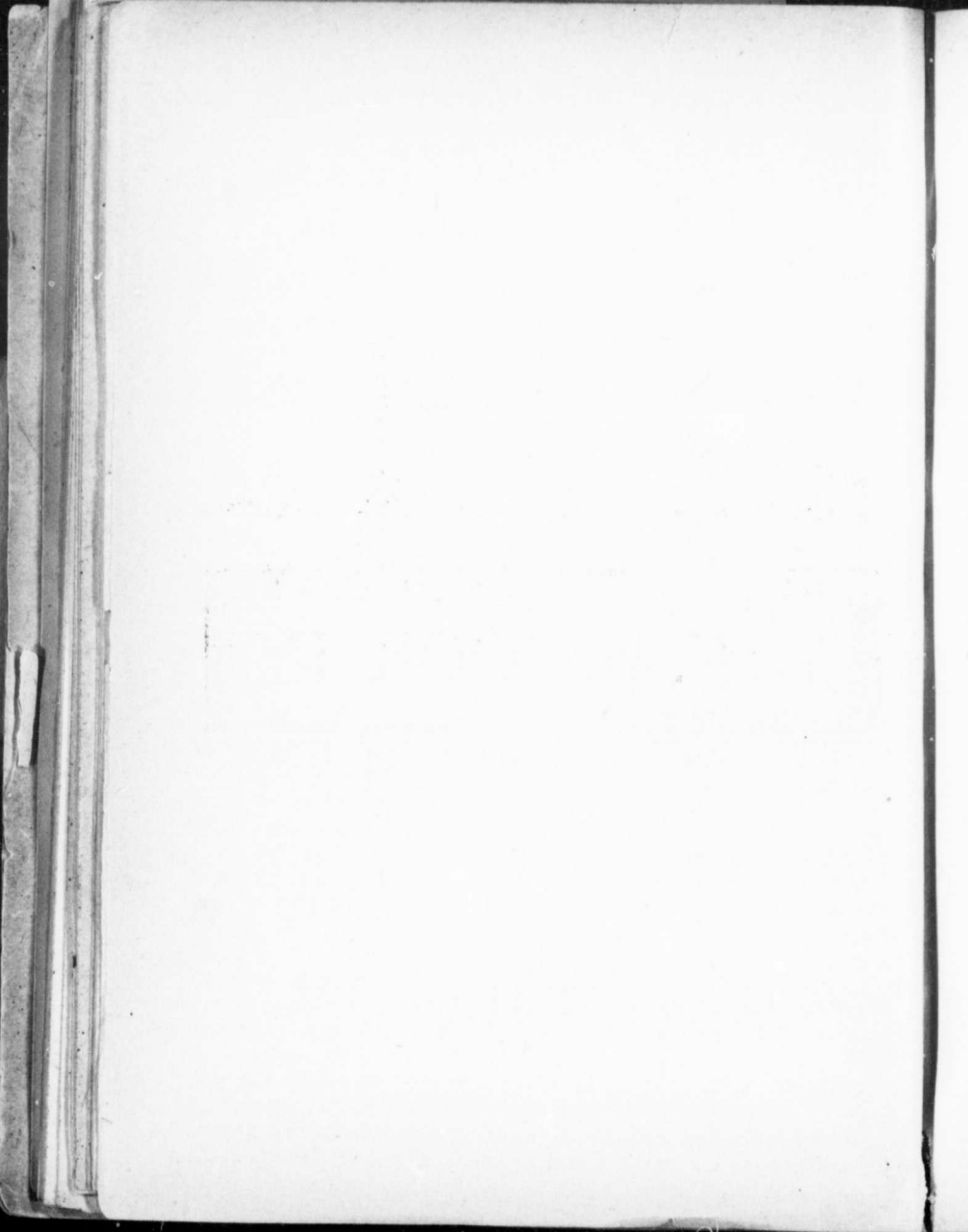


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REPORT

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MISS BEATTY, M.D.,

INDORE, CENTRAL INDIA.

I have not much to say, because I have not done much, my time having been mostly devoted to Hindi. Just now my medical work takes a good deal of time, because the greater number of my patients have to be visited in their houses. I have treated about forty patients; the greater number of these are subjects of chronic disease, and can only be reported as relieved. One death has occurred. All the other acute cases have either been cured or are progressing favourably at the present time. My patients are of all classes, from the pauper to the princess, and from sweepers to Brahmins. I have very been kindly received wherever I have gone. In some places the people express deep gratitude to God for having sent me to them. The native doctors whom I have met have treated me with the utmost kindness and courtesy. I was called to see a woman in a Brahmin family; I found her very dangerously ill, and thought it necessary to visit her twice a day. So much attention seemed to arouse suspicion as to my motives, and I was rather coldly received; I asked for a consultation; two days after they did call Dr. Gampat Sing. In the meantime the patient was steadily improving; this fact, together with Dr. Gampat Sing's very decided approbation of the treatment I had adopted, and some strong advice

from him, has quite changed their bearing towards me. They are now anxious to do just as I tell them, and are, moreover, rather active in finding more patients. I have a woman engaged to act as interpreter; she is also studying materia medica, and I hope that she will be a help to me by being able to dispense medicines when I get my dispensary established. A native gentleman has asked me to give regular instruction in physiology, hygiene and domestic medicine, to a class of women; and another has offered me a room in his house in which to teach them. At least nine women are ready to attend the class as soon as it is opened. I should have been quite lost without the assistance of the ladies here. They have given me a great deal of time and assistance, especially Miss McGregor, who is almost a partner in my work in the city. My own stock of medicines is small, and I shall require a large assortment soon; but with Mr. Wilkie's dispensary, his large stock of experience and ready assistance, to fall back upon, I feel quite safe.

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**EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF REV. J BUILDER, MHOW,
CENTRAL INDIA.**

The Girls' Schools and the work among the women have been under the care of the Misses Stockbridge, who have rendered excellent service. Miss Minnie resumed her duties in January after being away for a year at Woodstock school, thus relieving her sister Miss Katie, who is now attending the same school. Miss Stockbridge still continues in the work. In the school they have had difficulties to contend with, and some have been of a trying character. On one occasion a girl was seized with a kind of epileptic fit, and her friends said that she had been possessed with a devil for attending a Christian school. This was so firmly believed that the parents offered a fowl to their idol for her recovery, and others withdrew their children from the school. Notwithstanding, the average daily attendance for the year has been twenty-three, with forty-nine names on the roll. They have also conducted a Sabbath school in a village near Mhow, and great interest has been manifested in the truth taught. It is from this place that we received the request from

the women for a day school. The average attendance at the Sabbath school has been twenty. In addition to school work, they have visited regularly twenty-one Hindoo and two Parsee homes, generally having from seven to ten women present on each occasion. Their assistants, Lakshuibai and Hannabai, still continue faithful.

NOTE.—The Misses Stockbridge are engaged in mission work among the women and children in Mhow, and this year have had charge of the school established by Mrs. Frazer Campbell, as well as the other Girls' Schools at this station.



EXTRACTS FROM REV. MR. HODNETT'S LETTER.

BIRTLE, 21st May, 1885.

MY DEAR MADAM,—

Your most interesting letter of the 29th of April has been upon my table for quite a long time. The clothing you sent was certainly well adapted to the wants of the parties for whom it was intended. It is impossible at the present hour to calculate how much the efforts of Christian missionaries to teach those people have saved to the country even in blood and treasure. The Indians of this reserve are of the Sioux tribe. There are about thirty families of them; about one hundred and fifty people on the reserve. They have a church but it is old, and they have drawn up logs to erect a new church this summer. They have no school house, but use the church. There is, however, a house for the teacher, the property of the Foreign Mission Committee. The Government pay the teacher \$300, and we pay \$300 more per annum. Our Indians say they were approached by Riel's runners, but refused to have anything to do with the rebellion. We are entirely free from the effects of the rebellion here, except in so far as it has created an excitement and taken away some of our men. I had the Indians in here the other day. They told me they expected that two of their young men, away at school or college in the States, will have learned music, and the poor fellows are ambitious to have an organ in their church some day. I am afraid that is in the far future. I was glad to learn that your year's work has been

so successful and satisfactory. We can stand hard work so long as we are inspired by success.

With truest regards and kind remembrance to yourself and the Society you represent,

Yours faithfully,

W. HODNETT.

NOTE.—Birtle is situated on the Bird Tail Creek, Manitoba, a few miles south of the Manitoba & North-Western R.R. The Bird Tail Creek Reserve is on the Assiniboine River, a short distance south of Birtle, in the neighbourhood of Fort Ellice. Elkhorn is the nearest station on the Canada Pacific R.R.

AN EXPLANATION.

A request sometimes comes from an auxiliary that its contributions may be devoted to a special field, and the Board desires to give a general explanation why this is inadvisable.

The Society, as a whole, being itself auxiliary to the General Assembly's Foreign Mission committee, undertakes, annually, to do its best to raise the necessary money for certain objects indicated to it by the Committee, and this undertaking can only be carried out by the loyal co-operation of the auxiliaries. It will easily be seen that if one and another Branch Society allocates its money to objects other than those named, there will be a danger of the Society falling short of its engagements; or a larger sum than necessary may be sent in some year for one portion of the work, and not enough for another. It has been the experience of sister societies in the United States, that grave difficulties have arisen in this way. Certain responsibilities have been incurred, and, owing to the change of interests in some quarters, while the liberality of members has not been less, there has been a deficiency in the funds needed to meet these obligations.

The Board is aware that, at first, it seems to create a deeper interest in a branch society to have its particular representative in the field, or to know exactly to which field its contributions go; but it is hoped that members will see the reasonableness of their being asked to send in their money to the general fund

without limiting its use. Let us trust the judgment of those who are year by year appointed by the General Assembly to superintend the Foreign Mission work, that the means at their disposal will be distributed wisely, and with due consideration of the comparative needs of the different fields in which our Church is working. And let each of us *make her offering prayerfully* TO THE LORD for His work among the heathen, believing that in this, as in other things, if what she asks is according to His will, "it shall be done."

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EXPLANATION.

The following emendations to the Constitution for a Presbyterian Society have been presented by the Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting to consider the Constitution, and suggest changes for the approval of the Society at next Annual Meeting. The modifications have been accepted by the Board, and, in view of their probable acceptance at the Annual Meeting, are printed in the leaflet, for the use, if considered desirable, of Presbyterian Societies forming during the year.

Articles 3 and 6 are changed.

Article 11 is omitted.

Articles 3 and 4 in the By-laws are grouped, and now form Article 3.

Article 3.—The officers of the auxiliaries (or their substitutes), two delegates from each auxiliary, and the Presidents of the Mission Bands, shall be Managers in the Presbyterian Society.

Article 6.—The Presbyterian Society shall hold its Annual Meeting at Meeting of the Presbytery, and the Presbyterian officers shall meet in session with the Managers previously, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of all business connected with the Society. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

BY-LAWS.

Articles 3 and 4.—The Secretary must keep the Home Secretary of the Central Boards informed of the condition of the Presbyterian Society, and shall prepare and forward to her

the Annual Report, with a list of officers. She shall record the proceedings of the Society, give notice of meetings, and attend generally to the correspondence of the Society.



CLOTHING FOR INDIANS.

Will Secretaries whose societies can send clothing for Indian women and children in our North-West, please communicate with Mrs. H. Campbell, Home Secretary, 194 Richmond Street West, Toronto, in order that addresses at the different stations may be sent them.



NEW SOCIETIES.

Johnson and Daywood Auxiliary, organized by Miss Scott. Brockville Auxiliary and Spencerville Auxiliary, by Mrs. Thorburn; these, with Prescott Auxiliary, now form three Societies in Brockville Presbytery.

Leslieville Mission Band, in Toronto Presbyterial Society, by Mrs. Harvie.

Ripley Auxiliary, in Maitland Presbyterial Society, by Mesdames Cameron and Leask.

NOTE.—The reprinting of the missionary letters is reserved by the Board of Management.

