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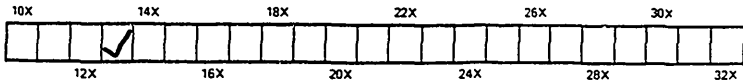
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Monthly Letter Leaflet.

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

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BUSINESS NOTICE.

At the ordinary meeting of the Board of Management in November, the following items of business are expected to come up for consideration and approval :

The Revised Card of Subjects for Prayer; and

A recommendation from the Executive Committee respecting the reading of the Societies' Reports, as ordered at the last Annual Meeting.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

MISS OLIVER, M.D.,

INDORE, July 25th, 1887.

In our medical work we will be obliged to do what we can of it alone or else pay an assistant whatever she may ask until such time as we have our own trained native helpers. Without an hospital in which to train assistants, we feel ourselves much hampered in our work. That difficulty we trust will soon be overcome. Will send you a paper by this mail in which you will see that the initiatory steps towards the erection of an hospital are being agitated. We can get a site the authorities say, but we want a particular site, as an hospital is not like a tent to be taken down and put up again at pleasure.

I left Miss Beatty in Kashmir much stronger apparently, and subject to only occasional attacks of fever, but the pain in her back which has all along been severe, and which we both regarded as a result of the long continued high fever, has, during the past few weeks, increased in severity. She consulted the doctor in

charge of the medical mission in Kashmir, a man who has had an immense experience in Eastern medicine and surgery, and his diagnosis is very alarming. He says that she is suffering from spinal irritation which, unless very great care be taken, will result in paralysis. Has ordered perfect rest in bed for the next three months.* Had we suspected anything so serious I would not have left her, as it will be impossible to bring her here. If a good nurse cannot be got Miss Rodgers will go to her. Of course she is with Mrs. Wilkie, who is an excellent nurse, so that she could not be in better hands, but Mrs. Wilkie has five little children and is besides far from strong herself. This sad intelligence has in the meantime put a stop to our plans for extending in different ways our work; but it is the Lord's work, not ours, and whilst we cannot always understand, we know, I believe, that "He doeth all things well," and will bring rejoicing out of sorrow. I am trying to profit by Miss Beatty's experience and not over work if it can be avoided. The hot season is generally a time of less sickness among the natives, but now the rains have set in some weeks ago we have a great deal of low fever, diarrhoea and dysentery. A very sad case of cholera, resulting in the death of the wife of the native pastor here, occurred the week before my return. She was quite young and had been married only a few months, having come amongst us from Ahmednagar where she had been for some years a teacher in the mission school—a woman of excellent Christian character—her death is a great loss not only to her bereaved husband but to our little community.

My Kashmir trip was more than enjoyable, I shall never forget the deep sense of the omnipotence of God which the first real entrance among the Himalaya Mountains gave me. Kashmir is certainly a beautiful spot; of it as of Ceylon may be written, "Only man is vile." Nowhere could a woman physician be more needed than in Kashmir. The higher caste women are far more restricted than in most parts of India. The missionary's wife in Srinagar told me that though she had been more than four years in the country she had never yet been able to gain admittance into a zenana. Being a doctor I was more fortunate, having been called in to treat the wife or rather wives of the Diwan (Prime Minister). It is a matter of great thankfulness that what I was enabled to do for these poor women—I didn't by any means cure them, as it was only a fortnight before leaving that I first saw them—has been instrumental in opening up the doors, so that a woman physician would now be gladly welcomed in Srinagar. There has been for several years an excellent medical mission in connection with the Church Mission Society,

but they reach only a very few of the women. The Diwan offers a very liberal salary, together with a bungalow and horses, for a lady physician under the Lady Dufferin scheme. I am in excellent health, liking India and liking my work, which brings some fresh interest almost every day. Yesterday we had a crowd of women, the friends and relatives of a patient whom we had relieved the previous day; all came to express their gratitude, and perhaps to see what the Miss Doctor Sahibs looked like. Hindi makes little progress these busy days.

* Latest intelligence reports Miss Beatty as "suffering less since she began her new treatment."

The following communication from Mrs. Wright, Couva, Trinidad, announces the death of Miss Minnie Archibald, our Missionary Teacher in this field:—

THE MANSE, COUVA, August 23, 1887.

It is my painful duty to announce to you, and to the Woman's Foreign Mission Societies through you, the death of our dear friend, Miss Archibald. She died very suddenly, of congestion of the brain, on the 9th inst. She had been ailing from time to time since her arrival in Trinidad of a serious constitutional trouble, so much so indeed, that we found it necessary to call in a medical man. Two months before her death we sat up with her all night. The doctor, at that time, declared her trouble to be very serious, but had no thought of a fatal termination. Two weeks ago last Saturday evening she took ill while we were at worship. We called in Dr. Fabien at once. He saw the case to be critical and sent also for another (Dr. Doyle). Both doctors remained all day Sunday and until midnight. Toward evening she seemed to fall into a natural sleep without giving any sign of consciousness. Mr. Grant and Lal Behari came very early in the morning, having driven over from Sanfernando. All the mission families came by the morning trains. Both doctors were in attendance upon her to the last. She died at nine o'clock. On Tuesday afternoon a third doctor (Eaken, from Sanfernando,) was called in for consultation, and agreed that all that could be done had been well done by Drs. Fabien and Doyle.

Words cannot express our feelings in reference to poor Minnie's death. She was a true, loving, pleasant companion to me. She was very devoted to her work, and was beginning to find a good deal of encouragement in it. Her school was doing very well,

better than ever before. The children all loved her. The last public service she attended was on Tuesday of the week before her death. The Indians, who are employed on the roads, are accustomed to meet opposite our house to receive their wages every second Tuesday. They come early in the day and have to wait some hours for the coming of the pay clerk. Several times lately they have come over to hear "some God talk." They came over on that Tuesday, and Mr. Wright persuaded them to go into the church. They numbered nearly about 100. Minnie played the organ, and she and Mr. Wright sang some Coolie hymns. After a short service in Hindustani, the people asked to hear some English hymns, so they sang "We're going home to heaven above, will you go too"—and afterwards "Wondrous Love." Minnie was greatly interested in the whole service. On previous occasions when these people came she was in school, and so could not take part. Little did she think that she was so near home, so near realizing that "wondrous love." We miss her. The whole community miss her. Her term of service was short, but we know that she did not labour in vain. God has taken her to Himself. Her death was very peaceful. Her face was pleasant even in death.

She is buried in Sanfernando, in a pretty spot.

Need we say how much we sympathize with her sorrowing relatives. We pray that God Himself will comfort them.

Miss Semple spent a week with us, and by her cheering, loving presence, helped me very much to bear my sorrowing loneliness.

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MISS ROSE.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, August 10, 1887.

Many thanks for your kind messages by letter and leaflets, and Reports, etc., but especially for the Gospel in Cree. I read them to my poor people continually, and many, many of them come in and ask me to "speak the Book the same as Indian." The miracles of Our Lord seem to have for them the greatest charm, more particularly the miracle of the "loaves and fishes," also "the raising of the dead." Many parents would allow their little girls to come and stay all the time, but they think the house is too cold, being unplastered. I mean to take as many as possible in next month in any case, but shall require to disband when the severe weather closes in.

MISS WIGHT.

PORTAGE-LA-PRAIRIE, September 8, 1887.

I again thank you for your kind and encouraging letter. Your letters contain much of counsel and encouragement, so you can understand one reason why I like to write. Our school is increasing in numbers now as fruit-gathering, harvesting, etc., have almost come to an end for the present year. The Indians here have earned considerable money during the past summer, but I am afraid they have kept very, very little of it for their support during a long and severe winter now approaching. We have known mothers and children to spend most of a day in gathering wild strawberries, all of which they took to town and traded for oranges, which, of course, were soon oranges no longer. In like manner many of them spend their money. Some of those who work best are very liberal with their earnings, and share unsparingly with the indolent. We were pleased to notice that David purchased for himself a very nice suit of clothes which he wore only on special occasions. But while the clothes were yet good he divided them with one more indolent, thus encouraging him in his indolence. In a letter to you from Mr. Robertson of Eromanga, which we read in the "Leaflet," he says:—"The natives are kind in their way, some of them especially so, but they are very ungrateful (except for the time being) and easily offended, unreasonable, careless, dirty and indolent." How exactly this description describes the character of our Indians.

During the months of July and August our school was very small, but as we said before, it is now increasing. Our girls are learning to sew, knit, bake, etc. It is highly amusing to listen to their attempts at talking English (for they always talk English now when talking to me), but of course, though sensible to the ridiculous we must suppress even a smile in their presence, thus allowing them to feel that they have not expressed themselves improperly. Topsy's English vocabulary is fast increasing. She is learning to sing, read, do little household duties and write although her attempts at writing are more amusing than encouraging. But we try to view the future with a hope that she may yet write to you in the words of a missionary.

A delightful summer has just gone to be with the past, and with it doubtless many an immortal soul has gone to its eternal habitation. Can we estimate the value of an immortal soul, especially if that soul has passed through that "portion of eternity which is called time," having accepted of the good things of this life only, and can recall the terrible words: "Son, remember."

The harvest has been very bountiful ; all crops are good and quite unharmed by harvest frosts which are dreaded so much here. He who careth for the sparrow and clotheth the lilies hath provided for us with a bountiful hand.

The old Indian woman who was for some time a constant source of trouble to us, has, to a great extent, ceased to trouble us. We look forward hopefully to a time when I shall be able to talk and read with the Indians in their own language.

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MR. MOLEAN.

ASSINIBOINE RESERVE,
INDIAN HEAD, August 15, 1887.

There are thirty-five names on the roll, twenty-two boys and thirteen girls, besides, there are many small children who are as yet too young to attend. I might add that about a dozen of these pupils are attending with comparative regularity and making satisfactory progress. A number of them are very friendly, affectionate creatures and apparently very hopeful.

INCREASE.

In Huron Presbyterial Society—*Brucefield*, "Little Disciples" Mission Band, organized by Mrs. Fair.

In Guelph Presbyterial Society—Union Auxiliary of *Dracon* and *Metz*, by Mrs. Smellie and Mrs. D. McCrae.

In Orangeville Presbyterial Society—*Claude* Auxiliary, by Mrs. McFaul and Miss Gilchrist ; and *Grand Valley* Auxiliary, by Mrs. McFaul.

In Barrie Presbyterial Society—*Bond Head* Auxiliary, by Mrs. Robinson.

In Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial Society—*Castleford* Auxiliary, by Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Farrell.

NOTICES.

The Board of Management meets on the first Tuesday of every month, at 3 o'clock p.m., in the Managers' Room, Knox Church, Toronto. Members of Auxiliary Societies, or other ladies interested in the work and desiring information, being introduced by a member of the Board, are cordially invited to attend.

Letters concerning the organization of Societies, and all matters pertaining to Home work, are to be addressed to Mrs. Hugh Campbell, 194 Richmond Street West, Toronto. The Home Secretary should be notified *at once* when an Auxiliary or Mission Band is formed.

Letters asking information about missionaries, or any questions concerning the Foreign field, as to Bible readers, teachers or children in the various Mission Schools, should be addressed to Mrs. Harvie, Wilcocks Street, Toronto.

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

All requests for literature may be sent to Mrs. Telfer, 72 St. Albans Street, Toronto.

Certificates of life membership can be issued at any time, if the Home Secretary be notified.

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