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Subjects for Prayer.

DECEMBER.—For the speedy conversion of the Jews, Mission work in France, Spain, Italy and other European countries.

"But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away."—*II Cor., iii, 15, 16.*

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth, say, Come. And let him that is athirst, come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."—*Rev. xxii, 17.*

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Day of Special Prayer for Foreign Missions.

A meeting for special prayer under the auspices of the Board of Management, W. F. M. S., will be held in Toronto during the week of prayer, on the day set apart by the Evangelical Alliance.

for Foreign Missions. Meetings of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands outside Toronto will fix their own date. The following programme has been arranged :—

1. Hymn 92.
2. Prayer. Adoration ; and invocation of the Holy Spirit.
3. Scripture. Joel ii., 28 and 29 ; John xvi., 7 to 13.
4. Hymn 169.
5. President's remarks.
6. Psalm xcvi., verses 1, 2, 3, 4.
7. Prayer : Thanksgiving for the privilege of service ; for workers at home and abroad ; for guidance received, and for God's abundant blessing on the teaching of His own truth.
8. Hymn 121.
9. Prayer. Confession of indifference and coldness, selfishness and worldliness ; Supplication that all the members of our Society may be aroused to the need of earnestness in the Lord's work, and of definiteness and expectation in prayer, and that our officers may have special grace and wisdom.
10. Scripture. 2 Kings, v., 1-16.
11. Prayer for Mission Bands : That all the young people in our church may be led to take an abiding and practical interest in Foreign Missions, and that suitable leaders may be raised up for them.
12. Hymn 265.
13. Prayer : That all our Missionaries may be strengthened and sustained in their work ; Thanksgiving for tokens of the power of the Holy Spirit in the numbers who have been led to confess Christ in our foreign fields, and prayer that multitudes of secret believers may be enabled to witness for Him.
14. Scripture : Romans x.
15. Prayer for the speedy conversion of the Jews ; thanksgiving that our church has been enabled to begin mission work

among God's ancient people ; prayer that abundant means may be forthcoming to carry on this and all the missions of the church.

16. Hymn 342.

NOTE.—We would refer those of our readers who desire further suggestions on this subject, to an article re-printed from the *Missionary Review of the World*, in the September Leaflet, entitled "Praying for Missions," which contains many helpful thoughts.

Increase.

Presbyterial Societies.

HAMILTON.... Kirkfield, "Earnest Workers," Mission Band.

".....Jarvis, "Knox Church" Auxiliary.

PARIS.....Tilsonburg, "Avondale" Auxiliary.

WINNIPEG....Winnipeg, Westminster Church, Young Woman's Band.

GLENGARY....Bainsville Auxiliary.

BRANDON....High Bluff, Young Woman's Band.

LANARK AND RENFREW.Egansville, "Hopeful Workers," Mission Band.

Life Members Added in November.

Miss Leamen, Parkdale Auxiliary.

Mrs. S. Moore, Caledonia.

Mrs. J. D. Ross, Souris, Manitoba.

Miss Strachon, St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Toronto.

Mrs. J. B. McLaren, Columbus.

Miss Maggie Thomson, Renfrew Auxiliary.

Hints to Mission Band Workers.

BY MISS SHORTREED, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MISSION BANDS.

One of the first difficulties that arise, when missionary work among the children and young people is spoken of, is the securing of someone who is suitable and willing to take the Band in charge and train it.

Inexperience, lack of knowledge, and timidity or nervousness are three excuses often given by those who are considered by others as fitted for the work. No one should decline the work for these reasons.

Experience can only be gained through time and trial, attended it may be with many discouragements, but success will surely rest upon the one who does not become faint-hearted. Knowledge of missions is sure to come to the one who earnestly takes up the work ; for have we not all experienced that the more we are interested in and have our minds occupied with any work, the more alert we are to notice all that bears upon that which is of such special interest to us. The same will be found true in this work, and so before long the mission band leader will have the satisfaction of knowing that she has learned much, if not all, about missionary work, and is learning more every day.

For the nervous and timid there is no better field in which to begin than the juvenile mission band. The most sympathetic audience is one of children, and there is certainly no other before which all thought of self will so soon vanish.

One thing the leader needs to be at the outset and that is an earnest Christian filled with love to her Master, and the desire to bring others to a knowledge of His love. If she be this, and sees before her an opening for work as president of a Mission Band, and in humble trust accepts the position, there is no fear but blessing will attend her efforts. To be president of a Mission

Band means work and watching, but what thing worth doing does not? It means time, patience, study, earnest thought and prayer, but whatever the work attending the position, the leader is more than repaid by the blessing that comes to herself through it.

Having secured a leader, the next question is "how best to carry on the work of the band," in other words, what methods to adopt. This is a question difficult to answer so as to meet the needs of all, and it will be possible to mention only a few methods here. The work of our Mission Bands is mainly to instruct and interest the young in the needs of those in heathen lands, and for this purpose systematic study will be necessary. Begin then with the junior Band, if it is large and composed of boys and girls or of girls only, from say five to sixteen years of age, divide it into classes and have assistant leaders or teachers to take charge. Have the opening and closing exercises and any entertainment together, but for the study of the field under consideration let the Band separate into classes. It is exceedingly difficult to prepare a lesson so that it will interest all in such a Band as that mentioned above, but by means of classes, each teacher, knowing what her class can do, is in a position to prepare the lesson for them so that it will meet their needs. This applies of course only to large Bands in which the ages vary, or where there are boys and girls. In the small Bands, where all are about of an age, and in senior Bands the class system would be unnecessary.

How shall the work be made interesting? Three things are essential, first, every member must be alive to the needs of the work and pray for it. If all the members join their prayers continually before the Throne of Grace the Band will become a mighty power. Earnest prayer cannot be too much urged, and the blessings flowing from it cannot be numbered. The prayers

both in public and private should be definite—the subjects given on the prayer card and letter leaflet for each month, and if there is any matter particularly concerning the work of the Band, urge the members to make it a subject for prayer. This is a part of missionary work in which all, from youngest to oldest, rich and poor, can bear a part and without which all our working and giving will count for little. Sentence prayers have been found of great help in training children to take part publicly in prayer. At first they may not be able to use their own words ; begin by asking each member to come prepared next day with a prayer text, either written out or committed to memory. Then on the day of meeting let the president lead in a short prayer, asking the members to follow with their texts. In this way they become accustomed to hearing their own voices while in the attitude of prayer, but as soon as possible they should be urged to use their own words, and to help this it is well to announce at the previous meeting what subject will be specially prayed for, that all may be united and definite in their petitions. A simple Bible reading occasionally on this and other subjects is helpful and gives the members an opportunity of taking part in, and seeing the importance and bearing of Bible study on missionary work.

The second essential for a successful and interesting Mission Band is that every member feel keenly her responsibility for the success of the Band of which she is a member, and seek earnestly to discharge that responsibility, It is wrong and unjust for a member to think that the president, secretary and treasurer, because of their positions, are bound to be present at every meeting, so far as they possibly can, while she, because only a member, can therefore allow any trifle to keep her away. The fact that she is a member makes it as binding upon her to be

present as does the office of president upon someone else. In becoming a member she has voluntarily assumed a responsibility which she ought to seek conscientiously to discharge.

In junior, and in senior Bands too, have as many offices as possible, for the fact remains, in spite of all that ought to be, that an office bearer feels herself pledged in a way the ordinary member does not as yet. The president, secretary and treasurer should be elected for one year, but the other offices may be filled for three or six months at a time, and so in turn include all the members.

There could be a Programme Committee to aid the president in preparing the programme. They may not be much help in planning it, but can save her many steps in putting it into effect. A *Map or Geography Committee*, to arrange for maps and if necessary prepare them, as well as get all the information they can as to the geography of the country being studied. A *History Committee* to take charge of that division, an *Illustration Committee* who will be on the lookout for curiosities, pictures or any little thing that will serve to illustrate and make more real the lesson. In addition to these there can be a *Musical Committee* or choir, an *Arrangement Committee* to see that the room is ready, bright and comfortable for the meeting, a *Recruiting Committee* to bring in new members, and a *Visiting Committee* to call on absentees. The *Executive Committee* may be separate from these, or composed of one from each as may be deemed best.

Now all these committees, or even a few of them, mean work for the president in one way, while they save her in another. It is necessary that she guide and control the working of each, but at the same time it is very necessary that the members feel that the entire responsibility of that part of the Band's work rests on them, and on them alone for the time being.

So many committees may sound appalling, and would perhaps be too many for any ordinary Band, but they will serve as suggestions to be adapted to the needs of special cases.

In taking up the study of the mission fields, do it slowly, if you are going to do it thoroughly, and study carefully every particular you may be able to glean about the country and people. Some of it may seem to be more along the lines of geography and history, but never mind, they have to do with an intelligent understanding of missionary work, and are of interest to the members. Just here let me repeat what I once heard a lady say when speaking on this subject, "be sure the children have one fact firmly rooted in their minds before passing on to another." It is very easy to get hazy ideas, and there is no room to spare for such, so be methodical and systematic in the arrangement of missionary lessons. To make sure that the lessons are being retained, have a short review each day of the preceding lesson. For this purpose it has been found a good plan to appoint two or three who will come prepared to tell all they remember of the lesson, and when they have done, if anything has been left out, ask the other members to give it. Change the reviewers each day, and so have all take part.

The programme can be varied by music from the choir or by readings or recitations from one or two, this however, has to be determined by the material in the Band. The *first* object should be to instruct, and not merely entertain, and the instruction can be made so interesting and entertaining that even the children will not weary of it.

It is not advisable or profitable to be always having something novel for the meetings, or someone from outside to give addresses. Once or twice a year it is helpful, but when resorted to continually it becomes a source of weakness, and the Band fails to accomplish one of the ends for which it was formed, namely the

developing of the powers within itself, and becomes a group of young people dependent upon the strength of persons and things outside themselves.

Now, as to the third part of Mission Band work, viz: *Giving*. If we have the two first. praying and working, the third will come naturally in greater or less degree as the members have the power.

The giving should be as systematic as the study and should be done from principle, not from any whim or impulse. We can find in the Bible all the instruction necessary for acceptable giving, and a very simple Bible reading on the subject will be found of much value. Discourage the giving of money that has been asked for, for that purpose, from parents, and encourage them to give a part of what they may be earning or may receive from parents as an allowance to meet their expenses. There are many who have no regular allowance or income and who are often at a loss to know how to get any money to give. Many such have taken orders from friends for some article they may be skillful in making, and have given the money so earned to the Band. Encourage the members in real self-denial offerings. Our mite boxes are very useful for receiving such from time to time, and the opening of them may be made the occasion of something special in the way of programme. Improving talent money is another source by means of which some are enabled to give.

One thing though, let all the offerings be *voluntary* and of the members' own income or earnings, and not raised by bazaars or other outside agencies. Never mind if the sum be less than it might have been if aided by a sale, it is the free-will offering of the members themselves and will be blessed to them of God.

One word to Band leaders, Take for your motto "*Never be discouraged,*" and for your strength *unceasing prayer*. Do not

measure your Band by any other, each has its peculiar advantages, as well as disadvantages, and what would be good for some other Band might be but poor for yours. Strive always after the highest, with all the power and talent God has given you, and He will add His blessing.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Good-bye.

FROM MISS JANET WHITE.

*33 Queen Margaret Drive, Kelvinside, }
Glasgow, Oct. 26, 1893. }*

Just a few hurried lines from my own dear home. I am with my dear mother, brothers and sisters, and have been privileged to spend two happy days and nights with them.

We (Mr. Russell and I), leave to-night by the express train for London, and will (D.V.) reach there at 6:45 in the morning, then meet the rest at the Liverpool-St. station at eleven o'clock to go on board the S.S. Carthage.

Our voyage across was fairly good, but so slow, on account of bad coal and dodging icebergs. Captain Taylor was so kind to us all, and did all he could to make us comfortable. We reached Liverpool on the morning of the 24th, Cook's agent met us and relieved us of all anxiety. The customs passed everything unopened.

Excuse a hurried letter as I cannot leave my mother, and the time is drawing near to go from her once more.

My youngest sister has made me glad by resolving to shape the remaining part of her education with a view (D.V.) to being a worker yet in the foreign field.

Good-bye, with love to you and all the ladies.

Preparing to Sail.

FROM MISS JESSIE GRIER.

Ashton Hayes, Crester, Eng., Oct. 24, 1893.

I thought perhaps you might like to hear from me before I leave England. Though I am sorry to leave my home, still I shall be glad to be getting towards my future work and home, and the day after to-morrow will find me started. We are only four and a half hours run from London, so will just go up the evening before. The boat sails Friday morning the 27th. My heavy luggage has gone and I have my ticket and everything about ready for starting off myself.

Mrs. Wilson kindly wrote me from London last week, saying they were in England and the rest of the party were to follow on from Canada.

I was very sorry to hear that Miss McWilliams was on her way home through ill health, and sincerely hope and pray that this party may have health and strength given them for many years work in India.

CENTRAL INDIA.

High Caste Women Interested.

FROM MRS. CAMPBELL.

Rutlam, Sept. 18, 1893.

Judging from the usual signs, our rainy season is about over. On the whole I think it has been one of the most pleasant rainy seasons I have experienced in India. The breaks have been frequent and pleasant, and we have not had the heavy down-pours (at least so far), which we have had in former years. All the same there has been the usual amount of sickness, interfering considerably with the work.

I have written you of the Bohrs women, and of their interest

in our visits. It was not easy for me to visit them regularly, so I have long wished for a good woman, knowing Urdu well, who would visit them regularly. I had such a one for a time but she was too weakly to be of much help. But you will be glad to hear I have lately secured a woman who seems well adapted for this work. She had, however, only just begun when she was taken ill, first with fever, then with some liver trouble, but she is nearly all right again, and in a day or so, will, I hope, be able to resume her visits. I have also lately engaged another woman for Hindi work, so that we have now four women especially engaged in Zenana visitation. Those just referred to are up in sewing, crochet, knitting, etc., which our old stand-by, Lahesh-mibai, is deficient in. In some houses this is wanted, in others it is not, so we arrange accordingly.

Last Friday I had a visit from the ladies of a high caste family (the head of the house is one of the court officials), six in all, all handsome, and with the exception of the youngest, a child of eight, all Purdah women. They had been talking of coming for some time, but were delayed, I think, till some necessary visit had been paid at the palace. They arrived in two closed gharries, a servant saw that no men were about, and to make their seclusion more sure, a chuddar was held up as they got out. After showing photographs, taking them over the house, and explaining different arrangements, I pointed to my husband's study, and asked them if they would come in (Mr. C. was at work there). This they could not do, but they drew back the door purdah a wee bit and peeped in, and were rewarded with a glimpse of Campbell Sahib, as they call him. The non-Purdah young lady, however, entered and watched some writing being done on the typewriter, then, making a very graceful salaam, withdrew and joined the others.

Now that the ice has been broken I hope they will come again, for I am sure it must be good for them to get a little outing, and to see something of our way of living. Most of these ladies are well read in Hindi and know something of other lands and people, but notwithstanding all they have read and heard, they are still idolaters.

There is a great deal of idolatry in this place. Here is something that is new to me. Just a little way out from our gateway there are marks and spots of red paint with flowers, and the marks of two feet on the middle of the road, made fresh every day, and women doing *pooga* to them. The meaning of this is, that some men have gone on a pilgrimage to the Ganges, and till their return the women of their families are thus worshipping the road they have taken. Is it not terribly sad?

My time is almost up, so I had better not risk losing the mail by waiting to give excuses for my long silence.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Misses O'Hara and McKellar, expect to leave Bombay to-morrow, for a trip to Ceylon, which, I hope, will set them all up. Mrs. Buchanan is well again, I am thankful to say. Dr. Buchanan is kept very busy with patients just now, having a daily attendance of from 90 to 100.

We are both fairly well. Mr. Campbell joins me in sending kind regards.

Why our Missionaries Break Down.

FROM MRS. WILKIE.

Indore, Sept. 27, 1893.

Another letter has been received reminding me of my duty to the Leaflet which we receive regularly and enjoy.

We have lost another worker at Indore, when, humanly speaking, she could ill be spared, but we know that God's ways are best. It was a great trial for Miss McWilliams to give up the

work and for months before she left she strove against weakness and hoped that the disease might be stayed. Her native land may do for her what an Indian climate could not, and we trust that she may be spared to work many years for the Master although in lines somewhat different from what she had chosen.

We are often asked the question "How is it that so many Zenana workers break down?" The climate of India is adverse to the health of Europeans. Few constitutions can stand the constant worry and nervous strain of life here, with so little of the stimulating influence of sympathy, which goes so far to lighten the burdens of life. Much of the work has to be done in the midst of surroundings that are anything but healthy. The impure air from the insanitary surroundings, the constant recurrence of scenes that try both the stomach and the nerves make Zenana work trying.

School work generally, has to be carried on in small, improperly ventilated rooms, and the exhalations from thirty to one hundred or more, crowded into such places in this hot climate, is anything but healthy and this must necessarily be the state of things at first. In most of our stations many centres are tried before a permanent, satisfactory one is found. After this has been secured, in many cases after long and patient effort, sites upon which to build may be secured. For instance, we may now be able in Indore city to secure property, but that would have been impossible twelve years ago.

Even if we had satisfactory school buildings we cannot in all cases overcome the effects of the surroundings. The school must be where the children can be gathered together. That means among the people, whose ideas of sanitation are far removed from ours, and such is the case in all our native cities. Class rooms in a second story are more healthy than those on the ground floor and are sought for and secured when possible.

Gradually these difficulties will be overcome. India's conservatism—the growth of centuries—will not be broken down in a day, or in a year, but the gradual dropping of the water wears away the stone, and the disintegrating influences at work are already showing manifestly their power.

If those at home will but secure the means and pray for wisdom and guidance to use it aright we will be the better able to seize on the opportunities presented and so gradually overcome the unfavorable surroundings that have proved so hard on our mission staff. Buildings cost money and without them work has to be carried on at the sacrifice of health. No one grumbles at doing what is possible even at the risk of health.

The lives of the workers are worth some money and life lost is money lost to the church, even taking a low estimate of the value of the workers. The English Government values each soldier in India as worth at least one hundred pounds, even at that rate each missionary is worth a school house, and to save a missionary it is surely worth while spending the money on such a building where it can be obtained.

Were each member at home to give one-tenth his income, what a flood of money would flow into the church treasury. When the heart is right and the love true, is that too large a sum to give in the interests of the kingdom of our Saviour when He for us, gave up all, even His own life.

NORTH-WEST INDIANS.

Growth and Encouragement.

FROM MISS B. J. JOHNSTON.

Alberni, B. C., Sept. 20, 1893,

For about a month I have been going to write you. Being without a missionary you will naturally be anxious about us

Miss Minnes returned in good health and seemed glad to get to work again. School opened on the 14th of August with 17 pupils ; since then the number has increased to 20. Thirteen of them live at the mission and one boy who comes from the Opitches-ahts every morning has dinner with us—ten girls and four boys in all.

Mr. McKee finished the school-house on the 6th of September. The Indians helped very little, " Jack " and " Gallic " being the only ones worthy of mention, and neither of them have children going to school. Gallic is a married man.

We had an opening ceremony in the evening, the school-room was nicely decorated, we gave the children tea on the lawn. They are very fond of picnics or changes of any kind. Mr. Guilod, the Indian Agent and other friends of the mission took part and a very pleasant evening was spent. We were all so glad to have it finished, that we sang very heartily " Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

One thing that I think will please the ladies is, that I did not ask for one of the children whom we have ; their mothers brought them and asked me to take them, which to me is an evidence, that they appreciate the efforts put forth in their behalf. I am offered more children every week and Mr. McDonald promised to take eight from Uchuckleset as soon as we got a new building, and we are praying that the way may be opened for a new building.

There are not many of the Indians at home ; those who went hop-picking have not returned.

Two weeks ago Mr. Cushion, a native missionary from Nanaimo, preached morning and evening in the New School House and at the Opitches-ahts in the afternoon in Chinook, and Peter, Esther's father spoke to the people in Indian. He used to act as interpreter for Mr. McDonald.

We have a girl of whom I feel like telling you, aged 16 years. She was so hard to get on with at first and so many times I have looked at her almost in despair of being able to do anything with her. She is coarse featured and when not in good humor one would say ugly, and at other times her whole appearance would be changed as if a soul of beauty, shining out, had beautified every feature. She would disobey and make others disobey, and when spoken to would talk back and mutter the most awful things until I was truly thankful that I did not understand her. I had been asking very earnestly for guidance in dealing with them and with her especially. I could do nothing of myself. One morning she would not get up, and she could neither be persuaded nor forced. So we sat down to breakfast without her. After we got started, I thought I would go up and speak to her, which I did. After a good deal of coaxing she said she did not feel well, so I came down and prepared her a cup of tea, cut some bread thin, buttered it, and spread jelly on it and carried it up to her. To say that I gained a victory is putting it very mildly. You never saw so changed a girl. We have not had much trouble with her since. Miss Minnes often asks what has come over her, but I know that it is the subduing influence of God's Holy Spirit, and it is another evidence that He hears us when we call upon Him, and that He will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.

There are many encouraging things I would like to tell you if time would permit. Will you remember our children before the Throne of Grace, and especially a sick girl Bella. She is not with us; we have her brother Harry and sisters Eva and Jean. I know that we are not forgotten and it is very comforting when discouragements arise. "Into each life some rain must fall," but His mercies are new every morning

and as our day so shall our strength be. There are so many precious promises to rest upon and when so many do not know Him one naturally lives closer to Him.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

Supplies for 1894.

Clothing for Indian women and children in our Canadian North-West, presents and prizes for children attending our Mission Schools in India, and also for pupils in connection with the Missions in Trinidad.

Barrie Presbyterial Society.—To provide for the school at Portage la Prairie, twenty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.—Miss Fraser.

Brockville Presbyterial Society.—To provide for the old and feeble on Mis-ta-wa-sis Reserve.—Rev. A. W. Lewis.

Bruce Presbyterial Society.—To provide for women, and the old and feeble on Pasquah's Reserve.—Rev. W. S. Moore.

Chatham Presbyterial Society.—To provide for the children in the school at Regina, one hundred children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.—Rev. A. J. McLeod.

Glengarry Presbyterial Society.—To provide for the children in the school on Round and Crooked Lakes Reserve, forty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.—Rev. Hugh McKay.

Hamilton Presbyterial Society.—To provide for the children in the school on Stoney Plains Reserve, twenty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.—Mr. G. J. Welbourn.

Huron Presbyterial Society.—To provide for women, and the old and feeble on Stoney Plains Reserve.—Mr. G. J. Welbourn.

Kingston Presbyterial Society.—To provide for the children in the school at Prince Albert, twenty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterian Society.—To provide for the children in the school on Crowstand Reserve, sixty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.—Rev. C. W. Whyte.

Lindsay Presbyterian Society.—To provide for women and the old and feeble on Bird Tail Reserve.—Rev. J. McArthur.

London Presbyterian Society.—To provide for the children in the school at Regina, one hundred children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.—Rev. A. J. McLeod.

Maitland Presbyterian Society.—To provide for women and the old and feeble at Indian Head.—Rev. A. J. McLeod.

Ottawa Presbyterian Society.—To provide for the children in the school on Crowstand Reserve, sixty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.—Rev. C. W. Whyte.

Orangeville Presbyterian Society.—To provide for women and the old and feeble on Round and Crooked Lakes Reserve.—Rev. Hugh McKay.

Owen Sound Presbyterian Society.—To provide for women and the old and feeble on Muscowpetung Reserve.—Rev. W. S. Moore.

Paris Presbyterian Society.—To provide for the children in the school on File Hills Reserve, twenty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.—Mr. Alexander Skene.

Peterboro' Presbyterian Society.—To provide for the children in the school on Round and Crooked Lakes Reserve, forty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.—Rev. Hugh McKay.

Quebec, Auxiliaries and Mission Bands.—To provide some gifts and prizes for the children in the schools in Trinidad.

Sarnia Presbyterian Society.—To provide for the children in the Pirtle school, forty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen.—Mr. G. G. McLaren.

Saugeen Presbyterial Society.—To provide for the children in the school on Mis-ta-wa-sis Reserve, twenty children, boys and girls between the ages of five and sixteen. Rev. A. W. Lewis.

Stratford Presbyterial Society.—To provide for the children in the school on Muscowpetung Reserve, thirty children, boys and girls, between the ages of five and sixteen. Rev. W. S. Moore.

Toronto Presbyterial Society.—To provide for the children in the school on Okanase Reserve, twenty children, boys and girls between the ages of five and sixteen. Miss McIntosh. Also clothing for the women and the old and feeble on the reserve. Rev. Geo. Flett. To provide for any other needs that may arise during the year.

Whitby Presbyterial Society.—To provide for women and the old and feeble on Crowstand Reserve. Rev. C. W. Whyte.

In regard to the Societies in the Presbyteries of Brandon, Minnedosa, Regina, Rock Lake, Winnipeg and Columbia, the Committee have made no allotment, considering that in consequence of their position they are liable to frequent appeals for assistance from the Indians and Chinese.

Note from Supply Committee.—It is earnestly requested that at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Societies committees be appointed to receive and pack the supplies for the North West, and see that only clothing of good quality be forwarded.*

The addresses of missionaries and directions for shipping will be given in the June LEAFLET.

It is better to send all contributions in money to the Central Committee, in order that any deficiency in the supplies sent in may be provided for.

*Basques or tight-fitting garments are useless.

Report of Supplies of various kinds forwarded to the North-West Indian Reserves and Central India.

BY THE W.F.M.S. FOR 1893.

The list is as follows :—

Barrie Presbyterial Society.—To Round and Crooked Lakes Reserve, 970 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble. Consigned to Rev. Hugh McKay.

Brockville Presbyterial Society.—To Okanase Reserve, 1010 lbs. clothing for the children in the school. Consigned to Miss Cameron.

Bruce Presbyterial Society.—To Muscowpetung Reserve, 900 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school. Consigned to Rev. W. S. Moore.

Chatham Presbyterial Society.—To Muscowpetung Reserve, for women and the old and feeble, 900 lbs. Consigned to Rev. W. S. Moore.

Glangarry Presbyterial Society.—To Birtle, 890 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school. Consigned to Mr. G. G. McLaren.

Guelph Presbyterial Society.—To Birtle, eight bales of clothing for the children in the school, weighing 1500 lbs. Consigned to Mr. G. G. McLaren.

Hamilton Presbyterial Society.—To Crowstand Reserve, 1700 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school. Consigned to Rev. C. W. Whyte.

Huron Presbyterial Society.—To Mis-ta-wa-sis Reserve, 1200 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school. Consigned to Rev. A. W. Lewis.

Kingston Presbyterial Society.—To Crowstand Reserve, 880 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble. Consigned to Rev. C. W. Whyte.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial Society.—To File Hills Reserve, 3500 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school and for women and the old and feeble on the reserve. Consigned to Mr. Alexander Skene.

Lindsay Presbyterial Society.—To Round and Crooked Lake Reserve, 900 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school. Consigned to Rev. Hugh McKay.

London Presbyterian Society.—To Round and Crooked Lakes Reserve, 2400 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school. Consigned to Rev. Hugh McKay.

Ottawa Presbyterian Society.—To Central India, 480 lbs. of gifts and prizes for the children in the schools and some supplies for the hospital at Indore. Consigned to Miss Sinclair, also 70 lbs. to Regina for the children in the school. Consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

Orangeville Presbyterian Society.—To Stoney Plains Reserve, fourteen bales of clothing for the children in the school. Consigned to Mr. G. J. Welbourn.

Owen Sound Presbyterian Society.—To Portage la Prairie, 720 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school. Consigned to Miss Fraser.

Paris Presbyterian Society.—To Crowstand Reserve 1500 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school. Consigned to Rev. C. W. Whyte.

Peterborough Presbyterian Society.—To Mis-ta-wa-sis Reserve, 880 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble. Consigned to Rev. A. W. Lewis.

Quebec Presbyterian Society.—Box, weighing 100 lbs. of gifts and prizes for the children in Mrs. Morton's school, Trinidad.

Sarnia Presbyterian Society.—To Assiniboian Reserve, 930 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble. Consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

Saugeen Presbyterian Society.—To Indian Head, 1000 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble. Consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

Stratford Presbyterian Society.—To Bird Tail Reserve, fourteen bales of clothing for women and the old and feeble. Consigned to Rev. John McArthur ; also a box of gifts and prizes for the schools in Central India, from the Mission Bands.

Toronto Presbyterian Society.—To Pasquah Reserve, 780 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble. Consigned to Rev. W. S. Moore. To Okanase Reserve, 820 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble. Consigned to Rev. Geo. Flett. To Birtle, furnishings for the new school. Consigned to Mr. G. G. McLaren.

Toronto Presbyterian Society.—1040 lbs. for Birtle.

Whitby Presbyterian Society.—To Stoney Plains Reserve, 610 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble on the reserve. Consigned to Mr. G. J. Welbourn.

St. Stephens, N.B.—To Regina, 380 lbs. of clothing. Consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

St. John, N.B.—To Regina, one case household goods. Consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

Cavendish, P.E.I.—To Regina, one bale clothing. Consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

Kensington, P.E.I.—To Regina, 175 lbs. clothing. Consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

St. Stephen, N.B.—To Regina 380 lbs. clothing. Consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

Acknowledgments of Clothing.

FROM MISS FRASER.

Mission School, Portage la Prairie, Oct. 12, 1893.

The clothing shipped to our school by the Owen Sound Presbyterian Society arrived safely a couple of weeks ago. We have finished unpacking the bales to-day. Everything is of an excellent quality. We heartily thank the ladies for the abundant supply which they have sent us. We shall be able to keep our children comfortably clothed, as well as sharing with the poor and needy at the tepees during the cold months of winter.

Our school is going on very nicely, we have seventeen attending, now—five boys and twelve girls. All are very bright, I think quite equal to the average of white children. The larger girls are becoming a real help to us and even the little ones are anxious to help us. To-day we started house-cleaning and the smallest one was ready to lend a helping hand.

A number of our Indians are away at present duck shooting. On this account our services on Sunday are not so large as they otherwise would be, but much interest is shown by those who have not gone.

We, along with the Indians, feel very much the removal of Mr. Mackay from Portage. He has always been such a faithful helper in the tepee work, and had won the confidence and respect of all the Indians. We will miss him very much indeed, but trust that God in His goodness will soon send us another helper.

We expect work to begin on our woodshed in a few days.

FROM MISS M. S. M'INTOSH.

Okanase Reserve, Oct. 13, 1893.

The supplies for Okanase Indian School from the Presbyterian Society of Brockville came to hand on the 2nd inst. in good order. They were both abundant, good and useful. There will be no lack of material for industrial work. As the weather is quite cold now I gave all my girls ulsters, and the boys overcoats. I cannot tell you how proud and happy they were. I thank you for your promptness in sending the goods.

FROM REV. HUGH M'KAY.

Round Lake, Whitewood P. O., Oct. 14, 1893.

We received this day from Whitewood the three bales of goods from Lindsay Presbyterian Society.

The goods came in good order, well packed and every article sent is useful. Those warm quilts are just what we require, and they will make comfortable the beds of our little scholars or help to protect some poor, old, shivering body from the keen bite of the north wind. The stockings, the little pants and coats and shirts are much appreciated, and Mrs. McKay often said when we were unpacking the bales "that is just what we want."

The carpet sent is beautiful, Mrs. McKay is delighted with it. We do not know how to thank the ladies for the kind interest they have taken in our school. We pray that God may bless the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

FROM REV. JNO. M'ARTHUR.

Beulah, Manitoba, Oct. 15, 1893.

I have received safely and in good condition the fourteen bales of clothing sent from the Stratford Presbyterial Society to the Indians on the Beulah or Bird Tail Reserve. The clothing is suitable and good, the supply of quilts is abundant, and will be a great blessing to the needy Indians here this winter. On behalf of the Indians I desire to thank most heartily the kind christian women who have exerted themselves so much for the comfort of the poor Indians..

FROM REV. A. J. M'LEOD.

Industrial School, Regina, Oct. 26, 1893.

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Oct. 14, enclosing a shipping bill for clothing sent by the Saugeen Presbyterial Society for the Indians at Indian Head. I have not yet been advised that the goods have arrived, but when they do I will attend to the distribution and report to you.

I have been negligent in acknowledging the receipt of the bales sent to this school by the Sarnia Presbyterial. During the past six weeks we have had a good deal of sickness among our hundred children, more than at any time in the past. It was the critical condition of one of the children that partly accounts for my delay in making due acknowledgment of the handsome gifts that came to us from Sarnia.

The bales with the warm quilts, and splendid clothing were most acceptable and will help us very much in keeping down our expenses.

As you know this school is now placed on the same basis as any other mission school of the church. Before July the Government defrayed all expenses of the school, but now we receive a per capita grant, which, together with the help we receive from the church, must defray all our expenses.

Would it not be a wise plan if the W. F. M. S. would procure

some magic lantern slides to be circulated among the mission schools of the church. They would interest and profit during the long winter evenings. I have over 100, but most of the children have seen them more than once.

I am sending a group photo. of a little girl and ten boys, that we had taken the other day. They are (all but two) recent arrivals, and come from the neighborhood of Duck Lake, to the north of Regina.

MISSION STUDIES.

Miss Ferrier's fifth paper on Trinidad is in our hands, but is held over till next month for want of space.

NOTICES.

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

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

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

Letters containing remittances of money for the W.F.M.S. may be addressed to Mrs. MacLennan, Treasurer, 10 Murray Street, Toronto.

All requests for life-membership certificates should be sent to Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 254 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, to be accompanied in every case by a certificate that the fee has been paid.

All correspondence relating to the sending of goods to the North-West, or other Mission fields, will be conducted through the Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. A. Jeffrey, 142 Bloor Street West, Toronto.

Miss Shortreed, Assistant Home Secretary, 224 Jarvis Street, Toronto, will conduct correspondence with Mission Bands, and will be glad to receive items of news or helpful suggestions relating to this branch of the Society's work.

All letters to the Board not directly bearing upon work specified in the above departments should be addressed to Miss Haight, Corresponding Secretary, Morvyn House, Jarvis Street, Toronto.

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