

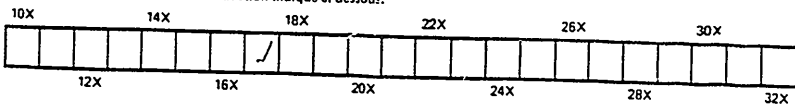
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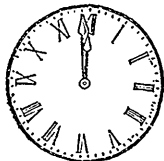
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"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor. v. 14.

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Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.—PSALM II. 8.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading: September—Qu'Appelle, Chinese in America. October—Selkirk, All Islands.

QU'APPELLE.

Though our hearts are still full of sorrow for the loss of Bishop Burn, we have great pleasure in offering our sincere good wishes to our esteemed and faithful friend, Dean Grisdale, who has been chosen to fill the vacant See. Both the Dean and Mrs. Grisdale are known to many of our members, if not personally, by much W.A. correspondence of so pleasing a nature that they seem to be quite old friends. In our prayers for Qu'Appelle this month let us not forget sorrow stricken Mrs. Burn and her little fatherless boy, 3 years of age; nor the Bishop elect and Mrs. Grisdale. The hospital at Saltcoats is to be opened on the 1st September. We congratulate Rev. T. Teitelbaum on having succeeded so well, and trust that many may bless him for the help they will get now when sick, and for the words of life which will be brought to them within the walls of the hospital he has been instrumental in building. There is to be a handkerchief sale at the end of September. If any of our members should feel able to send a few by post, please address Mrs. Teitelbaum, Saltcoats, Assa., Canada.

The sad news has reached us of the death of Mrs. Cowley, President of the Rupert's Land W.A. Mrs. Cowley was a native of Melbourne, Australia, and came to Canada to devote herself to the education of the young. As Miss Hart Davies, she was principal of a Ladies' College in Ottawa, then in Winnipeg where she married the Rev. A. E. Cowley, Rector of St James', and has since been most useful, not only in her own parish, but also President of the W.A. She was greatly beloved and will be sadly missed. Our condolences have been sent to the Rupert's Land W.A.

Not long ago we were doing what we could to help the Rev. Henry Robinson, of Peace River, Dio. Athabasca, to get seed, etc., etc., to replace losses from a bad harvest. Now a still greater trial has been sent him and the Mission, in the death of Mrs. Robinson. Three days after the birth of her third child she was attacked with serious symp-

toms, and died on the 1st July. It makes one's heart ache to read, "Though everything was done for her that possibly lay in our power, still more might have been done if we had only possessed blisters, spirit lamp and surgical cups to relieve the overcharged vessels of the brain." But it is nice to know that "at her interment our sympathizing Indian neighbors wept at her grave-side, as though she had been a beloved sister of their own." Mr. Robinson asks that we will all unite with him at the Throne of Grace in asking for guidance how to act, as well as for God's special blessing on the bereaved little ones who have no female sympathizer near who can speak their mother tongue.

UNITED THANK-OFFERING.

Small, handy cardboard boxes have been prepared by the Provincial W.A., in which to put the money for the United Thank-offering, to be presented at the Triennial Meeting of 1898, and given to the hospital at Nagano, Japan. These boxes can be obtained free of charge from the Diocesan Treasurers, but a tax of *one cent* will be taken out of the whole amount to cover the cost. The first cent put in the box, therefore, will not be looked upon as part of the Thank-offering, but simply as paying for the box. This plan is thought to be less expensive than collecting through the Diocesan officers, as that means a lot of postage and some money orders to be paid for by them. Better let the cent stay in the box and be deducted when the box is emptied. As soon as it is full please notify your Parochial Treasurer. We trust all will take these boxes and that they will be found "abounding therein with thanksgivings." When we realize what the W.A. has done for others and how our own lives have been lifted up in so many ways since we became members, one's heart seems to rejoice at this opportunity of giving to God's sick and heathen ones some outward expressions of all we feel within, of thankfulness to Him for allowing us to work for the spread of His kingdom on earth.

Bishop Reeve, of Mackenzie River, writes:—"To my great disappointment, circumstances prevent my visiting Eastern Canada this year, and necessitate my returning to my Diocese as soon as the General Synod is over. My present intention is to leave Winnipeg on the 5th of September, and I hope by steady traveling to reach home about October 20th. But as half of the 2,200 miles will have to be performed in a small boat or canoe, and as there is not a little probability of winter meeting me on the way, it is not at all unlikely that the journey may have to be completed on snowshoes, and prolonged five or six weeks. My dear wife, too, although she suffered much from the shock caused by the fire, and although her health is not so good as it was previously, has decided to remain at her post and 'hold the fort' during my absence, feeling that the work would suffer if we both left it for such a long time. She has seven scholars (ten on some occasions) each of whom receive individual instruction, and comes for

it at all sorts of hours, so that with that and her own duties her time is fully occupied. Some of them are eager to learn and give much encouragement. I scarcely know when we shall be able to get a new house put up. Satisfactory labor is difficult to obtain in the Diocese and to import it would be very expensive. In all probability we shall have to spend two winters in the old building we are now occupying (Only an outer kitchen to the house which was burnt.—ED.) Most of our personal loss has been made up and I trust that in time, enough will be contributed to enable us to replace not only the house but also the other things which were destroyed—printing press, mimeograph, type writer, magic lantern and slides, furniture, stoves, etc., etc. Please thank most warmly those members of the W.A. who have contributed."

The Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial W.A. is anxious to obtain a complete set of the LEAFLET from its first issue up to April, 1890. Will any member who has these numbers either send them now to be filed as part of the archives of the W.A., or notify Miss L. H. Montizambert that they will bequeath them to the Provincial W.A., when the member herself will need them no more. We know that those who have the early numbers value them very highly and may not care to give them up during their life time.

The Secretary of the Fugin Kuai or W.A. in Nagano writes in answer to the greeting sent from the Provincial W.A. in English, written by herself.—"I received with great pleasure your kind letter from Miss Smith. In the name of the Fugin Kuai to the Church in Nagano. I wish to thank the W.A. for their expressions of love to our new society. At our April meeting, held in the house of the Japanese Catechist here, I read the letter aloud, and translated to the women, who were much pleased, and asked me to write this answer to you. It gives us much strength to feel that our Canadian sisters in Christ remember us in their prayers and devotions, and we all long most earnestly for the time to come when all the women of our country may be united in heart and mind in serving the only true God. Our Fugin Kuai has twenty members, and they have attended the meetings very regularly, each member subscribing what she can every month. At the last meeting four women came who were Buddhists, and they listened very attentively to an address on 'Charity' or 'Love.' Besides our monthly meetings for the Christian women, we have a meeting every two weeks for those who are not Christians, and five or six women seem to listen very earnestly to the Bible instruction. Every two weeks, now, I go out to Luariyama and hold meetings and visit the women in their own homes. The last time Miss Smith came out also, and made an address. About thirty were present and seemed to hear gladly. Miyaki San goes to Nakano, and is doing much good, but we need a great deal of faith and patience to do this work for God, and

often feel that our own hearts are not enough earnest. Please pray that God may give us His grace in our hearts and teach us how to work. The country is very beautiful now with flowers and blossoms, and I wish you were here to see it. There are many lovely walks near Nagano, but when it rains the roads are very bad. Please write me when you have time and I will translate your letter to the Fugin Kuai. With much love, yours very sincerely,

TOSHI O'KAGAKI,

Care of Miss Smith, Nagano, Shinano.

From Gordon's Indian School, Qu'Appelle:—"We have now 16 girls and 16 boys with prospect of taking more. They are not all treaty children, but I know that you will agree with me that I could do nothing else except take them in. The poor children are Half-breeds, whose parents have gone out of treaty. They live near the Reserves and are related to our people. The parents, most of them drink and the children are growing up in dense ignorance, uncared for and vicious. If left to themselves they would grow up worse than the treaty people and exercise a great influence for evil on the other Indians and Halfbreeds. Our children are doing fairly well. The behaviour is good and the discipline is better than I have seen it before. The girls are doing extremely well under our new Matron, a young lady named Miss Dunken, who has come out from England to work here for one year at any rate. She is working for love of the good work and will not take any salary. The boys also are doing fairly well both in school and in their outdoor work. The children are learning to sing very nicely and like to sing the hymns in Cree. They sing English hymns, too, of course, but not so nicely as the Cree. We shall need more clothes than ever this winter. I would ask, if I may, that the boys' pants be long ones, as we get so few pairs of stockings, and that if possible they should be made of brown duck as that wears so well. There are many children on the Reserve who are too young to come to school, whose parents look to us to help to clothe them, and then there are the old and infirm who cannot work. All these need help. Those who can, must work for what they get, but many are unable to do so, and it is such as they whom one wishes to help the most. Yesterday I came across a very sad case of sickness. A little girl about 9 or 10 years of age, who belongs to a band near Prince Albert is staying with some of the people here. Poor little thing she is, humanly speaking, dying. She has a consumptive cough and most frightful gatherings on the neck and is so thin. I have done what I could for her, but after all it is so little that one can do. And she is by no means the only one like that, they can be seen in many a tent. I told you, I think, about our Cree service. Last Sunday some heathens came. They said they would come if they could understand what was said.

[Aug., 1896.]

Toronto Diocese.

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The subjects for reading and prayer for this month, are more familiar to our members than usual. Those of us who heard the late lamented Bishop Burn at our February Meeting, will recall his earnest pleading words for his Diocese of Qu'Appelle. The help he asked for the utterly neglected Indian camps at Fishing and Nut Lakes, may come to them through the instrumentality of some who listened to the Bishop's loving addresses both at W.A. meeting and at the Mission services at St. Stephen's, Toronto.

The "Chinese in America," are we trust receiving more and more Christian instruction. Let us pray earnestly that each Chinaman returning, as they do, to their own country, may become so imbued with the Spirit of Christ, that their countrymen may more easily learn the Gospel of salvation. Some one has said, 'If each time a woman took a cup of tea, she would offer a silent prayer for the conversion of China's millions, a wonderful blessing would result.'

AUXILIARY NOTES.

When this LEAFLET is read by our subscribers, will each one prayerfully, and honestly, ask herself what she has done during the summer months to promote God's glory and further the objects of the Woman's Auxiliary. To be a member of this Society is no light thing, our privileges are many, and our responsibilities most serious. "How much-owest thou unto the Lord?"

So many of our Branch Secretaries have been from home, and the very inefficient arrangement made with regard to the distribution of the LEAFLET during July and August, doubtless is the reason that so little has been sent in aid of the families for whom aid was asked in the August LEAFLET, page 331. The following has been received: Mrs. Augustus Baldwin, blankets and clothing, Mrs. O., Yorkknills, \$2; Mrs Irwin, groceries, Miss Burrows, Mrs. Burritt, and Mrs. O. Toronto, clothing; Mrs. W., \$1. Please read the letter (August LEAFLET, page 331) and pray that God will put it into the hearts of those who can, to send more help to our brethren of the "household of faith."

The half yearly meeting of the Diocesan Board, will by the kind invitation of the Barrie W.A., be held there in October, we are asked to send a large representation, as hospitality is most warmly offered by our Barrie Sisters. We look forward to a most earnest and enthusiastic gathering, and ask that prayer may be daily offered for special blessings to rest upon this very important meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holmes, of Lesser Slave Lake, arrived in Toronto on the 25th August, and were the guests of the W.A. until the 28th. They sailed from Montreal in the "Labrador." Mabel, the eldest girl, speaks Cree very plainly, and the baby, a very fine child, looked comfortable and happy fastened up, Papoose fashion, in a pretty r ss bag. We sincerely trust their much needed rest, and visit to England, will, under God, inspire them with fresh courage to return to their anxious, yet encouraging work at St. Peter's Mission.

The 10th Annual Reports will be sent to the Branches during this month. We trust, when received, they will be carefully read and freely discussed at the monthly and other meetings. Each member of the W.A. should be fully informed of the work reported as accomplished during the year.

The forms issued to the Branches on which the Parochial Secretaries are to report the removal of members to another parish, or part of the country, have already been found most useful. One instance is shown in the following letter from Chicago to the Diocesan Secretary.

"Your letter received with the notice in regard to Mrs. W—— I am sending it to the Branch of the Church of the Redeemer, which is nearest to her residence, and where she will be warmly welcomed. I am also glad to learn that the money for John Zypchos' expenses is gradually increasing. He is very anxious to go. He has work for part of his time, earning about enough for his lodging and washing. We supply his clothing, and he is always most grateful." (Corresponding Secretary, Chicago W.A.)

In arranging the programme or order of business for the monthly meetings of Parochial Branches, the President is requested to make a special place for the report of the P.M.C. work in the parish. The list of collectors should always be known, the homes where they collect, etc., and all possible information on the work of the P.M.C. should be planned before the meeting. At the Diocesan monthly meetings the returns from parishes, comparing them monthly, will be read by the P.M.C. Secretary. This work as undertaken by the Auxiliary is most important, and every effort should be made by our officers and members to increase the interest, and widen the number of subscribers, Especial prayer should always be offered for God's guidance in this difficult Parochial work. "Call upon Me" "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, and it shall be given him."

It is thought that more earnest attention will be given to the very important work of representing the Parochial Branches, if each

representative reports at the monthly Board meeting that her letter describing the previous meeting has been written, and sent. Our representatives are in a most responsible position, and should never attend a meeting without offering a special prayer that the Holy Spirit may so fill their hearts that they may be shown what to do, and what to say to promote God's glory, and further the object they have in hand.

The Rev. J. Waller, Nagano, sends the following to the members of the W A., Toronto Diocese.—“Dear friends,—The Christians in Japan desire to return warmest thanks and love for your gift of \$10 for our church. We have seventy-nine Christians in Nagano and district, but they almost all belong to the poorer class, and are unable to build for themselves. About \$900 has been contributed, \$580 of which came from Canadian friends, the remainder raised in Japan. \$210 of this money has been paid for the building site. We find it will be necessary to build a small house, costing about \$200, for the native clergyman, immediately beside the church, to preserve it from evil disposed natives. This leaves us with \$500, not quite sufficient for the church. We are most grateful for the help which has already come, and especially for that of which the money is the proof—your interest, your sympathy and your prayers.”

Miss Montizambert, General Corresponding Secretary, left on the 29th August to attend the General Synod at Winnipeg. We hope much information regarding the N.W. may be gained by her during this time.

Miss Sophy Weaver, of St. Peter's Church, left Toronto on the 3rd inst., to join her brother at Wabiskaw, taking up work in the Mission-school there. Miss Weaver goes under the auspices of the W.A.

The Rev George Holmes, of Lesser Slave Lake, now on a furlough in England, has given the following list of medicines which are found most useful among his Indians. Any one who will supply these, or any one of them, will please send to Room 39, The Forum, Yonge St. Cod Liver Oil, Scott's Emulsion, Castor Oil, Linseed Meal, Blisters, Strengthening Plasters, Electric Oil, Rhubarb Powder, Magnesia, James' Powders, Grey Powders, Vaseline, Bromide, Ointments, Pills, Syrup of Squills, Tinct. of Iron, Quinine, Sulphur, Insect Powder, Worm Powders, Fowler's Wild Strawberry, Tinct. of Cayenne, Ginger, Sticking Plaster, Bandages.

DORCAS NOTES.

Extract of letter from Rev. J. W. Tims. “Our Missions are still crying out for boys' trousers very badly. We shall be very glad if you can impress the need for that article of clothing on the Branches when they re-open. They are expensive to buy, and last such a short time when bought.”

Rev. G. Holmes writes an urgent appeal for more boys' clothing for that Mission, before the winter, there was so little for boys in the bales sent. To show the need there is, I will give the numbers of the boys in comparison with girls in some of the principal schools: Blackfoot Home, 35 boys, 9 girls; Kissock Home, 43 boys, 29 girls; Piegan Home, 22 boys, 6 girls, Sarcee Home, 14 boys, 7 girls; Gordon School, 13 boys, 8 of them adopted, and 14 girls, 11 of them adopted; Emmanuel College, 20 boys and 6 girls, 4 of the girls adopted; Shingwauk Home, 66 boys and no girls.

Rev. H. Robinson, Peace River, Mission where the Rev. G. Brick was formerly in charge, needs a great deal of help, as owing to the total failure of crops last year, the Indians were in great distress; he himself received no stipend from English Societies, so needs the more help from Eastern Canada. At present he needs our special sympathy, as his wife died on July 1st, leaving a baby three days old, two other little children, and an adopted girl eight years old. The hard work and no help has no doubt told sadly against poor Mrs. Robinson, and utter lack of medical appliances. What Mr. Robinson may do is uncertain, but he needs and looks for our loving sympathy. [Since writing the above we learn from Rev. G. Holmes, that a lady at Winnipeg has offered to go to Peace River to take the charge of these Motherless children. Ed.]

The 21st report of the Shingwauk Home has been received, of the W.A., the principal, Mr King says, "one very encouraging feature I desire to record, viz, the increased support and aid given to this Home by the W.A. of Canada. Never have they shown greater sympathy, and co-operated more heartily in our work, than in the past year." The report also speaks with deep regret of the decrease in the support given by Sunday Schools to special boys and girls. The wants of the Home are very clearly stated in the report. There are thirty boys without supporters. The cost of each boy is \$75 per annum, if clothing is sent, then \$50. If full support cannot be given, then half or quarter would be a very great help. Boys' clothing, any style or pattern for every day wear, is much needed. A small cooking stove, No. 8 or 9, is very much needed for the hospital, a detached building. At present the cooking for the sick has to be done in the main building; Cricket or Tennis set, or some good base-balls, would be highly appreciated by the Indian boys, and afford much pleasure and healthful amusement.

From Rev. A. J. Norquay, Frenchman's Head Mission, to the Diocesan Dorcas Secretary

"Your letter and the box were safely received July 11th. I could not possibly guess what the box contained, and was exceedingly glad on opening it to find the beautiful chalice and paten. I do feel most thankful to the lady who made the thank-offering, and to the Diocesan Board of the W.A., for singling out my Mission as the recipient of

such a gift. Kindly convey to the lady my hearty thanks, and assure her that coming so unexpectedly, and at a time when I was greatly perplexed about how to procure such a service, her loving gift is most greatly appreciated. I also heartily thank the Dio. Board which has shown me so many kindnesses. I often wish that I could convey in person my thanks to them, but I can only hope that the time may yet come when I shall be enabled to do so.

On my return from Winnipeg, in June, I found that the bales from St. James' had arrived, but I was not able to take them through with me. They were brought through about 3 weeks ago, and on opening them I was greatly delighted at their contents, which will be most useful for the coming year. We are making an earnest effort to finish our church by winter. I am pleased to state that we have all the boards sawn, though it took a good deal of time to do so. We would not have had enough, if two of the Indians had not come forward last Sunday and told me that they would give to the church the 100 boards which were required. I cannot tell how pleased I was and how thankful to the two men, who by their offer had solved another difficulty. In time, the boards could have been sawn, but they could not have been dried sufficiently to work before winter set in. The offer from one man was exceedingly gratifying, as he is the newly elected Councillor of the Band, and it showed to the rest of the Indians and to myself that he was taking a most active and visible interest in the Mission and work. In fact his first promise as Councillor was to see to the completion of the church. During the few days prior to and after the election, the Mission seemed to be in a critical position. I knew that there were murmurings against the old Councillor who has always been favorable to the Church's work, and who took a keen interest in the welfare of his band, but who appeared to have angered some of the Indians in giving too ready a consent to the erection of a Mission house on the Reserve. We were partly to blame for not obtaining the consent of the full band before building, but I had given them very strong assurance that should I be removed and an unordained man appointed for a time, that as a teacher, whose appointment had received the sanction of the C.M.S., he would occupy the Mission-house. But the Indian delights in holding council meetings, and in talking, however, the cooler heads prevailed and the new Councillor in being elected, willingly signed the agreement to our occupancy of land, and his more recent actions have assured me that we have a man who recognizes that it is not for our own gain that we are amongst them, and that it is only in faith in Jesus Christ that there can be found the power which will release his people from the superstitions and errors of the race, and give them a better hope in life, and brighter prospects for the life to come."

From Rev. Jas. Taylor, Sask., N.W.T., to Vaughan Branch, W.A.

* * * The four quilts were thus distributed; first to Charlotte, a

very old and poor woman gradually going into consumption. We found her on the floor of her tiny log house, a rag of blanket and an old cotton gown her clothing, a little copper kettle and a cup her worldly possessions. It would have delighted the donors of the quilts if they could have heard poor old Charlotte thanking her Maker for putting it into the hearts of people to remember her. The second quilt went to Nancy, another old woman. The third quilt went to a third old woman, known as Patrick's Mother; she is very poor, very dirty, also helpless and pitifully ignorant. The fourth quilt was given to a man called Pee-we-ness, who is nearly blind. Necessary clothing was given with these quilts. The garments for children have been given to the poorest here and at Big River, fourteen miles distant. The medicines, apples, rice and soap were much appreciated, and have been distributed with the greatest care. Also please thank your members for the magazines. Will you kindly accept a few suggestions. Clothing intended for women cannot be made too large, they will have their things loose about them; then we consider the tiny children, and are particularly grateful for toys and candy when near Christmas. Men's clothing is best of all. We should be glad to receive soap for babies, also sweet oil and Pitcher's Castoria. The poor babies break out into sores when a few month's old, and the hard water and bad laundry soap, with which the mothers wash the children is largely the cause; so Castile Soap is always gratefully received. Such medicines as Camphor, Rhubarb, Licorice Powder, Cough Balsams, Pain Killer, Electric Oil, are much needed here. Besides clothing for our old men and women, spectacles and blankets would be much appreciated. St. Mark's Mission, Sandy Lake, is about 65 miles north of Prince Albert, and occupies a place inside of the Reserve of land set apart for chief Ahtahkakoop (Starblanket) and his band. There is a Church, a School and a Mission-house on the Reserve. The Chief, his Councillors and many others are Christians, and are regular attendants at our services. It will ever be borne in mind that Chief Ahtahkakoop, along with the late Chief Mistawasis, were two leading Chiefs of the Cree Indians, who refused to take up arms against the Crown during the rebellion of 1885. Ahtahkakoop and wife are about 80 years old, and are becoming very feeble, the wife especially. The behaviour of our people in church is very good. The men sit on one side of the church, the women on the other. The people are reverent—they kneel during prayers, and listen very attentively to all that fs said. The young men and women respond very well; some of them have good voices, Mrs. Taylor has opened a subscription list with a view of buying an organ for our church. Up to the present \$10 have been promised. We have been reading prices of the Karn Organ Co., of Woodstock, and find that we can get an organ for \$50, freight not included. Can the W.A. give us any assistance towards it? Our services are conducted in the Cree language. In the Church

we follow the regular Order of Prayer as laid down in the Book of Common Prayer, with a sermon at the end of the service. All our people on the Reserve, I am sorry to say, are not Christians; some are still heathens, and now and then the tom-tom can be heard within a mile of the Mission-house. Besides St. Mark's Mission, I have the Indians at Big River and White Fish Lake, about 14 miles from here, also the Indians at Stoney Lake, about 60 miles distant from here. The majority of Indians at Big River are heathen. They are very poor, and at present are subsisting on rabbits. These people need special care and attention. I have had several services in their huts. So far they have listened attentively, but believe that their method of serving God is as good as the Christians. When service commences, men and women fill their pipes and smoke most of the time. It would not be prudent to check them, as I am only too glad to have their attention. After service I invite them to a cup of tea, which is never refused, in fact, tea helps us wonderfully well to draw nearer to one another, and we can converse freely over a social cup of tea. Gifts of tea from friends in the east will be very much appreciated, for these people and those at Stoney Lake. The Indians of Big River itinerate a great deal. They are sometimes to be found at Big River, other times at White Fish Lake, and within the last few days they have moved to a woods beyond Keg Lake, where they are hunting rabbits. The Government is trying to get them to settle on a Reserve but they are opposed to the proposition of the Government, as they have their own views, and these they want carried out. The Stoney Lake Indians, 60 miles distant, are a part of the Big River tribe. They are also very poor, living entirely on the hunt, which in these days affords them a miserable existence. I would ask for these poor Indians at Stoney Lake and at Big River, the kind and generous consideration of the Woman's Auxiliary. Anything at all that the W.A. can send will be most welcome for these poor Indians. Articles forwarded to Sandy Lake Mission may be sent at any time during the year. They can be sent to Prince Albert station, and from there I can have them brought to the Mission. I have a good magic lantern, but very few slides. Will some kind person try to find a few for us, to be used next winter about Christmas?

Mr Taylor also, in writing to the W.A. at Peterborough to acknowledge their bale, says — "The spectacles are so much valued. The Chief, Ahtabkakoop, (who, by the way, is the possessor of only one eye) thinks spectacles are just the thing. I presented him with a pair which he was delighted to receive, and innocently remarked that they would last him a long time, as on account of the two eye-glasses, he would only use one eye-glass at a time. Mrs. Taylor wishes to return warm thanks for the knitted bed cover in the bale addressed to herself. When your bale arrived we also received a Church bell, the gift of the Hudson Bay Co., through Mr. Chapman, their Commissioner at

Winnipeg. We are most thankful for their gift. A few days ago, a gentleman passing this way from Isle a la Crosse, left us a small donation towards the purchase of our organ, so we are beginning to nurse a fund for this purpose. Our services would be so cheerful with an organ. A Mission-house and little chapel is badly needed at Stoney Lake, but in God's own time all these gifts will come. We are most deeply indebted to the W.A. for their kindness to this Mission, and hope some members will be able to visit this Mission in the near future, and should be so pleased if there is anything we could give by way of further information.

From Miss Trent, Nagoya, Japan.

It is indeed a great privilege to be the Lord's servant in a foreign land. There are many ups and downs, disappointments and discouragements, the barrier of languages worst of all at first, but with all this I feel that this is God's place for me. It is very sad coming face to face with the intense ignorance we find in this land of apparently enlightened and intellectual civilization, especially among the women. They are, as a rule, kept so much in the background. Out of five families only two wives had heard anything of Christianity. The women also, for the most part, are indifferent, which is one of the hardest things we have to contend against in Japan. District visiting in Japan has its amusing side to the new comer, so much bowing and all the etiquette that attends it; then we are asked all sorts of questions. Always the first,— "How old are you?" Japanese think foreigners look very young; then, "How many children have you," and next, "Where is your Dannasan (husband)" They cannot understand a woman not being obliged to marry, to the poor little women of this country, as a rule, marriage is anything but a happy existence. One longs with such earnest longings that the gospel message may soon be theirs. "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Where to apply and to whom for
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 Wellesley Street.
 Members' Cards and Badges—Mrs. Cummings, 44 Dewson Street.
 Booklets, W.A. Envelopes, etc.—Mrs. Burritt, 86 Wellesley Street.
 Parochial Missionary Collection Books, Collecting Slips, En-
 velopes—Mrs. Morgan, 274 Dovercourt Road.
 P.M.C. Magazines and "Church Evangelist," also "Canadian
 Churchman," for which special rates are offered to Members
 of W.A.—Mrs. Hubert Macrae, 11 Borden Street.
 Girls' Auxiliary—Miss Cayley, representative, St. George's Rectory,
 Toronto.

[Sept., 1896.]

Huron Diocese.

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

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Meetings of the officers, Finance and Emergency Committees have been held at Bishopstowe, summoned by the President, Mrs. Baldwin, to consider the resignation of Huron's Lady Missionary at Omoksene, and to take the necessary preliminary steps towards filling the position at the earliest possible moment after her term expires at the end of September. At the first meeting the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to accept Miss Aldridge's resignation, and to convey to her the sincere regret felt that the state of her health (involving a painful affliction of the eyes), should necessitate her leaving Omoksene. At the Emergency meeting held on the 21st, another resolution was unanimously carried that Miss Aldridge should be further assured of the hearty appreciation of her valuable and faithful services during her term of office. Correspondence was then read relative to the fitness for the position of two ladies whose names had been submitted to Mrs. Baldwin. It was stated in the case of the first applicant, Miss Sandy's, that she had hardly recovered sufficient strength after an illness to warrant her undertaking at present the duties which the office of Lady Missionary would entail, although it was predicted that later on she would be admirably adapted to take the full management of one of the hospitals in contemplation as a necessary adjunct to almost every fully equipped mission in the North-West. On receiving the reply from Miss Sandys, Mrs. Baldwin stated that she had requested the personal attendance of the second applicant, Miss Macklin, of Stratford, who, in addition to her certificates as a Public School Teacher, had admirable credentials from her rector, the Rev. D. Williams. His Lordship, the Bishop of Huron, after opening the meeting with prayer, had an interview with Miss Macklin, and having expressed his thorough approval of her as a candidate, she was introduced to the Committee, and a full description of the nature of her duties given to her. As, in every point, Miss Macklin appeared to

meet every requirement, the Committee unanimously carried the following resolution:—"Moved by Miss Smith, seconded by Miss E. G. Manigault, that this Committee recommend to the semi-annual Board of Management, to be held in Sarnia, on October 1st, the appointment of Miss Macklin as Lady Missionary to Omoksene, in place of Miss Aldridge who has been obliged to retire on account of ill health, all financial arrangements in connection therewith to be decided at the said Board Meeting." As there is this most important matter to be laid before the Board at Sarnia, it is earnestly hoped that there will not only be a full representation of the Branches, but that each delegate will come fully instructed to act as liberally as possible, so as to enable the Treasurer, not only to meet all just dues to our present Lady Missionary, but to make adequate provision for the travelling expenses of her successor.

The programme for our semi-annual meeting is this.—The business meeting will commence at 2 p.m. At 5 p.m. there will be a Bible reading by His Lordship, the Bishop, to which all are invited. At 8 p.m. a public Missionary meeting, to be addressed by the Bishop the Rev. J. R. Davis, etc.

In future each Diocesan Branch will look for its list of officers on its own first page in the LEAFLET. This has been done in accordance with the request of the Editor-in-Chief, who can thus turn to account the first page for paying matter, such as advertisements. The full name and address of the acting LEAFLET Editor has been added to the list, in the hope that all communications concerning the LEAFLET will be sent to her until it is duly announced that Mrs. Boomer has resumed her LEAFLET work. Sending such communications to Mrs. Boomer at present only gives her unnecessary trouble and expense, as she has to forward them to the acting Editor. Mrs. Boomer desires to thank Mrs. Alford, England, for her donation of £1 towards the "Wight Memorial Fund, for the education of the children of Missionaries." Mrs. Alford, who during Bishop Alford's and her stay at Helmut College, knew and honored Miss Wight, writes.—"You see we do read the LEAFLET, and are much interested in the proposed Memorial to our friend, Miss Wight."

Should the members of the Central Education Committee not have already sent in their year's report to Mrs. Boomer, Convenor, she would be grateful if they would send them at their earliest convenience.

A very earnest and much interested W.A. worker writes, "do urge all our Branches to send for Mrs. Smith's admirable little pamphlet on 'How an Auxiliary built a School-house,' (see August LEAFLET, page 340), it is so well written and so suggestive that it really should be widely distributed. I have sent several copies home to England."

Sorrowful tidings have come from our little Missionary daughter, Ethel Frost, who writes on August 11th, "My dear father is very ill

with typhoid fever. The doctor gives us very little hope of his recovery, though we trust for the best " As no later tidings have come, we may hope that there has been an improvement in Mr. Frost's condition. Much sympathy will be felt for this devoted worker in the Mission Field, and for his daughter, whose last year's holidays were overshadowed by the death of her mother. We would also tender the expression of our loving sympathy to our former Diocesan Corresponding Secretary, whose husband, the Rev. Canon Newman, is dangerously ill.

Mrs Boomer desires most heartily to thank the J.W.A. of St. James', Kingston, Dio. Ontario, for a contribution of \$5 towards the Education Fund, marked, " for Algoma children." The Secretaries of the Montreal and Ontario Diocesan Branches of the W.A.M.A., have kindly sent copies of the reports of their roth Annual Meetings, which are most interesting. As our readers know, we have now seven Diocesan Branches, the Ontario Branch having lost a number of its Branches by the formation of the new Diocese of Ottawa. Mrs. Hamilton is President of the Ottawa Branch, and Mrs. Rogers, the President of the Ontario Branch, has been from the first foundation of the W.A., a most active and devoted worker.

Miss Rutherford, of Toronto, after a two year's course of training at the Toronto Bible Training School, is desirous of finding work in the Mission Field. Miss Rutherford is a good church-woman, and has nursed privately. She does not hold the certificates necessary for a Public School Teacher, but is competent to teach where these are not required. She is willing and anxious to be useful, and would be a welcome addition to the little band of workers in a lonely Mission station. Bishop and Mrs. Baldwin, and also Mrs. Boomer have had very interesting interviews with her, and are desirous of helping her to accomplish her wish, she having given proof of the earnestness of her purpose by the sacrifices she has made in order to obtain her training. Any one wishing to communicate with Miss Bella Rutherford, will kindly write to her at 697 Spadina Avenue, Toronto.

Qu'Appelle being one of our subjects for prayer and reading this month, surely we should make very special supplications and intercession for this young Missionary Diocese, so recently and so suddenly bereft of its late devoted Bishop. The many difficulties and perplexities with which our Missionary Clergy have to contend must be greatly increased when they are deprived of their head, as has been twice the case in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, in the short twelve years of its existence. May God, in His loving kindness, confirm and strengthen the clergy in their good work, and give to the newly appointed Bishop, Dean Grisdale, of Winnipeg, a right understanding in all things, and enable him to build up the good foundation already laid. Mrs Grisdale is known to us all as an active and practical W. A. worker, to whom the real needs of both white settlers and Indians are well known.

Our news from our Branches and from the Mission Field is very scant this month, a fact to be accounted for by the recent holiday time. By the time this issue of the LEAFLET is in the hands of our members, meetings will have been resumed, and work planned for the winter. There is more than ever to be done, let us redouble our efforts. We would ask our members to look back through their LEAFLETS and see if they, individually and as Branches, cannot carry out some of the suggestions they will find there, notably that made in the last lines of page 163, of the March issue; that commencing at the foot of page 301 of the July issue, and that on page 339 of the August issue. Besides these many others, equally useful, will be found. We hope to hear from some of our Branches that they have been carried out, and ask also for some account of holiday work done, and above all for letters and information from the Mission Field.

ZENANA MISSIONS.

Last month, by the kindness of the Huron Secretary for Zenana Missions, we were able to give our readers some account of what is being done and what is needed in China; this month we will turn to India. The following extracts are from an open letter written last June by the General Secretary, Miss Mulvany, and cannot but be of interest to our Huron W. A., to which, from its first beginnings, Zenana work has been specially commended. "Dear friends, let us thank God for the increase given to our funds as shewed at our recent meeting, and take courage to go forward with renewed and prayerful diligence. We would be glad to hear of centres where United Women's Prayer Meetings could be held; such gatherings are already held in many places, to the strengthening of this Society, and we are hoping to make special efforts to enlist the interest of our younger sisters, both students at colleges and schools, and children, in Missionary work. We earnestly ask for the prayers of all our fellow-workers, and submit to them the following requests for prayer, culled from recent letters from our Mission workers — Prayer for the Christian ladies in the Lady Dufferin Hospitals, or being trained for that work, that they may have such communion with the Lord that their lives and actions may set a good example. Prayer, that at this time of wide-spread distress in India, through scarcity, cholera, etc., the Missionaries may be helped and enabled to show such sympathy as shall be much owned of God to the conversion of souls. Prayer, that more workers may be raised up for work in Sukhur and the villages around. Prayer for the 8 to 10,000 souls in Tatta, all living in heathen darkness, with no one to tell the glad tidings of Jesus and His love. Thanksgiving for the life and work of a high-caste convert, Mrs. Bhallarcharjee, who died of cholera. Praise, for the meetings held by Miss Sandys for Bible-women." Miss Sandys writes in reference to these meetings, "Fourteen C. M. S. and three C. E. Z. M. S., Bible-women are staying here,

(Bollohpore), and they represent ten principal villages. It is very nice meeting these dear women; they are all anxious to learn, though some of them have not yet grasped what manner of life they may enjoy through the spirit's working, yet I trust they are finding sustenance and satisfaction in God's Word." The Church of England Zenana Mission has now 53 stations in India, 8 in China, 1 in Ceylon. It has 186 European Missionaries, 90 Native Missionaries, and 637 Native workers. The Associations contributed £24,299 last year.

Mrs. Falls has several interesting Zenana tracts and stories, and collecting cards for Zenana Missions, which she recommends to the use of W.A. Branches. She would also call attention to a new work on Chinese Missions, entitled "Behind the great Wall," written in a popular style, which will be found acceptable for reading aloud at sewing meetings, as each chapter is a complete story in itself. The contributors to this work are the Zenana Missionaries in Fuh-hien Province, Mrs. Philips, Misses Codrington, Johnson, Leslie. Strong and Newcombe.

BRANCH NOTICES.

Miss Lottie Gander, daughter of the Rev. J. Gander, of Pelee Island, spent a couple of years in London for Educational purposes, during which time she was a faithful member of the Girls' Havergal Band of the Memorial Church, with the result that, having returned to her home, she has organized a Girls' Havergal Band at Pelee Island. She writes to Mrs. Boomer, "I suppose you have heard that we have formed a Girls' Havergal Mission Band. Mother is the President, and Miss Minnie McCormick, Secretary-Treasurer. We have nineteen members, and have already, since June 1st, got two quilts done, and some underclothing for a little Indian Girl in the Sarcee Home. The members of our band take great interest in their work, and even those who are not workers take an interest, too, and help by making articles in their own homes, and also donating whatever they can towards our work. One lady gave two linings for the quilts, another goods for a dress and pieces for a quilt, another batting and thread." Here follows an earnest invitation to Mrs. Boomer, or some other W.A. friend to come to Pelee Island for a W.A. talk. We offer a hearty and cordial welcome to this evidently sturdy young Branch, and rejoice to know that our dear Juniors are carrying on and spreading the work. The Pelee Island Havergal Band has begun bravely with their little Indian protegee, may they have much happiness in her. Mrs. Boomer went to Hyde Park on the invitation of the rector, and had a very good meeting, about 40 being present. She goes to Wardsville, one of our new Branches, the end of the month. A second instalment of a really valuable bale from our Muncey Indian Branch, will be forwarded shortly to some Indian Mission. INGER-SOLL.—On Tuesday, June 30th, the congregation of St. James' met to

bid farewell to Miss Jennie Crawford, who has severed her connection with it to take up Mission work among the Sarcee Indians. The speakers were the Rev. J. C. Farthing of Woodstock, and the Rev. A. Murphy, the rector. The former spoke of the duties and characteristics of Lady Missionaries, and the honor the parish should feel at having one called from its midst. The latter spoke of Miss Crawford's faithful work in the parish, and the esteem in which she is held. A collection amounting to nearly \$20 was presented at the close of the meeting, and Miss Crawford was made the recipient of many useful and valuable presents. Miss Crawford now has the charge of the Catherine Stocken Memorial Home, erected this summer in loving memory of the late Mrs. Stocken, a name familiar to all. This school will accommodate 16 girls, and although the St. James' Branch intends sending a bale soon, the school will still need bedding, soap, combs, towels, and strips of carpeting. BRANTFORD, (St. Jude's)—At our closing meeting in June, a good deal of holiday work was undertaken by our members. We have paid our four Diocesan pledges, and three of our Branch pledges, viz. Zenana Missions, Education Fund, and the Lady Missionary working under the Rev. Cooper Robinson. We had not much left in our funds, but we sent \$2 to Mackenzie River, hoping it may be reckoned among the many little things that go to make much.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Mrs. Boomer has received a letter from Mrs. Bompas from which she sends following extracts.—“I have just received your very kind letter with enquiries concerning the young man who is thinking of offering himself for service in the Mission Field in Selkirk Diocese. I am in hopes he has taken your advice and written to my husband with full enquiries on every point. It is far better, in every case, that this should be done before the great step is taken. It is far better they should know the worst now, than that they should turn back in disappointment, having once put their hands to the plough. I think that people's idea of the isolation of our life here has been greatly exaggerated, or, at all events, it is a state of things that has greatly diminished of late years. The country is opening up so rapidly, and such crowds of miners are coming in, bringing traders and doctors, and alas, saloon keepers and theatres in their train, that there is no longer a fear, or even a chance of isolation, except at such stations as Rampart House, Porcupine River, where there are no resident white people; but even there some few white men are looking in from the coast. Then in summer there are steamers coming in with their freight of passengers, and more important to us, our yearly supplies for the Missions. Altogether, I doubt if any one would now speak of our life as isolated, or even dull, although quiet it certainly is—one is too busy to be dull—

the work is so absorbing, the interests so varied— I do not know any place where time passes so quickly— And now I must tell you that which I am sure your kind heart will rejoice over with me, and that is that my husband's appeal has met with another response from Canada, and that two young men, Mr. Flewelling, of Wycliffe College, Toronto, and Mr. Naylor, of the Theological College, Montreal, have met the Bishop at Buxton. Our two steamers met in mid river on July 18th, and the captains lay to, that we might get our mails, and then our two parties of Missionaries met and had a good hour's talk; (the Rev. Archdeacon and Mrs. Canharn, and Miss Macdonald were with me *en route* to St. Michael's). Mr. Naylor has his wife with him, they were married just before they left Montreal. The Bishop of Mackenzie River has written to our Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. Sage, thanking her for despatching the two bales packed by her in May. We will not, however, be at home when they reach their destination, as the following letter to Mrs. Boomer will explain.—“ I am now at Edmonton, thence I go to Calgary and Regina, on my way to Winnipeg, to attend the Provincial Synod in September, after which I shall start north, and reach home about October 30th; but as the steamers will have ceased running long before, the last 1,100 miles will have to be performed in a small boat or canoe, and if winter should overtake or rather meet me on the way, my progress will be stopped for a time, and the journey finished on snowshoes. In the meantime Mrs. Reeve is “ holding the fort ” till I return. Dr. [Rezin is with her, and also until the end of August Allan Hardisty, the native catechist. The shock caused by the fire was so great at first we thought it would be necessary to spend the coming winter in civilization, but when it became almost impossible for me to remain away so long, she determined to stick to the work, as her health had somewhat improved, and to try and keep things together during my absence. For many reasons I am sorry I cannot spend the winter, or part of it, in Eastern Canada, in order to maintain the interest Mr. Stringer has aroused, and to raise some much needed funds. I do not know when we shall be able to put up a new house; not half enough has been contributed yet. The building which we now occupy will most likely have to serve us for the next two winters. It is very old and shaky, but can be made fairly comfortable, I think, if it should prove too cold, we can but return to the back kitchen (See May LEAFLET, page 219) which has the advantage of being small enough to be kept warm, if not big enough to afford elbow room.” “ I do not know when we shall be able to put up a new house, not half enough has been contributed yet.”—Enough would soon be contributed if all who read this (and it should be printed in all our Church papers and elsewhere) would make for this purpose a thankoffering for the comfort and safety of their own homes—little or much, according as that home is one where it is often hard to make ends meet, or one where all things beautiful and

luxurious are lavishly gathered together. Oh, think of that old shaky building in that region where the mercury goes down to 50 degrees and below, and of that alternative a tiny back kitchen, and help to give a home again, to those who have taken our place in the Mission field. Do without some coveted addition to your household plenshing this winter, and consecrate with prayer and thanksgiving what is thus given to God. In his address to the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatchewan the Bishop gave information respecting some of the Indian Bloods in his Diocese which cannot but be of interest to our Huron W.A. Branches, many of which work for the schooling—clothing one or more children " Emmanuel College, under the fostering care of Archdeacon Mackay, continues to educate native pupils to be teachers and catechists in the Diocese. The Indian Department now gives it a per capita grant of \$100 per annum for 20 boys, and a per capita grant of \$60 per annum for 10 girls (see June LEAFLET page 271). Last winter a committee appointed to enquire into the working of the College reported in very favorable terms of the routine, instruction and discipline generally of the College, stating that the College is doing a good work, and sound elementary instruction is imparted to the pupils who are treated judiciously and kindly. The Boarding School at Onion Lake, begun by the present indefatigable Missionary Rev. J. K. Matheson, has now, I am glad to say, an attendance of 22."

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS.		
General Fund		Rev. J. W. Tims.
St Thomas Trinity Ch.	2 40	Ingersoll.....
Preston Junior	1 00	" To Miss Crawford... 20 00
Zenana.		Ruperts' Land Mission Fund.
Kingsville	6 28	London Mem. Ch. L.H.B.....
Lady Missionary, N.W.		58 50
St. Thomas, Trinity Ch.....	10 00	Kanyengah—
Adelaide.....	1 00	St Thomas, Trinity Ch.
Thorndale	2 00	Preston Juniors.
Lady Missionary, Japan		Adelaide.
St. Thomas, Trinity Church.	4 00	Thorndale
Kingsville	2 00	1 00
Adelaide.....	50	Total.....
Thorndale.....	1 00	\$129 56
Education.		DISBURSEMENTS.
St. Thomas, Trinity Ch.....	2 00	To W. L. Carrie
St. Thomas, Juvenile.....	2 00	2 60
Int. H. and E.....	2 63	Rev. J. W. Tims
Lion's Head.		To Rev. J. W. Tims
Adelaide Juniors.....	2 00	7 25
Thorndale.....	1 00	" Miss Crawford.
Literature		20 00
St. Thomas, Trinity Ch.....	25	Rupert's Land Mission Fund
Thorndale.....	25	To Rev. S. Rogers.....
		58 50
		Total
		\$ 88 35

[Sept., 1896.]

Montreal Diocese.

Editor, MRS. H. J. EVANS, 497 St. Urbain Street, Montreal.

DIOCESAN MOTTO :—" *Go work to-day in my Vineyard.*"

Beginning with the first Thursday in October, the Diocesan Board will resume its regular monthly meetings in the Synod Hall at 10.30 a. m. May every member bring to the work renewed energy, zeal and consecration. On all sides our opportunities are widening. As we learn more of the needs and possibilities of the Church's work in its several divisions—Home, Domestic and Foreign—we see that all over the world the fields are literally white to harvest; but that the lack of laborers continues to be greatly felt. And yet it is a fact, that amid all the infidelity, indifference and open hostility to sacred things, which an age of feverish mental activity has developed to an alarming extent, the number of intelligent men and women who are offering themselves for the Mission work is to-day steadily increasing; and it is not so much the individual as the money that is needed to carry on the work efficiently. Also there is always an increasing demand for clothing, especially for boys, in our Indian Homes and Hospitals, and for distribution amongst the poorer Whites and Indians, to whom our North-West Missionaries minister; and for household necessities including medicines, which are always useful. Some of us may be able to do more in this way.

We must apply to our relations to the Church and Mission work, the rule that we would if the case appertained to our family or social obligations. When these increase do we not at once cast about in our minds how we may meet each new responsibility, each latest claim? And shall we, when it is our Spiritual Mother, dismiss her appeals with the heartless protest—"What, another call." And if we respond to this, another and another still, in interminable succession.

O, my dear friends, for as long as the world lasts, as long as the "Go ye and preach the Gospel," is unrepealed on the statute Book of our faith, the calls must come, and we, if we are faithful, must respond to them.

Let us then see how much more we can do in this present year than we did in the past. The way will be shown us if we ask in faith, and probably it will be by little sacrifices. To most of us this will be the only possible way, for we have no right to expect anything out of the usual course to occur to enable us to do some great thing and not to feel it. This is only allotted to the very few, and for us there is the satisfying assurance that "if there be first a willing mind, it is

accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

Mrs. Wilson, of the Washakada Home, writes under date August 1st, 1896. "There is nothing definitely settled about the rebuilding of the Home, but the general opinion is that it will soon be commenced. There are 94 children in the Home, and I am thankful to say, very little sickness."

The Shingwauk Home has this year attained its majority, and we offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes for continued success. Just 21 years ago the foundation stone was laid by Lord Dufferin, the then Governor-General of Canada, and from that time to the present, through many vicissitudes, the course of the Institution has been an illustration of its own motto—"A work of God cannot be overthrown." In commending the splendid results accomplished in the face of many and great difficulties, the Bishop of Algoma, President of the Board of Management, directs particular attention to the need of a new Wawanosh Home as one of the weightier necessities in the future, and in order to gather in the daughters as well as the sons of the red men, and to throw around them the same softening, civilizing, Christianizing influences which the boys enjoy so abundantly. Will our readers bear this appeal in mind, and do what they can to help,

The following is the list of officers for the new Branch of Franklin:—President, Mrs. Rogers; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. G. Rowe; Recording Secretary, Miss Julia Fulton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Paddock; Treasurer, Miss Pollica.

The Dorcas Secretary reports a bale sent in May by the Girls' Guild, St. John's, P.Q., to Ven. Archdeacon Mackay, Prince Albert, for Emmanuel College, containing 45 new articles, 12 second-hand.

OUR LETTER BOX.

Lansdowne Mission, Fort Alexander, July 1st, 1896

DEAR MISS A. McCORD,—“I am authorized by my Church Wardens and Vestry men, to convey to you their thankfulness for sending such nice clothing for the needy of our poor people. I can assure you that you are making many hearts glad. Even my little girl, Mary Jane, how glad she was to hear that kind ladies in Canada had sent her such a nice dress. She says she will keep it for Sundays. She seems to think more of it than if I should give her something better. * * You will be glad to hear we are getting on very well. I have great cause to thank Almighty God to see our poor Indians advancing in Christian Life. They feel quite thankful to know that their white brethren sympathize with them in their welfare. We are now looking forward with eager expectation to receive our annual treaty payment from the Government, a time when every one will have something to make his heart glad. But I regret to say all has

been spent during the long winter past. But we will be satisfied, after being able to pay our debts, for the actual necessities of life supplied us by the H.B. Company.

I would ask you, if not too much trouble, to send us something in the way of presents for a Christmas tree at Christmas for children; in the shape of clothing and toys. We have had a Christmas tree once since I came here, the first I believe since the school started, and the children enjoyed it so much; but it cost us so much between myself and the teachers, that we could not do it again: and if you should oblige us with a favor, you will please send it in time before navigation closes; although we can get it out without much trouble about the beginning of December. As to making any suggestions about packing depends upon the kind of goods. I believe clothing can be successfully sent in bales, parcels of other descriptions, such as books, groceries, etc., would be best in a packing case or barrel. May you be blessed to continue long in the good work in which you are engaged. I do earnestly believe that it is one of the grandest of Christian works, to be able to make our brothers and sisters feel glad by our kindness, for whom Christ died. Believe me very truly yours,

EDWARD THOMAS,

Lansdowne Mission, Fort Alexander, Manitoba, Canada.

To Mrs. Ker, President Grace Church Branch, W.A., Dyncovor Indian Hospital, Manitoba, July 16th, 1896.

DEAR MADAM,—“ Allow me to thank you very sincerely for the bale which arrived yesterday, containing contributions from Grace Church Branch of the Women's Auxiliary, also Junior Auxiliary, Guild of St. Katherine, and Ministering Children's League. They are all in beautiful order, and contain a quantity of things which we required. Please thank the little folks for so kindly ministering to the wants of the poor, sick Indians. The scrap books are not only a great delight to them, but to others, to whom the doings of the outside world are ever interesting. Pictures and illustrated papers are eagerly sought for by all of us. Dolls, too, are a great amusement. We had one woman here for a month, with dropsy, whose great delight was to dress and undress a doll we gave her. We are exceedingly glad to get second-hand clothes, too. There is a constant demand for clothes for patients going away, and also for out-patients—for I need not tell you Indians are generally poor. Come in rags and go out in what is given them. We have had a good many come in very sick. After being here awhile, with cleanliness and care, proper food and treatment, they go out strong and well. We hope to be able to enlarge the building, for the demand is greater than the accommodation. Unfortunately, this country is so young and so poor we have to look to our friends in Eastern Canada and the old country

for help to do this. With very kind Christian regards to all your helpers in this good work. Believe me, yours in the Master's service,
(MRS.) CEALIA F. ROLSTON.

Krishuagar, Bengal, June 5th, 1896.

MY DEAR MRS. DAWSON,—Our holiday had to be a long one as the cholera raged for some time in Krishuagar, and we were not allowed to come back until both the Dr. and Municipality authorities considered it perfectly safe. I am glad to say the children have now come back, with the exception of one or two who are not well. None have left in consequence of the outbreak in our midst, as I feared they might. The parents occasionally get a scare after such an occurrence, and schools get emptied, or partially so for a time. I feel it is quite an answer to prayer that nothing of the kind has taken place here. We are hoping before long to be able to get sufficient funds to build either a room on the roof of this house, or a separate building in which we could at once place any child with an infectious disease of any kind. It will be a great boon to have this. At present we have no suitable place, and it is very inconvenient and of course it incurs great risk. Since I last wrote to you we have changed matrons. Mrs. Seal had to leave for family reasons. We were very sorry to lose her, but fortunately, after a good deal of trouble, we have succeeded in procuring another, and I think we shall get on very comfortably with her. I had an application yesterday from a man who has lately lost his wife, ask me to take in his baby girl of 3. I have written to see if I can get her into an orphanage, where I think she will be better off for a time, as she will need a good deal of looking after, being delicate. but if they cannot take her I shall feel inclined to do so. Another man, the father of one of the girls, told me after he had gone, that he had advised him to come to me, as he found out the man was going to sell her. He said he could not see her starve, and he had no means to keep her or look after her, so he thought it was better to sell her. It made me feel quite bad when I heard it, but such things are often done with baby girls. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely, EMILY BRISTOW.

Ven. Chou. 11, 7, '96.—Last month, besides the joy of receiving new candidates, we had the great sorrow of suspending 9 members. Eight of these for opium growing. We trust, and most of them promise, not to grow it again this autumn, in which case they will be very gladly received back. This opium is such an awful curse, that we feel, here, our Church must not in any way countenance it. As I heard a Christian say the other day, "Those who grow and sell the opium are worse than those who smoke it. The latter only ruin themselves, and their family, perhaps, but just think of the hundreds ruined through one opium seller."*

* From a Life Member of Montreal W.A., who is now laboring as a Missionary in China.

[Sept., 1896.] **Niagara Diocese.**

Editor, MRS. T. W. REYNOLDS, Drawer 41, Hamilton.

DIOCESAN MOTTO.—“*Lo! I am with you alway.*”

OFFICERS. *President*—Mrs. H. McLaron, Balquidder, Hamilton. *Vice-Presidents*—The President of each Parochial Branch. *Treasurer*—Mrs. Webster, 256 McNab St. North. *Editor LEAFLET*—Mrs. T. W. Reynolds, Drawer 47, Hamilton. *SECRETARIES: Recording*—Miss Ambrose, 76 Hunter St. W., *Corresponding*, Mrs. J. M. Stewart, 150 Victoria Ave. S., Hamilton. *Organizing*—Mrs. Houston, Niagara Falls. *Dorcas*—Mrs. Sutherland, 171 Hannah Street West, Hamilton. *Junior*—Mrs. Sewell, 21 Bold St., Hamilton. *Uniform Badge*—Miss Ferres, 209 McNab St. South, Hamilton. *Literature Com.*—Miss E. Counsell, 211 Jackson St. West, Hamilton.

Letter from Mrs. Wilson, to W.A., Niagara: Indian Home, Washakada, June 11th, 1896.

“I received your letter a short time ago. Last week the box arrived. Will you kindly convey to the members of your W.A., our most sincere thanks for their very valuable donation of clothing to our Home. Your Society have been so generous and have always assisted us so much. Peter Anthony is doing very well at school and at his trade (tailoring). He is a nice boy and I trust he will be a credit to the kind friends who are assisting in his support, and to the Home where he has been educated. Again thanking you for your kindness and interest in our work, etc., etc.,

ST. CLAIR WILSON.

Extract from letter from Mrs. Wilson, Washakada Indian Home to Miss Beaven, Niagara, Ont.

"The box of clothing arrived from Niagara safely as, of course you know, as I acknowledged it at once to the Secretary. It was a splendid donation, thank you so much for it, also the many nice things sent for our own use. The things for Anthony are so nice. He was so pleased. He is just a capital little fellow and is steadily improving. There is a good supply of clothing for him, I think quite enough for the year. It is a mistake about Mr. Wilson being left so well off. Before leaving the Shingwauk he was left about \$2,000, with which to commence a Mission, that is all, and it was not for his own use. I dare say he would be thankful for some assistance, for his parishoners, as even in that beautiful spot there are some poor. They are very happy on the Island and Mr. Wilson finds the quiet such an intense relief after the 24 years of hard work and anxiety. I am thankful to say there is very little sickness in the Home. Almost all the children are looking so well."

Extracts from a letter of the Rev. S. T. Wilson, to Miss Beaven, Niagara.

"Mrs. Wilson and myself were both somewhat amused at the prospect of shortly being able to retire from active service. I don't know, I am sure who could have been your informant. With a total income of less than \$700 it does not look very likely. Still we have, nevertheless, very much to be thankful for here in our Island home, and all of us feel both contented and happy, although my income is less than half what it used to be at the Shingwauk, and my Sunday work is very much harder. The greatest relief to my mind is that we would have a home of our own—which in case I were called away, would still be the home of the family—and although the farm is at

present an expense rather than a profit, still we have reason to hope that in the course of a few years, it will become a source of income, and enable us to spend a little more than we do at present on the bare necessities of life."

Yours sincerely,

S. T. WILSON.

Letter from the Rev. Geo. Ley King, Principal of Homes for Indian children, Sault Ste Marie, Algoma, to Niagara W.A.

"It is with feelings of deed gratitude I write to thank the members of your Branch for their valuable gift of clothing, quilts, etc. The box reached us safely last night, and I have this morning distributed nearly the whole of its contents, the boys being so much in need of the garments sent. You could not possibly have sent more useful articles, and we do indeed appreciate your generosity. We have sixty-two boys in the Shingwauk just now; taken altogether they are a healthy and promising set of lads, and doing nicely at school. The Shingwauk itself is much improved, thanks to the grant received from the Department last year, for repairs and alterations. I do hope that finances will permit this year of the erection of a new building for the girls, which would allow of their again being taken in. Again thanking you, and with kind regards to each member of your Branch, etc."

QU'APPELLE STATION, ASSA., JULY 29TH, 1896.

DEAR MISS COUNSELL,—

"The box of books and magazines arrived a few days ago. I would have written immediately to acknowledge it, but have been so busy preparing for our annual summer treat, which took place yesterday. Thank you and the Literature Committee of the W.A., so very much for sending us such a nice

and useful collection. They are most acceptable. I have already sent out 4 or 5 bundles to some families in the country, who have no opportunity of coming in to Sunday School, and very seldom even to church, owing to the long distances. They are very glad of reading matter. The *Young Churchman* and *Dawn of Day* copies I have kept chiefly for Sunday School distribution, the children are so eager for papers for home reading, and in this way they help us to reach their parents very often. I have a very large and wide distribution amongst all classes and kinds. I get a good many papers through the S.M.S. in the old country, and from my own friends, and both Bishops Anson and Burn used to give me a number of theirs when done with. I get a good many applications for reading matter and am constantly making up bundles which are not distributed indiscriminately, but with judgement, studying the tastes and circumstances of the readers, so that I am sure you can see how your kind thought and gift is appreciated and we all thank you very much indeed. I am the Superintendent of our little Sunday School here, and have been for the last 8 years; it is my favorite church work, although I have my fingers "steeped into a good many pies," for we are only a small community, scattered far and wide in a new country, and there is so very much to be done. We are in a great state of anxiety about the appointment of Bishop Burn's successor. It was a great blow to us all to lose our dear good Bishop so suddenly. He was always so earnest in his work. Mrs. Burn is indeed a brave woman, and just fitted for her position. She has been a most capable helpmeet to her husband and will be a very great loss, too. I am thankful to say so far the crops are in a most promising condition. I only hope we shall have the realization of them. We have hitherto been so greatly handicapped that we cannot help feeling grateful to those who give us their kind sympathy and help." With renewed thanks and all good wishes,

I am yours sincerely,

FLORENCE BOYCE.

[Sept., 1896.]

Ontario Diocese.

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

The Board Meetings of the Ontario W.A., are held in the Class room of St. George's Hall, Kingston, on the 2nd Monday in every month, at half past two p.m. All members of the Woman's Auxiliary whether residents of Kingston and its adjoining parishes or visitors to the city, are cordially invited to attend.

CHARLOTTE J. MACAULAY, Rec. Sec.

The LEAFLET Editor should be promptly notified if any Branches or individuals do not receive their LEAFLETS regularly, or if there be any mistake in the number sent. A few more copies than are paid for are always sent to Branches. Information and magazines regarding the subject for the month may be obtained from the LEAFLET Editor.

A new Branch that has been formed at Burritt's Rapids, near Merrickville, will be warmly welcomed by all older members. It begins with a membership of twenty-four and six subscribers to the LEAFLET. The officers are as follows:—Pres., Mrs. Burritt; Treas., Miss Edith Kidd; Sec., Miss Ada Percival.

The following letters have been received from which extracts are given.

From the Rev. J. Hinchliffe, Piegan Reserve, to the Picton Branch of the W.A.

I cannot begin to tell you how glad I was to have the trousers, the shirts also I was most glad to see. We have twenty-four boys, and they take a great deal of keeping decent. The groceries, quilts, stockings, dresses, etc., were all acceptable. . . I am greatly pleased with the way that some of the children are receiving our teaching. With God's blessing I feel that we must succeed in our work. I most earnestly recommend our work to the prayers of the W.A.

Also from the Rev. Alfred Cook, Kutawa, Assa, to the Kemptville W.A. Mr. Cook mentions that the large number of quilts was much appreciated as they have always more calls for those articles than can be supplied. He also remarks, "whenever anyone comes for clothing

they are always sure to want either mitts or socks. They are more ready to take these smaller pieces than even a jacket that has any peculiar cut or pattern about it. The chief of a Reserve asked me if I had any toys or playthings for children. These are certainly useless articles but they always go to show that one has a regard for the happiness of the young as well as the comfort of the old. . . It is still uphill work here, and as the people are often apt to be offended at being told the Gospel message, it is pleasing to be able to show them that we have regard to their bodily wants."

BRANCH NOTES.

KEMPTVILLE.—This Branch reports one bale sent to Grenville, Kutawa, to the Rev Alfred Cook, from whom the preceding letter was received. There are five subscribers to the LEAFLET.

MERRICKVILLE.—One box has already been sent by this Branch and as the meetings have been steadily kept up since the beginning of May, the officers, hope to have a box to send to Miss Brown in the autumn. There are twenty members and ten subscribers to the LEAFLET.

PRESCOTT.—During the last six months fourteen meetings have been held with an average attendance of fourteen—four of these being regular monthly business meetings and ten sewing meetings held weekly at the houses of different members. Missionary readings generally added to the interest of the meetings which ended with afternoon tea and collection, amounting in all to \$13.30. Two bales were sent, April 29th, to Rev. C. I. Pritchard, Grand Rapids, Sask. Receipts for the year \$82.69. Expenditure, \$75.98. Of this \$16.40 was spent on material for bales. Balance on hand, \$7.71.

MARY S. LABATT, Sec.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.		Mrs. Tilton's Provincial Life Membership	
Domestic Missions.		New Dublin W.A.....	2 00
Frankford W. A. for North-West Missions.....	1 50	Newboro W.A.....	3 00
Foreign Missions		Deseronto W.A.....	1 00
Mrs. Leur's Bible Class, St. James, Kingston, for Congo Missions, Africa.....	5 40	EXPENDITURE	
Diocesan Missions		To printers for W.A. Cards.....	3 00
Frankford W.A. for Diocesan Missions	1 25	To Provincial Treasurer's amount of Provincial Life Membership presented to Mrs. Tilton by Ontario W. A. before its division	50 00
Frankford W. A. Dio. Member's Fee	25	Cor. Secretary for postage.....	1 00
		Total.....	54 00

[Sept., 1896].

Ottawa Diocese.

OFFICERS: *President*—Mrs. Hamilton, See House, Ottawa; *1st. Vice-President*—Mrs. Tilton, 37 Gloucester St.; *2nd Vice-President*—Mrs. Pollard, Park Avenue; *Treasurer*—Miss Cath. E. Baker, 5 Arthur Street. *SECRETARIES*. *Recording*—Miss Humphreys, 283 Daly Avenue; *Corresponding*—Mrs. Newell Bate, 173 Cooper St. *Dorcas*—Mrs. G. M. Greene, 257 McLaren St.; *Literature and Leaflet Editor*—Not filled, Miss Baker acting; *J. W. A.*—Miss Parris, 84 Victoria St.; *C.C.M.G.*—Mrs. Mackay, 544 King St.; *Organizing*—Miss A. B. Yeilding, 370 Slater St.

The Ottawa Board Meetings have been held both in July and August, but nothing of importance will be arranged until all are assembled after the holidays. Among other matters a re-arrangement will have to be made of the amount contributed by each Branch for the salary of the Lady Missionaries. We hope to have our President with us, and a representative for each country Branch. We do hope also to hear of new Branches being formed. September or October is the best time to begin work for the winter. We believe very often it would be best to find some lady for President other than the clergyman's wife. She may not be strong enough, or may already have too much to do in the parish, and why should not the Branch be formed under the leadership of some competent person, although, of course, with the consent of the clergyman? "The fields are white unto the harvest," and perhaps there are many who may be only waiting to have their sympathies aroused to give themselves or their means to this work. Who knows if the opportunity will be given us next year? Perhaps we are inclined to put off this good work also for a more convenient season, forgetting with the fashion of the age, that warnings as well as promises come from God. Here is one, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Let us, if we cannot open Branches in neighboring parishes, at least push the claims of our Missionary Literature. A couple of copies of *Mission News*, a dozen LEAFLETS may prepare the way for a Branch. We must *know* to be interested.

BRANCH NOTES.

CORNWALL.—The Treasurer of this Branch is now Mrs. Eleridge, the Superintendent of Junior W.A., Mrs. Judge Carman, and the President of the Junior W.A., Miss Green. CLAYTON.—The name Clayton should be inserted in the Directory, page 7, of the printed report just after that of Balderson, and the officers given to Balderson belong to Clayton. BALDERSON.—Has sent a bale containing 93 articles to Washakada Home. This is very good for 16 members. Mrs. Jno. Butler Harper is Secretary.

"He that watereth, shall be watered also himself," has been exemplified lately in one parish, practically, and we hope also spiritually. It is an out station of a small parish in Huron Diocese where a good frame church had been built 35 years ago, and comfortably fitted up inside, but neglected outside. Year after year passed on, and not until nine women were organized as a Branch of the Auxiliary, and began to work for others, did it seem possible to make the effort to raise money to buy paint for their own church. This has now been done, and in the autumn, husbands and brothers will find time to put it on. It has been our pleasant experience to attend one of the meetings of this energetic Branch, one of the few which do not take holidays, notwithstanding the march of that absolute monarch, the steam thrasher. After a pleasant drive of 7 or 8 miles we reached a comfortable farm house, and found a small party already at work. Time was given for all to assemble, there were twelve, and at 3 o'clock work was laid aside, and the President read a suitable chapter and all joined in prayer. The reports were then read and work again resumed. For a couple of hours socks and quilts, in which comfort and not beauty were aimed at, increased visibly in length and breadth, while we, the visitors, told something of what we had gathered from the different Missionaries whom we had been privileged to meet. All seemed interested and pleased to learn more about those to whom their work was going. When five o'clock came, tea made necessary by the distance traveled, was spread in the comfortable kitchen, and soon after the horses were brought round and the members left for their homes, arriving in good time to attend to the evening's round of duties. These monthly gatherings are enjoyed by all, and no doubt besides the gain to the Mission cause, they serve to cement the members of the congregation together. It is encouraging to find the pleasure with which the LEAFLET is received in such parishes and the care with which its pages are perused, even the men acknowledging its interest.

[Sept., 1896.]

Quebec Diocese.

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

There is nothing local to report this month as no meetings has been held, members being still absent. The following letter we commend to our readers for its interesting account of the working of the Dynevor Indian Hospital. Spiritual as well as temporal wants seem to be well supplied, and we trust many who read this letter may be induced to send their "mite" towards the support of so excellent an Institution.

My Dear Mrs Irvine:—I have to thank you and the kind donors for the \$55 for the Dynevor Indian Hospital, received by cheque. The receipts will be signed by the Treasurer and forwarded you at once. I would like to assure you and the members of the W.A. who have so kindly helped us that their gift is most opportune, coming as it does when our funds are very low. I am sure Dr. Rolston and his good wife will be cheered and encouraged by this kind help. The Dynevor Indian Hospital differs somewhat from other institutions of the same class inasmuch as it has no endowment or other sources to which to look for help, but is simply dependent upon the gifts of kind christian friends, and I am thankful to say God is raising up help for us in many places we did not expect, and I believe as the Hospital is such a great blessing to the poor Indians, it will be no less a blessing to those who,

through it, give the cup of cold water in the Master's name to some of the sufferers in this land. Reports come to us from time to time of invalids brought in, some of them from a great distance, who after a short stay in the Hospital, and with God's blessing on the care and attention bestowed, return to their homes to make known to their friends what great things God has done for them. The Hospital is managed by a medical christian man; the nurse is a christian woman, an Indian who reads and prays with the patients in their own tongue. The clergyman of the parish visits it regularly, and the poor sufferers are pointed to the Lamb of God as the one who alone can comfort them. Mrs. Rolston has a large class of the women to whom she imparts instructions in various domestic matters. I need not say that any help in the way of groceries or clothing for patients will be most welcome; indeed material to be used in the sewing classes would also be very useful. Anything in the way of medicine or strengthening food of any kind would be a blessing to the Hospital. We find food and good care with God's help go a long way in restoring many of these people. Nice pictures, suitable for the walls; pieces of carpet for the floor, anything to make the room look a little more bright would, as you will see, help much. I must ask you on behalf of the committee, on behalf of these poor Indians, and on behalf of a large circle of out patients, to thank the Quebec Branch of the W.A. most heartily for their kind christian help in this great work. We shall have to look to such friends for much practical sympathy if this work is to be maintained. Our Indian Mission Funds are far behind, and the Hospital can not be pushed ahead of the Indian work, and for this very reason, if the women of Canada do not give it a place close to their hearts, I do not see how it is to be carried on; but I believe it has that place, evidence of it comes to me from time to time, and for this and other tokens of God's approval we thank Him and take courage. I am, dear Mrs. Irvine, on behalf of the Committee, thankfully yours,

R. PHAIR.

To the W.A. President from the Rev. J. R. Matheson, Moose Lake, June 1st.

Dear Mrs. Sewell :—At last I have the pleasure of telling you that your bale has arrived, and right welcome ; it was a really splendid assortment, every article will be of great use to us. I am sorry that among the flannel shirts I can find none large enough in the neck to fit me. I wear a 17 inch collar, but that makes no difference, for we have lots of people to fit a collar a good deal smaller. We have now 22 scholars in our home, eleven paid for by the Indian Department at \$6 per month for board, tuition and clothing ; the other eleven are not recognized by the Department, or any one else, but we give them the same privileges and use all alike, and will continue to do so as long as we have a bite of bread, or a blanket to share with them. They are all equally destitute, and all little ones whom the Master will miss, for He died for them as surely as for white children. Our family now consists of six boys, from 14 to 4 years of age, and we will soon have several more. Our work is growing and we feel that it is owned of God. Our hearts are lifted up with gratitude to the Lord, it is a glorious privilege to be allowed to train up these ignorant and destitute little ones for Him. I have a splendid help-mate in this work—Miss Phillips, a consecrated worker. Surely we fully realize the help we get from the W.A. The amount of it is, that without their help we could not carry on the work. It seems to me that they (the W.A.) are doing all the work and we merely have the happiness of helping them. God's blessing on them. Only Eternity will tell all that they have done, and it seems to me that they have the idea that they are doing so little and that the Missionary is bearing all the heat and burden of the day. I assure you that my idea of their work is very different indeed. I am proud to be a fellow laborer with them. Kindest wishes to all your Branch.

Yours, most sincerely,

J. R. MATHESON.

P.S.—Mrs. Matheson is hardly likely to be able to come home on a visit this summer, it would cost too much in time and money and we have neither to spare.

This letter deserves more than a passing notice, and it would be well for us W.A. members to bear in mind the kind and encouraging remarks of the writer. We cannot, however, give the W.A. first rank in the Mission Work, we must remember all that the Missionary has to contend with, daily self-denials, absence from loved ones, with scant news of them, for how little can be gained through a yearly or bi-yearly mail? We, who are within daily or weekly communication with relatives and friends, cannot realize this great privation. Then again the scarcity of food is often an anxiety in these far away Missions. Many of our readers may remember that beautiful and touching address given some four years since by the Bishop of Mackenzie River, when he said that in order to have one mouth less to feed at his home during the winter months, he absented himself, and threw his lot in with the Indians. He also mentioned that bread from its scarcity, was so great a luxury with them that his children, who received only one piece each every Sunday, looked upon it as an ordinary child would a piece of cake. Truly these are startling facts, and they should awaken in us a greater zeal for Mission work. There are many young people in our community who have time enough and to spare, and who could easily give two hours weekly towards helping these poor isolated people, and if they would but try the work we feel sure that they would never regret the step taken. Our autumn sewing classes are about to begin, may we not hope to see many new members? Work need not interfere with pleasure, the one should act as a stimulus to the other. We ask them, all who can, to come, and let no one say after reading this appeal, that she has not been specially bidden. While we have time, and we can all make that time, "let us do good unto all men." Blessings must attend all earnest work, and there is no greater happiness than that of being a joy and a help to others.

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