was a *missionary* work (Luke iv. 18-21).
The second coming of Christ is to be hastened by *missionary* work (Matt. xxiv. 14).
Our Saviour's *last* wish on earth was a *missionary* wish (Matt. xxviii. 19).
And the *last* wish of the departing Saviour should be the *first* wish of His children.

Put it first—'twill draw us closer.
Put it first—'twill banish strife.
Put it first—the rest will follow.
Put it first—'twill bless our life.
Put it first—where Jesus put it.
Put it first—'tis God's own plan.
Put it first—and 'no surrender.'
Put Christ's missions in the van.—*Selected.*

THE ANTIQUITY OF CHINA.

BY MRS. MCPHERSON, HAMILTON.

THE spacious seat of ancient civilization known to us as China, is a country of vast antiquity—so vast that to examine it in detail in a short paper like this would be both confusing and wearisome. I have therefore endeavored to impress a few outstanding facts by associating them with well-known events.

Let me repeat then that China is a vast country in antiquity, 1st in history, 2nd in civilization, 3rd, in religion.

It has a conservative history dating back 2,000 years and more before the Christian Era, when it had an elective Monarchy as its form of government. The names and dates of 58 Monarchs before Romulus founded Rome are extant. Its authentic annals reach back before the time of Abraham.

The history of Rome is compassed by about 1,000 years; that of Greece

varies but little from that of Rome; the history of the Jews from Abraham to the destruction of Jerusalem is double that of Rome, but China has had a settled form of government for forty centuries. The Grecian, Roman, Persian, Assyrian, and Babylonian nations have risen, culminated and declined, while the Chinese government has survived through thirty changes of dynasty. China was consolidated as a government 1,088 years before Christ, and substituted her present form for the feudal system 220 years before Christ, thus emancipating her people from that same feudal system, before the Christian Era.

A thousand years before Romulus dreamed of building the seven-hilled city of Rome, the Chinese were a peaceful and prosperous people. While Solomon in all his glory was receiving the Queen of Sheba in Jerusalem; when the arches of Babylon first spanned the Euphrates; when the towers of Nineveh first cast their shadows into the Tigris; when Jonah threatened Nineveh with destruction; when Isaiah foretold the downfall of Babylon; when David prayed and prophesied—through all these years the Chinese were engaged in agriculture, commerce and literature. China was 700 years old when the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, and had existed 15 centuries when Isaiah prophesied of her future conversion (Isa. 49. 12). Could we but pause in the midst of our subject we might exclaim—Oh the vastness of human history! Think of the countless silent centuries that lie behind recorded time in the history of every nation; those millions who lived in the dust behind the records of time and looked with dumb eyes to the silence of the skies. And all those millions upon millions of human beings who have followed after. May this thought make us serious and awaken us to the significance of Life, Death and Immortality.

Let us now look at the antiquity of Chinese Civilization. Centuries before Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees, Chinese astrologers had recorded observations which have been verified by modern scientists. When Moses led the Israelites through the wilderness, Chinese laws and literature rivalled and Chinese religious knowledge excelled that of Egypt. While Homer was composing and singing the Iliad, China's blind minstrels were celebrating her ancient heroes whose tombs had already been with them through nearly 13 centuries.

She had nearly 1700 years ago a lexicon of language which is still reckoned among her standards. The earliest missionaries found the Chinese with a knowledge of the magnet. Her literature was fully developed before England was invaded by the Norman Conquerors. The Chinese invented firearms as early as the reign of Edward I, and the art of printing five hundred years before Caxton was born.

A thousand years ago the forefathers of the present Chinese, sold silk to the Romans and dressed in these fabrics when the inhabitants of the British Isles wore coats of blue paint and fished in willow canoes.

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Before America was discovered, China had a canal 1200 miles long. Her great wall was built 220 years before Christ was born in Bethlehem. It varies from 15 to 30 feet in height and breadth and passes over mountains and through valleys in an unbroken line for 1500 miles. Six horsemen could ride abreast upon it. It contains material enough to build a wall 5 or 6 feet high around the globe and represents more human labor than any other structure on the face of the earth. This was the civilization of Ancient China.

A glance now at the early religions of China. The worship of Ancestors is the most ancient form of idolatry found in the country, as well as the most powerful religious custom affecting it to-day. Through all these centuries it has hung a curtain of gloomy superstition over the land. It includes, not only the direct worship of the dead, but also whatever is done for their comfort and also all that is done to avert the calamities which the spirits of the departed are supposed to be able to inflict upon the living, as a punishment for inattention to their necessities. The moment a man died, a cup of cold water was placed at the door that he might take the last drink; then different articles were burned. First, a suit of good clothes that he might be presentable in the next world; then, a quantity of paper that the departed spirit might have the money to bribe those who might arrest him; then bed, bedding and personal articles, that he might be provided with all necessary comforts. At the graves, annual offerings were made of food, money and clothing which were burned and supposed to be transmitted to those for whom they were designed. Every rich family had a temple or large building called "The Hall of Ancestors" in which were placed tablets of stone or wood bearing the name and age of the deceased with the date on which he died, and the occupation he had followed when in the world. Those who could not afford to have a temple would hang up memorials in some room of their house which they called their "Hall of Ancestors" and where they would perform the customary ceremonies. It seems sad that a country so far advanced in civilization should have such a crude and primitive idea of religion, and sadder still that they should hold fast to their ancient idolatrous customs through all these centuries, even down to the present time. China, to-day is a standing proof of the futility of knowledge, science or any other form of civilization, without a true religion.

We have had a glimpse of the antiquity of Chinese history, civilization and religion. Let us now take a look at the origin of the people themselves. It seems certain that they were a band of emigrants who, leaving the regions of the Caspian Sea, struck the northern course of the Yellow River, and settled in the fertile provinces watered by it. There were other inhabitants in the land when these invaders arrived, but they were soon driven back into the mountainous region and less inhabited parts, and in these mountain fastnesses their descendants still maintain themselves against the forces of China. As soon as the new inhabitants got possession of the

country they named it the land of Sinea, Sinim or Seres, which in the middle ages became known as the Empire of Cathay. The people were agriculturists and cultivated grain and flax, which they wove into garments. They knew the value of silkworms and planted the mulberry tree. They seemed to have some knowledge of astronomy and in all probability brought with them an acquaintanceship with hieroglyphic writing.

Thus, gradually increasing in wealth and numbers we reach the time of Confucius and the Middle Ages, where his history and civilization pass into another stage.

CHILD-LIFE IN THE SLUMS.

BY MRS. BOOTH.

CHILD-LIFE in the slums! What a wide, weighty, awful subject to write upon! How difficult to treat in poor human language the inexpressible heart-sufferings, and to depict the wretched conditions of body and soul in the all too pale colors of word expression. What heartaches! What horror! What hopeless sadness those words conjure up to the mind of those who know of the subject from having seen and heard the sights and sounds which emanate from the slum's foul cradle of misery.

The number of slum children is legion. When you go visiting in the tenement houses and lodging houses and cross the thresholds of the saloons, you find children everywhere. Children in the gutters, children almost beneath the horses' feet in the road, children in the alleyways and on the stairs. Everywhere you see their dirty little faces, hear the cry of their shrill voices, and the patter of their little bare feet. It is true that babies are mowed down by the hundred every hot summer with dread infantile diseases, and the winter takes its harvest through diphtheria, pneumonia, cold and hunger, and yet the crowd seems never smaller. Many of these little ones are maimed and crippled—the effect of falls and alas! of kicks and blows received in their infancy. Many also came into this distorted world of sorrow crippled to begin with, and scant food and miserable surroundings have stunted their growth and development. Hence they are to remain through life mere caricatures of human childhood.

There is another feature which a stranger spending a day in slumdom would soon notice, namely, that most of them have very old faces. Even the little babies of but a few months old seem to have wizened features and careworn expressions and with the children of a few years old you can only guess their ages by their height and development, for their faces usually look years in advance of their ages.

The language used by even the smallest of slum children would be a terrible revelation to the uninitiated. But it only goes to show the awful taint in the atmosphere which their moral nature draws in at every breath. The tiny toddlers in the street quarreling over a broken toy or some bit of rotten

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fruit picked from the gutter, will shriek at each other, "I'll knife you," or "I'll kill you," in the most threatening and passionate manner. But these are only the echoes of more cruel threats made in dead earnest, and sometimes carried out before their very eyes, by those in whose steps they are following.

CRADLED IN VICE AND CRIME.

People talk with horror, as if it were a most unnatural thing for young lads and girls to turn early to vicious lives, but it must be remembered that from the cradle up they are accustomed to look upon vice in its most revolting forms. There are vices and sins that men and women of pure life know only from hearsay, when their work brings them in touch with those whom they are trying to help, but which are altogether unknown and unthought of by those who have not to face them in such a mission. But, alas, these babies know all there is to know of sin! What can you expect of the children of such homes? They are brought up in an atmosphere where pure and innocent feelings cannot develop. That which is sinful, immoral, and wicked in thought, word and deed, is not represented to them as such, but is the natural, every day procedure of their elders. Thus they but follow on to be as those around them.

It must be remembered that I deal not with the children of the poor, merely, but the children of the outcast, the product of the slum itself, not the little birds of passage that drift there for a time when work is slack, or through sickness and disablement of parents, who have come from honest homes, and will struggle on to make one again when times are better. There are many families who have striven hard to keep the wolf from the door, who patch the children's garments, and who will not become beggars or paupers, however much they may suffer.

* Then there is the drink curse which overshadows the larger proportion of these children. Apart from the direct effect upon the poor little bodies, there is the brutal treatment these little ones receive from drunken parents. Many a one has upon it the marks of violence—cuts, bruises and scars. And generally they are found in a heart-breaking condition of neglect, details of which I could not possibly describe in print. To such as these the slum nursery is a blessed boon. There little ones are brought early in the morning, and through the day are lovingly and tenderly cared for—washed, clothed and fed—allowed to sleep in peace or play in safety; and those who have been mere bags of bones, wizened, old and feeble, seem to grow back to childhood under the sunny, loving influence.

Homeless little fledglings indeed, are these! They make me think of the pitiful little birds who, featherless and with ungrown wings, hop aimlessly about at the foot of the tree whence the storm has swept away their nest, and who become the evil prey of the cruel cat, or creep off into a

hole, where their bruised and bleeding bodies are made stiff in death from cold and hunger.

To find children naked or crying for bread is a common occurrence. To find little ones who for months never receive a bath and whose hair is perpetually uncombed and clothes unattended until they gradually drop to pieces, is the common order of things. Do you wonder that our brave slum officers breathe a fervent "thank God!" when they hear of some childish complaint having swept them mercifully into heaven, where slum babies will be as welcome as the children of the rich?

A BRIGHTER SIDE TO THE PICTURE.

But there are brighter sides to this sad picture. There is the wonderful mother love which poverty, misery, and even shame does not seem to kill in some of these poor mothers' hearts. Let it be remembered that not all the mothers of the slums are devoid of mother love, and that many even of the vicious are more ignorant than wilfully wicked. Then there are some who are the poor but honest wives of drunken and criminal husbands, and who have to suffer bitterly where they are not the least to blame. The way in which some will suffer, endure, and starve for their baby's sake is touching in the extreme. There are also the girl-mothers, whose weak young arms are burdened with a baby, and whose hands can find no work, while the tiny life has to be supported and the tiny head pillowed upon their breast. You imagine that such would, if it were not for fear of the law, determine to strangle the life out at its first breathing, drop the small bundle into the dark river, or abandon it on some doorstep. That this is so in many cases not revealed through the papers or discovered by the police may be only too true, and yet in many others these mothers cling in their hopeless sorrow with a pathetic tenacity and love to the little one who was to a great extent its innocent cause.

The bright rays of sunlight which are shed upon these little lives and in their miserable home by the influence of slum workers will never be thoroughly chronicled on earth, but will all be reflected in their true glory before the throne of God, where "their angels always behold the face of God." By day and night, patiently and lovingly, dressed in poor clothes, such as worn by their neighbors, and living in the same humble style, these women, who have willingly given up home, comfort, and respectable surroundings to become the sisters of the outcast, go gladly on their mission of love. The day nurseries in New York receive thousands of little babies. The mothers bring them early in the morning and call for them at night. It is not a costly place, furnished with brass bedsteads, nor do the people feel it is supported by rich patrons; but it is opened in the most neighborly fashion for the children of our neighborhood, and everything is sweet and clean though plain and humble. These mothers appreciate the nursery more if they feel they are doing something for the support of the little ones, so they pay five cents a day whenever they can afford it.—*Condensed from Missionary Review*

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LETTERS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.

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FROM MISS SINCLAIR.

Indore, Sept. 12, 1900.

THE rainy season is always bad but this year exceptionally so, and we have had weeks of fever and dysentery and kindred troubles. If this has been my experience among those who are well fed, well clothed, and well housed, what must the suffering have been among poor people outside? We have not so many beggars about, perhaps, as earlier in the year, but of course, there is still a very great deal of distress. Many have gone back to their dismantled village homes to begin anew the struggle for what is at best, mere existence. Yesterday a woman came begging with a beautiful girl of nine or ten. She said all their people were dead and she would give me the girl if I would feed her; so I said all right. Towards evening the woman said she would take the girl away and bathe her, as she was too dirty to stay among us, etc. So she left. I fancy it was only an excuse, the girl is lovely and could bring the old woman a good price. Many of our staff are away at the hills, and those who are not are probably tired enough to want to be. It has been a terrible year. None of our staff have been taken, for which we ought to be very grateful. Many missions have lost valuable workers. It has been a sad time for us in the School for death has taken several who were very dear pupils.

WORK GREATER THAN CAN BE OVERTAKEN.

FROM MISS WHITE, INDORE, SEP. 13th.

I ENJOY work in the free schools very much but regret I cannot spend time enough in each to get thoroughly acquainted with the children individually and follow each one's course minutely daily, and know something about the home life. I could do this when I had one school only, for I was able to visit many of the children's homes in Zenana visiting. I had no idea how much the branches of work were interwoven till I found I could not overtake all the visiting as formerly. I often get requests in school—"Ma ap Kēbulati" (Mother is calling you) and I am sorry to say I cannot always go. I know it cannot be helped under present circumstances and I merely mention it as a subject of regret, that house to house visiting cannot be carried on hand in hand with all the school work. We cannot get sufficient native help. Teachers and Bible women have never been in proportion to the demand and the few we have are mostly married, with household and family cares in addition to their school duties. I am often very sorry for them.

These four schools comprise one Marathi with 12 children on register, and three Hindi schools of which two are in the city and one in the Residency.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

We are having a good old fashioned monsoon, abundance of rain; indeed, it was feared we were getting too much all at once, as sunshine was needed for the crops, but we have had some sunny weather too and surely all will be well. There is much misery yet, food is not any cheaper, so relief will be needed for a couple of months longer. What a change there is in the appearance of things—everything is fresh and green again, the river and wells are full of water. The river was completely dried up for months and grain was sown in it and its islands with clusters of palms rested on dry land. It was a joyful sight to all when the river filled up after the first heavy rains—the natives passed our bungalow in crowds to see it, so we went down too. The people's faces claimed my attention, they were unusually animated for natives. And in some cases they raised their hands in prayer to the water. Our China Missionaries I trust are now safe at home. Our prayers are now songs of joy and our hearts go out to them in loving sympathy.

We are all well. Miss O'Hara, Jamieson and Thomson are enjoying a much needed rest at the Hills.

A MISSIONARY PLEA.

["You have never stood in the darkness," Words used by a Red Indian chief as he pleaded that to him and his people might be sent the "white man's Book."]

<p>"You have never stood in the darkness; You do not know its awe; On your land a great light shineth, Which long ago you saw. For the Light of the world we ask you, We plead for the Book which shows The way to win to his footstool, Which only the white man knows."</p>	<p>O voice from out the darkness! O cry of a soul in pain! May it ring as the blast of clarion, Nor call God's hosts in vain! By the piercéd hand which saved us Let ours do their work to-day, Till from those who tremble in darkness The shadows are swept away.</p>
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REJOICINGS AT BIRTLE.

FROM MISS MCLAREN, BIRTLE, OCT. 19TH.

MY principal object in writing to-day is to tell you about the best day we have had at the school for a long time. Saturday, the 22nd, we had four marriages and five baptisms, not of school children, but of their parents, old people who have lived together for years. Though late on Friday when they arrived we thought it no hardship to begin preparations. A huge brides-cake was made that night, and in the morning all was stir and excitement as the ceremony was to be at eleven. We decorated our school room with all the plants, flowers, autumn leaves and pretty things there were about and it really looked quite festive. As a number of their friends were with them we found it none too large when all were assembled.

The baptisms came first and it was very touching to see these old couples who had so lately heard of a Saviour, kneeling there surrounded by their children and grandchildren, and as they said, "telling our children and the Indians that we do not want to be Pagans any more, we don't know anything but we want to learn about the white man's religion."

The wedding ceremony came next and everything was done just as if they were white people. The brides were given away by the Agent, his clerk, Mr.

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Small, and their Chief who had been married some years ago. Four of the school girls were the brides' maids and an ex-pupil and the school doctor the groomsmen. After congratulations all went to the children's dining room where refreshments were served. The bride's cake proved quite large enough and an abundance of fruit provided by Major McGibbon, Mr. Markle and other friends was much appreciated and enjoyed.

The "health of the brides" was responded to by the Chief, Major McGibbon and Mr. Markle. The Chief thanked those taking part for showing his people how Christians were baptized and married, and also for the entertainment. Major McGibbon spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to witness the steps taken that day, and to see the advancement in other



BIRTLE SCHOOL.

Miss McLaren is standing in the background.

lines in this part of his inspectorate. He thanked them for the very kind reception he and Mr. Markle always met with and for the pleasant evenings they had spent together round their camp fires, and then in a very few words spoke to them about obeying the laws of God which were so much better and higher than man's. To Mr. Markle it was a particularly glad time. This was the last occasion on which he was to meet with them, and though he was sorry to part with his Indians, he was going away with the feeling that they were now on the right road. It would be a help to him where he was going. He would tell his new charge how he left his Indians in the Birtle Agency. He closed by saying how pleased he would always be to

hear from them, and of them, and wished them all happiness and prosperity. After a few more speeches, and singing God Save the Queen, all went outside and had a photograph taken.

Among other presents, each of the brides was given one of the brightest and prettiest quilts in the store room, from the members of the W. F. M. S. This was impressed on them and I am sure that quilt, at least, will be well taken care of. The day was simply perfect and I can give you no idea what a happy time it was for us all, but this did not end it. The chief sent word in the evening that there was still another couple wished to be married before they broke up camp, they were baptized and married on Monday morning, Oct. 19th.

AN EXPRESSION OF SORROW.

FROM MISS MCLAREN.

The word of Mrs. Jeffrey's death was indeed a shock. We can scarcely realize it, and when I think of the awful drives she had last year I fear they must have hastened the end. When I look back now over the days and weeks I have spent with her among the different missions, I can scarcely recall an instance when she allowed the conversation to drift into any other channel than that of missions. No opportunity of gaining information or of enlisting sympathy was allowed to pass unimproved. Ministers, agents and instructors all had to contribute something to the already large store in heart as well as in hand, for her whole heart was in it. Much of the progress made during these last years are due to her great insight and wise counsel. I am very sure she will be missed at the meetings of your Board.

Miss McLaren accompanied Mrs. Jeffrey during her last trip through the North West and British Columbia visiting our Mission Schools.

UNITED STUDY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS BY ALL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

THE Central Committee on the Study of Foreign Missions created by the World's Committee in connection with the Ecumenical Conference have suggested to the different Women's Missionary Societies the carrying out of a programme for the united study of Foreign Missions. The plan has received most cordial endorsements from nearly all. They purpose making the course cover seven years, and suggest that the plan be tried for one year at a date not yet fixed.

To meet the demand for an immediate arrangement of study, a preliminary series of six lessons on Christian Missions in the Nineteenth Century is being prepared to commence January, 1901, as follows:—

- (1) Awakening and Beginning.
- (2) The Century in India.

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- (3) The Century in China.
- (4) The Century in Japan.
- (5) The Century in Africa.
- (6) Opportunities and Coming Conflicts of the Twentieth Century.

The following arrangements of the first topic have been prepared

- (1) *Awakening and Beginning.*

Five minute papers on—

- (a) Christian Friedrich Schwartz, the Morning Star of a Missionary Century.
- (b) William Carey, the Father of Foreign Missionary Societies.
- (c) Henry Martyn, the Scholar Missionary.
- (d) Adoniram Judson and the Haystack Band.
- (e) Hiram Bingham and the Sandwich Islands.
- (f) John Williams, the Martyr of Erromanga.
- (g) John Coleridge Paterson, the Martyr of Melanesia.
- (h) The Martyrs of Uganda.
- (i) The Martyrs of China.

Twenty minutes Review by Decades, mentioning salient points in each.

If the list given seems too long, make selections.

Books of Reference—"Pioneers and Founders," by Miss C. M. Yonge.

"A Century of Missionary Martyrs," by Rev. S. F. Harris.

"Great Missionaries of the Church," by Rev. C. Creyan.

"A Hundred Years of Missions," by Rev. D. L. Leonard.

"The Crisis of Missions," by Rev. A. T. Pierson.

"Transformation of Hawaii," by Belle M. Brain.

Leaflets on the six lessons will be printed and ready for distribution

Dec. 1st. Orders may be sent to the Literature Sec'y, Mrs. Donald, 30 Huron St., Toronto.

FOR MISSION BAND WORKERS AND MISSION BAND .

FIELD—CANADIAN INDIANS.

1. Tell something about our first Missionary to the Indians.—(See pamphlet on the Indians.)

2. What did the Indians worship before Missionaries told them of Jesus?

3. Where is Alberni Industrial Home and who are the workers there? (See Report.)

4. Where does Miss Armstrong work; tell something about her Indian children? (See Annual Report.)

5. Tell about some of the pagan children at Lake of the Woods. (See Mr. McKittrick's letter on pgs. 128, 129, Oct. Tidings.)

6. Describe an Indian Religious festival. (See June Tidings, pg. 43.)

If your Band sent clothing to the Indians, and the letter of acknowledgment has appeared in TIDINGS, read it at your meeting.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT.

A Missionary had enjoyed a short visit

home, and it was now time to return to his far-off field of labour. The hour of separation from his wife and only daughter had arrived. A midnight train was to carry him to the sea-port from which his steamer sailed next morning. The little one had gone to rest, her father had said good-bye to her in bed—had given the last parting kiss, and had bid her go to sleep.

He sat with wife, brother, and sister waiting till it was time to start. The conversation flagged, each was sad at heart. Oh, these sad partings, the necessity of missionary life! One never gets accustomed to them, the last one seems more bitter than the first.

They were aroused to attention by the sound of song, and listened. From the bedroom above came the voice of the child singing. They were hushed to a deeper silence as they recognized the well known lines being sung by that tiny voice—

'God be with you till we meet again!
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again!'

The poor young heart, torn with grief at being parted from her beloved parent, had found relief in prayer—and bravely she sang the verse through.

It was a sweet experience, and, coming as it did spontaneously from the child's heart, it was balm to at least two sad hearts. Well sung, little daughter! You have done more to cheer and nerve your father's heart than words can ever express, for it was prayer, inspiration, and, may we not say, prophecy, all in one.

When lonely and sad he went out into the dark night, the sound of that voice was with him; and when he thinks with sadness of the dear ones far away, the echo of that message of hope and cheer, from his bonnie bairnie, comforts and strengthens his soul.

God bless that child! Well has He said, 'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength.'—
M. G. R. IN ZENANA MISSION QUARTERLY.

TO GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL.

FROM MISS MCLAREN, BIRTLE.

The supply of clothing both as regards quantity and quality is all that could be desired. The workers all appear to take kindly to the outfit system and I should think it would be more satisfactory to work along definite lines. The supply of quilts is as large as in former years and I was particularly glad to see the quantity of yarn sent. The girls are fond of knitting and it takes a good many pairs of mittens to keep forty-six pairs of hands warm through our long winter. The Lizard Point bales are all opened too, and though this will be a hard year for the Indians as well as the white people. I am sure there will be abundance. The wet fall means a shortage in the hay crop, very few having more put up than will be needed to bring their own stock through the winter; as they have lately been depending on their hay for their winter supplies, the outlook is a little dark. We wish to thank the many workers in the Guelph Presbyterial for all they have done for us this year, for the kindly messages and good wishes sent, as well as for the clothing; for the many remembrancers of the staff, the carpet for the missionary and

the thousand and one things that we are continually coming across, show how much it has been in their minds to do all that was in their power to help on the work of the mission. We are very sorry that we are not able to say that our church is finished, but now that the weather appears settled we hope soon to tell you about the dedication.

TO PARIS PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.

FROM MR. J. R. MOTION.

Albani, B.C., Oct. 23, 1900.

The bales arrived by the last boat and we lost no time in bringing them up to the Home. They are all opened now, and put away for present and future use.

We thank the ladies of Paris Presbyterial for the bountiful supply sent, it seems as though they knew the things we needed most, for we have had our wants well supplied. We were in great need of some of the things, especially boots for some of the boys who were working. What a nice lot of quilts have come; also carpet for the front hall and other rooms, and boys' suits and girls' dresses; we are indeed thankful. Some Mission Bands and societies outfitted one or two boys or girls. It was a very good plan. It is beyond us to begin to enumerate all the splendid articles sent. Our hearts go out to God with thanksgiving for His kindness through the ladies of Paris Presbyterery.

The old chief, Hy-u-pen-uth, came up this morning, and we were able to present him with a good overcoat for winter use. The old gentleman was highly pleased. He is a nice old man and attends our services fairly well while residing here.

One schooner with Indians from here has returned from Behring Sea, another has still to come. They did not get many seals. Two of the men came home very sick, and we fear they will not get better. It is very sad in one case, where one is the father of four young children, the youngest a baby of two months. There has been a great deal of sickness among the adults this year, and as the sealers did not get very many seals they will not be so well off this winter, consequently the old and sick will be the sufferers. We are glad, however, that the means have been placed in our hands whereby we can alleviate part of their sufferings.

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TO OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL.

FROM MR. W. J. WRIGHT.

Rolling River, Oct. 29, 1900.

The clothing sent us by the Owen Sound Presbyterian Society came to hand two weeks ago, and was all in first-class condition. We found that the bales contained a good supply for old people and the children, excepting the little boys. We managed, though, to convert some coat sleeves into pants, so the difficulty is tided over for another year.

Never before have we witnessed such general thankfulness from our Indians. We wish to convey thanks from them to the ladies of Owen Sound Presbyterian Society.

We feel sure that their labour of love and prayers will redound to God's glory, in the opening up of some more hearts to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

TORONTO.—The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Toronto Presbyterian Society was held at Richmond Hill, Oct. 19th. The meeting opened at 2:45 p.m. with about 400 ladies present. The President, Mrs. Gregory, of Mansewood, in the chair. The roll call showed that delegates were present from 33 Auxiliaries and 22 Mission Bands; each gave a short verbal report of the work of the last half year.

Mrs. Grant, the Home Secretary, gave a sketch of her recent visit to the Alberni School in British Columbia. Mrs. Mackenzie, of Honan, addressed the meeting on the work in China, thrilling the meeting with an account of their escape from China, and closed with an earnest appeal for each to be much in prayer for our sisters in China.

Mrs. Robinson of Toronto, spoke on the aims and object of the Ewart Missionary Training Home, and urged the ladies to take advantage of the lectures given to the students, but free to all. Mrs. Livingston Superintendent of the Home Mission followed with an account of the Home Mission work the students are engaged in, and of the prayer meeting held in the Home.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Findlay, seconded by Miss Crombie, and carried:

"That we place on record, a sense of the deep loss sustained in the removal by death of Mrs. Jeffery, Secretary of the N.W. and B.C. We remember with deep

gratitude to our Heavenly Father that the gifts with which Mrs. Jeffery was so liberally endowed, were in a very marked degree laid upon the altar of consecration, and she spared neither time, health or means, in carrying on the work for which she was so well qualified. To the very close of life she thought upon her beloved trust, and gave as freely as ever the advice and counsel which was so invaluable to the work in the North-West.

The memory of her kindly unselfish service will ever be a stimulus and inspiration to us to strive to serve as faithfully as she served. Through the shadow of the cloud of our loss we hear the words, 'They do rest from their labors, but their works do follow them.'"

PARIS.—Held its 16th Annual Meeting in Knox Church, Ayr, and had the privilege of hearing three of our Honan missionaries.

Miss Pyke gave an account of the last two months in China, the beginning of the persecution of the Missionaries and native Christians and the many miraculous deliverances of the Honan staff. She spoke in a quiet womanly way, giving the painful experience of those horrible days, making one think of the words of Job, "When He giveth quietness who then can make trouble."

Dr. Malcom spoke of the flourishing condition of things the year before the rebellion and now everything seemed extinct. Mrs. Malcom gave an account of the Chinese women, allured at first by curiosity to see the foreigners, but in time remaining to hear the precious word.

The reports showed the usual light and shade; increased interest in some places and decrease in membership and offerings in others. The Presbytery made an earnest appeal for our boys that some provision might be made for the education in the mission work in our church. The offering this year is \$1568.82, an increase over last year of \$183.60. Number of our auxiliaries 24, and 17 Mission Bands with a membership of 832. Three new Auxiliaries and four Bands were organized during the year. The Treasurer read a statement showing how the offerings have stood during the last ten years. This meeting which closes the century ought to stimulate us to more earnest work and generous giving for the needs were never greater.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

EXPENDITURE OF THE W.F.M.S.
1899-1900.

INDIA.		NEEMUCH.	
INDORE.			
Miss Oliver, M.D., Salary..	\$730 00	Miss Campbell, Salary.....	\$730 00
Miss Thompson, Salary.....	730 00	Evangelistic	791 22
Evangelistic	61 66	Educational	479 51
Medical	1,197 77	Miscellaneous	11 07
Miscellaneous	12 47		<u>\$2,011 80</u>
	<u>\$2,731 90</u>	Miss McKellar, M.D., Salary	\$730 00
Miss Sinclair, Salary.....	\$730 00	Evangelistic	164 97
Evangelistic	94 08	Medical	916 89
Educational	569 98	Miscellaneous	12 39
Miscellaneous (taxes, repairs, coloring, etc.).....	197 96	Home Travelling (part), for Miss Bayly	65 99
	<u>\$1,592 02</u>		<u>\$1,920 24</u>
Miss Grier, Salary.....	\$730 00	DHAR.	
Evangelistic	4 02	Miss O'Hara, M.D., Salary..	\$730 00
Educational	531 80	Evangelistic	130 45
Home Travelling (part)....	53 62	Educational	54 30
	<u>\$1,319 44</u>	Medical	598 18
Miss White, Salary.....	730 00	Hospital Building	181 44
Evangelistic	27 14		<u>\$1,694 37</u>
Educational	79 59	Freight, boxes from Canada.	\$26 85
Miscellaneous	3 01	Treasurer's Office Expenses.	
	<u>\$839 74</u>	India (one half).....	\$152 71
MHOW.		Miss Goodfellow, Outfit.....	\$100 00
Miss Leyden, Salary.....	\$730 00	Miss Goodfellow, Travelling Expenses to India.....	282 08
Evangelistic	114 59	Miss Turnbull, Furlough....	225 00
Educational	517 92	Miss Turnbull, Expense....	3 65
Miscellaneous	49	Miss Duncan, Furlough.....	225 00
Home Travelling (part)....	82 49	Miss Ptolemy, Furlough.....	225 00
	<u>\$1,445 49</u>	Miss Chase, Furlough.....	225 00
Miss Weir, Salary.....	\$730 00		<u>\$1,285 73</u>
Evangelistic	171 13	TOTAL FOR INDIA..... <u>\$17,358 00</u>	
Educational	67 72	HONAN.	
	<u>\$968 85</u>	CHU WANG.	
Miss Calder, Salary.....	\$3 30	Miss Dow, M.D., Salary.....	\$500 00
	<u>\$3 30</u>	Miss McIntosh, Salary.....	500 00
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Miss Jamieson, Salary.....	\$730 00	Medical Assistant.....	8 26
Miss Goodfellow, Salary.....	188 66		<u>\$1,069 27</u>
Evangelistic	169 55	CHANG TE.	
Educational	202 93	Miss Pyke, Salary.....	\$500 00
Building	74 42	Miss Wallace, M.D., Salary..	500 00
	<u>\$1,265 66</u>	Teachers	46 46
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FOREIGN MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

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Land, and Station Expenses, etc	779 00
	<u>\$2,902 56</u>
Less W.M.S., Montreal, Miss Dow's Salary	\$500 00
TOTAL FOR HONAN.....	<u>\$2,402 56</u>

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Bible Women	\$750 00
Teachers	250 00
Coolies, Girls' School.....	80 00
Food and Clothing.....	65 00
	<u>\$1,145 00</u>

THE INDIANS OF THE NORTH-
WEST.

BEULAH (Bird Tail).

Rev. John McArthur.....	\$200 00
	<u>\$200 00</u>

BIRTLE.

Mr. W. J. Small.....	\$462 50
Miss Annie McLaren.....	450 00
Miss Matilda McLod.....	350 00
Miss Josie Callin.....	120 00
Building Account	4,017 65
Insurance	90 00
	<u>\$5,490 15</u>

CROWSTAND.

Miss Josephine Petch.....	\$404 00
Miss J. Gilmour.....	368 00
Miss Isobel Currie.....	180 00
Miss Sarah Dunbar.....	40 00
Out-Door Assistant	180 00
Travelling Expenses, Miss Dunbar	40 25
Building Account.....	\$5,335 76
Insurance	28 00
	<u>\$6,576 01</u>

FILE HILLS.

Mr. Alex. Skeene.....	\$350 00
Mr. E. C. Stewart.....	300 00
Travelling Expenses, Mr. Stewart	22 29
Miss J. Webster.....	180 00
Domestic Service	92 00
Furnishings	59 00
Maintenance	50 00
	<u>\$1,053 29</u>

HURRICANE HILLS.

Rev. E. McKenzie.....	\$350 00
Insurance	18 55
	<u>\$368 55</u>

LAKESEND.

Mr. Campbell H. Monro....	\$400 00
Insurance	31 50
	<u>\$431 50</u>

LIZARD POINT.

Mr. John Black.....	\$157 50
Rev. D. Cattanach.....	70 00
Building Account	12 50
	<u>\$240 00</u>

LONG PLAINS.

Mr. Robert McKay.....	\$200 00
	<u>\$200 00</u>

MISTAWASIS.

Miss Kate Gillespie.....	\$150 00
Building Account	40 00
Maintenance	25 00
	<u>\$215 00</u>

MOOSE MOUNTAIN.

Mr. F. T. Dodds.....	\$300 00
Building Account	11 93
	<u>\$311 93</u>

OKANASE.

Mr. R. C. McPherson.....	\$150 00
	<u>\$150 00</u>

PIPESTONE.

Mr. John Thunder.....	210 00
Building Account	15 50
	<u>\$225 50</u>

PRINCE ALBERT (Makoce Waste).

Miss L. M. Baker.....	\$150 00
Miss Bell Lyttle.....	\$300 00
	<u>\$450 00</u>

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

Miss Annie Fraser.....	\$300 00
Miss Sara Laidlaw.....	300 00
Mrs. Sutherland	71 50
Repairs to Building.....	52 50
Furnishings	4 00
*Maintenance	60 00
Interpreting	36 00
Insurance	31 00
	<u>\$855 00</u>

*Horsehire for visiting Indian villages to hold services on Sundays.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

ROLLING RIVER.		North West Indians.....	18,311 48
Mr. W. J. Wright.....	\$300 00	British Columbia Indians....	5,686 93
Building	28 50		<u>\$45,685 49</u>
	<u>\$328 50</u>	Estimates, W.F.M.S., 1900-01.	
ROUND LAKE.		I. INDIA.	
Mrs. H. McKay, Matron....	\$300 00	DHAR.	
Mr. D. A. McKay.....	75 00	MISS O'HARA.	
Mr. G. W. Sahlmark.....	375 00	Salary	\$730 00
Mr. Jacob Bear.....	360 00	Evangelistic	195 00
	<u>\$1,110 00</u>	Educational	172 00
LAKE OF THE WOODS.		Medical	1,136 00
Rev A. S. McKittrick (part		Miscellaneous	52 00
of Travelling Expenses..	\$38 55		<u>\$2,285 00</u>
Convener's Expenses, Winni-		NEEMUCH.	
peg (one half).....	67 50	MISS M'KELLAR.	
	<u>\$106 05</u>	Salary	\$730 00
TOTAL FOR NORTH-WEST.....	<u>18,311 47</u>	Evangelistic	78 00
BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIANS.		Medical	1,235 00
ALBERNI.		Miscellaneous	40 00
Miss Johnston, Salary and			<u>\$2,083 00</u>
Expenses	\$289 50	MISS CAMPBELL.	
Mr. and Mrs. Motion, Salary		Salary	\$365 00
and Expenses	517 40	Travel	300 00
Mrs. Cameron, Salary (in		Evangelistic	700 00
part)	95 00	Educational	748 00
Out-Door Assistant	151 25	Miscellaneous	20 00
Repairs	200 00	Property for Mission purposes	3,000 00
Maintenance	1,598 42		<u>\$5,133 00</u>
	<u>\$2,861 57</u>	MISS OLIVER.	
WEST COAST.		Salary	\$365 00
Salaries	\$2,305 00	Travel	300 00
Rent, including arrears and		Miss Thomson, Salary.....	730 00
repairs at Ucluelet.....	80 00	Evangelistic	112 00
Travelling Expenses	22 81	Medical	1,456 00
Sundries	17 55	Miscellaneous	28 00
School Building, Dodger's		Building Outhouses.....	83 00
Cove	204 80		<u>\$3,074 00</u>
School Building, Noomucka-		MISS SINCLAIR.	
mis	195 20	Salary	\$730 00
	<u>\$2,825 36</u>	Color washing, Taxes and Re-	
TOTAL FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA	<u>\$5,686 93</u>	pairs	150 00
SUMMARY.		Educational	700 00
India	\$17,358 00	Miscellaneous	27 00
Honan	2,402 56		<u>\$1,607 00</u>
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FOREIGN MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

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MISS WHITE.

Salary	\$365 00
Travel	300 00
Evangelistic	100 00
Educational	918 00
Miscellaneous	10 00
*Building	4,204 00
	<u>\$5,897 00</u>

UJJAIN.

MISS JAMIESON.

Salary	\$730 00
Evangelistic	108 00
Educational	501 00
Miscellaneous	52 00
*Building	3,537 00
	<u>\$4,928 00</u>

MISS GOODFELLOW.

Salary	\$730 00
Evangelistic	167 00
Furniture for Bungalow.....	116 00
	<u>\$1,013 00</u>

MHOW.

MISS WEIR.

Salary	\$730 00
Evangelistic	540 00
Educational	700 00
Miscellaneous	12 00
	<u>\$1,982 00</u>

MISS PTOLEMY.

Salary	\$600 00
Furniture for Bungalow.....	68 00
	<u>\$668 00</u>

MISS DUNCAN.

Salary	\$600 00
Furniture for Bungalow.....	68 00
	<u>\$668 00</u>

MISS TURNBULL.

Furlough	\$300 00
Furniture for Bungalow.....	68 00
*Travel	300 00
	<u>\$668 00</u>

MISS LEACH.

Salary	\$600 00
Travel	300 00
Outfit	150 00
Furniture for Bungalow.....	68 00
	<u>\$1,118 00</u>

MISS M'CALLA.

Salary	\$600 00
Travel	300 00
Outfit	150 00
Furniture for Bungalow.....	68 00
	<u>\$1,118 00</u>

MISSIONARY (not yet appointed).

Salary	\$600 00
Travel	300 00
Outfit	150 00
Furniture for Bungalow.....	68 00
	<u>\$1,118 00</u>

MISS GRIER.

Furlough	\$300 00
Return	300 00
Furniture for Bungalow.....	68 00
	<u>\$668 00</u>

TOTAL FOR INDIA.....\$34,028 00

II. HONAN.

SALARIES.

Miss McIntosh.....	\$500 00
Miss Pyke.....	500 00
Miss Dow, M.D.....	500 00
Miss Wallace, M.D.....	500 00
	<u>\$2,000 00</u>
Less Dr. Dow's salary paid by the Montreal W.F.M.S..	500 00
	<u>\$1,500 00</u>

CHU WANG STATION.

Touring	\$15 00
Medical Supplies.....	75 00
Medical Assistant.....	12 00
Repairs	5 00
Benches for Chapel.....	25 00
	<u>\$132 00</u>
*Land	400 00
*Raising Land.....	100 00
*House	1,300 00
Wall	75 00
	<u>\$1,875 00</u>

CHANG TE FU.

Teacher of language.....	\$36 00
Touring	30 00
House	1,300 00
	<u>\$1,366 00</u>

TOTAL FOR CHINA.....\$4,873 00

*Estimated for last year but not expended.

*Building, land, etc., estimated for last year to the extent of \$1,600, but not expended.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

III. FORMOSA.

Bible Women	\$75 00
Teachers	250 00
Coolies (Girls' School).....	80 00
Food and Clothing.....	65 00
	<u>\$1,145 00</u>

IV. NORTH-WEST INDIANS.

CROWSTAND.

Miss Petch, Salary.....	\$450 00
Miss Gilmour, Matron.....	370 00
Miss Dunbar, Assistant.....	240 00
Out-Door Assistant.....	180 00
	<u>\$1,240 00</u>

BIRTLE.

Mr. W. J. Small, Salary.....	\$650 00
Miss McLaren, Matron.....	450 00
Miss McLeod, Assistant.....	350 00
Well	200 00
	<u>\$1,650 00</u>

LIZARD POINT.

Missionary, part Salary.....	\$200 00
Church Building.....	37 50
	<u>\$237 50</u>

BIRD TAIL.

Rev. J. McArthur, part Salary	\$200 00
VALLEY RIVER.	
Missionary, part Salary.....	\$150 00

OKANASE.

Mr. R. C. McPherson, part salary	\$150 00
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ROLLING RIVER.

Mr. W. J. Wright, part Salary	\$300 00
Painting Mission House.....	6 25
	<u>\$306 25</u>

LAKE OF THE WOODS.

Rev. A. G. McKittrick, part Salary	\$400 00
House Rent.....	60 00
	<u>\$460 00</u>

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

Miss Fraser, Salary.....	\$300 00
Miss Laidlaw, Salary.....	25 00
Mrs. Sutherland, Assistant Matron	180 00
Missionary and Teacher.....	450 00
David Ross, Interpreter.....	36 00
	<u>\$991 00</u>

LONG PLAIN.

Mr. Rob't McKay, part salary	\$240 00
PIPESTONE.	

Mr. J. Thunder, part Salary	\$210 00
MOOSE MOUNTAIN.	

Mr. P. T. Dodds, part Salary	\$300 00
HURRICANE HILLS.	

Rev. E. McKenzie, part salary	\$350 00
ROUND LAKE.	

Mrs. H. McKay, Matron....	\$300 00
Teacher	450 00

Mr. Jacob Bear.....	360 00
	<u>\$1,110 00</u>

LAKESEND.

Mr. C. H. Monro, part Salary	\$400 00
FILE HILLS.	

Rev. W. H. Farrar, Teacher	\$600 00
Mrs. Farrar, Matron.....	240 00

Service	60 00
Fencing	50 00

\$950 00

MAKOCE WASTE.

Miss Baker, Part Salary....	\$150 00
Miss Lyttle	360 00

Repairs and Building	50 00
	<u>\$560 00</u>

MISTAWASIS.

Miss Kate Gillespie, part Salary	\$150 00
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CONTINGENCIES.

Insurance on Mission Buildings, Travelling Expenses of Missionaries, etc.....	\$250 00
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Maintenance	200 00
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TOTAL FOR THE NORTHWEST \$10,104 75

V. BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIANS.

ALBERNI.

Mr. J. R. Motion, Salary....	\$600 00
Mrs. Cameron.....	360 00

Maintenance	1,400 00
Assistance	100 00

Equipment	260 00
	<u>\$2,720 00</u>

AHOUSAHT.

Mr. J. W. Russell.....	\$720 00
Teacher	400 00

House	250 00
Repairs	150 00

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UCLUELET.

Miss Armstrong.....	\$500 00
Repairs to School-House....	50 00
	<u>\$550 00</u>

DODGER'S COVE.

Mr. McKee.....	\$350 00
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TOTAL..... \$5,140 00

Less Government Grant.....	<u>1,500 00</u>
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TOTAL FOR BRITISH COL-
COLUMBIA INDIANS..... \$3,640 00

CHINESE B. C.

Lady Assistant.....	<u>\$500 00</u>
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SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES, W. F.
M. S., 1900-1901.

Central India.....	\$34,028 00
Honan	4,873 00
Formosa	1,145 00
North-West	10,104 75
British Columbia { Chinese... 500 00	
{ Indians... 3,640 00	
	<u>\$54,290 75</u>

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iliary.

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Auxiliary, Peterboro.

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OCT.	
1—To balance from last month....	\$1,591 24
2— " Mrs. John Thunder's Sewing Class.....	10 00
6— " Huron Presbyterian Society	482 62
12— " Sarnia Pres. Society, Alvin- ton Auxiliary.....	30 39
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OCT.

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4— " Concordance for Presentation	9 25
" " Postage L. M. Certificates...	54
12— " Medical Pocket Case, etc....	15 00
16— " Postage Home Secretary...	4 10
24— " Bible for Presentation.....	6 00
" " Books for Presentation.....	7 75
31— " Balance in Bank.....	1,871 61
	<u>\$2,114 25</u>

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Previously acknowledged.....\$7,930 84

OCT.

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Total.....	<u>\$7,975 59</u>

The light of eternity flashed in my face
As a loved one entered the gate,
I saw the work that remained for me,
As in the vineyard I wait,
The hearts to gladden, the souls to win,
That tumble along the way;
The eyes now heavy with tears of sin,
To cheer with tidings of day,

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