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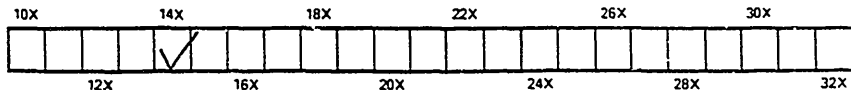
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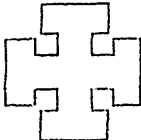
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MEMBERS' PRAYER.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who in the days of Thy flesh didst vouchsafe to accept the services of faithful women, we beseech Thee to grant Thy Blessing upon our endeavours to aid and encourage Missionaries. Put into our hearts the things that we should do and say to promote Thy glory, and further the object we have in hand. Grant that we may never be discouraged under difficulties, but go forward in faith and hope,—looking unto Thee. Have pity on those who know Thee not, on those who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land. Visit them with Thy Salvation. Hasten, we pray Thee, Thy Kingdom, that all may come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear and answer us O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor. v. 14.

REMEMBER AT NOON TO PRAY FOR MISSIONS.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading: January—Rupert's Land.
The Zenanas. February—Columbia, B.C. China.

PROVINCIAL.

To the members of the Woman's Auxiliary, far and widely scattered over our broad Dominion we wish, through the LEAFLET, a most Happy New Year. May the Holy Spirit be more fully our guide, leading us upward and onward in the service of our Heavenly Father, through the grace and love of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ROBERTA TILTON, *Prov. Pres., W.A.*

A Greeting from the Japanese Woman's Auxiliary.

Miss Smith and the members of the Fugin Kwai of Nagano, wish to send kind greeting to the W.A. in Canada, through its much-loved President, Mrs. Tilton. The Japanese Churchwomen are deeply sensible of the debt they owe their sisters in Canada, and unite in wishing the W.A. members a happy, holy Christmas, and a very prosperous New Year.

THE ZENANA'S AND INDIA'S FAMINE.

India is again facing another terrible famine, covering a far larger area than the one with which she was visited two years ago. It includes a large portion of the Provinces affected in the last famine, as well as several new districts. Almost all Central and North West India, including the Central Provinces, the Western coast from Bombay northwards, Berar, the Punjab, and the native ruled states of Rajputana are famine stricken, and great scarcity is reported from Madras Presidency. Government relief works are opened in all the affected Provinces, and already nearly one million are in the relief camps. Yet among the seventy million these provinces represent they only touch a fringe of the population, and urgent appeals for help are coming from missionaries of every denomination.

There is a portion of India's people which it is impossible for government to reach, its secluded women, who starve to death in their homes rather than face the publicity of relief camps.

These are the very ones the C.E.Z.M. Society are permitted to reach, so it is prayerfully urged that the hearts of our W.A. may be opened to contribute to the needs of these starving sisters whose case comes before us with double force at a time when we are so rejoicing in plentiful supplies of the holiday season's cheer.

The accounts from India also state that soon there will be hundreds of children whose parents have either perished or deserted them. Missionaries on the spot, knowing their district and people, dispense relief with much less outlay than the paid agents of general funds.

Think how you would like to be without food. Think, dear sisters, how you would like to be hungry, and let us remember the compassion shown by our Great Example, to the four and the five thousands who had only been *delayed* in receiving their usual food, and let us act on the lesson taught us.

All contributions should be sent to W. A. Treasurers who will please forward them through the usual channels to the Provincial Treasurer, so that expense of drafts, etc., may be reduced.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL REPORT.

The Annual Report of the Diocesan Branches placed in a tabulated form and the totals carried to make up the Provincial Annual Report, also the reports of the Provincial Officers, will be found in the W. A. Department of the December number of the *Church Mission News*; and all our officers and members are earnestly requested to study these pages.

It is but fair to Mrs. Irvine, the Provincial Treasurer to explain that the printer alone is responsible for her last totals. He had a note sent to him to insert *below* her report in this form :

Cash as per Treasurer's report.....	\$23,110 30
Cash spent on bales.....	12,109 96
Grand total.....	<u>\$35,220 26</u>

But instead he altered the additions and upset the balances, much to Mrs. Irvine's annoyance.

Letters from our Missionaries.—Domestic

QUEBEC, *From Archdeacon Mackay, Emmanuel College, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, to Miss Crombie, June 4th, 1899.*

"Thank you for your kind letter of the 2nd ult. The box with the outfit for John Venn reached us about a week ago. Everything is very nice, and I cannot thank you sufficiently for the help. John Venn is a boy for whom I have a special affection, as his father was a pupil of mine, and now I have the son. John is in my study as I am writing this, on this Sunday afternoon. It is raining hard, and I have a crowd of the smaller boys around me looking at books and pictures. We have had a good deal of sickness among our pupils in the course of the past winter, but I am thankful to be able to tell you that your protege has enjoyed good health throughout. We have been working hard on our farm for the past few weeks, and we have not quite finished putting in our crops yet. Wet weather has been a delay, but we do not generally have to complain of too much moisture. Our crops in this part of the country are more apt to suffer from drought, so that if we have been a little delayed we still have reason to be thankful for the 'rain from heaven.' I am doing as much farming as possible to help out our limited means of support. Just now we are also engaged on repairs and improvements required on the buildings. This is a serious matter for me to undertake, as we have no funds for the purpose, but the work is necessary and can't be put off. Such help as you have sent will be a saving of money, and is as good as money; in fact, without the W.A., our school, as well as similar Indian schools in this part of the mission field, could not exist. Again thanking you for your repeated and valued assistance."

TORONTO. *Extract of letter to St. Matthew's Branch, from Rev. W. F. Eccleston, Little Current.*

"My mission is composed of six stations—three white congregations and three Indian reservations. On the latter we have three day schools and two Sunday schools. At two of the schools I have two good men who are licensed by the Bishop, and in my absence give the Indians service. The Shequendah and Sucker Creek reserves are only seven miles apart, but the Birch Island reserve is twelve miles by the canoe route and eighteen by steamer, so that I am not able to

go very often to them; but they are always pleased to see the missionary. I made my last visit to them two weeks ago, and will have to wait now until the ice forms. I have also five lumber camps to visit this winter, in the neighborhood of twenty miles from this station. The men are very glad to have a minister go to see them and speak to them, and they pay great attention to the address. On the whole my work is being blessed by our loving Master and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thanks to Mrs. Banks for Christmas gifts sent to Silverwater from Central rooms. We are without a student at present, and it is very hard to keep the church together, except by the Sunday School, which we hold every Sunday. We have a very nice school, about 40 names on the roll, but some live at quite a distance, and do not always have a way of getting out every Sunday. I am very thankful indeed to you for your kindness. I do not know how the Christmas tree would have fared but for your kind thoughtfulness, and the children are looking forward to the tree with great delight and, in fact, so are the older ones."

Letter from Miss Milledge, to Mrs. Banks.

"Archdeacon Phair has gone to England for a year. He generally sends us the bales from the East to distribute among the Indians, and we felt the need of them this year, there are so many places in need. One has to travel over the reserves before one can realize the destitution of the people. They are so uncomplaining, no matter what their privations may be. I was so pleased to hear that the lamp for Black River church is being sent; it will make such a difference to have plenty of light at the evening service, instead of darkness visible, and the poor old widows, how delighted they will be with the stove of their own, not feeling that they are robbing Mr. Thomas. The weather has been so remarkably mild that Mr. Thomas will be able to come on the lake with his boat and take the Christmas bale, the stove and box. There will be great rejoicing, I know, when the things are landed. You cannot imagine the help your Branches are giving in Rupert's Land. Though our own Branches are doing all in their power, there is such a vast area to go over, that it is impossible to do justice to half the needs, and it is so distressing to have to read letters from isolated missionaries and teachers, imploring us to send clothing to the aged, dying, sick and young children, and to have to

say 'nothing on hand.' I had been waiting to answer the last appeal not wishing to say 'no,' as we have positively nothing but one beaver hat, and along comes your post card saying two bales are on the way, so now I am sending the good news that something will be sent to that mission."

From Rev. C. Owen, South Camp, Blackfoot Reserve, to Secretary. All Saints' Junior Auxiliary.

"As to presents; if you could send us a number of straps about one inch wide and fairly heavy, we should be very glad, the smaller boys much prefer a plain strap to braces, the length should be 25 to 36 inches. Cheap cotton (colored) handkerchiefs are a standard; they still prefer them round their heads. Of course, candies are a staple, and we get so little for our money in this part of the world, people living in Ontario can scarcely realize what it means to have scarcely any fresh fruit, apples usually about 2 cents each; it is far harder for our more northerly missionaries than for us, they have so very little. I am glad to be able to report the boys in a fair state of health. I shall be glad to hand over the medical department to Miss Collins next week, I am very hopeful that this Branch of the work will be pushed a good deal with her help. There is much that can be done in South Camp and the Indians are gaining more confidence in the white man's medicine every day. This summer has been a very bad one for working in South Camp, as the Indians have nearly all been away. Just now the camps are collecting for treaty, and I am sorry to say the gambling and horse-racing going on every day is fearful. The Indian seems by nature a simple slave to gambling and betting; they will gamble night and day, and then it seems to stir up their worst instincts. Every day brings word of some fresh disturbance or dispute amongst them. Our services are still well attended, and David Stanies and Paul Puk-a-pini come down every Sunday to conduct the Blackfoot services. I hope this winter to give much more time to the language, and I trust before spring that I shall at any rate be able to conduct any of the services, and read the translated scriptures in their own tongue. Till now the home work has occupied my time too much. Carpenters and painters have kept us busy lately. I trust our efforts in making the home warm will be successful. So far we have had a delightful fall; we have not yet

needed even the storm windows, but, of course, winter may come any day now. We did have the thermometer down to zero for a week or so in October, but now the weather is charming. We gave the children a little outing the other day, and got up a concert in Gleichen, at which the boys, I am glad to say, did their part splendidly. It is curious that the people up here take less interest in our work than those at a distance, and I think that our bringing the boys before the local people in this way has created a good impression, and I hope stirred up more interest."

*Extracts from letter received by Sec. Barrie Branch, from Mrs. Smithe-
man, Schreiber.*

" Shall I ever be able to adequately thank your kind W.A. for the magnificent bale just received to-day. There is surely no other word than magnificent that will express what I think. What comfort, what pleasure and joy the things will convey to many a poor family, and to some who are not really so very poor, but glad of a little Christmas cheer. We are the recipients of innumerable thanks, which we pass on to your loving people. I only wish you could be with us when the things are distributed. You have been so bountiful to us personally. I should have been ashamed to appropriate half the lovely things sent, but they are very welcome. Surely your Christmas will be a blessed one, and many blessings will be showered on you all during this happy season. With our heartfelt thanks to one and all, and kindest regards."

MONTREAL. *Extract from a letter from Rev. Geo. Holmes, St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave Lake, to Mrs. Graham, Trinity Church.*

After thanking both Senior and Junior Branches for the beautiful bales which had been sent by them—" ideal bales," he calls them— he says: " The boys' clothing was such a boon. I know you will not mind my asking you not to put red braid on the boys' clothing as the Indians are very superstitious about red, especially for the boys, they suppose it means that in some way we are educating their children for soldiers, so we are obliged to take off all the red. I suppose you know the serious crisis the result of the treaty will probably bring to our Home. The Government may withdraw its grant this year, but in any case we mean to take in the same number of children as last year

(34) and rely on our Heavenly Father who knows his own needs, for such they are if the work is His. He makes the needs of His people His own." Speaking of a letter of acknowledgement which had not reached its destination, he says: "It was exceedingly kind under the circumstances, of your Branches to send us another bale; some of the Branches are rather impatient if they do not receive an acknowledgement ere it is time to commence next year's work, not making allowances for all the risk and difficulty of getting letters from here to the outside world. Our Indian Homes are the only places of shelter for these poor children, and the only means of escape from the impure atmosphere of camp life, with its recent addition of civilized vices introduced by many late comers from the outside world."

From the Rev. Jno. Sanders, Biscotasing, to Miss Whinfield.

"My Dear Friend, the Calumet Branch of the W. A.'s bale reached us in good order shortly after your cheering letter." Mr. Sanders then compliments Calumet highly upon the usefulness of garments, soap, tea, etc., and tells of the pleasure of some of the recipients thereof. "We gave one poor old woman a quilt and a piece of soap, advising her to wash her hands and face with it very clean every day."

From Mr. Hines, Devon Mission, Saskatchewan, to Miss McCord.

"The two bales sent by you were received and forwarded. Mr. Hooker, the Cedar Lake School Teacher, will write about his bale, but the Birch River packet will probably leave in the spring. We have had a very rainy summer, and consequently the country round us for many miles is inundated. The Birch River settlement was completely flooded out and several houses swept away, others were submerged, only three and the church have their roofs above water. The poor people escaped to a piece of rising ground with what they could save. The last note said the water had gone down about six feet and if the decrease continued he hoped the church would be dry enough to be used when the winter came on. He has been having his school in a tent since the flood. If you are sending gifts another year we should be glad if you would designate them to Birch River or Red Earth, the latter close to Pas Mountain, and where the principal heathen are living, This last summer the head medicine man was converted and admitted into the church. Years ago he was bap-

tized, but appears to have continued to live as a heathen. Mr. Hines has had several earnest conversations with him during the last few years, and now believes he is thoroughly converted, and is striving to live a consistent Christian life, but we ask friends to pray that he may be kept and guided by the Holy Spirit. We hope it may not be long before the other heathens there will be brought into the fold of Jesus Christ."

From Mrs. Mudge, Commissary for Bishop Bompas. to Mrs. Holden, Montreal. Nov. 3rd, 1899.

"Bishop Bompas of Selkirk, has suggested my applying to the W.A. for help in his distant diocese. In addition to the growing work in Dawson City, Bishop Bompas has missions at Pelly River and Forty Mile for Whites and Indians, and a purely Indian mission on the Indian Reserve. The Bishop complains that while the mines have attracted world-wide attention, the interest in Church matters seems to diminish and he is left short of funds. I would ask your generous consideration of Bishop Bompas' plea when you make your next appropriation."

NIAGARA. *Mrs. Hines, Devon Mission, Sask., to Elora.*

"The bales from Elora for Moose Lake were duly received by us and were in due course dispatched, and we are sure both Mr. Cochrane and the Moose Lake Indians appreciate the kindness of your Branch. Mrs. Cochrane is lying ill in bed, and we fear there is little hope of recovery as it is consumption. She is a young Indian woman from Devon and does not know English, therefore cannot answer Mrs. Jeffries' kind letter. Mr. Cochrane is also an Indian who has been trained at Emmanuel College. He is doing good work, both as teacher and catechist, and has been the means, under God of bringing many heathens out of their dark superstitions into the bright light of Christianity. Moose Lake is a very isolated station, there being no white people living there—the only visitors being Mr. Pritchard, who visits there periodically on ministerial work; a Hudson's Bay trader, who goes to visit an Indian trader there, and my husband, who goes two or three times during the year. There is also once a year a visit from the Government Inspector and the Indian Agent; the rest of the year the teacher has only the Indians who reside around the

mission. In future, when sending to any mission in our district, will you please put the Branch's name on the *outside* of the cover. This time it was inside; also please state in notification to us the approximate value of articles intended for the teachers' use. In this way the gifts help to make up for the annual decrease in the C.M.S grant to this mission district."

Letter from Rev. G. Bruce, Fairford, Man., to Niagara W.A.

"I am very glad to be able to say that your very acceptable bales of useful clothing were safely landed in good condition by the steam tug and nothing the worse. The little changes in this isolated part of the globe are few and far between, and any little incident that occurs always causes an excitement. The sight, therefore, of a bale creates quite a jubilee, equally, and perhaps more so, than the Queen's birthday. I think I can safely say, judging from outward appearances, that the contents of your bales make many a heart go 'pit-a-pat' with joy. For it is simply marvellous to know how exactly you have anticipated the needs and wants in all circumstances; we cannot but see the finger of God directing, controlling and arranging everything, 'For He still reigneth.' Last week the floor of the church was scrubbed and a new belfry put on the church. The remark was made, now if we only had stove polish our work would be complete, and here were the tins of stove polish in your bales. We never know when our blessings are near us. Also how very acceptable the tea was; there was not an ounce of tea even in the Hudson's Bay Co.'s store—quite a famine in tea. The other day I had service 15 miles from here and arranged on my way back to have service every six miles, so when I arrived at the place of service, the woman of the house had her head tied up and I said, 'are you ill?' 'Oh no!' she said, 'but my head is like to split for want of tea.' There are also the christening robes; I baptized the last Sunday I was at Sandy Bay, an infant, and truly it required clothing and soap. The chapel is a creditable looking building and the Indians are highly pleased with it, the bell is expected any day. As for the quilts there is quite a craze over them. The other day when visiting the chief where his aged mother lives, (I should say she is bordering on 100 years) and when I entered Mary took the bed and said, 'see this tattered, worn out quilt; I hope you will think of me.' The chief has

a family of 12, and 2 grand-children, orphans. Solomon's wisdom was tested by deciding who was the real mother of the child, and a similar wisdom is required to know how and where to give to the most deserving and needy. It is not always a very congenial feeling when one is embarrassed to express our gratitude for the princely gift sent by the King's Daughters; no wonder their gifts are royal looking. Kindly convey to them our warm thanks. The men's and boys' clothing are very acceptable. Your model bale was complete for all ranks and ages, church, schools and parsonage. We are now looking forward to the annual payment of the Indians, when also the schools will be examined. One girl, aged 14, renders valuable assistance by playing the harmonium. Indians are mostly fond of singing, and have good voices. We hope to have by the fall a chapel and two school-houses at Lower Fairford, and Sandy Bay, where we can have services on the Sabbath. At Upper Fairford the Government has built a school-house, so now we have four buildings. The second year after my arrival here there was only one solitary wig-wam, and now you may see gardens, cattle, pigs, horses, poultry and cats, mowers, waggons, and even a buggy, though it is only an imitation of one. And on the Sabbath the majority can join in worship like a civilized congregation. The great drawback to their further progress is the absolute necessity for their roving habits. The soil in the reservations is useless for agriculture, and they have to live by fishing and trapping fur animals; once their lakes and rivers teemed with white fish, their table was always well furnished, though rough in quality, not wanting in quantity. But, alas! now the traffic of the white man has depleted their lakes and rivers, and their bank is insolvent, their birthright and heritage gone, and they are a prey to all manner of sickness, owing to their want of food. It is needless, therefore, to say we value your help. I must now close, though I would like to say much more, but similar to an old woman who was a line or two behind in singing a hymn, when expostulated with, exclaimed, 'I am overflowing.'

OTTAWA. *From Mrs. Troop, Dynevor Hospital, to St. John's W.A.*

"We have just opened the splendid bales sent by your Branch. I write for Miss Lockhart who is too busy to write herself. We are most grateful for the great quantity of useful and necessary garments

of all kinds, quilts, shoes, etc., all needed so much; the groceries are especially acceptable. We have only three patients in bed now, two boys, three little girls, and a man, Mr. Greyeyes; a curious name is it not? There are a great many outside patients, and all these keep Miss Lockhart and her assistants very busy. The S.S. picnic is going on to-day, on the Hospital grounds; a great crowd began to gather at 10 a.m. We have been making ice cream, tarts, taffy, etc., and are all very busy. The cold of last winter was exceptionally severe, thermometer often down to 52, and constantly 40 below. We require so much clothing, because every patient's clothes are packed away or burned if necessary, and all are supplied with clothes while here and a suit each to go away in. We are, therefore, more than thankful to all the dear, kind people who remember us so generously."

FOREIGN.

MONTREAL. *From the Rev. Alfred R. Tucker, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial, Africa, to Professor Carns-Wilson.*

"You took so deep an interest in Mr. Borup's coming out here, that I am quite sure you will be interested in hearing as to how far your expectations with regard to him have been realized. I may say, shortly, that I regard him as a great success. He is a man of great natural ability and force of character, and should his health be maintained, will do, I am sure, a work out here of extreme value. I am most thankful to have him. He is an unwearied worker, always at it, from morning till night. My only anxiety about him is lest he should overwork himself. Nothing is ever a difficulty to him. If a thing has to be done he will find a way of doing it. He is now in full charge of the industrial work, and is training a number of Baganda Christian lads in various handicrafts, such as printing, carpentering, and blacksmithing, and so on. We have had no one since Mackay's days who could at all compare with Borup in point of capacity for this particular kind of work. I hope you may find an opportunity of letting our friends in Canada know how highly we appreciate their gift to us of Mr. Borup."

NIAGARA. *From Miss Smith, Japan, to Dorcas Secretary, Nov. 30th.*

"My nurses and I wish to thank you for your zealous interest in the medical work and to assure the W.A. members of Niagara Dio-

case that we appreciate your sympathy and very practical assistance. I presume that the list you sent will be sent out next month, when Mr. Waller returns to Japan. We all wish you and the W.A. a very happy, holy Christmas, and a bright, joyous, New Year."

HURON. *Huron's Lady Missionary in China writes.*

"You will be glad to learn that affairs in the North West Province are quite settled now. Dr. Riggs, Mr. Phillips and Mr. White returned to their stations early in September, and they report that the country is quiet and friendly. The Christians have been faithful and many more have become inquirers. Dr. Riggs told us of the signing of the bond by 40 of the leading Kienning literary men, promising to protect the native and foreign Christians. This was followed by a feast when every thing went off most happily. The ladies are all to return shortly, and hope to actually live in Kienning City, which they have never been allowed to do before. It is marvellous how the Lord has brought matters to a close: things have looked very discouraging, but our prayers have been answered, and we do praise God for it. I would like to make a very urgent appeal for some simple medicines, I am in constant need of them, for people come so constantly to us to be cured, and value our medicines so much. The demand greatly exceeds our supply; wherever we go we are asked for some. The medicines we need most are santonine (large quantities), quinine, rhubarb, sulphur, vaseline, carbolic, castor oil (large quantities), iodine, cough mixture. In all cases where tabloids can be used they are best, as they travel best and are most easily carried. It is quite safe to send things by parcel post, (see December LEAFLET page 57) provided they are well packed in tin or wooden boxes, and securely fastened; no duty is charged on things coming into this country. On Saturday next, (November 11th) the native conference begins with evening service, and next morning several natives will be ordained to priest's orders. Holy Communion will be administered at the close. Hundreds of natives come down for this conference every year, and it is a wonderful sight to see the large chapel and adjoining room filled to overflowing. One's heart can say nothing but 'praise Him, praise Him' for all that has been done. When I was in London, but, just before leaving for China, many people expressed themselves as being very much interested in the evange-

lization of China, and some said they longed to come out. Has no one thought definitely of obeying the call? We hear cries on all sides for more workers. Those out here must go home for rest, but who is to take up the work laid down? Will you please plead everywhere that, this new year, some may give themselves to the Lord for China. It is more than a year since I landed, and looking back it seems but a few weeks, the time has passed so happily. Truly a missionary's life is a blessed one. One meets with many disappointments and great difficulties, but these things are blessings in disguise, as they only serve to bring us nearer to our blessed Master. It is so beautiful to know that this work we are trying to do really is His—the reclaiming of His inheritance. Everywhere the Holy Spirit is doing His work in the hearts of those who accept the Saviour, they become new creatures in Christ Jesus in a special way. The other day Miss Stevens was talking to some women, one of whom had such a wicked face that we felt her life must be a very bad one, as we found out it was. She asked, with great scorn, how it was possible to live without sinning, that she earned her daily bread by it. Poor thing, Miss Stevens explained to her that it was for such as her that Christ died, that He loved her, and that her sin grieved Him exceedingly. Well, her face softened and lost its bold, wicked look. We do not know if the Word took root in her heart or not, but we are praying for her. If just hearing of the love of Christ once could soften her so much, what must the receiving of Him do."

Miss Young, Japan, writes to Aylmer.

"I have a class for little children on Sundays. They have never heard anything before, and are much interested in the hymn 'Jesus loves me.' We give them texts and little papers with simple stories, which may God use to awaken their young minds. Pray that they may learn to know the Lord Jesus, and tell others about Him. The little girl I have taken comes to my room every morning to say her text, and she always prays for her native teachers, and asked one day for some tracts which she gave them at lunch time. They spent the whole hour reading them, and two of them came to the house to ask questions about Christianity. We went to see a young lady who is going to be married; she has often heard of the gospel, but her grandmother, with whom she lives, hates our religion, so she does not dare

to speak of it. However, the grandmother received us very kindly, and when we left offered to bring her granddaughter to see us, so we asked them to afternoon tea. We are praying earnestly for both of them, especially for the grandmother, that God may awaken in her a desire for the truth.

ALGOMA.

OTTAWA. *From Mr. D. A. Johnston, to Miss Eva Wood, Newington.*

"Your valuable bale has at last arrived in good condition, carpet especially acceptable, will put it down at once in one of our bedrooms. The people of Nipissing shall have the rest, except a pair of mitts, which I want for driving. We are about buying an old Methodist meeting house at Nipissing for a church; it will be hard enough to pay for and fix up suitably. There are quite a number of church people here, but all very poor."

From John Sanders, Biscotasing, to Mrs. Merkle, Morrisburg.

"The bale of clothing which the kind Morrisburg Branch of the W.A. sent in August, reached here in good order. I must, above all other articles sent, thank them for the roll of carpet, for that is just what we were wishing for. The quilts are greatly in fancy, not only because they are pretty, but useful also. The thick ones are most suitable to give to the Indians, and the heavier and stronger the better, and some of those you sent are just what is required. The dried apples came in well for our own use, and the Indians did not get any of them, but I gave flour, tea, and sugar to an Indian in poor health, equivalent to them, which was more satisfaction to him. The unmade goods sent answered for skirts and other purposes; most of our squaws are capital skirt-makers and can make a skirt in an hour in their own fashion. Thick winter jackets are very acceptable; I wish I could give one to every one that is really poor, to keep their poor bodies warm. Our old widows are generally large persons, and the jackets we receive are mostly too small, and we have to give to young women or girls who do not need them so much, but we usually make an exchange with them, so that the old women get something."

Diocesan Branch Notes and News.

[QUEBEC]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"Ye have done it unto Me."

This issue of our LETTER LEAFLET will be the first in the New Year—the last year of this century. May the New Year bring to the Auxiliary in all its many Branches, increased prosperity and ability to do the work our Master has laid upon us. New calls are continually being made upon us, and we naturally shrink from undertaking greater responsibility. Let us remember, always, the words of our beautiful prayer, "Grant that we may never be discouraged under difficulties, but go forward in faith and hope, looking unto Thee." I think one thing we women can do is to pray at all our meetings for our brave men now fighting our battles in South Africa, and to implore our God to restore to us the blessings of peace in His own good time. In this Christmastide so fraught with grief and pain to thousands of women, we cannot well be merry, but we can rejoice in the Lord.

OFFICIAL. A Diocesan Monthly Meeting of the Quebec Branch was held on December 5th in the Church Hall; 19 members were present. The Dorcas Secretary read a letter from Miss Halson, giving an account of the articles sent to the hospital in Japan.

Letters were read from Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Boswell of Sherbrooke, telling of the Dorcas work undertaken by their Branch; from Archdeacon Scriven, recommending the daughter of the Rev. S. Sweet for education by this Branch, and from Mrs. Baldwin, Prov. Cor. Sec., suggesting the daughter of Mr. Taylor, Saskatchewan. After much discussion it was decided that as Mr. Sweet lives in Victoria, B.C., and is not a missionary, no help can be given towards the education of his daughter, and that further enquiry be made regarding Mr. Taylor, who has lately been appointed principal of Emmanuel College, and may not, in consequence, be in the same need of assistance.

Mrs. Von Iffland informed the meeting that the expenses in connection with the LEAFLET have increased.

It was moved by Mrs. Sharples, seconded by Mrs. Feyles, and resolved. "That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write and ask Mrs. Williamson, Editor-in-Chief of the LEAFLET, why the

LEAFLETS are not mailed in wrappers as other Church papers, without any expense for wrappers or mailing."

Mrs. Dunn announced that Mrs. Sillitoe, widow of the late Bishop of New Westminster, B.C., and a Sister of Mercy, are to be in Quebec in January for a few days, and that she thought Mrs. Sillitoe would be glad to give an account of the hospital in New Westminster at a meeting of the Auxiliary.

It was decided to hold a service in the Cathedral before each monthly meeting, if possible. Mrs. Dunn was asked to consult the Dean on the subject. It was also suggested that in the Missionary Litany, after the words "That it may please Thee to convert the many heathen and unbelievers," the special subjects for prayer during the month be mentioned.

We wish all our members to realize that these monthly meetings are Diocesan—that is they are open to all members of the Auxiliary, and any question can be sent to the Secretary for discussion at any monthly meeting.—ED.

[TORONTO]. **DIOCESAN MOTTO:**—" *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.*"

The Semi-Annual at Uxbridge on the 30th of November was too late to be reported in the December LEAFLET, and now the successful event seems an affair of long ago. It will, however, always be spoken of as one of the most pleasant of the many pleasant days in W.A. records. Directly after the deeply solemn service of the Holy Communion, with the impressive address by Rev. C. Shortt, members adjourned to the school-house, where the first event was the presentation to Mrs. Carswell, President of the Uxbridge W.A., of a Life Membership certificate, beautifully framed and engrossed, also of the gold badge by her mother, Mrs. Morrison of All Saints', Toronto. A most cordial address of welcome to the visiting members was given by Mrs. Carswell and replied to by the Diocesan President, after which the roll call concluded the morning session. A beautifully served dinner was arranged by the Uxbridge ladies and appreciated by the visitors who had many of them come long distances. The afternoon was taken up with the Diocesan reports, then verbal reports from the Branches represented, which reports were given in such a

manner as to draw forth much interesting information, especially with regard to the P.M.C. The discussion upon "How to arouse our sleeping members to take a more active interest in the work of the W.A." was very helpful, and all agreed that personal visiting and more giving out of facts concerning the aims and objects of the Society would do much good. At 5.30 all adjourned to the church for evening prayer, returning to tea in the school-house. The hospitality of the Uxbridge Branch was unbounded, and details carefully attended to. The attendance of Whitby friends was most encouraging, twenty-two miles of a drive each way, made a long day's outing; Port Perry also sent a good number, a ten mile drive—but all both at home and from a distance, felt that the day was a great help in running the race that is set before us, and our warm thanks are due to the Rector and Mrs. de Pencier, to the President and members of the Uxbridge W.A., for their bright and hearty welcome.

The December Board Meeting was held by kind invitation of All Saints' Branch in their large and commodious school-house, and was, as usual, largely attended. The noon address was given by the Rev. Street Macklem, being the third of the series upon the "Fruits of the Spirit." "Peace" was his topic, and Mr. Macklem showed that there is a natural peace and a supernatural peace—the peace of God. Whoever tries to be a true follower of God, by the aid of His Holy Spirit, must find true peace. We must strive to do God's work, but we must also strive to do it in God's way, by the power of the Comforter. "My peace I leave with you."

At the close of this most impressive address the hymn "Peace, Perfect Peace" was sung. The extra-cent-a-day was voted to St. Peter's Home, Lesser Slave Lake, the finances of this Home being seriously affected by the recent arrangement made by the Indians taking scrip instead of treaty money.

A sympathetic resolution from the Board to Miss Paterson, was sent to her in California, where she is at present with her sister, Mrs. Whinstanley; we hope that by the time the resolution is in her hands, Miss Paterson's health, which has been seriously impaired, will be fully restored. We hear that it will be well on into June before we may hope to welcome Miss Paterson among us once more.

The Cor. Sec. reported having heard from Mr. Stocken that he intended visiting Toronto, and asked for hospitality for him during his stay. Branches desiring a visit from Mr. Stocken of the Blackfoot Reserve, will please communicate with Mrs. Cummings 44 Dewson Street.

The President reminded the members that we need to be very watchful over our opportunities for work for God, the closing year reminding us that the night so quickly comes when "no man can work." Early in February the Annual Meeting of the Blackfoot Hospital supporters will be held. Box holders will please remember this and prepare to call in their boxes by the end of January. In a private letter from Mrs. Hardyman, she tells her friend that they have recently paid a visit to the Hospital, and find Dr. Turner and his daughters working really beyond their strength, and the calls upon their time daily increasing. Much blessing has resulted from the consecrated work and self-denying labors of all our workers in the Blackfoot Home and Hospital; we need to constantly remember not to weary in well doing, but to persevere in good works when once begun. We have great cause for thankfulness that we have been permitted to aid by our cent a week fund in the work of this hospital. Pray earnestly that our coming meeting may be greatly blessed, and that the funds necessary for the carrying on of the work may not fall short of the necessary sum.

A very bright and enthusiastic meeting was held by the kind invitation of the Treasurer for Juniors, at her house, for the purpose of talking over the work of Junior Branches, and whether it would be advisable to begin a 19th Century Fund among the children; a resolution endorsing such an idea was drawn up, brought forward at the December Board Meeting and unanimously passed, that the children should be encouraged to give to such a fund, the method and amount of such giving to be left to the discretion of each Junior Superintendent and Senior Branches, the offering to be presented by the children at their own Annual Meeting in April.

Will Branches please notice that all money given by Junior Branches is to be sent to the Treasurer for Juniors, Mrs. Blake, 449 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

Our newly elected Recording Secretary, Miss Clara Tomlinson, was cordially welcomed at the December meeting. We feel sure that one who has proved herself so faithful a worker in St. Peter's Parish will be a great help in the Diocesan Board. All deeply regret that Miss Cartwright has been obliged to give up active Auxiliary work, owing to the pressure of other duties.

The year just closing has been a sorrowful one to many of our members, but thank God they sorrow not as those without hope; God will comfort the bereaved mothers, the desolate wives, the lonely children—"our light affliction worketh for us an exceeding weight of glory."

We warmly congratulate our sisters of Rupert's Land W.A. upon the work put forth in the Annual report. They have not been discouraged under difficulties.

To all our readers we wish a truly Happy New Year. May we each strive more earnestly to live as seeing Him who is invisible, and in the consecrating of our lives to His service find comfort even in sorrow, and the peace which passeth all understanding,

Librarian W.A., Miss Boice, 704 Spadina Avenue. Secretary for Booklets, Miss Rogers, 4 Classic Ave. Central Rooms, 563 Yonge Street. LEAFLET Editor and Treas., Mrs. Williamson, 83 Wellesley Street.

[MONTREAL] DIOCESAN MOTTO—"Go work to-day in my vineyard."

During the month a very pleasant Quarterly Meeting was held in St. Thomas' Church, by the kind invitation of the Rector, Mr. Renaud. In addition to this the Monthly Meeting took place as usual, when several topics of importance were discussed. The members of the Auxiliary were both pleased and sorry to see Mrs. Troop once more in their midst, pleased that she should be safe home and sorry that Dynevor Hospital should have lost so earnest a worker, and that the unsatisfactory condition of Mrs. Troop's eyes should have necessitated the relinquishing of a work in which she was so useful. We trust that in God's good time this difficulty may be quite overcome, and hope ere long to hear something from her of the work of the hospital. We are happy also to welcome Miss Gomery, LEAFLET Treasurer, who has just returned from England. In future all busi-

ness regarding the LEAFLET may be addressed to her instead of to Mrs. Holden, who has so kindly taken this work during Miss Gomery's absence. A special 19th Century Thankoffering has recently been under a good deal of discussion, and at the Monthly Meeting the following was adopted: "In view of the fact that we are now on the eve of a new century, it is natural and fitting that we should take a retrospect of the past and look forward into the future. In looking back we cannot fail to realize how greatly we have been blessed in living in an age when, and in a country where, we have so many religious privileges. In looking forward we see great possibilities opening up for the evangelization of the world, and we hear the sorrowful sighing of those sitting in darkness and longing for the light which has been shed so abundantly upon us. In recognition, therefore, of our responsibilities, and in grateful acknowledgement to the Giver of all goodness for the blessings vouchsafed to us, be it resolved: That we begin the new century with increased efforts for the advancement of Mission work, and the extension of the knowledge of Christ, and that, in furtherance of this object, the M.D.W.A. undertakes to raise a sum of money, by the individual gifts of members, to be handed in as a special Thankoffering at the approaching Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary in February, 1900, to be known as the 19th Century Fund."

It has been arranged, God willing, to hold the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 20th, 21st and 22nd of February, 1900, and it is most earnestly to be desired that all delegates desiring hospitality shall communicate not later than February 10th, with Mrs. Mills, 574 Sherbrooke Street.

HAVELOCK BRANCH—A number of the members of Havelock Branch of the W.A., with their pastor, Rev. J. A. Poston, met at the residence of the President, Mrs. Dowling, to pack the bale to be sent to Shingwauk Home. It was gratifying to the members to find the number of articles contributed was very much greater than last year. The delegates were appointed to represent the Branch at the Diocesan Annual—Mrs. Dowling and Mrs. Orr, substitutes—Miss Gilmour and Miss Buchanan. The Edwardstown Branch at the same time shipped their bale of beautifully made articles. This Branch has only been in existence about ten months, and Miss Sutton and her sister Officers are to be congratulated upon the success of their work.

[HURON] DIOCESAN MOTTO—“ *Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God.*”

To all women of the Auxiliary may the New Year, and all that it may be granted them to see of the New Century, be happy and blessed—it is given to us that we may redeem lost time, retrieve past shortcomings—God grant us all grace so to use it.

Miss Wells, Huron's Lady Missionary, at Omoksene, writes to Mrs. Boomer: “Inclosed are some letters, their purport may seem strange, but I will explain. In our School Reader there is this sentence, “an Educational System has been established which is unsurpassed in any land.” Compulsory Education was one of the points dwelt on. The children said, “Why does not the Government make the Indians send their children to school?” I replied, “The Government would probably do so, when the Indian's wanted and asked for it.” They became very enthusiastic, and asked if they could write to the Government, and ask for such a law? I was amused and said ‘yes.’ They wanted to know to whom they would write; I put the name of the Premier on the board, but gave no suggestions, and knew nothing of the contents of the letters till they were finished. I have been advised to send them to the LEAFLET, as compulsory education for the Indians is very much desired by the majority of the workers in Indian Missions.” The letters, all dated Blood Reserve, 25th September, 1899, are here subjoined: “To Sir Wilfred Laurier. I am going to try and write a letter to you this afternoon. We are getting on with our reading, arithmetic and geography. I like so much if you would please make a law that the Indian children should come to school when they are big enough. The reason why I like so much for them to come is because they are getting more like white people, and besides we will be able to keep ourselves nice comfortable homes when we grow up; and besides we get good education, and nice homes for us. If they do not come to school they will only be bad children, and lazy, and they will not know how to do business like us. Your truly friend, Ada Little Ears.” “To Sir Wilfred Laurier. Please make the law that every Indian child is to come to school when he is old enough. We are learning how to read, write, do sums, speak English, geography, and how to do

work. I should like to have them educated like we, and when they go out of school that they may know how to do business. We tell the Indians to put their children in the school to be taught, and some put their children in and some wont. The Indians worship the sun, and we know the true God who created us, that is why I want the children to be in the school, so they could tell their friends about God and Jesus, and about heaven. Yours sincerely, Eva the Runner." "To Sir Wilfred Laurier. Please make the law that all Indian children have to go to some school between seven and ten years age. We would like them to learn just as much as we ; it would be good for them to learn how to read, write and work and keep their houses nice and clean when they grow up. All the Indians are very busy now, making hay, some of them are bringing some to the Mission. From Katie Healy."

Addressing a missionary meeting in Ottawa, Mrs. Boomer read above letters, and said she thought Sir Wilfred Laurier ought to have them. The audience thought the same, and the letters were entrusted to Mrs. Tilton, who promised they should reach him. Later, Mrs. Tilton and Mrs. Boomer had an interview with the Premier, who read the letters, and said he would hand them on to the Department for Indian affairs.

The Diocesan Corresponding Secretary is anxious to make some arrangement by which the Missionary letters, specially those from the foreign field, written to her and to the Branches, may be freely circulated among all our Branches. For this she asks the friendly help of the Branches in two ways—first, by sending her the letters they receive from the mission field, *i. e.*, the *originals*, not copies ; for, as one of our most faithful workers wrote, "to read or hear read an actual letter from one of our missionaries seems to bring the matter nearer to us personally, than to read extracts from the same letter in print"; secondly, by sending her the *dates of the days on which they hold their meetings*, that she may be able to make out a list, and so arrange that they may have letters to read at these meetings. Kindly address communications on this subject, from Branches *west* of London, to Mrs. Falls, Grosvenor St., London, and from Branches *east* of London to Miss Weir, 95 Alfred St., Brantford, Ont.

Mrs. Boomer earnestly asks the members of the Provincial Educa-

tion Committee, to let her know if they can give any hope of contributions to meet the noble offer of \$50 per annum for the education of the son of a missionary in Selkirk Diocese, for whom Mrs. Bompass pleaded at the Triennial Meeting, of 1898. A message came to Mrs. Boomer when she had the pleasure of meeting W.A. friends in Ottawa, of some special donation being provided. Will not some among us help to secure the offer of that annual \$50. It would be grievous indeed to lose it from inactivity on the part of friends of this most helpful and needed branch of W.A. work. It is help that is so frequently asked, and has also so frequently to be refused; and yet just a little regular aid from those who have come so easily by a good education would enable the Educational Committee to do so much good. Mrs. Boomer also writes that another invitation from Weston Frost's kind friends at the Rectory, Walkerton, has come for him to spend his Christmas holidays with the sons of the Rev. S. and Mrs. Robinson. This is a *motherly* thought the Education Committee most keenly appreciates; such an "outing" is in every way a boon to our missionary children. Mrs. Boomer also desires gratefully to acknowledge following gifts for Sydney Pritchard: St. Alban's Cathedral Girl's Branch, \$3; St. John's, Port Hope, \$7; Miss Ruth Allowby, \$2. For missionary children, per Mrs. Ridley, Galt, \$1.50. From Stratford, J.W.A., for Education Fund, \$1.00; for Sydney, \$1.00.

Our Branch Presidents are asked to bring before their Branches—as soon as may be, if they have not already done so—the matter of the "Century Fund." It is asked that the circular letter, addressed by our President and Diocesan officers to the President of every Branch, may be carefully considered and discussed at our business meetings, with earnest prayer that we may be enabled to do that which is well pleasing in the sight of Him "from whom we all derive our life, our gifts, our power to give."

Our Branches, ever busy at this *giving* season, send following notes: LUCAN—Has shipped a large bale to Rev. A. Owen, Blood Reserve. It contained 13 quilts, 23 yds. flannel, many new articles of clothes for men, women, boys and girls, besides toys and groceries. At our meetings we take a biography of some missionary and read a portion every night till finished. We are now reading the life of Bishop Crowther, and enjoy these consecutive readings very much.

INGERSOLL—The St. James' Branch celebrated its 13th Anniversary on December 6th, by a charming "at Home" in the School House, to which all the women of the Church, and the Girls' Branch, were invited. A report from the President showed that during 13 years more than \$800 had been subscribed. The Branch has never failed to redeem its pledges, and also has in all cases honoured the calls for voluntary offering made by the Diocesan Board. A very interesting paper on "Missionary Work" was read; singing, recitations, and music followed, and delightful refreshments were served.

AILSA CRAIG—The prayers of her Sisters of the W.A. are asked for Mrs. Miller, Vice-President of McGillivray Branch, in the loss of her little boy a year and a half old, who was burned to death. The Ailsa Craig, McGillivray and Brinsley Branches held their usual annual meeting in Trinity Church, Ailsa Craig, on December 5th. After a short service conducted by the pastor, Mrs. Baldwin addressed the ladies. She said that man looks at the result, but God looks at the motive and the heart, and although our numbers are small, our work may be great, and it can be done by no one else. By sending bales we are not only benefitting the body, but the soul as well. She then read a paper on "The baptism of the Holy Ghost." A thank-offering was taken up, and the meeting closed with the benediction. A bale was packed for Lac Seul Mission, containing 16 quilts, men's and boys' shirts, coats and underwear, groceries, and Christmas gifts for the children.

CHATHAM (Christ Church)—Has sent a Christmas bale to Rev. T. Chilcott, Port Carling; everything was good, especially a large Christmas cake. An accidentally belated report of the Norfolk Deanery W.A. Meeting, held in September, has reached the Acting Editor, but is held over for want of space to do a *Deanery* Meeting justice.

In commencing the new year, will the Branches kindly inform the Acting Editor of any changes made in the *number* of their LEAFLET subscribers. Will they also bear in mind that all communications for insertion in the LEAFLET, say of *February*, should be in her hands by the 19th of *January*, and will they also remember that her space is limited, and interesting letters and notices often have to stand over, as is the case with this issue. Please do not for this reason withhold letters. Finally, if LEAFLETS do not come *regularly* kindly notify the Acting Editor at once.

[ONTARIO] DIOCESAN MOTTO:—“*She hath done what she could.*”

The December meeting was held in St. George's Hall as usual, and good reports were received from those of our Branches reporting this month. BROCKVILLE (Trinity Church)—Encouraging monthly meetings are held here, at the last of which the attendance was especially good. The winter's work was discussed, and Mrs. Buell read a very interesting paper on African Missions. An exceptionally good bale is nearly ready, and is to be sent to Rev. Mr. Hardyman. PICRON reports that regular meetings have been held during the past six months, with an average attendance of ten members; and a bale has been sent to Rat Portage. NEWBURGH—This Branch has weekly meetings, and is sewing diligently for a bale, they are making under-clothing for women and children, and shirts and socks for men. The bale, to be ready for Christmas, is to be sent to Little Current, Diocese of Algoma.

The Secretary of Junior work reports as follows :—“ On December 6th the members of St. Thomas' J. W. A., Belleville, invited the Christ Church and St. John's Branches to a meeting in St. Thomas' Hall, when a very happy evening was spent. They had asked Mrs. Loucks to read a paper which she kindly consented to do, and it was just what they needed; then girls from each Branch read papers—from Christ Church one on South Africa, which made it very plain that the Boers are not the best masters for the poor Kaffirs. St. John's paper was on the North West, and that from St. Thomas' on Japan. One of the St. Thomas' girls read Miss Van Straubenzie's paper beautifully, and Canon Burke expressed his pleasure with it. After this, bright and encouraging addresses were delivered by four of the clergy, and then cake and coffee was partaken of before separating. The Deseronto J. W. A. and C. C. M. G. had a tea and sale on December 9th, when they went through the Missionarie's alphabet.

The Secretary of the C. C. M. G. of Trinity Church, Brockville, writes a very nice account of the meeting there. “The meeting is opened by all uniting in saying the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the W. A. members' prayer; the roll is called and the minutes read. We sew for about an hour and a half, after which hymns are practiced and at 5 o'clock the meeting closes with the Lord's Prayer. Once a month a tea is held, at which all the members are requested to be

present, five girls furnish the tea each time, games are played from three to four o'clock, and then it is time to get tea ready. In October we sent a bale to Mr. Hardyman's Reserve, and we are working again for Missions and for the Hospital." The Sec. of Literature will be very glad to receive subscriptions of ten cents and upwards towards the expenses of the new library, as the funds are very low at present. Will our members kindly respond to this appeal? Miss Rogers has given four books and Mrs. and Miss Lewin two, to add to the volumes on our shelves. We trust that other friends may follow their example. The annual Communion Service in connection with our W.A. was held in St. James' Church, Kingston, on St. Andrew's Day, and was well attended. The Dean gave an address from the text "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The service was almost a memorial one, as the memory of our late beloved President was in all our thoughts, she who last year was with us, and with us partook of the Sacred Feast, and who now is "with Christ, which is ar better." The Dean spoke of her in touching terms and reminded us that not only may we think of those who have passed within the Veil as still one with us in spirit in our work for God below, but that our citizenship being in Heaven, we may also even now, dwell with them, having our affections centred on the things above, our feet upon the earth, but our hearts in that better country into which they have entered. The amount collected from all the Branches for the Alice Roger's Memorial Fund was presented in the offertory, and was over \$300.

We wish to draw the attention of all our Branches to the Thank-offering to be given at our next Annual Meeting, in June, and to be devoted to the Widows and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese. We feel sure no other object could appeal more forcibly to the sympathies of women than this, and that therefore all will do their utmost to give as large a sum as possible. The Fund greatly needs our help, and it seems cruel to allow the wives and children of men who have devoted their lives to the service of God to want the common necessities of life, because, in consequence of that devotion, the husbands and fathers who would otherwise have made provision for them were unable to do so. May our Thank-offering be a very practical expression of our sympathy.

By the time this number of the LEAFLET reaches the Branches we shall have entered not only upon another year but upon a new Century. It is opening in much gloom and sadness throughout the British Empire—many tears are falling for the brave soldiers who have died for the honour of old England "at the front," and "men's hearts are failing them for fear and for looking after those things that are coming on the earth." Surely it behoves every Christian man and woman to consecrate themselves more unreservedly to the service of the Lord "Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world;" thus can we fearlessly encounter all that the unknown future may hold in store, knowing that "All things work together for good to them that love God." Let us work and watch and pray until the Master comes. Seeking ever first the advancement of His interests.

"He that would work in the field of the world,
Must work with a faith sublime,
For the seed he sows must be under the ground,
And wait for the Lord's good time;
But nevertheless the harvest is sure
Tho' the sower the sheaves may not see,
For never a word that is spoken for Him
But shall ring through Eternity!"

[NIAGARA]. DIOCESAN MOTTO.—"*Lo! I am with you alway.*"

The quarterly Meeting of the Board was held on December 14th, in the Cathedral Guild Room, preceded by a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Chapel, of which only a very few availed themselves; Mrs. McLaren drew attention to this, urging the members to be more faithful in this regard, particularly at the quarterly meeting. The Organizing Secretary reported another Branch being formed, that of Burlington; great satisfaction was felt by all, as there has been for some time a very active Junior Branch, but no Senior. The officers elected were: Hon. President, Mrs. Fatt; President, Mrs. La Patonral; Vice-President, Miss Greer; Secretary, Miss Dynes; Treasurer, Miss Barbara Low; delegates, the Misses Innes and Low. The Junior Branch has also re-organized with Miss Young as Superintendent. The society is called the W. A. and Church Woman's Aid. The Dorcas Secretary reported that \$109.11 in cash, and \$98.80 in

goods had been sent to Japan from all the Dioceses, in answer to an appeal. Sec. Treas., Lit. Com., reported \$171.08 on hand. This committee is subscribing for a copy of the *Canadian Church Magazine*, to be sent to every Senior Branch, and to Junior Branches where there is no Senior Branch, with the object of supplying missionary intelligence instead of the monthly papers which have been in use for a few years. This is a great expense to the Committee, and they earnestly hope that the Secretaries who receive them will see that they are read at their meetings, otherwise the expense will be in vain. The Extra-cent-a-day money amounted to \$6.10. The Junior Sec. presented an interesting report, one item being that the Church of Ascension Juniors nobly responded to the special appeal made at the November meeting for the Rev. J. Johnston, Long Sault, by sending, on Dec. 4th, a bale valued at \$44.79, containing new and second-hand garments, quilts, etc. Mrs. McQueen Baldwin gave a most interesting address on the customs of the Japanese and the difficulties of taking the Gospel into their houses, she asked that the members would remember Japan in prayer, especially at this time, when Christianity is not allowed to be taught in any school—the educated people are dead against it. Miss Ambrose read an able paper on the Chinese in America, written by Mrs. McLeod Moore, of Montreal, showing the great need of increased effort to Christianize the heathen at our doors.

Your Diocesan Treasurer recommends the Parochial Treasurer to begin sending in monies for the pledges, etc., as soon as possible, not to leave it until February, which is the last month of the Auxiliary year. The pledges that need special attention are for "Diocesan Missions," "Lady Missionarie's Fund," "Educational Fund," "Miss Smith's Dispensary, Japan." As the whole amount for these pledges is not guaranteed, it is urged that each Branch contribute, if possible, at least 25 cts., over and above what they sent last year, for each pledge, by this means a deficit will be avoided.

[OTTAWA]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"God is love."

The Monthly Board Meeting was held in St. George's School-room on the 12th inst, Mrs. Gibson presiding. The Deaneries of Stormont and Renfrew were our special consideration this month, and all

reports proved very encouraging. We listened to an interesting account of the Deanery meeting held at Cornwall; mention was made of the benefits resulting from these conferences. Morrisburg has inaugurated a series of house to house teas, at which a silver collection is taken and the afternoon spent at Dorcas work. Archville can testify to the feasibility of this plan, having carried it out in their Branch for more than a year with unvarying success; it is of very material assistance in replenishing the treasury, we recommend a trial of it. Much regret is felt at the loss sustained by Iroquois Branch, in the death of Mrs. Wm. Steacy. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all.

On St. Andrew's Day the President and Organizing Secretary visited Ashton. After an appropriate service and a sermon on "The field is the world," from the Rural Dean, the President spoke upon the origin and work of the Auxiliary, and the Organizing Sec. only partially organized the Ashton W.A., as it is hoped that the three Missions in the parish will unite in this good work. Miss McFarlane was elected President, Miss Shore, Treasurer. Very encouraging were the good words from the clergy, especially those of the Rural Dean, he has had a Branch working in Carp parish for just a year. Ottawa Diocese is now the thankful possessor of a Zenana child, which it owes to the Renfrew Juniors. May the blessing they may be the means of giving this little heathen girl, rebound upon them a hundred fold.

Stamps are gratefully acknowledged from Calumet Juniors (145); Miss Haviland, Ingersoll (630); Mrs. Holden, Montreal (302); Mrs. Flutcher, Port Perry (115); St. Cyprian's, Toronto (189); Mrs. Eldridge, Bear Cave, Muskoka (702); Arnprior, 550; Burford (51); Miss Caldwell (204); Ottawa (471).

Dorcas Reports.

[TORONTO.] Central Work Room, 563 Yonge Street.

Branches have forwarded to the following places: Toronto-- St. Anne's, *Gordon School*; G.A. with seniors, St. John's, *Apsley*; St. Stephen's, *Schrieber*; Church of Redeemer, *Sturgeon Falls*; All Saints' *Blackfoot Home*; St. Simon's, G.A., *South Burleigh*; Trinity E., *Blackfoot Home*; Holy Trinity, *Day Star School*. Eglington, *Kutawa*;

Campbellford, parcel, *Day Stars*; Penetanguishene, outfit, *Gordon School*; King, *Gordon School*; Batteau, *Little Current*; Springfield, *Archdeacon Phair, Winnipeg*; St. Mark's G.A., Toronto Junction, *Blackfoot Home*; Markham, *Central Rooms*; St. Luke's Bible Class, outfit, *Shingwauk Home*; Orillia G.A., outfit *Blackfoot Home*; Bond Head, *Central Rooms*; Hawkstone, *Piegan Home*; Cookstown, *Apsley*; Collingwood, *Gore Bay, Shanty Bay, Piegan Home, Humber Bay, Central Rooms*; Stayner, *South Camp Blackfoot Home*; Churchill, *Central Rooms*, and for sale to *Sturgeon Falls*; Holland Landing, *Shingwauk Home*.

Juniors: St. Mark's, Toronto Junction, parcel for *Blackfoot Hospital*; Orillia, *Novar*; Deer Park, *Central Rooms*; Thornhill, sale, *Sturgeon Falls*; Brighton, *Central Rooms*.

From the Central Rooms a large number of bales have been sent partly from contents of bales mentioned above as having been sent to the rooms, partly from work done there by the regular workers, to *Wabigoon School, Blackfoot Home and Hospital, Seguin Falls*, sale *Sturgeon Lake, Sarcee Home, Chapleau and Sunbridge*.

FANNIE H. BANKS, *Sec. Treas.*

[ONTARIO.] Burrirt's Rapids—Bale to Flinton, Dio. Ontario. Kingston (St. George's Cathedral C.C.M.G.)—Box to Sharbot Lake, Dio. Ont. Brockville (St. Peter's)—Bale to Rev. T. J. Hay, Fort William West, Dio of Algoma—St Mildred's Guild enclosed a parcel. Elgin—Bale to Rev. Ch. Piercey, Sturgeon Falls, Dio. Algoma. Kingston (St. James')—Bale to Rev. T. E. Chilcott, Port Carling, Dio. Algoma—J.W.A. sent a parcel in the above. New Dublin—bale to Rev. E. H. Bassing, Kutawa, Touchwood Hill, Dio. Qu'Appelle. Prescott—Two bales to Indian School at Yale, Diocese New Westminster. Brockville (St. Paul's)—Bale to Mr. John Sinclair, Hollow Water River, Dio. Rupert's Land. Picton (J.W.A.)—Bale to Mr. John Kipling, The Dalles, Dio. Rupert's Land. Kemptville—Bale to Rev. J. Sanders, Biscotassing, Diocese Moosonee.

ANNIE MUCKLESTON, *Dorcas Sec.*

[NIAGARA.] Thorold (St. John's)—One bale to the Shingwauk St. Catharines (St. George's),—One bale to Emsdale. Grimsby (St. Andrew's)—Two bales to Russell, Manitoba. Oakville (St. Jude's)—

One bale to various missions, Rupert's Land. Niagara (St. Mark's) —Four bales to Fairford, Man., and one to Shingwauk Home. Guelph (St. James')—One to West Selkirk, and one to Kutawa. Palermo, St. Luke's—One to Emsdale. During the past month 12 bales have been sent off containing 350 new, and 438 second-hand garments, 34 quilts and blankets, 71½ yds. of rag carpet and new material, 72 Christmas gifts, 101 miscellaneous articles and groceries. Expended on the same, \$1.42 for new material, \$21 for groceries, \$4.66; on freight; total, \$168.46. JANE SUTHERLAND, *Dorcas Sec.*

[OTTAWA.] Seven Branches have forwarded bales to following places: St. Bartholomew's, Gordon Schools; Cornwall, Cornwall J. W. A., and Hawkesbury, Onion Lake, Sask; Pakenham, Biscot-assing, Moosonee; Pembroke, Coppercliffe; Billing's Bridge, 50 Christmas gifts, consisting of toys, candy and useful articles, also 1 quilt, to St. Peter's Mission, Dynevour, Dio. of Ruperts' Land—this being the first bale sent by this Branch is greatly to be commended. Owing to an oversight, the very good bale sent by the Moulinette Branch in September, to Kutawa, QuAppelle Dio., was not mentioned in November LEAFLET. C. F. GREENE, *Dorcas Sec.*

Treasurers' Statements.

TORONTO.

P. M. C. RETURNS—From Nov. 10th, to Dec. 14th, 1899.

Ashburnham	\$ 3 00	St. Mary Magdalene.....	4 40
Brighton	3 50	St. Mark's, Parkdale	12 45
Campbellford.....	19 70	St. Bartholomew's	2 35
Cavan, St. Thomas'	5 45	St. Paul's.....	14 70
Cobourg	10 40	Church of Redeemer	7 70
Colborne	10 70	St. Simon's.....	15 83
Collingwood	30 15	St. Stephen's.....	13 00
Chester	2 20	St. John's, Toronto Junction	5 00
Norwood	6 02	Deer Park	6 45
Orillia	20 00		
Penetanguishene	3 36		\$287 21
Port Hope, St. John's.....	5 90	THUS DESIGNATED.	
Stayner.....	4 40	Diocesan	\$244 63
Uzbridge.....	3 00	Algoma	7 15
Victoria Road	2 50	North West	13 33
Toronto—		Foreign	10 35
St. Alban's	27 00	Zenana	90
All Saints'	19 75	Jews.....	58
St. Anne's	2 85	Chinese, B.C.	25
Church of Ascension	3 90		
St. Luke's	20 55		\$287 21

JESSIE HOSKIN, *Sec. Treas.*

MONTREAL—From October 5th, to November 7th, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	
True balance in Bank as per statement Nov. 2nd.....	\$16 05
Cash in hand	24 18
Members' Fees	11 40
Printing Fund.....	3 75
Dynevor Hospital.....	12 50
Japan Medical Missionary.....	9 00
" St Mary's Bible Home.....	6 50
Special appeal for sick wife of a Missionary	10 00
Zenana Missions.....	1 00
Extra-cent-a-day Fund	5 82
Saskatchewan—	
Miss Shaw's salary	8 00
Miss Philip's salary	1 50
New Westminster, Chinese in B.C.....	2 00
Educational, Weston Frost	3 00
Mackenzie River Diocese	20 00
Athabasca—	
Rev. Charles R. Weaver	40 00
Sbingwauk Home—	
For Elijah Penance	8 00
Calgary, Peigan Indian Reserve.	7 85
Diocese of Moosonee—	
For Mr. Fred Swindlehurst ...	5 00
Algonia	41 00
Life Member's Fee, support of a Bible woman for one year	25 00
Mission to Lepers.....	2 00
Special donation for hymn cards	1 25

Collection in mite box at meeting
Nov. 2nd

2 20
\$357 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printer on account, per Mrs. Lepage	\$25 00
Hymn cards for Literature Committee, per Mrs. McLeod Moore	1 25
W. D. Eaton & Son, printing for Junior Secretary.....	2 00
Postage, etc., for Junior Sec.....	2 00
Rt. Rev. Bransby L. Key, D.D., Mutala, Kaffaria, S. Africa ...	15 00
Special appeal for sick wife of a missionary	32 60
Draft on above.....	15
Rupert's Land, Dynevor Hospital, per Miss Lockhart.....	12 00
Post office order	12
Dio. of Athabasca, Rev. Chas. R. Weaver, per Miss Young	40 00
Algonia, sent direct to Bishop Thornloe, by St. John's the Evangelist.....	20 00
Rt. Rev. Bishop Thornloe, for work among the Indians.....	21 00
Postal cards, for Recording Sec.	6 00
Caretaker at Synod Hall, for four months' service	4 00
True balance in Bank	171 45
Cash in hand	4 43
	\$357 00

S. MAUDE MARLING, *Treas.*

HURON—From October 20th, to December 16th, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	
General fund	
London, St. George's Jrs... \$	60
Coll., Semi Annual, Ingersoll	9 65
St. Thomas'	2 50
London, St. George's.....	2 50
Seaforth	1 70
London, St. Matthew's	1 00
Galt Jrs.	95
Hyde Park	1 10
Stratford.....	1 30
Wardsville.....	1 20
Woodstock, New St. Paul's...	25
Chatham, Holy Trinity.....	1 60
Aylmer	1 40
Chatham, Christ Church	20
London, St. John the Evan.....	1 00
" Mem. Ch., G.H.M.B....	25

Port Dover.....	75
S. Williams	1 00
Diocesan Mission Fund	
London, St. George's Jrs.....	3 00
Waterloo	60
Glanworth	3 00
London, St. Matthew's	50
Aylmer	4 00
Goderich.....	2 00
Stratford.....	10 00
Cathcart.....	1 00
Exeter	50
Chatham, Christ Church	4 00
Glanworth Jrs.	25
Kanyengeh	
London, St. James'.....	1 00
" Memorial Church...	5 00

HURON—Continued.

St. Thomas'	1 00	Sidney Pritchard	
Waterloo.....	60	London, Christ Ch., Boys' B'd	5 00
London, St. George's.....	1 00	" St. George's Jrs.....	3 00
Glanworth	1 00	Mrs. Beattie	4 00
London, Mem. Ch., G.H.M.B.	5 00	Mrs. Poce	4 00
Aylmer.....	1 00	London, Mrs. Whitehead.....	1 00
Goderich.....	2 00	Per Mrs. Boomer—	
Wardsville.....	50	Woodstock, Old St. Paul's	5 00
Woodstock, New St. Paul's...	3 00	Waterloo Deanery ..	5 30
Exeter	50	St. Thomas'	1 50
Glanworth, Jrs.....	25	Woodstock, Old St. Paul's	
Port Dover, Girls' Aux.....	50	H.M.B.....	6 00
Deaconess, Walpole Island		Sarnia, Jrs.....	2 00
Glanworth	1 00	Per Mrs. Boomer—	
Goderich.....	1 00	Windsor	1 00
Wardsville.....	1 00	Mrs. Pigott, Palermo	1 50
Aylmer.....	1 00	London, All Saints' M.C.L.	2 00
Lady Miss, Japan		London	1 00
St. Thomas'	4 00	Aylmer.....	1 00
Waterloo.....	60	St. Alban's Cath. Girls' Aux.	3 00
Glanworth	1 00	St. John's, Port Hope.....	7 00
Hyde Park	1 00	Galt	2 00
Aylmer.....	1 00	London, Christ Church.....	75 00
Goderich.....	1 00	Haysville Jrs.	1 00
Stratford.....	3 00	Cathcart	1 00
Cathcart.....	1 00	Ingersoll	50
Wardsville	1 00	Ladies of L.A.A., London.....	2 00
Woodstock, New St. Paul's...	5 00	Miss Gray, London.....	3 00
Exeter	50	Miss McDougal.....	50
London, St. Paul's	6 00	Dresden Jrs.	50
Glanworth Srs	25	Zenona	
Lady Miss, N.W.		Glanworth	3 00
London, St. James'.....	5 00	Lady Miss, China	
" Memorial Church ...	15 00	London, Memorial Church ...	6 00
St. Thomas'	10 00	St. Thomas'	8 95
Waterloo.....	60	Waterloo.....	60
London, St. George's.....	1 50	Glanworth, Extra-ct. a week	1 82
Glanworth	1 00	Goderich.....	3 00
London, Mem. Ch., G.H.M.B.	5 00	Stratford, Extra cent a week	5 00
" St. Matthew's	50	Cathcart	1 55
Hyde Park	1 00	Wardsville.....	1 00
Aylmer.....	5 00	Galt	4 16
Goderich.....	2 00	Exeter	1 00
Wardsville	1 50	Aylmer.....	2 00
Exeter	50	London, St. Paul's.....	25 00
London, St. Paul's	25 00		
Glanworth Jrs.	25		
Lady Miss, Onion Lake			
London Mem. Church.....	3 00		
Japan, Miss Young—			
St. Thomas'	1 00		
Glanworth	1 00		
Goderich	2 00		
Diocesan Debt			
Wingham.....	2 75		
		EXPENDITURE.	
		Provincial Assessment.....	\$12 50
		Stamps and P.O.O.	12 90
		Expenses of Semi Annual.....	4 85
		To R. J. Macdonald, salary Lady	
		Miss, China, to May 1900.....	250 00
		To Arch. Tims, salary and Board	
		of Lady Miss., Omoksene.....	81 25

JESSIE SAGE, Treas.

ONTARIO.

RECEIPTS.

Domestic missions

Kingston, St. George's Cath.:	
North-West Missions	\$ 7 60
Algoma Missions	5 65
Kingston, St. Paul's:	
North West Missions.....	2 10
Algoma Missions	3 20
Belleville, St. Thomas'	
Lady Missionary, North West	18 00

Foreign Missions

Kingston, St. George's Cath.:	
Zenana.....	5 95
Jews	2 80
Kingston, St. Paul's: Zenana...	1 70

Alice Roger's Memorial F.

Kingston—	
St. George's Cath. and friends	74 75
“ “ Jrs	2 00
St. James'	62 00
“ “ Jrs.....	10 00
“ “ C.C.M.G. \$4 (pre- viously acknowledged)	

St. Paul's.....	12 00
Pictou	13 00
“ “ Jrs.....	1 25
“ “ C.C.M.G.	5 75
Bancroft C.C.M.G.	1 00
Camden East.....	2 80
Yarker	2 60
Newburg	85
Prescott	11 00

Missions Unappropriated

Kingston, St. George's Cath.	15 15
“ “ St. Paul's	3 35

Diocesan missions

Kingston, St. George's Cath. .	5 89
“ “ St. Paul's.....	3 70

Belleville St. Thomas', (vouch er) Flintow Missions	12 00
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\$284 09

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Ont. Dio. Sec.	\$:0 00
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CHARLOTTE E. WORRELL, *Treas.*

NIAGARA—From November 9th, to December 14th, 1899.

DISBURSEMENTS

Nov. 9th, Collection at meeting in St. Thomas', Hamilton.....	\$ 4 37
Extra-cent-a-day fund	
Hamilton, Ascension	43
“ “ Cathedral	2 30
“ “ St. Thomas'.....	62
North West Missions	
Rev. G. Holmes, Atha— A Life Member.....	5 00
Diocesan Missions	
Thorold, St. John's	2 50
Hamilton Cathedral	2 40
Japan. Medical M Fund—	
Hamilton, Cathedral	30
“ “ Ascension	35 00
Tax on Members' fees	
Hamilton Cathedral (add).....	50
Lady Missionarie's fund	
Hamilton, Cathedral	50
“ “ A Life Member ...	5 00
Japan. Miss Smith's Disp.—	
Hamilton, Cathedral	25
“ “ A Life Member.....	10 00

Educational fund

Hamilton Cathedral	1 25
“ “ A Life Member.....	10 00

United Thankoffering

Hamilton, Cathedral	50
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Algoma Miss Fund.

Oakville, St. Jude's.....	17 00
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\$97 72

EXPENDITURE.

November 8th, 1899. By Bishop of Niagara for Diocesan Missions.....	\$100 00
Ven. Arch. Tims, Calgary, for Lady Missionaries, Sarcee Home	50 00
For Rev. W. F. Webb, Dio. Cal.	5 00
Rev. W. A. Burman, Winnipeg for Rev. G. Holmes, Athabasca..	15 00
Rev. Canon Rogers for Rupert's Land Mission Fund.....	11 25
Dec. 8th. By Bishop of Algoma for Algoma Miss'on Fund.....	25 10
Drafts, Post office orders and stamps	1 71

\$268 06

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