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"The World for Christ."



Monthly Letter Leaflet.

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

VOL. V. TORONTO, JANUARY, 1889. No. 9.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.—For all branches of this Society: that each member may be able to consecrate time and money to the work of Foreign Missions. For all Sister Societies in Canada, in Great Britain and in the United States. For Rulers, that their hearts may be disposed to seek the good of the kingdom.

The Formosa Correspondence.

Within the past few weeks many enquiries have been made about the meaning of a pamphlet which has been sent to members and officers of the Society, in answer to which the Board of Management desires to state that the wives of Missionaries in our various foreign fields have—as the ladies are aware—been in correspondence with the Board since the beginning of our work, but, not being sent out by this Society or supported by it, this correspondence has been a matter of courtesy on their part, of which the Board has gladly availed itself, placing a high value on the varied, fresh and interesting intelligence received in that way.

The Board has exercised, and must reserve to itself, the right to make such selections from these letters as may be considered

suitable for publication, and in thus dealing with this correspondence, and with the letters of the Missionaries supported by the Society, the cordial approval of the writers has hitherto been received.

In the case of letters from Formosa, however, the writers find fault with the Board for not publishing their letters in full, and Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson, and also Dr. McKay, have lately written letters of so extraordinary a character that the Board has thought it best to place them in the hands of the Foreign Mission Committee, who alone can deal officially with them, and from whom a deliverance on the subject may shortly be expected.

The pamphlet referred to would seem to have been sent out because the Board did not publish the letters in full.

NOTE.

In addition to the foregoing, the Publication Committee desire to state, that whatever in the letters received from Missionaries (after careful reading) is thought to be useful or interesting to the Auxiliaries or Mission Bands is published in the Letter Leaflet. Any questions or suggestions contained in them, over which the Board has no control, are sent on at once to the Foreign Mission Committee. This has been the invariable rule from the first.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Letter Leaflet.

According to instructions at last annual meeting, a Committee has been appointed to consider the whole question of the Letter Leaflet, in connection with a proposal from the Barrie Presbyterian Society.

To assist the Committee in the discharge of its duty an answer is requested to the following question:—Will each Auxiliary and Mission Band kindly let the Home Secretary know, at their earliest convenience, if they are willing to pay, as an annual subscription for the Letter Leaflet, the sum of twelve cents, or one cent each copy, in order to place the Board in a position to apply to the Government for free postage?

REPORT OF THE SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the
Season 1888.

Addresses and Mission Fields to which the supplies have been sent and names of societies sending :—

To Mrs. John Murray, Brandon, for Indians near that town.—From Ormistown Auxiliary, Montreal Presbytery, 128⁷/₈ pounds clothing.

To Mr. R. N. Toms, File Hills' Reserve.—From Ottawa and Maitland Presbyterial Societies : 570 pounds valuable clothing from Ottawa Auxiliary and Mission Band, Aylmer, Chelsea, South Russell, Masham, Manotick and East Gloucester ; 1,800 pounds clothing, one bale of it new, from Kincardine, Ripley, Huron, Amberly, Lucknow, Whitechurch, Wingham, Bluevale, Brussels, Ethel and St. Helen's Auxiliaries, and the Kincardine, Sutherland and Ripley Mission Bands. Total, 2,370 pounds.

To Miss Rose, Piapot's Reserve.—From Lanark and Renfrew, and from Chatham Presbyterial Societies, 2,236 pounds, contributed by Burnstown, Bristol, Admaston, Pakenham, Stewartville, Beachburg, Almonte, Douglas, Pembroke, Castleford, Almonte (2nd), White Lake, Smith's Falls and Barr's Settlement Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, good warm clothing, 900 pounds, 100 pounds being new, contributed by Chatham, Chatham Centre, Florence, Thamesville, Bothwell, Blenheim, Ridgetown, Windsor, Valetta, Comber Auxiliaries and the Mission Bands "Oliver," First Presbyterian Church ; "Little Workers" Mission Church ; "May" Mission Band, St. Andrew's Church, and "Loyal" Mission Band, Blenheim. Total, 3,136.

To Rev. Hugh McKcy, Round and Crooked Lakes' Reserves.—From Brockville, Glengarry and Kingston Presbyterial Societies, 820 pounds, contributed by the Auxiliaries at Cardinal, Brockville, Spencerville, Morrisburg, Dunbar, Farmersville, Lyn, Merrickville, Colquhoun and Prescott ; 770 pounds, 195 pounds of it being new, from the Glengarry Auxiliaries and Mission Bands ; 870 pounds by St. Andrews' and "Willing Workers" Mission Band, Cook's Church, Kingston ; Seymour, Stirling, Picton, Gananoque, McDonald's Corners, Madoc and Amherst Island. Total, 2,460.

NOTE.—A "Manikin" which had been in use in the Women's Medical College, Kingston, was forwarded to Drs. Oliver and

Beatty, in charge of the missionaries Dr. Mary McKay and Dr. Buchanan. It is to be used in the hospital at Indore. And dolls—see India notes.

To Mr. John McLean, Assiniboine Reserve.—From Peterborough and Bruce Presbyterial Societies, 1,800 pounds, 450 pounds of it being new, contributed by the Auxiliaries, Port Hope, First Church, and Mill Street Church, Cobourg; Campbellford, Baltimore, Keene, Hastings, Grafton, Bobcaygeon, Cold Springs, Lakefield, Colborne, Peterborough, and the Mission Bands at Port Hope, Cobourg, Peterborough and Centervills; 900 pounds by the Auxiliaries Teeswater, Underwood, Port Elgin, Paisley and Walkerton; 187 pounds of the donation of the latter was new and one parcel of Paisley contribution. Total, 2,700.

To Rev. Geo. Flett, for Okanase, Rossburn and Rolling River Reserves.—From Whitby, Lindsay and Barrie Presbyterial Societies—703 pounds of every description from Newcastle, Newtonville, Oshawa Auxiliary and Mission Band, Orono, Claremont, Whitby, Bowmanville, Pickering, Kendal, Port Perry, Brooklin, etc.; 200 pounds from Beaverton and Cambray Auxiliaries, and 150 pounds, twenty-one pounds of it being new, from Greenbank, Sunderland, Leaskale, Uxbridge Auxiliaries, and "Cheerful Helpers," Sunderland—350 pounds; 500 pounds contributed by Orillia, Barrie, Alliston and Collingwood. Total, 1,553 pounds. Churchill Auxiliary, Barrie P. S., sent \$8 and a parcel, and Collingwood Children's Mission Band a parcel to Toronto to be forwarded with its contribution to Côté's Reserve.

To Rev. John McKay, Mistawasis' Reserve.—From Toronto Presbyterial Society, 1,990 pounds, about one-third of it new, from the following Auxiliaries and Mission Bands: Agincourt, Bolton, Brampton, Central Church, and Girls' Mutual Aid Association, Central Church; Charles Street Church, Cooke's Church, College Street Church, Chalmers' Church, East Church, St. Andrew's Church Woman's Association, St. Andrew's Sabbath School, box children's books and toys; Streetsville, Alexander Auxiliary (Norval), Murray Mitchell Auxiliary (St. James' Square), Burns' (West Church), Weston, West Toronto Junction, Parkdale, York Townline, "Hopeful Gleaners," "Willing Workers" and "Steady Streams," Toronto. Old St. Andrew's and Knox Churches, with a few friends, contributed school books, etc., for Rev. H. McKay's school. New Richmond, Que., congregation sent a parcel with Toronto goods. Three hundred and eighty pounds good second-hand clothing from the Auxiliaries above mentioned were sent for the Boarding School on Côté's Reserve.

Mrs. John McLeod, Portage la Prairie, for the School for Indians.—From Owen Sound Presbytery—540 pounds from Division Street Church Auxiliary, mostly new, house furnishings; Knox Church Mission Band, one box; Johnston and Daywood Auxiliary, one box.

To Rev. W. S. Moore, Muscowpetung and Pasqua's Reserves.—From Saugeen, Orangeville and Huron Presbyterial Societies, 1008 pounds, contributed by the following Auxiliaries, Mount Forest, Arthur, Clifford, Holstein, Guthrie Church, Harriston; Knox Church, Harriston; Durham, and a parcel of fifty pounds from another; 300 pounds from Orangeville, Erin, Cheltenham, Primrose and Shelburne, Alton [NOTE.—A parcel, about twenty-five pounds, sent by Hornings' Mills Auxiliary to Toronto to be forwarded to the school on Côté's Reserve.]; 1,150 pounds, 490 pounds of it being new, from the following Auxiliaries and Mission Bands: Blyth, Brucefield and Mission Band; Clinton and Mission Band, Goderich and Mission Band, Kippen, Kirkton, Seaforth, Thames Road and Mission Band, Egmondville, Bayfield Road and Smith's Hill. Manchester box sent to the Industrial School, Birtle. Total to above reserves, 2,458.

To Rev. John Gibson, Demerara.—From Guelph Presbyterial Society, assisted by a few friends, a great variety of useful presents and prizes for school children, among which were over 200 garments, all new; dolls dressed so that they can be undressed, work bags, beads, handkerchiefs, crochet work, sets of tools, samples, needles, spool boxes, cotton in piece, etc., etc. Societies contributing: Acton, Eramosa, Fergus, Melville Auxiliary and Mission Band; Galt, Knox Auxiliary and Mission Band; Guelph Auxiliary and Mission Bands; St. Andrew's Mission Band, Toronto; and from Markham Auxiliary a large donation. Guelph Societies also contributed about 700 pounds to the Bird Tail Creek Reserve, addressed to Mr. J. G. Burgess. A parcel new goods from Melville Church Mission Band, Fergus, included Melville Church Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary and Mission Band, Fergus, D. acon, Eramosa, Puslinch, Acton, Winterbourne, Ivy Mission Band, Guelph, Berlin, Hespeler Auxiliary and Mission Band. One bale, etc., from Galt. Total, about 800 pounds.

To our Missionaries, Central India, for the Schools.—From Hamilton Presbyterial Society, assisted by a few other societies, a great variety of useful presents and prizes, among which are over 300 dolls, cotton, 16 dresses, 24 skirts, baby jackets, d'oyleys, aprons, thread edging, piece flannel, pocket knives, scissors, patchwork, etc., etc. The following societies contri-

buted: St. Catharines Auxiliary, Knox Church Mission Band, "Lend-a-Hand," Haynes Ave., and "Willing Workers," St. Catharines. Hamilton—St. Paul's, Central Church, McNab Street Church Auxiliaries and Mrs. Malloch; Strabane, Dundas, Carluke, Burlington, Drummond Hill, Niagara Falls South, and from other presbyteries; Knox Church Mission Band, Toronto; King's Daughters' Mission Band, Chalmers Church, Quebec; King's Daughters' Mission Band, Cornwall; "Cheerful Gleaners," St. Mark's Sabbath School, and Parkdale Auxiliary; Morvyn House Band and Miss Wilke's Class, Toronto—about 500 pounds. 72 dolls were packed in with the "Manikin" from Kingston. Some dolls were sent from Ottawa, and through Miss Oliver, of Avonbank, the following mission bands assisted: Carleton Place, Owen Sound, Knox Church, Woodstock, Goderich and Cobourg. Four of the Hamilton P. S. Societies contributed to the boxes sent from London to Côté's Reserve, viz.: Strabane (part of it new), Kirkwall, "Formosa's Helpers," and St. Catharines.

To Mr. Magnus Anderson, Stony Plains Reserve.—1638 pounds, 298 of it new, from the following in Paris Presbyterian Society: Ayr, Embro, Glenmorris, Brantford, Zion Church Mission Band, Gobles; St. Andrew's Church, East Oxford; St. Andrew's, Ingersoll; Knox Church, Ingersoll; St. Andrew's, Paris; St. George, Woodstock, Chalmers and Knox Churches.

To Rev. G. A. Laird, Côté's Reserve.—From London Presbyterian Society, 1370 pounds, 570 pounds of it being new, and of every description of useful warm apparel. Park Avenue Auxiliary, North Westminster, Glencoe, Mosa, London South, Belmont, St. Thomas, St. Andrew's, London, Victoria Mission Band, Vanneck, Thamesford, Kintore, West Lorne, contributed. The King's Messengers' Mission Band sent their 110 pounds to Miss Baker for Indians near Prince Albert.

To Miss Baker, Prince Albert, and for the same Indians.—From Sarnia Presbyterian Society, 400 pounds. Parkhill Mission Band gave 2 heavy quilts with other things.

To Mr. Burgess, Bird Tail Creek Reserve.—From Stratford Presbyterian Society, 900 pounds. Two bales were new.

Port Arthur and Winnipeg Auxiliaries and Brandon Presbyterian Society were requested not to prepare clothing this year.

Columbia Mission Band, Westminster, B.C., has a box of useful articles ready for shipping to a mission on one of the New Hebrides by a vessel sailing from there direct.

If any societies are omitted, please notify Home Secretary.

The thanks of our Society are tendered to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for forwarding the second-hand goods to the North-West at half rates of freight. Also to Messrs. G. P. Mitchell & Sons, Halifax, for forwarding the goods for Demerara free.

Notes from Supply Committee.

A larger proportion than usual of the clothing sent to the North-West was new. A great deal of the second-hand had been but little worn. Many blankets and quilts were sent; the latter were made chiefly of pieces of cloth, lined with home-made flannel. Some mission bands made fancy quilts and beautiful under-garments of flannel.

It is earnestly requested that at the Winter Meetings of Presbyterial Societies, committees shall be appointed to receive and pack the clothing, at whatever time is most convenient for the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, to prepare and send the parcels to one or more centres. The bales being ready at a time to suit members in the locality, may then be forwarded when the shippers are notified by the Home Secretary. The Committee should also see that only clothing of good quality is sent to such distances. In an Auxiliary a small committee of women accustomed to make over garments can value their parcels if desired.

MISSIONARY LETTERS.

Work Among the Indian Tepees at the Mission School.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, NOV. 6TH, 1888.

MISS WALKER.—We thankfully acknowledge receipt of three boxes of clothing from Owen Sound. Our stock of clothing was very low, and as winter begins in November in the North West, the boxes came just at the right time. It is a pleasure to be able to give a warm garment to one in need, and it is among the Indians that you see want and misery. The Indians of the Sioux Band are all settled in their winter homes (their wood tepees as these huts are called). Many of these tepees are quite comfortable. In some you see the walls papered and pictures

hanging on the walls, and brackets-made of pine boards for keeping the lamps on. In almost all of the tepees a part of the ground is floored. Those who have been working among the Indians of this Band say, that during the last two years a great improvement has taken place in the homes of these Indians. Surely this is an encouragement to carry on the work. You often hear of the work in the school and of the pupils; I think I will tell you a little about the tepees work. We visit, as often as we can, the homes of our pupils—speak to them when we can be understood, or do some little act of kindness. It is almost necessary, when you make one of these visits, to carry with you a little salve, ointment, and a few bottles of pain killer. The squaws have great faith in Davis' pain killer. We have to dress wounds in almost every tepee. The salve is much better if we apply it. A service is held every Sabbath afternoon in a tent made by the Indians (a few of them) and called their Church tepee. About twenty attend the Church. There have been thirty and once, more, at the service, but we consider twenty a good attendance. A few of the Indians take part in reading the hymns for the service, all join heartily in singing. One or two friends address the people in English, then one of the Band interprets. The question has been often asked me by friends at home--Are the Indians all pagans? One squaw openly professes Christianity. Three Indians never attend pagan worship. They say they do not intend ever to worship with the pagans again. When you ask these Indians if they love Christ and wish to lead better lives, they always say they do, and indeed they try to do right. I often think it is the Christian's example that has to do much in teaching our religions to those darkened minds. Am I making my letter too long? While I am writing it, Topsey is teaching some little girls a lesson, playing teacher. Topsey is very anxious to be thought well of by little girls in Canada. Much could be said about the pupils but I will leave this for another time.

November 20th, 1888.

Just received a box from Daywood & Johnson. We have secured the services of J. Thunder, the Indian Missionary who was with Miss Wight. He will be a great help in the life work.

Clothing Very Suitable.

BALGONIE, Nov. 20th, 1888.

MR. MOORE.—I received your kind and very encouraging letter in due time. I have just received six boxes and five bales from Saugeen Presbyterial Society, and two bales from the Orangeville Presbyterial Society; the clothing was all in good condition, and could not possibly have been more suitable for our wants and has taken away any anxiety we may have felt regarding the clothing of our children until April. The clothing for the old Indians was largely taken and well appreciated. Our very best thanks are due to both the Saugeen and Orangeville Presbyterial Societies for this abundant supply to assist us in the Master's work. Our school is still continuing to be well attended this quarter, and the children's progress, both in education and religion, is very encouraging, due, I may say, to our teacher, Miss Wright, in a great measure, under the Lord's blessing.

Good Work in the School at Okanase.

Nov. 16th, 1888.

MR. FLETT.—I must acknowledge the safe arrival of all the clothes from the Presbytery of Lindsay, *e.g.*, the box of tools and the two bales of 21 and 129 lbs., and in answer I have to say that I am very thankful that the ladies are so kind to us, as they are doing a great deal of good both to Christian and heathen Indians, as it opens their hearts to see that the ladies take so much interest in them, and it makes the heathen more susceptible to Christianizing influence, as many of them are getting their children baptized and are sending them to school. I have given one box to Rossburn and a box to Rolling River, and I have also made up a box to send to the Industrial School, at Birtle, for the use of children from the Reserves in my charge.

P.S.—The school is doing well here. It is in charge of D. H. McVicar, B.A., the children are doing well and attend well, the average daily attendance being 18.

Happy death of an Indian Woman.

PIAPOT'S RESERVE, NOV. 18, 1888.

MISS ROSE.—The goods are all in, and not too soon. I have not written to any of the ladies, as, strange to say, we failed to find a single address. Where we found a manse, there was no post office address; to where a name of a town was found, there was attached no other name. This was unusual. There was a valuable personal gift to me from one Mrs. John Watson, no post office address. I would love to thank her through you. The attendance at school this term has been better than ever before. We have four boarders and will take more as soon as possible. I could get twenty now, if we were authorized to take them.* I cannot provide for any more at present, as flour costs \$4.00 per 100 lbs. laid down, and other things are expensive. We give dinner every day to from twenty-five to thirty natives, and their capacity is wonderful to see. Much of our success at present may be traced to the lengthened illness of a very intelligent Indian woman, who, though two years ago she could not tell when a book was upside down, took such delight in hearing God's Word that she knew much of the Gospel according to St. John by heart, and would recite quite perfectly the 3rd, 11th and 14th chapters in Cree. She died last night, glad in the faith, exhorting all about her to learn about Jesus. She gave me her three children. But we cannot take boys very well at present, and I spoke to Mr. Moore to take the boys in his school. The clothing is ample; we provide shoes. Two pair of slippers were very suitable; the other shoes sent were too small, but will be very useful in the future, I hope. Little Kate put on a pair of the slippers. I taught her to say "Thank you, good ladies in the East;" so the little sprite calls the slippers "Thank you, good ladies in the East." The boy, Joseph, of whom I wrote, has left the Reserve, but one, named Samson Wolfe, will come in for the favours sent to Joseph. Samson is a good clever boy, very kind to babies, and a good boy at play, and laughing is his great delight. If I should come to find any address among the goods, I shall be happy to write at once to the person's address.

So you see God is smiling upon us at last. We are glad.

NOTE.—The Supplies for Miss Rose were sent from the Presbyterian Societies of Chatham, and Lanark and Renfrew.

* This permission has been given by N.-W. Committee.

BALGONIE.

MISS WIGHT.—Would like to refer to the little book called "The Pictorial Tract Primer," which is a grand one for children. Frances may meet some little girl in Heaven whom her little book led to Jesus.

And now with regard to our school, I think I must say first that ours is a very busy institution; we have no matron just now, and, not to speak of the cooking, etc., it is no slight task to keep in repair stockings, dresses, pinnies, etc., etc., for so large a family. We always expect daily visits from the parents and friends of the children, and to-day we had fourteen such visitors, eleven of whom are spending the night with us and are sleeping now on the school-room floor. Each day they come they stay for two meals at least, and quite frequently remain all night. The children are bright and intelligent and doing well in school; they very seldom run away from school and seem to think it their home, and so it surely is. Miss Rose very kindly sent us over her magic lantern and the children are delighted with it.

Did I tell you that one of our girls took a prize for writing, drawing and fancy work?

We have thirty pupils and our house is full. Three times during the past two months have alterations been made in the rooms, each time with a view to making more room for children. As far as the Indians are concerned, there seems to be great prospect of our getting many more children, but want of accommodation and means to carry on the work yet stand in the way, but the Lord, who is inclining the hearts of the heathen toward the way of life, will incline the hearts of the people to support His work.

Last Saturday one of the parents came to see her children and took them home in the evening, and brought them back (10 miles) clean and tidy on Monday morning. One of them told us on his return that he did not forget to pray before he slept while he was absent from school. I think you would like to hear such a number of clear, sweet voices of Indian children singing the hymns that your Sabbath schools are singing, and one of them playing the organ. Quite a number of them play very nicely, and they are fond indeed of it.

Day before yesterday two new children were brought by their parents, yesterday one, and to-day two. Can we take in any more? For a few days after their arrival they are often very homesick, and it must not be wondered at, surely, for they are much attached to their friends, especially parents to children and children to their mothers. Sometimes they cry bitterly for a short time, but soon dry their tears and seem quite happy until

they think of home again. But don't we want our God to prepare them for that home where there will be no tears? Even now we can seem to see "children" there from China, India, Africa, and the Islands as well as His number of our Indian children singing praises to Him who has died to redeem us.

When I came here and found a well organised school, neat, tidy, well behaved children, I felt that the Master was surely saying to me, "I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour, other men laboured and ye are entered into their labours," for I know something of what the labour must have been. I do believe that the children at first thought me stern, but now when I notice them coming around me telling of their little ailments, etc., my heart is glad, and I think I can tell them of the Good Physician, and ask the Lord to give me grace to do His will.

Remember us at the mercy seat.

Clothing Received.

EDMONTON. N. W. T., S. P. RESERVE,

Nov. 26th, 1888.

MR. MAGNUS ANDERSON.—I am now in receipt of the goods which you mentioned in your letters, and glad to find the contents so valuable and useful: they are just the things which our poor friends require, in fact, although I had sent you an order, they could not have been more satisfactory than those just received.

I have dropped, as you requested, a note of thankfulness and gratitude to the ladies of the Paris Presbyterial who sent off the boxes: and, indeed, my indebtedness to them is more than I can express in words, would that such liberality and kindness was fully displayed by people who really could afford to do so. It is proof that a good Christian spirit prevails in the midst of those who forward such gifts, and I trust that they will feel a sense of pleasure and satisfaction for the offering.

Industrial Schools Opened.

BIRTLE. Dec. 4th, 1888.

MR. G. G. MACLAREN.—We thank you sincerely for your kind wishes for our success. I delayed answering until we had opened, which we did last week. We have begun with seven

children and the promise of eighteen or twenty more; but as many of the Indians are off hunting, it will take some weeks to collect them all. Those we have are bright and exceedingly well behaved. We have already received aid: one box of clothing from the W.F.M.S., of Rapid City, and to-day we received two large and well-packed boxes from Rev. Mr. Flett, so you need not be anxious about us this winter. Our building, a large three-storey one, is very comfortable.

We will be pleased to give you timely notice of our wants; your leaflet is duly received. Thanking you again for your kind wishes and words of encouragement.

Clothing Abundant.

ASSINIBOINE RESERVE, INDIAN HEAD, Nov. 14th.

MR. JOHN MOLEAN.—We have now abundance of clothing for our Indians for this year. all good and suitable. The clothing was sent by the Presbyterian Societies of Peterborough and Bruce.

[By kind permission of Miss Kerr, Galt.]

SANTO, June 27, 1888.

MRS. ANNAND.—Your very kind letter came to hand on the 26th of May. Many thanks for your affectionate regard of us and the deep interest you take in our work. It cheers us much to know that so many earnest Christian women at home are holding up our hands. The remembrance of this helps us on. We will do the best we can for these poor pagans. We know we have the prayers of very many dear followers of Jesus in Canada, and the-effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Please give the ladies of your Auxiliary my thanks for the book sent me; it reached the end of its long journey without a scratch. I prize it not only for its worth, for it contains many precious promises, but also for the sake of those whose kind hearts prompted them to send it.

Our health has been fair since Christmas. Mr. Annand has not been laid up with sciatica since the New Year, though he feels it all the time, more or less. We had a very rainy summer; we never saw so much rain in one season before. Notwithstanding this and the great heat, the health of the natives has been good; none of the men have died since we came here, but some

five or six women have died. Some of the people come to us for medicine now ; when they ask for it we give it, but *never* go to them and urge them to take it, because, if the person were to die, they might blame us and take our lives. Mr. Annand has a good many sores to dress for them. The Lord has been very good to us and caused the people to be friendly towards us, while others in the Mission have been in great danger this year. We have felt quite safe among our people. Mr. and Mrs. Morton, who last year, just a week before we settled here, settled in Malekula (between fifty and sixty miles south from us), have passed through a trying season. One of the natives, who belonged to another village near to them, was angry with some one in the village in which Mr. and Mrs. Morton live. So he said, "I will kill the missionary." He came one evening with his gun, looking for Mr. Morton. The blinds happened to be down that night. They had not been in the habit of putting them down, as they thought the people friendly ; but this night Mrs. M. says something prompted her to do so. Mr. Morton thought it needless, neither of them being aware of any danger. When the man could not see the missionary, he was turning away, when he saw a young Malo man, a servant of Mr. M. He attracted his attention, got him of his guard, and shot him through the back. As soon as the poor lad was shot he ran to the house, and fell down at his master's door and died soon after. His last words were "Jesus loves me." It was a great shock to poor Mrs. Morton ; they have been afraid to light a lamp at night ever since. They have both suffered very much from fever. They were here this month at the meeting of the Synod, and have gone in the *Dayspring* as far as Aniwa for a change.

Our people continue to attend church and school fairly well. We hope to get our first book from Sydney by the *Dayspring* in November. Mr. Annand sent the MS. away by H. M. S. *Diamond* a fortnight ago. We have two Santo young men staying with us. The *Dayspring* brought them from Sydney. One is from the south-east of Santo and has been away for nine years. The other one was taken away when quite a little boy and has quite forgotten his own language, and cannot tell to what part of Santo he belongs, and has even forgotten how to climb a coconut tree. They happened to fall into the hands of some Christian people in Sydney, and so both can read a little English and have some knowledge of the truth, and have been baptized. We trust they may stay with us and help us by and by to work among their kinsmen. They assist a little now in teaching the letters.

LIFE MEMBERS

should send their address to the Home Secretary, if they remove from one Presbytery to another, so that the Secretary of Presbyterial Society in which they are will send them "The Letter Leaflet."

INCREASE.

In Ottawa Presbyterial Society—Aylmer, Que., Mission Band organized by Miss Miller, 3rd October.

In Toronto Presbyterial Society—Parkdale Mission Band, by Mrs. Breiner and Mrs. Ewart, October 26th.

In Guelph Presbyterial Society—Chalmers' Church Auxiliary, Elora, by Rev. Dr. Middlemiss; Hespeler, Willing Workers' Mission Band, organized by the Auxiliary.

In Maitland Presbyterial Society—An Auxiliary in Gorrie congregation, October 20th.

In Bruce Presbyterial Society—The Mission Band of Knox Church, Tara, has been organized as an Auxiliary.

The Underwood Presbyterian Church Mission Band organized, November, by the Auxiliary.

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