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Monthly Letter Leaflet

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

VOL. XII.

TORONTO, JANUARY, 1896.

No. 9.

Subjects for Prayer.

JANUARY.—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 they may be disposed to seek the good of the Kingdom, and for the general spread of the Gospel.

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”—Mal. iii. 19.

“And God is able to make all grace abound towards you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.”—II. Cor. ix. 8.

Day of Special Prayer.

The annual meeting for special prayer for Foreign Missions, has been arranged by the Board to be held on Thursday, Jan. 9th, being the day set apart for that purpose by the Evangelical Alliance. Toronto societies will meet in Erskine Church, at 3 p.m., on the above date.

PROGRAMME.

Hymn 101, verses 1, 5, 6, 7.

Luke xi. 9-13.

1. Adoration ; and prayer for the presence and aid of the Holy Spirit in this and all similar meetings.

Hymn 121.

2. Confession of our personal unworthiness and shortcomings in service ; prayer for forgiveness.

Psalm 100.

Ps. xcvi.

3. Thanksgiving for our gospel privileges ; for the extension and development of the work at home and abroad ; for our Society, and for all that the Lord has wrought by and through it.

4. Thanksgiving for faithful missionaries and native helpers ; for their preservation in perils seen and unseen ; for those who have offered themselves for foreign service, and for any who may now be in course of preparation ; for the memory of beloved workers, whom, during the past year, the Lord has called to the heavenly home.

Hymn 219.

Prayer : That our missionaries may be preserved in health, comforted in trouble, kept safe in times of danger, encouraged in their work, and richly endued with love, wisdom and power.

John xvi, 1-16.

Hymn 109, verses 1, 2, 3 and 5.

I John iii.

6. Prayer ; That the Spirit may prepare the hearts of the people for the reception of the truth. That all hindrances to the spread of the gospel may speedily be removed ; and that the spirit of brotherhood may increasingly prevail amongst all engaged in preaching Christ. That native Christians may be kept from evil, established in the faith, and enabled to commend Christ to others.

Hymn 221.

7. Prayer ; That the Holy Spirit may bring home with new power to the heart of all ministers, office-bearers, and members of the Church at home their obligation to evangelize the world. That great wisdom may be given in the administration of foreign missions.

Hymn 270.

8. Prayer ; That a rich blessing may rest on the labours of our missionaries on furlough, on our missionary periodicals, and on all other efforts to deepen missionary interest, and that the Church may awaken to yet more earnest prayer ; and to a great increase of liberality in offerings for the extension of Christ's cause and kingdom.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Increase.

Presbyterial Societies :

SARNIA.....	Alvinston Auxiliary.
".....	Alvinston Mission Band.
HAMILTON.....	Smithville Auxiliary.
OTTAWA.....	"Stewarton" Auxiliary.
PARIS.....	Ayr, Stanley St. Ch., "Autumn Workers" Mission Band.
".....	Innerkip Mission Band.
BROCKVILLE.....	Merricksville Mission Band.
TORONTO.....	Toronto, "Kew Beach" Auxiliary.
GUELPH.....	Campbellville, St. David's Ch., reorganized.
".....	Nassagaweya Auxiliary.
".....	Glenallan Auxiliary.
WINNIPEG.....	Stonewall, "Willing Workers" Mission Band.

Life Members.

- Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Iroquois.
- " W. P. Smith, Portage la Prairie.
- " P. Gray, Brampton.
- " J. A. Macdonald, St. Thomas.
- " S. C. MacIntyre, Beamsville.
- " J. A. Turnbull, Burns Auxiliary, Toronto.
- " M. Anderson, St. John's Auxiliary, Almonte.
- " Goodwillie, Vernon.

Treasurer's Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Nov. 4th.—To balance in bank.....	\$1,312 84
" " —Miss Sinclair's expenses.....	8 90
" " —Orms town Aux. (additional less 25cts. exchange)...	59 75
" 12th.—Saugeen Pres. Society.....	76 00
" " —Hamilton Pres. Society.....	35 00
" " —Interest allowed by Bank.....	12 02

Total..... \$1,504 51

EXPENDITURE.

Nov. 6th.—U.C.T.S. three Bibles (for presentation).....	22 75
" " —Home Sec. postage from March to Oct.....	7 05
" " —Sec. of Supplies postage.....	1 50
" " —Foreign Sec.	1 52
" " —International ".....	35
" " —Walker & Son.....	1 67
" " —Selby & Co.....	50
" " —Additional freight to Bombay.....	1 50
" 28th.—Miss Sinclair (incidental expenses).....	6 57

Cash on hand.....	843 41
Bank balance.....	5 00
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	\$1,504 51

W. A. McGAW, *Treasurer.*

Peterborough Presbyterial Society "Scattered Helpers," 1894.

The following statement having been inadvertently omitted from the last Annual Report of the Society, is now printed by request :-

Cobourg Auxiliary.....	Members, 1-	\$12 00
Cold Springs.....	" 6-	2 50
Garden Hill.....	" 3-	3 25
Port Hope, First Church.....	" 2-	
Vernonville.....	" 3-	2 71
Warkworth.....	" 9-	17 33
Cobourg, "Daisy" M.B.....	" 4-	
Port Hope, "Helping Hands" M.B.....	" 4-	
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Total.....	32-	\$37 58

In the instances where amounts of contributions are not given, the sum was not reported to me.

S. E. GRAHAM, *P. Secy.*

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

Report of supplies of various kinds forwarded to the North-West Indian Reserves and Central India.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.—To Cote's Reserve, 1,250 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. C. W. Whyte.

BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.—To File Hills Reserve, 880 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Mr. Alex. Skene.

BRUCE PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.—To Mis-ta-wa-sis Reserve, 1,000 lbs. clothing for children in the school, consigned to Rev. W. S. Moore.

CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.—To Okanase Reserve, 950 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Miss McIntosh.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.—To Muscowpetung's Reserve, 1,800 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. Geo. Arthur.

- GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To File Hills Reserve, 1,800 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Mr. Alex. Skene.
- HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Central India 880 lbs. of gifts and prizes for the children in the schools, and some supplies for the Hospital at Indore, consigned to Rev. A. V. Ledingham.
- HURON PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Bird Tail Reserve a large supply of clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. J. McArthur; also, 480 lbs. clothing and Christmas gifts from the McGillivray M. B., Goderich, to Prince Albert.
- KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Round and Crooked Lakes Reserves, 11 bales of clothing for the children in the school, consigned to Rev. Hugh McKay.
- LANARK AND RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Round and Crooked Lakes Reserves, 1,100 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. Hugh McKay.
- LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Birtle School, 1,240 lbs. clothing for the children in the school, consigned to Mr. N. Gilmour.
- LONDON PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Cote's Reserve, 3,000 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. C. W. Whyte.
- MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Okanase Reserve, 1,000 lbs. clothing for children in the school, consigned to Miss McIntosh.
- OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Regina School, 1,500 lbs. clothing for the children in the school, consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.
- ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Pasquah's Reserve, 1,100 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. Geo. Arthur.
- OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Mis-ta-wa-sis Reserve, 870 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. W. S. Moore.
- PARIS PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Regina School, 2,570 lbs. clothing for the children in the school, consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.
- PETERBORO' PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Prince Albert, 1,400 lbs. clothing for the children in the school, consigned to Miss Baker.
- The Mission Bands sent gifts and prizes for the children in the schools in Central India.
- SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Pipestone Reserve, 1,300 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, also some clothing for children under school age, consigned to Rev. W. Beatty.
- SAUGEEN PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.**—To Indian Head, 1,150 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, also some clothing for children under school age, consigned to Mr. R. Crawford.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.—To Rolling River Reserve, 1,260 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Mr. W. J. Wright.

TORONTO PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.—To Portage la Prairie, 2,290 lbs. clothing for children in the school, also for women and the old and feeble; also some furnishings for the new building, consigned to Miss Fraser.

To Lizard's Point Reserve, 1,160 lbs. clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Mr. N. Gilmour. To Alberni, B.C., some quilts for the school.

WHITBY PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.—To the Lakesend School, 700 lbs. clothing, consigned to Mr. Geo. Arthur.

The Mission Bands sent gifts and prizes for the children in the schools in Central India.

ERSKINE CHURCH AUXILIARY, MONTREAL.—Two cases clothing, consigned to Rev. Hugh McKay, Round and Crooked Lakes Reserve.

ST. AGNES DE DUNDEE.—One box clothing, consigned to Miss Baker, Prince Albert.

LACHUTE, P. Q.—470 pounds clothing, consigned to Rev. Hugh McKay, Round and Crooked Lakes Reserve.

* ST. STEPHEN, N.B.—2 bbls. clothing, consigned to Toronto.

* STANLEY BRIDGE, P.E.I.—One bale clothing, consigned to Toronto.

* BAILLIE, N.B.—2 bbls. clothing, consigned to Toronto.

* SALT SPRINGS, PICTOU COUNTY, N.S.—One box clothing, consigned to Toronto.

C. M. JEFFREY,

Sec.-Treas. of Supplies.

NOTE.—The Sec.-Treas. of Supplies will remit to the different Presbyterian Treasurers the money refunded for freight on clothing for the North-West as soon as received.

Acknowledgments of Clothing and Gifts.

FROM MRS. WRIGHT.

Rolling River, Minnedosa, Nov. 11, 1895.

The sewing machine had not come when I wrote you before. Since then it arrived in good order. It is a pretty one and good, too. I cannot tell you how glad I am to have it, or how much it will lighten my work.

I have not been visiting much amongst the women since I came home. I have not had time, but they come quite often to the house and we see a good deal of each other.

* These goods were divided between the schools at Round Lake, Birtle, Mis-ta-wa-sa and Alberni, B.C.

The Indian woman whose photograph is taken with mine, is generally known as Wa-pa-cáppos' squaw. She is one of the hardest to do anything with, and we do not see very much of her.

Mr. Wright is well and sends kindest regards.

FROM REV. W. S. MOORE.

Aldina, Saskatchewan, Oct. 27, 1895.

I received your kind and encouraging letter of the 3rd inst. in due time, with the enclosed shipping bill for the clothing from Owen Sound. In return I send you the required receipt for same, and also for the clothing from Bruce P.S., which came to hand at the same time. The clothing was very suitable for the wants of this field, as it consisted mostly of quilts. It has been all given out except a number of quilts which have been retained, lest there may be more need before spring in case of sickness. I have been greatly assisted in the distribution by the board of managers of our Church here.

At the time of Prof. Hart's visit last month, the managers passed a resolution with his approval, that the clothing be divided into three parts, one to be given out immediately on its arrival, one given to the teacher for the children, and one to be retained for sick and infirm. Accordingly, this resolution has been carried out to the satisfaction of all.

Some of the clothing has also been given to six Presbyterian families who are not white, yet non-treaty, and who are living in what is called the "Nebo" settlement, twelve miles north of this reserve. The late Rev. J. Mackay preached to these people, but since his time, some five years, they have had no service, though occasionally one or two of them find their way to our services at Mistawasis. I am holding service once a month in that settlement, and as they are not very well off, the managers here gave them a portion of the clothing, as I have before stated.

The managers unite with me in heartily thanking the friends in the east for these kind gifts. I assure you this clothing is highly appreciated by the people here, and very glad at heart are they at receiving it. There were some scrap-books, braces, handkerchiefs, and two dolls (but what are they among so many); these have been reserved for our Christmas festival.

Yesterday we had communion, when sixty-nine partook. I may say that I enjoy the work here very well, and as to the mission buildings about which you enquire, they are all that we could wish and far better than we expected in this northern region. When I think of the work the past missionaries must have had in fitting up the house, both inside and out, as

well as the fences, etc., I am only reminded of the words of Scripture where it is stated "there were giants in those days," and I am very glad that there is no need for me to attempt rivalling them in these good works of theirs, of which I am reaping the benefits. And, indeed, not only in carnal things, but also in spiritual things is it true in regard to my work here "that other men have laboured and ye are entered into their labours." I only hope that the work may be as fruitful during my ministry as it has been in the past. I again thank you and the kind friends of Owen Sound and Walkerton.

FROM MR. GILMOUR.

Birtle Indian School. Nov. 2, 1895

I now write to publicly acknowledge through the LEAFLET receipt of supply of clothing sent by Toronto Presbyterial Society, for distribution among the needy of the Lizard Point Indians.

It is, indeed, a pleasure to write of this clothing, for I think surely no better lot ever came to the west. There is a splendid lot of quilts of good material, and nearly all quilted, the latter being, I think, an important matter, as, when quilted, they last nearly twice as long as those that are tacked. The clothing for women and children is warm and of good material, and although more could have been well bestowed, will go far to make them comfortable during the long, hard winter, which is now almost upon us. We are glad to have the supply of men's overcoats, as these men have during the winter months, to make long trips to the neighboring towns with loads of wood and hay, which they exchange for provisions, and they are often so poorly clad that they suffer very much from the cold. We did not think it the best plan to call a meeting of the band and distribute all the clothing at once, but knowing all the Indians on the reserve, I had them come to the school, just a few at a time, beginning with the most needy ones, and gave them enough, I think, to keep them warm during the winter.

If the kind ladies who worked so faithfully to supply this clothing, could have seen the grateful looks on the faces of some of these old helpless people, as with a "Me-quach, Me-quach"—(I thank you, I thank you)—they received each their portion, they would have felt largely repaid for all their labor.

The supply of medicines sent out is thankfully received, as opportunities for using them are constantly occurring.

I again thank the kind ladies who furnished these supplies for "Lizard Point."

FROM MR. R. O. M'PHERSON.

Okanase Mission, Elphinstone, Nov. 23, 1895.

I beg to thank you very much both for Mrs. McPherson and myself, for your kind letter of 15th inst. We feel grateful for your good wishes, and your earnest prayers, and pray God may bless us in our work.

About the clothing from Maitland Presbyterial Society, Miss McIntosh did not tell me how many bales or packages she received. She only said there was a great quantity, and that the children would not require any more till Christmas. We only arrived here on the night of the 29th Oct., and I found it was not possible for me to find out the wants of the people before the cold weather came. It came sooner than expected. The following week was very stormy and cold, so I sent word to all the families in the reserve to meet me at the school-house on Saturday, 9th inst. and I would distribute the clothing among them as well as I could according to their needs. This was done and all seemed to be satisfied. I kept some quilts and other clothing in reserve in case of sickness or special cases of needs. We also kept all the new cloths and yarn to give employment to the girls in school. Mrs. McPherson got all the girls to begin knitting stockings, and made them take them home to finish them. She got them to work making petticoats for the women and children of the reserve, and then for themselves, with the intention of giving them as Christmas gifts. We hope to have this done.

I had doubts whether this method of giving the clothing away was the best, but as I had no knowledge of their wants, and could not learn before they would require some clothing, I thought if I was making a mistake, I was erring on the charitable side, but it has in God's providence been for the best, because I am sure you will be as sorry to hear it as I am to tell you, that on Tuesday afternoon last our house was burned to the ground, just after we had got everything in order and made comfortable for the winter. The fire began in the roof of the house, and must have been caused by a defective stove pipe at the roof. Mrs. McPherson left the house a little before two o'clock to come to school, and the fire in the stove was about burned out. About 2.45 one of the boys asked leave to get out for a minute which was granted. He had just got out when he turned and said the house was on fire. I looked out and found it too true. We all ran out at once, the fire had a good start and was beyond our power to save, because we could not get on the roof for want of a ladder. We at once began to take everything out that we could. and I am glad to say we succeeded in saving nearly all. There are a number of

things burned; the furniture of both bedrooms, most of which was the property of the Church or your Society; part of it was ours. We saved all the new cloth but lost the yarn and several other things. The fire was just above them. The children were very good and wrought hard to save what they could. I have written full particulars of the fire to Professor Hart. It could not have happened in a more providential way, for which we truly thank God. Had the boy not wanted out, the fire would not have been known till the school had been dismissed, and by that time everything would have been destroyed. Again, had it been in the night it made us very thoughtful to think what the consequences might have been, and it makes us feel very thankful, indeed, to God for His merciful preservation.

Mr. and Mrs. Flett were very kind to us. We stayed with them two days, and are just two days in our new home, and trust and pray we will be long spared to enjoy it, and that God will use us as instruments in His hand for doing much good. I am very glad to tell you that we were well received by all the Indians, and on the first Sabbath the old chief welcomed me in name of the tribe.

FROM REV. A. J. M'LEOD.

Industrial School, Regina, Nov. 23, 1895.

I write to acknowledge with very many thanks the receipt of the supplies forwarded to this school by the Paris and Ottawa Presbyterian Societies. We appreciate the help thus given to our work, I am sure, just as much as any other mission or school of the Church. Without this valuable assistance our work would be very much hampered.

The first supplies that reached us came from the Paris Presbyterian Society. We were prepared for the liberality of the members when we saw the shipping bill. There came to hand in good order, 21 barrels, 3 boxes and 4 bales of clothing—two thousand five hundred and seventy pounds in all. The 100 yards of factory cotton, the grey flannel, dress goods, flannellettes, print, gingham, duck, tweed, crash and towels were admirably suited to our wants. Nothing was more opportune than the warm stockings for the girls and the socks and mitts for the boys.

No sooner had these supplies been carefully stored away than we were notified that the twelve large bales from Ottawa were to hand. Mrs. Thorburn was under the impression, you stated, that some of the supplies were more adapted for adults than children. However there was nothing amiss, for many of our pupils are young men and young women. The piece of rag carpet sent was a welcome gift. Many of the dresses

needed no alteration whatever. We were pleased to receive the handkerchiefs, overshoes, neckties, new boots, gloves and collars. Both Societies sent an excellent assortment of blankets, quilts and girls' jackets.

The liberality of the Societies enables us to assist others who are not directly connected with the school. We are able to forward occasionally a gift to pupils who may be away on leave of absence through sickness. Some Indian men and women come to the school in winter most pitifully clad. We are able to help them. When some of the visiting Indians from Duck Lake were camped at the school last summer a little child was born in one of the tents. From the supplies sent us we have been able to forward some suitable clothing to this little child, as well as to some other tiny brothers and sisters of our school children.

I must not omit to acknowledge the receipt of the library books from the McGillivray Mission Band of Goderich. About 150 volumes were received. Books with large type; some illustrations, and not too lengthy are the most popular among the pupils. While all the books sent from Goderich are good, and will, no doubt, prove very helpful in quickening intellectual activity, quite a number are exactly suited to our readers' tastes and capacities. A small library case has been placed on the boys' side and another on the girls' side in which the books have been placed, and a librarian has been appointed by the pupils themselves for each of the libraries.

Allow me once more to very cordially thank the societies for their works of patience and labours of love on behalf of our adopted Indian children.

FROM MISS M'LAREN.

Birtle, Nov. 12, 1895.

I have been even busier than usual lately; first the arrival of the clothing, then the loss of my girls. We scarcely knew how to commence work again without them. You would see by *Progress* that five children had left here for Regina—three girls, three of our best workers. We have still thirty-six children, so you will know that we are not idle. Mr. Gilmour is here but expects to go to the city to-morrow. We do not know exactly when Mr. Small will be on hand, but Prof. Hart tells me in a letter to-night not likely for a week or two. My brother is here for a short visit before going to Ontario, and will take charge until the new Principal arrives.

All the goods that came from Lindsay Presbyterian Society were of very good quality, and in the nicest order; clean, neatly mended, and all ready for use. There is a shortage in boys' clothing, or wherewith to make—just a few yards of tweed and some short pieces of cottonade for summer

wear. I have an abundance of overcoats, but little else. Anything for boys between five and sixteen years of age, coats, pants, vests, shirts, socks, or mittens, or material to make them will be very thankfully received. By being economical, I can complete the girls' wardrobes, and more easily now, since the three largest are being provided for elsewhere.

Mr. Gilmour tells me you are sending some Christmas presents. These will be also thankfully received. I have a number of beautiful sewing bags for the larger girls, sent from Lindsay—just the thing for presents.

My dear Mrs. Jeffrey, we are always so sure of your heartiest sympathy in our work. I am afraid we do not sufficiently sympathize with you in your labor of love. What would we do without the clothing you send us, and how little idea we have of the labor and patience spent in collecting and sending it. Miss McLeod joins me in kindest regards.

FROM MISS BAKER.

Prince Albert, Nov. 16, 1895.

I write to acknowledge receipt of yours of 2nd ult., enclosing shipping bill of one case of clothing sent from Zion Church Auxiliary, Dundee, P.Q. The case has reached us, apparently in good condition. We are in the midst of moving, and have not opened it. Please, through LEAFLET, give our sincere thanks to the ladies of that Auxiliary. As this is the first year of their organization, we think from the size of the case they have labored very diligently. May their experience be that it is a blessed work, helping to extend the Master's Kingdom, and may they go forward in well doing.

You kindly asked about the furnishing of our new Mission house. For the present, we will not have you incur further expense. I am taking up my own furniture. We have had a very unpleasant time trying to get moved. After we had our waggons loaded up, word was sent us, that, on account of floating ice, the ferry could not cross, but about a mile above, the river was clearer, so we engaged some half-breeds to take over our stoves and a few of the most necessary articles, in a small boat. After much difficulty we succeeded in getting those things to the Reserve. Miss Cameron went over, reaching the Reserve about 9 p.m. There is quite a respectable French family living about a mile further on, just outside the Reserve. She stayed there for a few days until she could get the house cleaned out and the stoves up. I was obliged to remain here for a few days to pack away things left behind, but hope the ice will soon be strong enough for us to get all up.

FROM MR. ALEXANDER SKENE.

File Hills Indian School, Nov. 12, 1895.

We are in receipt of the clothing sent to our Reserve and school by the Presbyterian Societies of Guelph and Brockville. You will be pleased to know that the supply is in every way an exceptionally good one. Along with a good supply of comfortable quilts, there are a number of tweed and flannel skirts, and jackets for our Indian woman. Many thanks to the donors of these articles; they could not have sent anything more suitable—strong, warm and roomy—just what our Indian women will wear. Again there are five webs of new material—three of flannel and two of tweed—suitable for children's clothing, which we will use in the school; to say nothing of the large quantity of second-hand clothing for our old men; nicely made dresses and other nic-nacks for our girls; good flannel shirts and tweed pants for our boys, stockings, mitts and boots; not forgetting a lot of beautiful hoods for babies. Each Society has also sent a roll of carpet enough to carpet our dining room and bed rooms. How cosy and snug we will be this winter because of our friends' thoughtfulness and generosity. We also thank those friends who have remembered so kindly our own children, they are always so pleased when they are not forgotten. If the members of the class who sent those beautiful dresses could but see how delighted Eleanor is with her many presents, I know they would experience genuine pleasure. These tokens of interest mean so much to us. Friends, I thank you all for what you have done to benefit our poor Indians and may the God of peace own and bless your labor of love.

Already I have given away a number of quilts, skirts and jackets, besides some men's clothing. "Tobacco Juice" was over, I gave him a quilt and a flannel shirt. He was much pleased. He said: "I am getting very thin, and have no teeth; perhaps I won't live till spring." "Pointed Cap" has not come near yet. He has a grandchild living with him—a little girl—whom I want to get into the school, and so the old man keeps away from me. He is one of the old stamp and has little use for a school. Will write again and let you know more about the giving out of the clothing.

We are all in fair health. Mrs. Skene is feeling stronger.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

HONAN.

Reaching the Children.

FROM MRS. MACKENZIE.

Chu Wang, October 1, 1895.

I intended writing you long ago and, indeed, had commenced a letter when our baby boy was taken so seriously ill that it had to be laid aside.

Malaria was the cause of his suffering, and the only wonder is that we have not all had it, for the place is surrounded with pools of stagnant, green water, even inside our own yard only a few yards away from the houses. Last year's flood and the unusually wet summer has kept the place in a most unhealthy condition, but so far we have been fairly well. Just now we are surrounded by cholera. It is of such a virulent type in some places that those carrying the dead to the grave are sometimes stricken with it on the way and die. It is spreading rapidly all over North China and is very fatal. In Peking alone 59,000 have already died of it. It will soon be a year now since this terrible disease made such a sad break in our mission band. God has taken two devoted workers to whom His work was very dear, but we have confidence that He will not allow the cause to suffer, but will raise up others to devote their lives to China.

We are looking forward with pleasure to welcoming our friends who are returning and the new workers who are coming with them, and later hope to see Miss McIntosh and Miss Dr. Dow.

As you probably know, on account of the war it was not considered safe for Mrs. MacLennan and me to be in here last winter, so I have only what little work has been done this summer to write you about, and that has been mostly with children. When we first got here we had quite a large class of children, as we gave them each a bowl of millet porridge and they were then in such a starving condition that they were glad to come and study for half a day for it. As the grain got ripe, however, they began to drop off, for they then had food, and because they had to work in the fields, gleaning or *stealing*. One morning when they told me they had no time for study for a few days I sympathized with them, but urged them to work diligently and please their parents and then they would be more willing to allow them to return when the hurry was over. But the Bible woman commenced to laugh very heartily and said: "Do you know you are urging them to be diligent and steal all they can, gleaning is only a pretence; their real object in going to the fields is to steal." So, then, of course, I had to try and put the matter before them in a right light, but I am afraid it did not make much difference in the amount of grain stolen.

Six little girls from eleven to thirteen years of age have come regularly ever since we came back last spring, and they have made very fair progress, having learned the "San-Tyn Ching," or Trigonometrical Classic. It is a little book containing the elementary truths of Christianity in rhyme, and contains 1,512 characters, and they recite it from beginning to end without missing more than a character or two. They are now studying an easily understood Christian catechism. They have learned and

can sing a number of hymns with great vigour and delight. Some of these were taught them by dear Mrs. Malcolm two years ago. I have been teaching them some kindergarten songs and finger-plays lately, and these give them great pleasure. There is no evidence as yet of the truth having touched the heart of any of these girls, but we hope and believe that some of them will yet give their hearts and lives to Jesus and do much for Him in this dark, dark corner of the world.

Mrs. MacLennan has taught several smaller children all summer, and as most of them, though only little things themselves, have to bring a baby to mind, teaching them is no small tax on one's patience. They have learned the ten commandments, a couple of little prayers and several hymns. Some of them are such bright, nice little girls, and one longs to see them clean and sweet. The dirt and filth on these children is almost beyond belief unless one sees it with their own eyes. Mrs. Wu, the Bible woman, sees the women who come to the dispensary every morning and has a little talk with them while they are waiting their turn, and it is very discouraging work on the whole. Their only thought is to get a little medicine and get away. The "foreign devil's" medicine (as they often call it, even to the doctor himself), does them some good that they can appreciate, but of what use is the "foreign devil" doctrine to them, that is the way they look at it, poor things.

Since beginning my letter a lad of sixteen, who has been in the hospital for some time having his eyes treated has died of cholera; it is so sad, for though he has been here for weeks he has taken no interest in the Gospel preached and explained to him daily, and so has gone out into the darkness alone. He was taken sick Friday night and died Saturday night. Dr. Malcolm did what he could, but his friends preferred to call in a native quack to treat him. The treatment consisted of running a needle under each of the finger and toe nails and other things just as senseless. The hospital is only a few yards away from our house, so we have this terrible disease right at our door. We can only hope and pray that it may not enter. What a comfort the 91st Psalm is at such a time. Now, as the courier is waiting until I finish I must come to a close. I hope that that these little Chinese girls I have written you of will be remembered by many praying Christians.

On the Way to China.

FROM MISS M'INTOSH.

*R. M. S. Empress of India, between Yokohama and Kobe,
Oct. 29, 1895.*

We arrived in Yokohama early yesterday morning, after a voyage of about twelve and a half days. For the first week the weather was for the most part fine, but during the second week it blew a regular gale, and con-

tinued rough and squally until Saturday, when the sea grew gradually quieter. We have both, I believe, earned the reputation of being called good sailors, having been enabled to sit on deck and watch the progress of the storm.

The weather being fine, we went ashore at Yokohama, and spent a pleasant day. After leaving there, we had a fine view of "Fujiyama," the sacred mountain of Japan, which is not often seen to such advantage.

FORMOSA.

FROM MRS. GAULD.

Tamsui, October 15, 1895.

I have been receiving the W. F. M. S. LEAFLET since coming to Formosa and have greatly enjoyed reading interesting accounts of the Master's work in other fields. We are nearing the close of our third year here. The time has passed very rapidly and we have found true friends among the Chinese, while the work grows more and more interesting to us. In letters from home friends I have frequently been asked: "Why do you not write a letter to the LEAFLET." It has not been because I have not been deeply interested in the LEAFLET and in the work of noble Christian women in the home land, but knowing Dr. and Mrs. Mackay, also Mrs. Jamieson, were in Canada, all of whom know so much about Formosa, and the Lord's work here, I have delayed until I had time and opportunity to learn something myself.

• There is a great work to be done here yet. It is most encouraging to see the natives taking such a leading part. My chief work is in my home. With it and our two boys to look after I find quite a nice little field of labour. Many of the Chinese think we have been signally blessed because the two are boys. We try to drive this idea out of their heads, but it seems firmly rooted and grounded there.

The Japanese are now here, and although all is quiet and peaceful around us, there is a change. A short time ago we heard the sad fate of one of the students' wives, a bright and promising girl. My husband has already written about the student who was arrested and chained and of his providential escape, so I need not repeat that part of the story. His wife had gone to her father's home; and, counting relatives, there were in all sixteen gathered in the house. Her father had gone out to meet the Japanese to tell them the people of the town meant to be friendly to them, etc. The Japanese took him for a bad character and shot him. He was taken into the house dead. The family were horrified; and, knowing the soldiers had already entered the town, they bought a quantity of opium, mixed it with water and drank it. The Japanese entered

the house, saw what had happened and hastened to give them emetics. Fourteen survived; one of the two who died was the student's wife.

We are now daily awaiting news of the Japanese in the South. They have had a hard struggle to gain full possession of the Island. Christians from among the soldiers and officers call on us from time to time. They are very friendly and seem to be quite earnest about Christian work in Formosa. There is no doubt there will be great changes throughout the Island.

Since beginning this we have heard that Dr. Mackay sailed from Vancouver on October 14, so we may soon expect to see them. We shall, indeed, be glad to welcome them back. The college and girls' school will soon be opened, and we trust great work will be done under the blessing of God. We were sorry when war was declared and the girls' school was closed. The girls then in attendance were bright and interesting, and it seemed too bad that they should be sent away just when they had nicely begun their studies. However it was all for the best.

There has been a great deal of sickness this year. We had our own share in Amoy, but Formosa seemed to agree with us wonderfully. We have to be very cautious about the sun, even now it is very powerful. On Saturday morning I put on my pith sun-hat, and walked over to Dr. Mackay's house without an umbrella, and afterwards had a touch of fever. We are now enjoying delightful (home) summer weather, while you in Canada are preparing for the cold weather.

I must now hasten and get other letters ready for the mail to-morrow and hope at some future time to write a more interesting letter. With all good wishes and prayers for the success of the W.F.M.S. and their great work; may it extend more and more and be abundantly blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

A word about our Honan friends. Our hearts were deeply saddened when we heard of the death of our two dearly loved friends, Mrs Malcolm and Dr. Lou Graham. My acquaintance with them was short, but we had become almost like sisters, and I had such encouraging letters from both just before they went to Japan. To know them was to know "they had been with Jesus and learned of Him."

Mr. Gauld joins me in kindest regards.

CENTRAL INDIA.

From Earthly Service to Heavenly Glory.

FROM MISS ROSS.

Mhow, Oct. 9, 1895.

Many thanks for your kind loving letter which was both very welcome and encouraging.

The rainy season is now over. During the last weeks of the monsoon the fatal cholera swept away many natives of India. Europeans also were cut down by its ravages.

One day, near the end of August, the sad news reached us that Warroobai, one of our Bible women in Barwaha, had taken the dread disease. A few days later, during the time of weakness that invariably follows cholera, her gentle spirit said farewell to earth and she went to be with Christ, "which is far better." She was a lovely Christian character and devoted to the spread of the gospel among the heathen. Her cheerful manner won her way to the women's hearts and she was gladly welcomed. One day, shortly before her death, she was telling a poor ignorant woman about the true Saviour. The woman burst into tears and said she had never heard this before, and asked Warroobai to come again and tell her more about this Jesus. Our esteemed friend Miss Bayley, who is in the work in Barwaha, told us that the day before she got ill Warroobai conducted the Bible lesson in the class that Miss Bayley has for the edification and instruction of the workers. The subject was the Talents, and Warroobai spoke very earnestly and pointed out the great need there is that each be found faithful in the use of their God-given talent or talents as the case may be. Before the close of the meeting she carried them to the throne in earnest prayer; little did they think it would be the last time she would meet with them. Many have missed her and asked: "Where is the one who was always so cheerful." One day shortly before she got ill she was telling one of the Christian women about her great desire to be at home in heaven with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our dear Warroobai has had her wish fulfilled.

Call it not death; it is but life beginning—
Life from the burden of the flesh set free;
Life mid the blessedness of no more sinning;
Life in full fellowship, dear Lord, with Thee!

Call it not death, for saints who pass its portal
Shall be with Christ where there is "no more pain,"
The ransomed victor, robed in life immortal,
Can never suffer or be sick again.

Call it not death. How blest is their condition,
How far beyond all restlessness or doubt,
Who served the Lord in jubilant fruition,
Who "seek His face" and "Shall go no more out."

WARROOBAI'S LAST REPORT.

"I am working for God in the village of Barwaha. There are only three Christian houses in it and I belong to one of them. It is now seven months since I began work. We are greatly indebted to you who have sent missionaries to us, a distance of ten thousand miles.

"When I came here first the place was not at all agreeable to me, but when I began to work among the people and to talk to them I was soon very glad, for some of them seemed to listen with joy. Others laughed and mocked and this pained me very deeply, but we have faith that they, like Paul, will be set right.

"I greatly wish that you would pray for these people. Some of them like hymns, but others are afraid of singing, so we have thought of this plan: that we will tell those who fear singing about God in conversation, and sing to those who prefer it. When I came here first I could only get into a few houses, but now there are many who receive me. I think it is not very hard for your people to be Christians, for they do not observe caste, but in this land it is very hard to take a stand for Christ as the people pay great respect to caste and say: "How can we leave the caste of our forefathers?" and rather than leave it they lose their souls.

"You will be glad to hear the good news that we are about starting a girls' school and we wish very much that you will pray for it. You will also be glad to hear the experience we had in one house: the woman had hurt her foot so badly that she could not walk at all. We told her to ask God in faith that it would get better. So she daily asked Him and we prayed too, now the foot is well and she says: "Your God is true." Once when we went into a house the man spoke very angrily and sent us away. We did not go again for a long time and when we did he received us very respectfully which shows us that God is daily with us in the work, and we daily pray to Him that He will make His work victorious and we ask you to join with us."

A Holiday at Colombo.

FROM MISS DOUGAN.

Indore, Oct. 23., 1895.

Miss Calder and I both felt the need of a change, for both the hot and the rainy season this year have been the most trying in a very long time. We decided on a sea voyage and sailed from Dombay, Sept. 20th, for Colombo. We spent a pleasant fortnight there, breathing in strength and vigor with the fresh sea air. We took a run up to Kandy, too, through some of the most beautiful scenery it has ever been my privilege to see. The

city itself is surrounded by a regular amphitheatre of hills, and in the very centre is a clear little lake. Of course, being so near the old buried Buddhist city, Annarajapura, we took the extra twelve hours' journey by mail coach to see it. The oldest ruins of the City of the Ninety Kings, as the name signifies, date about three centuries B.C. It was abandoned some five centuries later, the Singalese fearing an attack from the Tamils. Apparently they abandoned their old home very leisurely, taking everything portable with them, for very little has been found. Not a single tool has been discovered. The most interesting of the ruins were a nunnery and a temple of huge natural boulders, with rooms between and underneath. There were great dome-shaped mounds of solid brick some hundreds of feet high. They are called dagobas, and were built for various purposes, some to commemorate victories, one to enshrine Buddha's right collar-bone. This is the oldest of all, and is kept in repair by the King of Siam, who is also repairing another. In the Temple of the Sacred Boe Tree is a tree said to have been planted 2130 years ago from a branch of the original tree under which Gautama sat when he obtained Buddhism. The monkeys were dancing over the altar and tearing in pieces the offerings of flowers laid there by picus pilgrims.

Our return journey on the coach had to be taken at night. Eighty miles through the jungle on a mail-coach was rather a unique experience. But we had no mishaps, and reached Colombo safely the following day. We returned by sea to Bombay, and by that time I think I was a little homesick.

I attended the mela last week. It is the first I have been at. I found it very helpful, especially the English meetings. The evangelistic meetings every evening were crowded. Our council meeting is postponed until the arrival of the new missionaries, whom we will soon welcome.

TRINIDAD.

Mission Work Among the Young.

FROM MISS SINCLAIR.

Princetown, Trinidad, Oct. 11, 1895.

I began my work here in January of this year and have since enjoyed it very much, although it is not all sunshine. The work of our mission in Trinidad is more extended than I had anticipated. We have about fifty schools and from three to four thousand children connected with the mission. These children receive religious as well as secular instruction in the schools, and have the influence for good that these exert among the young people.

As three-fourths of the expense of the schools is paid by Government they are under the control of Government, and hence the number of rules to be observed and the amount of writing to be done is simply enormous. We are required to give two hours of our time, both morning and afternoon, to secular, and the rest to religious instruction and Hindi:

I must try and tell you something about my own school in Princetown. There are over two hundred children enrolled. At certain times of the year it is very hard to get the children to attend school regularly. When the sugar mills on the estates begin grinding the children like to hide and play round the mills. It requires constant watching and looking after to keep the children in school. This cannot be wondered at when we remember the kind of homes the children come from and that in many cases the influence of the parents over the children is not always in the right direction. I sometimes think that if the little boys and girls in Canada had no home influence they would do no better than the poor Indian children here.

This year our average has been very good. I finished making out our quarterly report last week and the average daily attendance from the first of the year until the end of this quarter has been one hundred and four. I have two assistant teachers and two monitors. My head assistant is a very fine Christian girl. She has been teaching in the school for over five years and is a great help to me, as well as a help in all departments of Christian work. If she were to go into some of the Christian Endeavour Societies at home she would surprise many of the people with her knowledge of the Bible and her deep Christian experience.

Our school work is sometimes very difficult as the influence of the home life on the children is so bad. A large number of the children in our school come from heathen homes, if such they may be called, where they never hear or see anything good, but we do not know where the seed sown may fall; sometimes those whom we think are the least likely to be impressed are the ones who may be receiving lasting impressions. These things must be left to the Great Master who has told us not to be "weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Sunday is one of our busy days, We have the Central Sunday School in the church at 10 a.m., Hindi service at 11 a.m. Then from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. a number of our Christian young people go out to the neighbouring estates and villages to conduct Sunday Schools so that on Sunday afternoons there are several different Sunday Schools conducted at the same time. In this way a great many children are reached whom we could not get into the church in the mornings.

Then through the week we have a Y.P.S.C.E. Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, a Bible Class on Friday, and a S. S. teachers' meeting on

Saturday evenings. Though small in number deep interest is manifested by young people connected with our Y.P.S.C.E. We have fifteen active and twenty associate members. Every one of the active members go out on Sunday afternoons to help in the Sunday School work. Some in teaching and those who are not capable of teaching go out and help to gather the children into the Sunday Schools. It is encouraging to see the young boys and girls who know and love Jesus, willing and anxious to bring in those who are careless and indifferent, that they also may hear and learn about Jesus.

NORTH WEST INDIANS.

Changes in the Staff of Workers in the North West.

From an interesting letter, recently received from Rev. Prof. Baird, joint convener with Rev. Prof. Hart, of the Foreign Mission Committee of the North West, we note a number of changes in this field:—

Rev. Geo. Flett, the venerable missionary at Okanase, after a sojourn with Mrs. Flett of nearly a quarter of a century, among the Indians of this reserve, has, on account of failing health, the result of increasing years, withdrawn from the work. Mr. McPherson has been appointed missionary, and, with Mrs. McPherson, will superintend and carry on all departments of the mission. For some time past the educational and industrial work on this reserve has been under the care of Miss M. S. McIntosh, who, assisted by Miss Jackson, has given valuable service to the cause of missions, in the training of the children and young people. Both these ladies are retiring from the work.

Mr. N. Gilmour, for some time past the Principal of the Birtle School, has been transferred to the new mission at Hurricane Hills, near Indian Head, as missionary in charge. Mr. John Black, formerly interpreter at Rolling River, will continue the work begun at Lizard Point, residing on the reserve; and Mr. John Thunder, formerly of Birdtail Reserve, has been appointed to continue the work commenced at the Pipestone by Mr. Peter Hunter.

At Crowstand, Mr Hamilton has accepted the position of Trades Instructor in place of Mr. John Whyte, who, some time ago, withdrew from the work; and Miss Carson, formerly of Toronto, has been appointed matron in the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Henderson.

We trust the members of the W.F.M.S. will remember, at the Throne of Grace, at their individual devotions, and, specially at the hour of prayer, these new missionaries and workers in their various fields of labor.

Opening of New School Building.

FROM MISS ARMSTRONG.

Aiberni, B. C., Nov. 5, 1895.

I was afraid that I should miss being present at the opening, but I was fortunate enough to get here one week before that event took place. The morning service, which was held—as were all the services connected with the opening—in the dining-room of the new Home, was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Winchester, of Victoria, who preached a most impressive and helpful sermon, and formally declared the Home dedicated to the work of the Lord. The dining-room and hall were well filled with both white and Indian friends of the mission. At three o'clock a service in Siwash was held by Mr. Swartout, who took for his subject "The Lord's Supper" and used a large coloured picture to illustrate his remarks. As the most of the Indian men had not returned from "sealing," Indian women and children formed the larger part of the congregation. Mr. Swartout spoke in the Chinook jargon, which he uses very fluently. But as you perhaps already know, it is difficult to express spiritual truths in the Chinook, so that Mr. Swartout is working and longing for the time when he can speak to these people from the Word of Life through their own language. My heart rose in thankfulness when I looked on so many attentive faces and when I heard so many voices join heartily in the singing, that so much had already been accomplished, and I prayed that I might in any way be able to do something to help these people into a knowledge of the love of God as it is in Jesus.

We met again at seven o'clock. Mr. Winchester preached to quite a good gathering of white people. At the close of the service the little band of Christians gathered around to commemorate the dying command of the dear Master. It was a very sweet hour of communion, though to me peculiarly touching, when I remembered that almost all were strangers to me and yet *not* strangers, for we all belonged to the family of God. O blessed tie, that binds our hearts in Christian love! I think the only regret was that there were no Indians sitting among us, and I know more than one prayer was breathed that very soon they too would be received into the number.

On Monday, in the afternoon, a large number of the Indians came to the feast prepared for them by Miss Johnston. Three tables were set in the dining-room of the old Home, and very pretty they looked, when I peeped in after school. The girls had gathered some bright leaves and wild flowers to decorate the tables. I was quite surprised at the effect of

their arrangements, but I have since noticed that many of the girls display a good deal of taste in decorating. In a short time the tables were filled by the women with their young children and the few old men who were living at the ranchee. Our school children waited on their friends. It was a gratifying sight to see the big boys, nicely dressed and smiling, passing nimbly through the crowd with well filled plates of meat and vegetables. While I was looking on I saw no accident and I did not hear of any happening after I went out. After all had eaten enough there were speeches made by Mr. Swartout, Mr. Gillaid (the Indian Agent) and some of the Indians. I was not present while this was going on, so I do not know what was said. We spread our own and the school children's tea out on the lawn—or, rather, what we hope to turn into a lawn. Just then it was very humpy ground and no grass. But we had a very happy time and did our best to show our appreciation of the good things provided for us.

A very pleasant social was held in the evening in the new Home. The dining-room and hall were well filled and a very good programme given. Every item was interesting, but especially the addresses, in which the history of the mission up to the present was reviewed, and very touching and loving mention made of those faithful ones who had been called to their reward. One part of the programme which sent a glow to the hearts of many was a hymn sung by seven of our little Indian girls. They sang that little hymn: "Little Ones of God are We," and as the refrain, "Lead us, lead us, lest we stray," rang out so sweetly, many joined in the prayer that God would indeed lead them in the blessed way.

Refreshments were served during the evening, when the boys showed themselves to advantage again in helping the gentlemen to pass around cake and coffee. At a late hour the social broke up and after a little farewell talk among ourselves we retired. Mr. Winchester and my sister left early the next morning for their different homes. In another day Mr. Swartout left for Euclulet and we three, Miss Johnston, Mr. McKee and myself were left of "all that happy throng." I will not say what desparate longings seized me. But it was all over in a few days, and I look back on the "opening" as a very bright spot in my life. There were some disappointments. We had hoped to have Mrs. Swartout and Mr. and Mrs. Russell with us, but they were unavoidably detained at Euclulet. Mrs. Swartout and the children I have met since, and I hope soon to see Mr. and Mrs. Russell, too. I would like to say before I close, that I am very happy to be again at work. I like this place and the people very much, and I trust I may, through God's grace, be a blessing to them.

Farewell Services.

FROM MR. R. C. M'PHERSON.

Okanase Mission, Elphinstone, Nov. 11, 1895.

On behalf of myself and wife, I beg to thank you for your kind letter of congratulation and encouragement on our entering upon our new duties as teacher and missionary to the Indians on this reserve, and it is a great incentive to us in our work to know and feel we have the prayers of you and the ladies of the W.F.M.S., and our earnest prayer and desire is that God will lead us aright and use us as instruments in His hand to do good among our flock.

We have only been two weeks here and cannot say much about it, but our first impressions are indeed very favourable and we do think we will like the work. We have been very kindly received by all and had part of two days in the school with Miss McIntosh before she left, so that when she left we were able to continue the children's studies without any interruption, the more so as they took to me without any shyness.

The attendance has been good every day except last Tuesday, which was very stormy. There were only ten that day; to-day there was a full attendance—eighteen—being all that is on the roll.

Our first Sabbath here was a very impressive one, and it being the Rev. Mr. Flett's valedictory services, the Presbytery thought it advisable to have special services, and sent the Rev. Mr. McArthur, of Beulah, and the Rev. Mr. Frew, to conduct the services. The Rev. Mr. McArthur preached a very able and instructive sermon, which was much liked by the Indians, and the Rev. Mr. Frew addressed the congregation and introduced me to them. Mr. Flett asked the congregation to meet again at three o'clock, when he took farewell of them, and asked me to address them, which I did. I spoke to them about the long connection Mr. Flett had with them and the sorrow they must all feel at seeing him retire through failing years, but hoped that both Mr. and Mrs. Flett would long be spared to join us every Sabbath day in worshipping God. And I also asked them to be patient with me, as they must find it different with me speaking to them through an interpreter, and asked them to pray for me and for themselves, because without earnest prayer we could not expect God's blessing.

Before the congregation dismissed the chief said he had something to say to me. He said they were all glad to see me and that if the attendance was not good for some time I was not to be discouraged, because many of them were away hunting just now and he was going away himself; but he was sure they would all like me, as what little they had seen and known of me pleased them well. This was indeed very encouraging.

Last Wednesday evening we had our prayer meeting at the chief's house, twenty-two present, and had a very enjoyable meeting. Two of the Indians led in prayer. Yesterday was my first Sabbath in full charge. At ten o'clock we had Sabbath school, the attendance, I am sorry to say, was not what I would like, only ten present. I will try and get a better

attendance. At eleven o'clock we had public worship, sixty-four present, all Indians. Then at three o'clock we had a meeting in one of their houses (Mr. Bone) about three miles away, attendance forty-five, which I consider very good. Our Sabbath afternoon meetings will always be held in one of their houses, turn about.

At the close of yesterday's morning service I read your letter to them and all seemed very much pleased that you had remembered them and expressed themselves grateful for what you had done for them. I was very sorry the chief was not present. I am sure he would have sent a personal message to you. I think he is as consistent as any of the Indians and wants to know more of Jesus and His love.

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