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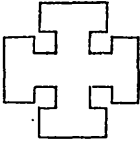
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MEMBERS' PRAYER.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who in the days of Thy flesh didst vouchsafe to accept the services of faithful women, we beseech Thee to grant Thy Blessing upon our endeavours to aid and encourage Missionaries. Put into our hearts the things that we should do and say to promote Thy glory, and further the object we have in hand. Grant that we may never be discouraged under difficulties, but go forward in faith and hope, — looking unto Thee. Have pity on those who know Thee not, on those who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land. Visit them with Thy Salvation. Hasten, we pray Thee, Thy Kingdom, that all may come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear and answer us O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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Subjects for Prayer and Reading: October—Selkirk, All Islands.
November—Algoma, South America and Mexico.

PROVINCIAL.

May it be suggested that our Diocesan Branches carefully read the article following, and for these "Strangers within our gates," pray more, work more, and try to find out in what way our Heavenly Father means us to bring the news of a loving Christ to the hearts of the numerous Chinese in America.—Ed.

At one of our Churches in the city of Quebec, and I believe in connection with one or two others in this ecclesiastical Province, a quiet work has been going on among the Chinese, of which little is known except by those who are immediately concerned and interested in it.

The class which has been formed commenced with one only, it now numbers ten or twelve. These attend church regularly, and those who have been the longest time under instruction, nearly two years, can follow the service with their prayer books, repeat the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, and their behaviour in church is an example to many professing Christians. Though as yet none have been baptized, the interest they show is very great, as can be judged by the questions they ask their teachers. It does seem that this work should be taken up in every parish in which the Chinese are found, and may well be considered to form part of the Foreign Mission work of our W.A.

The Board of the D. & F. M. S. recognize work among the Chinese in British Columbia as Foreign Mission work. Can we do better than follow the lead of our Parent Society? As it will cost, *not money*, but time and patience, I would like to urge my sisters of the W.A. to organize and prosecute, with enthusiasm and vigor, this branch of missionary effort wherever opportunity offers, that among the hordes

of Chinese who come among us, some few at least, may return to their own land filled with the knowledge of the Lord, and become instruments in His hands to make known the glad tidings of the Gospel of Peace among their countrymen.

LOUISA IRVINE,

Prov. Treas. W.A.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF SOUTH TOKYO.

Continued from September Leaflet.

Indeed for permanent Bible Women we have to look rather to those who have been left widows at thirty or upwards, or even worse, strange to say, to those who have been divorced under the easy Japan law, through no fault of their own, and are then still more at liberty to shape their own lives.

(2) The Bible Home is very well placed. Matsumoto needs some woman's institution as a nucleus of women's work, just as Nagano has its admirable Nursing School. Matsumoto is almost, if not quite as important a centre and as large a town as Nagano. The two places are a whole day's journey apart, and if the journey is to be done in one day two mountain passes must be crossed, and this is more than a lady can generally do. Matsumoto therefore cannot be reached, in the matter of women's work, by Nagano; it *must* have its own institution if real good is to be done in this line. Moreover, in so isolated a place it is far better to have two houses of foreign missionaries close together than one alone. Two in such case, if the people get on together, is much more useful than one. In consequence, they can help one another with the difficulties of language, thoughts, ideas of extension and power of making use of opportunities, always a great difficulty to one household alone. Mrs. Kennedy's state of health illustrates this strikingly enough, though her mother is with her. What would be the effect on her, on her husband, and on her work, if neither her mother or Miss Paterson were in Matsumoto? Isolation of this kind is depressing enough for a *man* who can get about and find health and spirits by walking over the mountains with knapsack on back to his nearest neighbour. What would it be with a woman's more sedentary life? But the Home is well placed, not only by being in Matsumoto, but by being just in its present situation. About the best situation

from Mr. Kennedy's own home there might have been a question. There are two theories, each of which has much to say for itself. Is it best to live in the flat (for almost all Japanese towns are down in the flat), right among the people, sharing their circumstances, and to some extent their way of life, their age and risk of typhoid fever, and probably even short of that being generally at a lower level of vigor and spirits, a thing which again tells upon the women, and perhaps the children, much more than on the men, because they get out so much less, or is it better to live on a healthy spot near the town, to go in freely and to invite them to come out, conscious at the same time that you must appear to them to be living in a fine mansion? I cannot answer this question, but for a healthy single man, and perhaps in other uncomplicated cases I would incline to the first, as I would certainly like to make it my own choice, and so I suppose would most missionaries; but here in Matsumoto, as things are at present, I rejoice on every ground that Mr. Kennedy's house and the Bible Home have been built about five minutes walk above the town, up a moderate slope on the hill-side, open to the breezes. I think it certain that Mrs. Kennedy, who is very valuable to the Mission, ought to go home immediately if there were no choice but to live in the town. A person in delicate health and practically confined to the house, could not rightly be allowed to live there, and what other valuable services her removal might cost the Mission, I cannot say. But even if there were not Mrs. Kennedy and the children to think of, I have no doubt that the Bible Home ought not to be in the town, for proper control would be impossible there for girls of that age; and that the missionary's house is best placed within call of the Bible Home. I do not think a better site than the present could have been chosen.

(3) The girls in the Home I am told are the children of local Christians. I am not sure that selection from these only gives a wide enough range of choice, and in any case, if a few more inmates under full control, and receiving under the contract on which they were admitted, full Christian teaching could be secured, other girls chosen carefully might be admitted, and so the benefit might extend more widely. Miss Paterson tells me that she has had to put off two or three suitable applicants because of the uncertainty whether the Institution will be taken up by the W.A. and so continued. My idea

is, that instead of five as at present, from ten to twelve boarders might be received, if suitable girls were forthcoming; and some not very expensive alterations or additions made, without the Institution losing its character as a "Home," and becoming simply a school. It would, I think, be an advantage both to the girls and to the Mission in general, if for a year or perhaps two years before they graduated as Bible Women, they were to go out with the head of the Home, and with other older and trustworthy workers, Japanese and Foreign, and get some experience of practical methods and show something of what their own capabilities are. Indeed I hardly think they could be regarded as having graduated as Bible Women or Mission Workers until some such test of practical fitness has been passed.

Circumstances have led Miss Paterson to admit younger girls than she at first intended, and to lengthen the course to five years. This change was mostly justified by circumstances; but is also an improvement for thoroughness of Christian knowledge, and habit is ever more important than numbers, and as they should hardly graduate before seventeen, and Japanese girls mature early, the age for removal from heathen surroundings is not a day too early with a five year's course.

When speaking above of some not very important defects, which experience shows, I had in mind particularly, that the part of the Home which is occupied by the girls themselves is built in semi-foreign style. This is a small matter because it would not be very expensive to add to the building one or two rooms in purely Japan style, thus setting free the present ground floor room to be used chiefly for a class-room. The reasons for wishing the girls' rooms in a Home to be in Japan style are not obvious to people who have not lived for some time in Japan, so that at the risk of being ludicrous, I must say a little about them. Living in foreign rooms (like eating poor food), rather unfits them for their return to ordinary life in a Japanese house; in short it unfits them for being good Japanese companions, wives and mothers. The habits, furniture and ways, which by force of circumstances have become second nature and almost a necessity to us, are far too expensive for them, and in many respects theirs are better. A house so kept that the Queen could sit down in it with pleasure

and without soiling her most delicate dress, is far more common among the very poor of Japan than among the poorer classes in our own country; but a Japanese can hardly ever keep a foreign house really well. Again in a Japanese house ventilation from floor to ceiling is so complete that there is (1), no unhealthiness in using the same room for day and night; (2), no objection to more sleeping in the same space than would be right with us; (3), little or no danger from having no chimney and using charcoal in braziers as the only warming apparatus. The danger is great when a Japanese sleeps on the floor, as he certainly would do in a foreign house which had little ventilation below the level of the windows. Suffocation, especially from this cause, is only too common. Now the least thing that one would wish to do to the Japanese girls in the Home, would be to unfit them for the future, and in fact to spoil them by making them discontented with Japanese surroundings. They ought to be used to pack, to sit and sleep on the mats on the floor, to have no fire but the brazier, no washing place but the bath-room and the little place *outside the rooms* under the verandah roof, no cooking utensils or ideas which will make them discontented afterwards. They ought to be used to those endless wipings over, dustings and sweepings, which keep a Japanese house clean and nice, yet with a very small expenditure of time because there is scarcely any furniture and no knick-knacks. (4), Towards such an adaptation of the building and increase in the accommodation it affords, I would gladly contribute if means can be found for establishing the Home on a fairly lasting basis.

Miss Paterson first desired that the W.A. should take over the ownership, but as the W.A. feels that to be outside its sphere, she suggests that Mr. Kennedy and I should be the trustees now and afterwards, I presume, our successors in office. Miss Paterson has no freehold in the land of course, for this no foreigner can have, but the lease, with nearly forty years to run, and the house could be placed in the hands of any trustees that were chosen after the new code comes into force in July. This will give time for me to receive an answer from you. It would of course, be very good if *two* foreign ladies could live at the Home, one as Miss Paterson's successor, having the Home as her first duty, but filling up her time with evangelistic or educational work, the other having evangelistic work as her first

duty, but helping upon occasion in the Home; but good as this would be if two ladies, one of them of fair age and experience, could be found who would work and live happily together; it is too much to ask of the W.A., I suppose, for a single place. Miss Paterson telle me that she is certainly leaving in four month's time, and that it is her *purpose* to provide for the Home to the extent of her power even though she should have to live on crusts to do it, unless the W.A. will provide for its continuance. She also says that five hundred dollars (\$500) to be salary for a successor for one year would be of no use, for no person would be of any use who came for one year only, or indeed for less than five years, so that it might be as well dropped at once. I know of no suitable person in Japan. Meanwhile the Institution is already losing ground, and is obliged in fairness to decline pupils because of the uncertainty of its future. I should be very grateful if the W.A. would grant \$500 a year in addition to the present \$200 (two hundred dollars) for its continuance, naming the conditions on which such a grant is made, and appointing or giving to some one power to appoint the successor to Miss Paterson. As you will see there is no time to be lost, whether the answer is to be "Yes" or "No." I am sure the W.A. must feel that it owes much to Miss Paterson's zeal and liberality."

Please excuse the length of this and believe me, etc., etc.,

WILLIAM AWDRY.

Letters from our Missionaries.—Diocesan.

TORONTO. At Young's Point, Toronto Diocese, there is most urgent need of a Mission Church and a home for the clergyman.

Young's Point is the geographical and practical working centre of a very extensive mission—a mission district thirty miles long, and covering about 400 square miles—in the townships of South Burleigh, Harvey and Smith. Here the incumbent of the mission must make his headquarters, and here also is the nucleus of a good congregation. It is a village of some little importance in this back country, and lies at the foot of the Kawartha Lakes, where the Trent Valley Canal is crossed by the principal colonization road, between Peterboro and the North. It is in the midst of a very rough and poor, but

improving, farming country. The population of Young's Point, and the surrounding country, will undoubtedly increase a little, and the village may, upon completion of the Canal works and, possibly, the extension of a railway, become a much more important place than it is at present. In any case there is a future for the Church if the best is made of present opportunities. To abandon the work at Young's Point cannot be thought of by anyone at all interested in mission work. To continue the work a Mission Church and a house are necessary. The premises at present occupied are inadequate, inconvenient, and in many ways unsuitable, and are available only upon payment of \$72 a year rent by the missionary, out of his small and much taxed income. Will the members of the W.A. help us?

Plans for the building, which will be constructed in the most economical manner possible, have been prepared gratuitously, by J. E. Belcher, Esq., C.E. Architect; and another Peterboro Churchman, R. M. Dennistoun, Esq., is directing us in the legal and business part of the undertaking, and will examine all our accounts. To carry out our plans \$1,500 is needed, and it is *absolutely necessary to raise \$500 immediately*. The people for whom the church is being built are doing all they can; some are giving labour and some have given material. It is a very poor district and very few are able to give money. The church is already begun in confidence of Divine Blessing upon the work and of the support of Churchmen and Churchwomen in so necessary and important an undertaking. The need of funds to pay for labour and material as the building proceeds, is most pressing.

Contributions may be sent to Diocesan Treasurer, 15 Rose Avenue, Toronto.

ONTARIO. To Miss Simmons, Newboro, from Rev. A. J. Cobb, Powassan, Ontario.

"I trust you and the members of your W.A. who so kindly sent the bale last week, will not think me careless in the acknowledgement of its contents. During the whole of my ministry I never spent a busier time than at this season. Our Bishop comes on the 17th and 18th, and twelve members have to be prepared for Confirmation, and are scattered many miles apart, and this with the usual Christmas duty has prevented my finding opportunity to thank you as I should have liked to have done. The articles sent are all such as prove

"welcome and useful in an Algoma mission field, and they were gladly received. We must thank all the kind friends who have so generously contributed to our own good and welfare. Please convey our deepest gratitude to all. The carpet is most useful and welcome, for the rented house we occupy is very cold, and my little ones have felt the severe weather this year; but we hope for a parsonage next year if funds permit. Mrs. Cobb desires to join me in all good wishes for the success of your church. May the blessings now conveyed upon us bring greater ones on the donors. I feel sure your prayers are on our behalf."

DOMESTIC.

TORONTO. *From Mrs. Owen, South Camp, Blackfoot Reserve, to Girls' Auxiliary, St. Alban's, Toronto, September, 1899.*

"Thank all your dear girls ever so much for the exceedingly nice barrel of most useful and welcome articles for our boys. The quilts are splendid, and so warm, just the right size for their beds. We are very short of under flannels for the boys, so were more than pleased to see so many underdrawers, vests, and many nice shirts. We do feel so grateful to you for all your kind help. Those warm hoods will be just the thing for the deserving and poorly clad Indian women, who so often come to us for something warm. We are very short of flannelette night-shirts for boys from 10 to 16 years. Squaw dresses we are always glad to see, and nothing pleases the women more than a dress or clothing for their babies, and many have come to us this year to ask for children's clothes, and we had only an outfit for one baby; bright colors please best, but best is something that will not show the dirt too quickly. Mrs. Leather and her husband are two of our South Camp Christians, with their children they were baptised last spring; their eldest boy is with us, and a dear little fellow he is. We got two more boys in about a month ago, brothers of one of our big boys, Bob Poor Eagle. Again we send our united thanks to you all."

From Rev. A. Norquay, Shoal River Mission, Fort Pelly P.O., Assa., Sept. 14th, 1899, to St. Simon's W.A., Toronto.

"On my arrival at the Mission from a trip through the Swan River Valley, looking up the Church families, I found that the bales had arrived some time during the month of July.

Everything came in good condition and has given us great pleasure. The children especially are assured of warm winter clothing, and the old women are rejoicing in their presents.

I was away 'so long, and my work becoming so far behind, I am busy from morning till evening, and as now, far into the night. I am at repairs to the house as soon as I can get away from the school, every day. I hope to have it much warmer than last year. The Indians are busy at their log-making, so I cannot look for much assistance from them. During my absence they turned out in a body and whitewashed the church, school-house and outside of the mission house. The buildings presented a neat and clean appearance on the occasion of the agent's annual visit of inspection.

I must ask you to excuse this short note. Working at the carpenter's and plasterer's trade the greater part of the day, I do not feel equal to a long spell of writing in the evening. I shall write more fully towards the end of the month, when I can hope for an uninterrupted evening. I must also write to the Ministering Children's League of S. Simon's our best wishes for all work in connection with S. Simon's. We deeply appreciate your kind gifts and words."

MONTREAL *From F. E. Favell, Sandy Bay, Fairford, to Mrs. G. A. Savage, President Sunbeam Society.*

"I have much pleasure in notifying the dear children who so kindly sent us a bell, that we have received it. It has been a long time on the way, but taking the long distance into consideration it is not an uncommon occurrence to keep kind friends in the East waiting an acknowledgement of their generousities. Our nearest railway station is over 100 miles away, with many difficulties before we can reach it. It is no easy matter to get supplies by boat in summer and horse or ox teams in winter. The most convenient way to address bales is c/o. Hudson Bay Co., Man. House, Kinosota P.O. Of Sandy Bay there is little to tell, save that our new chapel and beautiful chime of bells are a great improvement. Formerly we used to be all huddled up in the old school house, which is now in a state of collapse; however we are soon to have a new school house, which will be another improvement. It will be nice to have the little Indian children in comfortable quarters when the cold winter comes. Our little Indian boys and

girls are in a general way poorly clad, and often I have regretted very much seeing some of these poor little ones badly bitten by the cold north wind, especially last winter when it was very severe. Very little help has been sent to me in the past winter; somehow the kind W.A.'s. have somewhat deferred their usual help towards me and my people, consequently there has been much want and no way of relieving it. I would be very grateful for a little help in filling a Christmas Tree, as I intend giving my children one next Christmas, all being well. In conclusion I thank my young friends for the bell, and wish them every success in their League and 'In every good and perfect gift,' etc.,

From Mrs. Troop, Dynevor Hospital, to Mrs. Crawford.

"We have just received the cot you so kindly sent, just what we need so very much as we have a great number of young children now and only one cot with sides. The hospital is quite full, all ages, but no very anxious cases. We had two deaths within ten days, both hopeless when they came in, very peaceful, happy deaths; the friends of both so very grateful. The night one died we had her husband, baby, mother, aunt, uncle and father all night. It was so touching to see their grief, so silent, no murmuring, all feeling that the dear Father knew what was best for her and all of them. 'She had always been such a good daughter.' The other a little girl, whose only friend was her grandmother doubled up with rheumatism, who crawled on hands and knees upstairs and along the hall to the room, and squatted on the floor by the bedside for hours, so gentle, and patient, and grateful for all that was done for the poor little girl, who was a heavy trial to Miss Lockhart, so covered with sores and so frightfully thin. Miss Lockhart herself was quite ill when all was over."

From Mrs. Troop, Dynevor Hospital, to Miss McCord.

"We are getting on nicely here, our own hay coming in, roof reshingled, barn, new floor, all the winter wood cut and paid for; both wood and hay off our own estate. We shall have enough potatoes, and fine ones too, for the winter, and a fine crop of tomatoes and cabbages. Miss Lockhart has gone on a well earned holiday, there being so few in just now, and no one really ill."

From Arthur de B. Owen, St. Paul's Mission, June 25th, 1899, to Miss Pridham.

"I am so glad that I have been able to interest you all to such an extent that such a bale came again. Were you here of late I think you would have found enough not only to interest but also to tire you. Shall I give you an account? Let me see then, I must go back. Mr. and Mrs. Wood, who were looking after the Boy's Home, have lately moved into the Reserve to work among the Indians, thereby leaving us two short. Mrs. Owen has been very poorly for a long time, and I have been through two attacks of bronchitis since Christmas. But you say, what of that, merely plowing the ground now for the seed. Dr. Lafferty, of Calgary, has a new theory on scrofula, and made his arrangements to come here and operate, together with Drs. Kennedy and Gerrard. He also made arrangements for the Piegan children to come over here. We fortunately procured the assistance of Miss Yates, a nurse from the Medicine Hat Hospital, a great friend of Miss Dlumark's. The ten operations were performed in two days, the Peigan children not coming. But it was a very trying, busy, and anxious time, for several were in a very bad state, and naturally very delicate; but, thank God, all came through, and are now doing very nicely. May they continue well. The children are improving wonderfully, several are becoming earnest Christians, and others are thinking very earnestly. But we are finding the work heavy, and are anxious to procure another young man who would work and also play with the boys, for we have no time and they are helpless without a leader. I am hoping to come east this fall, and shall be glad to see you all, if it is possible. The mats came in so nicely for the Hospital, but all you sent was most acceptable. We are having a splendid year for the garden, and are looking forward to plenty of vegetables for next winter. Again thanking you all, with kind wishes to all."

HURON. Mrs. Bompas writes: "I am glad to answer your questions with regard to the forwarding any bales intended for this Mission, as the Bishop wishes them thenceforth sent to Victoria, B.C., (*care of the Hudson Bay Company*); they have promised to forward any of our goods committed to them, as we are getting our supplies from them, and not from San Francisco. With regard to the expense of carriage, the Bishop thinks the railway Companies had consented to forward

bales for purely missionary purposes, free of charge; but if this is not the case, we would rather pay the carriage than lose the bales, as our Indians need these kind supplies as much as ever, and are in some respects, worse off rather than better, since the advent of the white men. The Bishop is now at Moosehide, the Indian settlement near Dawson, doing duty for Mr. Totty, who is on furlough. Mr. Naylor is at Dawson, and Mr. Hawksley and family are at the mission Forty-mile. I remain at Forty-mile (though not on the Mission Island), with some of our Indian children, and to help Mr. Hawksley to look after the Indians, as he has charge of the white men as well, so his hands are pretty full. Archdeacon and Mrs. Canham are at Selkirk, which is now a populous town, with military, mounted police and other with people."

The Bishop of Mackenzie River writes: "We hope to take our furlough next year, but cannot hear of any additional help coming this way, and are short handed as it is, with additional claims pressing upon us. An alleged discovery of gold near Great Slave Lake is causing great excitement, and it is probable that there will soon be quite a population in that part of my Diocese, and^{at present} I have no one to minister to them. My co-workers are all well and write cheerfully, but have nothing striking to relate. I am sorry to hear that there has been privation, much sickness, and many deaths at one of the northern posts; here the general health has been good, and food, though not abundant, has not been scarce; as for ourselves, we have never been so well off, in the latter respect, since we have been in the country. Last summer I bought the outfits of several returning miners, and the extra flour and bacon thus obtained, together with a large crop of potatoes, and a good supply of meat from the Indians, has enabled us to live like 'big masters'! I am thankful too, to say that our new house is making steady progress, and there seems a reasonable prospect of our occupying it, D.V., next winter. Mrs. Reeve has been suffering for months from a bad cough, but is, I am thankful to say, better now."

ONTARIO. *Rev. C. F. Pritchard, St. Alban's Mission, Cedar Lake, The Pas, P.O., Sask., N.W.T., to Mrs. Labatt, Prescott, Feb. 17th. '99.*

"Your most welcome letter was duly received by us, and I regret not having answered it long ere this, but when you understand the

isolated position of this place I think you will be quite willing to excuse our long silence. To begin with it was a great pleasure to receive your letter after having met you personally in Belleville. Both myself and wife sincerely thank all our Prescott friends for all that they have done for us, and we trust that their interest in the good work will be quickened by the knowledge of the fact that it is bearing much good fruit, and that the weak places of our work are being very much strengthened by the self-sacrificing efforts of the W.A. ; and we hope that many who are doing little or nothing to help on the great work of the Church, will see it to be their duty to follow the good example of their W.A. sisters. This Mission is 500 miles east of Prince Albert, and the only way to get there is by water, so that we shall not be able to get your bales until next summer I am sure your co-workers will be very sorry to hear that their would-be Christmas gifts will not reach their destination at least for three months more, but when they do come we shall appreciate them none-the-less for having to wait for them. The Indians here are not so well off as those at Fort a la Corne, but are a very interesting people, and I think on the whole are earnest Christians. There is very little land suitable for cultivation in our neighborhood, and the Indians do not attempt to farm in the way we understand farming. If you look at a good map of the North West you will find that Cedar Lake has a good supply of water, and that we are completely surrounded by it. Ducks and geese are very plentiful in this region in the spring and autumn, and the Indians usually manage to kill all they need, but they never have too many. Enough for to day is the Indian's motto, there seems to be no thought of future need until the need is felt, then they think of what they might have done when it is too late. In times of prosperity the Indians are careless instead of making best use of their opportunities, they neglect to do so, and thus it is that they starve in the midst of plenty. If one could only get them to be more thoughtful and energetic, much of their suffering would be a thing of the past, but it is difficult to get semi-civilized people to see things from our point of view, and we can only hope that the rising generation will be less indifferent to their own well-being, and that the lessons which they are learning to-day will help them to live to advantage in the days to come. The Indian hunting ground is not

what it used to be; many fur-bearing animals are almost extinct, and the few remaining ones are rapidly decreasing, and when the last one has been killed what the lovers of the chase will do then is more than I can venture to anticipate. The day does not seem far distant when these forest children will per force of circumstances be compelled to change their present way of living, or else the dread reaper death, will make the change for them, as it is many of our people are passing away. One poor man here, has lost three children since winter set in, and a fourth is very ill and not likely to live very long. The dwelling houses are very small, and ten or twelve are huddled together in one small house; what wonder is it that disease is destroying many of them? I am doing all I can to get them to build larger and better houses, but it is uphill work. The Government should compel heads of families to build commodious dwellings, and not allow human beings to huddle together like brute beasts. We have many old and infirm men and women in our district, and we shall use your bales to relieve sick and destitute ones; and I am sure many hearts will be made glad. Besides this Mission, I have four other Stations which I visit periodically, and in all these places there is need of help. I have been constantly on the move this year, and have several more trips to make before spring. One of the Stations I have to visit is sixty miles from here, and I have already paid it two visits. We have a small church here, but it has to be finished, and we hope to do something in this direction next summer. My eye is keeping fairly strong, but I have to be very careful with it. The oculist I consulted in Toronto, told me not to go more than fifty miles away from a specialist, but I am now more than five hundred miles away from one. I am certainly running a great risk in staying down here where one is exposed to the weather so much, but so far things have worked together for good, and I trust that sight will be given to do the work which God has given me to do. Please give our warmest thanks to all those who in any way contributed to contents of bales, and may one and all experience God's richest blessing in all their works begun, continued and ended in Him. We know it is out of a full heart you do what you do, and the smallest effort and the smallest faith shall have the Master's 'Well done.' How can we thank all our W.A. friends for their large-heartedness? May God reward them for we never can."

NIAGARA. *From Rev. Percy Stocken, Sarcee Reserve, to Dio. Treas.,
September, 1899.*

"I have to acknowledge with many thanks your letter enclosing cheque for \$76.30. Archdeacon Tims is returning in a few days from England, with his family, and I understand very much benefitted by the change. It is most encouraging to us as workers for the advancement of the Indians, to know of the interest taken in our work by the ladies of the East, and it is indeed a privilege and pleasure to give these kind ladies an account of our work. I think the first thing which strikes strangers on visiting our schools, is the dissimilarity between the Indian children of our schools and their relations on the reserves, so truly do morals and manners work a change. The Indians and children also notice the difference, and the Indians in consequence, shew willingness in their children entering the Boarding School, and the children evince a love for the school and the wish to stay in it. A child on entering the Institution soon picks up a knowledge of English by hearing the older pupils speak it, and it is not slow in showing its knowledge. Our girls have just returned from a ten days' camping with the staff, where they enjoyed themselves fairly well, the rain spoiling a good part of their fun. The boys returned from their outing before the girls started. The girls are great workers, better, I must confess than the boys in my school, not that I mean that the boys are in any way lazy. The washing for pupils and staff is done by the girls, helped by their matron, also the ironing, mending and other sewing, knitting and helping in the preparation of the meals. Now as we have only eight girls in our school, and four of these are little ones, you will understand that the four older ones are kept busy, but it is the sure road to advancement for Indian children, and perhaps all children, that they should be kept busy. The boys do a good bit of the chores, sawing and chopping wood, hauling water, milking the cows, scrubbing and keeping clean their own department. I have seven boys, one aged fifteen, one thirteen, three ten years, and two at eight years. You will understand by their ages that they are not able to do very heavy work. Besides this they have class-room work six days in the week, from ten to 12.15 in the forenoon, and 2 to 4.15 in the afternoon. They have two half-holidays, one on Wednesday and one on Saturday. The children also have evening lessons

from 6 to 7.30. More pleasing than the good progress that my children have made in the class-room and at their different work, is the advancement they have made in manners and morals. It is Madam, a serious fact for the white people, but the Indian children (at least of the Sarcee School), far outstrip the white children of the surrounding districts in morals and manners. If these children are not led away when they grow older by the example of the white settlers, they cannot but make fine Christian citizens. Four of my boys belong to the 'Children's Scripture Union,' and read their piece of the Scriptures every night and pray for all the members of the Union. The girls also, take much interest in the study of their Bible, and daily endeavour to carry out its commands. We have a very fair garden, in which is grown most kinds of vegetables: the frost this summer came a little too soon to suit the stuff in the garden, and most of the tender vegetables were cut down; I managed to save three vegetable marrows and half a dozen cucumbers, but these were good ones. Prayers are held for the pupils and staff, morning and evening, and are conducted in English, the children thoroughly understanding. The children also attend the Church services on Sundays. It is indeed a pleasure to hear them joining in the singing of the hymns, they sing so lustily. I am afraid I have let my pen run on far too long, but forgive me if I have tired you. The work is enjoyable and full of encouragement."

From Secretary of Salt Coats Hospital, to Dio. Treasurer.

"I am instructed by the Hospital Board to thank you for your kind donation. Your Ladies' Aid has always been one of our best friends, and we fully appreciate your efforts in our behalf. We have a great work to do here; and are only held back by want of funds. Mr. Teitelbaum is at present in Montreal, and is working hard in behalf of the Hospital. Thanking you for your kind interest, etc."

NOTE—The sum sent to the Hospital was \$5 from a friend, and \$2.25 from All Saints', Hamilton, also 35 cts., a thankoffering from a friend. Total, \$7.60.

OTTAWA. *From Miss Garlick, Lady Missionary at the Victoria Jubilee Home, Pincher Creek, Alberta, to Mrs. Perley, Ottawa.*

After giving an account of the death of little Ruth, in the school, from consumption, Miss Garlick says: "All the Indians spoke and

showed how pleased they were for the little we did ; I say *little*, for I feel if we had a proper room for our sick and a nurse, we could make them much happier, for of course we had to leave little Ruth alone at times when we attended to other duties, but at the last we never left her night or day. I hope my letter to the Ontario Annual Meeting, stating our need of a trained nurse, will induce some kind heart to offer for the work. Mr. Stocken is doing all he can with Government for a small Hospital. The greatest needs of these poor people are places for their sick ones, and we could take in more children in our houses if we had a good doctor and nurse. We ought not to take bad cases into our houses, as it is very bad for the others. With fifteen girls, all small but two, one's time is pretty well taken up. They are like babies when they first come, as they are only used to one little dress sewed on. I must thank your W.A. for the \$155 sent towards our waggon, etc, for which we are very thankful. I think Mr. Haynes will buy one horse and two cows at present."

From the Bishop of Saskatchewan, Calgary, to Mrs. Perley, Ottawa.

"I thank the W.A. of Ottawa most warmly, through you, for your kind letter and the cheque for \$155.79. I scarcely think the sum you have sent will buy all the things specified, but I am sure it will be made to go as far as possible. Of course the articles to be purchased with the sum, will be the property of the mission. This will be made very plain. The school is doing exceedingly well under Mr. Haynes' management. May God more and more richly bless your W.A. and its members."

From the Bishop of Algoma to Mrs. Perley.

"I have only just returned from my annual visit to the Nepigon Indians, and find your kind letter awaiting me ; I also find, enclosed from Mr. Kemp, of Toronto, the liberal gift of \$145, the Thankoffering given at the Annual Meeting, so generously set apart by the Ottawa W.A. for our Bishop Sullivan Memorial Fund. I am more than grateful for this noble response to our appeal, and beg you, as you have the opportunity, to express my warm acknowledgements to those who have been associated with you in the kind act."

FOREIGN.

TORONTO. *From Miss Davis, member St. Thomas', W.A., Toronto, recently of All Hallow's School, Yale B.C., now at work in Honolulu, to Mrs. Williamson.*

' When I landed I mailed a post card telling you of my safe arrival. We came into the harbor at daybreak, it was a pretty view. On one side lay 'Diamond Head,' on the other side, 'Punch Bowl,' both of these are extinct volcanoes. The city of Honolulu, about 35,000 people, lies in the centre. It was intensely hot when we landed at 8.30. Numbers of Chinese, Japanese and Hawaiians, of all shades of brown, were on the wharf; little native boys diving in the clear water for small coins. The smell of the raw sugar waiting for exportation, the unloading of cargo and baggage, etc., with a boiling sun overhead, for the hottest part of the day is from 9 to 4 p.m. I got a cab and drove through the streets, stopping at the post office to mail letters and cards. This is a very odd looking building, boxes, wickets, stamp office, all on the outside, you open your box that way, and post letters and papers the same way. The notices, all written in three languages, Hawaiian, Portugese and English. The streets are narrow, and not over clean. We have horse cars and electric light. The shops are good except those owned by Japs and Chinese, these are small and dirty. All close at 5, post office at 4, cannot get a stamp after that hour. Muslins and print are cheap; hats shoes and gloves very expensive, even a common straw hat is \$3. All California fruit is imported, they ask 5 cts. for a peach. Our native fruits do not grow here. Every tree has a flower, and they are very beautiful. Now I will tell you what does grow here, bananas, pine apples, limes, bread fruit, guavas, pomegranates, papaeii (a fruit like a musk lemon), man-goes, rice, cocoa nuts, sugar cane and coffee, but the fruit is scarce and dear, as they use all the land for rice, sugar and coffee plantations. Besides these are banian, rubber, bamboo, traveller's tree, date, palm, figs, magnolia, and royal palm trees. There is a Hawaiian, a Portuguese, and Chinese church (Episcopal), besides Roman and Dissenting churches. I have seen the palaces of the late royal family, now used as Government buildings by United States. There is also a good Museum of native curios. The people are the oddest mixture I have seen, half Japs, half Chinese, half Portuguese, half Hawaiian, half

English, half German, and of all shades of color. The mixed and native women wear a loose flowing robe like a mother hubbard, when out; they ride like men, and some smoke cigarets. They are very large women and have pretty features. Nearly all can speak English. The Priory, our school, opens into St. Andrew's Cathedral grounds, and we attend the services there; Matins at 7, and on Sundays: 7, Celebration; $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10, first Matins; 11, second; 3, Hawaiian services; 6.30, first Evensong; 7.30, second. We rise before six and go to bed at nine. The mosquitoes are very troublesome from sundown until daylight, we all sleep under mosquito netting. It is intensely hot, go daily, or more in the sun. The people wear the thinnest clothing, a blouse, all the year round. The school begins the second week in September, and there will be probably, from 60 to 80 boarders, and perhaps 70 day pupils. The children are of all nationalities and of all shades of color. The language is very difficult to pronounce, as it is very guttural, and they slide one word into another. For instance *aloha*, is welcome; *pow*, at an end; *culi-culi*, be silent; *poi*, the national dish, a kind of wild turnip root, pounded and mixed with water till it ferments.

MONTREAL. *From Kate Farler, Krishnagar, India, to Mrs. Holden.*

"Many thanks for your letter. Of course the new Scholarships are acceptable. I think for the two Scholarships sent by the Life Members of the W.A., it would be nice to help with two (2) little sisters who have been in the home six or seven months. They are the children of a man named Job, and their names are Sabasim and Shikhorbasim; both little ones are in the lowest class of the school, and aged about seven and nine years. They seem obedient affectionate children on the whole, though the elder child uses rather nasty language sometimes. I tell you this fault because I know from your letter that you like definite facts about which to pray. I have chosen for Mrs. W. H. Robinson, a little girl of nine, named Chamat (?), a dear little girlie in the second standard, She will I hope in the course of a year or two be able to write a little letter herself. All these children are likely to stay in the school a long while. We are having such intensely hot weather, though it is really the rainy season, but for some few days there has been no rain, not that there has on the whole been a lack, there has indeed been almost too much, and the poor farmers

are bewailing flooded fields, but the steaming heat that one gets during the rainy weather is very trying. Personally the heat does not knock me up, that is a matter for gratitude, though even the children have felt the last few days unbearable. Last week the Lieut. Gov., Sir. J. Woodburn, was spending a day in Krishnagar, and in the evening, on his way back to the launch, paid us a short visit. He expressed himself very pleased with the children, who sung a hymn and an action song for him. Afterwards he sent me R. 10/-, as a mark of his sympathy. Miss Brislow seems to think she will take her full furlough, returning in the autumn of 1900; and I think it wise, for India does take a lot out of one, and she did not always keep very strong. She must I am sure need rest and quiet. In conclusion I do not know how to thank you enough for your kind and prayerful interest in our work and your sympathetic letters; the Lord of the Harvest surely notes it all, and here or there it is all one to Him. 'As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff, they shall part alike'."

The Scholarships spoken of in this letter are the outcome of the resolution passed at our Annual, that *each Life Member* be asked to contribute fifty cents or more towards furnishing scholarships for girls in a boarding school in India, consequently we have been able to take up two new girls this year, as the response was very general.

HURON. To the Dio. Cor. Sec. Miss Kirkby, Huron's Lady Missionary in China, writes; "I have hesitated to write about the disturbances here, as the information even we receive, is oftentimes very unreliable. The disaffected part of this Province is the N.W., chiefly about Kien-ning, and Kien-iaing cities. The first named place has been offered the gospel for almost thirty years, and has continually rejected it. About a month ago the C.M.S. Medical Missionary, Dr. Parkenham, who has been living *inside* the city for a year, was obliged to fly for his life, having been secluded in his own house by his servants, when the angry mob surrounded it, and later he and Dr. Rigg, from a boat on the river, saw the house and the little church in flames; his books, instruments, and medicines have all been destroyed. *Outside* the city there is a C.E.Z. women's hospital, three ladies have been stationed there, two of them fully qualified nurses, the third, Miss Darley, the itinerating Missionary. They have had a great deal

to live down, but the people were beginning to trust them, and enter the hospital as patients. Unfortunately one woman died before they could remove her home, and a great cry arose that the foreigners had killed her, and taken out her eyes to make medicine. Every patient but one left in a fright. The ladies sent for the Chinese officials to come and examine the body, and prove that no violence had been done. They came, examined the body and said the woman had died naturally from her disease. While this was going on, fully one thousand people were clamouring in the court-yard, but dispersed when the mandarins left. This was not to be the end. The body of a boy who had been cruelly murdered, was found near the hospital, and the foreigners were accused of this, and other murders reported to have been committed in the city. The people closed their shops and prepared for a riot. Dr. Rigg decided that the ladies must fly. The boat people were frightened and refused to take them, even for \$80, ten times their usual price. Finally four small boats were engaged, and with the few things they were able to save, they left Kien-ning only just in time, for very soon the river was blocked both above and below the hospital to prevent their escape. But the Lord is mindful of His own. Not only the lives of foreigners were in danger, but all the natives who were Christians, and many fled to Seng-jung, a city half way to Foo-Chow, though some have now returned and are re-building their damaged houses. We in Foo-Chow were in great suspense, for the native telegraph agents in Kien-ning kept sending terrible messages that Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and Miss Sears, had been killed, and that their bodies were floating in the river. Great was our joy and thanksgiving when, in the middle of the weekly prayer meeting, a telegram came from Mr. Phillips himself, saying that they would be in Foo-chow in a few hours. Oh! we did praise God for His great goodness. Neither Miss Stephens nor I could sleep that night, anxiously listening for a knock at the gate, for Miss Sears was to come to us, and the Philips go to Mr. Lloyd, who lives in our compound. About 12.30 a very quiet knock came, we flew down and found Mr. Phillips and Miss Sears there, and oh! it was so good to see them once more. After giving Miss Sears some food, we called some of the others who had come down from their stations a day or two before, and we thanked God together. We almost forgot the great heat which had been.

doing its best to stifle us. Yesterday we heard that the British Minister had given orders to our Consul to thoroughly investigate the matter. The C.M.S. gentlemen here have sent to the Society in London a memorial asking that steps be taken to secure to Chinese Christians religious liberty, and to the missionaries the protection of the Chinese Government. This memorial the C.M.S. will lay before the British Parliament. There is a very strong feeling that this matter should not be passed over as it was five years ago, when all those precious lives were lost. Will you not all most earnestly pray that all concerned in the investigation may be guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that the Kingdom of God may be firmly established. When writing about the Kien-ning hospital, I forgot to add that after the three ladies escaped their house was racked, everything belonging to Miss Darley stolen or destroyed, including all the medicines in the dispensary. She is so bright and cheerful over her losses. We are all up here at Kuliaing, on the mountains, eleven miles from Foo-chow, for July and August, and though hot it is nothing to the heat in the plain, there it has been 101 in the shade. And now is there not one of my Canadian sisters whose heart is stirred up to come to help in the work? If you were to offer at once, there would be two years training necessary, and a year here before one could actually teach, so there is every need to obey promptly when the call comes. Perhaps the Church has been going to sleep, in spite of the awakening she received on August 1st, 1895, and the Lord sees that she needs rousing again. The labourers are *so few*."

Also to the Dio. Cor Sec. Miss Garnett Writes from Kuliaing: You will have heard of the trouble in our North West; we were in suspense about the missionaries there, for many days; we heard that the Phillips party had all been murdered, each member of the household was so described that there seemed there *could* be no doubt about it, but the Mandarin had taken them to the Yamen for protection, and kept them there till soldiers could be sent up to bring them down. Then our Ku-cheng party was telegraphed too, two or three times, to come down to Foo-chow at once, as our district is near to the north west district, but we could not get coolies. At last they became so urgent for us all to leave at once, that two other ladies and myself, the strongest of our party, started between seven and eight in the

evening, on June 20th, to walk; it was thirty miles to Chwie-Kaw, where we expected a boat to meet us. We walked the first stage by moonlight, with an escort of soldiers, which the Mandarin had sent with us, thinking it safer for us. They were most kind and polite. When we had walked about twenty miles, we met two native chairs returning to Ku-cheng, empty, and took them. We got into Chwie-Kaw about 4 p.m., on June 21st, and there the first thing we heard was that the North West party were safe, and had gone down to Foo-chow. Oh! how we did rejoice and give thanks. That night the rest of our party arrived. God was very good to us. The longest walk I remember ever taking was seven or eight miles; I am sure that it was in answer to prayer that I was given strength to walk those twenty miles. There is a terrible state of unrest among the Chinese just now; those in the North West are doing their utmost to stir up the other districts, especially Foo-chow, to rise and get rid of the foreigners. Archdeacon Wolfe, several of the older missionaries, and the British and American Consuls, are in Foo-chow, doing all in their power to put a stop to this trouble, and we here have a prayer meeting each morning in our mountain church. We are sure that help will come from God, so are in perfect peace, believing that whatever comes it will be well, and that our prayers for these poor blind heathen will be answered."

Diocesan Branch Notes and News.

[QUEBEC]. **DIOCESAN MOTTO:**—"Ye have done it unto Me."

When this issue of the LEAFLET reaches our readers the regular work of the Auxiliary will have begun. We trust that the Branches will report for the quarterly meeting this month, to be held on the 20th, what they have done during the summer. All, I am sure, received the circular from the Lord Bishop of Algoma, asking aid towards the formation of the Bishop Sullivan Memorial Institution Fund. All Church people will wish to keep in memory that earnest hard-working servant of the Lord, who, we may justly say, laid down his life for his Master's cause. Even a small offering from each Branch will show our wish to help in this good work.

FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS.

On the 31st of August, 1899, God was pleased to call to His eternal rest, Senator Evan John Price, of Wolfesfield, Quebec. In this good man the Church on earth loses one of her most faithful, most generous sons. His kind heart prompted him to spend, and he spent for others. Ever ready in his quiet simple way to help in every good work; to give was a true pleasure to him. He realized to the full that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We can safely say that no one ever went to him for help who did not receive it with kind words of encouragement. To the Diocese of Quebec, the loss of his large annual subscriptions will be very serious, and to his parish, St. Michael's, is greater than words can say, for no one knew of all his many good deeds, save those who benefitted by them. We have a memorial of his goodness in his generous bequests to the work of God's Church in his own parish and the Diocese of Quebec. He has been called a true hearted Christian gentleman, and no words can better describe this earnest kindly child of God, in his daily life among his fellow men, and his hidden life in Christ with God.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours."

"He giveth His beloved sleep."

The Editor regrets that for this month's issue of the LETTER LEAFLET, not a single letter from a missionary has been received. Letters could be copied from other Magazines and sent to the LEAFLET, but that is not the object of the LETTER LEAFLET. It is an Auxiliary Publication, and is intended to be a record of Auxiliary work. Letters from missionaries connected with the Auxiliary, Dio. Notes and News, which of course includes Parochial letters, notes and news of work done, etc.

[TORONTO]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

The September Board Meeting was held in St. James' Cathedral School-house, on Thursday, September 13th. Considering the time of year, there was a large attendance of very interested women, all we trust animated with a desire to work with renewed devotion to the

missionary cause. After the opening Litany and special prayers, the President announced that the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Newman, had felt obliged to send in her resignation, and the Executive, empowered by clause 8 in the Diocesan Constitution, nominated and elected by Ballot the 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Cummings, to fill the vacant office, also that Mrs. Cummings having resigned her position as Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Baldwin, of Deer Park, who received the third highest number of votes at the Annual Meeting, had been duly elected 2nd Vice-President. These appointments will, we trust, meet with the general approval of our Parochial Branches. A resolution of thanks to Mrs. Newman, retiring Secretary, expressing regret at losing her from the Board, was passed, and ordered to be sent to her address. At 12 o'clock Mrs. Davidson read Gal. 5, 16 to 26, and explained to the meeting, that upon the verses giving the fruits of the Spirit we hope to base the Noon Devotional Address. We need to examine ourselves whether in our daily lives we show forth these spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Extra-cent-a-day money was voted to a wagon at the South Camp Blackfoot Reserve. The last report from the Calgary Indian Homes shows they are all in need of very much increased support. An important resolution was brought forward and unanimously passed, that there shall be a Nineteenth Century Fund; that no member shall give less than 25 cts., or that average in each Branch. We do not sufficiently mark epochs in our lives, and surely the change of date, 1900 instead of 1800, should make all pause to consider what they have accomplished for God's work in the Church during the years each have lived in the century which will shortly close. Page 24 of the Annual Report for 1899, refers to this hope that women will respond to this appeal from the Diocesan President—4,000 women giving in this way, with earnest prayer and thanksgiving, will hardly realize that \$1,000 by united action, can become a Fund for Missionary work. The words of Moses to the Israelites apply also to us, "Thou shalt remember all the way the Lord thy God hath led thee." Let us therefore, dear women of the Toronto Auxiliary, offer with grateful hearts this tribute of humble thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many mercies through the days we have lived in the Century so quickly vanishing with its joys and sorrows into the great irrevocable past.

Miss Alice Turner has, with the three other workers at the Black-foot Hospital, sent a letter to the Senior Girls and Junior Auxiliaries, together with the Girls' Friendly Society, who all so kindly aid in supporting this great work. As quickly as possible after the letters have been type written they will be sent to the Secretaries of the Branches interested.

Two members of Trinity Branch, Cavan, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Moore, have left Cavan to make their home in Gainsborough, Assa. Before they left Mrs. Wood gave a farewell tea, inviting all the members to meet them. Archdeacon Allen gave a very helpful address and short service at the close, greatly encouraging these two members to persevere in their Auxiliary work, and in their new parish becoming themselves centres for Missionary work. Their friends do indeed bid these members with whom we most reluctantly part, God speed in their distant homes.

Secretary for Booklets, Miss Roger, 4 Classic Avenue. Librarian, W.A., Miss Boice, Spadina Avenue. Sec. Treas. Literature Committee, Miss Laing, 195 Bedford Road.

We are glad to report Mrs. Robertson improved in health, but quite unable to undertake any work this winter. At the Monthly Diocesan Meeting, Miss Boice was elected on the Literature Committee, and appointed Librarian for the ensuing winter. Miss Boice comes to us from the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, where her valuable services will be very greatly missed. The Library will, we hope, find a suitable home before long.

Sault Ste. Marie, Sept. 21st, 1899.—The Bishop of Algoma desires to acknowledge with very sincere gratitude, an anonymous gift of \$20, from Toronto, \$10 towards the Bishop Sullivan Memorial Sustentation Fund, and \$10 towards the debt remaining on Sturgeon Falls Parsonage. He reports with great thankfulness that the amount for which he became responsible in the latter case, is now made up.

The formation of a W.A. Branch at Roach's Point, Lake Simcoe, and the re organization of the Branch at Thornhill, are matters for earnest thanksgiving. We earnestly hope the members will fully appreciate the motto, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do do it with thy might."

As this LEAFLET is in Press, we hear with deepest sorrow of the loss to us of three W.A. members, *Mrs. Shortt*, for some years President of St. John's Branch, Port Hope, recently made a Life Member by them. *Mrs. Horace Thorne*, member of the Dorcas Committee, and second daughter of the Rev. H. B. Osler, Yorkmills, and *Mrs. Cooley*; the two last named being members of St. Luke's Branch, Toronto. To Mrs. Cummings, our Corresponding Secretary, and to Mrs. Banks, our Dorcas Secretary, our loving sympathy is tendered. Of our dear members we know that each one felt that to be "with Christ was far better."

[MONTREAL] DIOCESAN MOTTO—"Go work to-day in my vineyard"

The second Quarterly Meeting of the W.A. was held in St. Paul's Church, Lachine, on the afternoon of the 21st. A very pleasing little preliminary service had been arranged by the clergyman, Mr. Hewton, closing with an address on "Prayer," most suitable to a devotional meeting, and a paper written by Miss Wilgress on "Sabbath Observance." There were present between 35 and 40 ladies, and at the close of the prayers, etc., a most admirable paper was read, written by Mrs. Killaly, upon the "Diocese of Qu'Appelle," one of the subjects for the month, Mrs. Macleod Moore, adopting the other subject, the "Chinese in America." This she treated in a most interesting and exhaustive manner, commencing with a short treatise upon the Chinese in general, and closing with an informal and most instructive address on the work in Montreal, where it seems there are some 600 Chinese. After the meeting, through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Hewton, tea was served at the rectory, when several holiday thank-offerings were given to Mrs. Holden for the missionary cause.

The Diocesan President would gratefully acknowledge the following sums in response to the appeal for aid for the sick wife of a missionary. Mrs. Holden hopes that more contributions may speedily follow, as the amount received is inadequate for the required purpose.

Received—Mrs. F. Buchanan, \$2; Mrs. W. Taylor, 50 cts.; Miss Laura Mudge, \$1; Mrs. Holden, \$1.50; a friend, 50 cts.; sale of goods, 30 cts.; Mrs. Hutchison, 50 cts.; Mrs. Miles Williams, \$1; Mrs. H. J. Mudge, \$1; a friend, 50 cts.; Miss Mudge, 50 cts.; Miss Pratt, 30 cts.

We have been requested to state that copies of "Thrift," the paper

written by Miss Ellerton, may be had at 3 cents each upon application to Mrs. Mcleod Moore, 82 Hutchison Street, Montreal.

We regret an error in the Dorcas Report in the September number, where Miss Mary Gowle should read Miss Mary Towle.

"WHATSOEVER THY HAND FINDETH TO DO, DO IT WITH THY MIGHT."

Whatsoever we find to do ; do it with our might
Is Toronto's golden rule, guiding them to right.
Warning those that love to linger on the toilsome way,
Not be slothful or to slumber, but to work alway
In the vineyard of our Master, for the night will come,
When no man can work, and our life is done.

[HURON] DIOCESAN MOTTO—" *Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God.*"

The acting Editor wishes to explain that the first paragraph of "Echoes from our Annual," page 387 in September LEAFLET, ought to have been *two* paragraphs instead of one, being "echoes" from two different Branches, the first ending at the word "occasionally." In this same connection comes following from Aylmer Branch: "At our usual monthly meeting it was decided, at our President's suggestion, and heartily agreed to by the members present, that mite-boxes be given to all who cared to take them, and each one should promise to put into them *one cent a week* and, of course, as much more as they choose, to be given in at the end of the year as our thankoffering. We thought in this way we should be able to raise more than we have hitherto been able to give, and yet not touch our regular contributions."

The acting Editor heartily thanks the Secretary of the Stratford (St. James') Branch for a kind and helpful letter, which she sub-joins for the consideration of all our Branches: "I herewith return you Miss Young's letter, and the extract from Miss Kirkby's. Both these and the former ones you sent us were read at our Branch meeting, and also to the King's Daughters of the "Watching Circle," and were much appreciated. We were glad to read your offer to loan missionary letters, in the July LEAFLET, and at once availed ourselves of the opportunity. We think it an excellent way to keep up missionary zeal among our members, and expect that many other Branches will

agree with us in that statement. To read, or hear read, an actual letter from one of our own missionaries, seems to bring the matter nearer to us personally than to read extracts from the same letter in print. Your thought, to lend the letters, was a very happy one, and will no doubt be acted upon by many of our Branches."

In this matter of missionary letters there is one from Mrs. Bompas in this issue, to a member of our Huron W.A., that may well make us pause and think, for while it shows us how very greatly bales are appreciated in those far northern Dioceses, it reminds us also how very few find their way there. Though the freight charges are so very heavy, could we not manage with co-operation to do more for these far places that need our help so much? At our coming Branch Annual Meetings—for we are nearing the end of another year—can we not so re-adjust our plans of work as to leave a margin for co-operative efforts on behalf of our Missionary Dioceses bordering on the arctic circle? These efforts may be made in various ways—Diocesan co-operation, Deanery co-operation, co-operation by Branches brought by circumstances into friendly contact with each other. Some of our Branches are hampered by having undertaken to work regularly for certain missionaries or Indian schools, but probably even these could give a little help, and then there are Branches which commence work for a bale without having decided on its destination. Could not some of this work find its way, with a contribution towards the freight, into a Deanery or Diocesan co-operation bale? If our Branch Presidents and Secretaries will consult their copies of the annual reports, they will be able to tell their Branches that it is three years since Huron W.A. sent a bale to Mrs. Bompas. Surely if our Branches gave due thought to the need of more bales for the far north, something could be done. We say sometimes in rather vague fashion, that we are all *co-workers*, but to be this efficiently we must be *co-thinkers*, each member eager to devise some way of meeting our difficulties. We know these bales are needed. Mrs. Bompas is not the only Missionary who has said "we would rather pay the carriage than be without the bales." Many, many of our members think things over, and think things out—may not others, through the LEAFLET, have the benefit of their conclusions?

Mabel Gander and Weston Frost have returned to school, Ethel Frost has not yet returned to London.

Now that our Branches are resuming work it is to be expected that there will be more letters from the missionaries who have received bales, and more Branch notices for the LEAFLET. This month but one Branch has been heard from. Galt—At the end of June we closed a successful half year's work, and packed a bale, value \$50, for the Rev. M. Scott, Vermilion, Dio. Athabasca. We resume work in September and hope by Christmas to have another bale ready to gladden some missionary's heart and strengthen his hands; and we hope that in the coming season, as in the past, that unity and earnestness may be the Society's motto, and though the work done may appear small, yet many of the members feel that in the successful future which awaits the spread of Gospel truths their mite has helped.

Mrs. Boomer sends following item from England: "While in London, at the request of our President, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings and myself formed a small W.A. deputation to call on the lady Secretaries of the Church Missionary Society, and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, but both ladies were, unfortunately absent. I specially regretted not seeing the Secretary of the C.M.S., Miss Gollich, whom so many of us had the pleasure of meeting and hearing in Canada last year.

[ONTARIO] DIOCESAN MOTTO:—" *She hath done what she could.*"

The Monthly Meeting was held on the second Monday in September, and it has been decided that in future the meeting shall take place in the second week of each month instead of the first. Reports were received from the Rural Deanery of Hastings and Grenville. From Burrirt's Rapids the Secretary writes:—"We have been holding regular work meetings since our last report. We have pieced the tops for 8 quilts and have four of them quilted. We are making shirts, and some underclothing, besides doing quite a lot of knitting." St. John's, Belleville: "This Branch is resuming its meetings after the summer adjournment, with increased interest and purposes, working again for the Peigan Mission." Deseronto,—The J.W.A. here is doing good work. Bancroft reports as follows: "We have not

wholly broken up during the summer months, but it has been nearly that ; however, we re-assembled in good force last Tuesday, and we are now busy preparing for a garden party to replenish our treasury for coming obligations." A letter of grateful acknowledgement was read from the Bishop of Saskatchewan, and appeals from Manitou, Grand Rapids, Rainy River, St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave Lake, and from Miss Paterson, Japan. Letters were also read from Mrs. Fortescue and Mrs. Lakatt, acknowledging the receipt of the resolutions of sympathy sent to them by the Board. The extra-cent-a-day fund amounted to \$3.95. An excellent paper entitled "A plea for Missionary literature" has been written by a member of the Ontario W.A. It is hoped that it may be widely circulated amongst our Branches and read at their meetings. The reading of missionary literature at the sewing meetings is one of the best means of spreading the knowledge of the needs of the heathen, and of the efforts put forth by our missionaries to bring to them the Light of Life, and of awakening a real interest in the work carried on in distant lands. Do we realize that this is a work which requires haste? "The night cometh when no man can work." We expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing, therefore, that we can do, or any kindness that we can show to a human being, or a word that we can speak for the Lord Jesus, let us do it now; let us not neglect nor defer it, for we shall not pass this way again.

[NIAGARA]. DIOCESAN MOTTO.—"*Lo! I am with you alway*"

The Quarterly Meeting which was to have been held at Niagara Falls on the 14th was postponed till the 28th, too late for an account of the proceedings to appear in this issue.

Correction—We wish to correct an error which appeared in August number, page 355; the Branch to whom Mr. Williams wrote was Grace Church, *Milton*, not *Hamilton*, and to them the credit is due of the beautiful bale he mentions.

We are pleased to report the formation of a new Branch at Hornby by the Rector of St. Stephen's, Rev. Mr. McCann. The Branch was organized on July 24th with the following officers:—Pres., Mrs. Chisholm; Rec. Sec., Miss Fanny Bussell; Cor. Sec., Miss Mabel Cowan.

During the summer holidays nine books have been taken out of the library, showing that missionary interest is kept up to that extent at least. It is hoped that many will use the books now the meetings have begun again.

[OTTAWA]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—" *God is love.* "

At the September Board Meeting it was decided the the Secretary of Literature should in the future take charge of the circulation of the LEAFLET, so will Branches please remember all letters for printing to be sent to the Editor, Miss Baker, 5 Arthur Street, acting at present, and all subscriptions and renewals to be sent to Miss Burpé, 67 Somerset Street. It was also arranged that the Treas., Rec. Sec., and Organizing Sec., be a committee to arrange the proportion which each Branch should be asked to pay towards the general fund, intended chiefly to help pay for the reports, and towards our share of the expenses of Miss Paterson's Home. The reports are now out; three have been sent to each Branch, and if more should be wanted, they can be had by applying to Miss Burpé, 67 Somerset Street, Secretary of Literature.

STAMPS.

All used map stamps, jubilee stamps, maple-leaf in four corners surcharged stamps, red.3 cent, purple 2 cent, and green 1 cent, all half cent stamps and 6, 8 and 10 cent stamps can be turned into money for the Auxiliary, as well as any old or foreign stamps. If soaked in water for 5 minutes the paper can be removed and postage saved. If sent to Miss Baker, 5 Arthur Street, Ottawa, acknowledgement will be made in the LEAFLET.

Dorcas Reports.

[TORONTO].

The places promised bales this fall so far are as follows: Toronto—St. Simon's, *Essonville and Kinmount*; St. Thomas', *Yale*; Trinity G.A., *Blackfoot Hospital*; Batteau, *Little Current*; All Saints', Whitby, Juniors, *Mantowaning*; St. John's, Port Hope G.A., *Marks-ville*; Atherley, *outfit, Kissock Home*; Eglinton, *Kutawa*; York Mills *Shingwauk Home*; St. Simon's G.A., *South Burleigh*; Humber Bay, *for sale, South Burleigh*.

Branches have forwarded to the following places: Toronto—St. Alban's G.A., *Blackfoot Home*; St. John's, *Warsaw*; Deer Park, *Shingwauk Home*; Emily, *Dynevov*; Bradford and Colsons, *Fort Vermilion*; St. Luke's, Ashburnham, Apsley, Hastings, *Red Crow's, McLeod*; St. Thomas', Toronto, *Onion Lake*, instead of *Yale*, as reported by mistake.

As the Central Room at 39 the Forum Hall have been given up, and we hope to have rooms some where else very shortly, kindly write to me, before sending parcels to W.A. rooms, Toronto, until you hear further.

FANNIE H. BANKS, *Dorcas Sec.-Treas.*

[MONTREAL]. The Dorcas Secretary reports one bale sent by Waterloo Senior and Junior Branches to the *Shingwauk Home*, containing 88 new articles, inclusive of 7 quilts and 12 yards material; also a small bale to *Dunsmuir College*, Diocese of Montreal.

A child's cot, spring bed and mattress was sent to Dynevov Indian Hospital by Mrs. J. Crawford, Pres. of Church of the Advent Branch W.A. Two bells have been donated to Missions in the Diocese of Rupert's Land by Mrs. G. A. Kohl, in memory of the late Mrs. Jas Hutton—one to Balden, Rev. W. E. Hobbes, Missionary, and one to Grand Marais on Lake Winnipeg, Rev. R. E. Coates, Missionary.

ANNE McCORD, *Dorcas Sec.*

[ONTARIO]. North Augusta, large bale to Gordon's Indian Schools, Katawa. Diocese Qu'Appelle; among the contents were seven quilts.

A. MUCKLESTON, *Dorcas Sec.*

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Beaverton, S. Turner.....	2 00	Deer Park	6 10
Onemee, Miss E. Curry	1 00	Ch. Epiphany	56 91
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Port Hope, Life Member	25 00	St. Margaret's	8 00
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Toronto—		St. Peter's.....	9 00
Church Ascension, Famine Fd. 6 80		St. Simon's.....	38 60
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TORONTO—Continued.

St. Thomas'	5 00	A Methodist	2 00
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Extra-cent-a-day Fund.....	36 70	Mrs. Jarvis.....	3 00
Collections Monthly Meeting.....	9 70	Mrs. E. B. Osler	2 00
Donations—		U. E. I.....	1 00
Mrs. Bocher	10 00	Catharine Brincol	10 00
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Cash Coupons	3 00	M. W.	1 00
Mrs. Henderson	5 00		
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In answer to Query No. 4, August LEAFLET, Ottawa says they are working quietly, but hope to make a great effort next year, they have already something over \$90 in hand.

Query No. 1. They would say a pathetic incident in the life or death of a Missionary.

There have been two or three enquiries as to the work required at Hay River Mission, but no definite offer of service. Two workers are urgently required.

No answers have been received regarding Systematic giving. Kindly send reply to Query No. 3, August LEAFLET.

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