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

VOL. X. TORONTO, NOVEMBER, 1893.

No. 7.

Subjects for Prayer.

NOVEMBER.—New Hebrides, Native Teachers. Mission work in other islands of the sea.

"He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His law."—*Isa. xlii., 4.*

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Outgoing Missionaries.

DESIGNATION AND FAREWELL SERVICES.

On the evening of Oct. 5th, a very interesting and successful missionary meeting was held in St. James' Square Church, Toronto, at which Dr. Woods, of Mallorytown, Ont., and Miss White, of Lethbridge, Alberta, were designated to mission work in Central India. Rev. F. H. Russell, who had been ordained a few days before, in Winnipeg, for the same work, and Rev. W. A.

Wilson, who with Mrs. Wilson is returning to India after a year's furlough, were also present. Mr. Hamilton Cassels presided and on the platform were several members of the Foreign Mission Committee. Addresses were delivered by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, who represented the Toronto Presbytery, and Rev. Dr. MacLaren, who presented Dr. Woods with a Bible in behalf of the F. M. Committee. A Bible was also presented to Miss White, by Mrs. Ewart, in the name of the W. F. M. S. Rev. J. McP. Scott said a few earnest words of farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, in the name of the St. James' Square congregation. Mr. Wilson responded in appropriate words, and short addresses were given by Mr. Russell and Dr. Woods, who, accompanied by Mrs. Woods, goes to India as a medical missionary. Rev. Dr. Parsons and Rev. Mr. Gandier (formerly of Brampton) conducted devotional exercises, and the choir of St. James' Square Church aided in making this large and representative meeting a very delightful one. Miss Grier, who is now in England, Miss Dougan and Miss Butler will join the party on the way, making in all, including Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, who are returning from furlough, a company of nine missionaries sent this year by the Canadian Church, to Central India.

In Westminster Church, Toronto, on the evening of Thursday, 27th July, Miss Grier, was formally appointed to service in the mission field of Central India. There was a large gathering of the friends of missions present, Westminster congregation being well represented, Miss Grier having been associated with many of the church organizations, and especially with the city mission work carried on by the Y.P.S.C.E. Rev. R. P. Mackay presided, and addresses appropriate to the occasion were given by Rev. Walter Amos, Aurora, and Rev. G. M. Milligan, Toronto. Devotional exercises were conducted by

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Rev. George Burson, St. Catharines, and the service of song by the choir was very helpful. A valuable Commentary on the Holy Scriptures was presented to Miss Grier by Mrs. Ewart, on behalf of the W. F. M. S., and Miss Purse, President of the Mission Band, handed her a certificate of life membership in the W. F. M. S., in the name of the Band. Rev. John Neil, pastor of the congregation, spoke of the high appreciation in which Miss Grier was held by the members, and in their behalf wished her God-speed. Miss Grier spent a few weeks with friends in England, and in October joined the other outgoing Canadian missionaries on their way to India.

A very impressive Designation Service was held at the residence of Rev. J. W. Mitchell, Thorold, on the evening of Oct. 6th, when Miss May Dougan was solemnly set apart for mission work in Central India. The circumstances connected with the designation and departure of Miss Dougan to the foreign field are peculiarly touching. Some time ago she offered herself for this work to the Foreign Mission Committee, was accepted, and the public meeting for her designation was appointed for Tuesday, Oct. 3rd. On the morning of that day, her father, after a short illness, was taken home to his eternal rest. For the moment the way seemed closed, but by the grace of God, the faith and courage of the bereaved mother and her children triumphed, and our young sister was set apart to her chosen work at the home of her pastor. Rev. G. Burson represented the Foreign Mission Committee, and Mrs. Grant, President of the W. F. M. S. of the Presbytery of Hamilton, presented Miss Dougan with Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Bible, in the name of the General Society. Presentations were also made by the boys of Miss Dougan's S. S. class, and friends in the congregation, and short addresses were given by Mr. Justice, representing the congregation, and Mr. Patterson, Superintendent of the Sabbath School.

Miss Dougan has been an earnest worker in the church in Thorold, and she will be followed as she goes forth, with the tender sympathy as well as the prayers of God's people.

At Home Again.

Miss McWilliams, our missionary returning from Central India, arrived safely at her home in Guelph, on the 27th ult. The long journey and the changes in temperature had been specially trying to Miss McWilliams in her weak state of health, but it is hoped that a season of rest, coupled with our bracing Canadian climate will restore her at least to a measure of health. We trust that though Miss McWilliams may not be permitted to return to the work to which she had devoted her life, she may be spared many years for useful service in the home land.

Foreign Mission Committee's Report.

There are still a number of copies of the Foreign Mission Committee's Report on hand. Anyone desiring copies for distribution may have them by enclosing postage to the Home Secretary, Mrs. Shortreed, 224 Jarvis Street, Toronto. This Report contains a valuable fund of information regarding the Foreign Mission work of our Church, and it is hoped that our members will avail themselves of it.

Omissions.

The following omissions from our last Annual Report have been brought to our notice, viz: the Abstract Report of Agincourt "Cheerful Givers" Mission Band, which stated that the year's work had been very encouraging; and the name of Miss McColl, Wilton Grove P.O., Recording Secretary, from the list of London Presbyterian Society officers. We regret very much that these were omitted from the report.

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November Increase.

Presbyterial Societies.

HURON.....	Londesboro Auxiliary.
CHATHAM.....	Duart, "Willing Workers" Mission Band.
REGINA.....	Carlyle Auxiliary.
TORONTO.....	Toronto, "McCaul" Auxiliary, Church of the Covenant.
LINDSAY.....	Fenelon Falls, "Volunteer" Mission Band.
BROOKVILLE...	Pleasant Valley Auxiliary.

Life Members Added in October.

Miss Marjorie McIlwaine,	Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Robert McLean,	Innerkip.
Mrs. J. S. Lothead,	North Gower.
Miss Janet White,	Indore, Central India.

Treasurer's Statement.

May 30	To balance in bank.....	\$6,579	30
" "	Life M. fee Whitby Pres. Society..	25	00
June 8	" " Sarnia " " ..	25	00
July 3	Castleford Auxiliary.....	\$18	05
"	M. B.....	26	77
Aug.	Ormstown, Quebec, Auxiliary.....	150	00
Sept. 5	Woman's Medical College, King- ston, M. B., for bed in Indore Hospital.....	20	00
"	5 Lethbridge, Alberta, M. B.....	15	00
"	7 Mrs. McDonald, Dundee, Quebec..	10	00
"	11 Bruce Presbyterial Society.....	582	15
"	18 Life M. fee, Innerkip, Ont.....	25	00
"	19 Mrs. Telfer on taking over receipt books.....	41	87

Sept. 29	The Parkdale Presbyterian Y. P. S. C. E. towards a wood-shed at Portage la Prairie.....	5 00	
May	By additional expenditure in con- nection with annual meeting...	\$ 7 65	
	Foreign Secretary, postage.....	4 00	
	Home Sec'y, letter postage...\$5 70		
	Postage and express on reports 4 48		
	Blank book..... 20	10 38	
	Secretary of Supplies, postage....	1 50	
	Miss Caven, postage.....	1 50	
	Subscription to Quarterly Register.	25	
Aug.	Discount on cheque from Ormstown	37	
Sept. 25	Miss Oliver, M.D., expenses in meet- ing the Board.....	6 00	
"	26 Treasurer's postage.....	1 75	
Oct. 4	100 mailing tubes for life member- ship certificates.....	2 00	
"	6 Two 1,000 mile tickets, G.T.R. and C.P.R., for Dr. Oliver's use....	50 00	
"	7 Cheque to Dr. Reid.....	5,500 00	
"	10 Balance in bank.	1,934 74	
	Balance in hand	3 00	
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E. MACLENNAN,

Treasurer.

NOTE : As money is required at once for the outfit, travelling expenses, etc., of the missionaries just going-out to India, as well as for salaries, the Board authorised the payment to Dr. Reid of the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars towards the estimates for the current year.

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Expenditures for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, by the Foreign Mission Committee, 1892-93.

INDIA.

	Ladies' salaries, in all.....	\$7,099 50
65	Outfit and expenses to India,	
00	Misses Calder, Duncan and	
	Turnbull.....	2,193 20
	Endowment of beds in hospital	
	at Indore.....	1,018 87
0 38	On account of hospital building	
1 50	at Indore.....	4,161 50
1 50	On account of boarding school	
25	building, Indore.....	2,502 35
37	Girls' school, Mhow.....	Rs 7,476.11.9
	Dr. Oliver's work.....	3,157. 6.1
	Miss Ross's work.....	2,126. 4.3
6 00	Dr. Fraser's work.....	2,248. 5.9
1 75	Dr. McKellar's work.....	2,227. 0.0
	Miss Jamieson's work.....	719.10.0
2 00	Mr. Campbell's work.....	240.12.0
	Dr. Buchanan's work.....	374. 9.6
50 00	Dr. McKellar's work.....	1,750. 4.3
00 00	Miss Sinclair's work.....	2,631. 8.8
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		\$25,115 42

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CHINA.

elling	Bible women.....	\$915 00
lia, as	Expenses in connection with	
to Dr.	girls' school, less amount	
wards	received from Mrs. Jamieson,	
	\$102.22.....	\$204 78
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		\$1,119 78

Honan—

Miss McIntosh, salary.....	\$500 00	
Rent and other expenses.....	125 00	
Miss L. Graham's expenses out	622 50	
	<u> </u>	\$1,247 50
		<u> </u> \$2,367 28

INDIANS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Mistawasis—

Mr. D. H. McVicar, salary...	\$325 00	
Rent of teacher's house.....	45 00	
	<u> </u>	\$370 00

Okanase—

Miss M. S. Cameron, salary..	\$150 00	
Building account.....	11 64	
Furnishing account.....	15 70	
	<u> </u>	\$177 34

Round Lake—

Mr. A. J. S. Morrison, salary	\$237 00	
Mr. Wm. McKenzie, salary..	213 00	
Building account.... ..	300 00	
Maintenance.....	250 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,000 00

File Hills—

Mr. A. Skene, salary.....	\$700 00	
Building account.....	91 60	
Interpreting and service.....	180 00	
	<u> </u>	\$971 60

Crowstand—

Mr. W. J. Wright, salary....	\$545 80
Miss E. M. Armstrong, salary	337 50
“ M. Armstrong, salary..	265 65
“ Florence McLean, salary	233 50
“ S. McIntosh, salary...	122 00
“ Jessie White, salary....	125 00

Building account.....	2164 27	
Furnishing account.....	178 36	
Maintenance.....	637 98	
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<i>Lakesend—</i>		
Maintenance account.....	\$446 70	
Interpreting and service.....	56 00	
	<hr/>	\$502 70
<i>Birtle—</i>		
Mr. G. G. McLaren, salary...	\$600 00	
Miss A. McLaren, salary....	450 00	
Mrs. Jean Leckie, salary....	266 00	
Building account	816 30	
Rent account.....	309 00	
Maintenance..	4 45	
	<hr/>	\$2,445 75
<i>Portage la Prairie—</i>		
Miss Annie Fraser, salary....	\$300 00	
Building account.....	90 40	
Maintenance.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$690 40
<i>Stoney Plains—</i>		
Mr. G. J. Wellbourne, salary		\$700 00
<i>Prince Albert—</i>		
Miss Baker, salary.....		\$200 00
Travelling expenses, Mr. Leckie		
Misses McIntosh, McLeod,		
Russell and Clew.....		\$116 90
	<hr/>	\$11,784 75
<i>Alberni—</i>		
Purchase of property including		
draft		\$2,010 00
Salary of Matron, travelling		
expenses, furniture &c.....		861 98
	<hr/>	\$2,871 98

New Hebrides and Trinidad—

Remitted to Rev. P. M.
Morrison

1,200 00

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SUMMARY.

India.....	\$25,115 02	
China.....	2,367 28	
North West.....	11,784 75	
Albani.....	2,871 98	
New Hebrides and Trinidad.....	1,200 00	
		<hr/> \$43,339 03

WM. REID.

The Treasurer has paid to the Foreign Mission Committee the following sums:—

Estimates 1892-93.....	\$45,287 25
Endowment for three beds in Hospital at Indore	1,016 00
For Eastern Division.....	1,200 00
	<hr/> \$47,503 25

Deducting the sum actually expended by the Committee from the sum paid to them by the Society, there is an unexpended balance in Dr. Reid's hands of \$4,164.22. *including*

This balance arises in the following manner:—

The sum estimated for the Birtle school building was \$5,000.00, of which at the closing of Dr. Reid's books only \$816.30 had been paid. The remainder of the cost of the building has in all probability been paid before now.

Estimates for 1893-94,

INDIA.

Indore—

Miss Sinclair, salary.....	\$ 730 00
Teachers, expenses, &c.....	1,185 00
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Miss McWilliams, salary (3 mos.).....	\$185 00	
Expenses at Indore.....	100 00	
Travelling expenses.....	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$635 00
Dr. Oliver, furlough.....	\$300 00	
Travelling.....	350 00	
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Dr. O'Hara, salary.....	\$ 730 00	
Medical expenses.....	1,460 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,190 00
Dr. Turnbull, salary.....	\$730 00	
Pundit.....	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$770 00
<i>Mhow—</i>		
Miss Ross, salary.....	\$730 00	
Teachers, expenses, &c.....	925 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,655 00
Dr. Fraser, salary.....	\$ 730 00	
Medical expenses, &c.....	1,255 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,985 00
Miss Calder, salary.....	\$730 00	
Pundit.....	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$770 00
<i>Neemuch—</i>		
Miss Jamieson, salary.....	\$730 00	
Teachers, expenses.....	688 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,418 00
Dr. McKellar, salary.....	\$ 730 00	
Medical expenses, &c.....	1,370 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,100 00
Miss Duncan, salary.....	\$730 00	
Pundit.....	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$770 00

Rutlam—

Mrs. Campbell, teachers, expenses, &c.....	\$488 00
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Ujjain—

Dr. Buchanan, medical expenses, &c.....	\$632 00
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New Missionaries—

Miss Grier, 5 mths. salary....	\$304 00	
Outfit.....	250 00	
Travelling expenses.....	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$904 00

Miss Dougan, 5 mths. salary..	\$304 00	
Outfit.....	250 00	
Travelling expenses.....	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$904 00

Miss White, 5 mths salary....	\$304 00	
Outfit	250 00	
Travelling expenses to India..	350 00	
Travelling expenses from Leth- bridge, &c.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$954 00

New bungalows at Neemuch and Mhow.....	\$6,000 00	
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\$24,740 00

CHINA.

Formosa—

Bible women (25, at \$4.00 a month)	\$1,200 00	
Girls' school.....	125 00	
Girls' school, repairs.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,425 00

Honan—

Miss McIntosh, salary.....	\$500 00	
Dr. Graham's salary paid by Montreal W. M. S. Rent, courier service, &c..	940 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1440 00
		<u> </u> \$2,865 00

Alberni, B. C.—

Miss Johnston's salary..	\$ 360 00	
Miss Johnston, travelling ex- penses.....	100 00	
Miss Minnes, salary.....	360 00	
Maintenance.....	1,000 00	
Building.....	1,200 00	
	<u> </u>	\$3,020 00

NORTH WEST.

Mistawasis—

D. H. MacVicar, half salary..	\$325 00	
Rent.....	45 00	
	<u> </u>	\$370 00

Okanase—

Miss McIntosh, half salary...	\$150 00	\$150 00
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Mound Lake—

Wm. McKenzie, salary.....	\$450 00	
Maintenance.....	300 00	
	<u> </u>	\$750 00

File Hills—

Alex. Skene, salary.....	\$700 00	
Maintenance.....	300 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,000 00

Crowstand—

W. J. Wright, salary.....	\$545 00	
Miss Adams, salary.....	300 00	
Miss McKillop, salary.....	250 00	
Maintenance.....	700 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,795 00

Lakesend—

Maintenance..... \$500 00

Birtle—

G. G. McLaren, salary.....	\$600 00	
Miss McLaren, salary....	450 00	
Miss M. McLeod, salary.....	450 00	
Rent.....	320 00	
Maintenance.....	100 00	
Building.....	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,920 00

Portage la Prairie—

Miss Fraser, salary.....		
Miss Laidlaw, salary.....		
The salary of one lady paid by the Government.		
The other.....	\$300 00	
Maintenance.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$600 00

Stoney Plains—

G. J. Wellbourne, salary	\$700 00	
Maintenance.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$800 00

Prince Albert—

Miss Baker, salary.....	\$200 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,085 00
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		\$39,710 00

SUMMARY.

India	\$24,740 00	
China.....	2,865 00	
Alberni, B. C.....	3,020 00	
North West.....	9,085 00	
	<hr/>	\$39,710 00

NOTE: In addition to the above amount, the Foreign Mission Committee has sent a request for the further sum of \$2,500.00, to aid in the purchase of a lot and the erection of a suitable building for the Mission work now being carried on among the Chinese at Victoria, B. C.

The Board was favourable to granting this, but felt that as it is a new branch of work, the matter should be decided by the Society at the Annual Meeting.

If this should be agreed to, and if the usual grant be sent to the Eastern Division for Trinidad and the New Hebrides, the total amount required for the current year would be \$43,410.00.

Can the Society raise this? Yes, surely, if each member but realises her responsibility and her debt.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

NEW HEBRIDES.

Death of Mrs. Mackenzie of Efate.

The news of the death of Mrs. Mackenzie of Efate will be received with deep regret by friends of the Mission everywhere, and especially by those who had the pleasure of her personal acquaintance.

After a year's furlough in Australia Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie returned to their island home in February last, in apparently renewed health. In April dysentery broke out among the natives, and one of the lads in training for a teacher, to whom Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie were much attached, died on the Mission premises.

On the 23rd of April Mrs. Mackenzie was seized by the same disease. A French doctor resident on the island was called and on the sixth day it was hoped that a change for the better had taken place. These hopes were not to be realized. Saturday

night was a very restless one, and on Sabbath morning it became evident to her husband that death was drawing near. About seven o'clock she said to him that the room was very dark, but she remained conscious for two hours, during which time she spoke of her children and left parting messages for each one and for friends at home. This done, she asked to have the 17th chapter of John read to her, and soon after quietly slept away. At four o'clock on the same afternoon she was laid to rest among those for whom she had so earnestly and faithfully toiled and prayed.

Mrs. Mackenzie was a native of Musquodoboit, and a sister of Rev. Dr. Bruce of Valley, Col. Co. She was married in 1871 and she and Mr. Mackenzie sailed the same year for the New Hebrides, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Murray. In 1881-82 they revisited this country. Owing to having young children with her Mrs. Mackenzie was unable to visit the societies to any extent, but those who were privileged to meet her and hear her account of the Mission will not soon forget her earnest words.

“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”

To Mr. Mackenzie and the motherless children we offer our deepest sympathy, assuring them of the earnest prayers of many in the home land in the time of their bereavement and loneliness.
—*The Message (W. F. M. S., Eastern Division).*

CENTRAL INDIA.

School Work Among the Chamars.

FROM MISS JAMIESON.

Neemuch, C. I., Aug. 23, 1893.

Several good friends of missions have asked for some fuller accounts of my schools here. I will endeavour to send a series

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of letters telling about both schools and our Zenana work. In this letter I will write some details of the Chamar school, to which boys are also admitted. These low-caste people live at the entrance to the city, quite apart from any other caste. Their small mud houses are built around a court-yard, in which are a couple of deep wells and some fine trees. Here the men work at tanning leather after a most primitive style, and from the process issues an odor offensive in the extreme. Native shoes are made from this inferior leather, and the women, as well as the boys and girls, are kept busy adorning these with gaudy colours of red, gold, etc. Their houses are fairly clean considering the filthy habits of the occupants, the most offensive known to me being that they eat the flesh of any dead animal they can lay their hands upon. I have been told of an Englishman who had a horse which died from snake bite, and the Chamars wanted to carry off the carcass for food, but he ordered it to be burned instead of allowing them to do so. The majority dress quite well, but they rarely make even the pretence of bathing or washing their clothes that the high-castes do. During the cold season they go in parties to the jungle to cut hay, which they carry home for sale here. These parties remain away for weeks at a time, and as both boys and girls go with their parents it is most difficult to keep up the attendance at school. This is a serious hindrance, as the cold weather is our best time for work.

For over two years the school was carried on under the trees in this odorous court-yard, chiefly because no house could be got in which I thought it possible to live. But the heat of the sun in the hot weather was more than I could bear and it was impossible to keep up the work during the rainy season, therefore the best house in the place, which is happily a little apart from the rest, for it belongs to the *guru*, or teacher, was rented

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six months ago for the sum of about 40 cents a month. The walls are of coarse mud, and under the low, slanting roof measure six feet. We occupy one room 22 feet by 10. It boasts of neither window nor any other entrance for air or light except one door, which is so low we must stoop on entering in order to save our heads. The only furniture consists of a blackboard and two cane stools, yet when the children are seated in rows round the wall there is scarcely space for the teachers to move about, and the air! Who shall describe it? The heat, and, in damp weather, the steam, rising from the filthy clothing of the children is trying even in a large, well-ventilated place, but in a small room with absolutely no entrance for air except the door on one side, it is truly poisonous.

But in spite of all this many of the pupils are doing wonderfully well. A number are still at the alphabet. There is a large class in the first book, a smaller in the second, while several read fluently. One boy reads fairly well in English, and several are about commencing that subject. A short form of the Commandments has been committed to memory; many Bible verses have been taught; the Life of Christ is well known by all the larger children, who are now studying from the Old Testament.

Some of the boys work at road-making about four miles from here, and we must attend to their lessons at once and let them go. They take their books with them and employ their leisure hours in preparing next day's lessons. Who would not feel pleasure in the highest sense in helping such earnest students! Here is a deformed boy whose spine was injured by a fall so badly so that he cannot sit straight. He lives only about one hundred yards from the school, and yet he requires nearly an hour to travel that distance, for he cannot walk, but crawls slowly and painfully along the ground. After hearing the boys

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repeat "Do unto others as you would," etc., a few days ago, I tried to impress upon them that they should begin at once to practise the beautiful lesson taught therein by helping this poor boy to reach the school, but as yet they have not done so. We see little pity or help given to the suffering or weak here ; only the religion of Christ teaches " Bear ye one another's burdens."

It is most difficult to get the girls out to school, as their parents think it a waste of time to send them. Indeed, there is much to dishearten in working among the Chamars, for, like building a lighthouse, there is much preliminary work to be done first, below the surface of the water, building the foundation. We are still at the foundation here, but when all shall be accomplished the structure will rise majestically.

The seed is being sown and will surely fulfil its end and bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

To carry on this work effectually and to preserve health we require most urgently an inexpensive house, which will suit our purpose quite as well as a more costly building.

NORTH-WEST INDIANS.

Progress Slow but Steady.

FROM MRS. A. J. WELBOURN.

Stoney Plain, July 12, 1893.

I received the Annual Report about two weeks ago, and enjoyed its contents very much. How the woman's work has grown ! It made me think of "The little one shall become a thousand."

I felt reproved on reading the report from here that I had not kept you better informed. In December last our attendance in the Boarding School reached eight, and in March of this year another came, making nine ; the attendance of these has been perfect, and out of our four day-pupils we had an average of

over 3.5, making a total attendance of 12.5. This is encouraging by comparison with the R. C. School report for same quarter. Although there are about thirty names on the roll, the average attendance was less than our day school attendance. They succeed in keeping the children away from this school but do not insist on their going to the other.

Last Sabbath Mr. Peck preached here in the afternoon, and there were present thirty-five Indians, including our pupils.

Two weeks ago Jennie Lepotac, the oldest boarder, told me her mother intended sending her and a younger brother John to the new Industrial School at Red Deer. I told her that though it would be a loss to this school, we had been thinking for some time that she and the three oldest boys would learn more in one of the large schools now. I do not know whether there will be anything more said about it, but these four, especially Jennie, have made good progress in English, and are quite clever at most of the things we have taught them. They can make little bead baskets on wire, braid straw for hats, make hay mats and sew and knit. We had more yarn last winter than we required for stockings and mittens, so I started the girls at making little skirts. Jennie crocheted one and knitted three, besides a guernsey and a rag mat. She and Socie are each at the foot of a stocking just now, and Francis has nearly finished a knitted rag mat.

One day last week I found Jennie (who is almost through the Third Book) reading an article on Egypt to four of the others. The article was in an old number of Good Words, which had found its way to the schoolroom. She said she did not understand all of it, but she reads a good deal, and is constantly asking the meaning of words she does not know. The other three read in the Second Reader, all four "cipher" as far as Division and understand all that is said to them. They all can repeat

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good many texts from Scripture. We have asked our friends in Oshawa to send us a few Bibles for the old people and we hope to have enough to give two or three in the school, too.

This school is on the Reserve and the parents see the children almost every day, so it is not the same as where the Mission is established on land outside the Reserve. We are both very tired, for we have had no rest since coming in October, '91, and the life is very wearing. We find that we have not enough time to spend with our own little ones, at least not as much as we would like at their age.

I sometimes think there cannot be a needier field than this is, for many of the Indians are very degraded, and the License Law has made matters worse. It will be a good thing for the rising generation if education be made compulsory, for the parents are as a rule quite indifferent and the children have no wish to be better than their parents.

We have got our field fenced in, but Mr. Welbourn has not had time to do anything towards getting the storehouse up yet. Indeed when one does all that should be done here there is little time for extra labour, still we have much to be thankful for and we see things which show that some at least are getting higher ideas of God and life than they had. We are praying that more of them may see the truth as it is in Jesus before long.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT. Acknowledgment of Clothing.

FROM REV. W. S. MOORE.

Lakesend, Fort Qu'Appelle, October 2, 1893.

Perhaps you have been wondering that you have not heard sooner from me in answer to your letter and enclosed waybill, of the 18th July. The goods did not come to Regina till last week ; I was just waiting to hear of their safe arrival before

writing. I have now to say that yesterday I received four boxes and one bag of clothing from the Chatham Presbyterial Society, also four boxes of clothing from the Bruce Presbyterial Society, (eight Auxiliaries and three Mission Bands in the Bruce Presbyterial contributing).

We have now everything we require in the way of clothing, for another year, both for school and reserves. I have opened all the boxes and have to say that there is abundance of the most suitable clothing of the very best description for our work. There are, I am very pleased to say, quilts enough to give one to each family, who are adherents to our Church. The second-hand clothing, of which there is very little, I will lay past for any cases of necessity, if such occur towards the end of winter.

The success in the work has not been up to what we expect, or look, and pray for. Around us on every side the affections of the people, both Indian and white, are almost entirely set on the world, and they have but little delight in talk of the Kingdom.

Our school is much the same as a year ago; the most of the children are in the Regina school. We have at Lakesend, however, six boarders and ten day scholars. Our average for the past quarter was 7.01.

We feel very grateful to your Society for assistance in this work, and though the fruits are not much yet, still I know that "that the battle is the Lord's" and that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

MISSION STUDIES.

(Fourth Paper.)

BY MISS FERRIER, CALEDONIA.

EDUCATIONAL WORK FOR THE EAST INDIANS IN TRINIDAD.

From the very commencement of the Mission it was felt that its best hope for success lay in educating the young, giving them

careful religious instruction, and seeking to inculcate lessons of truthfulness, social purity, industry, and cleanliness, and that this plan was a wise one its great success has sufficiently proved.

There were many difficulties to surmount and prejudices to overcome, but these by degrees gave place to interest and confidence when it was seen what good work was being done, and several of the proprietors offered to provide school-houses and pay in whole or in part the salaries of the teachers. The first teachers were East Indians or Creoles trained and guided by the missionaries, but as the work grew other help was needed, and in 1875 Mr. McDonald was sent from Nova Scotia as a teacher and overseer of schools. He did valuable work in the Mission for two and a half years, afterwards studied for the ministry, was settled in the United States, and died in 1890.

Miss Blackadder, the pioneer female teacher, went out in 1878 and began her work as the teacher of the School in San Fernando. In her first letter she says she had an average attendance of fifty, among whom there were ten or twelve little Chinamen. Though the majority of the Coolies are from India, there are also some Chinese, and they make patient, attentive scholars. Of the Indian children, she says: "They are pretty little creatures, with slender graceful forms, beautiful dark hair and eyes, and a refined and intelligent expression. Their dress is cool and airy, generally consisting of one loose garment. Some of them wear the native dress which, when kept clean, is very pretty and graceful." Daily contact with these little ones soon taught Miss Blackadder what every missionary knows, that heathen children are so steeped in sin that it would be a hopeless task to try to reform them without the help of God, and that only His grace could give the patience and skill needed to sow the good seed in faith and hope. That such sowing had even then

borne good fruit is seen by her account of the Sabbath School, in which, at that time, there were ninety scholars and seven teachers. "If," she writes, "some of our dear friends could walk in some Sabbath morning and see the bright, happy faces, hear the children sing some of their sweet hymns, and recite their Bible lessons, I am sure they would be delighted. The amount of Bible knowledge some of them possess is really wonderful." The other missionaries reported, that in Miss Blackadder they had obtained a most valuable assistant, that she had taken to her work enthusiastically, and that her influence was securing a large and cheerful attendance. After being about two years in San Fernando she was removed to Savona Grande, Mr. Morton's Mission, and here, also, the results of her work were most gratifying. Later she was transferred to Tacarigna, a village connected with the Tunapuna Mission, where she still remains, carrying on with her wonted zeal her faithful and efficient labors.

There are now fifty schools on the Mission list, with between four and five thousand children in attendance. One principal school in each district has a female teacher from Nova Scotia, supported by the W. F. M. Society, (Eastern Division). The other teachers are chiefly East Indians who have been trained in the Mission. Secular instruction is given in English, religious, chiefly in Hindi, which they are also taught to read. Every school is a centre of religious influence, every school-house is used as a place of worship. Many of the first scholars have become useful helpers in the Mission as catechists or teachers, many others have grown up respectable Christian-men and women, some of them occupying good positions on the island, and a large number of the candidates for baptism are persons who have been trained in these schools.

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recognized both by the planters and the government, considerable pecuniary aid having been received from these sources for some years. Recently a new school-law was passed on the island, which the Mission staff had to accept, but which they consider to be on the whole in the interests of the Mission. The law permits churches to erect school-houses on approved plans, and to nominate their own teachers, and to all schools coming up to a required standard it pays three-fourths of the teachers' salary.

The special training of teachers and catechists formed from the first an important part of the work of the missionaries, who attached great importance to the evangelistic labors of their native Christian helpers. As the number of these increased, and the efficiency of their work was recognized, the desirability of providing the means of training a regular native Ministry pressed itself upon them, and in response to personal appeals from Mr. Grant, who had the success of the scheme much at heart, sufficient funds were provided, chiefly by private subscription, to purchase an eligible site in San Fernando, and erect a commodious building for the new college, which was opened early in the year 1892; thirty-six intelligent young East Indians enrolling themselves as students for the ministry. Much is hoped for from this new department of the work. Already native agents are laboring among their countrymen, both in Trinidad and the other West Indian Colonies, and this institution will in all likelihood be the means of fitting many more for similar service, and, as Mr. Grant remarked at the opening, it may be that from this Western College "a company taught of God may be sent back to carry to their native India the riches better than gold acquired here—even the blessing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

What a Native Teacher can do.

Rev. Mr. Pearce writes to *The London Chronicle* of a station in New Guinea, named Tupuselei, where is only a South Sea Island teacher, but a man who has great influence over the people. There are 250 in the villiage who are thoroughly Christianized. The schools, as well as week day and Sunday services, are well attended. The children, to the number of nearly 200, are orderly and diligent in their studies, and an examination of the place by five missionaries shows that the station is the best in New Guinea. It is a striking illustration of what a Christianized native can accomplish.

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Miss Shortreed, Assistant Home Secretary, 224 Jarvis Street, Toronto, will conduct correspondence with Mission Bands, and will be glad to receive items of news or helpful suggestions relating to this branch of the Society's work.

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