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# Monthly Letter Leaflet

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA  
(WESTERN DIVISION)

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## Subjects for Prayer.

OCTOBER.—Special Thanksgiving for extension in the home work; for personal, family, and national mercies, and for the bounties of God's Providence.

### Confession.

"Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness which causeth through us thanksgivings to God. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."—2 Cor. ix. 11, 15.

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## HOME DEPARTMENT.

### Notes from the Board Minutes.

Two new thank-offering leaflets and also thank-offering envelopes have been prepared and may be obtained on application to Mrs. Telfer. The price is the same as last year, eight cents per dozen. Envelopes, 3 cents per dozen; 20 cents per hundred.

Both the new leaflets are excellent and appropriate, and will, it is confidently expected, prove to be a help and stimulus to very

many at this thank-offering season. "Mrs. Bartlett's thank-offering" is a touching story of a heart drawn to take an interest in Foreign Missions through the influence of a precious babe called to its heavenly home. "Her Thank-offering Box" relates the simple yet wonderful way by which a mother was led to make acknowledgment of God's great goodness to her, first by thank-offerings for daily mercies, and finally by giving to Him her dearest and best, a beloved and only daughter, to go forth as a missionary.

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On September 6th a Committee of the Board met with Miss Lister, of Perth, who was, on the afternoon of the same day, appointed by the Foreign Mission Committee Matron of the new Indian school at Alberni, B.C.

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Missionaries home on furlough are sometimes invited to speak at two or more meetings in the same town or neighbourhood. The Board would suggest that where there is more than one Auxiliary in a town a union meeting be arranged when an address from a missionary is expected. This plan is also recommended for country places where the societies are not more than a few miles apart. A larger and more inspiring gathering is likely to be the result of such an arrangement and, what is even more important, the time and strength of our missionaries will be economized, as they are here for well-earned and necessary rest.

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Inquiries have been lately received as to the propriety of Auxiliaries raising special sums for the support of Bible-women in Formosa, and whether such sums could be acknowledged by the W. F. M. S. The reply to these inquiries is that no money can be acknowledged which does not pass through the Treasurer's hands, but that our Society is prepared to provide for as many Bible-women as may be required by the Foreign Mission Committee for Formosa and other fields, and that the

only direct way of providing for this or any branch of work for women is through the W. F. M. Society.

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As the LETTER LEAFLET goes to press arrangements are being completed for the Woman's Missionary Conference in connection with the Alliance of the Reformed Churches. An outline of the programme has appeared in the church papers and notices will also appear in the daily newspapers. It is the earnest prayer and expectation of the Board that this meeting will be rich in blessing to all who shall be privileged to attend it and to the missionary cause throughout the world.

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The Scattered Helpers Scheme has, in some congregations, proved to be just what was needed to arouse an interest in the work of our Society. In one place where it had been found impossible to keep up an Auxiliary, a number of the women have been led to constitute themselves Scattered Helpers. They have appointed one of their number to act as Secretary and have arranged that their contributions shall, at the end of the year, be added to the funds of a neighbouring Auxiliary. In this way their interest will be fostered until eventually they may become an organized Auxiliary.

The membership of one of our active Auxiliaries has also been increased through the agency of the Scheme. In this case it was decided that an effort should be made to secure, as Scattered Helpers, the women of the congregation who as yet had not joined the Auxiliary; accordingly the Scheme was presented to them. Several joined as Auxiliary members, others became Scattered Helpers, and those who had interested themselves in the matter were pleasantly surprised at such satisfactory results. It is hoped that other Auxiliaries may be encouraged to similar action, the rules and conditions of membership being always borne in mind.

The estimates from the F. M. Committee for the coming year will appear in the November LEAFLET.

**Increase.**

*Presbyterial Societies.*

- GLENGARRY.... South Branch Auxiliary, re-organized.  
 BARRIE..... *Andrea*.—"Youthful Gleaners" Mission Band.  
 SAUGEEN..... *Palmerston*.—Auxiliary.  
 SAUGEEN..... *Mount Forest*.—"Bickell" Mission Band.

**Life Members Added in August and September.**

- Miss L. Graham, M.D., "Cheerful Givers" M. B., Westminster Church, Toronto.  
 Mrs. William Inglis, "Wayside Gatherers" M. B., St. James Square Church, Toronto.  
 Miss Edith M. Kellogg, Murray-Mitchell Auxiliary, Toronto.

**Treasurer's Monthly Statement.**

August 1st, 1892.		
To Balance in Dominion Bank.....	\$7,205	43
Aug. 31st. Subscription from Mrs. James Carnohan, Seaforth.....	20	00
Sept. 6th. Bruce Presbyterial Society....	702	05
By Home Secretary, Postage.....		58
"    "    "    Postage on Annual Reports.....		2 02
" Treasurer, Postage.....		2 00
" Foreign Secretary, Postage.....		3 00
Sept. 12th. Balance in Dominion Bank....	7,919	88
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**The Expenditure for 1891-92 by the Foreign Mission Committee**

Was published last month, page 115 of the LETTER LEAFLET, in the absence from town of the Treasurer. By comparing this expenditure with the estimate furnished to the W. F. M. S.

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by the F. M. C., and published in LETTER LEAFLET of Nov. 1891, it will be seen that a larger sum has been required for the work than was anticipated.

	<i>Estimate.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>
India .....	\$13,611 00	\$17,357 16
China .....	1,056 50	1,256 42
N. West .....	9,280 00	10,329 28
Trinidad .....	600 00	600 00
New Hebrides .....	600 00	600 00
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	\$25,147 50	\$30,142 80

To meet this expenditure there has been paid to Dr. Reid.

In his hands unexpended from 1890-91.....		\$615 51
June 1891. From Treasurer's special deposit for		
Boarding School .....		1,500 00
"    "    For Hospital at Indore .....		634 49
Sept. 2nd. "    "    For Miss O'Hara's outfit.....		150 00
"    "    For her expenses in New York .....		50 00
Oct.    "    Further for her expenses in New		
York .....		100 00
Dec.    "    For her Medical outfit .....		250 00
Oct.    "    For Miss McWilliam's outfit .....		150 00
May 1892. The sum of.....		23,197 50
"    "    For Miss Turnbull's expenses in		
New York .....		150 00
June    "    For Hospital at Indore.....		4,161 50 ✓
"    "    For Boarding School at Indore .....		2,502 35 ✓
"    "    For Purchase of property for School		
at Alberni, B. C .....		2,000 00 ✓
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		\$35,461 35
		30,142 80
		5,318 55
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		Total Expenditure .....
		Balance in Dr. Reid's hands. ....

It will thus be seen that since June, 1892, Dr. Reid has had in his hands, after meeting all other expenditure, the sum of \$3,318.55, applicable to the Hospital and Boarding School at Indore and the Alberni School.

These three items are included in the estimate received from the F. M. Committee of amount needed for carrying on the work this year, which will be published as soon as possible.

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

### Designation Services.

At Belleville, in St. Andrew's Church, August 11th, Dr. Agnes Turnbull was formally appointed as medical missionary to the Mission Field of our Church in Central India. A very large audience assembled, many visitors being present from the other Presbyterian Churches, and from sister denominations in Belleville, with large deputations from towns in the vicinity. Mr. Hamilton Cassels, of Toronto, convener of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, presided, and appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. E. N. Baker, of the Bridge street Methodist Church, Rev. J. L. George, Rev. M. W. Maclean and Miss Turnbull's father, the Rev. J. Turnbull, of Nova Scotia. Mr. Cassels presented Miss Turnbull with a copy of the Holy Scriptures on behalf of the W. F. M. Society, and read a letter containing farewell words from the Board. The local Auxiliaries also presented the missionary-elect with a copy of the large edition of the Standard Bible Dictionary. Miss Turnbull, accompanied by her father, sailed for Scotland on the 20th August, where she will visit friends for a few weeks before proceeding to India.

A very impressive service was held in Westminster Church, Toronto, on the evening of September 1st, when Dr. Lucinda Graham was designated to the work of medical missionary in Honan. Mr. Hamilton Cassels occupied the chair, and associated with him on the platform were the Rev. J. Neil, pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. MacLaren, Rev. R. P. Mackay, secretary of the F. M. Committee, Rev. Dr. McTavish and Rev. J. McP. Scott. Mr. Cassels, Rev. Dr. MacLaren and Rev. R. P. McKay addressed the Designate and the friends assembled on behalf of the F. M. Committee, and earnest prayer was offered by Dr. McTavish and Mr. Scott. Mr. Cassels stated that the salary of

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Miss Graham would be the special care of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society, while the other expenses incidental to a medical outfit, etc., will be met by the W. F. M. Society (W.D.) Dr. MacLaren explained that Dr. Graham had nobly taken up the work which Miss Graham, her sister, who had gone to Honan three years ago as a trained nurse, had been obliged to abandon on account of ill-health. Mrs. Ewart, president of the W. F. M. S. (W.D.), on behalf of the Society, presented Miss Graham with a Bible, and addressed to her a few earnest words of counsel. The foreign secretary of the Society said some words of farewell in the name of the Board, assuring Miss Graham of the sympathy and prayers of its members. Rev. Mr. Neil spoke touchingly of the work of Dr. Graham in the congregation, and expressed the regret they felt in losing her. Miss Graham, with other missionaries, left on the 5th September for Honan, via the C.P.R. to Vancouver, B.C.

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### Sale of Chinese Girls for Immoral Purposes.

Some months ago Rev. James Ross, of Perth, who was then returning from a visit to Victoria, B.C., called the attention of the Board to the importation and sale of Chinese girls for vicious purposes at Canadian ports on the Pacific coast. Mr. Ross narrated the various steps taken by Christian friends at Victoria to put a stop to this infamous traffic, and specially commended the good work accomplished by means of the Rescue Home there, which is under the supervision of the Methodist W. F. M. Society of Canada. After enumerating the obstacles, which those who would save these defenceless girls and women must contend with and overcome, viz., the influence of the "High

Binders" (a secret society among the Chinese), the difficulty the authorities have in discovering these helpless girls, and the ignorance and incredulousness of the victims themselves, Mr. Ross earnestly appeals to our Society to co-operate with the Methodist W. F. M. S. in petitioning the Government to look into and prevent this evil.

A few days ago we received a comprehensive and most touching letter from Rev. A. B. Winchester, the missionary of our Church to the Chinese in British Columbia, on the same subject. Mr. Winchester also bears testimony to the noble service rendered to Christ and humanity in the salvation of many of these little suffering girls through the rescue work carried on by the Methodist Church. Rev. J. E. Gardiner, Superintendent of the Methodist Chinese Mission, touched by the wrongs and sorrows of these poor girls, commenced this work some six years ago. Very soon the present Rescue Home at Victoria, now under the care of the devoted workers, Miss Leak and Miss Cartmell, was established. This Home has sheltered thirty girls during the six years of its existence. At present there are thirteen in the household, the ages ranging from six to twenty-five years. Their stories of sorrow, cruelty and suffering are pathetic in the extreme.

One of the inmates, grown to womanhood before her rescue, tells a sad tale. She was stolen from her parents in a city in China when about five years old, was sold four different times to unscrupulous men or women, had been married to a man who not only failed to provide for and protect her, but who leagueed himself with her persecutors and betrayers. She had been dragged about from one town to another, living in nine different places for a longer or shorter period, the last being in the jail at New Westminster, where Christian friends had found her. The poor girl had been unmercifully beaten again and again, compelled to live, as far as female companionship was concerned, an

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isolated life for more than four years, and was many times threatened with death if she failed to bring in plenty of money to those who *owned* her. "How long and how terrible," Mr. Winchester says, "must have been those twenty years of suffering, shame and slavery, and yet this case is but an average one."

We are told that of the whole number of these rescued girls—about thirty in number—not one has returned to a sinful life. Three or four who were kidnapped from parents in China have been restored to their relatives at their own request. Two, who had been betrothed in childhood, married heathen husbands; though heathen, they were moral men, and it is hoped that through their visits from and to the Home these husbands may be brought into living union with Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Ten have been married to Christian husbands, and are now established in their own Christian homes. One of these Christian wives accompanies Miss Cartmell as interpreter to the Chinese haunts where once she was a partner in their sins, but now as a zealous, loving follower of Jesus.

It is suggested that we call the attention of the Government to this evil, protest against it, and ask that the practice be abolished.

In closing his interesting letter Mr. Winchester urges us to pray to Him who is a strong tower of defence to the oppressed, that He may hear our cry in the needy's behalf, and that He may clarify our vision that we may see, and strengthen us that we may perform all the good pleasure of His will concerning these our defenceless and oppressed sisters dwelling in this the land of the stranger.

NOTE.—A meeting of representatives from our own and the other A. F. M. Societies of the Evangelical Churches for the purpose of considering this question, devising a concerted plan of action, and taking decisive steps to aid in abolishing this revolting traffic in human souls, was recently held in Toronto.

*NORTH-WEST INDIANS.*

Rest from Labour.

On Friday, August 5th, Mrs. Nichol, wife of Rev. F. O. Nichol, missionary to the Indians at the Mistawasis Reserve, was called, after a short illness, in her early womanhood and from a life of earnest devotion to the cause of missions, to her eternal home. Mrs. Nichol was taken sick on her return journey from Ontario, where she had been visiting friends, at the residence of Miss Baker, our missionary teacher at Prince Albert. Here our beloved sister "fell asleep," and though far from home and loved ones, it is comforting to know that she was surrounded by the kindest, tenderest friends, and that everything that warm affection and medical skill could devise was done to alleviate her sufferings, and save, if possible, her precious life. Mrs. Nichol was laid to rest in the cemetery sacred to the memory of the volunteer heroes who fell at Batoche.

On the Tuesday following the funeral, the bereaved husband visited Mistawasis, his field of labour, some twenty or thirty miles from Prince Albert, and gathering his people about him, told them of their own and his sad loss. Hearts overflowed with sorrow, and amid silence broken only by sobs, Chief Mistawasis arose, and in the Indian tongue told of his people's sympathy and their great sorrow. The councillors also spoke in succession, lamenting the loss of one who had endeared herself to them by her gentle, womanly ways, her devotion to their interests, and tireless energy on their behalf.

Mrs. Mackay, widow of the late Rev. J. Mackay, former missionary at the Mistawasis Reserve, writes touchingly as follows, of the loss sustained by the mission through this bereavement:— "I feel it a duty devolving upon me to send a few lines to THE LEAFLET, on behalf of our Sabbath schools and women on our Reserve, to express our deep sorrow at the departure of our dear

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young missionary lady, so early removed from our midst—her sphere of usefulness. She was spared just long enough to endear herself to us all, by her cheerful, winning ways, as well as in the Christ-like disposition she so strikingly exhibited. It must be a great comfort to our young missionary, in his sore affliction, to know that his dear one is now enjoying the reward of her labours. I often think of the last conversation we had about mission work. I was regretting that I could do so little to assist her in the active work since my removal from the Mission. In reply Mrs. Nichol said, 'Now, Mrs. Mackay, you and Mr. Mackay have in the past borne the burden and heat of the day. *All we wish* is your presence, and a word of encouragement to cheer us on our way. When I return from my visit to the east, I intend to enter with even more zeal and energy into my missionary labours.' But she has been called to higher service."

"But I would not have you to be ignorant concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

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### Grateful Words.

FROM THE VENERABLE CHIEF MISTAWASIS.

CARLTON, *May 16, 1892.*

Ever since I made peace with the white man I have had friendly feelings toward him, and think I cannot give enough love to them, my friends. Ever since I have been in treaty my friendship with the whites has grown, but more so since my visit to Canada three years ago. I greet you from my heart and soul and have ever been friendly to you.

I am thankful to the ladies for the clothing sent and approve

of the plan the minister takes in the distribution. The young and able-bodied men should be made to work for theirs, and the old receive theirs as a gift. We are so thankful to get the clothing that, although it is sometimes worn, we think it new.

I am very glad Mr. Nichol is here, I speak this from my heart. I hope you will still help us. There is no quarter from which we expect aid but from you. I saw a great deal down east, I saw the fruit of the white man's learning and labour, and I wish my people were like them. I was amazed and imagined my people could never be like that. Things were so strange and I was so ignorant that I lost myself.

Had it not been for the Christian religion my band would have been far different from what it is, and would have been scattered all over. If it had not been for our missionary we would have had no hope of a better life; this we now have. I had a hard time keeping my Indians quiet during the rebellion, as I was friendly with both whites and Indians.

I always had an idea of a God and if I obeyed him he would remember me. I am much pleased with the school, and am sorry that of late years so many children have died when they should enter school. My father, mother and three brothers are buried at Carlton, and I alone am left; I am thankful. It made me think (when I saw their graves lately) where are they now? I don't know how old I am, but nearly eighty years. I have been in ten battles with the Blackfeet, but not of my own choosing, only in self-defence. I call you my better friends, yes, better than my own people. I wish we could all follow the teachings of Christ as He requires us. I think my people trust too much to themselves, they think too much of their own strength. I feel troubled when the church is not filled.

I send you my heart's greetings and trust that we may all try to do as God desires us.

*Interpreted by Mr. D. M. McVicar, B.A.*

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“ And there Shall be no More Death.”

FROM MISS FRASER.

MISSION SCHOOL, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, *Aug. 2, 1892.*

You will wonder why I have not written, but when I tell you you will easily understand. Early in April I was called away to my mother's bedside ; she was very ill, and I felt it my duty to remain with her as long as I could. After a few weeks she rallied, and as there seemed no immediate danger I returned to my work, but again I was called, and before I could reach the home in Southern Manitoba, where she was visiting, her spirit had been called home. Just a short time ago I returned to Portage from having been in Ontario with my mother's remains. You will know, Mrs. Harvie, how difficult it was for me to even collect my thoughts for a letter. Miss Huston has been away for her holidays but is expected back now in a few days.

We do not begin teaching till next week, but the children were wearying to get back to school and for that reason I have opened the school this week. I hope to get the children all back and ready for work next week when Miss Huston returns. Our work has been pleasant and has gone on nicely during the last few months. We have had our own difficulties and trials, but we have felt that through all God's hand was with us and all was for the best.

One of our brightest and best pupils was taken away from us in May. We were sorry indeed to lose her, but we feel that she has been taken home. Young as she was, her work on earth was done. She had been ill for several weeks with a severe attack of hemorrhage of the lungs ; and although the doctor gave us little hope of her recovery, yet we had hoped that she might recover. She was a favourite with us all, and her death touches a strong chord in each heart. Mary fully realized at the last that she was dying, and expressed a desire to be taken soon to live with

Jesus. She had learned to know and trust Him as her Saviour. I trust her death will be a deep and lasting lesson to all our pupils.

You will be pleased to hear that many of the Indians have been doing so well this year. They are anxious to purchase land for themselves, and have already a nice little sum of money in the savings' bank towards the amount needed. Several of them have gardens on the piece of land where they are allowed to camp. These gardens consists of potatoes, beans, peas, carrots, onions, be. ts, etc. The seed was put in early and everything has grown beautifully. It is such a pleasure to us and to many others to see these Indians, who once spent all their time idling about, now becoming industrious and trying to make an honest living for themselves and families.

The Sabbath services are conducted regularly, the attendance is good, and it is indeed pleasing to see the interest taken in hearing and reading God's Word. David Ross, our interpreter, who was baptized by Mr. Wright last winter, has been received into the Church and is living a consistent Christian life. We hope many others will soon follow David's example and cast in their lot with God's people.

Miss Walker was down with us for a week. We were all so pleased to see her again, we were wishing to have her with us longer but we had to be satisfied with a week's visit this time.

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### Children Glad to Return to School.

FROM MISS WALKER.

REGINA, Aug. 22, 1892.

When my note was written to you a few weeks ago, I think I said a letter would follow in a day or two. The promise was not forgotten. The letter was begun, but had to be laid aside, as c'ten happens, and now I am almost ashamed to write. Yet I

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think you understand how busy a life we lead in an Indian School, and you are ready to forgive me for seeming neglect.

So far we have had a very pleasant summer, having been a busy one adds to its pleasure. We have had our trials, too, as well as our joys. We have lost two pupils by death since last April, and three others have gone to their homes ill, we fear not likely ever to return to this school. The two boys who died were bright, promising lads; both seemed strong and healthy, but that dreaded disease consumption, so common among the Indians, carried them off after a very short illness.

We have had two weeks of holidays, at least there were no classes taught in the school-room—a holiday from class work but not a holiday for some members of the staff, as only a few of the children were allowed to go home, and that just for five days. Mr. Gilmour went with twenty-eight of the children to the nearest reserves. They visited for five days, and although the visit was to their homes and enjoyed by all, yet all seemed glad to return.

Mrs. McLeod and I had a delightful trip and a rest. We visited our friends in Portage la Prairie. It was indeed a pleasure; the work in the Portage school is going on so nicely, improvements have been made about the building, everything now bears the look of a comfortable home. I felt glad to see the children and the Indians, and I believe they were pleased to meet me again. Some of the Indians have gardens for the first time, of which they are justly proud. Indeed we all feel proud of them. When we look back and think of how little interest they would take in any improvement which would be a help for themselves, it seems quite natural to think a great step in advance has been taken. Miss Fraser was writing to you at that time, so you have heard all about the improvements, and I need not mention more.

We were pleased to see by THE LEAFLET that a box of clothing

is to be sent to Regina School. It, no doubt, will contain much which we hope to be very useful in helping those we would like to help.

Before long, I think, a W. F. M. S. may be formed in our church in Regina. A number of the ladies are talking of having it organized as soon as possible. The congregation has many ladies, excellent workers. I am sure they will have a wide-awake auxiliary. Kindly remember me to all friends.

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INDIA.

Entering Upon Her Work.

FROM MISS M'WILLIAMS.

INDORE, July 15, 1892.

The long-looked-for rains have come at last, and after three months of intense heat, we are now enjoying cool weather. But even this good is mixed with some evil, for beds, clothes and everything in the bungalow feels so damp, and we have not stoves here, at which to dry them, as you have in Canada. But this is much better weather for work than the dry, hot weather was.

Miss O'Hara and I, who have now passed through our first hot season in India, have enjoyed the very best of health all through it, even at the time when from 10 a.m. of each day till 4 p.m. it was not safe to venture out of doors at all; and when doors and windows had to be kept closed, else air from outside, that felt like the draught from a heated, oven would make the house unbearable.

During six weeks of this time Miss Oliver was very ill, suffering from "Indian Fever" caused by too much sun. The doctors at one time dreaded typhoid fever setting in. At one door downstairs, and two windows upstairs, in our bungalow we had *tatties*. These are made of a kind of grass on a wooden frame

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that exactly fits the door or window frame. A native is employed who, by throwing water on these grass mats, keeps them damp through the warm part of the day, and air, passing through them, keeps the air in the house from becoming intolerably dry and hot. During this part of the day our time was fully occupied with studying, reading, writing and sleeping, as the early morning and the evening hours were taken up with work and exercise. Till just before the rains the nights were much cooler than the days, but for the last three weeks the weather, both day and night, has been very trying.

All through the hot season, Rev. N. Russell, of Mhow, and all the members of the Indore staff, with the exception of Miss Oliver, Miss O'Hara and myself, were at Simla, a hill station on the Himalayas, where they had gone for a much-needed rest and change of air. All looked very much run down when they left here, and all but Mrs. Wilkie have returned looking very much improved and full of energy to begin work again. Mrs. Wilkie remained behind for two or three months as little Bessie is not very strong and their bungalow is damp in the rains since the middle of June.

I have spent part of each day in school work in the city school opened by Miss Ross. From the time she left Indore for Mhow Mrs. Wilkie took charge of it until she left for Simla. There were two native Christian women teaching in this school when I took charge of it; but as one of them was a very unsatisfactory teacher I dismissed her and have now in her place Dinahbai, the first product of the Boarding School, who has taken the position of teacher. She has been under the instruction of Miss Rodger, the late Miss Harris, and latterly Miss Sinclair. She is about fifteen years of age, and therefore has time yet to improve in her work. But even now her work, when compared with that of the ordinary native teachers I have seen, shows a decided difference in favour of Boarding School training—where, besides being

surrounded with Christian influences, the child sees a better system of teaching than she would in the usual native Public School.

The excuses for truancy in this country are as varied as they are numerous, and I think that as far as truental capacity is concerned we need have no fear of the children not being able to learn who can concoct such wonderful excuses for either absence from school or misbehaviour they can, and their faces will fairly beam when they think they have succeeded in convincing you that their statement is true. But when one considers their surroundings and their religion, which trains them to all sorts of lying, cheating and abominable rites, one is touched with a deep sense of pity for them, and a great longing to win them away from it all to Christ ; and one very soon becomes much attached to them.

I wish you could see my little school. From a written description of the people or customs here, you can form but a faint and imperfect idea of what it really is like. One requires to see Eastern life, people and countries to know what they are.

Owing to the many religious rites, and the instability of most natives here, in all that they undertake, the attendance at a school for heathen, fluctuates. Some days I have between forty-five and fifty present, and other days only between twenty and twenty-five. But there are a few who attend regularly. Children in India are smaller than children in Canada of the same age, so you may try to imagine little girls, between the ages of five and ten, or twelve, sitting in rows on a clay floor, all wearing some kind of hood, cap or *sari* on their heads, and often nothing else but a jacket, in some cases reaching only to their waists. But though not overburdened with clothes, the little Hindu girl would cause a little Canadian girl to open her eyes in astonishment at the amount of jewellery the former wears. First the necklace, consisting of charms, supposed to ensure the child from

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sickness, danger, etc.; then the ears, with one, two or three rings in each, and so many ornaments attached to these rings, that often the poor child's ear is almost invisible under them; then in the left nostril is another ring and ornaments, this ring being sometimes so large as to reach round to the ear-ring and be joined to it, one inside the other; then on the wrists and ankles are bangles, usually many in number, and to those on the ankles are attached little bells or trinkets that make a tinkling sound as they walk; also ornaments of various kinds are worn in the hair, the whole top of the head being sometimes almost covered with them; then on the forehead, between the eyebrows, is the mark of wifehood, in shape and colour to agree with the taste of the child. The exceptions are few, not more than half a dozen or so in my school who are not married, and, of course, the unmarried children do not wear these trinkets, with the exception of the necklace and the bangles. The putting in of the nose and earrings, and the putting on the jewellery on the top of the head is part of the marriage ceremonies.

We need your earnest prayers for our success in winning souls for Christ, for truly the "harvest is great and the labourers few," and the thought that friends in the dear home-land are remembering us at the Throne of Grace, makes the work seem lighter than it otherwise would, besides encouraging the labourer.

## SUPPLY.

### Clothing Acknowledged.

FROM REV. C. W. WHITE.

KAMSACK, August 8, 1892.

The five bales of clothing from the Guelph people arrived safely. The contents proved to be eminently satisfactory. There was scarcely anything but what can be made good use of. Many of the things were quite new, and there were many signs

of thoughtfulness and loving care on the part of those who prepared them. A very kind letter was found in one bundle. It is indeed encouraging to realize that so many of God's people are continually remembering us. We hope this winter to have our children well clothed, and thus to be able to some extent at an adequate rate to keep off colds and la grippe.

Our school is again filling up. You will remember that thirty-five of our pupils were taken away to Regina. We have now about thirty, and more are expected soon. We are adding a large girls' dormitory, a laundry and bath-room with a cistern, all of which will be finished, we hope, in a few weeks.

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### For the Little Ones.

FROM MISS SINCLAIR.

INDORE, July 13, 1892.

I feel almost ashamed to write again this year and make special requests, but I very much want some school apparatus that is not to be had in India, so far as I know.

When the next goods are coming will you please send me a couple of boxes of white chalk crayons—the kind ordinarily used at home—and one box of coloured ones. We can only get huge lumps of chalk in the bazaar here, and it is impossible to do nice black-board work with them.

Then I should be very glad if any home teacher, who is interested in our work, could send me some very simple kindergarten apparatus,\* such as cubes, sticks, coloured glazed paper for weaving designs, etc. At present we have two wee bairnies in the boarding school, with whom I would like to try kindergarten work. The system has not been introduced except in a very few

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\*The kindergarten supplies have been provided by Toronto Presbyterial.

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schools in India, but I fancy it would be successful here as it is at home.

My rest at Simla has done me a world of good. I returned two weeks ago and am feeling fresh and strong in spite of the very trying weather we are having. The monsoon has not broken yet, and all are longing for the rains, especially those of us who did not escape the scorching heat of the past hot season.

I am writing this in the boarding school. The sound of voices comes from the adjoining room. The girls are sewing and singing as they sew. I wish the ladies at home could see the beautiful, comfortable and commodious building they have provided for this work. I trust the work done in it may be done to His glory and for the furtherance of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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## Lights and Shadows of Mission Life.

FROM MISS BLACKADDAR.

TACARIGUA, *July 27, 1892.*

It is long since I have heard from dear Toronto friends, but the fault is mine, not theirs. But really when school is over, I am so worn out in body and spirit, that I can hardly drag myself about, much less sit down and compose a bright, interesting letter, such as the dear friends desire.

This afternoon I went into one of the Estate Hospitals to see a boy who had been badly injured by being thrown from a cart. He ran away from school that day, and was found dreadfully hurt, but as I was speaking to the boy, the negro nurse got very angry, and nearly ordered me out of the house, or rather hospital.

I find the school work very wearing; when you tell a child nineteen times that m-e-a-d-o-w spells meadow, and when you

timidly ask the young heathen *to tell you* the word, it is rather trying to have him roar in your ear, m-e-a-d-o-w, widow. When you show a boy two pencils in one hand, and two in the other, and beseech him to remember the fact that two and two make four, it is truly heart-rending to have him maintain that two and two make eleven. But all these torments come to an end next Friday, and they end for two short weeks of vacation.

A series of interruptions, a man for some water, a woman for some medicine for a *foot-finger* (toe). The cat is reported to be making attempts to break into the safe in order to steal a small bit of beef that is intended for breakfast. The dog has taken advantage of my going to arrest the cat to jump into a chair, it upsets, and his dogship yells in terror, the drummer opposite beats his drum in a frantic manner ; at last all is settled, and to end all the lamp not being supplied with oil says suddenly "good-night," and leaves me in the dark. So I will finish at another time.

*Aug. 12.*—We have two weeks' vacation, and very glad we are of the rest. After sixteen years' work in our schools, with all the anxiety attending upon them, and the warm climate, one gets sooner wearied here than at home. Mrs. Morton's boarding school is doing well. If you at home could only *see* and know the sad state of Hindoo women, you would take still greater interest in them.

The education question seems to be still unsettled, and we seem farther away from a compulsory clause than ever. Oh! how good it will be in a world where the selfish striving shall end.

We have a great deal of sickness among the people, as such floods as we have had this season have been very severe. In some places Mrs. Morton's school-houses have been real *arks* for the poor people who have been driven out of house and home, by the floods. *One dear little boy was drowned either going or returning from school.*

A coolie man has just been in, greatly distressed; his son is ill of fever, and I must go and see him. In six houses are to be found people suffering from fever, some so poorly off as regards food and care.

Mr. J. L. Eccles, one of the leading planters, was laid in his grave last week. Hundreds of Hindus were there. This gentleman had great power and position, and now all is gone. We have just heard of the death of Sir J. Gorrie, Chief Justice. So one by one are the strong and active taken away.

How Mrs. Burns will be missed in Halifax; it will not seem the same without Dr. and Mrs. Burns.

How sad about so many of your Indian Missionaries breaking down; it surely must be from over work. I am glad to see steps are being taken to consider the question. When there is *much* to do, and *few* to do it, people will tug on, often till they fall.

I hope God may spare my life long enough to spend a summer in dear Toronto, its atmosphere (in good works) is bracing, helps one to be a better worker, and a better Christian.

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### Not too Much for an Indian.

One day an Indian asked Bishop Whipple to give him two one-dollar bills for a two-dollar note. The bishop asked: "Why?" He said: "One dollar for me to give to Jesus, and one dollar for my wife to give." The bishop asked him if it was all the money he had. He said: "Yes." The bishop was about to tell him: "It is too much," when an Indian clergyman who was standing by whispered: "It might be too much for a white man to give, but not too much for an Indian who has this year heard for the first time of the love of Jesus.

## NOTICES.

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

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

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

Letters containing remittances of money for the W. F. M. S. may be addressed to Mrs. MacLennan, Treasurer, 10 Murray Street, Toronto. All requests for life membership certificates should also be sent to Mrs. MacLennan, accompanied in every case by a certificate that the fee has been paid.

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

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The President's address is, Mrs. Ewart, 66 Wellesley Street, Toronto.

### *Maps of Mission Fields.*

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