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Monthly Letter Leaflet.

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

Vol. VI. TORONTO, SEPTEMBER, 1889. No. 5.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

WEST INDIES : St. Lucia, Trinidad and Demerara. The missionaries, native ministers and teachers.

In an instant, in apparently full health and vigor, our beloved Foreign Secretary has been called from service here to the higher service and joy "in the presence of the King," to be "forever with the Lord." This sad intelligence has, no doubt, already reached very many, if not all of our members. Mrs. MacMurchy was taken away by a stroke of apoplexy at Youghal, New Brunswick, on Monday, August 5th. The summons came when she had advanced but a few steps into the sea for her morning bath. The circumstances surrounding the event were consequently very distressing. It was at first supposed to be a case of drowning, but the mistake was soon corrected, the doctor in attendance stating that there was undoubted evidence to the contrary.

Although our hearts are filled with grief, there is much to comfort, sustain and cheer us in the passing away of our dear friend and fellow-worker. Of her useful, consistent, and beautiful life we cannot here speak at length.

She was a succourer of many, and the memory of her goodness which remains to us is fragrant with deeds of kindness and love. She lived very close to the Master, and those who were nearest to her and knew her best, have abundant testimony that the hour can.e not upon her unawares. Indeed there is evidence that even before leaving home for this season of well-earned rest, our loved one had the solemn thought of life's uncertainty specially upon her nind. Always methodical, her papers in connection with the Society were found in perfect order, and lying upon them was the following extract cut from a newspaper :

> 'From my hand the weapon falls ; Take it, for the battle calls. Use it with a purpose high, Strike a worthier blow than I. Where my strokes have feeble been. Strike. in God's name, sure and keen."

These lines are very striking-they are, as it were, the very last message from the departing one to those left behind to carry on the work she loved.

The Board of Management met on Tuesday, August 6th, and after the reading of the Scriptures by the President and a few minutes spent in silent prayer, the meeting adjourned out of respect to the memory of the departed, until the ensuing Tuesday, when the following minute was passed ;---

"Inasmuch as the Heavenly Father, in His unerring wisdom, and in His tender love, has seen fit to call home to Himself one who was dear to every member of this Board, even our beloved and honoured Foreign Secretary, Mrs. MacMurchy, it becomes our sad duty to place on record some testimony of the affection and high appreciation in which we held our sister and fellowworker. Words seem inadequate to give expression to our sense of loneliness and loss in the presence of this calamity. Our friend and sister who has gone so suddenly from our midst, has been closely identified with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society since its very beginning. For ten years she held the office of Recording Secretary, and during all that time fulfilled its duties with earnest and loving fidelity and diligence, and with such marked ability, wisdom, and consideration for others, as to gain the confidence, admiration and affection of all who had

the privilege of working with her. In the same manner also she undertook and discharged the duties of Foreign Secretary, during the past year. The Board feels that in a large measure, under God, the success of the Society's work has been owing to the tact, the gentleness, and the ripe judgment of our departed friend. The loss to the Society is indeed great beyond expression. We would, therefore, record this tribute to the memory of one who was in very truth a living epistle of the Lord Jesus, and who, though gone hence, will continue to live enshrined in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Her hopeful counsel and her noble example will strengthen and stimulate those who remain to more dhigent effort in advancing the cause of Foreign Missions, which she had so closely at heart. 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.' Although her sun has gone down on earth in mid-day brightness, we know that our beloved will 'shine as the stars, forever and ever.'

"While mourning for ourselves, we desire to extend to Mr. MacMurchy and his bereaved family our true and heartfelt sympathy. Into their grief we may not enter. Their happy home is made desolate. We would commend them all to the care of Him who hath 'borne our griefs and carried our sorrows,' believing that for them, as for all God's own children, affliction and bereavement will work out a 'far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Cheering News from India.

MR. WILSON, of Neemuch, has recently baptized four converts of high caste. This makes in all eight baptisms since the New Year.

Movements of Missionaries.

MISS BLACKADDER has returned to Trinidad.

MR. and Mrs. MacVicar, and Mr. and Mrs. McDougall, accompanied by Miss McIntosh and Miss Graham, will sail for Honan on the 4th of October next. Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie intend going by way of Europe. MR. and Mrs. Morton, of Trinidad, spent a few days in Toronto on their way to the Maritime Provinces. They delivered interesting addresses at a meeting in Knox Church on Tuesday evening, the 30th July. Mr. Morton's health is much improved. WE are informed by the Secretary of the Foreign Mission

We are informed by the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee that Mr. McGillivray has gone to Lin Ching to prepare native houses for some of the staff. They can rent native houses at a low cost, but require to spend a good deal upon them to make them habitable for the missionaries. Dr. McClure also spoke of the great heat. The temperature even in April had risen to 97° and 98°, accompanied with hot winds, and they were led to expect a season of weeks when it would be over 100°. Nevertheless they seem able to stand it, and are all well.

Statement of Expenditure for 1888-9.

THE Board of Management, in accordance with resolutions passed at last Annual Meeting, paid the following sums to Dr. Reid, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Committee.—By \$26,885, to meet estimate for 1888-9; \$525 to complete the Industrial School at Crowstand (Coté's Reserve), and \$400 for the purchase of school buildings at Portage la Frairie; in all \$27,810. The following statement shows the actual application of the above amount, leaving a balance in our favour of \$1,446,65.

INDIA.

IN	ESTIMATE.	PAYMENTS.
Miss Rodger, salary	\$730 00	\$730 00
" Beatty, M.D., salary	. 730 00	730 00
" Oliver, M.D., salary	730 00	730 00
The Misses Stockbridge, salary	750 00	750 00
Miss Ross, furlough allowance	. 365 00	365 00
Expenses Home	. 300 00	278 00
Miss Mackay, M.D., Proportion of salary	7 240 00	
Expenses to India and outfit	1,060 00	750 00
Schools, dispensaries, work in the ladies'	, .	
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Mr. Moore Maintenance of Pupils	600 		272 688	
Indian Head.	\$900	00	\$1,260	00
Proportion of Mr. Maclean's salary Building	300 300		300	00
– File Hills,	\$600	00	\$300	00
Proportion of Mr. Toms' salary Building of Industrial School	300 600		275 1,375	
Maintaining pupils	300		213	
Round Lake.	\$1,200	00	\$1,563	00
Proportion of Teacher's salary	300 1,000		300 450	
Building	1,000	00		35
— Beulah.	\$1,300	00	\$827	35
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Portage la Prairie.	•-•		•••,	
For School Buildings			400	00
Proportion of Teacher's salary	300		150	
Maintenance of pupils	300		265	
Salary of Assistant			45	
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Prince Albert.	••••		••••	
Miss Baker's salary	600	00	600	00
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Total	\$26,885	00	\$26,363	35
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Crowstand School to be Still Further Enlarged.

CROWSTAND SCHOOL, KAMSACK P.O., MAY 24TH, 1889.

MR. LAIRD.—We were much pleased to receive your kind letters of March 22rd and May 3rd, and to learn of the provision you have made for the wants of our people for another year. Doubtless the needs of school and people will be fully met by the ladies of the Presbyteries to whom we have been assigned. That the ladies should be able to accomplish so much and in so systematic a manner for the extension of mission work among the Indians of the North-West, is no doubt a matter of deep thankfulness, not only to the missionaries themselves, but throughout the whole Church.

Before proceeding further, I wish to tender sincere and hearty thanks to the W.F.M.S. for coming to our aid in the matter of the debt on our school building. The generous action in granting S525 at the late annual meeting of the Society, has relieved no of a heavy burden. This sum meets all expenses in connection, with the erection of the school. But we will need to enlarge this summer, as our building is overcrowded. We have over 40 nameon the roll and 32 boarders in attendance at present. I think quite a few more might be secured if we had accommodation. Our mention is to build a log addition in the rear of the present building, the lower flat of which will serve as dining-room and kitchen, and the upstairs as a boys' dormitory. It will be comparatively inexpensive, and, I think, will answer our purpose very well.

I am glad to be able to tell you that so far the children show no signs of tiring of the achool. Our great fear was that they would be pleased for a time at first, but when the novelity woroff they would grow discontented and want to get back to the freedom of uncivilized life. But this fear has not yet been realized. They continue to do very well at their lessons, and during play hours enjoy themselves thoroughly. We are surprised that they do not quarrel oftener or get into mischief. These thingare of rare occurrence.

Prof. Hart mentioned that he sent you some account of the firwhich visited us. It was quite a blaze and our buildings were in some danger. One of the stables indeed was burnt. But we suffered no serious loss, except that our grounds were shorn of much of their beauty. The clumps of poplars are nearly all killed. But a few are left, and although the dead trees are rather unsightly, the situation even now is pleasing. It would have been beautiful had the trees all been in leaf and blossom. We have reason to be thankful, however, that no greater damage was done.

I turned farmer th's spring, and, with the help of the boys, put in a little crop. We have wheat, oats, barley, and garden vegetables. The season so far has been favourable and everything is looking well. As we require a large quantity of potatoes for use in the school, and it is difficult getting them here except at very high prices, we look upon our potato crop as the most important. I fear it will not be possible to grow wheat, this part of the country is so subject to summer frosts, but if we can grow plenty of v-getables it will be a great convenience.

You ask about our little boy. Well, he holds his own even among so many larger children. He is 10 months old, weighs 25 lbs., and is almost able to walk. He is quite sociable with the Indian girls, and tied up in a shawl, likes nothing better than to get a ride round the grounds on the back of one of the larger ones. They prefer that mode to wheeling him in a baby carriage, and as they are careful of him we don't object.

The name Ke-se-koos is pronounced just as it spells (Key seekous.)

There are the three reserves here joining each other : Keys, Ke-se-koos and Côte's. On the Keys the English Church has a mission and school, and our nearest ministerial brother is the Rev. Mr. Agassiz, who is in charge there. Ke-se-koos is partly occupied by the Roman Catholics. There is no resident priest, but a school is maintained, and the priest in charge makes periodical visits.

News from Miss Scott.

INDORE, CENTRAL INDIA, June 3, 1889.

MISS SCOTT.—It is nearly seven months since we left Canada. We are now very comfortably settled in our own bungalow, and although we had some difficulty at first in making ourselves understood and still more in understanding what was said to us, it has gradually become much easier for us to speak.

We have been working steadily at the language, but during the very hot weather our progress has necessarily been much slower.

Those who have been many years in India say that this is an exceptionally hot and trying year, but we have both been feeling very well.

It will be so pleasant when the rains break, and the country is sadly in need of it. The grass is quite burnt up, the trees look brown and withered, and the earth is cracked and gaping, so that all nature will be refreshed and gladdened when we get rain. Last week we had three showers with a great deal of wind, but not enough rain to do any good.

While we are studying the language we are also learning something of the people among whom we have been called to labour, and I trust that by the time we are able to work we may also be found ready and willing to do anything that may be required of us.

We have much cause to thank our heavenly. Father for the

measure of success He has already given us and for the good health in which He has kept us.

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Pray for us that we may be owned and blessed by the Master and that our work may be to His glory.

Medical Mission Work in Indore.

INDORE, June 24, 1889.

MISS BEATTY.-The arrival of the Annual Report by last home mail reminded me once more of a long neglected duty, that of writing to you. I have no good excuse, and plead in extenuation of my fault I do not like letter writing and do as little of it as possible. Somehow letters do not look like themselves by the time they have traveled across two oceans and through a printing office. The distance your letters have to come over, however, does not seem to spoil their flavour, for their recipients enjoy them vastly-so much so indeed that I think it is time I earned one for myself. We were all rejoiced at the news in your last. Two more women for India! Neemuch will have one now. am sorry that I cannot tell you that we are all in good health, but I can say that the sick are making satisfactory progress towards recovery. Miss Scott had fever for nearly two weeks, but is better now; is able to be out riding or driving for a little every day. Then Miss Rodger got fever too and was laid up for a week; her fever too is broken and she was able to come down stairs yesterday. All the rest of us are quite well. I have had excellent health all through the hot season, though it seemed to be a trying time for most people. We were never before so busy in the dispensaries. Nearly sixteen hundred patients attended during last month. That reminds me that the Annual Report robs us of ten thousand patients, the number for the year being eleven thousand five hundred odd instead of one thousand five The rains have broken and we are enjoying delightful hundred. weather, when we can avoid the corners where bad smells rise up to meet the moisture in the air. The schools are all open again and the girls at work-a little wild after the weeks of freedom, but all the better able to take in and retain what is taught them.

Miss Oliver, who has the camp dispensary in hand just now, has found a new dodge on hospital work. There are many patients who need a little supervision, yet who will not go to the hospital and stay. So Miss Oliver has them come here every morning and stay all day; thus she is sure that they get their food and medicine regularly. Last week we had quite a baby farm. The mothers brought the little things in the morning and sat all day with them; some of them did so for several days, and all with the very best effect.

One poor little mite is having a hard time; her parents have lost a lot of children and this is the last. They are frightened if she but sneezes. They dose her with medicine from one native quack and another till she is desperately ill; then the father, mother and two nurses all come here in a batch and literally sit at our feet for hours. She had convulsions about three weeks ago and we put her in a warm bath. That so frightened her people that they all ran away and left the child alone with us for several hours. Then they came back to see if she still lived, and finding her better took her home. Two days ago they brought her again. One of the nurses told us that the little thing had not been washed since we had put her in the bath, and I think the woman told the truth. Two things a native mother will keep from her sick child as much as possible are air and water, and it is wonderful the number of children that survive.

About the "box "—Miss Oliver would like fewer dolls for the city schools. She has quite a supply from last year all ready for this year, and in place of the dolls some pieces of flannel from a yard and a half to two yards, to give to the poor girls who have very little to cover themselves with. The flannel need not be either too thick or too fine, but let the colors be bright. Miss Rodger says she will write soon. Everybody sends kind remembrance to you. It is both mail time and dispensary time, so I shall stop writing.

The School on Mus-kow-pe-tung's Reserve.

BALGONIE, June 29, 1889.

MRS. MOORE.—We have now come to the end of another quarter, have had the Government inspection, our quarterly examination, and the children have gone home for a week's vacation.

We have had during the quarter that has just ended to-day, an attendance of thirty-nine, an average of twenty-nine, and very many Indians constantly visiting us. The various homes are from three to twelve miles from the school. In the short days and cold weather there is seldom a night that we do not entertain some of the friends of the children, but now in the long days (for the days are very long here) and beautiful evenings they can quite easily come, see the children, hear of all their joys and grievances, notice how they are clothed and treated, get a little tea and return the same day. One proud father likes, each time he comes, to hear his only and much loved child play on the organ and sing. They are very fond of music, but from their own ignorant, easy, careless, happy life I cannot wonder that they hesitate at first to give their children out of their homes away from their mothers into the care and under the control of a people so entirely different from themselves, and whose motives they naturally and reasonably question. Surely it is really a great trust committed to us. I do not mean to the missionaries, but to you who send us, and keep us, and support the work, and call down the blessing of God and His Son, to whom is given all power in heaven and on earth.

The Inspector spoke very encouragingly of our school and of the demeanour and progress of our pupils, and said that they are, according to the Government standard, well advanced. In marking he gave some of them a hundred per cent. But I must not forget to tell you that when he asked to see their needlework we asked him to look at the dresses they, the girls, wore. He was pleased to notice that a number of the dresses bore many, many patches, also the work of their own hands. They are getting to take an especial delight in keeping their clothes mended, and do not like to have them "broken." All the girls over eight years old wear their own make of stockings. Mrs. Hockley takes great interest in teaching them knitting, mending, etc., and the largest girls washing, ironing and general housework. I teach them their dressmaking, fancy work and school-room work. Two little girls can use the sewing machine, and three, during the last quarter, have cut out, fitted and made dresses without assistance. This they did in competition for a prize offered by Miss Elsie Lash.

Our quarterly examination was also interesting. Prizes were given by Mr. Moore for attendance and good conduct, by Mr. Lash for English speaking, by Miss Lash for the most perfect repeating of the Beatitudes; also by Miss Lash for needlework. Mrs. Lash handed out the prizes, asked the children to receive them politely, and although some who had worked hard for prizes and were defeated felt a little disappointed, yet all went to

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their homes quite pleased and happy. We are going to try to get over forty pupils next quarter. There are a number of children who often come to see the school and the children and take lessons sometimes, but until they become resident pupils, allow their hair to be cut if boys, and consent to submit to the rules, we do not give them English names nor count their attendance.

The Government is dividing the reserves into portions, and allotting to each family such a portion as they will be capable of farming. This will no doubt prove a great benefit to the Indians, and also to all who are working amongst them. In the beginning of summer their crops looked beautiful, but as the summer has been so far exceedingly dry, the crops are not doing so well as was hoped and expected, but perhaps if they do not have enough of food we will have a better chance of getting more of their children.

Our Sunday school still continues to be interesting. We have got as far as to the life of Elisha. The children are always interested in each character as we go along, but the particular lesson that we try to bring out each time is that God rules over all, loves all, and is very near to those who fear Him. They learn perfectly a passage of Scripture each Sabbath, and have a gospel lesson in addition to that in the Old Testament.

Committee on Notices of Motion.

THE Committee appointed to consider notices of motion refer ing to the constitution of the Society, will meet in Knox Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, September 10th, at 2 p.m.

A Society Omitted by Mistake from Last Annual Report.

Subright Auxiliary is reported only in the tabulated statement of Lindsay Presbyterial Society. Its chief object is the increase of spiritual life in its members. Finances are secondary. Being a mission station, it is in the day of small things yet. A visit of Mrs. Cockburn was of much benefit, and appreciated. Mission literature full of interest to us all. Mrs. Alex. Montgomery, *President*; Mrs. Love, *Treasurer*; Miss S. C. Van Vlack, *Secretary*.

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Presbyterial Societies.

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	,	Mission Band, by Mrs. Irving,
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	•	Rev. J. B. Stewart.
REGINA	. 	Muscowpetung Reserve-Muscowpe-
		tung Auxiliary, by Mrs. Moore
		and Mrs. Lash, July 5th.
HAMILTON		Black Heath-An Auxiliary, by
•		Mrs. Grant, July 19th.
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Two Auxilaries and three Mission Bands.

BRISTOL, Fort Coulogne, Portage-du-Fort Auxiliaries and Coulogne Mission Band have been transferred from Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery to the Presbytery of Ottawa.

Copies of Foreign Mission Report for 1988-9 have been sent to Presbyterial Secretaries—two for each Society.

NOTICES.

THE Board of Management meets on the first Tuesday of every month, at three o'clock p.m., in the Managers' Room, Knox Church, 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 or children in the various Mission Schools, should be addressed to 254 Sherbourne Street, Toronto.

Letters containing remittances of money for the W.F.M.S. may be addressed to Mrs. James Maclennan, Treasurer, 10 Murray Street, Toronto.

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. Hugh Campbell, 220 Richmond Street west, Toronto.

Communications respecting the literature of the Society and the MONTHIN LETTER LEAFLER, should be addressed to Mrs. Telfer, 72 St. Albans Street, Toronto, the Secretary-Treasurer. of Publications. When cash accompanies an order no written receipt of money will be sent. The package of leaflets will be considered sufficient acknowledgment.

All requests for life membership certificates should be sent to the Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. H. Robinson, 625 Ontario St., Toronto.

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