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# Monthly Letter Leaflet

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

VOL. XI.

TORONTO, MAY, 1894.

No. 1.

## Subjects for Prayer.

MAY.—The Indians of the Canadian North-West. The French Canadian Missions, and other Home Mission Work of the Church. For the Chinese in America.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke xix. 10.

"For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts iv. 12.

## HOME DEPARTMENT.

### Sudden Return of Missionaries from Central India.

Letters recently received inform us that Rev. W. J. Jamieson and Mrs. Jamieson sailed from Bombay, March 22nd, via Hong Kong, for America. The immediate return of

these friends was strongly advised by the Mission Council in India, on account of the serious illness of Mr. Jamieson. This blow falls very heavily upon Mrs. Jamieson, who but a few months ago arrived in India, but sustained by the God of all grace and strength, she is bearing up with wonderful cheerfulness and courage. Miss Jamieson is also returning home by the same steamer. This step was deemed advisable in the circumstances, by her physicians, who feared that her health would break down completely if she remained any longer in India. The time for Miss Jamieson's regular furlough is not far distant.

The strain of work has also to some extent impaired the strength of Rev. J. Wilkie, and he and Mrs. Wilkie are expected in Canada for a few months' rest at an early date.

*The members of our societies are requested to remember very earnestly in prayer, not only the laborers who are returning, but those who still remain in the field, that the needs of each one may be supplied by God, "according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*

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### Acknowledgment from Rev. Dr. Reid.

*Toronto, April 23rd, 1894.*

MRS. MACLENNAN,  
10 Murray St., Toronto.

DEAR MRS. MACLENNAN,—I have great pleasure in acknowledging receipt of yours of the 21st, with copy of resolutions, and, what is more valuable, with cheque for the amount of \$39,946.18.

This is really a very great lift to us, and I thank you for it, and more especially for the handsome way in which you advance to us the \$10,000.00 on account of salaries and expenses of the W. F. M. Society for the coming year.

Hoping that your success will be more and more marked every year, and with the prayer that the blessing of God may accompany the efforts of the Society,

I am yours very truly,  
W. REID.

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### Resolution of the Board on the Death of Mrs. Macdonnell.

It having pleased God in His infinite wisdom to call home to Himself, in the midst of a life of great usefulness and responsibility, our sister and fellow worker in Christ, Mrs. D. J. Macdonnell, we, the members of the Board of Management of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, desire to record our feeling of loss and sorrow at her removal.

As one of the founders of this Society and for more than twelve years an active member and officer of the Board, Mrs. Macdonnell rendered most valuable service to the cause of Foreign Missions, both by her pen and by her clear judgment and wise counsel in conducting the business of the Society.

When the pressure of other duties compelled her to retire, her resignation was accepted by the Board with unfeigned regret, and we continued to cherish the hope that she would after a time be able once more to take her place among us.

That hope will never be realized, and we bow in submission to the Divine will, knowing that our loving heavenly Father cannot err, but doeth all things well.

We are thankful for the good work which our friend was permitted to do for the Master whom she loved and served so faithfully during her earthly life, and take comfort in the assurance that she is even now rejoicing in His immediate presence "with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

### Increase.

*Presbyterial Societies :*

- BARRIE .....North Bay, Auxiliary re-organized.  
 " .....Duntroon, Juvenile Mission Band.  
 BROOKVILLE....Prescott, "Willing Workers" Mission Band.  
 CHATHAM .....Windsor, "Do What We Can" Mission Band.  
 CHATHAM.....Bethel Auxiliary.  
 TORONTO.....Parkdale, "The Girls' Mission Band."  
 " ..... Eglington, "Leslie Harrison" Mission Band.  
 LINDSAY .....Oakwood, Knox Ch. Auxiliary.  
 WINNIPEG .....Winnipeg, West End Presbyterian Ch. Auxiliary.  
 ROCK LAKE .....Carman, Mission Band.

### Life Members added in April.

- Mrs. John Wanless, jr., MacLaren Auxiliary, Bloor Street Church, Toronto.  
 Miss Helen C. Gordon, Murray-Mitchell Auxiliary, St. James Square, Toronto.  
 Miss Maria Mylne, San Diego, Cal., U.S.  
 Miss Christie-Bell McGaw, Topp Auxiliary, Knox Church, Toronto.  
 Mrs. Harriet Bacon, Cooke's Church Auxiliary, Toronto.  
 Mrs. James Anderson, Windsor.  
 Mrs. J. McAlpine, Chatsworth Auxiliary.

### Monthly Statement.

April 7th, 1894.

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce .....	\$40,386 65
Cheque to Dr. Reid, April 21st.....	39,946 18

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\$ 440 47

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Balance in Bank, April 23rd.....	\$440 47
"Olive Branch" M. B., Kingston .....	20 00
M. fee Miss Taylor, Copelston .....	1 00
Collection at Ottawa.....	106 56
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Expenses of Annual Meeting to date .....	\$ 23 75
Balance in Bank, April 24th.....	544 28
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E. MACLENNAN.  
*Treasurer.*

### Treasurer's Statement.

#### RECEIPTS.

March 13.	—Balance in bank.....	\$25,504 05
" 16.	Hamilton Pres. Society .....	3,132 65
" "	Brockville Pres. Society.....	1,450 00
" "	Ottawa Pres. Society additional .....	60 00
" "	West Church, New Westminster, B.C.	11 00
" 17.	Mr. Alex. Grant, Bryanston.....	1 00
" 19.	Glengarry Pres. Society.....	1,962 37
" 20.	Lindsay Pres. Society .....	1,431 65
" "	Kingston Pres. Society.....	1,294 11
" "	Rebate on Freight charges.....	1 99
" 21.	Huron Pres. Society.....	1,408 67
" "	Richmond Church, Westminster, B.C.	25 30
" 24.	Maitland Pres. Society.....	1,504 00
" 26.	Brandon Pres. Society.....	1,088 60
" "	Sarnia Pres. Society.....	577 88
" "	Lethbridge, Alberta, M.B.....	17 00
" "	Subscription Miss Fleshet, Minnedosa, Man.....	4 75
" 27.	Winnipeg Pres. Society .....	575 11
April 2.	Balance in hand of Sec.-Treas. of pub- lications (after paying expenses) now paid into general account ...	352 41
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		\$40,402 54

EXPENDITURE.

March 13.	Recording Secretary, postage, minute book, etc. . . . .	2 40
“ “	Postage on Life Membership certificates . . . . .	89
“ 14.	Secretary of supplies, postage . . . . .	2 15
“ 27.	Additional freight charges . . . . .	2 70
“ “	Foreign Secretary postage . . . . .	2 25
“ 31.	Charges on box to India, per Mrs. Wilson . . . . .	5 50
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		\$15 89
April 2.	Balance in bank . . . . .	\$40,386 65
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E. MACLENNAN,  
*Treasurer.*

**The Annual Meeting.**

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the W.F.M.S. of the Western Division was held in Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 17, 18, and 19, About 220 delegates were present, the societies in the eastern part of the Province being, as was to be expected, more numerously represented than those in the west. The President, Mrs. Ewart, occupied the chair at all the business sessions and conducted the meetings with her accustomed grace and ability.

On Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the proceedings began by a devotional meeting conducted by the President. Mrs. MacLaren offered the opening prayer and Mrs. MacLennan, President of the Owen Sound Presbyterial, spoke for a few minutes on The Great Invitation, Rev. 22. 17, "And the Spirit and the Bride say Come." Her remarks were appropriate and practical, and were a fitting introduction to the meetings. The devotional

exercises which followed and in which several delegates took part, were deeply earnest and impressive, and the whole service was felt to be one of great spiritual profit.

#### THE CONFERENCES.

The Board, viz., the 36 Managers and the Presidents of Presbyterian Societies, Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, met in conference with Presbyterian Secretaries and Treasurers at half-past four on Tuesday afternoon, and at half-past seven in the evening.

#### SHALL THE REPORTS BE SOLD?

The first subject considered in the afternoon was a suggestion from the Toronto Presbyterian Society, that the Annual Reports be sold instead of being distributed free of charge, and that they be ordered in the same way that the LETTER LEAFLET is now done. In regard to the second part of the suggestion, the President explained that the Reports not being a regular periodical could not be sent through the post office free as THE LEAFLET is sent. The question of selling the Reports was fully discussed and the points brought out were :- 1. That the labour and cost of distribution would be very great if small quantities or single copies of the Report were sold. 2. That those not interested in missions to whom the Reports might be a means of awakening, would not be likely to buy them, and consequently would not read them. 3. That the members of the Society have a right to know annually how the Board has discharged the responsibility entrusted to it.

A recommendation from the Hamilton Presbyterian Society, that the abstract reports of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands be omitted from the Annual Report, was then taken up. Mrs. Grant stated in connection with this proposal that it had been submitted to the Auxiliaries in the Hamilton P.S. and discussed by them, and that it was the custom of the Presbyterian officers

in their society to send down to the Auxiliaries questions as to their opinion on proposed changes or other important business to be brought before the Annual Meeting ; also, that this plan had been found helpful in stimulating interest in the work of the Society at large. The Home Secretary presented a draft tabulated statement, designed to take the place of the abstracts. It was shown that such a statement would be more useful as a source of information than the abstracts and would be easier to consult. If the tabulated statement were adopted the Presbyterial Reports would require to be fuller than at present, and might include items of interest in the Auxiliaries and Bands of sufficient importance to be mentioned. Secretaries of local societies would continue to send their reports to Presbyterial Secretaries for their information in preparing the Presbyterial Reports.

#### TUESDAY EVENING.

The recommendation of the Committee on the Training Home, as contained in the January LETTER LEAFLET was considered. A proposed amendment from the Deer Park Auxiliary, Toronto, was read by Mrs. Gray. This was to the effect that the Training Home be established on distinctly inter-denominational lines. The amendment was not entertained. It was thought well that the arrangements for establishing the Training Home be not delayed, as more young women would be likely to offer for the foreign work if the question of training were not so difficult as it is at present. The point was emphasized that the Home would be a means of testing the fitness of candidates, physically and otherwise, as well as of training them in practical mission work.

#### REPRESENTATION.

The discussion arising out of a notice of motion from last year, that the representation be reduced, brought out a very decided expression of the feeling of the conference not to entertain

any thought of further reduction of the Annual Meeting in this respect, although the opinion was advanced by one or two members that only representative delegates should be allowed to vote.

#### SUPPLIES.

The next matter brought before the conference was a request from the Paris Presbyterial, that each Presbyterial Society be permitted to send clothing, etc., to one reserve for three years. The reason urged for granting this request was, that the Society, could in those circumstances become better acquainted with the needs of the Indians, and knowing what had been sent the previous year would, in the second and third year, be more likely to send suitable articles than under the existing method. Mrs. Jeffrey stated that the missionaries were now beginning more generally to furnish the Supply Secretary lists of articles required, with the ages and measurements of the children. This, if done in every case, would greatly assist in making the Supply department satisfactory both to the missionaries and to those sending goods. Several members of the conference expressed the fear that if a Presbyterial had one reserve for three years, they would not wish to give it up, and thus the work of supply would eventually pass out of the hands of the Board, who would nevertheless be obliged to carry the responsibility of it. Mrs. Beckstead, speaking for Glengarry, said the plan now followed was a good one, as there were advantages in having a school and a reserve alternately. The Secretary of supplies called attention to the large quantities of clothing which had been sent for adults during the past year, and read a letter from Professor Baird, stating that the disposal of the clothing was becoming a very heavy part of the work of the missionaries. An unexpected and large quantity of goods had come from the Eastern Provinces last year. In reply to a statement

regarding the barter of the clothing to traders by the Indians, the President said that it could not be denied that mistakes had been made, but that the missionaries had done their best to prevent them, and that the sending of the clothing had been and was still indispensable to the success of the Indian Missions.

#### LETTER LEAFLET.

A suggestion came from Brockville, that the LETTER LEAFLET might contain an order of service or programme each month, for auxiliary meetings. This was approved by the conference. It was also thought by Mrs. Alexander, of Ottawa, and others, that the time had come for some change in the form in which the news from the various fields appeared in the LETTER LEAFLET. A summary of the latest missionary intelligence was spoken of as a possible improvement, the conference seemed disposed, however, to leave contemplated changes to the judgment of the Board.

#### DEPUTATION TO THE NORTH-WEST.

The President expressed the desire of the Board that a deputation of two ladies be appointed to visit the North-West Reserves and collect more full and definite information regarding the work than is now within our reach. The travelling expenses of such a deputation would be about three hundred dollars. Dr. Marion Oliver, who was present, thought such a visitation would be of incalculable benefit, and said the missionaries in India would gladly welcome a deputation from Canada. The proposal was favourably received.

#### THE W.F.M.S. AND THE SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

The last question considered was whether the Society interfered with the other work of the Church, as was alleged in some quarters. The President gave strong expression to the opinion that the contributions of the W.F.M.S. were entitled to a separate column in the tabulated statements of the Blue

Book, and ought, in the judgement of many, to be classed a separate scheme. The Augmentation Fund was reported separately, although it was as much a part of Home Mission work as the W.F.M.S. was of foreign work. Members were reminded that one of the fundamental principles of the Society was that, in their giving, they should not interfere with the other schemes of the Church.

#### WEDNESDAY'S MEETINGS.

After the usual devotional exercises the President read her annual address, which was much enjoyed. We regret that our space will not permit of giving even the main points of this excellent address. We can but refer our readers to the Annual Report, where it will appear in full. We cannot pass from it however, without brief mention of the President's touching reference to the death of Mrs. D. J. Macdonnell, which, to herself personally, had been an irreparable loss. The resolution of the Board on this sad event will be found on page 3.

The Presbyterial reports occupied the next hour. They were full of interest and encouragement, but cannot be enlarged upon here, as they also will be found as usual in the Annual Report.

#### GREETINGS.

Greetings were presented by the Recording Secretary, from the Sister Society of the Eastern Division; the Methodist W.M.S.; the Philadelphia W.F.M.S.; the W.B. of the North-West, Chicago; the W.B. of Northern New York, the W.B. of F. M. Fifth Avenue, New York; Women's Union Mission Society, New York; W.B. of the South-West; W.B. of the Pacific Coast, Oregon; Woman's Occidental Board, San Francisco. From the Winnipeg Presbyterial and the Brandon Presbyterial, and from the Lethbridge Auxiliary. The Montreal W.M. Society sent a cordial letter, read by Miss Bessie MacMurchy; the greetings of the

McAll Association were presented by Mrs. Maclaren. Mrs. Tilton addressed the Society in the name of the Anglican Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Stephens represented the Congregational, and Mrs. McKay the Baptist organization.

REPORTS OF SECRETARIES, AND TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The annual reports of the various Secretaries of the Board, and the Treasurer's statement were presented on Wednesday afternoon in the usual order, each secretary speaking to her own report, and emphasizing important features in her own department. All branches of the work show gratifying progress. More missionaries were sent out this year than ever before, and there has been a large increase in the staff of native helpers. A note of sadness was heard in the announcement, that Rev. Mr. Jamieson, of Neemuch, C.I., and Mrs. Jamieson were on their way home, on account of the serious illness of Mr. Jamieson. Also that Mr. Wilkie is obliged to return for a season of rest, owing to impaired health. The prayers of the Society were requested for these missionaries. A special tribute was paid to Dr. Marion Oliver, for the great benefit conferred on the Society by her addresses in many places. Grateful acknowledgement was also made of the services rendered by Miss McWilliams, who visited societies as her strength permitted, and spoke on the needs of India.

In the Home department, growth in systematic giving was reported. Notwithstanding business depression, difficulty and loss, the careful gathering of small sums by the "willing-hearted," had resulted in a total greater than that of any previous year. The isolated Auxiliaries were specially commended. The appointment of a Mission Band Secretary in each Presbyterian Society was strongly urged. The membership of the Society, although 50 Auxiliaries and 25 Mission Bands had been added, remained almost stationary, but faithfulness and activity had characterized their efforts.

The report of supplies showed an unusually large quantity of clothing and bedding forwarded to the schools and reserves during the year, and pointed out difficulties in the work of distribution, and dangers to be guarded against in the direction of over-supply.

The publication department reported a year of prosperity. The LETTER LEAFLET had, at the end of April, a subscription list of 12,115. Notwithstanding these high figures, there were still a few Auxiliaries and Bands who did not subscribe for it. The sales of the LETTER LEAFLET for the year amounted to \$1,392.90. After meeting all expenses, a balance of \$352.41 from the publishing department was handed in to the general fund. The sales of the other publications, leaflets, maps, etc. had also been large.

The financial statement showed receipts from all sources during the year to be \$41,822.31, being \$30 in advance of last year. It was pointed out that the regular giving of the Society had increased more than would at first sight appear, for in the previous year a bequest of \$1000 had been received, whereas there had been no large donations during the year just closed.

The reports, including that of the Nominating Committee, presented by Mrs. Thorburn, were unanimously adopted, on motion of Mrs. Needham, Orillia, seconded by Mrs. McLennan, Cornwall.

#### BUSINESS FROM LAST YEAR.

The recommendation of the Special Committee on the Training Home, as it appeared in the January LETTER LEAFLET, was adopted without modification, on motion of Mrs. Thorburn, Ottawa, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, Barrie. An amendment from Deer Park Auxiliary, asking that the Home be established on distinctly interdenominational lines, giving reasons, was presented by Mrs. Duncan, but could not be considered, as it was shown

that the Board had not power to make a new departure in the direction indicated, being, as it is, auxiliary to the Foreign Mission Committee.

The recommendation of the conference, that the annual reports be distributed free of charge, as heretofore, and the tabulated statement, in the form submitted by the Home Secretary, substituted for the abstract reports, was agreed to, on motion of Mrs. Fraser, Lancaster, seconded by Mrs. Breckenridge, Toronto. It was agreed, on motion of Mrs. Gray, Brampton-seconded by Mrs. McAllister, Iroquois, that the allocation of the supplies to Indian schools and reserves be left entirely in the hands of the Board of management.

In the absence of Miss Caven, Mrs. Thorburn read a circular letter from Mrs. Blaikie, Edinburgh, President of the International Union of Women's Presbyterian Foreign Mission, ary Societies, which will appear in next month's LETTER LEAFLET.

#### EVENING MEETING.

A large audience assembled in St. Andrew's Church at the public meeting on Wednesday evening. Mr. Hamilton Cassels, convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, occupied the chair. The Rev. Mr. Herridge welcomed the Society to Ottawa, and to St. Andrew's Church. After prayer, led by the Rev. Dr. Ward-robe, the Rev. Dr. Moore gave a brief summary of the work of the Society for the past year. Addresses followed by Rev. Mr. MacVicar and by Rev. Dr. McKay, Formosa. Mrs. McKay also spoke a few words in Chinese which were interpreted by Dr. McKay. The collection, which amounted to \$106, was an unusually liberal one.

#### MEETING OF THE BOARD.

On Thursday morning at ten o'clock the Board of Management met in the school room for the election of officers. The

election was conducted by Mrs. Thorburn, convener of the nominating committee.

While the Board was in session a devotional meeting, presided over by Miss Scott, Ottawa, was held in the church, at which Miss McWilliams, returned missionary from Central India, delivered a most interesting and helpful address.

When the society re-assembled at 11.30 a.m. a paper was read by Mrs. Grant, Orillia, on "The duties of Members of our Society and the responsibility of the women of the Church to Foreign Mission Work." It was followed by a short but animated discussion on methods of work. Mrs. Grant's paper was highly appreciated, and, at the request of the meeting, will appear in next month's LETTER LEAFLET.

#### NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

There were two invitations for the next annual meeting; the first from Peterboro', presented by Miss Dickson, and urged by Mrs. Cook, Smith's Falls; and the other from Toronto, conveyed by Mrs. Gray, President of Toronto Presbyterian Society. The Society agreed by a vote of 70 to 51 to accept the invitation to Toronto.

#### THE NEW OFFICERS.

The first item of business on Thursday afternoon was the announcement of the new officers of the Society, as elected by the Board in the forenoon. These were: President, Mrs. Ewart; First Vice-President, Mrs. MacLaren; Second, Mrs. G. H. Robinson; Third, Miss Haight; Fourth, Mrs. Ball. Home Secretary, Mrs. Shortreed; Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Harvie; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Jeffrey; Secretary-Treasurer of Publications, Mrs. Telfer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hugh Campbell; Secretary of International Alliance, Miss J. Caven; Assistant Home Secretary, Miss Shortreed; Assistant Secretary of Publications, Miss Telfer; Treasurer, Mrs. MacLennan.

After an acknowledgement by Mrs. Ewart of the high honour she felt it to be to continue for so many years to hold the office of president, a standing vote of thanks was passed to the officers of the Board, on motion of Mrs. Hossack, President of Stratford Presbyterian Society.

#### DISPOSAL OF THE MONEY.

The money raised during the year was appropriated by vote of the Society as follows: \$28,746.13 to be paid to the Foreign Mission Committee; \$300 each to Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Grant for their respective schools in Trinidad; \$100 each to Mrs. Amand, Mrs. Robertson, and Miss McKenzie for school work in the New Hebrides; and \$300 for mission work in the New Hebrides at the discretion of the Committee. In addition to these sums, it was agreed that \$10,000 be now paid to the F. M. Committee, to meet salaries and other expenses in connection with the work of the W.F.M.S. during the coming year. Mrs. MacLennan explained that this grant would be of the greatest assistance to the Committee at this time, and expressed a hope that the day might come when all expenditure would be met in advance.

#### ADDRESSES BY MISSIONARIES.

Dr. Marion Oliver addressed the Society at length on Medical Mission work in India, giving many deeply interesting details of the work in the Women's Hospital at Indore.

She was followed by Miss Baker, who narrated the history of the Mission to the Sioux Indians, near Prince Albert, where she laboured for fifteen years, first in connection with the Home Mission and more recently exclusively among the Indians.

The presence of these two devoted missionaries was felt by all to be a very high privilege, and their earnest and im-

pressive words will linger long in the memories of all present. We regret that want of space prevents us from giving more than this passing notice of what was indeed the most enjoyable feature of the meeting.

The president was assisted in the devotional exercises at the various sessions by Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. Harvie, Mrs. Shortreed, Mrs. Alexander, Ottawa ; Mrs. Byers, Gananoque, Miss Brown, Prescott ; Mrs. Grant, Hamilton ; Mrs. Fraser, Lancaster ; Mrs. Steele, Dundas ; Mrs. Gray, Brampton ; Mrs. Thorburn, Ottawa ; Mrs. McAllister, Iroquois, and others who voluntarily took part in the prayer meetings. but whose names we were unable to learn.

The music was very efficiently conducted by a choir of ladies, and a solo by Miss Code on Tuesday afternoon, as also "The Better Land," sung by Miss Cole, on Wednesday afternoon, were important contributions to the pleasure of the meeting.

Tea was served in St. Andrew's church, on Wednesday evening, much to the enjoyment of the delegates. This pleasing occasion was but one of the many ways in which the friends in Ottawa showed kindness to the Society. Their hospitality was most generous, and it is felt to be only due that a special acknowledgment of it be made here. Among instances of their thoughtfulness was the excursion by electric railway on Thursday evening to the Chaudiere Falls, the Electric Power House and the Harmon Institute. Each of the delegates from a distance was also presented by an anonymous donor with an illustrated booklet as a souvenir of Ottawa and vicinity.

The spirit of the meeting was that of joy and gratitude, and the presence of the Master was felt in our midst. The results will, we trust, be manifested in lives more consecrated and in labours more abundant in days to come.

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

*Central India.*

### Difficulties in Medical Mission Work.

FROM DR. MAGGIE MCKELLAR.

*Neemuch, C.I., Jan. 1, 1894.*

A Happy New Year to all the readers of the LEAFLET. Grant that whether in Canada or India, our prayer may be :

“ Another year is dawning ;  
Dear Master, let it be,  
In working or in waiting,  
Another year with Thee.”

Christmas has come and gone and it has been the brightest and happiest that many of us have spent in this land, because God has given us proof that all the words which we have spoken in the past have not been in vain. What a glorious day it will be for India when Christmas will mean to her what it does to our hearts ; then there will be no need of one saying to another, “ know the Lord.”

If hearing the Word meant receiving it, then many in the last few months would have been named by the name of Jesus. From fifty to a hundred hear the Gospel every day in the dispensaries. Many, I know, have to listen against their wills. I have found that we might have, to all appearance, a very attentive audience, but when asked individually about what had been said, they could not tell. In the first pause, a new patient would be sure to ask one, or all, if allowed, of the following questions : “ Has the Dr. Miss Sahib made her marriage yet ? ” or, “ Why does she not wear rings, bracelets and earrings ? ” or “ How does she get into her dress ? ” or “ What makes her skin so white and has she medicine to make mine white like that ? ”

I am adopting a plan now, the success of which I will be better able to tell a month hence. After the service, and when they come to me for their medicine, if they cannot tell me something

of what has been said, they must go back and listen until they can. The first day I tried it, there were only four who had not to go back. Of course, we must be very patient with them, for they have never been taught to listen or think for themselves. The Mahommedan women especially, hate the name of Jesus and if it is possible, by hook or by crook, they will not come to the service. The rule in the dispensary is, "First come, first served," independent of their caste distinctions; so of course those who are at the service, get their medicine first. I happen to have the happy faculty of remembering faces, although not names, so can tell when a woman presents herself for medicine, whether I saw her face at the service or not. Last Wednesday a woman, a Mahommedan, came among the first for medicine, so I said she must go back and wait as she had not been present at the service. This she denied at first, but saw it would not work, so pressed her claim by saying that the medicine was not for herself, but for the baby, and she had sent him as soon as the door was open. Yes, she had sent him in the arms of a little girl of six or seven, scarcely able to carry him. I would have treated the little baby gladly, but I wanted the mother to know that she must bring the child herself so that she might hear of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me," and to learn that He is waiting to receive all who come in a child-like spirit.

A few days ago another Mahommedan was talking freely about Jesus and admitting that He was a good man. Just then the hymn, "The Light of the World is Jesus," was started in Hindi; when she caught the words, she got up with an angry face and walked out of the room, without her medicine, saying, "He is not the light of the world. Don't ever sing that before me."

Many of the Hindoo women think that we will make Christians of them, by putting something into their mouths, con

sequently many of them sit with their mouths covered. They have some very nasty ideas, at least they give expression to them in words whether they believe them in their hearts or not. One of this number came a few weeks ago to have a tooth pulled. While I went to get my forceps, she prepared herself for the operation, by stuffing her mouth full with her *sari*. I said she must remove the cloth as I could not even see the tooth, let alone get the forceps on it and asked her why she had done so. She gave this answer to the dispensary servant standing by : "I am afraid she will spit in my mouth and make a Christian of me." After being assured that I had been many months at work and that I had never been known to do such a thing, she consented after having my bright antiseptically clean forceps rubbed off on the dirty cloth of one of her caste women and still holding one fold of her *sari* over her tongue.

Some of you will say that you would not give in to them, that if they were really suffering with pain, they would submit to almost any treatment. I know that patients in Canada will, but not patients here. I have seen them sick unto death with pain and yet would refuse all aid rather than do anything that they thought would in any way hurt their caste or religion. I have seen some high-caste women faces, I suppose, for the last time at the dispensary, because they saw me touch and treat a low-caste woman before them. In one such case when I had to apply medicine with a camel's hair brush on the eyes of a low-caste woman, the high-caste women left rather than have me touch them after what they had witnessed. They told what the Dr. Miss Sahib had done, and a short time afterwards one of their caste came to have her eyes treated. When she saw me get a brush, not the same at all, she looked horrified and refused that treatment, begging for something else. I felt I must be firm with her, but with what result? I have never seen her since. Last week in the camp dispensary some high-caste

women who had been coming daily for treatment, saw me for the first time treating a low-caste woman before them. When their turn came and I asked for their tickets, they put them, bottles and all, on the floor, and gathered their clothes close to them for fear that I should touch them. There was no use reasoning with them, so I gave in to them, and when the bottles were filled, placed them again on the floor for them to pick them up, but alas, days have passed and they have not darkened the door since. Nothing but the Gospel of Jesus in their hearts can make them see as we do.

The camp dispensary has been opened since June. Now that we have the cold weather I have this one open from 9 to 1 and the city one from 3 to 6 or until all are treated, so that the days are busy ones but very happy ones.

For the last two or three weeks, I have only had a handful of patients at the city dispensary, as all the women who are in a fit condition at all are out in the opium fields. At first the opium is sowed broadcast like wheat, but when the young shoots come up, they have to be thinned out at regular intervals. As many as eighty women may be seen at this work in one small field. They all sit at work and each one only does about three or four square yards in a day, consequently they only get about a penny a day with all the opium plants that have been picked out of the square in the thinning process. These they boil and spice up and use as a vegetable. At present the Opium Commission is taking evidence for and against the consumption of opium in India, but I guess it will be many months before we hear the results.

The Mission box has come and its contents divided. I was quite disappointed that there were no ready-made bandages, for they are so necessary. For the last two months I have had to buy cotton and make bandages, and it takes such a time to roll

them properly by hand ; I hope another year that there will be many sent out. In Miss Duncan's private box that came from Stratford, there were about a dozen rolls of bandages, so that I am more than thankful to the thoughtful giver, whoever she may be. I wonder if it was one of the readers of the LEAFLET that rolled a bandage on a Maltese cross, cut out of pasteboard, and wrote these words upon it, " We must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God." I remember well the day I found it in my hand, at the end of the bandage, after putting the last few yards of it on a little boy suffering with hip-joint disease. It made my heart glad, and I showed it to the Christian girls helping me and said, that some one who loved the Lord Jesus Christ had put that ticket there to convey a message to us. We have the ticket tacked on the wall and when the days are dark and discouraging, we say that God's own words are being fulfilled in us. I mention this so that perchance the one who put it there may find that the " bread cast upon the waters " has returned " after many days."

A council meeting took us all to Indore, shortly after the arrival of the new missionaries. So we were delighted to welcome them to our little band and pray that all may long enjoy good health to labour for the Master here, where witness-bearers for Him are so much needed.

We in Neemuch felt a want in not having a mem Sahib, but with the arrival of the missionaries, our want became supplied, and Mr. Jamieson labours no more alone.

Miss Duncan is hard at work at her Hindi and school work.

Miss Jamieson is rejoicing that soon she will have suitable buildings to do her work in Neemuch.

## The Great Need of Teachers and Zenana Visitors.

FROM DR. AGNES TURNBULL.

{ *C. P. Mission Hospital,*  
{ *Indore, Central India, Feb. 1, 1894.*

I fear you can scarcely forgive me for being so long in answering your very kind letters, but I trust you will put it down, not to forgetfulness, because I many a time think of all the readers of the LEAFLET whom I know, but just to the fact that the lives of even our new missionaries in India are not by any means idle ones and that much that they would like to do has often to be left undone. I have been in India over a year now, but the time has gone so rapidly that I can hardly realize I have entered upon my second.

I was particularly requested before leaving Canada to devote my first year to the language and take up no work, but we cannot always do what might be best, and so, when Miss McWilliams was obliged to leave, I took up her school work, as the other ladies had their hands full. I have, therefore, had charge of this school for six months, which is held in the native city, just over our dispensary.

The work is, to me, very interesting, though very different from teaching at home; for the children are quite devoid of any knowledge of law and order; application and method are to them, also, unknown qualities. I find it very difficult to get them to think, and one is greatly surprised at their utter ignorance of the most commonly known things. For instance, I have asked, not the little children only, but women, how many hours there are in a day and how many days in a week, and they have been quite unable to tell me.

My daily attendance is generally about thirty, though there are nearly fifty on the roll. A few of them are married women,

who, often bringing their babies, come for the purpose of learning to read and write a little, and the rest are girls ranging from thirteen years of age down to four.

I need scarcely tell you that special attention is paid to their religious instruction. I try to make everything as plain and clear to them as possible, and both my teachers and myself feel rewarded when we hear even the tiniest of them repeating, from memory, the beatitudes, for instance, or answering the questions put to them from the life of Christ, or the Catechism, or singing together, in Hindi of course, but to the dear old tunes, such hymns as "Come to Jesus" or "Oh, that will be joyful!" I earnestly hope and pray that many, yes all, may be so deeply impressed by the words of our dear Master, that they may be led to trust in Him alone as their God and Saviour, instead of in the miserable images of wood and stone that many of them still worship devoutly.

On Christmas morning, when we had the grand distribution of prizes for all the Indore Sunday schools, my girls, even the little tots, turned out nicely, some being rewarded for their diligence with prizes, and all going away perfectly happy with a card and some native sweetmeats. They were also much pleased with the present of a doll or piece of cloth from the Mission box, that each one received who had attended regularly.

I visited the homes of all the children some time ago, and found all the parents much pleased to see me. In the houses of the rich, a grand seat was prepared for me, with a bright shawl or blanket thrown over it and a brighter rug beneath. Here I sat while the women loaded me with wreaths of flowers and rubbed native perfumes upon my clothes, and, if it was not a house where the women were purdah, there were generally as many neighbours looking on as could possibly crowd around. Native fruits and sweets or spices were then offered to me, of which I partook sparingly, as you might expect; and then after speaking a little.

or singing by special request, I would depart and enter, maybe the humblest home, where there was only a rush matting spread upon the ground to sit upon. In some of the high-caste homes the mothers showed me their own family temple and gods among their chief treasures ; and when I asked them to come out and listen to the story of the one true God in Sunday school, they sadly shook their heads and said: " Miss Sahib, we cannot go there, but you please come here."

I fear I am wearying you, but you asked me to tell you about my work, so I have told you a little. I regret much that I have not far more time to devote to them ; but I hope the day is not far distant when someone else will be able to take up the work, not only as teachers in school, but also as zenana visitors in the homes where, I believe, many of the women would willingly listen and learn.

Some months ago, Dr. O'Hara took a trip down to Ceylon, as you know, with Dr. McKellar and Mr. and Mrs. Russell, returning before the others, however, as she did not intend visiting all the places they did. In her absence, I had charge of all the medical work also, and was kept very busy indeed, as it was the most unhealthy time of the year, at the drying up of the rains. I got along nicely, however, though I had some very difficult cases and was nobly assisted by our matron and the two nurses.

You asked about my Hindi and my health, and I fear one has depended much upon the other, because I have never been really well, and my head has troubled me so much with its almost incessant aching that I have not been able to study at all as I would have desired, even when I was free to do so. I have done something at the language, however, and do not find it difficult. Our examination comes off at the end of this month, and I must hope to be successful.

We joyfully welcomed the new missionaries some time ago and are glad to have so many of them with us in Indore.

Miss Calder, Miss Duncan and I, all hope to go to the hills this coming hot season, and trust that we may return fresh and strong for our future work. I am thankful to be able to say that all our staff are again as well as usual. Dr. O'Hara joins me in sending kindest regards to all the ladies.

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