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

PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Subjects for Reading and Prayer March—Athabasca, Africa.

By an almost unanimous vote, the Board of Management have decided to ask the members of the W.A. to unite in a thankoffering for the consolidation of the Church in Canada. Offerings to be given this year and next year, and sent in to the Treasurer of the Parochial Branch, who will send them to the Diocesan Treasurer after the Annual meeting of the Branch. There are in round numbers 10,000 members of the W.A. If an average of even 25 cts. a head was obtained each year, we should have \$5,000 by the next Triennial, when the offering will be presented. But we need not limit it to that sum. Those richer in this world's goods, and having had better opportunities of understanding the value of the great work which God has permitted our Canadian Church to accomplish, would doubtless contribute much more than 25 cts., and thus make up for those, who, though equally willing, have not the means to contribute more than a very small sum. What this consolidation means has not come home to all of us yet perhaps, but that it is a grand work, and one from which still grander results will follow seems to be acknowledged on all sides. The very fact that our Bishops, Clergy, and prominent Churchmen have laboured so long and perseveringly to bring about this consolidation, should be guarantee enough for us Churchwomen that it is a thing for which to be very thankful, and our first desire should be to give full proof of that thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, by denying ourselves something that we may help on the spread of that Church of which He is the gracious Head, and in which He has enabled us to be brought to Him.

The object to which the Thankoffering will be devoted has not been decided, but let us see to it that we have one fit to lay before our Lord, not only in being a large amount, but as coming from hearts that recognize His love and goodness in affording us the many spiritual advantages we enjoy as members of that Church, His Body, whose work is the spread of knowledge of God and His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in all the world.

In a recent number of the *Spirit of Missions* referring to the offering of the W.A. in the United States towards the Church Missions House, a member suggests that some who cannot give money may be able to bring some disused article of silverware, which has been

stored away in side-board or bank vault, doing good to no one — might not jewellery be offered in the same way, or valuable pictures or bric-a-brac? "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

We are exceedingly sorry that want of space obliges us to condense the most interesting letters from the Bishop of Mackenzie River, which would be such pleasant reading to our members. For a more extended account we refer our readers to the *Canadian Church Magazine*, the organ of our parent Society, and one which should be much more extensively patronized by our members. Let us all subscribe and get others to do so too, as quickly as possible.

Bishop Reeve writes, Nov. 20th, '93, of the first ordination of a native within the Arctic Circle., Mr. Itssietla, (or Not afraid of Mosquitos, as it is in English) was ordained at St. Matthew's Church, Peel's River, on July 15th, '93, and the Rev. I. O. Stringer was admitted to the priesthood at the same time. The service was partly in English and partly in Indian, and all present, both Eskimo and Indians were most reverent and earnest, many remaining to partake of the Lord's Supper. Mr. Not-afraid of Mosquitos has been labouring as a catechist, and both he and his wife have been doing good work amongst their people. A new Mission has been established at Bay River of Great Slave Lake, Mr. Marsh from Liard having been put in charge of it after being ordained deacon at Fort Simpson in August. The cordial way the Indians welcomed him was quite cheering. The place most in need of a clergyman now is Fort Wrigley, and the Bishop proposes to place a young man he is expecting from Montreal there to open the Mission. The people are most eager to be taught.

At Peel's River (Arch. Macdonald) the progress is most encouraging, 24 baptisms, 50 scholars under instruction, and one family came over from Romanism, because they saw the Protestant Indians were so much better instructed than themselves.

At Fort Norma (Rev. J. Hawksley) in spite of active operations on the part of Rome, seven infants and one adult have been baptized, the latter an old woman nearly 90 who went to church (crawling part of the way) to be baptized publicly.

At Fort Resolution (Rev. W. Spendlowe) the work is most trying, for all the Indians are Romanists, but even here the work is not in vain. The Bishop says.—"I am loath to mention money, but unless I do so some of my readers will think we do not need it. Contributions are required for the work amongst the Eskimo, for the new Mission at Bay River, for one about to be started at Fort Wrigley, and for the Diocesan School at Fort Simpson."

Dear sisters of the W.A., with such grand results to be thankful for and such wonderful opportunities for the future, do let us double our efforts to help this noble man to carry on and extend the work which God has so abundantly blessed.

Athabasca is our Domestic Mission subject for prayer and reading for this month. May the outcome of the former be some material help for Rev. M. Scott, of Fort Vermillion from whom the following has just been received. The old Mission house, in which we lived until last June, and where Mr. Warwick, our school teacher, has since lived, was burned to the ground in the middle of November. I need not enter into particulars of the fire, but no one could be blamed for the accident. It occurred one Sunday while we were in Church, and we only arrived in time to get a few articles out. A store which was close to the house, in which many things were stored, was also burned, and we could only get out a few bags of flour. The fierce gale which was blowing at the time, carried the cinders on to our stacks of corn and our entire crop of about 350 bushels of grain was destroyed. Much of our household effects and clothes had been left in the house when we came over here, as I had not time to remove them. Mrs. Scott has been the greater loser in this respect. The chief thing which she more immediately misses during the winter is the carpets which were all burned. The cold, hard floors are painful to her rheumatic and tender feet. The loss of the grain has been, in a sense, the most serious. It was our dependence for the year's bread. With imported flour at \$15 and native barley flour at \$7, it is no light matter to feed over a dozen children besides ourselves. Our potatoe crop, too, has been very small on account of the drought, which adds somewhat to our difficulties. It is to God we commit ourselves, and we are as children, without care, for we are assured of the faithfulness of His Word, that they who trust in Him shall want for nothing. I need hardly tell you what is needed to clothe our Indian children, boys and girls are the same all the world over. I know that the kind women of our Church in Canada would not long look on without helping if they could see my wife as I often have done, pushing her needle through with her elbow or with the table because her hands were too rheumatic and weak. All the girls are little ones, and cannot do much needlework.

Mr. Warwick (who, as well as school-teacher, is very kind and helpful yoke-fellow) lost all his possessions by the fire, except his books and the clothes he had on. This comes rather hard on him, especially as a lady is coming out next July, when he expects to go to housekeeping. We had hoped to help him with some of our things that have now barely enough for our own needs. Odd cups and saucers would be most useful to us, also medicines of which I use a great deal among the Indians, and which are very expensive. Any of the simple linaments, cough mixtures, chlorodyne, etc., would be most acceptable. May I add that goods sent cost considerably after they reach the end of the railway, and before we get them, \$9 per 100 lbs. I have built a log school-house, almost entirely by my own labour, for here,

if you hire a man you must feed him and his family too. The upper part is not yet completed, but for this we must wait as the lumber prepared for it got burned, and I will need about \$150 to finish it, and pay for some help I have had. Please tell the Junior Auxiliaries that there is a bell tower but no bell. Also that the Indian children at Vermillion are very fond of candies at Christmas."

From Africa come the momentous words. "The Bishop and Mrs. Hill at rest." "He that loseth his life for My sake shall find it." Let us especially remember those who have thus been deprived of their Father-in-God when praying for Africa this month.

We are very pleased to hear of the improvement in the health of the Bishop of Algoma, whose recent illness has been so trying. Are we all helping to lighten his heavy burden described in the last LEAFLET?

Will the senders of the *Qu Appelle Church Monthly*, the *New Westminster Gazette*, and the *Sower in the West*, please accept our most grateful thanks? Only want of space forbids our giving items of their interesting contents. We are glad to see the last named is now to appear monthly, and wish it every success.

Thank you, Huron, for your encouraging remarks about the list for prayer and reading.

ANNUAL REPORT. (Conclusion.)

REPORT OF CONVENOR OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON WORK AND INTERESTS OF JUNIOR BRANCHES

Our members will all be glad to know how the Junior work stands in the Provincial Woman's Auxiliary.

The combined number of Branches is 137 against 104 last year, with a membership of 3,067, of these Huron has the largest number—1,029 members. Money given to Foreign Missions \$121.22. Domestic \$678.59. Miscellaneous, \$8.50. Cash expended on sales, \$332.87. Total amount of money \$1,141.18. The largest amount came from Ontario's Juniors. Only 3,067 out of all the Dioceses! Pray more, work more, that we may double our number by next year.

Toronto and Niagara have the same motto, "Thy Kingdom Come," Huron "Looking Forward, and Hastening unto the coming of the Day of God." Ontario, "Loving the Lord." Halifax, "Thy will be done."

What can we Juniors do to supply the bells needed? Nelson, Golden, Vernon in New Westminster, and Mr. Tims at Black Foot, all call for them. Use your pennies to bring people to hear the Gospel

Toronto Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO — "*Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.*"

Subjects for Reading and Prayer. March—Athabasca and Africa.

Athabasca is a portion of the country more closely brought to the knowledge of our Auxiliary by the fact that the Bishop of that Diocese and Mrs. Young have been with us in Toronto during the winter, and have addressed many meetings.

Lesser Slave Lake Mission is one in which we all take special interest, owing to the fact that our Miss Perks is now at work here as Mrs. Holmes, and that one room in the School is known as the Bessie McNab ward. Lesser Slave Lake is about eight days journey from Edmonton.

The Diocesan President during February had the pleasure of visiting Emily, Omemee, and Millbrook. The weather was most stormy, especially for the first named meetings, but the W.A. members and friends did not seem to realize the cold, owing to the interest manifested by them in hearing something of the origin, growth and work of the W.A. The Juniors of Omemee are also doing good work. Barrie W.A. was also kind enough to write the Diocesan President to meet their Auxiliary at a reception in their School-house.

Senders of bales to a distant place will realize the misfortune experienced by the Campbellford W.A., in having their large bale of new clothing, also groceries, burnt with the station at Qu'Appelle, N.W.T.

Mrs. Davidson, 64 St. Alban's street, has the booklets, maps, etc., for sale, also the Hand Book of Indian Missions, price 10 cts. This book was compiled by Dr. Hodgins, for the use of the W.A., and printed by Messrs. Rowsell and Hutchison, at a most reasonable rate, yet it will require a large sale of the book before the cost of its publication can be covered, each member of the Auxiliary should study this book, not forgetting the geographical index on the last page.

Montreal W.A. held its Annual Meeting during February, and Huron's Annual will take place in March.

The Secretaries and Treasurers of all Parochial Branches are reminded that a list of their officers and members, written *clearly* (type written if possible) on one side of the paper, and accompanied with a corresponding number of members' fees (10 cts.) must be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. Grindlay, 561 Jarvis St., during March. No persons will be members of the Auxiliary in this Diocese, whose names and fees are not received before March 31st next.

The Parochial Secretaries will also receive from the Diocesan Secretary, during the month, a form of questions to which answers are

required, these answers to be used in the tabulated report of Parochial Branches as was done last year. It is hoped that the forms will be returned to the Diocesan Secretary with as little delay as possible, because otherwise the burden of work, which the Annual Meeting naturally involves, will be materially increased by such delays. Last year, owing to the astonishing procrastination of a few Parochial Secretaries, or some one, it was impossible to place these tabulated forms in the printer's hands until two days before the Annual Meeting, which involved an amount of unnecessary inconvenience and effort, that the delinquents themselves would have been most unwilling to occasion had they realized it. Therefore please return the forms promptly.

We are delighted to welcome nine new Senior Branches among us *this year*, and pray God that this reinforcement of workers may be in His hands the means of much blessed service. These Branches are in the following parishes, Bradford, Beaverton, Omeme, Emily, Cannington, Duntroon, Banda, and Second Senior Branches (young girls) St. James' Cathedral and the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto. One Senior Branch, that of Camilla, has been obliged to disband, we hope and trust only temporarily.

It seems early days to talk of the Annual Meeting, but time passes rapidly, and in these hard times many of us have to plan and arrange and save for some time before we can feel that we are ready to meet a special outlay. Now we want to remember that coming to the Annual Meeting is not the same thing as going to a pleasure excursion, although indeed there is much pleasure as well as profit to be gained by coming. We all need the stimulus of these gatherings to help us in our work, and those who have come before can best say how they have returned home with their hearts cheered, their interest renewed, their knowledge widened by what they have seen and heard at the Annual Meetings, and so have been able to do more and better work as a result. Feeling all this, we of the Diocesan Board ask each Member of the Auxiliary to let nothing but a positive duty prevent her regular attendance at these meetings. Toronto hearts and Toronto homes are ready to open wide to receive all the members for the Branches outside the city who will come and accept their hospitality, and only ask in return that those who will accept shall send their names to the Diocesan Secretary as soon as possible.

Warm congratulations to our Montreal sisters upon the success of their Annual, and very best wishes to those in Huron that God's blessing may be with them in theirs, which is to be held shortly.

DORCAS NOTES.

Room 39, The Forum, Yonge Street.

Branches have forwarded the following. ALL SAINTS', Mission Band, Central Room—bale. UXBRIDGE,—North Bay, bale. St.

THOMAS—Rosseau, bale ST. JOHN'S—Central Room, parcel. DEER PARK—Essonville, 5 bales. ALL SAINTS', JR.—Blood Reserve and North Bay, parcels. CHURCH OF REDEEMER—Marksville, articles for sale. PORT HOPE. St. John's Mission Band—Archdeacon Phair, bale; South River, bale ST. PETER'S—Somerset, 4 bales; Sioux Mission, 4 bales; Blackfoot Home, 3 bales, Dynevot, 2 bales, Magnetawan, 2 bales; North Bay, 3 bales; Huntsville, 3 bales, Beadine, 2 bales. ST. MARY MAGDALENE—Gordon School, bale. ALLISTON—Central Room, bale. LOYDTOWN—parcel. CH. EPIPHANY, Y.P.B.—Marksville bale. CENTRAL ROOM, Port Sydney—bale and box. Branches are working for the following places. Church of Redeemer Y.W.A., Cumberland, June. Collingwood, Chemawawin, May. Church of Redeemer. Sen., Wawanosh Home, June. St. Stephen's, Fort Chipewyan, April. Newcastle, Apsley, November.. St. James' Cathedral, Stanley, May. Girls' Guild, St. James' Cathedral, Apsley, Easter.

The Dorcas Department of the Auxiliary are assisting 75 Missions, this number does not include Home Missions.

The Junior Branch, All Saints', have undertaken to complete the purchase of Church bells for Thunderchild's Reserve. The bell will therefore be the gift of that Branch. We have nothing yet toward the purchase of Communion Service for this Reserve, nor towards the Church bell for Nelson, B.C.

Extract from letter to General Dorcas Secretary, W.A., telling of destitution and needs among the Blood Indians.

The Rev. F. Swainson, of the Blood Indian Reserve, in thanking Toronto W.A. for the \$24 sent toward the Hospital Fund, writes: "I pray that God may enable me to put up a Hospital here this year, as, if we have any serious sickness, we have no accommodation to isolate the patients. Small pox has broken out among some Indians just over the line, 40 miles from here, and I much fear that owing to the constant communication between these people, it is bound to come here, and then God alone can save them! Pray that we may be found faithful in the hour of danger. The general state of these Indians just now is fearful. Their children dying off very fast, simply through want of proper accommodation and care. I think of turning our own home into an additional Girls' Home, when the warm weather comes, and we can live in a tent until I can put up a little place for ourselves. Children are begging to come into the Home, especially girls, but I am obliged to refuse them. These poor Indians are worse off than they have ever been before, often passing a whole day without food, many of the children clothed in nothing but a thin blanket to protect them from the bitter cold. Last Friday I brought six more boys into this Home, all of them very scantily dressed, only an old threadbare shirt, and in this way I drove them to the mission, 20 miles, refusing others on the way. Twenty-five young children have died during the last

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month, the greater number of whom could have been saved with proper care, and unless we step in and take all these little ones from their present condition, a few years at most, and this once powerful Indian tribe will be gone. During the last six years they have decreased one half. Oh! if I could only make the Christians of Eastern Canada realize the condition of this tribe, I am sure they would not let my hands be tied a single day longer. I am sure Eastern Canadians do not know the state of things here; it is a blot on their fair name. With a very little effort sufficient money could be raised to enable us to save at least the rising generation. What I have written is no exaggeration but the truth. Facts are stubborn things. I can tell you of terrible hardships endured by these Indians, and especially by their little ones. Five thousand dollars would enable us to take all the children of these people, and save them from consumption, starvation and death, though every dollar sent is an item during a time like the present. I have spent every cent I have upon them, and now I would appeal to Christian Canada to enable me to alleviate the sufferings, and save the children of these poor utterly destitute people." Will those holding collecting cards for the St. Paul's Boys' Home, please hand them in as soon as possible. The Rev. H. G. Stocken, of the Sarcee Reserve, makes a strong appeal for a stove; he says, he cannot take more boys into the Home until he has the means of cooking their meals. [NOTE.—A Home without a stove is as useless as a Church without a bell, or a bell without a tongue. Please help us all you can in this matter.]

L. PATERSON, *Dor. Sec.-Treas.*

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Lloydtown, \$2.25; Eglinton, \$1.50; Church of Redeemer, \$6; Millbrook, \$3; Trinity, \$39; Woodbridge, \$1.20; Miss Symonds, 15 cts.; All Saints', \$13.05; York Mills \$3.60; St. Peter's \$7.35; Mrs. Lawrence, 15 cts.; Mrs. Marsdan, 15 cts.; Miss Cassels, 15 cts.; Thornhill, \$10.5; Islington, \$1.50, Mrs. King, Halifax, 15 cts.; Church of Ascension, \$8.55, Coburg, \$1.05; Lloydtown, 75 cts.; Brighton, \$2.85; North Bay, \$1.05, Mrs. McCord, \$15; Deer Park, 75 cts.; Uxbridge, \$1.50, Miss A. Osler, 15 cts.; Bolton, 15 cts.; W.T.J. 15 cts.; St Stephen \$4.20, Miss Thorne, 30 cts.; Peterboro, \$60 cts.; Vaughan, \$1.20, Mrs. Abbott, B.S. School, 15 cts.

Handbook, N. W. Missions, price 10 cts. Apply Mrs. Davidson, 64 St. Alban street, also for booklets, maps, envelopes, mite boxes, etc. Send money for postage with your order.

For LEAFLET and subscriptions for same, send to Mrs. Williamson, \$3 Wellesley street.

COLDWATER, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Dear Mrs. Cummings,—I will endeavour to give you a short account of my work in this mission. The field covers nearly three very rough townships, viz., Matchedash, Tay and Medonte. Many of the farms around here I would not accept as a gift, while a few are fairly good. Many of the farmers and their sons lumber in the winter, but the country here about is pretty well stripped of the pine that is of any use. The Church families are none too numerous for one pastor to look after if they were not so scattered. I hold three services every Sunday, driving one Sunday thirty miles, and the alternate Sunday 18 miles. The roads in spring and fall are bad, very bad, mud knee deep. There is only one church in the mission, that is St. Matthew's, Coldwater. At Waubaushene there is a fine building owned by Mr. Dodge, the President of the Georgian Bay Lumber Co, which he allows to be used for all Church purposes for all denominations. The other services are held in country school-houses, which are kindly loaned for the occasion. The people are kind and good hearted, and contribute well when their poverty is considered. My stipend from all sources is \$770 and I pay for rent out of that \$75, and keep a horse. "Not princely," you will say, but I am happy and my people are good to me. Since my coming here two years ago we have wiped a debt of \$1,420 off the Church in Coldwater, and have put up a very nice parsonage which will be heavily indebted, we are not living in it yet, but I am to pay the interest and each year we will try to wipe out some of the principal. The church is gaining ground here surely but slowly, but I am not able to cover all the ground that should be covered. There is work in this mission for two men, each working with a good deal of vim. There are two places where services should be held, but it is impossible for the people to give any more than they are now giving, so that a curate is out of the question. Yours very sincerely,

J. H. SHEPPARD.

The Bishop of Mackenzie River to Diocesan Treasurer, Toronto :

Your letter was the more welcome, because it was the first I had received from Toronto since I passed through there last year. Please tell all the dear children what pleasure it gives me to hear they have not forgotten me, and are working so industriously for their little sale to aid my Diocese (St. James', Toronto, Juniors). There is a little girl here, one of my scholars, of whom I make a pet. She is the age of my youngest child and like her, so my heart naturally goes out to her. Dean Grisdale has duly advised me of the sums you send through him, and I see from my bank account, they have been paid promptly. I wish all my friends were as particular in business matters as he. I note the \$67 you have sent in lieu of the "comforts" sent last year, and thank you all much. This will enable me to give \$10 each to my six clergy, and seven to my lay helper, they are to purchase a few luxuries with the money, such as rice, corn starch, cocoa,

and will, I am sure feel most grateful. Owing to our very infrequent mails, it is a long time after you send the money before I can write of its receipt and express my thanks, but please do so for me at once, and assure the kind donors of our hearty appreciation of their gifts and help. People usually like their donations acknowledged, and I fear we sometimes suffer because our thanks are so long in coming. All our goods arrived in good order this year, and there seems no reason why they should not always do so now. My dear wife was unable to join me this summer, but hopes (D.V.) to join me next year [this 1894. Ed.] I shall not know until July whether she is coming or not. With this you will receive my annual letter, which will, I trust, be of some use in keeping up interest in this far-away land. The Wycliffe men, who came up with me last year are a great comfort to me. Will you give my kindest remembrances to all the friends I met at the W.A. meetings, and who are interested in our work."—Written from Fort Simpson, Mackenzie River, October, 1893.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHINESE MISSION, VICTORIA, B. C.

The above Mission has many interesting features to commend it, coming, as they do, continually under the notice of the workers, and which cannot but be pleasant to hear. One proof that the Mission is doing its work is the fact that nearly all the scholars have lately given up gambling, opium, swearing, etc., though surrounded by a dense population wholly given up to these abominable things, and this must be a great satisfaction to those good people who contribute towards the maintenance of the Mission. In the House of Rest in Herald street, where our Catechist resides, there are now seven boys having beds, and thus saved from all condemnation from contact with boys in Chinatown. Prayers are said daily, and hymns sung in the House of Rest, and when there has been a late prayer-meeting, boys have been known to rise from their beds and join in devotion. The love of singing amongst the Chinese is strong, and this is the greatest use in their conversion, as the hymns are explained word by word. When my Church festival occurs the boys are delighted to attend the Cathedral services and are reverent when there. Our Catechist, Jim Lee, as a rule attends St. Barnabas' Church, where he is a Communicant, and is often accompanied by others from the House, and at the midnight service on New Year's Eve, the Catechist and Philip, one of our Christians, accompanied the Rev. Mr. Lipscomb to the church. A fortnight ago the Lord Bishop baptized one of our converts in Christ Church Cathedral, 12 of our scholars being present with the lady teachers. The young convert is a very interesting looking young man and full of earnest zeal and piety, having received his first impressions of Christianity at Canton. He was baptized by the name of Mark. Our hearts have lately been saddened by the departure of a good boy, On Sick, who

has attended our school from the very first, being consistent throughout, and attentive, coming to the Bible class and services. The lack of work has taken him from us much to our regret, as he was receiving religious truths slowly but surely, and took leave of us very reluctantly, bringing his parting gift with heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown and the pains taken with his instruction. The trifling present he had from us—no boy of our Mission being allowed to leave us without some token of affection—and the mutual regret on parting was spoken of by the older scholars, who are astonished at so much notice being taken of any one of their number, so little are individuals considered of importance amongst the class our scholars spring from. A month ago another very promising scholar left us, Go Boang, and as both of these boys have gone to Christian friends, we believe and hope they will shortly be baptized. While our Mission offers, under God, a promise of good fruit in the sowing of the seed of the Gospel hereafter, there is a dark side presented in the midst of the mass of heathens in Chinatown. The interpreter lately went with us to the so called Chinese Hospital, which had been visited once before. On our previous visit we found two dying men whose state of misery and wretchedness passes description. In this filthy room where these two human beings had been taken to ebb out the little life remaining to them, were spoken to for the first time by Tim Lee in words of hope and peace, "glad tidings of great joy," which were eagerly received and drunk in by one of the dying listeners, who expressed his deep gratitude to us for coming to speak these Gospel words of consolation, and said he should be so glad to know more about Jesus and would come and learn. Alas! this poor man was taken from his miseries the next day, and we believe his soul, awakening at the eleventh hour, entered into rest like that of the pardoned thief. The caretaker of this wretched house for sick Chinese is a most savage-looking man, an opium smoker, dirty and coarse looking, and when the dying men are taken to be placed in his charge, he swears at them for coming to give him trouble.

(To be Continued.)

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.		
Ploosan.		Half Offertory, Orillia Quarterly Meeting
<i>Pledge.</i>		Orillia
All Saints'	\$7 00	Anonymous
York Mills	5 00	Dixie
Per Mrs Williamson		St. Stephen's
Sale of mats	3 50	Tithe
C.M.	5 00	St. Simon's
Omamee	1 90	Springfield, Mrs. Schrieber
Millbrook	1 90	
St. Luke's, Mrs. Marsden	1 00	<i>Atinden, Ont., Mr. Lawrence.</i>
Streetsville	2 00	Church Ascension

2 50

Algoma.

St. John's, Port Hope	11 76
All Saint's	50
St. Stephen's	50
<i>Temiscamingue.</i>	
St. Simon's	5 00

North West.

<i>Rupert's Land,</i>	
St. James' Cathedral.....	20 00
<i>Blackfoot Home.</i>	
York Mills	6 00
Omamee	10 00
Peterboro', South Ward.....	5 00
Miss Saunders, Juniors ...	25 00
St. James' Cathedral, Jun.	5 00
St. Bartholemew's	5 00
<i>Matron's Salary.</i>	
Parkdale, St. Mark's	15 00
All Saint's	10 40
Columbus.....	6 00
Lloydtown	5 00
Brampton.....	10 00
<i>Muckenzie River.</i>	
Church Redeemer, Juniors	74
<i>Athabasca. Rev. Geo. Holmes.</i>	
St. Margaret's, Anon.	2 00
<i>Whakaw Mission.</i>	
Dixie	12 00

British Columbia.

<i>Nelson Miss. Com. Set.</i>	
St. Thomas	5 00
<i>Columbia Chinese Miss.</i>	
'Tithe	2 00

Foreign.

<i>S.P.G.</i>	
All Saints	20
<i>Zenana.</i>	
Port Hope, St. John's	5 50

One of Six Hundred Fund

St. Cyprian's	2 00
W. Toronto, Mrs. Thomson	1 00
Dixie, Mrs. Guthrie	1 00
Barrie.....	2 00

Japan.

<i>Medical Missionary.</i>	
Half Offertory Orillia Quar- terly Meeting	13 56
<i>Rev. H. Hamilton.</i>	
Ch. Redeemer, Juniors.....	74

Hannibal.

Dixie, Mrs. Guthrie.....	1 00
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Education Fund.

St. Simon's	5 00
York Mills	5 00
St. Stephen's	6 81
Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund	37 00
Collection Monthly Meeting	6 67
Interest Dom. Bnk. Account	10 75
RENT CENTRAL ROOM.	
Holy Trinity	2 00
Tithe	2 00
All Saints	6 00
St. Luke's	3 00
St. Simon's	6 00

Miscellaneous.

Mrs. Jessop, fee.....	10
Orillia, Miss Stewart, Life Member.....	25 00
Orillia, Mrs. Tisdale, Life Member.....	25 00

Stove Fund.

<i>Sarcee Reserve.</i>	
St. Mark's, Parkdale	2 00
St. Stephen's	1 00
All Saints'	60
Church Redeemer	50
Church Ascension	5 00
Deer Park	1 00
" Juniors	1 00
St. Phillip's	1 00
Tithe	1 00

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. Geo. Rogers, Rupert's Land	\$20 00
Dean Grisdale, education Annie Macdonald	50 00
Rent Central Rooms.....	10 00
Japan Bible woman per Rev. J. Y. Waller.....	12 00
Blackfoot Home	68 50
Diocesan	212 80
Algoma	12 26
" Superannuation	6 00
Wawanosh Home.....	12 50
Temiscamingue.....	10 00
Zenana	8 25
S.P.G.....	20
Japan Medical Missionary.....	51 56
Treasurer, Postage	2 00
Dr. Sweney, expenses to Orillia	4 60
Thunderchild's Bell.....	10 00
Nelson B.C. Communion Set .	5 00
Rev. Geo. Holmes, Athabasca ...	39 00

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Huron Diocese.

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

Subjects for Reading and Prayer: March—Athabasca, China.

It is with feelings of deep regret that the Berlin Branch of the W.A. records the death of Mrs. Warren, one of its oldest members. During her long residence in Berlin she had faithfully identified herself with Church work, having for several years been sole collector for Zenana Missions. She had many interesting reminiscences of the early days of Church life, not only in Huron, but also in Niagara Diocese, in which latter the earlier part of her days were spent. The members of her Branch will ever cherish a kindly remembrance of her and to them as well as to her family, her sisters of the Huron W.A. extend their sincere sympathy. Berlin writes: "We feel that our loss is but temporary, while we trust that her gain will be eternal."

On Tuesday, 13th February, a very interesting union gathering of the London Branches took place at the Cronyn Hall, which, in spite of its having been postponed owing to the blizzard which raged on the previous evening, was very well attended. The Branches severally contributed to the programme, the musical part of which was undertaken by St. Paul's, St. Anne's and St. John the Evangelist, and was heartily appreciated. "In Jewry is God Known," a chorus; "Fear not ye, O Israel," solo, Miss Moore; "Lift thine eyes," trio by Mrs. Andras, Miss Moore and Miss English (Hellmuth College) whilst the final solo and chorals, "Crown Him Lord of All," led by Mrs. Crisp and Miss Hamilton Moore, was sung by all standing. The Memorial Church was represented by Mrs. Boomer, in "Scenes from the Lives of our Missionaries." St. John's by an admirable paper by Miss Ford which led the series entitled, "On certain Missionary Bales; what was put into them, what befell them on their way, and what welcomes awaited them at their journey's end." Mrs. C. Hunt, of St. James', giving the "Adventures of two Sacks," and Mrs. Gower and Mrs. Graham, of St. George's, "Two Welcomes in two Missionary Homes." "Where There's a Will There's a Way," was exemplified by six facts given by Miss Geeson, of Christ Church Branch, whilst for All Saint's Chapel W.A., Miss Alice Wright recited, with pathos and feeling, the "Plea for Missions," from *Open Doors*. The Dean of Huron, who

presided, gave the Branches a kindly welcome, and spoke in terms of hearty approval of the loving spirit of unity which such gatherings betokened, and of the inspiration they could not fail to give to the work in which all were alike engaged. Space only permits a few extracts from one paper, namely, that of Miss Ford's "Our Bale from St. John's." "Our long winter's work is over. Nay, but we must not count time spent in working for our dear, far-away sisters long, for does not love sweeten all labour? And behold, as a result, the goodly array of articles of every size, shape and colour bedecking our school-room! With what pride we survey the work of our busy fingers! *Here* our eye lights upon warm, useful garments for young and old; little boys' suits made out of wondrously small pieces of cloth; warm, bright dresses for the little girls. *There* quilts gorgeous in flaming scarlet, yellow and green patches, sights to gladden the eyes of the colour-loving Indian. . . Upon a table are a number of mysterious, ugly looking parcels. They cannot boast of any fine looks, but are not to be despised on that account, for will they not bring comfort and comparative plenty to many during the long dreary winter, in places where groceries can hardly be procured for money? We notice that little mistakes of former years have been rectified, for the different packages are stitched up in wrappers, and some thoughtful hands have labelled them, rather a needful task, as sometimes preparations are sent which are familiar enough to us, but new and strange looking to the backwood's housekeeper, who does not quite know whether this funny-looking stuff is some seed to be grown in her garden or something to eat, but which is really desiccated soup. We have remembered, too, the needs of the body in sickness as well as in health, in the way of powders and pills, and plasters and pain killers, bandages, old linen, ointments, etc. We notice, also, a small pile of addressed, stamped envelopes, wherewith to answer our letters. We wonder if our missionaries realize how their bright, happy letters from which we gather how bravely and cheerfully they meet their many discouragements and difficulties, yea, and even dangers, in spire us with fresh zeal and energy to work and pray in their behalf. Sometimes a long time elapses ere these arrive, but we must not be impatient or imagine them ungrateful, when we think of the difficulty of mails reaching them, or being despatched, owing, perhaps, in some places to boats leaving only once or twice a year. After telling of the dear old lady of over 80 who, "when she could not trudge up to our meetings through slush and snow, cheerfully click-clacked her needles at home, knitting in thoughts of love and warm sympathy for those whose little feet and hands they were to cover," the writer adds. "We now proceed to the business of folding and packing. The beautiful afternoon sunshine is streaming through the windows, bathing the various collections in its warm living rays, would that we could imprison some of

this sunshine of God's to burst forth again on its unpacking to warm and gladden the hearts of our far distant friends. As we firmly stitch, cord and label our bale, with many loving thoughts and prayers that God will bless our work materially and spiritually to those for whom it is intended, we speed it off on its long journey, hoping that it will be more fortunate than the two sacks about which you are to hear presently."

The Recording Secretary and the Hospitality Committee have again been greatly impeded in making comfortable arrangements for the reception of delegates to the coming Annual Meeting, by Branch Secretaries not giving full notice of number or names of their representatives, in many instances it being left to surmise whether even their President would attend. Should there be any misunderstanding as to billets, etc., it will be traced to some such oversight. Kindly note this. Your Editor hopes, by request of Mrs. Tilton, to act as substitute-representative of the W.A. at the coming Convention at Detroit, of the Students' Volunteer Movement for Missions. The four-days programme promises to be of intense interest, and in availing herself of this privilege she recognises it as another of the "glorious opportunities" which are afforded to God's children from time to time to help them learn the sweet lesson of loving service for Him.

DORCAS AND BRANCH NOTICES.

STRATHROY—The bale, 184 lbs., from our Juniors has arrived at Winnipeg. GRANTON—A new Branch which we gladly welcome, sends for twelve LEAFLETS and hopes to be represented at the Annual. STRATFORD—Home Memorial sends for twenty LEAFLETS, "which are eagerly looked for by many of us," retains mite boxes, sends out bales, etc., and yet talks of not having re-organized. Surely a living Branch nevertheless. OIL SPRINGS encloses a letter from Novar, Muskoka, acknowledging a box sent in October, adding "We have closed our meetings till end of February. In the mean time we each promise to earn \$1 outside our own income to bring with us to our own first meeting. We were out of funds and material having sent all away, so we planned this. It is wonderful what one can do when one tries." BRANTFORD—Grace Church sends \$3 for Kenyengah, \$10 for Chinese Missions, Victoria, B.C., and \$10 for Hospital at Omoksene, the two latter per Extra-Cent-a-Day Treasurer, who returns sincere thanks. BERLIN has remembered the Education Fund by a donation of \$1. [We thank you, Berlin. ED.] SUMMERHILL Writes. "We like the LEAFLET very much, would be quite lonesome without it." President of GORRIE W.A. writes. "We had our annual, at which the Rector gave an address, two papers were read, and greatest interest shown. We commence with five additional members. Need

all those LEAFLETS. Intend subscribing for two Missionary papers, and hope we shall soon see our way to help more generally. We sent a nice bale to Rev. J. Irvine, and hope to send one to Thessalon shortly. How I wish that every member could attend our Annual this year. It would stir us up to greater effort, but we must just trust God, and do the best we can." [We congratulate Gorrie heartily. ED.] The PRESTON Junior W.A.'s have again sent Mabel, Huron's little Missionary daughter, \$1 for her mite box for South River, her father's Mission. This, divided up into five-cent bits, the happy child placed in the box with her own fingers, writing a few words of thanks to the dear children for their kindness. "M.E.P." of Preston Branch, sent \$5 to the Education Fund as well as ordering LEAFLETS for six missionaries. This splendid little Branch enclosed in their box to Miss Wilson some perforated Kindergarten cards with crewels to amuse the children recovering from sickness. A bound copy of LEAFLETS for 1893, has also gone to Preston. LONDON. St. Anne's, sends a grateful letter from Mr. Matheson, of Onion Lake, to appear as space permits. ST GEORGE'S says: "Our Annual Meeting was largely attended. That admirable address by Mrs. Bishop was read, presenting Missions and our duty to them in a new light, and deepening our interest in the work. Our pledges were \$2 each to Lion's Head, Algoma and Lady Missionary North West, with the hope of increasing them if funds permit. Our bales to Mr. Tims, Gleichen, freight \$6 were sent early in the month." Bales have been sent also as follows: To Omoksene from WOODSTOCK, Old St. Paul's, and from LISTOWEL. To Shingwauk, from GORRIE and GLANWORTH, Junior Branch; to Fort a la Corne, from DURHAM; To Gleichen, KINGSVILLE Senior and Boys' Band, one each; to Rev. A. Chowne, SARNIA, Juvenile; to Kenyengah, BRANTFORD, St. Jude's, to Elkhorn, MARKDALE; to Broadbent, BURFORD; To Fort Alexander, DELAWARE, whilst St. James' LONDON, S., sends 4 bales to Mr. Brick; one from Juveniles to Port Carling; and one from Senior M.B. to Mr. Cobb, Broadbent. The following is from AILSA CRAIG: "The officers feel very thankful that their venture of faith in promising \$25 to Algoma has been amply rewarded. The extra efforts put forth for that object have enabled them not only to fulfil this promise, but also to add a little to their usual gifts for other objects. While the increased receipts for the past year are due very much to the earnestness of the members, the Auxiliary have to thank two friends especially for their liberal gifts. One, a gentleman friend, for \$5, and the other Miss Maggie Hamilton and her friend, for the sum of \$7. Unfortunately, several boxes did not come in time, otherwise we could have added a little as well to our usual gifts to Miss Wilson and the Education Fund, as we have done to Lion's Head."

One of our most active Branch Presidents, who is laid aside from ill health writes thus sweetly:—"It does not worry me, sometimes our Father wishes us to work, sometimes to wait." WARWICK writes:—"Freight and material have so depleted our treasury that we cannot now send in our gifts to Lion's Head and Education Fund, but hope to do so before the Annual."

MESSAGES FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

An Indian Chief from Nepowewin Mission, Sask., writes to Dover Branch.—"My friend, you have been kind to me in giving the stove. I thank you for all your kindness. For this reason I give thanks. We once tried to build a place where we could hear the good news, but could not afford to furnish it. But now I am thanking you all, (*i.e.* the members of the W.A.) that have been so kind to us. . . . I send my best wishes to you all." THE CHIEF.

The above was written in Indian characters, and afterwards translated by Rev. Mr. Wright, of Fort a la Corne, who tells Miss Battersby the Chief handed it to him when en route to Prince Albert for lumber, nails, etc., for the church.

In a grateful letter Mrs. Pritchard, of Grand Rapids, Saskatchewan, to Christ Church, London, writes:—"The two bales sent in December and June arrived within a fortnight of each other, and in acknowledging them I think the last must come first, because of the beautiful Communion Service. I am sure we do not know how to thank you sufficiently for so promptly answering our appeal. Please thank especially the lady who sent the linen cloth and napkins. They and the other articles in the bale, which are too numerous to mention separately, will be a great help in our work. Please thank the dear boys who sent the candy boxes, scrap-books and booklets. They are beautifully done, and must have taken a long time to do them. Also the dear girls for the nicely made quilt. An old woman got it for bringing our milk, so that their industrious little fingers have given me the benefit of the milk, and the old woman the warmth of the quilt. Give my love to dear self-denying Daisy Ryder, and tell her I thank her very much for the nice warm dress she so kindly sent. I hope some time to send you photos of our Mission, then you will have an idea what it is like. Since writing I have had a trip up the Saskatchewan River to bring down an Indian girl to live with me. We were two days in the canoe, and pitched our tent on the bank of the river, and I and my children slept there. I quite enjoyed the novelty of it. Will you please give the enclosed letter to the kind lady who has sent me so many things. I am thankful to say we all keep in pretty good

nealth, which is a great blessing where we are not able to get a doctor very soon."

To Oil Springs comes the following from Mrs. Large, Swindon, Algoma.—"We received the box you so kindly sent us, and Mr. Large and myself are sincerely grateful for this help in our Church work. We have now a student in charge of the Mission, an Englishman who we hope will be ordained soon. He has been a lay Missionary in the city of Leicester in England for eleven years, has a wife and two daughters and is at present residing in Novar. There are four other stations in the Mission, namely, Illfracombe, Ravenscliffe, Hoodstown, and Axe Lake, and Mr. Sinclair, our late incumbent, who resided in Illfracombe, told me his Mission extended over 200 square miles, so you may form some idea of the work our clergyman has to do. We live at Swindon, five miles from Novar. All our neighbors are Methodists, the nearest Churchmen two and a half miles from us. To give you some idea of how scattered Church people are in our parish, I will tell you about a journey we took last Thursday. Mr. Large drove Mr. and Mrs. Pardoe and myself to call on some of the people. We left home at seven a. m., and did not get back till ten p. m., called at ten houses, stayed long enough at one place to feed the horses and get dinner, at another for tea. We had a wood bee on Monday to cut wood for the church, and clergymen. Mr. and Mrs. Pardoe went out to see the men, and I showed them your letter, and told them about the box, and we agreed that Mr. Large should take it to Mr. Pardoe's house in Novar, and that Mrs. Pardoe and myself should open it, and give the things to those who were most in need. Mr. Large has still to take the Novar service every other Sunday, and there are lay readers at the other stations to do the same, as it is an impossibility for one man to preach in five places scattered over such an extent of country in one day." Of this district Mr. Pardoe writes:—"The recipients were most grateful for your gifts. . . . All kinds of garments, but especially for men and boys, are at all times much needed in this poor Mission where so little money is in circulation."

To Mrs. Moore, of St. John's, London, who subscribes for Mr. Tansey's LEAFLET, he writes from Somerset, Manitoba:—"Our LEAFLETS are missing since November, I hope they will turn up all right. [They have. Ed.] We like them so much for they tell us what the W. A. are doing—so interesting to us. . . . Our Mission is in need of both money and clothing, our people no better off this year than last. The removal and rebuilding of the parsonage has cost a good sum, and despite all that has been raised there still remains quite a debt, which Mr. Tansey is anxious to see cleared off, as he is held responsible. If you could help us in any way we would be most grateful, also if your W. A. could send us any clothing, either for ourselves or

people, who have been able to pay Mr. Tansey very little on his stipend this year, and consequently it leaves us in very straitened circumstances, and not in a position to be able to do much for ourselves."

The Rev. Owen Owens, Gordon Schools, writes to Mitchell Branch: "Your bale has been a valuable one for us in all its contents. I fitted out three boys who had been working for their own people, who could not buy them clothing. Your own protégé will be happy now, and the remainder of them will go to the school and the sick. Tea, rice, corn starch, sago, etc., are a boon to the sick. On Christmas Day, after services and dinner, most of the children had leave to visit their homes, and all were driven back by their friends in the evening. On New Year's Day we gave the people and the children a party at the house of J. Pratt, the lay reader, which was immensely enjoyed by old and young. Last Sunday I baptized another heathen, aged 23. There are others yet to come, only we must be content to wait, and not try to rush people into the Church, who afterwards fall back and become harder than ever. Could you not let us have your next lot for boys in Norfolk suits? They last so much longer. I hear that in Ontario there are lots of people who have honey, a few pounds of honey would be invaluable here, used with vinegar as a cough mixture. I pay 60 cents a pound for it here. But if it is sent let it be in tins, not in glass or earthenware jars, as such invariably get broken. Could I not buy green as well as dried apples direct from your farmers? They cost \$1 for 6½ pounds here; we use about one barrel a year in the school and mission. I would also like to get green apples direct. I am appealing again to the W.A. for help to pay for assistance in this school. I receive \$400 for my own stipend, and \$400 for assistance, which is paid out thus: Teacher \$180, housekeeper \$180, servant \$96, all found, leaving me \$56 short, besides the keep of these persons. The Government grant is barely enough to maintain the pupils. I hope all who can will help us, that we may not have to cripple the school and mission work again. Mrs. Owens joins me in most sincere thanks for your valuable aid. We have one little daughter, Gwendolen; we lost three little boys, all babies; it was hard to part with them."

To Warwick W.A., comes the following from Mr. Hope, Sweet Grass Reserve, Battleford, expressing grateful appreciation for "the Christian sympathy and charity which prompted the sending of those two most valuable bales, full of handsome and useful presents, the contents of which were distributed to the school children, and to the old people most in need. The boys all had something, the coats and pants being just the thing for them. Had visits from many of the parents, who, though many of them got nothing, were thankful for

what was done for their children. I hope that the wants of our mission will ever be remembered, as we are unable to do much for ourselves, and must trust a good deal to outside aid. Last month this Mission was visited for the first time by our Bishop, who baptized four and confirmed eleven of our Indians. Quite a good number of our people can read the Bible in the syllabic characters. . . . On my return journey from Saskatoon a can of oil which I had purchased there leaked out every drop, and now I have to sit in darkness until such time as I shall be able to buy some more." [Our readers may guess what this means when they learn that Mr. Hope is situated eighty miles from the nearest station.] "Again would I attempt to thank all who in any way assisted in filling those barrels with good things. If those who did so could have seen the gladness with which the clothes and bedding were received by the Indians they would have thought themselves amply repaid for their work. May God's blessing rest on them and us."

We would ask the careful attention of our Huron readers to the letters of the Bishop of Mackenzie River, which in condensed form, will appear in the pages allotted to the Central Board. Your Editor has had similar letters with the addition of special messages to Huron:— "Last year when I had finished my 200 letters and was wondering how many will take the trouble to reply, I thought to myself Mrs. Boomer would be one of the first. Alas, for misplaced confidence! Mrs. Spendlove, who arrived in August, told me that Mrs. B. was alive and well, [which she does not deserve to be for her remissness, Ed.] . . . A few numbers of the LEAFLET have reached me, otherwise I should know nothing of the progress of the W.A. in Huron. I hope it is prospering, and that the annual contributions for this Diocese are paid in regularly. It is so long before I hear, that I fear we suffer in consequence. The last advice received (through Dean Grisdale) from Mrs. Complin is dated April, '93, \$28.50 from St. Paul's W.A. . . . You will see that I am extending the work, and not only relying on contributions being maintained, but on others being forthcoming. *Is Huron doing as much for us as it might do?*"

Letters from Mrs. Spendlove to Mrs. English, your Editor and Miss Cross; from Rev. G. Cook, conveying thanks to Walkerton Memorial Church, and Munceytown for useful bales; from Onion Lake ditto, and a graphic little sketch of life amongst her children, from our Lady Missionary at Omoksene to a member of St. John's W.A., are crowded out of this issue.

Pressure of work for Annual is the Treasurer's apology for her presenting no statement this month.

Montreal Diocese.

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

We give below the programme of the 8th Annual Meeting of the Montreal Woman's Auxiliary, which was held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 21st and 22nd, in the Synod Hall, and next month shall begin a full report of the work taken up, the date at which our “copy” must be sent to Toronto preventing our doing so at this writing.

PROGRAMME.

First day—11 a.m.: Divine service in Christ Church Cathedral, Holy Communion, address by the Lord Bishop; 1 p.m., luncheon in Synod Hall; 2.30 p.m., prayer, hymn, roll, President's address, reports of Secretary and Treasurer, and Secretary of Junior Branches, adoption of same, election of officers, hymn, Paper, “Mexico,” Miss L. Madge; 5 p.m., Public Missionary meeting, address by Mrs. Carns-Wilson (Mary Petrie), offertory. Second day—10.30 a.m., Prayer, hymn, roll, reading of City Branch Reports, Paper—“A Pioneer Canadian Bishop,” Miss A. McCord; Reading of Country Branch reports; 1 p.m.: Luncheon in Synod Hall; 2.30 p.m. Prayer, roll, Reports of Dorcas, LEAFLET and Library Committees. Adoption of same, Paper; 8 p.m., reception to Delegates and friends.

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE (DOMESTIC).

To Miss Holt, Sec. St. Johns P. E. Branch, from St. Peter's Mission, Piegan Reserve.

MACLEOD, Jan. 18th, 1894.

DEAR MISS HOLT,—The bale you sent to this Mission arrived last week, and in accordance with Miss Brown's instructions we opened it. Miss Brown is still in the East. I am so glad that the bale contained so much boys' clothing and bedding. We have 32 children in our Homes, and we were and are greatly needing boys' clothing and bedding. The articles in your bale were such a relief to us, the girls' clothing too will be of great use in our Homes—We have twelve girls, and you will be able to form an idea of the amount of clothing it takes to keep them respectable. The boots, moccasins, and cotton are specially acceptable; boots we very much need, and the cotton is made up into clothing by the girls. The parcel enclosed for me was eagerly opened, and I am sorry to have to tell you that the boys' suit, etc., had to be sent into the Home. I have only one child, a little boy twelve months old, just beginning to walk. My wife appropriated the night dress and the pillow-cases, and in fact most of the other things, and she joins with me in thanking you and your helpers most heartily for the

splendid bale. In concluding this short note I would ask for your prayers, that we, being taught of God, may teach these Indians the way of life. You have already worked for us, pray for us and our work, that God will be pleased to bless us, and that our Indians may soon be brought into the true fold. With best wishes I am very sincerely yours.

J. HINCHLIFFE.

After an illness of four months Miss Sampson, of the C.M.S. Girls' Boarding School, Krishnagar, Bengal, has sent a long and very interesting letter, which we give in full, to Miss Bancroft of the Cathedral Branch.

154 BOW BAZAAR STREET, CALCUTTA, Dec. 1st, 1893.

My Dear Miss Bancroft,—I am afraid to think what you must have thought of me all this long while! I have had your kind letter lying by me, and I have often read it and thanked God for it. But I feel sure I have your forgiveness fully when I tell you the reason of my seeming ingratitude and silence. The Lord has seen fit to take me aside from active labor for four months. I left the happy school at Krishnagar on the 1st August, as I felt breaking down in health, and after a fortnight's endurance of the severe malarial pains all over, I got dysentery, and have been under the doctor in Calcutta ever since. My sister is keeping the school going, and I am thankful to say for the last ten days I have had no return of the dysentery, so I am once more living in hopes of being restored to the beloved work. How I have longed at times to feel the arms of the little mites round my neck, for oh, I so love my little brown chicks! Last week the doctor told me finally and decisively I must go home in the spring.—This is somewhat of a blow, but these four months have quite taken away any feeling of rebellion about it. Now my great desire is that while in England I may be used greatly of the Master in helping others out, and in helping on the work by telling of it. And may He in His own time bring me back again to work for Him here. However our good committee have not left me and the school unprovided. A new lady is already on her way out to take over charge. May I ask your prayers for Miss Bristowe? She will have the language to learn, and so much to get into. She needs your help. Now, to answer your letter—a great pleasure to me.—First, Many thanks for the money you sent, and let me tell you it has been immediately appropriated. Yours being a little infant, I have chosen a tiny mite for your mites to look upon as their own. Her mother is a widow, who is in our widows' class at a little village near, learning to be a Bible woman. The mite's name is Rashubala, pronounced Rapaheeballah, but Rashee for short. Such a pet, such bright brown eyes! The very sweetest little face, and such a little woman. She was simply overpowered with joy when I took her on my lap and told her she was to come and be my child. She was quite willing to come along with me. Some day a bigger girl shall

write a letter for her to your children, and I will send a literal translation. I think there is nothing like correspondence for making a thing real. I was wondering whether the kind friends in Canada, who are really interested in the "children of India," would see if they could not manage to send us a box annually, I find it a difficulty to scrape up prizes, and material for jackets and chemises. In case you or anyone else find yourself able, I enclose a list of suitable things. If the box is out of the question, might I suggest money for that object? I hope to be able to write and keep you up in news of your little Rashee, and when I have to leave I will ask Miss Bristowe to keep it up.

Very kind regards, yours very sincerely.

ANNIE SAMPSON.

List of things suitable to send to the Girls' Boarding School, Krishnagar, (Bengal, India):—

Yards of calico (any amount), print, flannel (red preferred), flannelette, reels of white cotton, (30, 40, 50,) red marking cotton, colored cotton for tacking, needles, thimbles, buttons, knitting needles, wool, knitting cotton, scissors, work boxes or baskets of all sizes, India rubber balls, writing cases, blotters, cheap note paper and envelopes, pens, pencils, nibs, note books, exercise books, toy picture books, Scripture picture rolls, musical toys, jackets, chemises, dolls—any toys.

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS.

I fancy I hear some little girl saying "My prayers wont make any difference, they are so tiny." Now that is just what you must not think. The prayers of the tiniest child are of value in the eyes of God, and He expects to hear them. I have heard that in Persia the lines of telegraph between Europe and India go across plains and over mountains. Men are employed to watch the lines and keep them in repair. If there is the very smallest break the message flashing to us from distant India is stopped, and until the wire is mended cannot go on; no, not if it is of the utmost importance. I think prayer is something like a telegraph wire reaching from earth to God's throne. Perhaps there is a break somewhere in the stream of prayer going up, and so our Missionaries do not have as much encouragement in their work as they had hoped for, and they

feel tired and weary. Is it the want of your prayers that has made the break?

Dear children of our Junior Branches, was it not strange that just when I was thinking that this month I would say a few words to you on helping Missions with your prayers as well as your work, I should have read the above remarks in an old number of the *Church Juvenile Missionary Instructor*? And now they seem to me so suitable, and that little illustration about the telegraph wires is such a splendid way of showing you just how your prayers may help or hinder God's work, that I am not going to add anything of my own to them, but just leave them with you to think over and take home to your hearts, and try with God's help to act them out in your lives from this time forth.

The Herald of Mission News says.—The Samoan group of Islands have a Christian population of 30,000. In the largest of the Islands there are not fifty families that fail to observe family worship. Last year, besides supporting the Gospel at home they sent a thank offering, as their custom is, of \$1,800 to the Parent Missionary Society of London, to help carry the good news farther on. When a Church member dies they still keep his name on the books, and put a mark after it denoting a word picture which means, "We cannot think of him as dead either to us or to the work, we shall give a contribution in his name that the cause may not suffer by his removal hence." We don't know if the tide of devotion and liberality has reached as high a water mark any where else in the wide world over."

A PROBLEM SOLVED.

Let us suppose a Church of one hundred members, all of them comparatively poor, but all convinced that they should give for its support, and for the spread of the Gospel throughout the world, not less than the ancient Jews were required to give, viz., one tenth of their income.

Let us suppose that—

100 Members.....	each have an income of	They would give during the year
.....	\$ 25 00 yearly.....	\$ 25 00
5 ".....	50 00 ".....	25 00
5 ".....	75 00 ".....	37 50
10 ".....	100 00 ".....	100 00
20 ".....	150 00 ".....	300 00
20 ".....	200 00 ".....	400 00
10 ".....	1 00 per day.....	365 00
10 ".....	1 50 ".....	547 50
10 ".....	2 00 ".....	730 00

100 Members.

Total \$2,530 00

Here then is a Church of only one hundred members, not one of whom receives more than the wages of a good mechanic, which on the principle of giving commended in the Old Testament, (believing that a Christian should not do less than a Jew) raises in the course of a year the splendid sum of \$2,530, with half of this amount it can supply its own local needs, while the other half could help to give the Gospel to a lost world.—*Church at Home and Abroad*,

Niagara Diocese.

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

Athabasca held its second synodical birthday at Lesser Slave Lake, in September, 1891, so it is not old enough to report very much. However, we learn among other things that the work under Rev. G. Holmes, is going on hopefully. “The Indians in one place expressing an earnest desire for a resident teacher that they might not be ‘like the birds that fly over their heads.’”

From Mrs. Glassco we learn that “Mrs. Young, wife of the Bishop of Athabasca, gave a touching address, on Tuesday, in the school room of Ascension Church, to a large number of W.A. members. Mrs. Young told of the growing need of missionaries to teach the Indians how to work as well as read and pray, and to carry on these mission schools if it is necessary to be able to feed and teach as well as to clothe the Indians while receiving instruction. The Indian girls under Mrs. Holmes give much pleasure to their parents by being able to sing and repeat many beautiful hymns and texts and prayers, and in many cases the parents returned to thank the missionary’s wife for all the care and trouble bestowed. When in England Mrs. Young found it often difficult to answer the oft-asked question, “Why are the statistics of the North-West missions so meagre?” “Though the statistics are small, many die embracing Christianity,” was her invariable answer. Mrs. Young found their present Diocese terribly rough, and was quite unprepared in many ways to encounter the perils of travel in that isolated country. From Lesser Slave Lake they traversed in eight days one hundred miles, travelling by day in ox carts, and tenting out at night. At Peace River Forks they were obliged to wait for three days while a scow was being made for them. The journey from thence to Vermillion took three more days and nights. The ordinary comforts of travellers were denied them. Besides sleeping on bags of flour piled at the stern of the scow under an improvised tent, they were obliged to share the scow with several Indians. Mr. and Mrs. Trail, formerly Torontonians, gave the Bishop and Mrs. Young a cordial welcome on their arrival at Vermillion, so for a time they partially forgot they were “sojourners in a far land.” While speaking of Rev. J. Brick’s good work, Mrs. Young urged us to send warm clothing of all kinds, not forgetting the “wee Indian babies.” Mrs. Young spoke most appreciatingly of the bales sent that mission by the Church of Ascension and others.

Mrs. Lemon’s letter, St. Thomas’ Church, Hamilton, from Rev. J. Brick comes in most opportunely, in thanking their Branch he says.

Every article was most useful, particularly the quilts. I do not know how I could carry on the work without the aid of the W.A.—I

have every child in our school thoroughly well clothed for week days and Sunday. We have twenty-two families located, living in houses round the Mission, besides a large number scattered about the country. I regret to say the crops in our Mission farm are not good what with the drought and heat, some crops died out, others gave not more than their seed. If we have to buy flour we must pay \$15 per 100 lbs. . . . We are much in need of liniment, salves, pills, etc. In one bale a bottle of liniment was enclosed, which got broken, and everything in the bale spoiled. Corn starch also was sent, and got into everything. Will our kind friends bear with me while going into particulars in regard to packing, etc. ["Will all our W.A. friends remember this request not to put breakable things into the bale, but pack in a separate box — Ed.]

Rev. J. Boydell, Bracebridge, Muskoka, sends grateful acknowledgment to Mrs. Sutherland for contributions sent them from All Saints', Ascension and St. Mark's Churches, Hamilton "All the gifts are suitable to our needs, and we highly appreciate the kind efforts of the W.A., which have so largely obliterated all sense of loss save that which arises from old association."

From Shegijandah, Rev. J. Frost writes the Dundas Branch, Jan. 19. "We have just received your barrels, and heartily appreciate your goodness—every one is pleased. They were not brought over from the mainland till the ice was good enough for teams of horses to cross. . . . Please thank your W.A. for their goodness." I have given a parcel to a poor white woman who was burnt out, and her children's clothing destroyed. I appropriated a good many things for the Christmas tree connected with the Indian Mission on the Island, and am taking some things over to the Indian Reserve of White Fish River. I need not tell you our favors, or rather your favors intended for ourselves were highly appreciated."

Rev. J. Anderson, St. Peter's Parsonage, Jan. 11th writes Mrs. Newcomb, Ascension Church "The two bales sent seemed just the right thing, and came at a most opportune time. We had been a little puzzled and anxious as to how we could make ends meet at this season, when your bales came and put an end to all our doubts and fears. May God our heavenly Father bless you all abundantly. He is not unrighteous that He will forget your works and labor of love, that proceedeth of love, which love ye have showed for His Name's sake, who have ministered to the saints and yet do minister."

Rev. A. Allman writes Mrs. Clench, St. Catherines — "I am glad to tell you the barrel so kindly sent us has reached here . . . During the winter season in Muskoka, the settlers are not too well clothed, many not sufficiently to withstand the cold, when the glass is running from 4° to 34° below zero. For the clergymen to have it in his power to distribute warm clothing is a real blessing. Thank God for the

generosity which is shown in so many ways within the bounds of the Church of England. The spirit of the W.A. is a grand one, evinced by the time, labor, gifts, self-denial, love and prayer which are ever and anon coming forth for the good of the Church, wisely and carefully chosen goods sent out by any Branch of the W.A. afford great help and relief to those in the missionary field. We appreciate also, almost more than the gifts, the very kind works that accompanied them.

DORCAS REPORT FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

QUEENSTON—St. Saviour s, to Rev. Pritchard, one bale, 72 articles new clothing, 58 second hand, 1 quilt, 100 candy bags, groceries. ST. CATHERINES, St. Barnabas—2 barrels, 1 box, Rev. E. O. Lowe, Aspdin, 58 new and 90 second-hand clothing, 106 articles for Christmas tree and a large box of books and papers, groceries, toys and freight. NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE—Rev. G. Bruce, 78 new and 27 second-hand articles of clothing, 4 quilts, 2 sheets, 1 plum-pudding, 13 miscellaneous and a number of Christmas cards. THOROLD—Rev. Owen Owens—23 new, 78 second-hand clothing, 12 new pillow-cases, 3 quilts, 50 lbs. groceries, miscellaneous articles, periodicals, cards, etc. The Juniors also sent Shingwauk Home 66 new and 16 second-hand clothing, 83 miscellaneous, also 26 lbs. of groceries. Thorold also sent a bale to Rev. Irving, Shingwauk, also an outfit for an Indian boy, containing 14 new articles of clothing, and 40 second-hand. DUNDAS, St. James—Rev. F. Frost, 42 articles new, 40 second-hand, 1 quilt, 1 rug, 115 lbs. groceries from the Sunday-School children, 75 miscellaneous. The Juniors sent same, 15 new articles of clothing, 160 other articles. Cathedra Jrs., Rev. J. Seaman, Lowville, 8 new articles of clothing, and 21 other articles, including 6 lbs. candy. GRIMSBY, Rev. A. Chowne—9 new, 43 second-hand garments. The Little Helpers contributed one quilt and 50 lbs. groceries. ST. THOMAS, Rev. E. Percy, 7 new 4 second-hand articles clothing, also groceries. ST. CATHERINES, St. Thomas—Rev. A. Young, 51 new 14 second-hand garments for men and women, 70 new and 18 second-hand for boys and girls—Christmas gifts for Mrs. Young and family, 5 quilts, 40 other articles besides Christmas cards. They also sent Rev. Frost a parcel 16½ yds. dress goods, 6 articles clothing, two quilts. HAMILTON, St. Mark—Rev. G. Cook, 54 new, 13 second-hand articles of clothing, 1 quilt, 1 table cloth, 6 work-bags, candy and Xmas cards. The boys sent in this bale a number of toys, and St. Mark's Junior Branch also sent 14 new articles, 1 second-hand in this bale. Church of Ascension Juniors sent Rev. Pritchard, Lac Seul, 37 new articles of clothing, 4 quilts, 4 yds. rag carpet, 142 gifts for Christmas-tree. ANCASTER, St. John's Junior Branch, have just held their annual meeting, and thankfully report progress. Their work has been for the Ilegan Reserve. They have 5 good new heavy quilts, hoods, mitts,

Ontario Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOITO.—“*She hath done what she could.*”

Subjects for Prayer and Reading. March—Athabasca, and Africa.

Bishop Ridley, of Caledonia, has lately written a long and very interesting letter to the *Church Missionary Gleaner*, from which we make an extract, giving an account of one woman's work which seems to say to us, “Rise up, ye women that are at ease.” The letter was written from Metlakatla July '93.

“Miss Dickinson and Mr. Keen, in succession after Miss West and now Mr. and Mrs. Hogan, have worked at Sunnyside, chiefly among the Indians, who come over annually from Mr. Duncan's ill-fated station in Alaska, to work in this Diocese. Many of them call on me, and behave most courteously. They deplore the blunder they made, and cannot understand why they may not be allowed to enjoy the privileges their brethren here possess. Not only is the Holy Communion forbidden them, but also baptism. Several infants of theirs were baptized by Mr. Gurd. Last week they asked Miss West to write to Mr. Duncan on their behalf, to obtain his consent to her instructing their children with ours. She has spent already three months at the Inverness fishery, where she has won many hearts. Until Sunnyside could be supplied she held school there once a day, and once at Inverness, rowing her own boat over the mile and a half between the two places. Swift are the tides, and often difficult the landing on the slippery rocks; but in all weather she pursued her steady course, so that she has become an expert sailor, handling her sixteen-foot boat all alone as well as any man on our staff. She had it all to learn to her cost. Once she got into serious difficulties, being capsized in deep and rough water, and was half drowned before she could climb back into the boat. It was a risk to appoint a lady to such a station single-handed, where there are some hundreds of Indians, Chinese, Japanese, and a band of white men unaccustomed to religious or social restraints.

The issue has justified the methods. The sick have been assiduously nursed, the children regularly taught twice daily, and Bible classes held for adults. For the Sunday service a band of suitable Indians was organized, and, what is more important, carefully instructed in the subjects of the sermons. The Divine blessing has manifestly sealed these strenuous efforts with a success that disarms criticism. At first the white men asked what they had done to have a woman sent amongst them, forgetting they had threatened (though they were idle words and not really meant) to drown the parson if he ever came again among them. It was the old outcry "Let us alone, what have we to do with thee." This is all changed now. Frowns have been turned into smiles, and rudeness to respect. They saw how true womanliness accorded with self-sacrificing service for Christ, and therefore dropped their scornful arguments, ashamed to use them against this type of ministry."

REPORTS FROM BRANCHES.

MORRISBURG.—Our Branch has agreed to undertake the clothing of a child at the Piegan Reserve, and the S. School has promised to support her—\$25 yearly. On Ash Wednesday we always have a special meeting and coporate Communion, when we begin weekly meetings during Lent. The collection on the 2nd Dec. for Miss Brown, who was present, was \$8.68.

IROQUOIS.—Collecting boxes have been taken by the Members of the W.A., to collect for the Diocesan W. and O. Fund. We have twenty members and nineteen subscribers to the LEAFLET. We are making a rag carpet and quilts for Miss Brown, and intend holding weekly meetings during Lent.

CORNWALL.—Our Branch will give, of course, to the offering for the W. and O. Fund at the annual meeting. A resolution was passed at our last meeting to the effect that as many as possible of our members, should give at least a cent a day during Lent towards this fund. We enjoyed Miss Brown's visit and have promised to do all that we can for the Home, and are

now sewing for another bale, which we expect to send up in a car, which Miss Brown hopes to secure from the C.P.R. This will be the fourth bale sent to Mr. Hinchliffe, and one to Mr. Badger. The freight on these bales costs us so much, that we are unable to give much for other objects. We are trying to distribute missionary books throughout the country for those who cannot attend our meetings. We received a nice letter from Mrs. Hinchliffe, saying that our Oct. bale came "just in time" for their first cold snap. Our members presented our active president, Mrs. Bruce, with a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles. Our Treasurer sent off \$5 to the Diocesan Treasurer for the Chinese Mission appeal. Last month she forwarded an order of \$9 for Mr. Hinchliffe's building fund, and \$5 towards Miss Brown's and Miss Smith's salaries.

BATH.—Our eighth monthly meeting was held in the parsonage, eight members were present. We find we cannot undertake the support of a child in the Piegan Reserve Mission Home. Our Branch furnished refreshments for a concert given and realized \$8.

OTTAWA.—A letter was read at the Jan. meeting asking our Branch of the W.A. to federate with the Local Council of Women of Ottawa. A Delegate was elected. The Rev. W. Robinson from Combermere gave a most interesting account of his work, showing that he acts as physician and surgeon as well as clergyman in his parish. The W.A. promised him a pocket medicine case. Mr. Robinson spoke very warmly of the help received from the different Branches of the Auxiliary, and showed the great need of such help which existed.

CARLETON PLACE.—Our Branch is working away. We are glad to think that one of our Church members has left liberal sums to Church Missions. BROCKVILLE.—St. Paul's Branch working well. A bale was sent before Christmas to Rev. Mr. McLeod, Gore Bay, and we received a beautiful letter from him; everything seemed to be just what was wanted. PERTH also holds weekly meetings during Lent, and is this year preparing a bale to be sent to Mr. Matheson, of Onion Lake. Grateful letters received from Mr. Hinchliffe lately, everything useful, particularly the soap. Branch will give towards the Chinese Missions.

KINGSTON.—St. James' has received the following letter from the Rev. J. Pardoe of Novar, Muskoka :

Dear Mrs. Rogers.—Now that the rush of Christmas work is over, I write to thank you, and through you, the Kingston, St. James' Branch, of the W.A., and all who helped in any way to make or contribute towards the splendid bale of goods, toys, candies, etc., you so generously sent, and which, I am glad to say, reached us in good time for our annual gathering of children and adults. Apart from the children's gathering we have been, by the liberality of your society, enabled to help quite a number of poor families, and thus, indirectly, helped the work of the Church. We are also deeply indebted to your society, as a family, for the articles you kindly sent us permission to use in our own household, and which we are finding a great help and comfort. I think it is just wonderful the quantity and quality of the work of your Junior Branch, and reflects great credit upon them. With best wishes for the new year, and asking a continued interest in the prayers of your society.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.		
Domestic Missions.		
Ottawa, salary Lady Missionary North-West.....	\$50 00	
Kingston, St. James' Algoma.....	11 90	
" " N.W.T.....	6 25	
" " St. Paul's ".....	2 25	
" " " ".....	1 05	
" " St. George's ".....	30 90	
" " " Algoma.....	11 15	
Bath, Piegan Indian Mission	5 00	
Picton " " "	2 97	
" Juniors. Piegan Indian Mission.....	1 28	
Foreign.		
Ottawa, salary Missionary in Japan.....	35 00	
Ottawa, spec'l donation Japan	10 00	
Kingston, St. James' Zenana Mission.....	4 75	
Kingston, St. James' Jewish Mission.....	7 00	
Kingston, St Paul's, Jewish Mission.....	20	
Kingston, St. George's, Zenana Missions.....	6 85	
Kingston, St. George's, Jewish Mission.....	95	
Kingston, St. George's, Foreign General.....	1 10	
		Ottawa, St. George's C.C.M.G. Miss Sugden's Miss., India 10 00
		Perth, J.W.A., Foreign Gen... 10 00
		Unappropriated.
		Kingston, St. Paul's..... 1 75
		" St. George's..... 8 45
		Diocesan.
		Kingston, St. James'..... 2 75
		" St. George's..... 4 15
		" St. Paul's..... 4 15
		" St. George's W. & O. Fund..... 5 00
		Belleville, St. Thomas, J.W.A. 5 00
		Diocesan Assessment.
		Bath W.A., Additional..... 10
		Jellaby..... 60
		Perth..... 2 00
		Diocesan Members' fee, Oso... 25
		\$232 80
		EXPENDITURE.
		Handed to Ontario Treas. Board of D. & F. Missions..... 94 55
		Money given Miss Brown in Dec. 1894, after collections in Bath and Picton..... 9 25
		\$103 80

ALICE L. ROGERS, Treas. Ont. W.A.

Quebec Diocese.

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

Your editor regrets having mislaid a letter from the Bishop of Mackenzie River, announcing the safe arrival of the two sets of Altar vessels sent to him last June. The letter will be given in full next month.

The Rev. A. E. Wilson writes from Elkhorn:—"Our Homes are progressing far beyond our expectations, the only drawback being our want of funds and clothing. We have now eighty children in the Home, and I received a letter the other day from the Indian agent of the Blood Reserve saying there were ten more children to come down in a week or two. The boys are doing remarkably well at their various trades and our trade shops are becoming well known along the line. We thought that the Church now might be able to do more for us than formerly owing to Mr. Burman's Home being taken over by the Government and our being the only Church of England Industrial School west of the Shingwauk Home, in the Diocese of Rupert's Land; the Indian Committee of Rupert's Land have very kindly recommended our work to the Church in Canada. If people could only see these poor heathen Indians as we see them in all their darkness and misery, they would then fully realize the necessity of striving in every possible way to do something for them. Out of the whole number of children only ten are being supported by Sunday Schools, and we are only asking \$50 a year towards the support of each child. Surely the work is deserving of assistance. We require \$160 for each child per annum, our *per capita* grant from the Government being \$110, which leaves a deficit of \$50 to be made up as best we can. We sincerely hope and trust that the interest of the Church in Canada will be freshly aroused and lend us a helping hand in our work amongst these poor benighted people of our land."

FROM THE BRANCHES.

BOURG, LOUIS.—Monthly meetings are held and the work is progressing.

COATICOOKE.—Illness among the members has prevented a regular attendance at meetings.

COOKSHIRE.—One new member has joined and the meetings are well attended. The Junior Branch was organized in October and has thirty-one members who are much interested in helping to clothe one of the little Indian girls in St. Peter's Mission, Piegan Reserve.

DRUMMONDVILLE.—Owing to bad roads and stormy weather it has been impossible for the members to meet together, but all have taken work to do at home. The Junior Branch has eleven members who are regular in attendance.

INVERNESS.—Meetings are held regularly at both St. Stephen's and Campbell's Corner,

LENNOXVILLE.—This Branch has started weekly missionary readings and feels greatly interested in them. The Junior Branch has twenty-two members and holds weekly meetings when regular missionary instruction is given.

LEVIS.—A missionary meeting was held November 29th, when interesting addresses were given by the Rev. A. J. Balfour, the Rev. R. A. Parrock and the Rev. T. W. Files. A collection was taken, and the contents of the missionary bags handed in, making a total of \$11.30. On Dec. 18th a box of clothing, toys, etc., was sent to the Shingwauk Home for the Indian children. On Jan. 4th the following contributions were sent to the Diocesan Treasurer: For S.P.C.A. \$5; for the S.P.G., \$5; for Algoma, \$10.

PASPEBIAC.—Three meetings have been held since October, one new member gained, and three additional copies of the LEAFLET taken. A bale of clothing was forwarded to the Rev. Alfred Cook, Fort Alexander, early in November.

CATHEDRAL.—A bale of clothing, books, etc., has been sent to the Rev. D. D. McDonald, Thunderchild's Reserve. Several donations of money, new and second-hand clothing have been received.

ST. MATTHEW'S.—A box of clothing has been sent to the Rev. W. A. Burman and two barrels to Mrs. Grisdale for missionaries in Rupert's Land. It was resolved that the clothing hitherto sent to St. Paul's Industrial School should now go to the Rev. J. W. Tims for the Indian School in Eagle Rib's camp, and that the \$25 for the support of a lady teacher in the same school should be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer for the lady missionary chosen by the Diocese. One quarterly and one committee meeting have been held, and the working meetings were resumed in November.

ST. MICHAEL'S.—Two monthly, and one quarterly meeting have been held and also a missionary meeting at which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese gave an interesting account of his work in South Acton. The contribution bags were given in and the contents amounted to \$13.75. The sewing society meets regularly and a barrel will soon be packed.

ST. PETER'S.—In October two barrels were packed for the Rev. H. G. Stocken, Calgary. In November evening meetings for girls were organized and are held fortnightly. Since the last quarterly report six new members have joined.

TRINITY.—Weekly meetings have been held since October. A barrel containing new and old clothes, books, tea, etc., was forwarded in the beginning of December to the Rev. J. H. McLeod. Several new members have joined.

RICHMOND and MELBORNE.—\$5 has been forwarded to the Diocesan Treasurer, half of the contribution towards Miss J. Smith's expenses to Japan. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided at a meeting at which the Bishop of Athabasca gave an account of his Diocese and told some most interesting stories about the habits and customs of the Indians. A collection of \$25 was made. The Junior Branch is working for a boy in the Piegan Reserve Mission. Before the holidays the members, whose number is 23, had a sale of useful articles and are thus enabled to purchase the clothing required for the mission.

SHERBROOKE.—The usual meetings are taking place. The Junior Branch opened in Lent for missionary readings and plain sewing.

ST. SYLVESTER.—The members meet regularly and are preparing a box of clothing for the Rev. Geo. Stokes, Manitoba.

WINDSOR MILLS.—In November a bale of clothing was sent to the Rev. C. J. Hinchliffe. An invitation to hold the next conference of the St. Francis District here has been accepted

Miss Gill, Secretary Literary Committee, writes: "I have only received seven small pamphlets and a few LEAFLETS for distribution since the last quarterly meeting, and would be very glad if any members of the W.A., who take missionary magazines would kindly send them to the Dorcas Secretary, to be sent on to me. Any good magazines, like the *Mission Field*, or the *Net* are useful, even if not of very recent date."

THE DUTY OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TOWARDS MISSIONS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

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But who is to define for us our exact duty in the matter? As a stimulant against anything like flagging interest, we, of the Diocese of Quebec, may to-day read the story, written by the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, of the first hundred years of the Diocese. This sketch is deeply interesting, and as we follow its lines, we can not fail to be struck by the fact that every detail of the work therein described, providing of ministers, education of the clergy, erection of church edifices, opening of new missions, is being repeated in our own North-West Territory at the present time. Since our Auxiliary partly sustains the burden of Church progress there now, may we not venture to prophesy that these and further efforts to aid and encourage will result in a century of great rejoicing bye-and-bye? There are several reasons why the N.W.T. should be a specially chosen field for our Missionary effort—not but that Missionary work everywhere appeals to our sympathy, and justly claims our support. But it must not be overlooked that we are met to-day to act, not on individual impulse, but as members of a society bound to exercise a discreet management on behalf of the household of God. Now the N.W.T. is our Domestic Mission—the one nearest home. There is more truth than might at first appear in the well-worn signpost: "Charity begins at home." If the people who journeyed under its direction really followed the pathway to which it points, the requirements of our home parishes, now struggling with debts and difficulties, would quickly be provided for in every detail. As a consequence of this enthusiastic love of home, a wave of Christian influence would beat in an ever-widening circle from our centre, until it reached some little hamlet at the ends of the earth, to find that its citizens, too, were trying to get some of the prizes of Christianity for themselves, and were not unwilling to pay for them.

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