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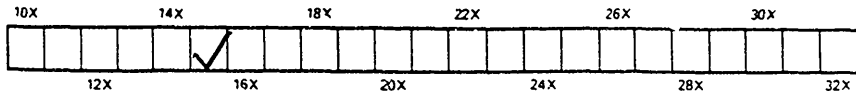
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Monthly Letter Leaflet

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

VOL. XIV.

TORONTO, MARCH, 1897.

No. 11.

Subjects for Prayer.

MARCH.—Special prayer in prospect of our Annual Meeting: That all the members of our Auxiliaries and Mission Bands may be stimulated to more earnest effort; that their numbers be increased, and that each member may be able to consecrate time and money to the work of Foreign Missions. For all sister societies throughout the world. For missions to the Chinese and Japanese in Canada and the United States.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."—Matt. xxviii. 18-20.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Increase.

Presbyterial Society:

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| Glengarry.. | Crysler, Knox Church Auxiliary. |
| Stratford..... | Carrington, "God's Blossoms" M. B. |
| Toronto..... | Georgetown, "Golden Sheaf" M. B. |
| Sarnia..... | Mandaumin, "Sinclair" M. B. |
| Sarnia..... | Springbank, "Sinclair" Auxiliary. |
| Barrie.. | Penetanguishene, "Faithful Workers" M. B. |

Life Members.

- Mrs. S. Ross, Talent Society, Cardinal.
- Mrs. Hellen Gauld, South Westminister Auxilliary.
- Mrs. D. N. MacLeod, Parkhill.
- Mrs. W. T. Amos, Lieury Auxilliary.
- Miss Mary Campbell, Cypress River Auxilliary, Manitoba.
- Mrs. Wm. Calquhoun, Cornwall Auxilliary.
- Mrs. D. D. McIntyre, Roxborough Auxilliary.
- Miss E. King, St. Andrew's Auxilliary, Smith's Falls.

Treasurer's Statement.

1897.

RECEIPTS.

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| Jan. 1. | — To balance from last month | \$995 71 |
| " 4. | — " C. E. S., Kelso, Que. | 22 50 |
| " 4. | — " Mrs. Hurdon | 3 00 |
| " 8. | — " Cayuga Auxilliary, Hamilton Presbyterial | 10 60 |
| " 15. | — " Mount Pleasant Auxilliary, B.C. | 23 40 |
| " 15. | — " Mount Healy S. S., Hamilton Presbyterial | 4 00 |
| " 20. | — " Glenboro Presbyterial, Manitoba | 210 40 |
| " 25. | — " Sherbrooke Auxilliary, Que | 56 00 |
| " 25. | — " G. B. Wray, Bowmanville | 10 00 |
| " 27. | — " J. C. E. S. Chalmers Church, Montreal | 2 19 |
| " 28. | — " Rosehill, Scattered Helpers | 6 00 |
| " 30. | — " Mrs. Mellis, Terra Nova, B.C. | 5 00 |
| | | \$1,348 80 |

EXPENDITURE.

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| Jan. 5. | — By Postage, Secretary for Indian Stations. | \$1 96 |
| " 5. | — " Postage, Home Secretary. | 4 00 |
| " 7. | — " Blank Forms for Mission Stations. | 2 50 |
| " 7. | — " Life Members' Certificates | 13 00 |
| " 31. | — " Balance on hand | 1,327 34 |
| | | \$1,348 80 |

ISABELLA L. GEORGE, *Treasurer.*

To Secretaries.

Presbyterial Secretaries are again requested to forward their finished reports to the Home Secretary as soon as possible after their annual Presbyterial meetings.

Letter Leaflet Notice.

The LETTER LEAFLET year ends with the April number. All orders for the May issue must be in the hands of the Secretary of Publications not

later than April 8. Will Presbyterian Secretaries please see that the printed forms sent them by Mrs. Telfer are filled in and forwarded by the above date?

Annual Meeting.

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Division) will be held in Central Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 20, 21 and 22, 1897.

A cordial invitation is extended to delegates from every part of the Society throughout the Western Division.

On Tuesday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock, there will be a devotional meeting in the church, at the close of which the Presbyterian reports will be read. Afterwards delegates will be enrolled and billeted. The Nominating Committee will also meet on Tuesday afternoon at the close of the meeting. On Tuesday evening a conference of the Board with Presbyterian Secretaries and Treasurers will be held, beginning at 7.30, at which questions may be asked and subjects of interest to the Society considered.

Presidents', Secretaries', and Treasurers' substitutes will be welcome to the conference, on condition that they are members of the society they represent. A pink badge will be provided for substitutes. Presidents' substitutes are not entitled to vote in the election of officers.

Concerning Delegates

The following representatives from each Society, in addition to the thirty-six managers, are entitled to entertainment: From the Presbyterian Society—the President, Secretary and one delegate; from the Auxiliary—the President or her substitute, and one delegate; from the Mission Band—the President or her substitute.

In accord with Article 8 of General Society Constitution these delegates must be members of the General Society to be entitled to vote.

These names should be sent in not later than April 8th, that entertainment may be provided. Secretaries are also requested to furnish their delegates with a copy of their credentials to present at Hamilton.

The Board has decided again this year to appoint a Committee on Credentials, the Convener of which is Miss Margaret Craig, 194 Bloor Street West, Toronto, to whom the names of all delegates must be sent by the Secretary of the Society they are to represent, giving also the Presbyterian Society to which the Auxiliary or Band belongs.

In sending names of delegates, please be particular to state *whether or not a billet is desired*. In the case of any who may not wish to be billeted, the Secretary will kindly forward to Miss Craig the name and address of the friend with whom the delegate expects to stay. Miss Craig will forward all names to Hamilton. Delegates will receive notice of the names and addresses of their hostesses from the Billeting Secretary in Hamilton, to whom replies should be sent in good time, stating explicitly, when possible, the train by which guests may be expected to arrive. The official billet does not extend beyond the three days of the meeting. It is hoped that in no case will the travelling expenses of delegates be paid out of missionary funds. Where it is found expedient to pay such expenses, a special fund should be provided.

Railway Tickets.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES AND MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING.

1.—Please purchase a single, full-fare ticket, not a return, straight through to Hamilton, not later than ten minutes before your train leaves, and GET FROM THE AGENT WHO SELLS YOU THIS TICKET A STANDARD CERTIFICATE THAT THE FARE HAS BEEN PAID.

If more than one company's line is travelled over, an additional certificate should be obtained on purchasing a ticket at point of junction

2.—These certificates must be given to the Railway Secretary upon arrival at the meeting, after which she will sign and return them. If 300 certificates have been collected, you will obtain a return ticket without additional charge on presenting your certificate to the railway agent at Hamilton.

3.—Every lady is therefore requested on no account to omit bringing a Standard Certificate, however short her railway journey may be, so that the benefit of a one-fare rate may be obtained by all who attend.

Tickets may be purchased from April 16th to April 21st, and certificates may be exchanged for tickets for return journey up to April 26th.

BESSIE MACMURPHY, Railway Secretary.

The Training Home.

The subject of the Training Home has been very fully considered by the Board during the past year, and with the hearty concurrence of the F. M. Committee it has been agreed that the establishing of such a Home is now a necessity in our work. Notice is therefore given that the matter will be brought before the annual meeting for authority to go forward.

A Correction.

The clothing acknowledged in Mr. Small's letter in the February LETTER LEAFLET, was not from Howick, but from the Georgetown and English River W. M. S., Howick being merely the name of the station from which the goods were shipped.

PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETIES.

SAUGEEN.—The ninth annual meeting of this society was held in the Presbyterian Church, Durham, on December 8th. There was a large attendance of delegates and friends from the various auxiliaries. The following are the officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. Edmison, Rothsay; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Munro, Harriston; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Miller, Holstein; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Morrison, Cedarville; Treasurer, Mrs. McMurchy, Harriston; Secretary, Mrs. Bowie, Mt. Forest; Leaflet Secretary, Miss Allan, Holstein; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Munro. The reports from the officers and auxiliaries were cheering, the bale of clothing sent to our North-West schools being valued at \$500. The secretaries all spoke of the good attendance at the meetings, also of the "Thank-offering" meeting being looked forward to and that the spiritual interest in the work is deepening. The treasurer reported that \$724 had been raised this year for Foreign Missions. Mrs. Cameron, Durham, gave an excellent paper on "My Part in the Work." Mrs. Gunn gave a most helpful "Little Talk on the Poor, Unwelcome, Unloved Little Girls of Heathen Lands." The greatest treat of the afternoon was an address by Mrs. Watt, of Guelph. The subject was "Woman's Work for Jesus, and what are we doing?" Rev. R. P. Mackay spoke for a few moments on "What do we believe concerning the state of the heathen without the Gospel?" etc. The meeting was unanimously pronounced the best yet held. At the evening meeting the Rev. Mr. McVicar presented the report of the year's work. A total of \$754 was collected during the year; and it is remarkable that, in a time of great commercial stringency, some of the Mission Bands had contributed four times as much as other years. Rev. R. P. Mackay was the speaker of the evening. He gave a clear and delightful description of his trip through the North-West and his visit to our far-west mission fields. The collection was \$13.

B. BOWIE, Secretary.

WHITBY.—The Whitby Presbyterian met in the Presbyterian Church, Oshawa, on Tuesday, 19th Jan., with morning, afternoon and evening ses-

sions, Mrs. McAuley, Pickering, the President, in the chair at the two former, and Rev. R. Whiteman, B.A., Port Perry, in the evening. Notwithstanding the sudden cold snap, the attendance of delegates was fairly good, although not quite up to the average. There was greater freedom than usual on the part of the ladies in the discussions, and a paper by Miss Jessie Panton, Oshawa, on "Mission Bands," and the address of Mrs. Ball, of Toronto, were particularly enjoyed. Mrs. Ball had been present at the Pan-Presbyterian Council and at the International Council of Presbyterian Woman's Societies in Scotland last summer, and gave an interesting account of these meetings, with many practical hints. The W.F.M.S. is represented in some form in all the congregations of the Presbytery. \$927.04 was contributed by the auxiliaries, an increase of \$6.81; \$41.05 by the Mission Bands, a decrease of \$72.86, making in all \$66.55 less than last year. 347 copies of the LEAFLET are subscribed for. The bale of clothes for the Okanase Reserve Indians was heavier than that of last year. In the evening an admirable address was delivered by Rev. A. McAuley, B.A., Pickering, and Rev. Dr. Buchanan gave interesting details of Mission Work in Central India, and made an earnest plea for the Bhesls, a neglected class of tribesmen, to whom he has gone as the first missionary. The officers for 1897 are: President, Mrs. McAuley, Pickering; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Eastman, Oshawa; Mrs. Fraser, Bowmanville, and Mrs. Dr. McGillivray, Whitby; Recording Secretary, Miss Galbraith, Bowmanville; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Thompson, Whitby; Secretary of Literature, Miss Bassett, Bowmanville; Secretary of Supplies, Miss McGillivray, Whitby; Treasurer, Mrs. Currie, Port Perry.

M. GALBRAITH, Secretary.

HAMILTON.—The annual meeting of the Hamilton Presbyterial Society was held in St. Paul's school-room on January 19th. There was a large attendance of delegates, and the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were well represented. The morning session was devoted to receiving reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, the election of officers, reports of the Secretary of Literature and the Secretary of Supplies, and other business. At the afternoon session two interesting papers were read: "Mission Bands," by Miss Robertson, of Strabane, and "Our Work for the Master," by Miss Hanson, of Blackheath. A discussion followed the reading of these papers, in which several ladies took part. Mrs. Grant, ex-President of the Society, gave an earnest address, which was listened to

with deep attention. The meeting was felt to be one of the most enjoyable ever held by the Society.

FLORA M. FINDLAY, Secretary.

LINDSAY.—The annual meeting of the Lindsay Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Beaverton, on Tuesday, January 12th. There were about 42 delegates present, 14 out of the 21 Auxiliaries being represented. The President, Mrs. Ross, of Lindsay, presided. After the opening of the morning session, Mrs. Glendenning, of Sunderland, gave a Bible reading on "Christ's Commendation of Woman's Service." The remainder of the session was given to devotional exercises and business. Eight hundred pounds of clothing had been shipped to Lizard's Point Reserve in September. The following officers were appointed for 1897: President, Mrs. Robert Ross, Lindsay; Vice-Presidents, 1st, Mrs. Frankish, Uxbridge; 2nd, Mrs. MacDonald, Eldon; 3rd, Mrs. Armstrong, Zephyr; 4th, Mrs. McLeod, Sonya; Secretary, Miss L. H. MacLennan, Lindsay; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Walker, Uxbridge; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. McKinnon, Fenelon Falls; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Stewart, Lindsay; Mission Band Secretary, Miss Denoon, Cannington. It was decided to pack the North-West clothing at Lindsay. A discussion as to the time of the year the annual meeting should be held followed. The matter had been sent to the different Auxiliaries for consideration, and it was thought best by the majority to hold the meeting in January, the date to be left to the Executive. It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Woodville, and the semi-annual at Sonya. Mrs. Grant, of Toronto, Home Secretary, explained in a few words the proposed Training Home at Toronto. The reports presented at the afternoon session showed an increase in membership, an improved average attendance, and increasing interest throughout all the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands with increased offerings. The contributions for 1895 were \$1,407.27, and for 1896 they were \$1,495.99, an increase of \$38.72. Mrs. Grant gave a most interesting address. She urged all present to increase their knowledge about Missions, to be more earnest in their prayers, and more liberal in their contributions. Mrs. Duncan, of Woodville, read a paper on "How to Make a Missionary Meeting Successful." Miss MacMillan, of Lindsay, followed on the same subject, speaking of "Preparation Before the Meeting." While the collection was being taken up the members of the Mission Band sang a chorus called "Hear the Pennies Dropping," and afterward the little girls sang a missionary hymn. In the evening a public meeting was held in the church, at which Mrs.

McDonald, of Beaverton, presided, and an address was given by Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie, of Honan, China.

L. H. MACLENNAN, Secretary.

SARNIA.—The ninth annual meeting of the Presbyterial W.F.M.S. was held in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on Jan. 20th and 21st. All the Auxiliaries, except one, were represented, and most of the Bands. Papers on "Personal Consecration," by Mrs. D. Macleod, Parkhill; "Systematic Giving," by Miss Geddes, Strathroy; and "What we Owe to Foreign Missions," by Miss McPhedran, Wanstead, were read and discussed. A delightful Bible reading was lead by Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., Strathroy, "Watchfulness" being the subject. The Mission Band workers had a good conference in the vestry. All enjoyed the evening meeting, when Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie, of Honan, was the principal speaker, and listening to his earnest words as he told of life in China, one gave thanks for living where Jesus Christ is known and loved, and our sympathy went out to our less favored sisters of heathen lands. On Thursday the morning meeting was given entirely to business, and in the afternoon we had a short session, when two papers were read: "Ways and Means for Raising Money for Missions," by Mrs. Walker, Petrolea; and "Motives of Our Work," by Mrs. Weir, Thedford. Some good discussions brought out helpful hints. The treasurer reported an increase of \$125 over last year's contributions, making a total of \$892, although we have lost one Auxiliary and two Mission Bands, with one Band added. Goods to the value of \$820 were sent to the Mission at Hurricane Hills. Over 300 LETTER LEAFLETS are taken and give much help in our work. The officers for this year are: President, Mrs. Mactavish, Parkhill; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Telfer, Thedford, Mrs. McHattie, Petrolea, Miss Ross, Nairn; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Macleod, Parkhill; Treasurer, Miss Geddes, Strathroy; Corresponding Secretary, Jessie D. Brebner.

JESSIE D. BREBNER, Secretary.

OTTAWA.—The annual meeting of the Ottawa Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church lecture hall, on Tuesday, February 2nd. There was a good attendance of delegates. The reports showed that though there were the usual discouragements, still the interest, on the whole, seemed to be well sustained. The membership of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands is 548; "Scattered Helpers," 74; total contributions, \$1,447.00—being an

increase of £17.66 over last year. In the afternoon Mrs. Tytler, from India, gave an interesting address, and an admirable paper on "Personal Responsibility" was read by Mrs. Alexander. Mrs. Gardner, of Aylmer, ably conducted the "Question Drawer." Owing to press of other duties, Mrs. Thorburn, who had been President for ten years, ever since the organization of the society, resigned. A pleasant event took place at the close of the afternoon meeting. Miss Harmon came forward and, in the name of the society, presented the retiring President with a magnificent Oxford Bible and an address bound in morocco. The address referred to her long services in the cause of foreign missions and to her introduction of the "Scattered Helpers" scheme into the working of the Society. The gift was a complete surprise to Mrs. Thorburn, and was much appreciated by her. The officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mrs. G. Hay, Ottawa; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. R. Gamble, Wakefield; Mrs. J. Lohead, North Gower; Mrs. M. H. Sinclair, Carp; Mrs. A. G. Robertson, Kenmore; Miss Parker, Aylmer. Secretary, Miss H. E. Deric; Treasurer, Miss E. H. Gibson; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. L. Crannell. The evening meeting was eloquently addressed by Rev. Dr. Armstrong and Rev. J. Lohead.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Chinese Work in California.

Under the above heading Rev. I. M. Condit, D.D., San Francisco, writes in the *Church at Home and Abroad*, for July, 1896 :

"August 3, 1895, marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of our labors in this field. Twenty-five years ago there were only one or two stations outside of San Francisco; and now there are ten. At that time the work was largely itinerating, while now it is organized into a regular system. Then there were but few schools, while now we have Sabbath and evening schools at every station. Scarcely anything was then done among the women, and the sight of one in our audience was a rare thing; to-day a systematic work is carried on among them, and more than a hundred of them are often seen in our church on Sabbath. Twenty-five years ago but few children were to be seen in Chinatown, and the starting of a little school for them was quite an event; now the streets are alive with children who number thousands, and they are gathered into many schools. At that time a Christian family was hard to find, and considered quite a curiosity ;

now Christian homes are numbered by the score. We have three regularly organized churches; six Christian Endeavor Societies, a Young Men's Christian Association with its branch at every station, a Circle of King's Daughters, interesting missionary societies, and even a mission paper. The work has its drawbacks and discouragements, but for all that shows many marks of healthy progress.

"A petition has gone up to the Chinese Consulate from the various missionaries, asking them to aid us in the opening of a hospital for the poor, sick Chinese, and especially to assume its pecuniary support. Every hospital in this city is closed against them, the pest house being the only door open to receive Chinese. Is there not crying need for a hospital? Should it not be one under the control, not of merciless heathen, but of Christians with hearts to pity and hands to help?

"Our Chinese missionary societies have just sent \$400 of their money to China for home mission work; \$200 of this is a year's support of the colporteur whom they employ, and \$200 is the yearly salary of a preacher in the new Sun Neng Church, which they have built with their own money. This is one of the cheering features of our work."

The Rescue Home for Chinese girls in San Francisco, under the Occidental Woman's Board, is a most important branch. This work has been noticed at length in former issues of the LETTER LEAFLET.

From the source mentioned above we learn also that there are about 12,000 Chinese scattered through the cities and towns of Oregon, Washington and Western Idaho, with mission headquarters at Portland. At these points the various departments of evangelistic, school, and home and dispensary work are actively carried on.

"THE JAPANESE.—Of the six thousand Japanese in California, one-half are in San Francisco, while the rest are scattered all over the State, especially in the fruit-raising sections.

"With very few exceptions the Japanese in the United States are young men without settled homes. This is one of the unfavorable features in the work. On the other hand, they are earnest inquirers after truth, and most of them listen to the gospel without prejudice. Probably not more than one-tenth of their number have been truly converted, though a larger proportion have professed their belief in Christ and have united with various Protestant churches. There are in California four missions for the Japanese, established in the order mentioned: Methodist, Presbyterian, Seventh-Day Adventist and Episcopalian. The first is about thir-

teen years old and the last is less than a year. All these missions are successful and all are partially self-supporting, though none of the others are doing so much in this direction as our own. With the exception of our Methodist brethren, who have stations at Sacramento, Fresno, Los Angeles and other places, the work for the Japanese is confined to San Francisco. The Roman Catholics, though so aggressive in foreign fields, make no attempt to convert the Chinese or Japanese in this country. The Japanese who do not come under Christian influence, receive on the whole more injury than good from their sojourn among us, as unfortunately the example set them by the majority of Californians is far from helpful. Such young men lose much of their native politeness and acquire instead blunt, western ways, which can hardly be considered an improvement. But those who become Christians save their money, spend their time in study, and sooner or later return to their own land, to exert a helpful influence in the cause of the Master."

CHINESE IN CANADA. - For Chinese work in British Columbia see the Report of F. M. Committee, 1895-6.

An interesting illustrated article on "The Chinese in Montreal," by Rev. F. M. Dewey, may be found in the *Westminster* for August 1896. The Montreal work is under the superintendence of Dr. Thomson, a returned missionary of the American Presbyterian Church. The results are already manifold and encouraging. A number of Chinese S. Schools are actively carried on. Several of the scholars have made open profession of their faith and have been baptized, and many more are making hopeful progress in Christian knowledge.

CENTRAL INDIA.

Address

Presented to Her Excellency the Countess of Elgin, on the occasion of her Visit to the Canadian Mission Hospital, Indore, Nov. 3rd, 1896.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

In the name of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, whose Missionaries we are, we bid you a hearty welcome. We appreciate very highly the honor Your Excellency has conferred upon us. In no part of the Empire of Her Gracious Majesty are to be found hearts more sincerely loyal to Her Majesty than in our fair Dominion of Canada; and we, therefore, rejoice that we are thus permitted to receive within our Hospital walls one

who so worthily represents Her Gracious Majesty in this interesting land. We, especially, are cheered in thus being honored by the visit of one who has shown such a warm interest in the special work we are seeking to forward. Lady Dufferin had the honor of inaugurating the work that bears her name that has done so much to ameliorate the condition of the women of India. We rejoice that her mantle has fallen on shoulders so able and so willing to carry the burden, even after it, in its prosaic routine, lacks the stimulating influence of novelty.

We are deeply grateful to Your Excellency that you should be able in your short visit to Indore, amidst the important functions of your exalted position, to turn aside to encourage and show your warm sympathy with our humble efforts.

Dr. Elizabeth Beatty was the pioneer in Central India of special medical work for women; and at first the work was carried on in Dispensaries and by house to house visitation. His Highness Maharajah Holkar early showed an interest in the work, and at different times has given substantial proofs of the same. The site on which the Hospital now stands, so centrally situated and so suitable for our work, was his gift. The funds for its erection were provided by the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by whom also the work has been maintained. Five years ago the Hospital was opened. Each year we have been encouraged by seeing more of the sick and suffering women of Central India availing themselves of the help provided. Last year our In-Patients numbered 297 and the attendance of Out-Patients 22,547. Every woman coming to us knows she is coming to a Mission Hospital, and that while with us she will receive daily teaching in the truths of Christianity. That this fact keeps some away we do not deny, but we also know that once a woman has been an in-patient she is generally most anxious to have all her friends, when ill, avail themselves of the Hospital.

From our small beginning the work has gradually developed. Medical Mission work for women under fully qualified lady doctors has been carried on in five centres in Central India, viz., Neemuch, Ujjain, Indore, Mhow and Dhar; and at the present time we have in the field four lady doctors and one trained nurse from Canada, in addition to hospital assistants, nurses, etc., of this land. We desire also, gratefully, to state that we have been encouraged in thus developing our work by some of those occupying high places in Central India; notably by His Highness the Maharajah of Dhar, who recently gave two very valuable sites for an Hospital and Bungalow

accommodation in his capital ; and by invitations from both Princes and Ministers to their States, as in Jaora, of which as yet we regret we have not been able to avail ourselves. 62,306 women in Central India were assisted by our Mission last year, at a cost of about Rs. 24,000, almost wholly the gift of the women in Canada to their suffering sisters of India.

Though the time does not seem to have come when we can hope for much assistance in this land for the work that is becoming each year a heavier burden, as it is constantly growing, yet we beg to assure Your Excellency that in thus recognizing and sympathizing with our work you have conferred on us a very real favor and very valuable aid. We, therefore, beg to return to you our very sincere thanks for your kind visit, and pray that you may long be spared to assist and encourage the cause of truth and humanity.

(Signed) MARION OLIVER, M.D.,
MARGARET MCKELLAR, M.D..

Physicians in charge.

Evangelistic Work Among Village Women.

FROM MISS SINCLAIR.

Dewas, Central India, Dec. 28, 1896.

I had hoped to write to you and the LEAFLET long ere this, but have been delaying from week to week, so that I might report not only the safe arrival of the party, but also of the mission boxes. But I must not delay longer, even though one of the boxes is still missing, and I have little hope that it will be found, as vigorous search has been made for it by our agents in Bombay. It was, I am glad to say, one of my boxes, and contained, among other things, a parcel for me from friends in Mount Forest ; also the Sabbath School pictures, mounted on cardboard and cut into sections for scripture puzzles. These were, I believe, the gift of a Sabbath School in Parkdale. I, of course, very much regret losing these and whatever other gifts the box contained. It is disappointing, not only to me, but also to those who so kindly contributed to my need. I am glad, however, to have received the box containing the clothing for the boarding school girls. Without these supplies I do not know how we should manage. I have only one suggestion to make, and it is that there be more long skirts. Lachchi, for instance, takes a skirt 41 inches long. When asked for suggestions, when I was home last year, I forgot to mention that girls, even wee ones, wear the skirt quite down to the ankles.

We had a very pleasant voyage out, and everything seemed familiar on

landing. The dark faces looked perhaps a little darker, the glare was more trying, and the heat slightly more oppressive ; but very soon all the strangeness wore away, and I found it difficult to realize that I had been away from it all so long a time. There were changes in the school ; a number of the older girls were gone, some to their parents' homes, others to homes of their own ; but their places here are filled by others. There are, however, only twenty-four boarders and two day pupils at present.

At Christmas time almost all the girls who have parents go to their homes for the holidays, so I am comparatively free. Miss Oliver and I, with two of the boarding school girls—orphans—and a Bible-woman, have come out here to Dewas, making the Dak Bungalow our stopping place, and going out to the villages near by. Dewas is a town of about 11,000 inhabitants, nestling at the foot of a very high hill, almost worthy the name of mountain. We went up to see the temples at the top. There were no worshippers in the temples, though it was evening and we encountered nothing but a sacred bull that viewed us imprudently, then turned and fled down the steep hillside. The air here is delightful. It reminds me of Ceylon, where, on one occasion, five years ago, we revelled in the "spicy breezes"; or of Lucerne, where my very soul drank in with the soft air the surpassing beauty of the lake lying below me. But Dewas is not Lucerne. Certain sounds at this moment smite my ear and remind me that I am in India. It is just dusk. The birds are twittering in the trees, maybe calling to his or her mate to settle for the night ; the sound of voices—a sea of murmurs—reaches me from the bazaar ; above this, the voice of a singer nearer by ; and above all the incessant ringing of temple bells as the gods are being worshipped or put to sleep—a sound that always makes me breathe the prayer, "How long, O Lord, how long?" till the people of this land cast away their idols and turn to serve the living God, till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

In the first village where we went on Monday morning, a number of men listened respectfully, but not a woman would come near us. Miss Oliver went about smiling on them all, but the more she smiled the less they seemed inclined for any friendliness. So we reluctantly prepared to shake the dust of the village off our feet ; but as we went along we spoke to two women in a doorway. They did not run, so I proposed singing a hymn to them. They invited us into a little yard, and we seated ourselves in an unused blacksmith shop. About fifteen women and as many children

collected, and we sang several bhajans, explaining them and the way of salvation. Then we went to another village where they received us at once. One of the wives (or more likely concubines) of the Dewas rajah lives there, and I was surprised to find that she is an old pupil of mine at Indore. It was 2:30 p.m. when we got back to the Dak Bungalow for breakfast, too hungry to question the quality of the rice or anything else set before us. In the village, six miles from here, where we went the following day, they were very friendly. The women gathered around us, and we stayed about three and a half hours. We sang several bhajans and used them as texts, and also taught them one of our hymns, "The Lord Jesus Saves My Soul," which they sang very nicely with us. How we did long to know that even a faint glimmer of the Light of Life had pierced the darkness of their heart and mind. There are over 1,000 in the village and we reached only a few. Miss Oliver had her hands full with the sick ones, and as they urged us to return we promised to go again.

Later.— We went again to Shia, but the people's attitude had changed. We had evidently made some impression on the women the first time, for we found that those who had listened so attentively and who had even learned to sing one of our hymns, had been sent out to the fields to work. We gathered others, though, and stayed some time, then came on to another village. Here we found the women afraid of us. They would not even have medicine. We sang some hymns and explained them, but the people were very indifferent, and we left the village, feeling that little had been accomplished.

New Year's Day we went to another large village about four or five miles distant. The road was very rough and we were thoroughly shaken up. The people received us kindly, and spread a mat for us in the deep verandah of the village temple. We sent the men away, then went to some houses to invite the women to come out. At first they seemed reluctant and suspicious, and one old woman said to me, when I urged her to come and hear about the true God, "If death comes to me, it comes. I won't hear your words." She came, however, and as we sang a bhajan that always appeals to the women, she cried very much, and afterward listened most attentively while we sang several hymns, and each of us in turn explained the way of Life to the crowd that had gathered. There were several very bright boys among the number. They interested me greatly, and after the women had gone I sang and talked a long time with them. We gave them some tracts and two hymn books, and are hopeful

that some seed of truth may find a place in them. About 2 p.m. we left and came to another village on the way home. Evidently there had some time been a large temple in these parts, for numbers of carved stone gods were piled in utter confusion under two sacred trees. In front of them was an immense stone god—most revolting in appearance—garlanded and covered with red paint. One marvels that human beings can worship objects so utterly demoralizing. In this place we could not even get a hearing. Most of the women were away in the fields, and the few who remained would have nothing to do with us.

The following day we went to a large village of over 1,100 people. We stayed for several hours, repeating the programme of previous days, and by the time we were ready to leave the people were crowding about us, their fears dispelled, their shyness gone. It was again well on in the day when we got our breakfast, after which we went to a place in Dewas, where we had been invited by a woman who came the day before for medicine. Her relatives and acquaintances had come to see us, too. How they listened, begging us to stay with them and teach them more "words of wisdom!" It was a delightful experience, which we repeated the next day (Sunday). I have never known women to listen more attentively or to seem more intelligently interested in the message of salvation, and the "glad tidings of great joy." Our hearts yearned over them, but we were greatly comforted by the remembrance that the Lord Himself loves them more than we do, and without human help, the Holy Spirit can bring home the truth to their hearts. In the face of great need, and dense darkness of heart and mind, one realizes more and more that it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord that souls are brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

We returned to Indore on Monday, January 4th, and found many duties awaiting us here.

Christmas at Dhar.

FROM MISS DOUGAN.

Dhar, December 31, 1896.

At first Christmas days are apt to be very homesick ones in India, but by-and-bye they are as full of Christmas joy as is the day at home, though in a different way. Your boxes helped to make a good many people happy. The things were just what we needed. Before they came we ourselves had made up all the old woollen things we could find into nice warm jackets and caps. Our wardrobe had an overhauling

to supply material. Coats, trousers, skirts, socks, stockings, blouses, and tea cosies were made to do good service. One pair of stockings or socks makes a lovely little vest for a baby. You would be surprised to see how every little scrap can be utilized. Tea cosies went into caps. Some of them had crowns of crazy patchwork, of which a few bits had come out in a mission-box. A green and yellow table mat, also from the mission-box, was unravelled to adorn the garments. These warm things were for two large families of children, who have been shivering in cotton rags all this cold weather. When the box came we were delighted to find some nice warm flannel.

On Christmas morning nearly all the Christians—men, women, and children—came out to say salaam to us. They all gathered in the drawing-room, where we sang some Christmas hymns, and there each one received some little present. After breakfast Mr. Russell and Miss O'Hara came into the city with me to distribute the gifts in my schools. What a happy lot of children they were when it was all done. Each little girl who had come regularly received a doll, and those who had studied well got a pencil-case and little bag also. There were some disappointed little faces too. Some of them were naughty little girls, who wanted to play instead of coming to school; but there were several who really want to come, and study well when they do come occasionally, but that is only when they can run away from their parents. I feel very sorry for these. As the day was so full Mr. Russell did not distribute gifts in his school. At four o'clock the Christians again came to the bungalow, where we had a prayer-meeting on the verandah. After that came our Christmas dinner, consisting of only one course, rice and curry. We sat on the floor and ate it with our fingers. Dinner over we sang hymns till dark, and ended up the day with a magic lantern exhibition. I do not think anyone had a happier day than Sonibai. It was her first Christmas, and she had been getting her presents ready for weeks beforehand. They consisted mostly of cholis for the Christian women, for which we had given the cloth. But she had a little present ready for each one of us also.

The things you sent this year were very suitable, only I must remember to put some pieces of cloth in next year's list. The large advertisement pictures have made the school rooms bright. Someone sent me a number of large, stiff advertisement cards, with nothing printed on the back. These make splendid alphabet cards for the children to take in their hands. I wish some one had sent me a bottle of Indian ink to print them with.

Ordinary ink smudges, but I have used red lead pencil, which does not do badly. Many thanks for the kindergarten material. The cards look so clean and pretty that Sonibai thinks it a pity to let the little girls touch them. She would like to do them herself and have them for show. She is very quick with her fingers and loves to learn new work.

I have not written you since I opened a second school near the old dispensary, where the work was so successful last winter. Theodorabai is a very good teacher, and the school promises well. Most of the pupils are Mohammedan children, who come because Urdu is taught in the Persian character. I am opening a third school in Nao Gao, a large village just outside the city walls. It is a promising opening, and I am sorry I have not a really good teacher to place there.

To Make Little Hearts Happy.

FROM MISS GRIER.

Indore, January 7, 1897.

The mission boxes arrived in good time for Christmas, but we are not giving anything away in our girls' schools till the end of February or March. The dolls are lovely, so beautifully dressed, showing that both time and thought have been expended as well as all the hard work. We hope to have enough, though you have not been able to send us quite as many as we asked for. I think I asked for 150, and there are 110. Also the pieces of bright colored print for skirts have evidently not come in this year as formerly, and we would have been very glad of a few such pieces. However, I have no doubt we shall manage and succeed in making many little hearts happy, thanks to the kindness of the Canadian Mission Band workers.

You will perhaps wonder what I have been doing during the last year, seeing there have been no letters from me. All the year, until 1st November last, I had the oversight of the Maratthi school. At that time Miss Ptolemy took it over, and now I have only the Hindi School and Zenana work. A month ago I had a taste of to me entirely new work, that is, work among the villages. This time I went with Dr. Oliver to a place right in the jungle, where the only house was the one in which we were staying. We were only 14 miles from Indore and 11 from Mhow, and yet had to take all our provisions with us, as nothing could be got there, but wet potatoes and milk, which, fortunately, was very good. The water we could not drink, as the caretaker said, "No, I never wash the water vessels, why should I, when no one ever drinks the water." However, with

good milk and tea one can manage nicely for a time, and we were only out four days. We would start away in the morning, supplied with medicines and hymn books, etc., and go to a village some distance away. Arriving there the notice would be given that a doctor, Miss Sahib, had arrived, who would give medicines to any who were sick. Sometimes we were invited to a door step, sometimes we sat under a tree, or in the shade of a house. Slowly, first the children, then the men, and finally by looking just as amiable as we possibly could, we would get the women also gathered round. Then we would sing one or two hymns, after which the Bible-woman would talk to the crowd, and judging by the nods and exclamations of acquiescence, an onlooker might judge that these people, at any rate, believed in the truth of the Gospel of Christ. But, ah me! just when they seemed most attentive, and you felt they could not help but catch some truth, a meek-looking woman would strike in with some such absurd question as, "What name do you give your skirt?" "How old are you?" or "Are you married?" Then one would feel like dropping a tear, and saying, "What is the use of it all; do they take in anything we say?" And then some one speaks up and says, "I am listening, and want to hear more;" and so we take fresh courage and go on again.

After a little the sick ones are invited to tell their ailments; and fevers, coughs, colds, etc., are soon dealt with. Sometimes there is a man who hurt his foot weeks, it may be months, before. To look at it almost makes one's heart jump (you see I am not a doctor), but it also is soon made more comfortable than it has been since the accident happened. But beyond all, the hero or heroine of the day is the one who has the courage to have a tooth drawn, and great is the surprise to find neither eye nor jaw come away at the same time. Sometimes from twelve to thirty people are treated at one place, then after more singing and preaching we go on to another place if the village is a large one, and if not, to another village, or home to breakfast, which we are quite ready for after being out in the sun so many hours. In the afternoon or evening places near at hand were visited.

We were pleased in some villages to find that the people remembered Dr. McKeillar visiting them last cold season. Many testified to her medicine having done them good, and some seemed to remember snatches of hymns she had sung to them. And so we trusted that this time they would remember a little more still, and, remembering, try to live according to the teaching of the words. We feel that very little can be done by

visiting these villages simply once a year, and, one wonders if the villagers grasp even a little of the truth, and yet, He who said "My word shall not return unto me void," can water and cause to grow even the smallest and weakest seed, and so we leave it in His hands.

New Duties.

FROM MISS WHITE.

Indore, January 7, 1897.

Christmas has come and gone, and here we are on the threshold of another year. I need not say much about our annual Sabbath School prize distribution, for doubtless you will have heard ere this. All the Sabbath Schools of Indore met in the College on Christmas morning; 859 received cards and sweetmeats as they passed out, but it is calculated about a thousand persons in all came together to hear the old, old Christmas story. It was cheering, and we felt glad and grateful to the loving Father who had made it possible to bring so many together.

Yesterday a little company of us were listening to another story: Jesus' love for little children, for He had taken to Himself the little one-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Smith, and we came together to see her laid to rest in Mhow cemetery. Dr. and Mrs. Smith have had a sad beginning of life in India, for they only arrived about three weeks ago. Baby was ill with pneumonia a week before they landed and lingered on till early yesterday morning. Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to the bereaved ones. This is their third little grave. "Their graves are scattered far and wide." One lies in China, another in Japan, and the new-made grave is in India.

The weather has been very cold lately, but the last few days have been warmer; the changes are so sudden and the difference between the heat of day and cold at night is great. We had heavy rain lately, which, we trust, came in time to save some of the crops. The famine is not severely felt here, but in Rajputana and other parts of the country it is causing a deal of misery. Of course living is much more expensive all over the land, and so we know there is a famine.

I hear more about these matters now through visiting the zenanas. I handed over the boarding school to Miss Sinclair soon after her return to Indore, and am now visiting the zenanas in the camp. They are mostly Mohammedan houses, opened first by Miss Roger (where her memory is yet kindly cherished), and afterwards worked by a Bible-woman, supported for a time by the Purab Ki Tara. I have been kindly received so far, and

invited to return. Many ask to be taught to read and sew, which I trust will be accomplished. Mrs. Wilkie has given the Mang Mohulla work completely to myself ; that does not mean that Mrs. Wilkie is tired of work, she means to give her attention, no doubt, to other branches of work. I have been associated with the Mang work since its inception, three years ago ; but I fear I cannot atone to these poor people for the loss of Mrs. Wilkie, for latterly I did not come in close touch with them, other duties often prevented me going to the Mohulla. However, I have no such excuse now, and I can go to them just as often as is necessary, and trust the work will be blessed as of yore.

The normal training class in the College is very interesting work ; Miss Ptolemy and I have had the privilege of giving weekly lectures on methods of teaching and school management, to the young men employed in the schools here, and some of the College students as well. We hope to test the practical work as time goes on.

I thank you and the ladies sincerely for the portion of goods that fell to my lot. The poor Mang women lost no time in making up their material, and looked so decent and cosy on Christmas Day that it would have given pleasure to the donors at home to see them.

HONAN.

A Hopeful Beginning Among Village Women.

FROM DR. JEAN DOW.

Chu Wang, Nov. 23, 1896.

It was a real pleasure, long anticipated, to meet Miss Pyke and Miss Robb from Canada. We feel quite rich in actually having two more young ladies in our field. We thought we had secured them for Christmas with us, but, alas, for our well-laid schemes! we found they could not spare them at the Fu, so we have yielded with the best grace we could muster.

One day, a few weeks ago, when out walking, Miss McIntosh and I made an excuse to touch the outskirts of a village a short mile away, to see what kind of reception we should receive. It took but a twinkling for those on the street to stand an instant, call to everybody within hearing, run into the house and summon fathers, mothers, grandmothers, and all others whom it might concern, to come out and see the sight. We, therefore, were soon the centre of a curious but good-natured group. Several of the women had visited in our compound at Chu Wang, and some had been treated in the dispensary, so we were not entirely among strangers. In

response to many invitations to go in and rest awhile, and have a drink of hot water, we gladly promised to go again, the afternoon being too far advanced to wait at that time. But we sang a hymn, and, after a few words of explanation, left. Last Thursday afternoon we took Mrs. Wu and went again, by no means sure that the welcome would be as cordial as the invitation, for, as elsewhere, so in China, people do not always mean what they say. The reception, however, was all that could be desired; the children behaved admirably, and the men, among the hundreds who congregated, were quite respectful. One, a graduate, and therefore a man of influence in the place, asked if we would be willing to come and teach the women the Gospel. After looking at a few copies we had of hymns and simple forms of prayer, and asking some questions about our teaching, he insisted upon leading us across the village to his house to give the women of his household and neighborhood a chance to listen. They listened, they saw, they wondered. They asked us to return, and, according to Chinese etiquette, they escorted us to the outside of the village when we left. The villages surrounding Chu Wang have not hitherto been open to woman's work, and I mention these visits because we hope that they may be but the beginnings of systematic instruction among these women who are within walking distance from this centre.

NORTH-WEST INDIANS.

Encouragement in School Work.

FROM REV. HUGH M'KAY.

Round Lake, Whitewood P.O., Assa., Jan. 14, 1897.

I am sending you a short quarterly report of our school. We have now distributed clothing to the poor old people and to the helpless ones. The supply of nice warm quilts was beyond our need, so we have a good number left over. The work in the school is becoming more encouraging. We are thankful in having no sickness among the children during the quarter. The work on the reserve is about as usual. The old chief Kewistahaw was much offended during the summer because one of his people had been arrested for sun dancing, but he is more friendly now. Billy is, as you saw him, still a pagan, but always friendly. His boy is with us still. He, the boy, had 70 bushels of wheat this year. Do you remember the old bent woman you saw at Billy's meeting, falling in the brush when coming to salute you? She is not living now, and not a few of these poor old people who met with you and who were so anxious to shake hands with you or

have the honor of having your hand laid upon their head have passed away — and thus one by one the number is being reduced.

The improvements in our buildings have added much to our comfort.

Mrs. McKay and I have been tasting the bitter waters of affliction during the quarter. A little boy was born to us on 18th of September and was taken from us 19th of November. We felt at the time as if God was very hard, but now we feel more reconciled.

'Tis God that lifts our comforts high
Or sinks them in the grave.
He gives, and when He takes away
He takes but what He gave.

It is sweet to think that we have one more tie drawing us to the better land, where there is no pain, no sorrow, no death. That our loved ones are only being gathered home to be safe in the arms of our elder brother, and to think of reunion with those gone before. Mrs. McKay joins me in kind love to you. Pray for us that we may know the sweetness of being reconciled to God's will.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FROM MISS SARA LAIDLAW.

Portage la Prairie Indian School, Jan. 21, 1897.

In former years all the Indian men, women and children at the teepees were invited to dinner at the school on Christmas Day, but this year we decided to change our plans somewhat. Last New Year's eve we had such a sad experience with liquor on the Reserve that we determined, if possible, to turn their thoughts in another direction. In our December meeting of W. F. M. S., Mrs. Marlatt proposed that we have a magic lantern exhibition in the Indian church on New Year's eve, and on New Year's day have the dinner in the church, instead of them coming here, hoping in that way to keep them at home and prevent any from procuring strong drink. Rev. A. J. McLeod, of Regina Industrial School, kindly sent down the magic lantern, and Rev. P. Wright, B.D., exhibited the views. Quite a number of townspeople went down, and we were pleased to have among the number Mr. A. D. Mackay, of Winnipeg. The church was full of Indians and all enjoyed the entertainment.

We contrasted New Year's eve, 1843, when general confusion reigned, drunken brawls on all sides, and even men were tied hand and foot with ropes to them from deeds which might have resulted in death, with New Year's eve, 1896, when perfect quiet reigned, not one man or woman drunk on the whole reserve and all listening quietly to timely remarks on Christ's infinite love for each one of them.

New Year's Day a severe blizzard raged, but those who were to accompany us resolved to brave the storm rather than disappoint the waiting Indians. Upon our arrival we were sorry to see two Indians intoxicated, but these were quickly sent to town and locked up. We were pleased that one of the Indians informed on the man who gave them liquor, and he shared their fate with the addition of a fine of \$50 and costs.

An abundance of good things was provided for the dinner, and all who came were satisfied, while we sent goodly supplies to all the sick and feeble. Some asked if we thought it worth while to go to this extra trouble. Yes! We felt repaid in every way. Not only were we conscious of making all satisfied and happy, but we tided many over that season peculiarly fraught with temptation to the Indian.

The Indians have never been so well off as they are this winter, and we earnestly hope while to them is given earthly blessing they may realize that beyond this there is a far richer blessing in which it is their privilege to share.

Christmas was a merry and happy season in our school. All were well and able to enjoy the good things. Santa Claus visited us on the eve of Christmas and they all enjoyed this change from the old-time Tree. A gentleman in town came and took all the children for a drive, and as the day was mild all enjoyed it.

The Mission Band of Knox Church, Winnipeg, and the Auxiliary of Stonewall very kindly sent us boxes of useful things for Christmas. The girls remembered both Miss Fraser and myself by kind gifts. Need I add we are very proud of these presents, for it speaks of, thoughtfulness and a desire to make others happy.

The winter has been long and severe. Several in the school have had la grippe, but we hope the worst is over.

Line Upon Line.

FROM MR. D. ADDISON MACKENZIE.

Indian Mission House, Moose Mountain, Dec. 28, 1896.

The clothing is all very good and appropriate, especially the quilts. If our loving sisters in the east, who have spent hours, and days, and weeks, in the making of these, could have seen the faces of a few of the very old women when they received their share of the clothing, they would have felt like going to work at once to prepare more for next year, at least they would feel repaid a thousand times.

Jan. 1, 1897.—One old woman, who claims to be ninety-six years of age, upon hearing that I had some clothing for distribution, walked up to my house for her share, and upon being fitted up with a comfortable coat, which reached almost to the ground, and a red woollen hood, we escorted her to a large mirror and, upon seeing "the new woman," a smile played upon her face which would have settled forever the question which a great many ask, "Do the Indians appreciate those good things?"

There has not been the spiritual advancement made that I expected before arriving here, still I am not discouraged when I think of the many encouragements which come day by day. We want to do more praying and more believing or we will leave the Indian as we found him; nothing but that power which cometh from the great heart of God will work the change upon this people which we desire. Upon two or three occasions I invited the Indians to my house for service, but none came; so since that time I have been going from house to house, talking a little to them and reading

the Scriptures to them in their own language. I have reason to believe when we vacate this building, which we purpose using for a church after the dwelling-house is completed, that a goodly number will come out to service.

Last Lord's day we drove to camp eight miles away, and were very warmly received by all, and when I suggested a service consent was immediately given, and throughout the service all listened carefully, especially when I was reading in Cree.

We have quite a number of cases of sickness here which, I fear, will terminate in death. We have about 300 Indians on the mountain, and three reserves, two at the west end and one at the east where the mission buildings are. I hope, when the new building is completed, to visit the west end at least once in every two weeks; so far this winter I have been up but once, and start again to-morrow to distribute some of the clothing to the needy ones there.

All expressed their thanks for the different garments they received, and several told me to thank those who sent the clothing for them when I wrote to you. When in a camp to-day, talking to an Indian woman who was engaged at making a coat larger, which she had received from us, she told me that the women who send the clothing did not know that the Indian women were so much larger than they. There may be a suggestion in this.

FROM JOHN THUNDER.

Pipestone, Man., Nov. 6, 1896.

I have just received your letter of October 4, regarding the shipping bill. First of all I will say that I am thankful to the Saugeen Prebysterial Society. The women and the old and feeble ones are well supplied, also the children now. To-day is quite stormy and cold, but every Indian is brave enough to go out and do something.

You asked if any of the Indians had made a profession of faith in Christ Jesus? None except Jesse Wakopa and his family. The attendance at Sabbath services was twenty-eight; this was higher than during the summer. Prof. Baird and Rev. W. Beattie paid a short but enjoyable visit to this mission. Jesse Wakopa's infant was baptized by Rev. W. Beattie. It was a good example to others.

I do not teach. There are only two children of school age here; one leaves for Regina Industrial School, so only one left; the rest are too small. I generally hold service in the morning at eleven o'clock and evening from five o'clock to six. Lesson on the picture rolls? Yes, Mrs. Jeffrey, picture rolls are a great help to us; they seem to understand better. The work seems to make very slow progress, but only waiting our heavenly Father's own good time.

I hope you will kindly excuse me for not having written you very often, because I cannot write fluently.

I had a good many trials and burdens during the summer; it seems as if I was cast way down to the valley, and my people are above my head on the bank. However, I am waiting to see the mighty hand of the Lord Jesus Christ will lift me up to the bank, and to do His work strongly.

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