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# Monthly Letter Leaflet

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

(WESTERN DIVISION)

VOL. XII.

TORONTO, APRIL, 1896.

No. 12.

## Subjects for Prayer

APRIL.—Central India: The Medical and Zenana work, for our Boarding and Day Schools, Assistant Teachers and Bible-women.

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

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

## Names of Missionaries in Central India.

INDORE.—Rev. J. and Mrs. Wilkie; Rev. A. P. and Mrs. Ledingham; Dr. Marion Oliver; Dr. Margaret McKellar; Miss J. White; Miss J. Grier; Miss Ptolemy and Miss Chase.

MHOW.—Rev. N. H. and Mrs. Russell; Dr. J. J. Thompson, Dr. W. Grant Fraser; Miss I. Ross; Miss K. Calder.

NEEMUCH.—Rev. W. A. and Mrs. Wilson; Dr. C. R. and Mrs. Woods; Dr. Agnes Turnbull; Miss J. Duncan, and Miss C. Campbell.

RUTLAM.—Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Campbell.

UJJAIN.—Rev. W. J. and Mrs. Jamieson; Miss Jamieson.

DHAR.—Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Russell; Dr. Margaret O'Hara; Miss I. Dougan.

TO THE BHEELS.—Rev. Dr. J. and Mrs. Buchanan.

ON FURLOUGH.—Miss Sinclair.

## HOME DEPARTMENT.

### Request for Special Prayer.

At the beginning of last year the Board decided to set apart some time at each regular meeting to be spent in special prayer for an increase in the spirit of liberality throughout the Church, that what is necessary to the efficient carrying on of the various Schemes might be forthcoming, so that the

serious responsibility might not rest upon our Church of rejecting those into whose heart the Lord had put the desire to carry abroad the tidings of salvation. We asked then that all branches of our Society would unite earnestly with us in this vital matter. We ask it again now. There is much need that we should all "pray without ceasing" if disappointment and sorrow in our beloved mission work is to be averted. We learn from Rev. R. P. MacKay that the receipts for the general F. M. fund are, at the date of writing, March 2, over \$7,000 less than at the same date last year. A considerable addition to the staff has been made during the year, and the work is extending in all directions. Will not every member of our Society continue earnestly in prayer to Him whose resources are infinite, that the necessary funds may be raised? "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, believing, ye shall receive."

### Increase.

#### PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETIES.

- Toronto.*—Richmond Hill Auxiliary.
- Winnipeg.*—Winnipeg, Knox Church, Young Woman's Band.
- Glengarry.*—Charlottenburg, Beulah Auxiliary.
- Glengarry.*—Ridge Auxiliary.
- Kingston.*—St. Columba, Mission Band.

### Life Members.

- Mrs. T. R. Haig, Westminster Auxiliary, Toronto.
- Miss S. B. Greeley, Ellengowan Auxiliary.
- " Charlotte Dickson, St. Paul's Auxiliary, Peterboro'.
- " Kate Grant, St. John's Juvenile M.B., Brockville.
- Mrs. Stewart, Perth.
- " M. H. Sinclair, Carp.
- " W. Gauld, Formosa.
- " C. W. Whyte, Crowstaad, N.W.T.

### Treasurer's Statement.

#### RECEIPTS.

Feb. 4th.—Balance in bank.....	\$2,154 92
"    " —Mrs. Mellis and two daughters, Terra Nova, Ont. (per Mrs. Ewart).....	7 00
" 10th.—Ottawa Presbyterial Society.....	1,630 24
" 11th.—St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Maple.....	25 00
"    " —Chslmer's Church Auxiliary, Quebec.....	102 07
" 13th.—Y.P.S.C.E., Knox Church, Stratford, for support of a native teacher in India.....	25 20
" 18th.—Teeswater Home and Foreign M.B., for support of a Bible woman in India.....	25 00
" 21st.—Lethbridge Auxiliary.....	26 60
"    " —Chinese Class, Lethbridge (for China).....	65 00
" 22nd.—Alberta M.B., Lethbridge.....	12 00
" 27th.—Barrie Presbyterial Society.....	1,249 13
"    " —M. McD. Stevenson.....	1 00
" 29th.—Stratford Presbyterial Society.....	1,359 54
Mar. 2nd.—Guelph Presbyterial Society.....	2,118 92

\$8,801 62

EXPENDITURE.

Feb. 4th.—Sec. of Supplies postage from Dec. 1st. to Feb. 1st.	3 23
“ “ —Corresponding Sec., postage.....	1 57
“ “ —Foreign Sec., postage.....	1 15
“ “ —Home Sec., postage from Nov. 5th to date.....	6 35
“ “ —Balance in Bank.....	8,789 32
	<hr/> \$8,801 62

**Annual Meeting.**

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Division) will be held in St. Paul's Church, Peterboro', on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 21, 22 and 23, 1896.

A cordial invitation is extended to delegates from every part of the Society throughout the Western Division.

**Programme.**

Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.—Devotional Meeting in the Church (President in the chair).—Address.—Reports of Presbyterian Societies.—Prayer: Home Work and Workers.—Nominating Committee to meet at the close.

Delegates will present credentials and receive their badges at the close of the meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Miss B. MacMurchy will receive Railway Certificates on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Tuesday Evening, 7.30.—Conference of the Board comprising the thirty-six Managers and Presbyterian, Auxiliary, and Mission Band Presidents and Presbyterian Secretaries and Treasurer's (or their substitutes.) A pink badge will be provided for substitutes. Presidents' substitutes are not entitled to vote in the election of officers.

Wednesday, 10 a.m.—Praise.—Reading of Scripture.—Prayer: Adoration and Invocation of the Holy Spirit.—President's Address.—Praise.—Presentation of Annual Reports; Board of Management; Foreign; Home.—Praise.—Supply; Publications; Financial Statement.—Reception and adoption of Reports.—Praise.—Letters of greeting.—Reception of Delegates from Sister Societies.—Prayer: For Foreign Work and Workers.

Wednesday Afternoon, 2.30.—Praise.—Prayer: For the suffering Christians in Armenia; for all who are enduring persecution for the sake of the Gospel; for Nations and Rulers, and that peace may prevail in all lands.—Report of Nominating Committee.—Business from last year.—Solo.—Address.—Praise.—Prayer: Thanksgiving for our Colleges, Schools and Hospitals, and for native Christians, that they may be established in the faith and that the Holy Spirit may prepare all hearts for the reception of the truth.—Conference of Presbyterian Secretaries of Supplies, or those acting for them, with Mrs. Jeffrey at the close of this meeting.

Wednesday Evening, 8 o'clock.—Public meeting in St. Paul's Church.—Addresses.

Thursday, 10 a.m.—Meeting of Board for the election of officers in the school-room.—Devotional Meeting in the Church at 10.30 a.m.

Thursday, 11.30 a.m.—Praise.—Arrangements for next Annual Meeting.—Practical Papers: Mission Bands, organization, preparation for meetings and manner of conducting them.—Missionary Libraries.—

Discussion.—Prayer : For Mission Bands, that many consecrated leaders may be raised up, and that the young of our Church may take up Foreign Mission work with earnestness.—Prayer : For the women of our Church, for the extension of the work, for our LETTER LEAFLET and Literature, and for the development of the spirit of liberality and self-sacrifice.—Praise.

Thursday Afternoon, 2.30.—Praise.—Announcement of new Officers and appointment of Executive and Nominating Committees.—Prayer—For the Board of Management and all officers of the Society, that they may be divinely sustained and directed.—Disposal of the money.—Dedicatory Prayer.—Praise.—New Business.—Question Drawer.—Closing Words.—Closing Prayer.—Praise:

[It is expected that the Rev. E. M. Wherry, D.D., now resident in Chicago, for many years missionary of the American Presbyterian Church in India, and for some time principal of a Missionary College there, will address the public meeting on Wednesday evening. Miss Sinclair will address the Society on Wednesday afternoon.]

### Concerning Delegates.

The following representatives from each Society, in addition to the thirty-six managers, are entitled to entertainment : From the Presbyterial Society—the President, Secretary and one delegate ; from the Auxiliary—the President or her substitute, and one delegate ; from the Mission Band—the President or her substitute.

In accord with Article 8 of General Society Constitution these delegates must be members of the General Society to be entitled to vote.

These names should be sent in not later than April 8th, that entertainment may be provided. Secretaries are also requested to furnish their delegates with a copy of their credentials, containing name of delegate and of the society represented, to present at Peterboro'.

In past years considerable difficulty has been caused the Billeting Committee through the names of delegates not being properly certified to and forwarded in time ; the Board has therefore decided again this year to appoint a COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS, the Convener of which is Miss Isabella L. George, 277 Jarvis Street, Toronto, to whom the names of all delegates must be sent by the secretary of the society they are to represent, giving also the Presbyterial Society to which the Auxiliary or Band belongs.

In sending names of delegates, please be particular to state *whether or not a billet is desired*. In the case of any who may not wish to be billeted, the Secretary will kindly forward to Miss George the name and address of the friend with whom the delegate expects to stay. Miss George will forward all names to Peterboro'. Delegates will receive notice of the names and addresses of their hostesses from the billeting secretary in Peterboro', to whom replies should be sent in good time, stating explicitly, when possible, the train by which guests may be expected to arrive. The official billet does not extend beyond the three days of the meeting. It is hoped that in no case will the travelling expenses of delegates be paid out of missionary funds. Where it is found expedient to pay such expenses, a special fund should be provided.

## Railway Regulations Regarding Reduced Fares to Annual Meeting.

Delegates and members of the Society attending the Annual Meeting are requested to give special attention to the following points:—

1. The railroad companies have agreed to the following terms, viz., *One way first-class fare* for round trip, if 300 or more delegates attend, who at the railway station, on starting, obtain from the ticket agent a standard certificate of purchase of first-class full fare one-way ticket; and, on return, present the said certificate at the railway station, duly certified and signed by Miss Bessie MacMurchy at the convention. *One fare and a third*, if the delegates number from 50 to 299, and *one fare and two-thirds* if less than 50 attend; *the return trip to be made by the same route as the going trip.*
2. All delegates, therefore, travelling by rail, even if the distance be short, will, on starting, ask from the agent, *at least ten minutes before the train is due to leave*, a "standard" certificate of purchase of ticket. No other form of certificates will be recognized.
3. *If more than one Company's line is travelled over, an additional certificate should be obtained on purchasing a ticket at point of junction. ASK YOUR AGENT FOR A THROUGH TICKET.*
4. "Certificates procured from the agent at starting point more than three days (Sunday not included) prior to commencement of meeting (April 21st), and certificates presented more than three days (Sunday not included) after date of close of meeting (April 23rd), will not be honoured for tickets for return trip.
5. "Certificates that bear date of purchase of ticket for going trip after the last day of the meeting will not be honoured for return passage."
6. "Certificates are not transferable, and the signature affixed at the starting point, compared with the signature to receipt for ticket, will enable the ticket agent to detect any attempted transfer."
7. "*No refund of fare will be made on any account whatever, because of failure of the delegates to obtain certificates or to observe the requirements of the same.*"
8. All members of the Society attending the Annual Meeting can secure the reduced railway rates, but only credentialed delegates will be provided with entertainment.

### Letter Leaflet Notice.

The LETTER LEAFLET year ends with the April number. All orders for the May issue must be in the hands of the Secretary of Publications not later than April 12. Will Presbyterian Secretaries please see that the printed forms sent them by Mrs. Telfer are filled in and forwarded by the above date?

### International Union of Women's Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Societies.

#### THE SECOND CONFERENCE

In connection with the above Union will be held, D. V., in the Queen's Rooms, Glasgow, on the 24th and 25th of June, 1896. Among the subjects

of interest to the friends of Women's Work on the foreign field, the following important topics will be considered: Home organization for foreign service; Place of prayer in our work; Qualifications of workers, both Medical and Educational. There will also be a number of short addresses on the condition of Christian work on the foreign field by lady missionaries, representing many lands, and many Churches, while the now familiar "Question Box" will, it is hoped, elicit the special difficulties of sympathizing friends. The meetings will be attended by numerous delegates from Churches and Societies in Canada and the United States, and the British Colonies, as well as from the different Presbyterian Churches in Great Britain, and a cordial welcome will be extended to all ladies.

A committee of ladies is at present at work in Glasgow, arranging the meetings and allocating homes for expected delegates; it is requested that all delegates will send their names and addresses to me as soon as possible in order that they may receive cards from their hosts.

ELIZABETH MATHEWS, 25 Christ Church Avenue,  
Brondesbury, London, N. W.

### A Useful Book.

We have received from The Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto, "The Missionary Pastor. Hints for developing the missionary life in Christian work." Edited from the material of the Educational Department of the Student Volunteer Movement. Price 75 cents. Officers of Auxiliaries and Bands who wish helpful suggestions in arranging programmes for meetings will find what they seek in this little volume. Although the book has been prepared specially for the use of the Missionary Pastor, its contents will be equally appreciated by the Auxiliary President, and particularly by the M. Band leader, to whom Chapter III., on missionary classes, covering forty pages of the book, and containing courses of study, full of ideas and plans for carrying on missionary instruction, will be of inestimable value. There is also a carefully selected list of books suitable for a small missionary library, and a chapter on missionary maps and charts with directions for making them. All the information is given in concise form and the methods are most practical.

"From Far Formosa." Price of Canadian edition \$2.00.

### Meetings of Presbyterian Societies.

PETERBOROUGH: The fourteenth Annual Meeting of Peterborough Presbyterian, was held in Cobourg, February 11th and 12th. Notwithstanding the prevailing snow blockade a large number of delegates attended, Mrs. Neil F. McNachtan occupied the chair throughout the day sessions. The following officers were elected: President Mrs. Neil F. McNachtan. Cobourg; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. McClelland, Havelock; Mrs. J. K. Smith, Port Hope; Mrs. A. MacWilliams, Peterborough; Mrs. C. S. Lord, Grafton; Treasurer, Mrs. James Craick, Port Hope; Recording and Literature Secretary, Miss Craick, Port Hope; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Graham, Lakesfield; Associate Cor. Sec., Mrs. Laird, Port Hope. Mrs. MacWilliams, of Peterborough, by her soul-stirring "Opening Words," gave an inspiration to the whole meeting, following as they did Mrs. J.

K. Smith's delightful Bible Reading on "Christ's Reception and Commendation of Woman's Service." Brief verbal reports of branches were given by many of the representatives present. Unrepresented branches were reported by Mrs. Graham, Cor. Sec'y. At second session, Mrs. McClelland conducted a short Bible Reading on "The Heathen," after which the President gave a kindly greeting to all present, and reviewed the history of our work for the past year. Mrs. Burnet, of Cobourg, extended a characteristically sisterly welcome to the delegates. Mrs. Cattanach, of Centreville, who would have acknowledged the welcome, was unavoidably absent, to the regret of all. Sister societies were represented by Mrs. Ward, King St. Methodist, and Miss Kerr, of the Division St. Methodist Churches. The Secretary's report and the Treasurer's statement were satisfactory and encouraging from nearly all stand-points. Our thirty-two branches have contributed to the general fund \$1,638.99 for 1895, besides about 1,200 lbs. of clothing for Miss Baker's School at Prince Albert, Sask. Other evidences of progress might also be enumerated. Mrs. MacWilliams, of Peterborough, sang a solo in excellent voice, after which Mrs. McCrae, of Collingwood, at one time our Presbyterial President, delivered an admirable address on "Mission work as touching the life and purpose of Christian women." All were agreed that it was good to have Mrs. McCrae with us again. During the collection the Misses Pearce sang a duet very sweetly. The evening session was presided over by the Pastor, Rev. J. Hay, B. D. There was a large audience present. Revs. C. S. Lord, of Grafton, and J. Gilchrist, of Baltimore, assisted in the devotional exercises and Rev. R. Laird, of Campbellford, conveyed the greetings of Presbytery in a very hearty way. Mrs. Graham, Lakefield, presented a summary report of the year's work. Rev. J. Frazer Smith, M.D., late of Honan, China, the speaker of the evening, gave a graphic account of the manners and customs peculiar to the people, amongst whom he laboured for five years. During the evening excellent music was furnished by the church choir, assisted by Miss Pearce, Miss Howden and Mr. Anderson. Wednesday morning's session was profitably begun by a helpful Bible Reading by Miss Russell, of Cobourg. After discussion on business matters, a series of five papers on Mission Band work was presented as follows: "Their Place and Importance," Miss Martha Dickson, Peterborough; "How to Revive and Maintain Interest," Mrs. Hamilton, Cobourg; "Importance of Sympathy Between Auxiliaries and Mission Bands," Mrs. Gilchrist, Baltimore; "Juvenile Work," Miss Lillian Hall, Peterborough, and Mrs. Lord, Grafton (the latter paper was read by Miss Robson, of Vernonville). These papers were of great excellence, and our Mission Bands must surely receive an impetus from them. The closing session, Wednesday afternoon, was given almost entirely to business, and many matters of importance were discussed with interest, vigor and good-will. In regard to the note to Auxiliaries in the December LETTER LEAFLET, it was unanimously agreed that the time for reading the Presbyterial Reports be left entirely in the hands of the Board. In regard to the appointment of a Mission Band General Secretary, the opinion is that any appointment which would tend to weaken the bond between Bands and Auxiliaries would be unwise; but that a Mission Band Secretary in direct affiliation with the Home Secretary would obviate such risk. In regard to the notice of motion from St. John's Auxiliary, Brockville, as contained in the February LETTER LEAFLET, the unanimous opinion is that Article II. of the Constitution should remain un-



changed. Anent the notice of motion from St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Kingston, our Society agrees that it would be wise to reserve the option of voting a grant to the F. M. Beard in case of an emergency and if deemed advisable by the W. F. M. S. to do so, but it is opposed to meeting the difference in the salaries of married missionaries, as compared with the amount paid single men. During the meeting the following ladies led in prayer: Mrs. Lord, Grafton; Miss Forsythe and Mrs. Stewart, Peterborough; Miss Martha Dickson, Peterborough; Mrs. Johnston, Millbrook; Miss Cochrane, Port Hope; Miss Gilchrist, Baltimore; Miss Crosby, Campbellford, and Mrs. McClelland, Havelock. The kind hospitality of the Cobourg ladies was much appreciated.

SUSIE E. GRAHAM, *Secretary.*

LINDSAY.—The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Lindsay Presby-  
cerial was held in Uxbridge, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 18th and  
19th. There were about sixty-five delegates present, Mrs. Ross, Lind-  
say, the President, presiding. The meeting was opened Tuesday morning  
by a prayer meeting and Bible reading, conducted by three ladies, each of  
whom occupied twenty minutes. In the afternoon, after the opening  
exercises, greetings were given by the Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians,  
and the Society of "The Friends," in Uxbridge. The Secretary reported  
the following in regard to the work during the year:—That there were  
576 Auxiliary members and 69 members of the General Society; that the  
Auxiliary at Cambay had been re-organized and a Mission Band organ-  
ized at Wick to be called "Leask-McMillan" Mission Band; that alto-  
gether there are twenty-one Auxiliaries and six Mission Bands; that the  
supply to the North-West was double that sent last year, amounting to  
1,240 lbs. of clothing valued at \$488 82; that 400 copies of the LETTER  
LEAFLET had been circulated throughout the society; that a baby organ had  
been sent to Miss Calder, India, during the year. A very interesting  
letter was read from Miss Calder acknowledging the organ and giving some  
account of her work. The Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Walker, Uxbridge, re-  
ported the total contributions to be \$1,407.78. At this stage of the meet-  
ing Miss E. Gross and Mrs. McLean, Lindsay, sang an appropriate solo.  
Miss Sinclair was to have spoken at the afternoon meeting but telegraphed  
that on account of illness she would be unable to be present. Although it  
was a keen disappointment to all her place was most acceptably filled by  
the President, Mrs. Ross, who gave a most interesting address, telling  
briefly of the work done in the different fields and showing how great is  
the work that remains to be done. After the closing exercises of the after-  
noon, tea was served in the schoolroom for the delegates and their friends,  
provided by the Uxbridge, Zephyr, Leaskdale and St. Andrew's Scott  
ladies. In the evening a public meeting was held at which addresses were  
given by Rev. J. W. Macmillan, Lindsay, on the work in British Columbia,  
and by Rev. Dr. Smith on the work in Honan. Music was provided by the  
Uxbridge choir. The Wednesday morning's meeting was devoted to busi-  
ness. After the opening exercises the reports from the different Auxiliaries  
and Mission Bands were read by the Secretary of each. The report of the  
Secretary of Literature was read by Mrs. Walker, Uxbridge, and the  
report of Secretary of Supplies by Miss Dunoon, Cannington. Miss  
Dunoon also read a very interesting letter from Miss MacLaren, of the

Birtle School, acknowledging the clothing and giving a full account of the work done in the school. The officers for 1896 are : President, Mrs. Robt. Ross, Lindsay ; Vice-Presidents, 1st, Mrs. Frankish, Uxbridge ; 2nd, Mrs. McKay, Sunderland ; 3rd, Mrs. Armstrong, Zephyr ; 4th, Mrs. McDonald, Eldon ; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Walker, Uxbridge ; Secretary, Miss Lillie H. MacLennan, Lindsay ; Secretary of Mission Bands, Miss D. Dunoon, Cannington ; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Stewart, Lindsay ; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. McKinnon, Fenelon Falls. After the business in connection with the Society the questions remitted by the Board were discussed. It was decided that the suggestion from Hamilton in regard to the reading of the Presbyterian reports be sustained ; that our Society recommends no change be made in the allotment of the money ; and that a Mission Band Secretary be appointed. At the Wednesday afternoon session a paper written by Mrs. McKinnon, of Fenelon Falls, on "Spiritual Benefit of Mission Work to the Workers at Home," was read by Miss Ross, Cannington. Mrs. Grant, of Toronto, gave a very interesting address on the work in India from an external point of view. This was followed by a duet "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," from the Misses Gould. An interesting paper "Plea for Mission Band Work" was given by Miss Florence Fair, of the Ivy Mission Band, Lindsay. Then followed a discussion as to the best ways of carrying on Mission Band work. Mrs. Glendinning, Sunderland ; Mrs. Bethune, Beaverton ; Mrs. J. Campbell, Woodville ; Miss Quigley, Leaskdale ; Mrs. Jas. Watt, Uxbridge, and others, took part in the devotional exercises of the meeting.

LILLIE H. MACLENNAN, *Secretary.*

BROCKVILLE : At the business meeting of the Brockville Presbyterian held in Winchester, February 24th, and largely attended, the notices of motion were taken up with the following result : 1. With regard to the suggestion from Hamilton it was unanimously decided "That inasmuch as the reports of Presbyterian Secretaries are not only the result of much thought and care, but the reading of them has been the means of inspiring our women with more confidence, and are always of interest to our workers, we recommend that due prominence be given them in the exercises of the annual meeting of the parent Society of which they form an important part." 2. We recommend the advisability of appointing a Secretary for Mission Bands for the whole Society. 3. From St. John's Church Auxiliary, Brockville.—It was carried unanimously, by a standing vote, that the Brockville Presbyterian continue loyal, and uphold the constitution in its entirety and integrity. 4. From St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Kingston—"That inasmuch as the Foreign Mission Committee of the General Assembly take special pains to make out the estimates of the W. F. M. S. each year, and in so doing have our most perfect confidence, we recommend that our funds may, as heretofore, be left in their hands to dispose of, according to these estimates.

GUELPH : The eleventh annual meeting of the Guelph Presbyterian was held in the Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, on the 26th and 27th February. About seventy delegates, representing nearly every Auxiliary and Mission Band within the bounds of the Presbytery, were present.

There were four sessions, Wednesday afternoon and evening and Thursday forenoon and afternoon. The first session was principally occupied with the President's address, Treasurer's, Corresponding and Leaflet Secretaries' reports, and reports from Mission Bands. There are twenty-seven Auxiliaries and thirteen Mission Bands in the Presbyterian. Four Auxiliaries and one Mission Band were organized during the year, and none were disbanded, which were in existence at the beginning of last year. All the societies report progress, or that they are holding their own in spite of difficulties. All look forward hopefully to the future. The total membership is 1,328. Of this 174 are General Society and six are Life members added during the year. The total amount sent to the Treasurer was \$2,118.92. This is a slight falling off from the previous year, but, if the hard times and scarcity of work in our manufacturing towns is considered, the decrease is not surprising. The value of clothing, etc. sent to File Hills Reserve and School was \$625.00. The quality of the material sent was superior to any previous shipment. Nearly all the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands contributed, and from manufacturers in Elora, Hespeler and Galt came webs of flannel and tweed, scarves, hoods, mitts, etc. Several Societies very thoughtfully contributed, besides clothing, a little money with which the Supply Committee was entrusted to purchase such articles as might be deemed necessary. Accordingly forty pairs of boots and shoes were bought which proved a welcome addition to the other supplies. Nor were the missionary and his family forgotten. One Auxiliary, Acton, sent a pretty carpet for their parlor, and sundry small presents of toys and other things. Only one or two societies report number of Scattered Helpers or amount contributed by them. The LEAFLET Secretary reported that 1,027 LEAFLETS had been subscribed for, seven y-six more than last year. On Wednesday evening a public meeting was held, when addresses were given by Rev. R. P. Mackay, the Missionary Secretary and Rev. Dr. Smith, of Honan. The forenoon and afternoon of Thursday were spent in listening to papers and addresses on themes pertaining to the constitution and work of our Societies, reading Auxiliary reports, election of officers and other business. A resolution was passed urging the General Society to retain the custom of devoting its first session to devotional exercises exclusively. The result of the ballot for officers for 1896 was as follows: President, Mrs. K. Maclean, Guelph; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. D. McCrae, Guelph; Mrs. Rae, Acton; Mrs. Watt, Acton; Mrs. Watt, Guelph; Mrs. Rose, Elora; Treasurer, Miss H. Cant, Galt; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. Kerr, Galt; Recording Secretary, Miss Kate Dunnet, Galt; Leaflet Secretary, Miss J. McCrae, Guelph. Much of the success of the meeting was owing to the kindness and hospitality of the ladies of Waterloo who left nothing undone which would contribute to the comfort or enjoyment of the delegates. The next Presbyterian meeting will be held in Chalmer's Church, Guelph.

TORONTO: The eleventh Annual Meeting of the Toronto Presbyterian was held on Friday, February 28th, in Dunn Avenue Church, Parkdale. It was largely attended, about 500 being present; representing about 43 Auxiliaries and 19 Mission Bands. The morning meeting, after a short devotional session, was devoted to business, election of officers, etc. The Secretary reported 88 Societies, 57 Auxiliaries and 31 Mission Bands. Of these 8 had been organized during the past year. The total membership

in the Toronto Presbyterian is 2,670. The Treasurer reported the sum of \$5,712.56 contributed for the year, about \$200 short of last year. The Secretary of Supplies gave a most encouraging report; the donations sent in were larger and better than ever before, and valued at \$1,722.64. The officers elected were: Mrs. Gray, President; Mrs. Frizzell, Mrs. Hossack, Mrs. Mutch, and Miss Gordon, Vice-Presidents; Miss Reid, Treasurer; Miss George, Secretary; Miss Craig, Supply Secretary; Miss Harris, Leaflet Secretary. The suggestion from the Hamilton Presbyterian was approved of. An expression of opinion was also taken in regard to the notice of motion from St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Kingston, which was not approved of. Miss Tennant read a most interesting and helpful paper on "Mission Band Work," and Miss McMurrich gave a "Map Exercise," at the afternoon session. Miss Sinclair, from Indore, being present, kindly addressed the meeting. All who heard her were greatly delighted with this unexpected pleasure. The members of the Dunn Avenue Church did everything in their power to make the meeting a success, and their kindness was much appreciated by the delegates. ISABELLA L. GEORGE, *Secretary*.

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CHATHAM: The eleventh annual meeting of the Chatham Presbyterian was held in First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, Feb. 25th and 26th. Large numbers of delegates from the various congregations of the Presbytery were present. Miss Stone, the President, presided at all the meetings. All the sessions were highly enjoyable and profitable. Able papers were read on different subjects in connection with the work, such as "Hindrances to Auxiliary Work and how to Overcome Them," "Benefits Derived from Auxiliary Work," "Is it our Duty to Send the Gospel to the Heathen?" and "Our Relation to God." A very interesting feature was the "Mission Band Hour." An instructive lesson on the New Hebrides was given by Miss McCorvie, of Chatham, to a class present. The reports show increasing zeal and liberality throughout the Presbytery. One new Auxiliary has been organized during the past year. Five life members added; 328 copies of the LETTER LEAFLET have been distributed; clothing to the weight of 950 lbs., valued at \$325, has been forwarded to the Indians in the North West. The total membership of Auxiliaries is 304. The total amount sent to Treasurer from Auxiliaries was \$1,003.44. The report of the Mission Bands was also encouraging. There are now twelve Bands, with a membership of 249. During the year two new Bands have been organized and \$197.47 raised by the Mission Bands. The total contribution from Auxiliaries and Bands was \$109 in advance of last year. At the evening session Rev. R. P. McKay gave a very instructive address on "The Heathen: What is their Fate? and our Responsibility." Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Leamington, presented the Presbytery's greetings. Mrs. Watt, of Guelph, was present at the meetings and delivered an able address on "Women's Work for Women." The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Bessie Walker, Chatham; 1st, Vice, Miss Stone, Chatham; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Hunter, Ridgetown; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lizzie McNaughton, Chatham; Secretary Mission Bands, Miss Annie Walker, Chatham; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Bartlet, Windsor.

T. M. HUNTER, *Secretary*.

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

### CENTRAL INDIA.

#### A Call From Jaora.

FROM DR. MARGARET M KELLAR.

*Mission Hospital, Indore, C. India, Jan. 16, 1896.*

On my way home, from a village, the Bible-woman and I stopped an hour with a pretty, black-eyed Jewess. Seven or eight years ago, before her marriage, she had been taught by a missionary lady in Poona, so that she reads her mother-tongue well, and sings beautifully translations of our English hymns. While we were there she sang "Jesus loves me, this I know," "In the sweet by-and-by" and "I am thine, O Lord." How I wish that she could truly say the last words from her heart, but she has not yet had her eyes opened to see that Jesus is indeed the promised Messiah and the fulfilment of all prophecy. She and her husband must be interested in Him, and are inquiring about Him, for on the table was a book called "The Oriental Christ."

One of the advantages of two of us being together in the medical work, is that we are able during this cold season to go out into the surrounding villages. There are villages where we are received gladly, and we come home feeling happy, because many have listened to the story of Jesus and His love. Again, we turn away sorrowfully and feel like shaking the dust from our feet, because we have not had a hearing, or the people are too indifferent, or are wholly wedded to their idols.

Last week we received word to come to see a *Thakur's* wife who lives about ninety miles from here. I had to go to Jaora, beyond Rutlam, on the railroad and from there ten miles out in a *gari*. Jaora is calling loudly for a medical woman to our mission, and says if we do not go in and occupy, that a Lady Dufferin agent will be asked to come. I hope that our mission will see its way clear to allow Dr. Turnbull to work the field from Neemuch, until some one could be sent for Jaora from home. But to go back to my visit. On arriving in the city I was driven to a beautiful garden, the like of which can be found only in an Eastern land, where a tent had been pitched and comfortably furnished for me. The *Thakur's* secretary told me that I was desired to stay for two or three days, but as this had not been mentioned in his letter, I had not gone prepared for such a stay. When I said I could not, and asked to see the patient at once, there was a delay of over an hour. People in this land do not think that it adds to their dignity to do things in a hurry, so the hot and restless activity of the Western has often, to all appearance, at any rate, to become subdued and slow. A young brother-in-law of the patient's was in the room all the time except when I asked him to go out, as I wished to speak to the patient alone. But as soon as I had finished the examinations, she of her own accord asked to have him come in. His presence was no doubt intended to prevent me from talking to her about Jesus. So the visit ended in being a purely professional one. A liberal fee was given me and all expenses paid. I was then conveyed to Jaora in the *Thakur's* carriage.

I wonder if any one has written you about our happy Christmas. Early in the morning, 6.30, some of us sent out our little gifts to our fellow missionaries just to remind them a wee bit of the home-land across the sea. At 8 a.m. I had my Sunday School class of Mang women in, and after a

short service during which each one of them repeated the song the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to-ward men," to each of them was given a little gift to cheer them on their way. At 6 in the evening all the Christians gathered in the hall to have a social time. Hymns were sung in a manner hearty if not musical, and some were accompanied with music from native instruments. An address was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Johory, and to each of them a beautiful Bible, as a small token of the high esteem in which they are held by the congregation, and also as a slight acknowledgment of the good service which they are doing in the mission.

I suppose that most of the readers of the LETTER LEAFLET know that Mr. Johory is assistant pastor of the congregation, plays the organ at all the church services, teaches, and is in every way a happy, all-round consecrated Christian worker. He and his sweet little wife have charge of the "Industrial Home," and already have the joy of seeing good results from their labours.

The last scene of the day's entertainment was in another room, where we all sat down on the floor, tailor-fashion, and ate our supper of curry and rice with our fingers off platters made of leaves, fastened together with the small stems of other leaves. Some present were wise enough to bring their brass plates, so that what they could not eat then they were able to take home with them. There was but one thing to mar the day's joy, and that was Mr. Wilkie's absence, owing to an attack of fever. He is better now and away for a little rest. We were delighted to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ledingham and Miss Chase, B.A., and Miss Ptolemy. The mission staff forms quite a party here now—ten strong—and yet there is room for many more.

## Comfortably Settled at Work and Study.

FROM MISS PTOLEMY.

*Indore, Jan. 10, 1896.*

Your letter of welcome greeted me soon after my arrival. It was so kind of you to think of writing. It is when one is "a stranger in a strange land" that one appreciates letters from friends at home, and yet I feel very much at home already. The bungalow is much more comfortable and home-like than I had expected, and there is such a nice little party of missionaries in Indore, most of whom we see every day or two, that one does not feel alone.

Mr. Wilkie was so much run down from his extra work in connection with the college, that he did not recover very well after his attack of la grippe; so in order to gain strength to prepare him for the hot season, he and Mrs. Wilkie are taking a trip to Ceylon. Miss Grier also was needing a change, so she has gone with them. It seems rather strange here just now without them all, but we hope they will all come back again strong and well.

In the meantime we "new" missionaries are doing our best to fill in the vacancies. Mr. Ledingham takes quite a bit of Mr. Wilkie's work and Miss Chase and I each have a class in the college an hour each day. As the higher forms are taught in English we can manage this nicely, and it is such a help in getting acquainted with native characteristics to meet the same people each day, and be brought into such close mental relationship as teacher and pupil must be.

It is hard for me to say which I find most interesting—the study of the people or the study of the language. I enjoy both, but think I make more progress in the former. Some of the larger girls in the boarding-school speak English very well, and as they come into the bungalow every day to help a little with the work I am getting very fond of them.

While Miss Grier is away I am to have a sort of supervision over the city schools, Marathi and Hindi. Going in two or three times a week, and listening to the conversation between teachers and pupils, and trying to talk to them myself, will be a great help to me in getting up the language, more especially as I never hear Marathi except in the school. It is all Hindi that is used in church, prayer-meeting, boarding-school and around the house. In fact, though it is Marathi that I am *studying*, it is Hindi that I am *learning*.

There are some dear little girls in the Marathi school. Whenever I go in and see them I long more than ever to learn the language quickly so that I can spend more time with them. There are about seventy children and four teachers, two Christian and two heathen. It surprised me at first to know that heathen teachers were employed, but I was told that the poor superstitious parents would not send their children if *all* the teachers were Christians, yet they are quite willing to have the children taught from the Bible each day, and we hope that the good seed sown may bring forth much fruit in these young lives.

In the Christian community there is so much spiritual life and progress to be seen, that one feels very thankful and hopeful, but when this community is compared with the great city surrounding it which is almost wholly given up to idolatry, it seems so sad. One feels that if one had the strength of ten men, the wisdom of a hundred, and the patience, love and tenderness of a thousand, there would be need to use it all here. I thank God for allowing me to come and work for Him here, and yet every day I feel more and more how weak, and of myself unfit, I am to face the responsibility. Yet I am not alone. "The Lord is my helper"; and with such help how can I fail?

### The Work Opposed.

FROM DR. O'HARA.

*Dak Bungalow, Dhar, C.I., Jan. 14, 1896.*

We have had bitter, persistent opposition in the work lately, but until last week we did not think it was so deep-seated as it is. Almost from the first the owner of the house in which we carry on our work began placing restrictions on us, but he was told that the house was ours for six months. He objected to our services, said the singing of the hymns disturbed him, that he objected to Christians living in his house, and that he also objected to low caste people coming for medicine. At other times he would be quite friendly and always showed it by sending to borrow something, usually my newspaper. The past six weeks I saw or heard little about him and sent in the rent and receipt at the end of the month. The receipt he signed, and the rent he received without comment. On the 10th of this month he sent over word that the term for which the writings had been drawn was now up and that I would oblige him by moving out. I sent back word that I was ready to renew the

writings and would come over at his convenience. He sent a reply, "I do not wish to rent my house to you any more, and I shall be much obliged by your vacating by the evening at the latest." I then went to see him, taking with me Mr. Russell's two men, who were present when the agreement was first made. He said his only objection was that he did not want his house to be used as a place where Christianity was taught. He was willing to give his house for a dispensary if I would use it only for that purpose and not teach my doctrines. I told him if his religion was the true one it had nothing to fear from Christianity, and that if it was not, then surely he wanted to know the truth. He became quite angry and said the house must be vacated and that in Dhar I could not get another in which to carry on the work. Judging from the success I have had the past two days he knew whereof he spoke.

I came out to the tent and talked the matter over with Mr. and Mrs. Russell, and they advised asking the Assistant Prime Minister's opinion. He said I could not be compelled to leave the house without one month's notice, so I wrote telling the landlord that I required one month's notice. The following is the reply I received under registered cover :

"Dhar, Jan. 13, 1896.

"Respected Lady,—Yours of this date. I am not aware of any rule requiring one month's notice to be given to you, when there is a written agreement for six months. As, however, you wish it, you are hereby informed that I allow you to use the house for one month, *i.e.*, thirty (30) calendar days from 13th January to 11th February, 1896, both days inclusive. Please therefore arrange to vacate the house on the morning of the 12th February, failing which you will have to pay one rupee per diem.

Yours sincerely,

"MADHAW RAO POWAL.

"To Miss M. O'Hara, Esq., M.D.

"C. I. Mission, Dhar."

The "Esq." is a new appendage to my name, and struck me as the most amusing one I have had yet.

This trouble about the house has its affect on our Christians, and is drawing us all nearer to the Master. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have helped me so by their sympathy and prayers. On Sabbath, Mr. Russell's sermon was so helpful, and after it Bhagaji came to me and said, "Gangabai and I have wanted to give something towards the new hospital, but did not see our way clear to do it; but after hearing the sermon I feel we must. Take rupees five this month, and rupees five next month from Gangabai's wages, and let it go towards the building. How glad and thankful we were that the Lord is opening the hearts of His own children here.

Mrs. Pillay, my assistant, has been very ill for a long time and is away; her daughter, my compounder, is with her, so the work is rather heavy; but strength is given according to the need.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell make a perfect home for Miss Dougan and me. Our Mem Sahib is a beam of sunshine shedding joy and gladness on all. "A three-fold cord is not quickly broken;" but with a four-fold one like that in Dhar, all the opposition of heathendom can neither depress nor discourage us. We know that the work is His and He will carry it on in His own way.



## Story of Nerbuddhi.

FROM MISS WHITE.

*Indore, Central India, January 30, 1896.*

I am glad to say we are all very well and enjoying the lovely cool weather. The Boarding School girls are longing for the hot-days to come again. I believe we have had an unusually cold season this time, so am inclined to echo the children's wish. The cold weather seems very trying to the natives and our girls have had the usual coughs and colds, but it is no hardship to take the nice sweet cough mixture from the Hospital; indeed I sometimes think some of the coughs are got up for the sake of the mithai dowa (sweet medicine). Little Pyarie had two or three absences in her throat but thanks to Dr. McKellar's treatment she soon got better, and is now a very happy and contented little child, very dear to us all. She is in danger of being spoiled by her thirty-three companions, but we are on our guard and so far there is no sign of it.

Our latest addition to the school is a little girl named Nerbuddhi, but I fear I will not be allowed to keep her. Early last year Mr. Russell sent the child to me. Her father was a Brahmin and was baptized in Mhow a year ago last October, so the little girl came to us. She soon became a favorite, being very quiet and kind. Her father and mother came one day in the rainy season and took her away to visit some friends and I heard no more about Nerbuddhi till two days ago. She came to our school in the company of a native Christian woman, who was once one of our teachers. The child's appearance was very pitiful and the story told was very sad: the father had died a few days ago very suddenly with cholera, I suppose, while visiting his heathen relatives. The mother and child came on to Indore to visit this native Christian woman and the latter brought the little girl to our school. The mother is not a Christian and seems a very weak woman intellectually; now she has changed her mind and wants to take Nerbuddhi away from all Christian influence. She came to the school gate to-day and my time was spent coaxing her and talking to her. She cried a great deal, owned she was not a Christian and would like Nerbuddhi to be one, but not just now. The little girl cried too, but said she did not wish to go away again, if we would give her mother food and clothes too. I sent her to Mrs. Johory, who has charge of the Industrial Home for girls and the Widows' Home. To-night Mr. Johory came to tell me that she was settled in one of the little homes recently built for widows and was going to get some work to do, so the poor creature will be safe and will daily get religious instruction from Mrs. Johory. We will pray that the teaching will be blessed to the mother and thus little Nerbuddhi will be left in safety with us.

You would hear about the Council meeting and College opening. It was a very happy time to us all; the meetings were very helpful to me. Mr. Wilkie had an attack of influenza, Christmas time. He and Mrs. Wilkie are at present in Ceylon, and from accounts from Miss Grier, who accompanied them, the change is doing much good. We will be glad to see them back soon, but not till Mr. Wilkie is really and truly strong again. I am thinking of going to the Hills for the holidays, I have not been away yet for a hot season and am advised not to risk a third hot season on the plains. It is a long time till April yet, and I will try to do what is best.

We are all well as far as I know and soon hope to meet again in Council early in March here at Indore.

Our new missionaries are getting on nicely; seem to be agreeing with the climate. I trust they will enjoy good health and be richly blessed in their work in India. Oh may we more and more be filled with the Master's spirit.

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Many Inquirers.

FROM MRS. GOFORTH.

*Chang-te-fu, N. Honan, Dec. 12, 1896.*

You and the many dear Christian friends at home will be glad to hear of the Lord's dealing with us since coming to Chang-te-fu. We reached here Oct. 29th, and were most warmly received by Mr. McGillivray, who is to be Mr. Goforth's companion in the work. We were indeed glad to get to a place that we could call home. The poor children were so accustomed to being moved about from one place to another that they could scarcely understand when I told them we were not going to move any more for a long, long time.

As we look back upon these six weeks that we have been here, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for the way He has strengthened and blessed us. The first three or four weeks was a severe physical strain upon us all, but we were given the promised daily strength. Many times when evening came, and all was quiet, I could do nothing but rest and pray for strength for the next day. During that first month we had two thousand five hundred women and children visit us, and with only a few exceptions all were received into our home, the gospel presented to them as we had opportunity, and every effort was made to win their confidence. I do not know what I could have done during that time, but for the help Miss MacKenzie gave me for an hour, sometimes more, every morning and afternoon, when she would take charge of the children and so give me a better chance to talk to the women. Sometimes when the crowds were very large I could not manage them inside our little native house, so would spread straw mats on the ground outside and we would all sit down there. Many times they would sit thus for a long time while I talked to them of the only true way.

I feel I must now take the opportunity of thanking the ladies of Uxbridge and Lindsay, who so kindly gave me my beautiful organ nearly eight years ago. No woman who can use an organ should be allowed to go out to the foreign field without one. This organ has been of untold comfort and blessing to me, and is often a great help in reaching the women. Thus when I find women are so curious and perhaps suspicious that they don't care for me to begin to talk about the Gospel, I sit down to the organ and sing in Chinese "Jesus loves me," "My home is in Heaven," or "Come, ye sinners poor and wretched." Then when I am through they are so pleased and interested they are almost always ready to listen. As a rule the women have behaved kindly and pleasantly. I was anxious to get a good woman from this place, and we prayed for one. A woman came, whom I feel to be an answer to our prayer. She is learning to sew nicely, and is

taking quite an interest in the Gospel. She has learnt two hymns and some of the Catechism. She always kneels down with me when I pray with her every morning. A woman living not far from us comes over nearly every day to read and learn. Her little girl comes with her. I do pray that God might make this woman into a Bible-woman, she is so much in earnest, learns quickly and never loses an opportunity of testifying to her belief in the one true God and Jesus His Son. There are several other women who are interested. I might mention two who came to-day. They have been now four or five times, and one, especially, learns quite readily. I am sure you will pray that these women may all be brought into the fulness of light.

Mr. Gotorth is having much blessing every day with the men. It surprises us how, day after day, such large numbers come to the men's guest-room, and many are so interested they sit for hours, and come back again and again. The Holy Spirit is manifestly owning and blessing the word spoken. There are not a few in our immediate neighborhood who only need courage to face persecution and jeering from their people to come out for the true way.

It gives us much joy to hear of so many here and there in N. Honan who are joining themselves to the despised sect. It is our hope before very long to be able to hold a station-class for women. There are quite a few women living at a distance, who are inquirers, and these we hope to invite to the station for ten or twelve days, when they can receive regular daily instruction in Bible, hymns, etc. Pray for us that we may have this desire fulfilled.

About the time you receive this, we shall be passing through the ordeal of the Chinese New Year season, which lasts at least a month. We expect large crowds and no doubt we shall need very special help. Remember us in prayer. Pray for an outpouring of convicting power. We believe God is going to do great things. Oh, that our unbelief may not hinder God's purposes.

Dear sisters, imagine two thousand five hundred souls coming to your door in one month, who have never heard of a Saviour's love, who know nothing of hope after death, or of help in the present. What an *awful responsibility* resting upon the only witness-bearer! Did we bear the burden of souls ourselves, the weight would surely crush us, but thank God for the precious words. "He daily beareth our burdens." Pray for us. *Pray and work.*

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## SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

### Acknowledgments of Gifts and Clothing.

FROM MISS WHITE.

*Indore, Central India, Jan. 9, 1896.*

Your letter would have had a reply ere this, if I had not waited for the last consignment of mission goods. These came to hand last week. The boxes despatched on the 5th October, reached us just the week before Christmas. We were all very glad to see them. If the Mission Bands and the many kind friends who had helped to send the clothing and prizes, could only have been with us on Christmas Day they would have felt cheered and gratified.

Early on Christmas morning, all the pupils attending our Sabbath schools in Indore, met in the college for the annual prize distribution. Over 850 were present, clad in all the colors of the rainbow, except our Boarding School and Industrial Home girls; they wore pure white chaddars and looked like a bed of white flowers surrounded by rose, poppy and carnation tints.

Two hundred and fifty-two special prizes were given to the successful ones in the recent Bible examinations. One of the Brahmin lads in my Bible class got a special prize for not missing a Sabbath for three years. We wished to give him a silver medal, but could not get one, as a special die would have to be cast, and so make it very expensive. He got a copy of *The Pilgrim's Progress* in Hindi, along with a nice reference Bible, for a first prize in the Bible examination.

The scrapbooks, boxes, mirrors and toys were very much appreciated. Every one received a Christmas card and some native sweetmeats. The dolls and gifts suitable for girls in the Marahti and Hindi day schools will not be distributed till February or March. You will hear about that gathering later from Misses Ptolemy and Greir.

I am very grateful to the friends in Hamilton, Whitby and Peterborough, and other places for their kind remembrance of the Boarding school girls. The clothing is very acceptable indeed. The jackets are nice and comfortable looking, a little too long in some cases but that is easily remedied by the girls, many of whom I am glad to say are clever with their needles. We do not know where the nice quilt, marked, "For use in the Ladies' Bungalow," came from, so we take this opportunity through you, dear Mrs. Jeffrey, in tendering our thanks to them. We cannot all four of us have it, so will use it for our visitors when they come to Council meeting, then it will truly be a missionary quilt.

We four, Misses Chase, Greir, Ptolemy and self, are a very happy family. We are comfortable and enjoy good health, for which we are all deeply grateful to our loving Father. The verandahs are not erected yet, plans for the same are in circulation just now; the stone floors are laid and look so clean and nice; well, some might think them cold looking at this time of year, but this we do know, we are not inhaling the same amount of dust and rubbish as we did before. We are very grateful to the ladies for all that has been done for us.

Mr. Wilkie is getting over a bad attack of influenza. We missed his presence on Christmas Day, and it grieved him to be laid aside at that time. Mrs. Wilkie is well. We are all glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Ledingham in our midst. They, with Misses Chase and Ptolemy are a great acquisition to us, for which we are grateful. Thank you dear Mrs. Jeffrey for your words of sympathy. The year 1895 will always be a sad and hallowed milestone in my life, for it took my dear mother into blessed rest, but oh, it has left such a blank behind.

FROM MISS JAMIESON.

*Ujjain, Central India, Jan. 22, 1896.*

The belated boxes arrived in good time for our prize distribution as we did not give them on Christmas this year. The work only came under my care in December, and I wanted to develop it somewhat before the prize distribution. However, the great event took place last week. I found two small schools for caste girls when I came here, both in wretched little rooms. A fairly good house, as houses go in this city, in a central

position, was at once secured and the two schools united. The room looked quite well on the day of the prize distribution with its decorations of S. S. lesson pictures, etc. The children sat on mats on the floor looking extremely picturesque in their pretty clothes. I went half an hour before the usual school hour to arrange the prizes, but many were already in before me, and the remainder soon gathered. It was a very happy group that stood in a circle round the table watching each article that was placed upon it. Many were the explanations asked, and as some of the curious toys were shown, the hearty laughter was enough to make us all enter into the spirit of the little ones.

The first part of the exercises was the singing of one of our sweet bhajans, which was sung in an unusually hearty manner. The little ones were then asked if they knew where those pretty presents had all come from. Several curious answers were given, one being "from Bombay," and one girl answered "from God." I tried to tell them about the children in the Mission Bands that I had seen while at home, and other friends, and what they were doing for the children in India. Why did those kind people away in my home country do so much for children they had never seen? Did the people in India do anything for those friends? The love of Christ, I told them, was what caused those kind people at home to work so diligently for them; and that they were praying that all the children and people in India might love and serve the Saviour Jesus Christ. Prayers of thanksgiving to the Giver of all good gifts were then offered and the children were very quiet throughout. The prayer of one of the Christian women present was very touching. She prayed very feelingly for the children in "Miss Sahib's country" who had saved their money and worked so hard to send all those presents to the children here, that God would give them all spiritual blessings: and for all those who were praying and working for her people. And my own heart was raised in thankfulness to our Divine Father for putting it into the hearts of so many at home to help in this way the work among our dear people here.

The first prize was given to the girl who knew the Bible lessons the best. She was given her choice of a doll, for I have learned that my ideas of beauty in dolls and theirs do not always correspond. It was amusing to see the girls make a choice; this doll had no hat, but the prettiest dress or face, so she must find one with all the points of beauty? Having made a good choice she salaamed and with shining eyes and smiling face took her seat. In a few moments there was a murmur of voices instead of the quiet we had had during the opening exercises, as the children examined their own and each others prizes. I was greatly amused and interested watching two very clever little boys who come regularly to school. The older one pointed to a pencil case containing pen, pencil, etc., as soon as he came for his present. His father is poor and so the dear boy wanted something useful. His little brother got a whistle which he blew gently every few minutes and then pressed to his bosom laughing all the while! Those two boys took little interest in what was going on around them so happy were they with their own treasures. One little girl wanted "a bungalow," as she called a Noah's Ark! When all was over there was no need to tell the children not to stand round the door on the street, for they all ran home as quickly as possible to show their prizes.

I have to thank the dear friends of Chalmers' Church and St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, and the Mission Bands of St. Lambert and Vankleek Hill

and the Junior C. E. Society of Chalmer's Church, Montreal, for the prizes of this year. The members of each may not have thought that the dressing of a doll or the saving of money for a toy was doing direct mission work. But as the placing of each separate stone in the building of a house is a distinct part of the work of the whole, so is their work a distinct and essential part of the work for the Master here. In opening new work especially it would be difficult to do without our annual supplies.

Miss Duncan got the greater part of all the supplies that came to me this year, as she was rather short when the Quebec box did not go to Neemuch.

The first invitation to visit in the Zenanas came a few days ago, and I have no doubt but others will soon follow. I never enjoyed my work so much as I have done since my return. It is great joy to be once more among the people I had learned to love so well. Our Father has been very gracious to us in restoring us to health and bringing us once more to the land of our adoption. Our heart's desire is to live a life that will please Him in all things, and glorify His Holy name. We like Ujjain very much and are happy in being all together in our home and work. My sister is well and making good progress with the study of the language.

FROM DR. MARGARET O'HARA.

*C. P. Mission, Dhar, Jan. 22, 1896.*

Miss Ross sent me out, last Saturday, some things from the Mission boxes. Will you kindly acknowledge, through the LETTER LEAFLET, these, together with the quilts received from Mrs. Lindsay, which are so nice and serviceable. At present there is a room attached to the dispensary, in which I can accommodate a couple of patients, and am very glad to have the quilts.

The bandages, prepared by Cooke's Church Young Women's Mission Band, of Toronto, are so nicely rolled, and all the different widths are just what we need. Will you give my thanks to them. In the things Miss Ross sent, there were some balls, pocket-knives, and tops, which will be fine prizes for the little boys who come to Sunday School; three dolls, some bags furnished with needles, thimble, and emery-bag, which my Bible-women can use with great advantage. The wools are pretty, and will be a great attraction to the women in the zenanas, who see few bright things beyond their own clothes. The women of Dhar seem much more anxious to learn to knit, sew, crochet, than to read; so I trust next year, in the box for Dhar, you will send us a supply of material for this kind of work.

One evening a woman had a very sick child in her arms; my sympathies were all with the poor child, and I took her in my arms. At once a number of people fled from the dispensary, crying out: "The Miss Sahib has become a sweeper; she has touched a sweeper, and is unclean!" There is no sadder sight than to see a number of sweeper children on Sabbath, standing outside listening to our hymns. I often ask them to come in, and they shake their heads and say: "We are sweepers; we must not go where other people are." They are like the lepers of old; they have to stand and cry: "Unclean, unclean!" Some of them are pretty, bright children.

I have three Sunday Schools, to which about 150 children come—wild, dirty, and almost naked. Not one of them can read, but it would surprise you to hear them repeat texts of Scripture. Gangabai has one

school in one part of the city ; Dhondobai has a second in another mohalla, and I hold the third in the dispensary. A week ago last Sabbath, forty of these children repeated the golden text. Many of those who came to Sunday School have now started to attend Miss Dougan's school, and ere the year has passed away, they will be able to read ; but there are hundreds of these children who will never be sent to school. I was very sorry indeed that I had nothing to give them at Christmas. I bought a large basket of nuts, of which these people are very fond. The children crowded around me like a swarm of bees, and I scattered them about. Such scrambling, laughing, crying, pushing as there were ! It was very much like pitching a peck of peas amongst a flock of geese. I do not know whether that picture has ever been before the eyes of city girls or not. You can imagine the noise and fuss. The children enjoyed it very much, and would like if a "Barra Din" would come often. For next year I hope you may be able to send us toys : dolls, cards, pictures, pencils, pens, needles, bags, beads, and such like for the Sunday School children.

Mrs. Russell and Miss Dougan join in sending kindest regards, and thanks to the ladies for their interest in our work and the practical way in which they have shown it in our new station of Dhar.

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FROM DR. MARION OLIVER.

The last of the boxes arrived a few days ago, and all the goods have been distributed to the different stations. Most received them in time for the Christmas festivities. Our share was a very abundant supply of bandages and half a dozen nice quilts, all of which are very useful and very acceptable.

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FROM SHON-KAH-WASHTE.

*Pipestone, Man., Nov. 29, 1895.*

To-night I am happy to say few words to you. I was very much thankful to received the clothings sent by kind ladies.

Every Indians on the reserve are comfortable. We are all interesting in Mission here. We are saying that we will strive all we can to go to church. This is all I can say at present. Send my best wishes to those ladies who sent the clothings to us.

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FROM MR. W. J. WRIGHT.

*Rolling River, Minnedosa, Feb. 21, 1896.*

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of a bale of clothing sent from Orms-town, Quebec. The same train brought us a box from Fort William. The things sent were very suitable and useful, and we were very thankful for them. The bell has arrived in Minnedosa, but the roads are too bad to have it brought up to the mission. It will be a wonderful help to the work.

Mrs. Wright is well, but very busy. The children have been very ill with colds. The Indian women are getting on famously with their knitting and take quite an interest in their work.

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FROM MR. R. C. M'PHERSON.

*Okanase Mission, Elphinstone, Man., Feb. 22, 1896.*

Your kind letter of 28th January was duly received ; the melodeon also received in good order which I purpose using in the church, as unfor-

unately I am not qualified to teach music, and I think it will be very much appreciated. I am sure our Indians ought to feel very grateful for the extraordinary kindness shown to them.

I am very glad to say that everything is working smoothly. The attendance at church, prayer-meetings and school is indeed very good. There has been a little sickness among the children, but nothing serious.

I received a box of very nice clothing, etc., from Rat Portage Ladies' Aid. I sent an acknowledgment to the Presbyterian minister. I had no name to write to.

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