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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.

MARCH.—Special prayer in prospect of our Annual Meeting ; that all our Auxiliaries and Mission Bands may begin the year with renewed vigour and increased numbers ; thankful acknowledgment of the Lord's goodness in extending the work ; and confession of our shortcomings.

" And Jesus spake unto them, saying : All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."—Matthew xxviii, 18-20.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Annual Meeting.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Division), will be held in St. Andrews Church, London, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 18, 19 and 20, 1893. On Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a devotional meeting in the church, at the close of which delegates will be enrolled and billeted. The Nominating Committee will also meet on Tuesday afternoon at the close of the meeting. On Tuesday evening a conference of the Board with Presbyterial Presidents and Secretaries will be held, beginning at half past even, at which questions may be asked and subjects of interest to the Society considered. On Wednesday and Thursday the proceedings will be in much the same order as on the Tuesday and Wednesday of former years.

The Board hopes that by beginning on Tuesday, as was suggested by some members at the close of the last annual meeting, and holding the preliminary devotional meeting and the conference on that day, the Annual Meeting will be less fatiguing than of late years, and, consequently, will be more likely to be pleasant and profitable to all who may be present.

A cordial invitation is extended to delegates from every part of the Society throughout the Western Division. All names should be forwarded as soon as possible to Miss L. M. Fraser, 544 Waterloo Street, London, Secretary of the Billetting Committee.

Delegates who may have arranged to stay with friends during the Meeting will confer a favour on the Billetting Committee by acquainting Miss Fraser with the fact, and also by stating the name of the friends with whom they intend to stay.

RAILWAY REGULATIONS REGARDING REDUCED FARES TO ANNUAL MEETING.

Delegates and members of the Society attending the Annual Meeting are requested to give special attention to the following points:—

1. Tickets to London must be bought within three days of April 18th (Sunday not included).
2. Delegates must pay first-class, full-fare going to the meeting, and get a certificate-receipt signed by the agent from whom the ticket is bought.
3. Where the journey is made over more than one line of railway it may be necessary for the delegate to purchase separate local tickets and procure certificates for each of the lines.
4. Certificates must be signed by the Home Secretary at London in order that the delegates may secure reduced fare on return journey.
5. "No refund of fare will be made on any account whatever, because of the failure of the delegate to obtain certificates or to observe the requirements of the same."
6. On the return trip certificates must be given to ticket agents at London at least ten minutes before the time the train is due to leave. The return trip is to be made by the same route as the going trip.
7. Certificates are not transferable.
8. Certificates presented more than three days after the close of the meeting will not be honoured for tickets for the return trip.

NOTICES.

PRESBYTERIAL SECRETARIES are reminded that it is very desirable that all their reports should be forwarded to the Home Secretary not later than the second week in March. They are

also requested to take notice that *this year* no new life-members, auxiliaries nor mission bands will be entered in the Presbyterian Reports after the reports have been adopted at the annual meetings of Presbyterian societies.

AUXILIARY SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS are requested to be particular when sending in their reports and statements to send the reports and statements of the juvenile bands separate from those of their auxiliaries in order that the young folk may have full credit for what they have done.

Secretaries of auxiliaries and others who write to secretaries of the Board should give their *full address*. Attention to this would often save trouble and ensure a more prompt reply.

Increase.

Presbyterial Societies.

- LONDON.....*Hyde Park*.—Auxiliary (re-organized).
- “*St. Thomas*.—*Alma St. Church*, Auxiliary.
- “*Yarmouth*.—*Kilmartin Church* Auxiliary.
- PARIS.....*Farringdon*.—Auxiliary.
- PETERBOROUGH...*Baltimore*.—“*Aye Ready*” Mission Band.
- “*Port Hope*.—*Mill St. Church* “*Busy Bees*” Mission Band.
- BROCKVILLE.....*Iroquois*.—“*Mission Helpers*” M. B.
- TORONTO.....*Stouffville*.—Mission Band.
- “*Toronto*.—*St. Paul's Church* Auxiliary.
- KINGSTON.*Picton*.—*Columbian* Mission Band.
- GUELPH*Fergus*.—*St. Andrews Church* “*Fordyce*” Mission Band.

Life Members Added in January and February.

- Miss Annie E. Anderson, Division St. Church Auxiliary, Owen Sound.
- Mrs. W. D. Watson, Ayr.
- Mrs. N. H. Russell, Mhow, Central India.
- Mrs. James McCrone, St. Thomas.

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Mrs. Sim, Knox Church Auxiliary, Woodstock.
Mrs. D. C. Hossack, Orangeville Auxiliary.
Miss Dowsley, First Church Auxiliary, Brockville.
Mrs. Thomas Smart, Brandon, Man.
Mrs. George McVicar, Paris Auxiliary.
Mrs. Joseph Stephens, Central Church Auxiliary, Toronto.
Mrs. James Cameron, St. John's Church Auxiliary, Brockville.

New Life Members' Certificates.

In consequence of a desire on the part of some members of the Society for a smaller life membership certificate, one has been procured, measuring 11x8 inches. It is similar to the one so long in use, except in size. When Treasurers send the names of new life members, will they kindly say which certificate is wanted.

Joy in Giving.

The following incident, related in a letter received by Mrs Maclellan, and read at the Board, has been thought worthy of publication :—

“ I would like to tell you about our last Life Member, to show that all money given does not come out of well-filled purses. This young girl is earning her living by teaching. For a long time she has had the desire to make herself a Life Member, and by great self-denial, and adding little to little in her bank account, she accomplished the desire of her heart. We had the certificate ready for her at our annual meeting, and I assure you it was a pleasure to watch her satisfied countenance. Her only regret was that it had to be made known. I trust the example of this young girl, who has found such joy in giving, will be an incentive to others to whom a much larger stewardship has been entrusted, to realise their responsibility and privileges.”

Treasurer's Monthly Statement.

Jan. 10th.	To Balance in Bank.....	\$8,361 81	
“ 19th.	“ St. Andrew's Aux., Sherbrooke, Quebec.....	41 12	
“ 23rd.	“ Life Membership Fee.....	25 00	
“ 24th.	“ 3 Children in the Northwest.	1 00	
“ 25th.	“ Columbia Aux., New Westminster, B. C.....	106 00	
“ 30th.	“ Mrs. Stewart, Southampton, Subscription.....	1 00	
“ 30th.	“ Miss Stewart, Fee.....	1 00	
Feb. 1st.	“ Y. P. S. C. E., Knox Church, Stratford	50 40	
“ 4th.	“ Maple Grove M. B.....	7 00	
Jan. 24th.	By Foreign Secretary, Postage on Letters and “ Letter Leaflet”... ..		\$ 2 00
“ 31st.	“ Home Secretary, Postage on Letters and Reports		3 00
“ 31st.	“ Treasurer, Postage on Life Membership Certificates & Letters		5 05
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Last Words.

FROM MISS LISTER TO THE SECRETARY OF THE F. M. COMMITTEE.

Albani, Nov. 29, 1892.

I think when I wrote you last I mentioned that I had started a sewing class for the Indian girls. There are ten in attendance, they are making rapid progress. I have invited them and two or three of the older boys who attend the day school to meet with me on the Sabbath afternoon in the house to read the Bible. The first Sabbath there were fifteen of us, but the number has increased, now we have an attendance of twenty-six and twenty-seven. We sing hymns, engage in prayer and read together portions of God's Word. We are taking up the Gospel of St. John. Two weeks ago, at our meeting—I forgot to mention that men and women attend now—after keeping them an hour and a half I said that we would just sing one more hymn and then close, for I was sure they were tired, they said, "Not tired, not tired." After closing the meeting they still all sat still. I did not know what to say, at last I asked them if any of them wished to ask me anything or say anything, when one young man said he did. "Well, Jack, what do you want to say?" He hesitated, I told him not to be afraid, when at last he got out the words, "I do love Jesus." I don't think anything ever gave me more pleasure. I said, "Let us all thank God that Jack is not ashamed to say publicly that he loves Jesus." We engaged in prayer, when through, Jack was in tears and could not speak; then I asked if anyone else wished to say anything, when another young man said, "Look, look, look." I asked him if he wanted us to sing that hymn. He nodded his head, he cannot speak English except an odd word, and we did so, heartily. We had a delightful afternoon, then last Sabbath we had another grand day. My whole being was flooded with joy at seeing so many joining in praising God and engaging in prayer and the attention which

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they gave to such an explanation of God's word as I could give, but there is nothing impossible with God. When I awoke this morning it was with those beautiful promises, "Call upon the Lord in the day of trouble and he will answer you," "Delight thyself in the Lord and he will give thee the desires of thine heart," "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled," grand promises.

Another thing I was sorry to see was that few could read, just the boys and girls going to school, so I offered to teach the young man who told us that he loved Jesus, and two others to read and write and count as far as I can go, if they would come week evenings, so they come every night except Wednesday and Saturday nights. They are getting on nicely. Mr. McDonald invites all who wish to learn to sing to come Wednesday night. He has a large attendance. I just love my work.

We expect to take in the girls into the house next Monday, although my freight has not arrived yet, but we will do the best we can until it arrives.

There are plenty of ways of using money here. One little girl came to meeting on Sabbath wading through the snow, which was a foot deep, without either boots or stockings on. Two old squaws came on Monday in the same plight. It would move a heart of stone to see them.

I would like to tell you how much we need a new school house also. It does not raise the standard of Christ to need to worship in the building used for the purpose. Let us ask God to open the hearts of those who have means to give to His cause and may His be all the glory.

"Their Works Do Follow Them."

FROM MISS MINNES.

Albani, Jan. 12, 1893.

When your letter reached here on Dec. 31st, 1892, Miss Lister was too ill to read it but Mr. McDonald read it to her and she

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seemed very much pleased to hear from you. She spoke very often of writing to you and hoped to have time to do so during vacation, but the very night of the day we closed school she took sick and was not able to do any writing after. Although she was not confined to bed till Tuesday she was unable to attend to anything. She was up and about till noon on Tuesday, when she went to bed and never got up again. She suffered a great deal during her illness but was so patient and unselfish it was a pleasure to be with her. We did all we could and the Doctor did his best but we could not keep her. It was hard for us to give her up, we had all learned to love her so much, but she was ready and anxious to go, and even if we are very, very lonely without her we would not wish her back, for we know she is at Home. The Saturday evening before she left us she said to me when I was sitting with her, "Would it not be beautiful if I should fall asleep to-night and wake to spend the first day of the New Year in Heaven."

She died at 5 o'clock on the morning of Jan. 3rd. She was not conscious all the day previous but must have felt when she first took sick that she would not recover, for she had told us what her wishes were with regard to her funeral and other matters, and so far as we were able her wishes have been carried out.

Now I know you are anxious to hear something about the school and the children. Well, as Miss Lister told you, the Home was opened and ten girls taken in on Dec. 5th. We have now seven girls and two boys. Six of the girls now in the Home have been here from the first; of the other four, one got homesick and we could not persuade her to stay. Our oldest and most intelligent girl was the next to go. I do not think there is any danger of any of the girls we have now leaving us. They all seem quite happy and contented.

School opened on Monday last. Mr. McDonald is teaching while I am trying to take care of the Home and children. I am

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doing my best but will be very, very glad when some one comes to take my place, for the responsibility is too much for me.

I like the children very much and find them very obedient and easily managed and when once shown how to do anything can generally do it very nicely.

It was a little difficult at first to teach them that they must never go away without permission, as they have always been in the habit of going when and where they pleased, but they are learning.

Miss Lister intended sending an apron made by some of our girls as a sample of what they can do. I will try to have it finished and send it by the same mail as this. Eva is hemming the apron and Effie and Kitty are each making a tie. Miss Lister wished the apron—after you had seen it—to be given to the lady at whose home she had dinner when in Toronto. I do not remember her name but you will know. The girls make all their own clothes and you would be surprised how neat and nice they keep themselves.

I trust that some one will soon be found to take dear Miss Lister's place and help in this great work.

Then and Now.

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MISS WALKER.

Portage la Prairie, Dec. 19, 1892.

Ever since coming to Portage la Prairie I have been intending to write to you, but my friends have showered me with invitations to spend a little time with them, and in trying to accept every invitation, there is not much time left for writing. It seems so good to be back with these friends again, and it is hard to bid them good-bye. Why it is, I cannot tell, but it is very hard to leave the Indians here. I feel as if I belonged to them. As the poor creatures bid good-bye, some of the old people with great tears rolling down their faces, it seems difficult to know whether

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it is right to go or stay. More than one has said to me, we look different now, but in Heaven we will be alike, and we will see you again there, if we never see you again here.

I miss the little ones left behind in Regina, our dear little baby, and his little playfellows. I wish I could have brought them with me. Topsy is ready to go with me on Thursday.

She is anxious to go and anxious to stay with Miss Fraser. She hopes to return with Miss Fraser next summer, however ; we shall see then whether or not she had better live with us at home.

The work has gone on nicely in Portage la Prairie school. I can see after fourteen months' absence such an improvement in the children and in the teepees. Some of the houses are very comfortable indeed, and as clean as can be. When I looked around me on Sabbath and contrasted the meeting with that of four years ago the change is grand. David's beaming countenance, Christian love lighting it up, others also changed, an interested congregation and a bright clean place in which to worship our Father, all seemed so much, that it made me feel that God had given me this glimpse, and it was almost more than I could bear. I can never tell you the pleasure it caused. Never in my life did anything ever fill my heart with joy as our meeting that afternoon did. I wish I could tell you of it all, but words cannot tell.

Encouraging Words,

FROM MISS FRASER.

Portage La Prairie, Jan. 16th, 1893.

I can hardly realize that three months have passed since your very kind letter reached me. Many thanks for the encouraging words that it contained and please pardon my delay in answering it. You will be glad to know that our work here is progressing as usual. Our numbers are not fast

increasing, but those who are here are doing well with their work and are growing fonder of school life day by day. It is wonderful how soon the little ones become attached to the school. We have three at the age of five and one four years old. These learn to speak English very much quicker than the older ones. It is almost discouraging though to visit the teepees and see so many children there, who should be at school, but their parents cannot yet be persuaded to let them come, still we hope through time to be able to get them.

On the Saturday following Christmas Day we gave a dinner to about sixty Indians including children, which was enjoyed by all. We hope in some such way as this to teach them that there is a better way than that in which they are living and thus bring about a better state of things in their own homes. Indeed there is a decided improvement in most of their homes now. Many of their houses are well floored and furnished with stoves, chairs, lamps etc. David's teepee is very comfortable and has all the appearance of a civilized home. We hold our services in it this winter and are always gladly welcomed by David and Ada whenever we go down, be it for services or to visit the sick. There is a great deal of sickness among them at present. Just three weeks ago Katie's mother died, after three weeks illness and there are two others ill, who are not likely to get better. They are fast passing away and we feel that what is done for them, must be done quickly. You of course know that Miss Walker has taken Topsy home with her, we all miss her very much. she writes us often though, and seems happy in her new home. I will be pleased to hear from you soon and will try to be more prompt in answering.

Topsy in Her New Home.

Humboldt, Jan. 8th, 1893.

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my letter. I am waiting for that letter, but when it didn't come, I thought I would write to you again and I think I'll get a letter from you soon. I wrote to Katie and Louisa Rose this morning. I got their letter on Monday night. Katie's mother is dead. Miss Walker got a slate for me this afternoon, Miss Fraser is going to send my books. I like Humboldt very much there are lots of hills here ; Mrs. Walker's house is on a high hill. There is a church here, but no preaching and sometimes we get lonesome ; we think there will be a Sunday school soon. I am having a good time here, I always play with the girls, sometimes we slide down the hill ; it is a big hill too, sometimes the men will have their skates on and run after us. I have a doll and I made lot of dresses, one silk dress. Miss Walker is well ; I am well too. When we were on the train I saw some rocks, and I didn't like to sleep on the cars, because it shakes hard, but I had a good sleep. This is all I can think, and please write soon as you can and I am trying to be a good girl.

Your true Friend,

TOPSY McLEOD.

School Work Appreciated by Parents.

FROM MRS. W. S. MOORE.

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

Our school is small in number, but they attend very regularly and they are progressing well we think. They now understand English as well as any white children and are doing their school work well. My sister has been teaching during the most of the past year and the agent during his inspection at the end of the year was quite pleased with the progress they had made.

The Indians are very much improved during the past few years. Many of them are becoming good farmers and their crops this year are very good. One of our Indians purchased

for himself a selfbinder last summer. In that family morning and evening worship are not neglected.

There are very few children of school age on these reserves, especially on Pasqua's and Muscowpetung's, who are not at school and the parents and friends are very much pleased to receive letters from those who are at Regina school. Surely those children who are now being educated and trained so carefully will grow up good and useful men and women. We sincerely believe they will.

CENTRAL INDIA.

Beginning the Study of the Language.

FROM DR. AGNES TURNBULL.

Canadian Mission Hospital, Indore, December 15, 1892.

I intended writing to you much sooner, but we newcomers have been moving round so much from place to place, and having such delightful welcomes at the homes of our missionaries here, that I have been unable to do much writing; and, besides I knew that Miss Duncan wrote to you by the first mail after we landed, telling you of our safe arrival. We are all well and happy, and are getting nicely settled in our new homes. I have had delightful visits at all the Stations in our Mission, except Ujjain, and poor Mrs. Buchanan is with us at Indore trying to nurse her dear little baby girl back to health, though its life was despaired of until the other day. I am just commencing to study the language now, and hope to make some headway before the hot season. Doubtless Miss Duncan would tell you what a delightful voyage we had from England, and how glad we were to see Dr. McKellar, Dr. O'Hara and Rev. Mr. Russell, who were all at Bombay to meet us. That was indeed a glad day for me when I met again my dear college mates, and when I knew

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that I had really reached India, the dark land to which I had so long wished to go. We were all present at the marriage of Miss Hodgins. Mr. Russell felt it to be quite an impressive ceremony.

I like India very well so far, but of course this is the nicest time of the year : the weather is quite cool and pleasant. Everything here is very new and strange to me yet, but I expect I shall soon become quite accustomed to the way of living in this land, where all is so different from what it is at home. The missionaries are all very busy. Most of them are pretty well at present. Remember me very kindly to all the ladies.

Incidents of the Voyage.

FROM MISS CALDER.

Mhow, December 29, 1892.

You will have doubtless looked for a letter before this, but time has flown so since my arrival in India that I can scarcely realize that more than a month has come and gone since we landed at Bombay.

We had a very fine voyage across the Atlantic. We became acquainted on the voyage with Professor Robertson and wife, of Aberdeen, Scotland, who deserve very special mention for the assistance rendered us at Liverpool. We, as a matter of course, knew comparatively little of the English mode of travelling, and so would have been placed in a most trying position had not the professor most kindly come to our assistance and rendered us all the help in his power, which, to us, was no small amount as you may easily understand. We had been warned of agents, so did not employ one at Liverpool, but, with the professor's directions, managed quite easily until we reached London, where we met with friends who made our stay in "the modern Babylon" a very interesting one. These friends were Mr. and Mrs. Merry. Mrs. Merry was formerly Miss Mowat, of Stratford, Ont., and

only came to London a few weeks before we reached there. Our stay in the great metropolis was necessarily a short one, and gave us little opportunity for sight-seeing.

Our voyage from London to Bombay was full of interest, and only for a short time Saturday morning after leaving London did we experience any sea-sickness, that being caused by the choppy waves of the English channel. We reached Gibraltar the following Tuesday, November 1st., passing, ere we arrived at Gibraltar, the rocks on which the *Roumania* was wrecked. We had not known of the wreck until we reached Gibraltar; but how thankful we then were to our loving heavenly Father who had so ordered our going that we were not on that fated vessel—the one on which Miss Ross and Dr. Fraser crossed two years ago.

We landed at Gibraltar and walked about the strongly fortified city for some time, on our way back to the vessel visited the Soldier's Christian Institute, where we were very heartily received. We were accompanied by several American missionaries, two ministers among the number. Leaving that evening we reached Marseilles the following Thursday morning where we remained until Friday afternoon, two o'clock. We passed through Bonifacio Straits Sunday morning, November 6th, and then through Straits of Messina, November 7th. Sardinia and Corsica, as seen from the straits, are nothing but rock. Italy and Sicily from Messina are very beautiful, and we were exceedingly sorry to lose sight of that beautiful country as we steamed rapidly onward. Mount Etna looked sublime with its peak rising high above the clouds. Smoke could be seen quite distinctly issuing from the crater. Stromboli was also in sight but sunk into insignificance when compared with Mount Etna.

On Thursday, November 10th, we arrived at Port Said where we received home-mail greatly to our delight. We were in quarantine here a few hours on account of having gone to

Marseilles where cholera and smallpox were prevalent. We passed through the Suez Canal Thursday night, reaching Suez on Friday morning at six o'clock, making the shortest run on record. We had now entered scenes of an intensely interesting character on account of associations. The scenery of itself was by no means attractive. The shores, when in view, consisted of bare, barren masses of rock, bleached and worn by the sun and atmosphere. On Tuesday, November 15th, we reached Aden, having almost passed over the most dreaded part of the voyage, namely, the Red Sea, on account of the heat. However, the heat was not nearly so intense as expected, although we suffered considerably for a few days.

We arrived at Bombay on Sunday, November 20th, and were met by Drs. O'Hara and McKellar and Rev. N. H. Russell, who welcomed us so warmly that we felt at once we had not left all our friends in Canada. It is impossible to tell all they did for us in Bombay to make our coming to India a happy one, but can only say they succeeded most happily.

We left Bombay for Mhow Monday evening, and were met here by Rev. Mr. Wilkie and Mrs. Wilkie, Miss Jamieson, Miss Sinclair, Dr. Oliver and Dr. Fraser. Miss Ross and Miss McWilliams having come to meet us two stations from Mhow, we formed quite a company when we landed at Mhow station. It was unspeakably kind of these older missionaries so to receive the new ones, and brighten our coming by their hearty and kindly welcome.

Speaking for myself since coming to Mhow, I have never spent happier days in my life. The missionaries of every station in Central India have done all they could to make me feel at home in this very strange land, at least strange people, for the land is not strange.

My home with Miss Ross and Dr. Fraser is an exceedingly happy one, and though we are far from home-friends we can

never be unhappy while we have each other's love and sympathy. Those dear girls, although having work enough to overpower the ordinary home girl, can always find some time and way of giving me pleasure.

Then, too, Mr. and Mrs. Russell add more than I can tell to my happiness here. To Mrs. Russell I had become very much attached on the voyage, so that now it is a very great pleasure to be so near her. I like India greatly and know that I shall enjoy the work. And, oh, what need there is of workers! Such crowds and crowds of natives, whom it is simply impossible for so few workers to reach! "The harvest is truly plenteous, but the labourers are few." May the Church soon see her way clear to send out labourers in large numbers to these benighted people.

Dr. Buchanan's little girl died last Thursday, after an illness of a few weeks.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

Acknowledgements of Clothing.

FROM MISS SINCLAIR.

Indore, Dec. 27, 1892.

Your letter of Nov. 21st., telling me that the goods sent by the Hamilton Presbyterial Society had gone down in the "Roumania," reached me this morning. The loss is very small compared with what it might have been to us as a mission. That wreck brought sorrow to many a heart in India, not to speak of home friends.

The children, of course, will be disappointed, but I do not anticipate that the school will be seriously affected by our not receiving the goods. I can of course only speak for myself.

We spent a quiet Christmas. In the world around us there is nothing of Christmas joy, for the people know not the Christ-

child, but in our own hearts is peace. "He is our peace," who said "Lo, I am with you alway."

At Indore we are all well.

Some of us leave (D. V.) for Bombay to-morrow to attend the Decennial Conference. I'm sure it will do me good to look in the face of men who have been sowing the seed of the Kingdom for many years and who are not yet "weary," but confidently look for the time when this nation along with "all nations shall call Him blessed."

FROM REV. J. MCARTHUR.

Beulah, Manitoba, Nov. 25, 1892.

The clothing received this fall from the Huron Presbyteria^l Society was very suitable. There is a large supply of excellent quilts. We have a great deal of difficulty sometimes in getting a good fit for the women, the great majority of Indian women are stout in person so that it is very hard for the most of the grown up women to get into an average white woman's clothing, so that any garment that is large enough is what we generally call a good fit. Women's dresses are always the most difficult to get, not only large enough, but also a sufficient supply, but we give men's coats and overcoats, of which we have received a good supply, to women. The women are anxious to get these coats, for they do them good service during the cold weather, everything that comes is made use of by some one. They are glad to get and generally thankful for whatever they receive.

There are some Indians, men and women, who are not very old nor yet very feeble, but very often it is hard for them to get suitable work by which they can earn enough to clothe themselves, and yet we do not like to give them clothes for nothing, by which we may encourage their idle habits. I think that in the future I will try and get some work for such persons by

which they can get a little money, give them the clothing at low prices, so as to allow them to feel, that to some extent at least, they have earned it. In this way Indians would be doubly benefited by the clothing, benefited in being enabled to get the clothing that they would otherwise have to go without, and benefited because it would be in the direction of training them to help themselves. Mrs. McArthur joins me in sending you our kind regards.

FROM REV. C. W. WHYTE.

Kamsack, Jan. 10, 1893.

I do not know how I could have made such a mistake as to imagine that I had already acknowledged the receipt of all the clothing sent us. Permit me to say that it was not from any lack of appreciation of the generosity and sympathy of the ladies who have so amply supplied our needs for the present winter and coming summer. Many were the hearty expressions of delight and thankfulness on the part of the various members of the staff as bales and boxes were being opened. I wish that I could thank directly each society for the good things they have sent.

The goods from each of the Presbyterial societies, Guelph, London and Sarnia arrived in perfect safety at the Crowstand early in the fall, and the whole supply was entirely satisfactory with the one exception, perhaps, of a number of ladies' tight-fitting jackets which most Indian women are not built to fit. The supply of quilts was good. We put the most of them on the beds of the school, and distributed and sold the old ones on the Reserve, so that now you can think of us as having our beds splendidly supplied with good new quilts. In the fall some of the Winnipeg ladies sent us a stock of night dresses, and we made for ourselves new mattresses and sheets, so that now our bedding is very comfortable. We look forward with hope to the

day when our wooden bedsteads will be replaced by iron ones, which, for reasons I need not give here, are more desirable in an institution like this.

One thing which made us specially glad was the large supply of new material sent. It was, generally speaking, well selected, and in liberal quantities. We will have enough to keep our children well clad until new supplies come next fall. We think it better to send new material uncut.

The supply of second-hand clothing was also large and has been extremely useful to us. The people are glad to get them and, poorly clad as some of them are, they would be much worse, if they had not our stock of clothing to draw upon. In most cases we have them do some work or bring something in exchange for the clothes received.

My request for toys and books seems to have borne good fruit, and if our good friends could have seen our Christmas tree and the joyous faces of children and parents, and could have heard the encouraging speeches of Chief and Headmen, they would have been more than repaid for their self-denial. The games have been a continual source of pleasure, and the books have been exceedingly useful in creating some small desire for reading matter.

Some very thoughtful ladies sent us useful little conveniences which have come in very handy in our rather large housekeeping. They all have our very warmest thanks. Above all we know that many earnest prayers accompanied these gifts, and by these prayers we have been strengthened and sustained.

FROM REV. A. J. MCLEOD.

Industrial School, Regina, Jan. 21, 1893.

In a previous letter I acknowledged the receipt of our box of Christmas presents, and I now write to thank you both for my-

self and for the children who received with such great glee, their share of the good things. Christmas eve was a very memorable occasion. The tree adorned with the pretty toys, books, etc., lit up by a great many wax candles, received a great ovation from the children. The venerable and benevolent Santa Claus was accompanied by some of his friends, who were other teachers in disguise. I can not speak specially of the contents of the box because everything was so keenly appreciated, but what we valued the most were the handsome books.

Indian children are very fond of looking at pictures, and reading short stories, and we are trying in all ways to increase their interest in books. So your liberal supply of these proved very helpful. Our 91 children can all have a share in the books, as we keep them for a kind of circulating library.

I thank you also for the bales of clothing, etc., sent to the Indians of the Indian Head Reserve, by the Lindsay Presbyterian Society. They were most gratefully received. I was asked more than once by an impatient Indian if they were going to come. The old and infirm came in for the first share, then the Indian men and women who were enlightened enough to seek for their children a good education.

We have a dozen of Assiniboine children from this Reserve attending our school, and some of the yarn sent in the bales was devoted to them.

The able-bodied men who are given over to laziness, were not remembered in the bestowal of the clothing.

Very many thanks for all these kindnesses.

FROM REV. W. S. MOORE.

Lakesend, Fort Qu'Appelle, Jan. 17, 1893.

I received your letter in due time. I am sorry that the Lanark and Renfrew clothing for last year had not been acknowledged

as it came all right to hand, and a most liberal supply it was, leaving us no occasion to fear a want in our school during the winter or coming summer.

FROM MR. G. G. MCLAREN.

Birtle, Man., Jan. 10, 1893.

Yours of Dec. 30th containing shipping bill reached me all right. The box arrived also about the same time. The contents were of the most desirable kind, and came just in the nick of time, when the children were returning from their Christmas holidays, and many of them requiring a new outfit. Nothing could be more suitable than those nice flannel dresses for our girls, the dresses look well, are warm and strong.

Miss McLaren is quite well, and our short vacation has been a pleasant break in the monotony of school life.

Would you kindly convey to those people who were good enough to send us the clothes our best thanks.

MISSION STUDIES.

(Ninth Paper.)

BY MISS FERRIER, CALEDONIA.

SKETCH OF MISSION WORK IN MHOW.

Mhow is a camp town, entirely under British and military rule. It is situated in the State of Indore, about 14 miles from Indore City. There is a strong fort in which military stores are kept and five or six thousand troops are constantly in the camp, to be ready to maintain the authority of the British Government in Central India. There is a population of about 27,000, including the troops and camp-followers, to whom our missionaries seek to be helpful, though their special work is among the natives of the town and neighborhood.

Mhow was occupied as a mission station almost as soon as Indore, by the Rev. J. F. Campbell locating there in the summer of 1877. He commenced active work immediately and with

a Brahmin for headmaster, and a native Christian for an assistant opened a school for boys to whom he himself as soon as he could use the language gave religious instruction. Preaching, distributing Scripture portions, and evangelistic work in the surrounding villages were all engaged in as soon as possible. Zenana work and schools for girls were begun a few months later by Miss Rodger, who at that time spent a year in Mhow, and by Miss Forester, now Mrs. J. F. Campbell. The girls attending the first school opened were all from the lower classes and showed an eagerness to come rather unusual in native girls. They had a Scripture lesson every morning and were taught to sing many beautiful hymns.

Mrs. Campbell continued to oversee the girls' schools and zenana work for some time after her marriage, but she had very delicate health, and it was therefore a great boon to the mission at Mhow when the Misses Stockbridge, three young ladies residing there, were secured as teachers for the schools and zenanas. These young ladies were born in England, but grew up in India, and were thus well acquainted with Hindu life, and well fitted in that way as well as in earnest Christian zeal for the work which for many years they carried on with great success. In course of time a high class girls' school, started in 1880 became large and flourishing, with Miss Stockbridge as head teacher, Miss Minnie Stockbridge had a school in a large village called Pension-pura, and Miss Katie Stockbridge taught in another village. Miss Minnie had at first to teach in a miserable native hut, but with subscriptions obtained from friends in India, a nice schoolroom was erected with which the children were delighted, the large windows and clean matting being such a contrast to their own dark and dreary hovels. One of these little girls had to suffer much persecution before she got permission to come to school. Her parents were very poor and used to go into the fields to work, and Bundi taking advantage of their

absence ran over to the school for two hours every day, but her parents soon found this out, gave her an unmerciful flogging and forbade her to go again. Nothing daunted Bundi was at school next day, for which she was punished by being chained to her house like a felon. As soon as Miss Stockbridge heard of it she went to intercede for her, but it was not till after much coaxing and months of patient waiting that the poor child was allowed to come to school. There she soon became a bright little pupil and we hope has learned to know and love Jesus.

Besides teaching in the schools the Misses Stockbridge did a large amount of zenana work—they have opened a large number of houses in Mhow and the surrounding villages—they also distributed tracts, dispensed simple medicines, and held village meetings, proving themselves in every way faithful workers, the value of their services being all the greater because, owing to various circumstances, Mhow has been from time to time left without a resident missionary.

After Mr. Campbell's removal to Rutlam, in 1886, Messrs. Wilson, Builder, McKelvie and Buchanan were each for short periods stationed at Mhow, and the missionary in charge at present is Rev. N. H. Russell, who was settled there at the close of 1891. At the same time one of the Misses Stockbridge having married and another having to go to England for her health, Miss Ross and Dr. Wilhelmina Grant Fraser were appointed to take charge of work for women and girls in Mhow and vicinity.

Miss Fraser at once opened a dispensary, to which numbers of women come every day for medicine. She employs two Bible women who read the Scriptures and sing hymns to the patients in the dispensary in the morning, and spend the rest of the day going from house to house giving instruction. The medical work is constantly increasing as through Miss Fraser's skill access has been gained to many zenanas hitherto closed to the missionaries. She is often asked if she comes from the Dr. Miss Sahibs at

Indore and when she says, "yes," she finds a ready welcome, showing how greatly the work done by our female medical missionaries has been appreciated.

Miss Ross has the oversight of all the girls' schools and of course has her hands very full of work. A commodious building has just been completed for the Girls' School in Mhow, which it is expected will add greatly to its numbers and efficiency.

The native church is in a prosperous condition, regular Sabbath and week-day services are held. A large Sabbath School meets at eight a. m., in which the children have been so carefully taught that their knowledge of the Bible is said to be remarkable. There are also Sabbath Schools in six different villages taught by some of the native Christians. Mr. Russell also oversees the day schools for boys, one in Mhow and two in the villages near by, and every day gathers the native Christian teachers for an hour of Bible study, after which he goes out to preach either in the bazaar or some of the villages, of which there are sixty within a radius of eight miles of Mhow. Thus the good seed is being faithfully sown, but the field is so large that our missionaries cannot possibly overtake all that might easily be done.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit.

Why shall not this year be "a year of the right hand of the Most High"? The office of the Holy Spirit is "to convince the world of sin." Missionaries tell us that no word so expresses the condition of the heathen as the Scripture phrase "Dead in trespasses and sins." Thus there is no sense of need of a Saviour. Multitudes are convinced, in a way, of the truth, but there is no stress upon them to "flee from the wrath to come," none "to lay hold of eternal life." This stress comes from the Holy Spirit, and He is given in answer to prayer. Let there be much earnest prayer that God would now pour out His Spirit mightily upon the heathen world.

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