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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.

January.—For all branches of this Society ; that each member may be able to consecrate time and money to the work of Foreign Missions. For all sister societies in Canada, in Great Britain and in the United States. For Rulers, that they may be disposed to seek the good of the Kingdom, and for the general spread of the Gospel.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. iii. 19.

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you ; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."—II. Cor. ix. 8.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Day of Special Prayer for Foreign Missions.

The annual meeting for special prayer has been arranged by the Board to be held early in January, on the day set apart by the Evangelical Alliance for prayer for Foreign Missions. Auxiliaries and Mission Bands will fix their own date. The following programme will be followed. Although, for the sake of convenience, the passages of Scripture and hymns chosen for this occasion are given, those having meetings in charge will please select appropriate Scripture and hymns according to their own preference.

Hymn 90, verses 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6.

Scripture.—Rom. viii. 14-18

1. Adoration; and prayer for the presence and aid of the Holy Spirit in this meeting.

Psalm. c.

2 Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Gospel, for privileges of service, for guidance received, for those who have been led to confess Christ, and for all that God has wrought in the various mission fields.

Hymn 122.

3. Confession of our own unworthiness, of indifference and coldness in the Lord's work, of our selfishness and want of liberality in supporting it, and prayer for forgiveness.

Hymn 230.

Phil: 2. 4-16.

4. Prayer that the Holy Spirit may bring home with increased power to the hearts of all Christians, especially to the members of our own Church and Society, the obligation resting upon them to obey the last command of Christ, and that the Church may be awakened to yet more earnest prayer. That there may be great advance in liberality, so that no approved

servants of Christ may be detained at home for lack of means to send them to the foreign field.

Hymn 274.

5. That our missionaries abroad be kept from all peril, sustained and encouraged in the work, and endued with special love, wisdom and power; That the Spirit may go before the missionaries to prepare the hearts of the heathen for the reception of the truth. That native Christians may be kept from evil, established in the faith, and enabled to commend Christ to others.

Isaiah xlv : 18-25.

6. That great wisdom may be given in the administration of foreign missions, that a rich blessing may rest on the labors of our missionaries on furlough, on our missionary periodicals, and on all other efforts to deepen missionary interest throughout the church.

Hymn 263.

7. For the speedy conversion of the Jews, especially for the work of our Church among them; for the Indians in our North-West; for the French Canadian Mission; for the other Home Mission Work of the Church; and for the Chinese in America. That all hindrances to the spread of the Gospel may be removed, and that God may greatly bless all efforts for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Prayer.*

In all missionary organizations, in every missionary effort, the first thought that arises is, What can we do? What will we be permitted or enabled to accomplish? And for the success of the endeavour, what plan shall we adopt? From what already tried and successful schemes shall we borrow useful hints for the

* A paper read at a recent Auxiliary Meeting.

success of our work? And this is wise, for in these days of progress, when everyone may and should profit by lessons learned from the failure or success of others, there is positively no excuse for blunder. In things pertaining to this life, how consciously a spirit of condemnation rises up within us against the man, who, in rash haste or unpardonable ignorance, undertakes an enterprise that must result in failure.

Wisdom is not withheld from those who will be wise; and so God, in all our work for Him, counsels us. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God." In this we have the keynote to all successful missionary effort.

Christ says a wonderful thing, "The works that I do shall ye do also, and greater works than these shall ye do, and because I go to the Father!"

And now, what can missionary workers ask for more than this? Is there any need of any society or any individual that we may not at once bring to God the Father, making mention of the precious name of Jesus; and, while we are yet speaking, God will hear, yea, even before we speak, He will answer. Many years ago I read a sermon, in which were those beautifully poetic words:—"If a little child should kneel behind the throne and say, 'For Jesus'sake,' the Great God (amidst the music of the angel throng) would hear and stoop to listen."

But, listen to the words of Jesus: "Father, I thank Thee, that Thou hearest me, and I know that Thou heardest me always"

O, how precious are God's thoughts towards us, how great is the sum of them, for, knowing our great need, and all our ignorance, He consoles us by telling us, Ye know not what to pray for as ye ought, but my Spirit will teach you, yea, He will make intercession within you with unutterable groanings. This must be the thought expressed in those wonderful words,

“Greater works shall ye do than these works which I have done.” Can we, dare we think to appropriate or grasp a portion of their marvellous meaning? May we not hope that they mean, “Now that I am ascended up on high, there to intercede for you, my Spirit shall enlighten you, teach you, move you, to ask such large blessings in my Name as that there shall not be room to receive them.”

I do not believe we half understand what great things God will do by us, nay, that He is waiting to do in and for us, and by every yielded up heart and life of man. What people is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is, in all that we call upon him for.

These are your privileges, faithful workers of the Master, and this your High Calling. Arm yourselves with these weapons, for they are mighty through God to the pulling down of the strongholds of sin and Satan, even in darkest heathendom.

And now that we have so many of God's gracious encouragements to pray always, and not to faint, we do well to remember that there are thorns and briers by the way, that will pierce the feet of everyone who will live godly in Christ Jesus. Let any undertake a warfare against sin, resolving that it shall be to the death, and they will soon find how much they need all the strength of Jehovah God behind the promise, “Certainly I will be with thee; I will not fail thee nor forsake thee.”

That there will be opposing influences within our souls and formidable adversaries without, we have learned by our own sad experience. Who has not at times felt ashamed and afraid to come into God's presence, with hearts so cold and apathetic that prayer seemed almost an insult; and who has not had their earnest longing for a needed blessing marred by some useless carnal thought; while from without there is the world, with all its beautifully garnished allurements, and its ever-recurring,

perplexing needs, and the Prince of the Power of the Air watching every halting step, and every sign of wavering trust, that he may at least distress where he cannot destroy. We need not, however, be distressed at this, as though some strange thing had happened unto us, but rather set it down as an axiom—that when God will work, Satan will hinder: and that the prayers begotten in the soul by deepest need, are those that come straight from God, and, in the precious name of Jesus, will return straight up again to the bosom of Deity.

There is an element in prevailing prayer that must not be overlooked. It must be very personal. And here again we have a sure word of promise from our God. "I will pour out upon you the spirit of grace and supplication." Our part is then to get in touch with those whom we would help. In foreign missionary work, this might seem something of a problem; but God is sufficient for this also, and can just as easily lay the burden of souls in those distant lands upon us, as he can press upon our spirits the needs of those with whom we come in contact.

We ought to know how much every newly awakened soul needs to have his or her case remembered daily before God; and how much the sower going forth to sow the seed is helped by our prayers. Let us remember the words of Christ, "Where two of you are agreed touching anything that ye shall ask on earth, it shall be granted unto you of the Father in Heaven." "If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it."

No answer comes to those who pray, and idly stand,
And wait for stones to roll away at God's command.
He will not break the binding cords upon us laid.
If we depend on pleading words, and do not aid.
When hands are idle, words are vain to move the stone;
An aiding angel would disdain to work alone.
But he who prayeth, and is strong in faith and deed,
And waiteth patiently, e'er long he will succeed.

Call to Prayer.

"These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone."

—Matt. xxiii, 23.

An announcement in the Church papers from Dr. Reid and Rev. R. P. McKay, Foreign Secretary, tells the very deplorable fact that the funds of the Foreign Mission schemes of the church are far short of what is required, consequently candidates now offering cannot be sent out.

Feeling deeply that, under such circumstances, some concerted and special step should be taken, the Board has agreed to spend a certain time at each meeting in special, united prayer, beseeching our Heavenly Father to send such a spirit of devotion and liberality upon all the members of our Church, that what is necessary to the efficient carrying on of the various schemes of our beloved Church may be forthcoming, and that the serious responsibility may not rest on her of rejecting those into whose heart the Lord has put the desire to carry abroad the glad tidings of salvation.

Will the members in all branches of our Society unite earnestly with us in this vital matter; not only by setting apart a time for special prayer at your meetings, but talk the matter over with your pastor and co-operate with him in any arrangement he may make, so that all the congregation, or, at least, those who find it in their hearts to *give willingly* to the Lord, may engage in special prayer for these objects, viz. :—

1. That the earnest appeals of the Convenors of the schemes of our Church, (remembering that a Mission to the Jews is now one of these schemes,) be prayerfully considered, and so a *permanent advance* be reached in their revenues.

2. That God's richest blessing may rest on the services now being given throughout the several Presbyteries by our returned Missionaries.

3. That the Mission of our Church to the Jews, both in Palestine and our own land be borne on all hearts in fervent prayer.

Thus our beloved Church will be saved from bringing couragement and sorrow on our Missions and Mission Workers. Our Church has done much in the past. We believe she *can* and *will* do this which is so urgently required of her.

Increase.

BRANDON....Wellington Mission Band.

CHATHAM....Chatham, First Presbyterian Church, Mission Band.

HAMILTON....Strabane, "White Stone" Mission Band.

LONDON.....Komok. Mission Band.

WHITBY.....Pickering, "Autumn Leaf" Mission Band.

Life Members.

Mrs. Clark, Bracebridge.

Mrs. Telfer, Thedford.

Mrs. McNabb, Beachburg.

Miss Elizabeth McLean, MacGillivray Mission Band, Knox Church, Goderich.

Mrs. Jean Leckie, Regina.

Mrs. John McKay, St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Thamesford.

Mrs. Stewart, N. Easthope.

Mrs. James Carswell, Renfrew.

Mrs. John Mutch, Chalmers Church M. B., Toronto.

Treasurer's Monthly Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Oct. 2, Balance in Bank.....	\$882 81
“ 18, Sub., Mrs. McDonald, Ste Anges de Dundee, Que.....	10 00
“ 20, Life M. Fee, Alexander, Aux., Brandon, P. S.	25 00

Nov. 24, Ormstown, Que., Auxiliary.....	\$155 00
“ 27, Life M. Fee, Regina	25 00
“ 30, Interest on Bank Account.....	4 98
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EXPENDITURE.

Oct. 23, Freight Charges.....	\$7 55
Nov. 6, Home Secretary, postage and express on Reports \$4.40, Letter Postage, 2.60	7 00
“ 6, Postage on Life Membership certificates.....	1 00
“ 24, Discount on Ormstown Cheque.....	25
Dec. 4, Foreign Secretary, postage.....	2 40
“ 4, Secretary of Supplies, postage.....	2 39
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Dec. 5, Balance in Bank... ..	1,082 20
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E. MACLENNAN, *Treasurer.*

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

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Last Words.

FROM DR. LUCINDA GRAHAM.

S. S. Wuchang, Thursday Sept. 6, 1894,

Miss McIntosh and I are now on our way home after a holiday in Arima, Japan. There we were charmed with the beautiful mountain scenery, such a decided change from the monotonous level plain of our part of China. The people, too, and their customs were all so different from what we had just left, that they made an interesting study, and we felt that the change of scene and surroundings was almost as beneficial as the change of climate.

Our holiday was a very pleasant one on the whole until near the end, when little May Smith was seized with a severe attack of dysentery, and for over a week we all watched and waited by her, hoping and praying that the disease might be stayed and her little life spared. Oh, what anxious days those were, and how our hearts ached for the parents, who had already passed through such heavy trials, as we saw them again called upon to suffer, and this time the chastening hand was laid upon them even more heavily than before, for the true parent heart will gladly endure any degree of pain rather than see one of the dear little children suffer. But the loving Father gave them grace and strength for this and it was touching to see how submissive they were in His hands. Day after day we hung over our darling little girl, administering remedies and giving what human aid we could, but in spite of it all she gradually sank, and there came a time when we could only stand tearfully by and watch for the end which we knew must soon come. We were glad that Doctor and Mrs. Malcolm, Miss McIntosh and myself could all be there to see the last of the sweet child who had been such a sunbeam to us for she was of such a gentle loving nature that she twined herself around the hearts of all, and many have called her an angel though not thinking that she would in reality be one so soon.

On Thursday afternoon of August 23rd she left us, and that evening there was a memorial service in Arima Church; then next day we went to Kobe and saw her lowered into her last resting place. Now, a little grave in Kobe and another in Pang Chuang are silent witnesses of what the parents have had to part with in the interests of the work here.

It was with much sorrow that we said farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Smith, and prepared to return to China without them, and the dear little May who had so often spent hours at a time with Miss

McIntosh and myself in our home in Hsin Chen, chatting and singing, and by her many bright winning little ways helping to make life in the interior so much more pleasant for us. How grateful we are for the children in the mission field and how we will miss them now that they are gone!

The condition of affairs between China and Japan at present makes our return to the interior somewhat uncertain, but we hope to get on in at once for the work has already been left so long. What the outcome of the war will be, and what its effect on mission work in China, is difficult to predict, but many fear that it will result in serious internal troubles which would make rather a critical period in the history of missions here. Christian people will require to be much in prayer just now, that God may so overrule it all, that His name may thereby be glorified and his kingdom advanced on the earth.

We are looking forward to meeting Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie to-morrow in Chefoo and the little baby boy whom we have not yet seen. Then we all expect to travel up the river together.

Miss McIntosh joins me in sending love, and says to thank you for the kind letter which she received a few weeks ago granting her request for money for the school.

CENTRAL INDIA.

A Call for Additional Missionaries.

FROM REV. N. H. RUSSELL.

Rutlam, Sept. 28, 1894.

If my record is kept correctly I think I am a letter in your debt. We wait till we have something to write about and consequently don't find any of the ordinary matters of sufficient importance to write about. Moreover time for letters must be borrowed, in India, either from the sleeping or the recreation hours, both of which the longer you are here the more important you find.

I am glad to say that Mrs. Russell is now almost herself again. We were very apprehensive as she contracted a very bad fever (107 °) in the wretched bungalow we were living in at Mhow. Miss O'Hara very kindly took her up to Indore where she had every attention and care she could get. Miss O'Hara has been so very kind. Mrs. Russell returns to Mhow next week when the baby will be a month old. I am at present absent from them; in fact I have been living in several places for the past few months—Mhow, Indore and Rutlam.

Mr. Wilson and I are conducting theological classes for the more advanced of our catechists, some of whom wish to study with a view to the ministry. It is exceedingly interesting work—as the men are all eager to learn—though it has its disadvantages as Hindi is so barren in theological terms. I think there seems to be a deeper spirituality among the Christians in our field; they seem to be growing. This intercourse of classes and the yearly mela will help in this direction. Of course the new ones are weak, but even of these we have much reason to be encouraged. I was very pleased the other day in Barwai, for instance, to find one of the newly baptised ones so ready and even eager to confess Christ, though he was being severely persecuted for it. Poor men, they are very weak, and have such low ideas of morality and duty, but contact with the living Christ will change all this.

We look for a grand time at our coming mela in Rutlam and hope to have many gathered here; even some of those who are not yet Christians talk of wishing to come. There is a village near Mhow where we have a great many enquiring ones and some of them were expressing a great desire to attend the mela. One of them, a Brahmin, who has been abused by his friends because of his partiality to Christianity, and has even been robbed

of his all, is working as a common coolie rather than go back to Hinduism. As he is very anxious to be baptised I trust we may soon number him among our Christians with his wife and family.

You will be glad to hear of the baptism of one of the leading native gentlemen in Madras, a Mr. Chetty. This has been followed this week by the news of the baptism of one of the native Professors in the Free Church Wilson College, Bombay, also an M.A., LL.D., which shows that Christianity is not quite without fruit among the upper classes.

There is a noticable change, also, on the part of the native press or some representatives of it. They are beginning to discuss the question :—Why should not a man become a Christian and still be tolerated in Hindu society?

We are sorrowed by the prospect of no new missionaries this year, especially when our ranks are somewhat depleted and our needs fast increasing. Especially do we need two or three more men to open up new stations. There is a very heavy responsibility resting on our church in not answering to this call. Several large centres here, with thousands and thousands of people, are now open in every way to work, nor have we promise that the doors will be kept open if we do not enter. Moreover it is no saving not to send men, for in the absence of new men we, who are here, try to reach farther than we have strength for, and are constantly in danger of breaking down. Take Dhar alone: the old Maharajah is very friendly to us and would, I believe, assist us in many ways to begin work were we to go in, but as he is very frail he may not last long and when he is gone we do not know what spirit may exist.

Miss Fraser, Miss Sinclair and Miss White are not very well; otherwise, I think, we are all in fair health.

NORTH-WEST INDIANS.

Extracts from a Letter from Miss Laidlaw.

Portage la Prairie, Indian School, Nov. 7, 1894.

We were very much pleased to get your letters; they were so full of cheer and encouragement that we will count them among the bright things of mission life. Some of the children are in school writing letters to Miss Walker, while the larger ones are busy ironing. You will be glad to know our family now numbers twenty-one, and, counting ourselves, twenty-three. Katie and Louise take their meals in the kitchen to make room for two little ones in the dining room. The non-treaty Indians we spoke about sent a little boy; he is between five and six years old. We put Charlie to sleep with Topsy, so that leaves his bed for Woada, who has been sleeping on the floor for some time.

We are both glad to give all our time and strength in the work of the Lord, and hope we will lean more on His strength, which is sufficient.

The children often speak of you, and the things you asked them to remember. Katie, Louise and Topsy, connected themselves with the church last communion.

The Indians have had a dance this fall, but we were glad Peter took no part in it; indeed, he came to us to see what we could do to hinder them, for they were getting liquor somewhere.

Charlie is learning to talk English, and is quite intelligible in it; he is the same nice little fellow, and the pet of all.

Miss Fraser is going to let as many as like go home at Christmas, they are quite content and would be, I think, to stay, but it will be a better thing to let them go; there was a show of hands last night at the tea table, and if all goes well we will only have Louise, Katie, Topsy, Minnie, Madie, Peter, Woada and Charlie here. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the same kind friends.

Poor Mr. and Mrs. Graham's hearts will be sore over their loss ; it will be hard to see why their loved one was taken away so soon. It seemed as if her place were hard to fill, but God will raise some one up to carry on the work she left, while He has called her to share in the glories of His home.

The children join us in sending love and best wishes.

Improvements to the School Building.—An Increase in the Attendance

FROM MISS MCINTOSH.

Mistawasis, Aldina P.O., Oct. 27, 1894.

I was so pleased to receive your letter. Although you were with us such a short time, still you seem like an old friend.

It is too bad that your visit was so hurried. I was over at Mrs. Dreever's the other evening and she said that all the women were so disappointed. They had been looking forward to your coming. She said that if she had been at home that day she would have come to the Mission House to see you. I forgot to say before that Mrs. Dreever is an Indian woman, but she speaks very good English. She is Catherine's mother; you remember Catherine, don't you? I told her why your visit had to be so brief.

I haven't had much chance lately to see many of the women except at church. The afternoons are becoming so short and the houses are so far apart.

Last Thursday the old Chief Mistawasis came over to the manse at dinner time, and he always says the Lord's Prayer for grace. If he stays away from home very long his wife always follows him to see that he is all right. This day I met her and she wanted to know if he were at the house ; after I told her that he was she began to point to the schoolhouse and tell me something in Cree, but as I don't understand the language I left her

to find out for myself what the trouble was. On opening the schoolhouse door I was greeted with a puff of heat ; the windows were closed tight and large cards put up to keep the light out ; the stove almost red-hot, and the children all gathered in a circle around Catherine, who lay upon a pile of coats, blankets, etc., in the centre of the room. She became sick after I had left for my dinner, and they were all nursing her. I left the door open and let down the windows very much against their will, for they said " Catherine will die." But I told them there would be more danger of all of them dying if there wasn't a little fresh air in that room for the heat was stifling. I let two of the largest girls take her home, and after school went over to see how she was, and was very much surprised to find her walking around the room with her baby brother in her arms who set up a very musical cry at the sight of me.

The attendance at school is better now than ever before. They remember very well what you and Prof. Baird and Mr. Rochester said to them, and I think that they are more punctual and take more thought about their personal appearance since.

A while ago the agent, Mr. Keith, brought yarn and knitting needles to the school and said that he would give fifty cents to the one who would knit the best pair of stockings before Treaty Day. They are all striving for it, but I think Jemima will win it. She knits very nicely.

The schoolhouse has all been repaired outside and inside since you were here, and is now very comfortable. Last week the Indians finished putting a very neat wire fence around the church.

The clothing arrived all right and a great deal of it has been distributed. I think the people here ought to be satisfied this year with the generous amount of clothing which they have received. Mr. Lewis and myself were very kindly remembered.

There was a fine lot of dress goods and the children will be able to come to school this winter warmly clad. This afternoon we started the sewing class. Mrs. Dreever helped me cut out the dresses, and we set nine of the girls at work on their dresses.

Although your visit was so brief in this part of the N.-W., you have made many warm friends who will think of you lovingly.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.
Acknowledgments of Clothing.

FROM MRS. MORTON.

Tunapuna, Trinidad, B. W. I., Feb. 2, 1894.

To the Ladies of Chalmers Church Auxiliary, W.F.M.S. Quebec ;

DEAR FRIENDS,—I must make the effort of writing to thank you for the valuable box of goods, which it gave us so much pleasure to receive in the last days of December. The Christmas examinations were over ; fortunately, however, we had not expended anything for prizes, we gave what clothing was on hand, telling the children that the ships were not in.

It is our intention to begin with the Sabbath Schools, in distributing your nice presents. These require a great deal of encouragement ; there is so much business done here on the Sabbath, and so much visiting indulged in, that it is harder to gather the children than even on week days. We also propose having gatherings of our Christian people at the different stations, and awarding the most deserving of our day scholars in this public manner.

You will be glad to hear that your box reached us with everything in the most perfect order. All the articles were suitable. I would suggest that in sending canvas-work, the slippers are the most suitable, the filling-in being easier ; coarse canvas and simple patterns most useful. The unbleached garments are not

very well adapted to our needs. In their place could we have a few plain chemises of the same material for those of our children who wear English clothing. These two slight improvements are all I can suggest, and perhaps fewer flannelette remnants and more prints.

FROM MR. C. W. WHYTE.

Kamsack, Nov. 2, 1894.

Of the clothing received so far, almost everything sent was useful. The supply of quilts from Huron is now scattered over the Reserve, and will help to keep many poor people warm during the coming winter. I have had to refuse a good many able bodied people in order that some of the poor old mothers may get their share. Although this displeases the younger people at the time, I am sure that it will do them good.

The Ottawa Presbytery, also, sent us a good supply of quilts for the school, and a splendid lot of new material for girls' clothing; also, a great many other useful things.

I wish that I could make every one who helped to send us these supplies know just how much we who work among the Indians appreciate this clothing. In the school, we could not get on without it. And while it requires great care not to pauperize, and great patience to put up with unreasonableness, yet the clothing is a great help to the work on the Reserve. I think however, that very seldom should anything be given for nothing, and that the gratitude of the Indians should as much as possible be for work that they can get, rather than for clothing given for nothing. And the longer I stay here, the more I feel that this is the true way of dealing with them.

I am glad to say that our church is almost finished. We will be able to use it this winter. The Indians have plastered it between the logs, and have white-washed it, both inside and out-

side. Some of this work was done for nothing and the rest for clothing. The people are very proud of their church, and it is my earnest prayer that it may be a true centre of light on the Reserve. You will remember that the Indians did all the hauling free and that meant a good deal, for all the lumber had to be brought nearly forty miles.

I am very glad that Mrs. Harvie and yourself got safely home again, and that you enjoyed your visit to the West. I am sure that we enjoyed your visit, just as much, if not more, than you did. The Indians often speak of you. White Hawk was joking about his old age last time I was up. Mrs. Whyte and all our workers join me in sending you their very kindest regards.

Nov. 23.

I now enclose receipts for bales received since, from Lanark and Renfrew, and Whitby.?

We have a very good supply this year for the Reserve, and for the girls in school, but hardly anything for boys. I shall have to get a piece of stuff at once to make winter suits. We are getting the Indian women to do a good deal of sewing for us just now, and they are very glad to get work to do at home.

I am glad to say that children and all are very well. We have had whooping-cough on the Reserve, and Wm. Fidler's little baby died. But it has not made its appearance in the school yet. Willie Caldwell has had a very sore face. It is all broken out over one side, but is getting better now. Letitia's hand is much better. Mrs. Whyte is not very strong yet, but is able to be about. Bryson and baby are flourishing.

FROM MR. W. J. WRIGHT.

Rolling River, Nov. 3. 1894.

We received your kind letter some days ago and were all glad to hear from you that you had arrived home in safety, and we

would say with you, praise God for his kindness to you all through the journey and for taking you safely home to your dear ones. Your visit has proved a blessing to us both in the wise counsel you gave us and the encouraging words spoken.

The bale of clothing sent us from Toronto Presbyterial Society, arrived in safety. I got it in from the station one week ago and found everything needful and in good condition. The overcoats were especially welcome.

We have not moved into our new house yet, but hope to shortly. The plasterer finished to-day. Mrs. Wright, Miss Armstrong and Bruce are all well. We are crowded into small corners now, as we had to divide up the house with the interpreter and his family three weeks ago, as they could not live in a hut with their little child.

I have not been able to visit the Indians as much as I would have wished to, owing to the building. We hope that this winter we will accomplish more for the Master than we have during the past summer.

Our people seem to be gaining more confidence in us; in many ways the work is encouraging. Pray for us and for our Reserve

FROM REV. W. S. MOORE.

Lakeside, For: Qu'Appelle, Nov. 20, 1894.

I received your welcome letter of the 29th Oct., with the enclosed shipping bill of goods from St. Stephen's, N.B. The Indians brought out the clothing and I distributed it all; it was quite sufficient to meet all our wants on these Reserves.

The Piapot Indians were very much pleased at not being overlooked. I feel very grateful also, and more at liberty to speak freely to them on spiritual things having first helped them with the carnal.

FROM MR. W. J. WRIGHT.

Rolling River, Nov. 21, 1894.

Mrs. Wright and I feel very thankful to the ladies of the W.F.M.S. who so kindly have furnished part of our house.

We moved into our new house a week ago, although, not quite dry, and not all finished yet, but I will soon be through with it.

The work is still encouraging, but our chance of sending any of the children to Birtle, is small, for some time, I fear.

The services are fairly well attended, and the opposition are putting forth every bit of energy which they have left in order to undo what is being done to establish Christianity, but this is proof that Christ's Spirit is at work, for were it not so, there would not be the strife.

We had a small bale of clothing from Beaver Creek, Manitoba, but even with this we have a shortage in mens', womens' and boys' clothes. However, they are now better prepared for the winter, this fall, than ever before.

The ladies of Minnedosa are doing some knitting for us. This supplies us pretty well with hand and foot wear.

An organ would be a great help to us in our work.

I was down to Winnipeg two weeks ago and met with the committee on the question of ordination as an Indian Missionary. They agreed to recommend me to the Presbytery and to suggest that they apply to the General Assembly on my behalf.

Mrs. Wright and Miss Armstrong, join me with best wishes.

FROM REV. GEO. FLETT.

Nov. 3, 1894.

I am glad you have got home from your long trip out in the North West. I am sure you must have had many a hardship

and many discomforts to put up with, and now I have no doubt you find like the rest of us that "there's no place like home."

And now to come to business. Mrs. Flett and I are quite well at present.

I received the Hymn Books and the three bales of clothing and that box of medicine for all of which I thank the Toronto Presbyterial Society very much.

I have given the Chief and Mr. Boyer the quilts sent them, and of which they are quite proud. The medicine sent will be a great boon.

All the goods sent are most useful and in such a good state and seasonable. We are all deeply grateful for your kindness.

I must not forget to mention my own quilt which is very warm and for which accept my thanks.

Kind regards from Mrs. Flett and myself both to you and Mrs. Harvie.

FROM REV. A. W. LEWIS.

P. O. Aldina, Via Duck Lake, Saskatchewan, N. W., Oct. 23, 1894.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letters with enclosed shipping bills of clothing from the Guelph and Brockville Presbyterial Societies. The goods came in due time, and were brought to the Mission storehouse. The supply is a very large one indeed and the "wards of our nation" on this Reserve are grateful. We will feel the benefit of these most useful clothes during the coming winter. Never before did we receive so many quilts and for nothing else is there so urgent a demand.

The quilts of one winter scarcely ever survive the following summer. The other day I found a sick woman in a house without fire with but a light shawl wrapped about her thin dress. She smiled her thanks as I spread a bright new quilt over her helpless body. To-day a man with a wife and family came to

me and said they had not a quilt. He took away three. Such cases—and there are many of them—should encourage the kind ladies and girls who with so much work prepare ample protection from the piercing cold to their sable sisters. The boots which came in great abundance from Guelph are much needed in the melting snows of Autumn and Spring. Guelph also sent a copious supply of new material. We (teacher and missionary) with glad hearts thank the kind donors for personal remembrances.

It will not, I hope, be deemed out of place, however, if I make a few suggestions for future years. Some of the quilts sent are very fine, warm and beautiful; but alas! they are easily torn. With careful usage they would last for many years, but with the rough usage to which they are likely to be subjected they will speedily be in tatters. The first requisite is strength, the second, warmth. As in former years boys knickerbocker pants were sent. Such are not suitable for this climate.

I was glad to notice this year that there were more sack coats sent. The supply of caps was excellent also the winter coats of young ladies. The yarn from Guelph Presbyterial Society is deserving of special mention.

I wish to thank all who helped to send such a commendable supply of clothing in the name of the needy recipients and in His name who says "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me."

FROM MR. BEATTIE.

Virden, Nov. 7, 1894.

The clothing, etc., from Lanark and Renfrew and Saugeen Presbyterial Societies, has arrived in good condition. I enclose shipping bills signed by Peter Hunter.

Our Indians do not as yet know the clothing is here, but

Peter is overjoyed to see the abundance and proposes that we keep the goods at the manse, and he will march all the Indians to Virden and have the clothing distributed under my eye, for he is afraid he might make enemies were he to do the distributing himself. This I think is the better plan, so we will have them all here next week.

We have opened some of the bales and most of the goods sent is most suitable for our people here. The women and children especially are well provided for and now the poor creatures will be comfortable during the coming winter, and God's people in this place are deeply thankful to the ladies in the East for this mark of practical sympathy with our poor Indians. If this result alone were the outcome of the visit of Mrs. Harvie and yourself your trip was well worth undertaking. But we find we owe more than this to your kind interest.

Our little church house is nearly furnished. The grant was \$300 with \$100 for furnishing. I proceeded at once on the plan sketched out that day we were on the Reserve.

Mrs. Beattie joins me in sending kind regards and the hope that we may hear from you again.

FROM MRS. LECKIE.

Industrial School, Regina, Nov 9, 1894.

Mr. McLeod asked me to write you about the clothing sent us from the London and Chatham societies, some time ago. I am entirely to blame for the goods received not being acknowledged long ago.

If the ladies had known what the school was really in need of this fall, they could not have sent better chosen articles. The oil cloths on the children's tables looked real shabby; since they have been helped to new ones it has added a good deal to the appearance of the dining-room, and the children's appearance is improved wonderfully too. A good number of the girls

that had grown entirely out of their last winter's clothes, and others that have come to us since, are warmly clad from the cast-off clothing sent. The dresses were fitted to them some time ago, and put away to be ready when their summer dresses were laid aside. They came and asked so many times when they would get on those dresses. One little girl spoke for a group of happy little girls, who saw some of the goods as they were unpacked and said: "We would like to go and see the ladies that sent us all this." There was a very nice velvet skirt sent. Several of the girls when they saw it said, "This for the Chief's daughter," and sure enough it just fitted her exactly. A very nice waist was found to go with it. She said last Sunday she thought the dress was too nice for her. I wish the one that sent the waist and skirt could have seen her after she was dressed last Sunday. I think you would have to be told that she was an Indian girl. Kindly remember her specially in prayer.

The store-room looks well-filled. In the name of the school I would thank the kind ladies of both societies for all they have sent us. The rug sent has been in use ever since. We have not put down the rag carpet yet, but it will have no difficulty in finding a place.

I would just say a word here about the rag carpet sent last year. It has worn well. It covers the floor of the girls' sitting-room. Nearly all the furniture in this room has been made by the boys. The pictures were even framed by them. A square table, a lounge, a little table made with three broom handles, a few old chairs painted up and made like new, and the Mission Band box, make up the furniture. Oh! it is here the rug is too. This room is used in a good many ways. It was here our Mission Band met all last winter, and it has been a sick-room and is often a mending-room. Forgive me for being so long in writing this letter.

Dear Mrs. Jeffrey, how have you been since your return? I hope you do not feel the worse of your trip out West. The prairies will long hear the names of Mrs. Jeffrey and Mrs. Harvie.

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