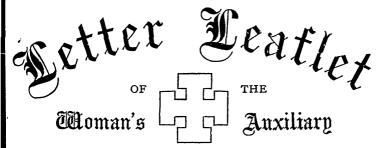
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Subjects for Prayer and Reading: April—Caledonia, B.C. India. May—Saskatchewan and Calgary. Palestine. Assyria.

PROVINCIAL.

Dear Auxiliary Women:—I am going to ask your hearty cooperation in supplying the list of needs given below. I need scarcely remind you that the hospital at Nagano is our especial charge, and hitherto you have not been asked for Dorcas assistance. Now an opportunity offers in the return of the Rev. J. Waller, next September, and at my request our faithful Medical Missionary, Miss Smith, has given me alist of needs. To prevent an over supply of one want and a lack of another, I would ask any Branches able and desirous of helping, to send word, at once, to their own Diocesan Dorcas Secretary, as to their power to give, mentioning what they will undertake. You will see much must be bought, as is always the case in hospital supplies, therefore money will be most useful. Let us, together, make this first Provincial bale fill every need mentioned. The Dorcas Secretaries, later, will make due arrangements about sending the donations for packing.—Kate Halson, Prov. Dor. Sec.

List of needs for hospital, Nagano, Japan:—2 dozen sheets for single beds; 5 dozen soft towels; 5 dozen wash cloths; 2 dozen pillow cases (small); any quantity of old linen handkerchiefs, etc.; any number of rubber bags for hot water; any number of new brushes and combs; one dozen clinical thermometers (Fahrenheit); any number yards of rubber tubing; 6 throat atomizers; 6 enema syringes, oiled silk (as much as can be sent); absorbent medicated cotton, any quantity, one dozen brush and comb bags; one dozen pin cushions, one dozen small mirrors; 6 yards rubber sheeting; quantity of pretty muslin for curtains; cushions of India rubber for patients, cushions for reception room of hospital; scrap books, picture books, for children, pretty pictures for patients' room, which could be framed here, copies of New Testament and Prayer Books; a few dolls and children's toys.

DORCAS NOTES.

P.E.I.—St. Paul's, Charlottetown, has sent a bale to Dynevor Hospital, R.L. Algoma—The W.A. of North Bay has sent a bale to Rev. R. E. Coates, Poplar Park, Rupert's Land Diocese. A bale also has been sent from Gregory, in the Mission of Port Carling, to Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island.

From the Rev. Geo. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake, Athabasca.

"The school is full, in fact, overcrowded; 35 scholars instead of 30, which we had hitherto regarded as the limit of our accommodation; and we have been compelled to turn away quite half our present number. The Indians are now most anxious to place their children with us for education and industrial training. The Klondyke rush has brought its evils, but notwithstanding it has done one good work, and that is, to open the eyes of the Indian to see as never before, the benefit of education. It needs no persuasion now to induce them to give up their children, our only difficulty is to provide accommodation and support. As far as our Home work is concerned we have every reason to bless and praise God's Holy Name for great prosperity. Another deep cause for thankfulness is for earnest and faithful workers. Mr. C. D. White and Miss Durtnall are indefatigable in their efforts for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the Indian children. Will you kindly ask the ladies who make quilts for the mission to make them a little stronger and heavier, the light ones. light in color or weight, are not much use among the Indians. The quilts are used chiefly for winter, and they prefer dark colors, as the light soon become dirty in appearance. With regard to clothing for the Home-boys are always short. Toys and necessaries for the Christmas tree are, as a rule, very scarce; mitts, stockings, for girls. and socks for boys are very much needed, Kindly remind the Branches that our Indians will not wear tailed coats, only round-abouts. If they send second-hand clothing, it ought to be good, otherwise it is not worth the freight; old books and magazines, too, are only useful in adding to our heavy freight bills. Good readable books and magazines of modern date are much appreciated, but when we sometimes find in a box or bale a whole year's copy of the Evangelical or Canadian Churchman, or some other church paper (we have frequently had such papers dating three or four years back) we take

them out with a sigh and commit them to the flames, wishing we could do likewise with the freight bill on them. Our generous friends will not mind me speaking plainly on this subject as I am sure they do not wish to add unnecessary expense, but otherwise. Men's underclothing, especially good shirts, are very valuable in our work; we had scarcely any last year. Women's dress material, including good print, is also a great help."

Letters from our Missionaries.-Algoma.

QUEBEC. Letter from the Bishop of Algoma, to the President, Upper Ireland Branch W.A.

"Your very kind note with the enclosure of five dollars from the Upper Ireland Branch of the W.A. has reached me, and I assure you I feel very sincerely grateful for the gift. Owing to the gradual withdrawal of the grants made by the great English Societies, and a general falling off of support, our Mission Fund is at a low ebb. Certain special work sorely needed in various parts are, from the same cause, greatly hindered; and it is almost inevitable that, in the near future, we shall have to close one or two of our missions, or turn them into a general missionary district. The scattered character of our population spreading as it does over wide stretches of country. much of which is wholly unsettled, makes it a difficult task to reach and minister to our people. So much expense is involved in getting about over wide areas and in keeping up the necessary buildings in sparsely settled places. One or two parsonages have been greatly needed, and I am applying your contribution to Sturgeon Falls. where we have just built a modest, little house for our clergyman. A debt of something less than \$100, for which I am responsible, remains upon it. Sturgeon Falls promises to grow in consequence of the establishment there of a large pulp and paper mill: we are naturally anxious therefore to provide proper church privileges. It is one of the few places where the French have established themselves among As a rule our people are English speaking, but in Sturgeon Falls I suppose two-thirds of them are French. Thanking you once more for your kindness, and especially for the assurance that you will remember us in the future."

DOMESTIC.

QUEBEC. From Mr. Percy Stocken. Sarcee Reserve, to Miss Borland, St. Peter's, Quebec.

"Archdeacon Tims being away in England, I am writing to acknowledge your much appreciated bale. Allow me to thank you and the members of your Branch for the kindness shown in helping us to carry on our work amongst our country's wards. Everything in the bale was of use, and the blankets came at a time when they were really needed. My brother, who is acting for Archdeacon Tims during his absence, has requested me to give you an account of the work carried on in our school. This boarding school was started in 1892 with six boys. In the spring of 1894 girls were first admitted. We have never found great difficulty in getting the children in our school, and we keep up the reputation of being the only Reserve in Alberta where all children of school age are in the school. I, with the eldest boy, rise at six in the morning and put on all the fires; the boy puts them on in the boy's wing, and I in the kitchen and girl's wing. This seems quite natural, but in doing so we are knocking out of the Indian youth that inborn presumption that Indian women were born for drudgery, and so when the youth leaves the school as a young man, and marries, we have by this one training inculcated into him a spirit of manliness. At 8 o'clock we have breakfast. The girls, superintended by their matron, Miss Crawford, prepare the meals, and in this department the girls really excel. School hours are from 10 to 12.15, preceded by prayers, and from 2 to 4. All the children attend except an alternate girl who works in the kitchen. The children do well in their school work. There are three in stand ard 1. three in standard 2, and six in standard 4; I have one boy in standard 5, 14 years of age, a bright promising lad, takes delight in studying, can talk and understand English like a white boy; he desires to go into the High school and mix with white boys. Supper at 5.30, study for an hour, prayers at 8 o'clock and the children go to bed. I stay till the boys get into bed, bid them good-night, take the lamp and go to my room. Not a word is spoken in the dormitories after that; 'good-night' is always the last word. We have six boys and eight girls in our school. This is one of the smallest Reserves. Each boy is a gentleman and each girl a lady in corduct, which is a great consolation to us. Our children never go home; if their parents wish to see them, they must do so at the school, in the presence of one of the staff. The girls have not been inside an Indian tent for 18 months. With so few children it is difficult at times to meet expenses, but while having such kind friends as we have in the Woman's Auxiliary, we can never feel discouraged. Again I thank you and all your members for your kindness."

TORONTO. From St. John's Mission, Wapuskow, to Lindsay Branch.

"Yours was indeed a splendid bale; our children were delighted; they had been waiting some time for warm dresses, and they all looked so nice last Sunday, both boys and girls in new clothes. I often wish the workers at home could see the result of their work. was so glad to see all those boys' buttons, and all those pants. I will not need to make any for a long time, they are so nice and we do need a lot of them, the boys seem to be so hard on their clothes. Last winter we had to wait till the boys were in bed to mend their clothes: it will not be so this winter. The pieces of material are so useful, I am also glad to see them in a bale, as we have to keep the girls sewing or knitting every day. They are fond of knitting, and one girl has on to-day a pair of stockings of her own making; two more have nearly finished theirs, and two are knitting mitts for their They want to learn to crochet, and after fathers for Christmas. Christmas, if all is well, I think I will try and show them some simple patterns. Mr. Weaver is taking the school this winter, and as I have no helper my hands are full, and I find it impossible to give the children the constant attention and oversight they need, still we do the best we can, and we get on. My little baby is such a treasure. and having him I think makes me stronger for the other work. It does not seem possible that he is nearly seven months old. The garden did turn out so well; we had 200 bags of potatoes, 20 bags of turnips, 8 of carrots, and about 100 cabbage to put in the cellar, so we do not starve this winter. We were so afraid the beginning of the season that nothing would grow, it was so dry, but we never had such a crop of potatoes. I do believe that as God has blessed-our physical work, so He will our spiritual work in His own good time. The hope of the mission seems to be in the children; the older ones are so steeped in their heathen ways that it is often discouraging, Please remember us and our work in your prayers."

From Mr. Owens, St. John's Home for boys, Blackfoot Reserve, to W.A. Branch, Stayner.

"On the Tuesday after Christmas we had our Christmas feast: we fed 130 Indians; we gave them roast beef and potatoes, plum pudding, cake, and all the tea they could drink. Oh, you have no idea what a Blackfoot squaw can drink. I am sure that some of the old women drank a quart and a half of tea; between them all they drank 21 boilers full, say 50 quarts for each boiler of tea, and then take about 15 quarts out for the boys, you will see that they averaged nearly a quart each, anyway they seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly, and the Pow-wow afterwards was such a contrast to last year. when we had nothing but complaints, whereas this year we had nothing but smiles and good words from the chiefs, and we got in two new boys at the close of the feast and some more were promised. The next Tuesday was the boys' feast and Christmas tree; we had about twenty of the parents and a few old pupils; they had lots of fun. There are now 21 boys in the Home, and before long we are likely to have three more. God has been very good to us in bringing us through this time of sickness. I trust Rex will shortly be baptized and will become a great help to us. Now, as to your bale, everything arrived safely; we were very thankful for all the good things; the shirts, socks and pants were just right, and the goose oil came in very acceptably. I hope that the Central Board will put Stayner on the South Camp list again for next year; may I ask you to remember us each week in your prayer at meetings. I must not forget to thank the 'Willing Workers' for their log cabin quilt; it was greatly admired, and we gave it to the teacher, Mr. James. Our little building is again postponed until we can raise \$400. We nearly have the If our numbers go on increasing we shall have no chance but build, and trust the money will be raised soon."

From Rev. E. Bassing, Kutawa P.O., to Eglinton Branch, W.A.

"Your bale came late last night, February 28th and, of course, my little lad sat up and opened the bags with me. Thank you for the plum pudding and your thoughtfulness to send such a nice collection

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of groceries. The mat is by the side of my bed and I have already found the comfort of it. I was so glad to get the quilts, would that I had about 20 of them; there are several poor old people who are sadly in need of good warm covering. Without a single exception, all the articles you have sent will prove most serviceable. It is the first time that I have ever received such suitable women's skirts; as a rule those that are sent are always too small. As the mail leaves to-day, I thought it better to write you a few lines now rather than put it off till next week's mail. Please convey my most grateful thanks to all the ladies who contributed to the bale."

From Mr. David Curry, Peace River, Athabasca, to Collingwood W.A.

After thanking the members for their valuable bale, Mr. Curry says, "You know that Mr. Robinson went up the river about 200 miles to Fort St. John. Miss McNight with Mr. Robinson's children are still with me at Peace River. Everything in your bale was most useful, but strange to say there was very little clothing for boys. If the Collingwood W.A. kindly work for this mission next year, would they kindly remember we have boys here much in need of clothes. My great desire is to begin a school, as the training is the greatest help to the Indians; they learn English and gradually begin to think and use their minds, we therefore feel that a school is our greatest need at present to draw in our children where they may be taught the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Mr. Owen writing to Ashburnham W.A. from South Camp, Blackfoot Reserve, says,—"I am glad to tell you our boys are fairly well again, after measles. Rex is not much more than convalescent. We felt the need of a trained nurse to help with these anxious csses. Your bale was all we could desire; the trousers were rejoiced over by our matron, and were made of exactly the material we had chosen for proposed uniform; the towels are a great boon, also the flannelette shirts; these bales are messengers of genuine sympathy in our work. Rex has asked for baptism, and is in every way becoming a great help; we are going to make him a pupil teacher. Several of our Camp Indians are hoping for baptism. We have 21 boys in the Home, and the spring will see an increase. Our boys love drawing, pencils and paper are in constant demand, and some boxes of paints

sent were greatly valued. Thank you all for the valuable help sent to this Home."

Extracts from letter of Miss Marsh, Hay River, Mackenzie River Dio., to Church of Epiphany Branch.

"I do wish some of you could be here to see the opening of the bales and the display of the goods; that in itself is quite a business as the whole year's supplies all come in in September boat; everything must be opened up to see what has been damaged by water, etc., so as to prevent further musting of the goods. I will just be egotistical and tell you a little of my present doings thinking they may interest you. My regular duties do not begin till 10 a.m., owing to the still rather unsatisfactory state of my health, when I am ready for my class of Indian children and wives who wander in at any time between then and noon, and then again from 2 to 4 p.m. Some days I only have 3 or 4, and then again 20, or more; just at present, I am thankful to say, 15 or 20 of them are coming quite regularly, and I trust some day they will be able to read the Bible in their own language. At present they are all learning the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and some of the older ones the Creed, whilst most of them, even little ones of 3 and 4, can lisp out several hymns quite prettily I have promised a prize at New Years, of a handkerchief or apron, to any and all who will repeat the Lord's Prayer and Commandments correctly, and I am quite anxious to hear how they will do at an examination, Mr. Marsh being examiner. I only regret I have neither soap nor combs enough to add to each prize, for whilst teaching them spiritual things, I do want to encourage them also in I cannot tell you how interested I am in these little cleanliness. souls, and do pray earnestly that they may indeed catch a glimpse, at least, of the Light. Please do not forget them in your prayers, for I cannot help feeling that there are great possibilities in these as well as our own little ones in the Boarding School, for, at least, we have God's promise, 'My words shall not return unto me void.' My other duties are those of nurse, in fact, I might also say acting physician, as all of the sick of the village are sent to me, and it is rarely I am without a patient in the house. Then, too, I endeavor to have a motherly eye over our own little ones in the afternoons and evenings, when they are out of school, so that when I am able I am never at a

loss for something to do, as you can imagine, and I do trust that God will spare me a little longer here in the work in which I am so happy. Bishop Reeve has sent for two more workers for our mission here—an experienced teacher and a good housekeeper, for I have assured him that I am no longer able to be depended on and Miss Veitch has decided to leave us next summer; so please make that also a subject of prayer, that the right persons may be led to give themselves to the work here. I often wonder why it is so hard to get people to come to this part of the world; our good Bishop has been trying for the last 3 or 4 years, without any success, to get more men in his Diocese, and as yet has no promise of any."

MONTREAL. Extract from letter from Mrs. Troop, Dynevor Hospital.

"Miss Lockhart is the Superintendant, I am what may be called the housekeeper, and one young girl training for a nurse is the staff. A cook and housemaid, both Indians, with a boy to see to cow and horse, etc., are the only paid ones in the establishment. Of course we have prayers both morning and evening, when all who are able to be down stairs join with us. Afterwards, Miss Lockhart or I have prayers in the women's ward. A nice man, who has been here for some time, who had to have his foot amputated, reads, prays, and sings in the men's ward in Cree every morning and evening, His wife is also here as an invalid, gradually improving. We have no serious cases in now. We have two little ones, 2 and 3 years of age, and two girls of 10 and 12, the first time we have had any children.

HURON. To Ingersoll Branch, Mrs. Matheson, Onion Lake, writes,—" We had been running short of quite a number of things, and were so glad to see your bales. The pieces of print and flannelette were welcome indeed, as were also the boys pants and jerseys, which we were glad to give at once to our six Indian boys; they are wearing them in school, and look so smart in them. The quilts and blankets were in demand at once, and already the last is gone, as are also the caps, mittens and socks. Mr. Matheson wanted socks this morning for one of the men working at the building, but the last was gone. The black currants were a great treat, and we did not wait for sickness to try them. I had been longing for a cup of good tea, our last was done, and if any of you are fond of tea, just do without it for

some weeks, and you will know how glad I was to see it. They laughed at me when I told them I could smell tea in the barrel. The black cashmere shawl I am using myself and am very grateful to the giver; the stockings saved me knitting, and I do not know when I would have found time to do it." Rev. G. Gander to Chatham (Holy Trinity)-" I assure you the valuable things contained in your bale brought much comfort and joy to many needy ones, and both for myself and my people, I return most grateful thanks to our dear friends for their wonderful gifts." To Mitchell, Principal Mr. Williams, Gordon Schools, writes,-" Thank the kind ladies of your Branch for the beautiful bale sent us for the school; everything will be useful both for boys and girls. I am very sorry it did not arrive before Christmas; however, it will be just as useful, and the children will think just as much of the dolls and ties. You see we are quite a distance from the station, and things may have to lie there quite a while, as we cannot afford to hire a team to go 80 miles, but have to wait till we get the chance of a man going for a load of freight. The children had a very nice time on the 26th of December; also their fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, who all were fed at the school; it makes a lot of work, but we do not mind that as they all seem so happy at that time." To Cathcart, Rev. J. Cox, Griswold, writes,-" Very many thanks for the very nice bale. The Indians are not so well off this year as last, hail and rain having partially ruined their crops, consequently they are not nearly so independent and hard to manage. The work goes on apace, though there are by no means indications of many conversions, yet gradually God and His cause is becoming more firmly established in the hearts and minds of the people. The school is not so large as formerly, owing to the removal of a large number of the children to the Industrial School. I am now ordained and married, and this gives me much more time to devote to purely missionary work. Life here is lonely and monotonous, but it has its charms, for one can study and acquire the language. If you wish for any special information regarding the Indians and the work, I will gladly give it." To Petrolia, Rev. W. G. White, White Fish Lake, Athabasca, writes.—"In my last letter I forgot to say anything about the freight charges from Edmonton to this mission, on the bales you sent. Bales come from Edmonton to Athabasca Landing

by waggon, the charge being \$1 per 100 lbs; from Athabasca Landing to Lesser Slave Lake they come in open boats, the charge being \$2 per 100 lbs; from Lesser Slave Lake to White Fish Lake they come on pack-horses in summer, or on dog or horse flat sleighs in winter, the charge being \$1 per 100 lbs; so that the total cost of the 2 bales you sent in 1898—total weight, 300 lbs-is \$12. This seems very expensive, but it is what we have to pay, and the freight bills have to be paid in money. The H.B.C. have only a fur-trading post here, closed during the summer months, and it is only as a favor that one can buy anything there now. I will give you some of White Fish Lake prices,—sugar, 25 cts. per lb.: bacon, 25 cts. per lb.: 2 spools, 25 cts.; nails, 25 cts. per lb.; soap, 25 cts. per lb.; these are cash prices. Some time ago I started Sunday School in addition to the usual morning service; the children have attended well, and may both we and they be blessed in the extension of the work. Mrs. White has a knitting class on Wednesdays, and the women are so anxious to learn that they will sit contentedly for 3 or 4 hours trying to knit. The mails have been very irregular since the Klondyke rush last spring, and I fear my letters to you and others may have gone astray. This winter we have been permitted to do what we have longed for, we have distributed God's Word, in their own tongue, to our Indians and in the syllabic characters, which fortunately many of them? understand. The Gospels of St. John and St. Mark (Dr. Hunter) have been revised by the Rev. G. Holmes and printed in the Cree? syllabic characters by the Bishop at Athabasca Landing. We dis tribute these Gospels in the hope that these poor superstitious people" may read the Life of Christ for themselves. The fishery last year was poor, and I fear there will be very few frozen fish to be found in the settlement by February; and rabbits, too, are scarce, and furbearing animals only to be found long distances away, so the Indians will have a hard time in spring. I went lately to see a very old woman who welcomed me thus; 'come in and sit down my grandson; she was patching a garment, and was very thankful for the warm coat I took her. How pitiable the life of such a one seems when you see it in all its reality, and yet how bright Christ could make it. The Crees, however, treat their old women a good deal better than, I understand, the Beavers do theirs; I am told they

sometimes desert them and leave them to their fate. November 28th, last, was the birthday of our little son, and though far removed from medical help and all that is considered necessary at such a time in civilization, the Lord helped us, and all went well. I hope to be able to bring in the bell (presented by a gentleman in England) before the summer." To Owen Sound, Rev. David Curry, Peace River, writes, -"I will not say what were the most useful articles in the bales you sent-I could not, for they were all so needed here. The Rev. H. Robinson has gone to Fort St. John, 200 miles up the river, and before the change took place he arranged that he should take the bales sent from England, and I those from Canada. Of course Miss McKnight and the children are living with me and will remain till spring or, perhaps, till summer. The baby is a lovely little thing, not very strong, but improving; the other children are all well. gives me great pleasure that the help I get comes from Owen Sound, Collingwood and Barrie, all so near my own home which is in Euphrasia township, o miles south of Meaford; if Meaford and Thornbuly would also help me next year, when I shall greatly need help, I would be very thankful; but I leave it in higher hands, for I know the help will come when and where it is needed; but next year I intend keeping school here; indeed, I will take in a few this year if I can find a woman to help Miss McKnight. I had beautiful girls' clothing sent me, but boys' clothing is lacking to a great extent. I have the church nearly completed, and hope it will be ready by April. I am only a beginner in the work; but although there is much that is hard to bear, it has its pleasured." To the same Branch, Rev. E. R. Pritchard, Dinorick, writes,-"I take great pleasure in thanking you for the many useful contents of your bale. In a large mission like this there are many who are glad to receive help. I try to implant the right spirit in disposing of these things, so that they may be a means of opening a way for me in approaching them in matters relating to their souls. There are four bands of Indians under my charge, three of them entirely heathen, and on the fourth Reserve, where I live, there are only a few Christians. There are many encouragements, however, and we hope that soon many may be brought to a knowledge of the blessed Saviour. If your Branch should wish to become interested in my mission, I shall be most happy to give you all information. I think each W.A. Branch should be in touch with the mission it helps, so that it can assist prayerfully as well as materially."

Ontario. To Barriefield Branch W.A., from Rev. G. Gill, Russell.

Manitoba.

"The bale has come to hand; we beg to thank you for sending it. We have been able to sell a lot of the things to help us pay for our church, and to help our poor with clothes, and also one Indian Mission. We are truly grateful for the help as we are only a small number, and none well off; to plant our church here is a hard struggle. still the hand of God is with us, and now in this hugh field that I came to four years ago, we have six churches, and it is to have two more after Easter."

NIAGARA. From Rev. J. Johnston, Rainy River, to Rockwood Branch.

"We were indeed glad to get your good bale; Mrs. Johnston was especially glad to get the fine lot of rag carpet; she has laid it in the sitting room, and it looks quite nice. We have given all the clothes away this winter, and are now in great need of more. We have just started our day school again, which has been closed since last August, and the clothes we gave the children last fall are wearing out, and they are looking for more from us and we haven't more to give them. In answer to prayer, I am glad to say, God has sent us another helper to strengthen our hands, in the person of Miss Annie Miller; she has only been teaching one week and is already drawing the attention of the Indians and is making friends fast. I am satisfied she is going to be a good helper; she likes the work very well so far; she did not come from the east to work in the mission field: she came to live with her sister, but God has called her to the work. Anything sent to her can be sent in mine as she is living with us. May God abundantly reward you all for your labour of love. God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love."

OTTAWA. Extract of letter from Rev. O. Owens,, St. Andrew's Mission; Fort Pelly, Ou'Appelle, to Secretary Moulinette W.A.

"Your quilts were given as follows: I to old Barley, a very old heathen woman; 2 to widow Klippe, an Indian recently brought back into the church; 3, to Mrs. Brass, she was a very old and poor woman;

a Christian of the best type here; she always washes the linen and choir surplicet, and considers it an honor to do so; 4, to Anna Bella, an Indian woman who has no one to look to for any help: she is a good worker when she can get work to do; 5, to Mrs. Brass, Jr., a young widow with two children; 6, to W. Brass' wife for bringing wood to school and to the mission, 7, to A. Brass, a poor fellow, not very strong, away all winter with his cattle; he is a good worker for the church and also brought wood; 8, to chief Key and wife, who brought two loads of wood for school and mission: the chief is a confirmed heathen, but I hope to lead him nearer by deeds of kindness, such as this, when they are in need; o, to Kaka Cooquanape, a heathen, but a far more hopeful case than the Key! he has two girls in school; 10, kept for our own use, and many thanks for it, too. The oilcloth is on our table, and the outer packing will cover my jumper (sledge or cutter). Nearly all the bale has gone except sheets and pillow cases. Two sheets went to wrap the body of one of our scholars in her coffin. My letter would be too tedious if I mention all the items, so I will cease and thank you most sincerely. following are some instances of what we have still to help. A young wife, mother of two children, whose husband is rapidly sinking into consumption. A widower with five little children, 3 of them sick now. One has been in our house for three weeks for treatment for her eyes. Doctor said she would lose her eyes if we could not take her. Our little Gwen's eyes took the infection and she was very bad for a week, but is better now, and so is the little motherless Indian girl. Our church services are well attended, warm and hearty, and a more devout set of communicants (51 in all now) you cannot see any where. Last Sunday we had communion and our offertory was for Indian missions. It came to \$5.40. It came in 50., 100., 250, with two offerings of \$1 from two youg men; one had been out surveying, the other freighting. So we feel that our work is appreciated. They have contributed \$14.05 this year in small sums above for objects outside their own mission. I feel that although they are very poor it is time to teach them to bring their mites to the sanctuary, for the time will come when they must do their share towards keeping the ministers of God's Word amongst themselves."

Extract of a letter from Peigan Reserve, to Bolderson W.A.

"In fact, every article was very acceptable. We have 31 pupils in the school, boys and girls, and it takes no little to keep them well and warmly clad. Mrs. Haynes and myself have now taken charge of the House to allow Mr. Hinchliffe to visit the various camps on the Reserve and teach them the good tidings. We have had 11 years experience in the work, and have one little girl six years of age. Again thanking you, etc.

FOREIGN.

Ontario. To Miss Muckleston, Kingston, from Miss Jenny Smith, Nagano, Japan.

"It is always a very great pleasure to hear from you, and when you refer to old friends and acquaintances of my hospital life, I can hardly realize that I am almost six years in Japan. I don't think I have written you since we heard the result of the Triennial thankoffering, and it will be needless for me to say how much the loving interest you all display in Japan is appreciated here. The Japanese have very fine feeling, and as far as my experience goes, a deep sense of gratitude. It would do much to cheer the W.A. and encourage them to work for Foreign Missions, if some of you could hear the questions I am continually asked about the Auxiliary and its management, and the keen appreciation of what you are doing here is most I wont dwell upon the great need for the hospital; I have written about that so often; I will tell you about my work since September of last year. When I wrote you last, Sanaka San was in charge of a small hospital near here, where the church has work: after being three months on duty, she returned with laurels in the form of a testimonial and gift for herself and a present of eighty yen, or about \$40 in gold, sent by the mayor of the town to our dispensary as a thankoffering; the death rate had been lower in this hospital than in any other in the province, which made us very proud, especially Sanaka San, as the entire management had been in her hands; there was no resident doctor. Of course, when we have no hospital in-patients, there is not enough to keep me thoroughly busy, and just now there is a perfect rage for English among all the better educated young men and girls, so I organize classes to be held in my house,

with the understanding that if medical work demands it, school must be given up. Since September I have had five young men for a couple of hours three times a week to teach them English and French. One of these lads was baptized on Christmas day, the other is studying so as to be prepared by Easter. It is such a joy when God permits us to see the fruits of our labors, and the fact that my two students have come into the fold has done much to encourage me. Work among women in Japan has always special difficulties. The influence of the Buddhist teaching has tended to give women a very low place in social and domestic life. The present enlightened era has done much to correct this, but the old order of things is by no means broken up, so that it was a great pleasure to me last Septemt er when some of the female teachers and Normal School students, also a few ladies of business, asked me to teach them English, and give them some modern ideas; I have accordingly given up every Saturday afternoon to English and foreign customs, to a bright class of ten. My house is also open on Sunday afternoon to any women who care to talk about Christianity, learn hymns, or have a cup of tea with me; three or four of the girls have come regularly, but as yet none have decided to enter the church. I should like to feel that this work was being helped by your prayers."-Continued in May LEAFLET.

Diocesan Branch Notes and News.

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

LOWER IRELAND—Meetings very well attended, notwithstanding the distance members have to travel. Great interest taken in our work, making boys' and girls' clothing. Finished bale for Christmas and sent it off. Regret we have lost one of our most energetic workers, Mrs. David Simons, by death. Heartiest greetings to all fellow-workers whom may God bless. Magog—Since reorganizing in October, 1898, meetings have been held once a fortnight. We work for Black River, N.W.T. Hope to have bale ready to send in the spring. Attendance small as yet, but we hope the number will increase. Paspeblac—No meetings held since October 13th, when a bale was forwarded to Rev. J. A. Maggrah, Islington, Ont.; no news as yet, January 16th, of its arrival; the Railway Co. state that

it is at Islington uncalled for, we have notified the Missionary. We regret that, owing to illness, work has not yet been resumed; but hope soon to hold our meetings regularly. Ouebec (Cathedral)-Owing to illness of members not much work has been done. The last few meetings, attendance much larger. A bargain sale was held in November, fairly successful; a large bale sent early in December to Rev. J. K. Matheson, Onion Lake, including a year's outfit for an Indian girl. Four new members have joined. Valuable donations received, clothing, quilts, etc., new and second-hand. QUEBEC (St. Matthew's)-Quarterly meeting held November 21st. \$2 voted for John Zippo. Barrel sent to All Hallow's School. Yale, B.C., containing outfits for three Indian girls. To Mrs. Grisdale, I barrel of men's clothing for Missionaries and lay readers in Diocese of Qu'Appelle I barrel to Bishop of Algoma, for Missionaries; I box and I bale clerical clothing to Rev. L. Sinclair, Manitoulin Island, Algoma; 2 surplices to Bishop of Algoma; 2 altar cloths, given by a member, 1 sent to Rev. J. F. Cox, Sioux Mission, Manitoba, 1 to Rev. J. Hines, Devon Mission, Saskatchewan: \$240 sent to the Bishop of Rupert's Land as a memorial for the endowment fund of the Dynevor Hospital; letters received from Bishop of Algoma, Rev. L. Sinclair, Rev. J. Hines, Rev. G. Holmes, and Mrs. Grisdale. QUEBEC (St. Michael's) -Quarterly meeting January 23rd. Owing to illness in the parish, the attendance was very small; Dorcas work going on steadily; \$2 sent to Dio. Treas. for John Zippo, Quebec (St. Paul's)-Owing to illness no meetings have been held this winter. RIVIERE DU LOUP-We sent a good barrel to Mr. French, Aspdin, last fall; we meet monthly; Mrs. Harding is our President, and Mrs. LeBroag Vice-President; we hope to be able to send a report next quarter. SHER-BROOKE-Four meetings have been held since the holidays; at the October meeting, Mrs. Hamilton's report was read and \$15 voted to wards the Diocesan deficit; Mrs. Boswell has organized a Dorcas Sub Branch which, in November, sent a bale to Port Carling, Algoma; December, the meeting decided, owing to Mrs. Sharple's, Dio. Treas., statement, to add \$5 to the subscription for the Education Fund, making \$10 per annum, and for Miss Foley, Sarcee Reserve, to give \$12 per annum. SHERBROOKE (Junior) -- Good work being done by Sherbrooke and Lennoxville; Mrs. Hunt, the Secretary, is working hard to induce Branches to organize Junior Branches, she seems to have a good prospect of success. Windsor Mills—In answer to Mrs. Dumis' appeal, we sent \$5 to Dio. Treas.; owing to illness and the absence of members, no meetings were held in September or October; we met in November, finished our work, and sent our box to Mr. Burt, North Bay; it reached him safely; we were unable to take the thankoffering boxes. Quebec (St. Peter's)—In September our meetings were resumed with a fair attendance; On the last Tuesday in October we packed a large bale of goods and dispatched it to Ven. Archdeacon Tims, Calgary; it has since been acknowledged.

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

The March Board Meeting held in the Schoolhouse of St. Thomas' Church was very largely attended. The Devotional reading on the clause in Members' Prayer, "Far from the church of our fathers," was taken by Miss Lowe, who most feelingly showed the isolation of those settlers in Algoma and our North West. The Rev. G. Gomery, Agent for the S.P.C.K., was introduced to the meeting by the Rector, Mr. Shortt, and told by his own experiences of the value of the teachings of the Gospel among the Indians of the North West. Miss Alice Turner also spoke in farewell to the Board, as she was returning to her work at the Blackfoot Hospital. Miss Turner has addressed, as far as possible, those Branches contributing towards this yearly pledge. The Extra-cent-a-day money was voted unanimously to Wooler Church, Dio. of Toronto.

Will delegates and members attending the Annual Meeting remember their Thankoffering to Almighty God for the mercies of the past year. The offerings will be received any time during the meeting, and opened on the Friday afternoon.

A sketch of the programme for the Annual Meeting, April 26, 27 and 28. Wednesday—11 a.m.—Holy Communion. Address by the Bishop of Algoma. 2.30 p.m. (St. James' Schoolhouse)—Roll Call. President's Address. Reports of Diocesan Officers. 15 minute discussion upon Leaflet, whether to continue its present form, or return to former arrangement of reading matter. 7.30 p.m.—

Children's Meeting. Thursday—to a.m.—Devotional Reading. Paper, Provincial Dorcas Secretary. Correspondence Paper, "China," Mrs. Howitt. 2 p.m.—Four 5 minute Papers on "Difficulties of work in city and country Branches." "The Ideal WA. Branch." 8 p.m.—Public Missionary Meeting, the Bishop of Toronto presiding. Addresses by the Bishop of Algoma, Rev. Mr. Warwick of Athabnsca, and Rev. Dyson Hague, Friday—10 a.m.—Informal conferences, Junior Work. 2 p.m.—Paper, "Systematic and proportionate giving," by Recording Secretary. Reception of Thankofferings, etc. 8 p.m.—Reception of delegates and friends of the W. A., St. James' Schoolhouse. The Election of Officers, Voting for Life Membership money, etc., will appear on the printed programme.

DIOCESAN.—Booklets, Mite Boxes, Envelopes, etc., apply Miss Rogers, 84 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto,

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LEAFLET FOR LITTLE ONES.

Have you considered how the Lord Jesus receives and blesses little children now? Has that thought made you happy and helpful? And has it made you pray for little children who know Him not, and have never been brought to Him?

I think you have, and that perhaps some of you have asked your teacher for a "mite box," so that when you have a few cents to spend you can put part of them away, to send a word of hope to those poor heathen.

Miss Turner told us when she was here of another little Indian girl who had been sold by her heathen father and mother to a big, rough Indian. Just think how that poor, little girl must have felt! She was afraid to go to the man who had bought her, and clung to her parents. Now, this father and mother knew nothing about the God of Love, and they had no love in their hearts, so they turned their poor child out of their tepee!

She ran to the Blackfoot Home and stood crying in the shed, and begging to be taken in.

The kind matron wanted so much to bring her in, but could not, unless she had her parent's leave; the poor, little girl, only seven

years old, stood crying there for three hours in the bitter cold; and then had to run back to her father, who, I suppose would take her to that big man's tent!

Poor, wee girlie! will you not pray for her?

Lord of Mercy, hear our prayer

For those little ones in fear,

Draw both them and us more near.

To Thy love and light.

[MONTREAL] DICCESAN MOTTO-"Go work to.day in my vineyard."

The Annual Meeting has come and gone, but not, we trust, without much benefit to all concerned. It was a great pleasure to see the meetings so well attended, and to feel, as all must have felt, that much of the formality of former years has disappeared. All was done decently and in order, with our President in the chair, this will ever be, but one noticed a greater freedom and more open expression of opinion which was most encouraging, as an interchange of ideas for the benefit of the work is really the great object of the convention. There were present 58 delegates, 27 representing city and 31 country Branches, all of whom brought reports of their work. A delightful address of welcome was read by Mrs. Carmichael, which was ably replied to by Mrs. Trotter, of St. John's, P.Q. Greetings were also read from our sister Dioceses of Huron, Ottawa, Ontario and Toronto. After Mrs. Holden's very interesting address, the various official reports were read, notably that of the Treasurer, showing receipts of the past year to have been \$5,134.35. There were only two changes made in the Diocesan Board, viz., the Treasurer and Junior Secretary. Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Brander will be missed personally and officially from the staff, though we cannot but welcome cordially their successors, Mrs. Marling as Treasurer, and Miss A. Jackson as Junior Secretary, to both of whom we wish God speed. During the meetings two very pleasant little incidents broke the usual routine of business. Mrs. Holden, our President, was presented with a Provincial Life Membership, with the golden badge thereof (the latter from her fellow-officers) as a slight expression of the respect and esteem with which she is regarded by the whole Diocesan Wcman's Auxiliary of Montreal. Mrs. Dawson, the retiring Treasurer, being also given

the little cross, the emblem of the W.A., as a parting souvenir and slight expression of affection by the members of the Board. We have been asked by Mrs. Holden to correct, at once, a paragraph which appeared in the March LEAFLET, and which we may explain did not pass through our hands, to the effect that Mrs. Holden had been President for 13 years. The Auxiliary in Montreal was inaugurated only then, and its foundress, Mrs. (Canon) Henderson was elected President, and remained in office until 8 years ago, when upon her resignation, Mrs. Holden was appointed by the Bishop-" Long may she reign!" The question of the Zenana scholarships was warmly advocated by many, for it is felt that these are not supported as they should be; surely when the cost of maintaining a girl in one of the mission schools in India is only \$12 per year there should not be much difficulty in providing for them. Several papers of much interest were read, besides the "Chain of Missions," which were full of valuable information. There were two very delightful essays, one upon "Disconragements and how to meet them," by Mrs. S. Foster of Knowlton, and the other, "Thrift," by Miss Alice Ellerton of Hallerton. We think that this latter may be summed up in the words "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, and look, whatsoever he giveth shall return to him again." There were, of course, many important resolutions passed, a few of the chief of which we give in brief, viz., Resolutions-of congratulation to the Bishop upon his having in January last attained to the 20th year of his episcopate, and of thanks for his kind interest in and presence at the meetings." Of "Sympathy with Mrs. Sullivan in her late terrible bereavement." Of "Sympathy with Canon Norton on the serious illness of his wife." Of "Sympathy with Miss Paterson and Miss Smith, Missionaries in Japan, now breaking down in health from over strain, and heartily pray that a way may soon be opened to afford the much needed relief and rest." Of "Thanks to one and all who in any way contributed to the success of the Annual Meeting." Also that there be an Annual Thankoffering to be brought in by delegates for the offertory, and those who do not send delegates shall send their thankoffering through the Diocesan Treasurer. There will also henceforward be a Committee of the Auxiliary, for what may be termed "Branch representation," viz., certain members of the city Auxiliary shall undertake to write periodically to certain Branches in the country regarding the work being adopted and carried forward, etc., thus keeping all workers of the W, in touch. It was also decided, owing to several cases having lately, arisen, that in future there shall be a Hospital Committee for the express purpose of visiting any member from the country who should find it necessary to enter one of our city hospitals. The ladies of this Committee will gladly at any time visit such cases if notice be sent to them through Mrs. Holden or otherwise.

While many familiar faces were missed from among our guests we are always glad to make fresh acquaintance with those associated with us, through the Branches, in our work.

Since our Monthly meeting, upon which we cannot now speak save as to the helpfulness of Mrs. Macleod Moore's paper on "Meekness," we have had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Young of Athabasca speak of her work. Her address was interesting and delightful-Bishop and Mrs. Young are cn route for England, as the former is in very bad health. We are sure that their many friends will join in wishing them a bon royage, and the Bishop a speedy restoration, God willing, to health and strength.

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

The Diocesan Cor. Sec. writes:—"The latest letter received from our Lady Missionary in China was dated January 14th. She had settled to work, and I hope to have direct news from her for the next Leaflet." In this connection, following extracts from the Zenana Mission Magazine, India's Women and China's Daughters, cannot but be of interest to those who call Miss Kirkby "our own Lady Missionary." One of the Fuh-kien band writes,—"We are wondering how Ku-cheng is to be provided for. It seems so sad to think that this cry of gaps unfilled has been ringing ever since that day, three years ago, when our sisters received the Crown of Life, and yet who has heard the cry or come to the help of the soul? The need is greater than ever; Chinese women live such sad, aimless lives." Miss Leslie, whom so many of our Branches regard as a personal friend writes,—"We have 32 in Kusheng Foundling Home, the Bird's Nest, and four others out nursing. We have much for which to

praise God; He has been very loving and gracious to us. Yesterda one of the leading Christians said to me, 'can't you send us anyone to teach the women? We have waited so long, but no one has come. A Guniong would be best, but if there really is not a Guniong to spare, can't you send us a Bible Woman?' We are certainly almost as much in need of Bible Women as of ladies, but hope that before long Miss Codrington will send us some from her training school at Sayoug." Miss Codrington writes,—"There is a prospect of great scarcity this year, through partial destruction of the rice crop, and I am obliged to lay in a supply, involving an outlay of \$100, for our Blind School at Ku-Cheng, winter necesitates warm bedding and clothing, too. We should be very grateful for coarse, colored blankets, large, warm vests, and woolen caps. The small sum of \$15 supports one blind patient for a year." Miss Cooper tells of a Missionary Church in China,—"Our New Year motto for the Church in this district, was 'Hiong Seng,' (Go Forward,') and our Nong Bang Church has done so. We sent, for the second time, a representative to the united Christian Endeavour meeting for Fah-kien at Foo-chow. and he took down the Missionary money which our church has this year, for the first time collected. It was, however, sent back, as the fund is not yet in working order. The Church decided that they could not save it, but with it would pay the expenses of a man for two months, to go to the out-of-the-way villages and lone-houses on mountain sides, and specially among our Sang Jah tribe, to preach the Gospel. Our church will surely grow in proportion to its Missionary zeal." This magazine "India's Women and China's Daughters." is full of interest; will not our Branches respond to the appeal of our Zenana Secretary for Huron and subscribe to it.

Writing of his Diocese of Columbia, Bishop Perrin says,—"We are responsible for the numerous islands between us, here on Vancouver Island and the mainland. There are churches at Salt Springs, Keeper Island, and Mayne Island, but there is pressing need for a church in the near future at Tesader Island, where valuable copper mines have been discovered. It is quite evident that the few settlers are unable to raise the stipend of a clergyman, and equally eviden that they ought not to be neglected; something must be done during this year. We cannot speak of any large towns left without the

means of grace, but we can tell of very small clerical stipends and scattered settlers on our Islands that ought to be helped. In Victoria a quiet work has been done during the past year among the sailors, and a Seaman's Institute provided, for which funds are needed."

Mrs. Boomer has received a promise from an anonymous friend of \$50 annually, towards the education of one of the children of the Rev. C. Hawksley of Selkirk Diocese, for whom Mrs. Bompas pleaded recently, provided the necessary sum could be made up by friends of missionaries' children in our Diocesan W A. Branches. Mrs. Boomer has written to ask Mrs. Bompas how the education of this far away little one could best be obtained.

Another communication from Mrs. Boomer is the doctor's report of the condition of Sydney Pritchard: "There is certainly a very great change in Sydney's physical condition since he came to London. He is able to walk alone and looks much healthier, and his eye seems to become no worse. He is not so shy and is able to talk fairly well; and I think that this is a report upon which those who have so kindly interested themselves in Sydney Pritchard may well congratulate themselves; but it will take many years of the same kindly care and treatment to make him a useful member of the community. Miss Penney deserves great credit for the state of his well being."

T. S. NIVEN.

From our Branches come following notes: Tilsonberg—We had the pleasure of a visit and talk from Mrs. Boomer and feel that a great impetus has been given to the work. The Mission Band workers were quite glad that she spoke of the boat for Mackenzie River, and they hope soon to send her a contribution for little Sydney. A large number of parcels for our bale have been sent in, and we hope to pack it very soon. Four new members will, we hope, join us. Goderich—St. George's Branch held its Annual Meeeing, at which the reports were very encouraging, shewing an increase of interest in the work. A bale valued at \$77 was sent in November to Archdeacon Mackay, Emmanuel College, containing outfits for Edwin and Nancy, the Indian children clothed by this Branch; also several quilts and miscellaneous articles. During Lent weekly meetings are held and work for another bale commenced. A Girls' Branch has been recently formed, and has a membership of 20. Mrs. Tilley being in Goderich

at the time of their first meeting, kindly addressed them, and greatly encouraged them. She told them how much could be accomplished by talent money, and generously gave them the where-withal to carry out the idea. Regret was expressed that Mrs. Tilley's time was so limited for the Senior members felt that they too would gladly have heard more from one of the workers of the W.A.M.A. CHATHAM (Holy Trinity)-At the Annual Meeting of this Branch the thankoffering, amounting to \$30, was apportioned to Lion's Head, Lady Missionaries North West, Japan and Grand River Reserve. Tyrcon-NELL—We have held 10 meetings during the year and paid all pledges. also \$6.50 to Zenana Missions. We sent a large bale and barrel to Rev. J. Matheson, Onion Lake. We sent more boys' clothing this year, as they seem to need that very much. Our total receipts for the year were \$78.58, and we had a balance of \$4.32. At our last meeting we gladly welcomed another new member. There were 20 pair mitts and 7 pair socks in our bale.

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Parochial Branches of the W.A. in the Diocese of Ontario.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Ontario, will be held (D.V.), in Prescott, on the 16, 17 and 18 of June. It is expected that each Branch will be represented by its President, and one delegate; that J.W.A. Branches will be represented by their Superintendents and one delegate, and that the Superintendent of each C.C.M.G. will be present. Invitations are also extended to members of the W.A. in parishes where Branches have not yet been organized. All delegates and visitors are requested to send in their names and addresses to the Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Smythe, 59 West Street, Kingston, at as early a date as possible, that hospitality may be provided and programme of meeting forwarded. Officers of Parochial Branches will also kindly send their Annual Reports, written on one side only, to the same address, not later than the 15th of May, Will the Branches unite in special prayer, that this meeting may be to the Glory of God and the furtherance of His work.

E. B. SMYTHE, Recording Sec.

We have been requested by the Board, out of consideration for our kind hostesses at Prescott, to ask the Branches to make as certain as possible the attendance of the delegates whose names they return.

Will the delegates, before handing in the special offering at the Annual, kindly see that the name of the Branch represented, the amount of the offering, and the text selected, be written on the *ontside* of the envelope containing the offering.

To Diocesan Missions—The Missions that have the first claim upon our sympathy and support—is the special offering at the Annual Meeting to be devoted. The last offering made for this object at our Annual, in 1897, amounted to over \$200. A little zeal and forethought on the part of all the Branches, will result in largely increased contributions being made this year.

The 1st Vice-President presided at the March Board Meeting. Letters and resolutions from the Provincial Board, and from the Diocese of Toronto, Niagara, Montreal and Ottawa, were read, full of the expression of the deepest sympathy with Ontario Branch, and of the great sense of the loss they felt the whole Auxiliary sustained in the death of our beloved President. A letter from the Bishop of Saskatchewan to the 1st Vice-President, was read. He writes, "You will sympathize with me when I tell you that the Rev. J. Hinchliffe, who is in every way a most able and successful Missionary among the Peigans, has definitely decided to give up his work on that reserve," and adds, "He is to be appointed to the Red Deer Mission to minister to settlers there, and in the vicinity. A Mr. Haynes, at one time on the Blackfoot Reserve, being now the acting Principal at the School."

The J.W.A. Secretary reported a new Branch of the C.C.M.G. recently formed in the parish of Lyn. Copies of the form of service drawn up by the Provincial Board for Junior Branches, can now be had on application to the Secretary for Junior work—one cent per copy.

The Treasurer spoke of our pledges. The \$10 required for support of John Nzipo; also the same amount required for Miss Phillip's salary. The E.-C.-A-Day Treasurer reported \$1.86. The LEAFLET Editor spoke of Mrs. Baldwin's paper; the Board requested her to order 100 copies. An appeal from the Bishop of Mackenzie River was

read, asking for assistance in procuring a small steamer, the cost will be about \$1,500; this he states is a much felt want in carrying on the work in this large and scattered Diocese.

Hastings Deanery comes before us for special consideration this month. St. Thomas', Belleville, reports another Life Member, Miss Caswell, their faithful J.W.A. Superintendent, having had this honour confered upon her. St. John's J.W.A. has held 17 meetings since October; two new names have been lately added to their list. They hope to have forty yds. of rag carpet to send, with other things, to the Victoria Homes, Peigan Reserve. Bancroft reports three new members, six monthly meetings have been held, at which two hours are devoted to Dorcas work, and one to business. Deseronto continues to hold regular meetings.

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

The Annual Meeting will be held on the 18th, 19th and 20th of April, in the Cathedral school house. His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara is expected to p. each at the opening service on Tuesday evening in the Cathedral, and also to address the business meeting on Wednesday. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral on Wednesday morning, when it is hoped all will avail themselves of this opportunity of fittingly beginning the work of the meetings. Provost Welch. of Trinity, and Rev. C. J. James, St. Thomas', Hamilton, have been asked to address the missionary meeting to be held on Wednesday evening.

Condensed reports of Annual Meetings of some of the Branches: Hamilton Cathedral—Most successful meeting. Treasurer's statement showed that \$316.47 had been raised and expended during the year. Number of members, 91. Ascension—Much interest evinced. Treas. statement, \$647.68. Juniors raised \$126 with a membership of 91. St. Thomas'—Encouraging reports of work done; J. B. showing increase in membership. Much regret was caused by resignation of Mrs. Champ, who, since the formation of the Branch, has been its loved President. The sum of \$199.68 has been raised. St. Mark's—Reports of Treas. and Sec. very satisfactory, showing an increase in membership and in amount of money raised. Miss E. Counsell read an able paper on "Individual effort." All Saints'—The various

reports presented showed the society to be in an enccuraging state. Cayuga—Has a membership of 17. Two members have moved away, and one removed by death, Miss Blakeney, the late beloved Sec. Bales have been sent for last three years to Shingwauk; the last containing \$7 new material, including shirts, mittens, socks, mufflers, etc. ten meetings were held during the year, three only for sewing.

[OTTAWA]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—" God is love." NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Parochial Branches of the W.A. in the Diocese of Ottawa.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Ottawa, will be held (D.V.), in Ottawa, the 31st of May. and 1st and 2nd days of June. A Board Meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday, 30th of May. It is expected that each Pranch will be represented by its President, and two delegates elected by the Branch. Delegates are requested to send their names and addresses to the Recording Secretary, Miss Humphrys, 288 Daly Avenue Ottawa, at as early a date as possible, that hospitality may be pro vided, and programme of meeting forwarded. The officers of Paro chial Branches will also kindly send their Annual Report (written en one side of paper only) to the same address, on or before the 15th of May. Each person attending the Annual Meeting is specially reminded to apply to local ticket agent for certificate of reduced rate. This is of great importance, even for those within a few miles of the place of meeting. Special prayer is asked that God's blessing may rest upon the work undertaken.

CHERRY HUMPHRYS, Rec. Sec.

The regular Monthly Meeting of the Board was held March 13th, There was a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Alban's Church at 10.30 a.m.; after which the business meeting began in St. Alban's S.S. room. The correspondence included 42 communications sent, and 28 received. Letters were read from Mr. R. V. Rogers and Mrs. Sullivan in reply to letters of sympathy; also an appeal from the Bishop of Mackenzie River, through the Prov. Cor. Sec., for help to defray the cost of a small steamer, which he finds necessary for his work. The Treasurer reported receipts for month, \$70.52; expenditure \$2 The Organizing Sec. mentioned the fact that she had

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received invitations to open Branches of the W.A. at Combernere and Navan. The Sec. of Literature stated that several requests had been attended to, and two books donated to the library. Editor of LEAFLET reported 17 new subscribers. A Bible reading was given in the afternoon, by Miss Tilley, who spoke on Isaiah i. 1-5. A letter received from Miss Brown, who has been so long our faithful Lady Missionary at the Peigan Reserve. She speakes of an improvement in her health, but finds herself needed at home, so much so in fact. that she feels reconciled to give up her beloved missionary work. Miss Garlick has been appointed to her position; she has been at the Reserve for two years now, associated with Miss Brown. The W.A. are fortunate to have one appointed who is so well qualified to succeed Miss Brown. Mr. Hinchliffe has left the Indian work for the present. having gone to Red Deer Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Havnes are now in charge of the Peigan Reserve, Pincher Creek. A few words on the designation of Life Membership fees, seem necessary for the benefit of those who will be expected to vote at the Annual Meeting on this important subject. Hitherto the Life Members in this Diocese have had the privilege of designating their Life Member's fee (\$25.00.) The Board feels that the course adopted by the Provincial Board might be adopted in this Dioce_e, and that all fees received by the Treasurer for Diocesan Life Membership should be donated to some special object, to be decided upon by vote at the Diocesan Annual Meeting; or else that such fees be given in unappropriated to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

Dorcas Reports.

[TORONTO.] Room 39, The Forum, Yonge Street.

Branches are working for the following places: Toronto—St. George's, Gordon School; St. James' Forget-me-nots, outfit Missionary's family; juniors with seniors, Church of Messiah, Rev. J. Cox Griswold; Hastings—Red Cross Camp, Blood Reserve; Port Hope—Margaret's Mission Band, Marksville, November; Brighton—Blackfoot Home, November; Port Perry—Little Current, November; Cavan—St. John's, St. John's College, Winnipeg.

Branches have forwarded to the following places: Toronto—Church of Messiah, Port Sydney; St. Cyprian's, Central Rooms; St. George's G.A., Murillo; St. Anne's, Lamps to Silverwater Church; 'Innisfil—Essonville; Alleston—Emsdale; Colborne—Lac Seul; Brighton, Shingwauk Home; Islington, Apsley; Port Perry—Emsdale; Central Rooms, Kutawa.

A Surplice and Stole have been sent to Rev. Murdoch Johnson, who was ordained by Bishop Yonge, just before he left Athabasca Landing for Winnipeg, this winter, and who is now assisting Rev C. Weaver, at Wapuskow. Mrs. Young speaks of him as a pleasant Cree speaker, and so very earnest that they hope great things at that Mission with two such earnest Missionarys in charge. A surplice has also been sent to Rev. D. Johnson, of Magnettewan, for use in that Mission, and one is now being sent to Rev. G. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake.

Fanny H. Banks, Dorcas Sec. Treas.

[ONTARIO.] New Dublin—Bale to Rev. E. H. Bassing, Kutawa, Touchwood Hills, Dio. QuAppelle.

Annie Muckleston, Dorcas Sec.

[NIAGARA.] Niagara Falls, I to Crane River; Georgetown, 2 to Lesser Slave Lake; Hamilton, St. Thomas', 5 to Devon Mission; Hamilton, Ascension, I to Dynevor Hospital; Cayuga, I to Shingwauk Home. Totals for the month, Io bales, containing I39 new, 76 second-hand garments, I3 quilts, 38 miscellaneous articles, 45 yds. of rag carpet, 40 yds. of new material, groceries, fruit etc. Expended on the same, exclusive of refunded freight, \$73,95 cts.

JANE SUTHERLAND, Dorcas Sec

JUNIOR SECRETARY'S REPORT-(Condensed.)

Burlington—St. Luke's, Dio. Miss., special, \$5; also bale to Sarcee Home. Hamilton—St. Mark's (Dio. Miss.) \$2; Oakville—St. Jude's, Rev. R. E. Coates, \$2; Heath Gander, \$1; also bale to the Rev. R. E. Coates. Hamilton—Ascension, Mrs. Sewell's Life Mem. fee, \$5, and bale to Rev. Mr. Allman, Uffington, Algoma. Merritton, St. James'—Dio Miss, \$5; badges, etc., also bale to Burk's Falls, receiving following acknowledgement from Mr. Buckland: "I must congratulate the members on the wise selection they have made; each article was so useful, and just what was needed." Church of the

Redeemer, Stoney Creek, have received following from Mrs. Cobb. Powassan: "Mr. Cobb wishes me to acknowledge contents of the bale sent by J. B. of Stoney Creek, to this Mission. He would have done so before this but for a slight accident, which caused inflammation in his right eve." Merritton-St. James' also gave Mrs. Skev. the Rector's wife, a very nice tea set at Christmas.

[OTTAWA.] Your Secretary has to submit the following statement of Dorcas work since the last Board Meeting, Feb. 13th. Only two bales have been sent out; ten letters received and five written. all to and from the Branches respecting their work. Bales sent as follows: Morrisburg-half bale to Peigan Reserve (Calgary): Carp -one bale to Lake St. Martin, Rupert's Land. Total cash value fo both, \$51,02. Value of March bale, sent last month, \$34.15. Total, \$85.17. Freight refund for the month, \$9.06; which has not as yet been distributed owing to your Secretary's absence from the city. We are much pleased to report a new Branch applying for work, viz., Franktown, they have undertaken a bale to Rev. I. Sanders, Biscotasing, Moosonee. We would also like to congratulate the Carp Branch on the exceedingly good bale and neatly filled out form they have sent, being their first bale it is greatly to be com-CAROLINE F. GREENE. mended.

Treasurers' Statements,

TORONTO-From 20th February, to 20th March, 1899.

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RECEIPTS.	Hospital salaries 40 20
Diocesan\$64 30	Hospital maintenance, etc 21 50
Algoma 32 25	Mackenzie River 65 75 C.E.Z.S. 1 00
Temiscamingue 55 80	Two Bible women 50 00
Sturgeon Fall's Parsonage 23 50	C.C.M.A 2 00
Shingwauk Home, Ruby Day 6 25	Japan, Medical Missionary 4 50
"Bishop Sullivan's Memorial Sustentation Fund" 20 00	Hospital furnishings 80
_	Miss Paterson's Home 7 00
Athabasca85 00	Nagano Church 5 00
Margaret Durtnall's salary 20 00	Jonah, Ellore, India 50 00
Archdeacon Phair 10 00	Ramabai, India 1'00
Dynevor Hospital 2 25	Sabrevois 10 00
Moosonee50 00	Chinese in B.C 5 97
Saskatchewan, Onion L., Matron 50	Self Denial Fund
Calgary 50 00	Rent Central Room 8 50
Indian Missions 2 00	D.& F. Society 1 00
Blackfoot Home	Life Members 50 00
Support of Child	Triennial Thankoffering 5 51
Matron's salary 50 50	Christmas gifts I oc

TORONTO-Continued.

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MONTREAT _Fr	om February 23rd.
RECEIPTS.	From Hospital Fundas per state-
Mis. Dawson\$ 3 00 Thankoffering at Annual Service. 65 39	ment-Pei Mrs. Pennell 63 16
Collection at Missionary Meeting 22 75	Total\$243 24
" Children's " 5 74 Mackenzie River	DISBURSEMENTS
Bishop Reeve	Kev. Mr. Brewer (half of thank-
Mrs. Franie Bond 27 00	offering)
Zenana missions.	Post office order for same 15
Geo. Hague, Esq., one scholar-	To complete pledges—
ship in India 10 00 Miss Slack, Farnham 1 00	Miss Jennie Smith (Japan) 3 50 Miss Philip's saiar" 8 00
Huntingdon Branch 2 00	Evangelization of Chinese, B.C. 7 20
Grace Church Junior Branch 1 00	Money order on above 16
Extra-cent-a-day Fund	Zenana Missions—
Mrs. Walmsley, St. John's, P.Q. 3 65	Mrs. Holden 14 00
Mrs. G. Osborne Troop 3 65 Mrs. Holden (February) 30	Aylmer East Branch 3 50 Expenses of Annual Meeting—
Mrs. Holden (February) 30 Foreign Missions	Advertisements in Witness 2 50
Aylmer, East 8 50	Alexander, for lunches 29 70
Annual Expenses	Joyce, for reception 23 95
Mrs. Kirky 1 00 Refunded freight to complete	Morgan, 80 cts; Flowers, \$1.20 2 00
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Mrs. Ibbotson 1 00	per Mrs. Holden 10 00
Miss Ibbotson 1 00	Rev. J. G. Waller, from mission
Mrs. Hy. Thomas r 00	meeting 18 49
St. Lambert's Branch 2 00	Cash in Bank of Montreal 63 94
Stanbridge East Branch 50	Cash on hand 15 95
Grace Church Jr. Branch 65 Printing	Postage 50
Mrs. Hy. Thomas 25	\$243 24
	S. MAUD MARLING, Sec.

ONTARIO.

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Domestic Alissions	Zenana Missions 80
	Trenton, Lady Miss., Japan 5 00
Kingston, St. George's Cath.	Burritt's Rapids, Japan Miss. 1 50
North West Missions \$ 5 95	Missions Unappropriated
North West Indian Miss 1 00	
Algoma 3 45	Kingston, St. George's Cath. 5 45 "St. Paul's 7 80
Kingston, St. James'—	Diocesnn Missions
North West Missions 7 25	
Algoma 6 25	Kingston, St. Paul's 1 85
Kingston, St. Paul's-	Diocesan Assessment
North West Missions 2 25	Belleville, St. Thomas' J.W.A. 1 35
Algoma 1 40	Kingston, St. James' J.W.A 1 00
Algoma	Brockville, Trinity, C.C.M.G. 1 80
Trenton, " " 1 50	Self-denial Fund
Burritt's Rapids', N. W. Missions 1 50	Kingston, St. George's 1 05
	_ '' St. James' 1 75.
Foreign Missions	Extra-cent-a-day Fund (Voucher) 4 25
Kingston, St. George's Cath.—	
Lady Miss., Japan 10 00	\$101 60
Japan Hospital 1 45	Expenditure.
Miss Paterson's substitute, 1 00	
Zenana Missions 2 85	Paid Provincial Treasurer\$17 60
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at St. Thomas'\$ 4 43	Orangeville, St. Mark's 2 00
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Japan Medical Miss. Fund	" St. Thomas' 8 00
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Rockwood, St John's 2 00	Oakville, St. Jude's Jrs 7 00
Queenston, St. Saviour's 6 76	
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NIAGARA--Continued.

Milton, Grace Church 85	'Missions to Lepers
Ancaster, St. John's 1 20	Hamilton, St. Mark's 9 80
Oakville, St. Jude's 1 30	United Thankoffering
Niagara on Lake, St Mark's 2 80	Niagara-on-Lake, St. Mark's 1 60
Glanford, St. Paul's 1 00	Hamilton Cathedral 1 00
Lowville, St. George's (add). 10	" All Saints' 52
Stoney Creek, Ch. Redeemer 60	Self Denial Fund
Rockwood, St. John's (add) 15	Niagara on-Lake, St. Mark's 50
Hamilton, Ascension 5 00	Missionary Stuty fund
" St. Thomas' 3 25	Hamilton Cathedral 31
Dundas, St James' 1 55	Expense Account
Guelph, St. George's 90	A member 2 59 Sale of badges, Jrs 8
Stewarttown, St John's 65	
Niagara-on-Lake, St. Mark's	North West Hissions
(add)	Oakville, St. Jude's, for Rev.
Hamilton, All Saints 1 55	R. E. Coates 2 00
West Flamboro, St. Andrew's 40	All Saints', Hamilton, for Salt-
Guelph, St. James'	coat's Hospital 2 25
Orangeville, St. Marks' 80	
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Rockwood, St. John's 3 00	Vouchers
Queenston, St. Saviour's 5 00	St. Catharines, St. Thomas'
Milton, Grace Church 5 00	Japan \$3, South America. \$3 6 00
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" St. Mark's 1 00	Travelling expenses of speaker
" Ascension 15 00	to meeting 2 00
" St. Thomas 5 63	Dorcas Secretary's postage
Dundas, St. James' 5 00	from April 28,'98, to Feb, 24,'99 3 68
Stewarttown, St John's 2 00	Recording Secretary's postage
Merritton, St. James' Jrs 5 00 Hamilton, All Saints' 15 00	for the year 8 18
Hamilton, All Saints' 15 00	Telegram to Miss Turner 25
Nanticoke, Christ Ch 5 00	Corresponding Secretary's post-
Glanford, St. Paul's 2 00	age for the year 2 59
Japan	Postage stamps & cards, Treas. 1 00
Miss Smiths' Dispensary-	Rupert's Land Mission Fund—
Dunnville, St. Paul's 5 00	Mr. E. L. King, from Christ Ch.
Ancaster, St. John's 2 00 Glanford, St. Paul's 1 00	Niagara Falls 3 50
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Stoney Creek, Ch. Redeemer 1 00	Miss Neal, from St. Mark's, (H.) 20 10
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Dorcas Secretary 1 00	Per Canon Cayley 2 00
Orangeville, St. Mark's 1 00	Miss Patterson's Training Home,
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Wright) 4 00	Moosonee 2 93
Orangeville, St. Mark's, (Mrs.	Diocesan Missions—
Henderson) 5 00	Rev. R. A. Robinson, Fergus100 00
Hamilton, Ascension Juniors	· .
(Mrs. Sewell) 5 00	\$173 23
	A. WEBSTER, Dio. Treas.

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