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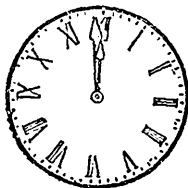
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"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor v 14

PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.



Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.—PSALM II. 8.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading. March—Athabasca, Africa, April—Caledonia, B C., India.

Editor Provincial Papers, Miss L. H. MONTIZAMBERT,
12 Harbord St., Toronto.

The warmest sympathy of the Provincial Woman's Auxiliary is tenderly offered to Mrs Baldwin, of Huron; Mrs. Young, of Athabasca; and Mrs. Williamson, of Toronto Dioceses, over all of whom the dark shadow of sorrow, at parting with those near and dear to them has so recently fallen

For a most interesting article on Africa, and the Annual report of the Provincial Education Committee, we must refer our readers to the *Church Magazine*. want of space preventing our giving them here.

Recent letters from Miss Paterson say:—"Our services have to be held in a house where one of our catechists lives. For a long time Mr. Waller has been trying to buy a piece of land to build a Church on; the native Christians have given all they are able, some of them \$1 a month, and many have only \$4 a month to support themselves and family. Ed.—(Do any of us give *one fourth* of our income or anywhere near that proportion?) Two days ago Mr. Waller got a deed for the land, and it is now ours. Sixty dollars (\$60) or more is needed to make up the required amount. Rev. J. Waller writes too from Japan, to Mrs. Tilton, "We are all rather badly housed for a Japanese winter. The Kennedys and Miss Paterson have the only available house together, and though they are packed somewhat like herrings, I trust they will be the warmer for it. Miss Paterson and Mr. Kennedy are working hard at the language. At first when we had a very windy night, Miss Paterson was afraid to go to sleep for fear the house would go over, as it rocked so badly, but after a while she contented herself with the thought, that as the wind blew right through the house there could not be so much danger, for it offered so little opposition to it. However, we have great cause for thankfulness; not only are we safe

and in good health, but our work during the past year has been singularly blessed. By the end of the year our converts (baptized) will probably number over forty, (34 now) against eleven last year. Baptisms are a poor criterion of the influence of Mission work, yet even in this respect, when I think that less than two years ago I did not know a soul in the whole province, and we had not a Christian here, compared with other Missions, we have under God's guidance and blessing, made great progress. Miss Paterson has two Bible-women with her, one of whom acts as her Japanese teacher; our work among women has hitherto been our most backward department, by far the greater number of our converts being men. The women so far, have been almost entirely either wives or daughters of men who have been brought to the light of God's truth first, and then instructed their families. In this respect we hope Miss Paterson will be of great use to us. Thank you for the assurance of the prayers and sympathy of the large society under you. Money is very acceptable, but prayer is of far higher value, and if we cannot have both, I should prefer the latter to the former—means always follow in the wake of prayer "

We exceedingly regret not publishing the Annual Report of the Convenor of the Educational Committee, which would fill up almost our four pages, and to condense it would spoil it. It will be found at full length in the W.A. Department of the *Church Magazine* for this month.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The President Mrs. Tilton, has authorized an appeal in these pages for help for Newfoundland. The generous way in which the Bishop declined our help before the present distress fell upon his Diocese (see first page Dec. LEAFLET), should make us the more eager to assist him now. Both Church and secular papers contain the heartrending account of the dire needs of clergy and people. Lent is upon us, and will not our members use some extra self-denial to meet this extreme case, contributions of money, however small, to be sent through the Diocesan Treasurers to Mrs. Irvine, 555 John St., Quebec, who will forward them *at once* to the Bishop. Bales of clothing and other comforts will also be very acceptable to the clergy, who have so many turning to them for the necessaries of life.

The following has just come from Rev. Malcolm Scott, Fort Vermilion, Diocese of Athabasca. "Our mail service has been defective, letters have miscarried more than once, so if no answers have been received you will understand why." In my last letter you would see that we lost a lot of lumber which had been prepared for the new school building. This I have had to purchase again and with some

more to build a much required kitchen for Mr. Warwick, it has cost \$100. This further outlay has been quite needful, and approved of by our Bishop when visiting here last summer. Can the W.A. send this amount to me? Then there is a matter which I desire should *be explicitly known and understood*. Several of the Branches of the W.A. who so kindly sent us bales this year wrote, "We have paid the freight to Edmonton, please let us know what our bale costs you further, and we will repay you." This was kind indeed, but still, when one has already paid considerably over \$200 for freights, an additional burden of about \$50 freight for several bales, for at least six months (re-adjustment could not take less time) is not always convenient to bear. If senders of bales would bear in mind that freight charges from Edmonton here are not less than \$9 per hundred pounds, when the bale is dispatched they would send the cost of carriage to Rev. A. E. Cowley, to be placed in the Bank of Montreal at Winnipeg, to my credit, at the same time acquainting me of the transaction, all inconvenience would be avoided. I fear all the W.A.'s. do not realize the time it takes to get from us a reply to any communication, and when one is not forthcoming they think it has mis-carried. We really have only two-regular mails in the course of the year, though there are other opportunities of sending or receiving letters as by chance they may occur. The above sounds stiff and business like, and would seem almost harsh when we realize the sympathy ever shown us by the W.A., so now for a little heart thought. Both Mrs. Scott and myself are thankful for much health and strength during the year now closing. But most of all we are thankful for the manifest blessing of our Heavenly Father upon our work, both in the school and in our congregation of English speaking people. We have been abundantly blessed. Even now we realize its descent, like as showers that water the earth. The unconverted are being brought to the Saviour and all are being drawn closer in the bonds of love and good fellowship. Among the Indians, although I cannot tell of conversions during the past year, I am daily expecting such. There are indications of more real interest in the Gospel. Of course you know their opportunities of hearing the word are so rare. With all our privileges of hearing and reading it, weekly and daily, how slow and forgetful we are, how much more those who for months have not the opportunity of enjoying these blessings. About the common case is this; a man comes into trade, and perhaps in summer time he brings his family for a few days visit when they are brought under the influence of the Gospel. They seem to be moved by its precious truths. Some interest or desire is aroused in their dark hearts but they must again soon return to the woods for a living and they go away no one knows where. It may be at the end of three or four months the young man or the father of the family comes to trade a few supplies. The family it may be are from fifty to two hundred miles away, not return-

ing to the post for a year or more. It is impossible to visit each individual camp in the course of the year, meanwhile many kinds of darkness, sin and want and sorrow have crept in to darken the light that had shined, and when they again hear the Word their minds are as leaden as ever. But it is written, 'Not by power, nor by might,' etc., etc. I fear our present matron Miss Minnie Lawrence may have to leave us in June—home duties call her away, and it will be impossible to get another here. What we want is a good fairly strong woman to do the cooking and washing, and generally "mother" the children, with the assistance of the bigger school girls. The work is not heavy but it is regular. Have you among the members of the W.A. a person who for Christ's sake is willing to devote herself to such work?"

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE JUNIOR BRANCH OF THE PROVINCIAL
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

(Continued from page 539 February No.)

DIOCESE.	Branches 1893	Branches 1894	Members 1893	Members 1894	Money given to Foreign Missions	Money given to Domestic Missions	Money given to Mis- cellaneous Missions	Cash expended on bales and freight	Total amount of money given, inclu- ding what was spent on bales and freight.	Total amount in 1893	Diocesan Missions
Niagara.....	12	11	319	249	\$ 1 50	\$42 00	\$ 6 20	\$62 59	\$ 112 29	\$ 70 72	
Huron	41	38	1029	1023	60 56	141 51	59 15	124 51	385 53	267 22	\$ 16 50
Toronto...	34	35	811	909	31 45	284 34	83 00	97 85	774 69	278 05	37 86
Ontario .. .	30	26	555	586	20 00	55 75		175 89	251 64	335 79	191 71
Montreal....	14	17	250	327	14 00	68 53		22 05	104 68	155 75	95 00
Quebec.....	5	6	79	132	10 00		25 00		35 00	29 00	
Nova Scotia	1	2	26	87	15 00	16 63	17 87	42 54	92 04	4 65	30 00
TOTAL.....	137	135	3069	3313	152 31	608 86	191 22	525 23	1755 87	1141 18	371 07

These returns show \$614.69 more than last year as given to Missions, and an increase in membership of 244, but two Branches less. Quite a number of fonts have been presented to Mission Parishes, and several bells as well. The Board will please note the two Branches in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, remembering that we have no W.A. in that Diocese. May we not hope that "a little child shall lead them," and before long Senior Branches may be formed

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

Subjects for reading and prayer. March—Athabasca, Africa.
April—Caledonia, B.C., India.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE TORONTO DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

From the circular letter sent to the Parochial officers of our Branches of the W.A., you will have observed the system upon which we hope to carry on the work of the Parochial Missionary collections, as handed over to us by the Synod of 1894. *Circulars, Books, Envelopes, etc.*, will be as so much useless machinery, unless you *each one personally* realize the importance and magnitude of the work you are called upon to undertake. Consider well how, and by what means you may exercise self-denial in this and each other of our Auxiliary undertakings. Pray earnestly to be shown how you may give your influence, bodily energy, or monetary contributions in promoting this work for Christ. As faithful women of the Auxiliary, I beseech you to do what you can in this matter, *Loyalty, Perseverance, and Zeal* can, and will, accomplish marvellous results. Let but a beginning be made in your respective parishes, and under the guiding influence of the Holy Spirit you will realize as never before, the marvellous lesson given to us in the miracle of the five loaves and the two small fishes, the multitude were fed, and for their own share the disciples had twelve baskets of food over what had been distributed. Pray daily that God will put into your hearts what to *do* and to *say* to promote His glory, and further the object we have in hand. Pray that your Diocesan officers may be enabled to do faithful work for our Blessed Lord, and by your loving and ready help you will lighten the burden of anxiety which presses heavily upon them in these depressed financial times: Our pledges are much in arrears, and our Missionaries must suffer without your aid. This is a personal letter to each member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Toronto Diocese, from your faithful friend and President.

E. M. WILLIAMSON.

AUXILIARY NOTES.

Letters from Athabasca and from Africa appear in this LEAFLET, appropriate to the subjects for reading and prayer for March.

The Monthly Board Meeting will be held in Holy Trinity School-house at 10.30, on the Second Thursday of the month. Devotional

Meeting on 2nd Wednesday, at St James' Schoolhouse same hour.

Our sisters of Huron W. A., held their Annual Meeting this month, and we trust great good may result.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the W. A. was held in Lindsay, and was in all respects a most successful and delightful gathering. No pains were spared by the members of the Lindsay Branch to make each delegate feel that they were most welcome, and hospitality was indeed given "without grudging." Delegates from Toronto, Ottonabee, Coburg, Emily, Carrington, Fort Hope, Peterboro, Uxbridge, Millbrook, Beaverton, Orillia, Omeme, Lakefield were present. The absence of the President, Mrs. Williamson, was much regretted, and a telegram of sympathy was sent to her from the meeting (her father's illness being the cause of absence). The special preacher at the morning service, was the Rev. W. E. Cooper, who gave a most helpful address to the large number present. At 2 p.m. the chair was taken by Mrs. Walters, President of the Lindsay Branch—Prayer and Praise were offered, after which an address of welcome was given by Mrs. Walters, responded to by Mrs. Banks, of York Mills, on behalf of the Board, and by Mrs. Bolster of Orillia, on behalf of the visiting delegates. The business of the meeting was then presided over by the Diocesan Secretary, Mrs. Cummings. The reports were presented, both written and verbal, "Missionary facts," were next called for, and much interesting information given. Mrs. Tilly, of London, then gave a most beautiful and touching address upon the "influence of women." Five minute papers were then read upon the work of the P.M.A. undertaken by the Woman's Auxiliary at the request of the Synod. Other business was transacted, and the meeting after prayers adjourned to reassemble for an hour's social intercourse, and to partake of tea lavishly supplied by the Lindsay Branch. The Rev. Mr. Creighton, Rev. A. H. Wright, Rev. H. Symonds, and others gave most interesting addresses at the evening meeting. The collections of the day were divided between Diocesan Missions and the Blackfoot Home.

DORCAS NOTES.

ROOM 39, THE FORUM, YONGE STREET.

Branches are working for the following places:—Church of Redeemer, Sec. Sen., Rev. E. Cook, Cumberland, Saskatchewan, April. Church of Epiphany, Sec. Sen., Hay River, McKenzie River, May. MULMER—St. Luke's, Rev. H. Hinchliffe, Piegan Reserve, Calgary, February, '95. TORONTO—St. Simon's, Rev. G. Holmes, Athabasca, April; St. James' Cathedral, Rev. R. McLennan, Stanley Mission, Saskatchewan, May, St. Thomas', Onion Lake (Saskatchewan, June, St. Stephen's, Rev. Mr. Lucas, Athabasca, May; St. James' Cathedral Juniors, Rev. H. J. Fentlebaum, Qu'Appelle, April; St. John's, Rev. Rural Dean Harding, Toronto Diocese March. YORK MILLS—Mr. Moar, Rupert's Land.

Branches have forwarded to the following places:—Church of Redeemer, Sec. Sen., Rev. Caron Harding, Apsley, bale. Port HOPE—Margaret Mission Band, Rev. G. Gander, south River, bale. Church of Redeemer Juniors, Mr. Cobb, North Seguin, for Christmas tree, and Mr. Lowe, Aspdin, with Senior bale, Church of Redeemer, for sale at Marksville, and Central Room, parcel. Central Room for sale at Marksville, box; all Saints' to Central Rooms for Mr. Tims, parcel, Central Rooms for Mr. Tims, Blackfoot Reserve, bale. TORONTO—St. Stephen's, Rev. J. Lloyd, Huntsville, bale, St. George's Mission Band with Senior, bale, PETERBOROUGH Juniors, Mr. Piercy, Burk's Falls, bale, Church of Redeemer S. S., Rev. J. Pardoe, Novar, Parcel. BEAVERTON—Rev. J. Boydell, Bracebridge, bale.

Rev. G. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake, writes gratefully acknowledging the bales of clothing sent from several Branches in November. He sent his dog sleigh all the way to Edmonton for them, as when they arrived at Athabasca Landing the bales had not reached there, however, at Edmonton they found enough for two loads, so hired a team so that they might take all as far as the Landing, where half had to be left behind until Mr. Holmes could send the dogs down again. All the things will be most useful. He says the Home is already too small, many children are waiting to be taken in, but it is already full, so that they are obliged to refuse, and some in their disappointment have gone to the Roman Catholic Home across the Lake.

FANNIE H. BANKS,
Dorcas Sec.

The Rev. Chris. Lord, Apsley, Toronto Diocese, writing to the Dio. President, and Dio. Treas. says, "We thank you very much for your letters, and the kind interest taken in our work. The valuable help given to us by your Society is doing us a real service. We are all most grateful, and the \$10 donation has gone at once towards paying for an organ." A letter from Margaret Durnnell, Athabasca, will be read with much interest, she says, 'The school has been opened since the beginning of October, and is nearly full. I have ten girls and one little boy under my charge, the latter only three and a half years, the girls range from five to fourteen, the boys thirteen in number are about the same ages. I think I may say I am getting on fairly well now—getting accustomed to the cold, and feeling quite strong. Mrs. Holmes has a sweet little daughter, and it is quite a pleasure to help a little in looking after her, but of course there is a good deal of work to do, besides three meals a day to prepare, there is washing and baking, and the childrens' clothing. The three eldest girls help, but their schooling is so important we keep them there all we can; the elder boys chop wood, and help to get the water, which has to be brought from the river half a mile away, there is much work in keeping up a Home in these uncivilized parts, and we may, I think, thank God and take courage. The children have much improved, and the

parents are much pleased. Mr. Holmes has a Cree service on Sunday morning, and English in the afternoon. The lake has been frozen over since November. Please remember me to all the Auxiliary friends I met before leaving Toronto; I often think of them, and pray that God will help and bless their work. I am quite happy here, and make it my constant prayer that God would use and bless me in it to the extension of His Kingdom, and the conversion of souls." . . .

Mr. Holmes, writing to Miss McIlroy, Sec. of Trinity Church, Toronto, says, "I acknowledge with deep thankfulness the receipt of your letters, and part of the clothing sent by the Trinity Branch in response to my urgent appeal for boys' clothing. I started my dog team to Athabasca Landing on the third December, but nothing was there, and the gentleman at H. B. Co. post kindly sent the man and team on to Edmonton, where two sleigh loads awaited them, one our own dogs brought through, the rest by horse sleigh to Athabasca Landing. The dog train reached home on the 23rd, only 19 days making the round trip, the distance 300 miles. It would be impossible for words to express our gratitude for the ready and generous response made by your Branch; our children would have had a poor Christmas, but for the presents and candies you sent. They would if possible send you a hearty 'Ke na-nas-koo-mit-i-na-wow.' 'We thank you very much.' The freight on the bales will amount to about \$7, it is most kind of you to offer to pay it. I wish you could have seen the beaming faces of our children on Christmas day: after service they had beef and pudding, then came a magic lantern. The dolls and candies were most appreciated; even to the biggest girl they were delighted with the dolls, and were busy next day making moss bags for them, in which they lace them like an Indian baby. The ready response to our appeal for clothing and help has been a sharp rebuke for our distrust and anxiety: may our God help us to trust Him, not only more fully but entirely without reserve. Our most important need at present is a team of horses, harness, and plough. It seems scarcely credible we should, with an institution like this, have no team to haul fuel or put in the crops upon which we are so dependent in this distant region. I have paid the price of several teams in hire already.

From Antoinette Barday, City of Monrovia, Republic of Liberia, West Africa, to Dio. President.

Your kind letter received. You cannot imagine how cheering it is to read words expressing such interest in our Church and School work in Africa. We are so very anxious to see the school firmly established that Dr. Moost spoke of to you, it is a pressing need. Trinity Church, Monrovia, has a school where boys and girls are taught; this is only elementary and the boys pass on to a higher school; there is no other instruction for the girls, their minds are therefore dwarfed and their lives narrowed. Strange as it may appear, the

spirit of advancement among women has penetrated to these shores and to our interior; the heathen woman are pressing on the civilized ones every day, learning from our words, our gestures, our looks, speaking as we speak, and saying to us imploringly, "Teach us to work as you work with your hands." How important then that they should be taught the correct way of doing so; in teaching these things we trust to reach their souls. Will you not all assist in giving them the word of life, so that the wilderness and solitary place may be glad?

This letter is written by the sister of the Postmaster General of Liberia, the Rev. Paulus Moost who preached in several Churches in Toronto asking aid for this school for girls, requested the Dio. President, W.A. to correspond with this lady. All the population of Liberia, President and officials are negro. St. Peter's Church sent \$10 to Dr. Moost.--[ED. LEAFLET].

From Miss Alice Turner, Blackfoot Home, to Dio. President.

Just two weeks to-day since I had my first sight of this place, and here I am sitting at my desk as much at home as if I had been here for months. How I wish that you could see me in the midst of my children, poor little souls, they are very lovable, and very faulty. It is a busy life and I like it very much, one is incessantly running about to see that the different little maids do their work properly. I have a great time endeavouring to teach them civilized life. They are quite as intelligent as our own children I think, and are as a rule very kind to each other. The Home is very conveniently arranged, but, as is always the case in missionary work, there is no money to spare for what we would think indispensable at home—for instance, there are 43 inmates, and our only way of doing the washing is with *one* tub, one washing machine, and one boiler. An Indian woman does it, she washes pretty well, but does not half get the soap out, I do not blame her for she needs tubs so badly; then there are only 3 irons, and both washing and ironing have to be done at the kitchen range. There is such a nice room that could be used as a laundry if we only had a stove, and other necessaries. Besides being used for the washing tub it is used for hauling water from the river for drinking and cooking purposes. I feel so sorry for Mr. Tims who has such a burden of debt upon him, that he cannot supply anything that can possibly be done without. I should like *so much* to ask for the "extra cent a day" money one month for this purpose. I think the things could be got quite reasonably in Calgary. I asked Mr. Tims if he would mind my asking for it, and he said he would be very glad. . . I like morning and evening prayers here so much, the former we go to in the school house, the latter is in the dining room of the Home. Mr. Tims talks to them so imply and earnestly, they sing very well too, and are very fond of hymns. On Sunday morning I went to my first Com-

munion here, and one of my girls with me. Marian is a nice, good girl, and I think quite understands what she is doing. I think there were two boys too. There were only eight or ten of us in all, but I felt very much at home in my unusual surroundings. There are generally some camp Indians at church; they listen very attentively, but show no outward reverence, sitting all through the service. They make me feel more than anything that I am in a strange land, seeing them in their gay blankets and leggings, with a scarlet and white cotton handkerchief tied corner wise round their heads. The Christmas cards and books that Mrs. Cummings gave me, come out on Sunday afternoon, and even the smallest wants me to read the writing, and listens with an edified face as though she understood every word of it. . . . Will you will pray for me, that God may use me to His Glory while I am here.

Letter written by Marion Dog Chief, St. John's Home, Gleichen, to the Toronto Woman's Auxiliary.

Dear friends, I want to write and tell you what a nice Christmas I had. I got a nice doll and a nice little book, and the book I got it for going to Sunday School, and Mr. Hardyman my teacher gave it to me because I was a very good girl, and we had a lot of fun on Christmas day, and we got a nice big cake, and there was in it ten cents, and boys had two big cakes, and Santa Claus said I old man so I must not stay long time here, and he said good bye little boys and little girls, and Santa Claus is very poor, and he got no candies Mr. Tims got me nice big house, and I was Confirmed on the Sunday morning because I try to be good, not do wrong, and all the other girls they all got nice things, and dolls, and all boys too. No more from your little friend

From John Hannington, Ausuissam, St. John's Home Blackfoot Reserve.

My dear friends, I write these few words, I was happy on the Christmas day, all the boys and the girls, but got few things on Christmas tree because Mr. Tims has no money, he made build the house called New Mission, and all his money spend, and Mr. Tims our fathers and mothers he never gave some things on the Christmas Day, and only camp children gave some things, and Mr. Tims is very wishing to get pants, and I like you give some him

[These letters are written quite without help by this Indian boy and girl. Surely the influence of these Mission schools must in time do much for these poor Indians. Will not readers of the LEAFLET by prayer and self-denial try to aid in removing the burden of debt from the Blackfoot Homes.—ED.]

From Miss Dee, Fort Pelly, to Mrs. Lillicrap, Lakefield, W.A

Your letter telling us that the bales were sent off was dated Nov. 16th, they did not arrive until the 28th, and I write at once to express

our most sincere thanks; we are so glad of the bales, for we were sorely in need of clothes. Please convey to your W.A. members and accept yourself our warmest and best thanks. I feel my words are very inadequate to express our gratitude, and what the Indians would do for clothes but for the kindness of the W.A. I do not know. . . . On Thursday a delicate baby girl died, the first death on this Reserve since my arrival here 20 months ago. We had two weddings last week, one of the brides belonged to the choir, the other was very young only 15, the Indians think it a great disgrace if a girl is not married before she is 20. We have had a quiet Christmas, we did hope to have Rev. Mr. Teitelbaun with us, but he had much to arrange before leaving for Canada, I hope you will see him in Lakefield. It is 20 below zero as I write. Again we thank you all for your kindness.

The Rev. H. Robinson, Christ Church Mission, Upper Peace River, Feb. 5th, 1895.

"The Indians at White Fish Lake" (his former Mission) "are very poor, and will gladly work for the clothing you send, you cannot make any mistake no matter what you send, though the women and girls are fond of bright colors. Last winter nearly every family was sick, and the weather horribly cold, the hardest heart would have been moved with compassion. I could scarcely go into a house or a tent but I would find two, three, sometimes four, lying helpless suffering from La Grippe. There were 18 deaths, we had no medicine to give. Mr. W. E. White, my successor, will gladly receive clothing or medicines for our Indians at White Fish Lake, nearly all are loyal to our Church, about twenty already baptized, adults as well as children. I am now in charge of Christ Church Mission. . . . The Rev. G. E. Brick left us last September. We have not a single Indian family that we can look upon as members of our Church; they are all Roman Catholics; about half-a-dozen attend our services.

We have an English service every Sunday morning, very well attended. The few settlers are struggling hard for a subsistence. I am now at Lesser Slave Lake, about 100 miles from home. I have come here for freight. We are so poor that we cannot afford to pay freight charges."

From Mrs. Montague Woods, New Westminster, B.C.

We have suffered another great loss in our parish, in the death of the Venerable Archdeacon Woods, Rector of St. Mary's, Sapperton, and Canon of the Cathedral. He died on the 2nd of this month after a long and painful illness. He was the senior priest of the Province, having been a worker for nearly thirty years; his energy and unselfish devotion have left a mark in the Province, and the effects of his labour will be, as years go by, more marked and evident.

Huron Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO—“*Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God.*”

By the time our March LEAFLET is in the hands of its readers, our Huron Annual Meeting will have (D.V.) come and gone. In availing ourselves of its privileges, may we one and all have been enabled to recognize 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.

As the messages from our Branches had, owing to pressure of other matter, to be crowded out of our last month's issue, we think that they should have an early place allotted to them now. We venture to hope that although for the general reader outside our own Diocese, these records probably will not have any special interest, yet to ourselves they may not be without their lessons of hopeful encouragement. To both alike we would say “*Laborare est Orare.*”

STRATFORD (St. James')—“We are beginning the year with several new members, and look forward to an increase of interest in our work. We have been holding weekly meetings, our Rector giving us a Bible lesson at each. In spite of the very stormy weather last week, we had a large attendance. We enclose an extract from Mr. Hartland's letter, acknowledging our third and last bale for 1894 (See Missionary Messages). With regard to freight, we pay none, as we keep a sharp lookout for friends going our way and carrying little baggage, etc.”

INGERSOLL—“Held our 8th Annual Meeting on 2nd January, our new President, Mrs. Murphy, presiding. During the year we have sent \$60 for various Missionary purposes, four large bales of clothing and groceries, to Peace River, Garden River, and Lac Seul. The Thank-offerings at our Annual amounted to \$14.”

SUMMERHILL.—“We find our LEAFLETS very interesting; would not like to be without them; read them through from first to last.”

BRANTFORD (Grace Church)—Sends copy of its welcome Resolution. “Carried that this year we send \$50 to be partly devoted to the benefit of Mr. Young's daughter, surplus to Education Fund, hoping to continue the same.” We have voted \$2 towards freight of bales to Mrs. Bompas and Mackenzie

River, and will send contributions in kind to Annual. Besides our bale to Rosseau, we have sent a box of usefuls, with toys to make glad the hearts of the little ones, to Mr. Slemott, Baysville" BRANTFORD (St. Judes').—" We do not mean though our exchequer is low just now, to shirk our pledges. Our Mission Band children are getting together pins and needles for Mrs. Bompas." SARNIA—" Our Branch held its 8th Annual Meeting on 9th January. During the past year we have had to part with two very faithful and energetic workers, Mrs. Nevill, President, leaving for the N.W., and Mrs. Jones, Vice-President, for England—we miss them much. Our meetings have been well attended during the year, average 12. After business, we read and sew. As the result of our work two bales, acknowledged by both as most acceptable, have gone to Revs Mr. Mills, and G. Cook. We have held a series of afternoon teas, which have helped us socially and financially." FOREST remits balance for LEAFLETS, and says—" Our work for 1894 closed on 4th December, when we assembled in our work room and packed two barrels of warm clothing, seven heavy quilts, literature, etc., for Rev. M. Seaborne, Cook's Mills, Algoma." WALKERVILLE.—" We are hoping better things of our Branch this year. Last year we had much sickness among our officers and members, making it harder to keep up interest and work. We send a bale in the spring to Rev. Geo. Holmes, of Lesser Slave Lake" WINDSOR still continues the Banner Branch on the LEAFLET subscription list. Its message is:—" We will not stop any of our orders, hoping to continue our 75 copies for 1895. We sent a nice bale to Mr. Cobb: intend to clothe one of Miss Wilson's girls, and hope we shall be able to do more this year than last." WOODSROCK (New St. Paul's), asks insertion of the following report:—" The Annual Meeting passed off satisfactorily. The Treasurer's report showed an increase over last year. It was decided to accept no more pledges, as there is danger that the membership fees may become so large as to exclude the very poor. [Any fee over ten cents is optional.—ED.] We have decided to send all money over our pledges to the Diocesan Board for distribution, as they consider those in touch with the workers have the best means of knowing their needs." WILMOT Branch.—" At our Annual business meeting we voted everything away, and only started with two cents in

our *Treasury*. We are to have our Annual Sermon on 6th January, at St. James', and all the members intend to partake of *Holy Communion together*." CHATHAM (Christ Church).—"A Junior Mission Band has been started, forty members, and all eager for work." WALLACE TOWN.—"I noticed with sorrow how far in arrears some of our funds are, perhaps the enclosed letter (from Rev. F. Swainson), may stir up some of our tardy Branches, for while it is encouraging, it also must make us realize our responsibility as W.A. members." SIMCOE.—Our average attendance this busy winter is larger than ever before. The younger girls are taking more interest, and last week gave a tea, resulting financially in \$20. We have sent a bale to Mr. Tansey, Somerset, of quilts and good clothing, with mitts, stockings etc., hope to have another to follow it in the spring. The juniors are making a quilt with texts in Indian and English, and a rag carpet, the latter being principally the work of 'our boys.' We deeply regret the absence, from serious illness, of our Rector from our business meetings; he has always taken such a kind and active interest in our work, and we pray that he may soon be restored to us again. [We rejoice to hear of the marked improvement in the health of Rev. R. Hicks.—ED.] The various sums pledged by us have been sent to Diocesan Treasurer. We send amount for our 34 LEAFLETS, they are so useful to us; giving us such full information. We shall be very glad of the Indian texts you promise, I have St. Mark's Gospel in the Cree, and Miss Stennett and I spent a whole afternoon trying to get suitable texts by comparing Cree and English versions. We hope our Branch will be fully represented at the Annual. I only wish every one of our members could attend, it would do more to infuse Missionary zeal than anything else, making one feel ashamed to think how little we do for the Master's cause." PORT BURWELL.—"We hope to re-organize our Junior Branch next week, also the Senior at Vienna. The Mission Band of 25 is already organized and doing good work. Should they contribute to the Union bales, shall their pins and needles be sent in cushions or packages? It is very encouraging to find every one so eager to begin their work again. SOUTHAMPTON sends your Editor a warm invitation to visit them in the spring, a pleasure she promises herself before very long. The Treasurer encloses 25 cts. for Knitting Machine, saying:—"We followed the hint given some time ago in LEAFLET, and gave *one cent extra each*, it is little, but will be some help." BURFORD held its Annual on 16th January, but gives no record, only asks insertion of Mr. Cobb's letter. HYDE PARK has sent a box to Rev. J. Badger, also a welcome order for six more LEAFLETS. LUCAN.—"We had our Annual last Tuesday, a splendid meeting, two new members joined. The mite boxes were opened and in spite of 'hard times' a goodly sum came in, to be divided up at a special meeting soon. The Juniors most enthusiastic, and promise to try to eclipse the past in the new year now begun. We confess, seniors and Juniors alike, that we

are pleased to see some little record of our work and its results in the LEAFLET; it is a joy to know that we really do help the Missionary in his arduous labours; it infuses a certain amount of new zeal and heartiness, so I hope it is not wholly a selfish gratification or an apparent looking for the applause of our fellow beings." STRATFORD (Home Memorial).—After allusion to Knitting Machine, and the inspiring news of the Confirmation on the Blood Reserve, Mrs. Johnson says: "This should give us great encouragement, such a token of God's blessing, when four of His little ones have been received into His visible Church." LONDON Branches give a hearty healthy record of growth and progress, for 1894. Memorial Church, even after deducting \$125, donations from Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavours towards Indian Homes in the North West, the disbursements of the Senior Branch for Missions has been \$254.84. In addition to the \$100 which for so long a term of years it has subscribed towards the support of a native Student at Emmanuel College, Saskatchewan, there is hardly a plea urged by our W.A. to which it has not given a response. Early in January this Branch was privileged to hear an address from Miss Montizambert, our Central Secretary, which was interesting and helpful. The Havergal Band are earnest eager workers, whose record for 1894 is most encouraging, whilst at the Annual Meeting of All Saints' Chapel Branch, proof was not wanting that "although few in numbers, we try to do what we can, and divide our gifts between five of the objects upon the list worked for by the W.A. This year we have taken twelve mite boxes." This small band meet with regularity, and work diligently for the Dorcas department too. St. Ann's Branch tells of a bale to Onion Lake, and asks if we have heard that very acceptable additions to a Missionary's commissariat are dried apples and pumpkins? Another good suggestion is, "when packing a barrel shake into the crevices, beans and split peas, which not only serve to steady other packages, but are of good service at the journey's end." Your Editor has had delightful visits to Petrolia, Watford, and Strathroy, at each of which places she was glad to meet a band of earnest workers. Southampton, Walkerton, Walkerville, Strathroy, again, and Adelaide promise her severally, a kindly welcome.

The following are the Dorcas Secretary's Statements for January and February:—KINGSVILLE.—Sent a bale (to which the girl's society contributed), to Rev. A. H. Mills. BRANTFORD (Grace Church)—Two bales to Rev. Mr. Gillmore, Rosseau, Algoma, another to Mr. J. Johnston, also a winter outfit for one of Miss Wilson's girls. FOREST.—Two barrels to Rev. R. Seaborne. BEACHVILLE.—A bale to Rev. F. Swainson, *Per Mrs. Boomer*, a Christmas box to Rev. F. Frost; one to Rev. G. Cook; another to Omoksene, to each of the following Missions a basket: Muncey, Kettle Point, Walpole, Kanyengah, and Seguin Falls. WINDSOR.—Bale to Rev. A. Cobb, Seguin Falls. LISTOWEL.—Bale, Rev. J. Lloyd, Huntsville. GORRIE.—A

box to Rev. J. McLeod, Gore Bay From St. MARY'S, one bale and sixteen yards carpet, to Rev. J. Lloyd, Huntsville; St. James' Juvenile Branch, one bale to Port Carling; from Hyde Park, box to Rev. J. Badger. STRATFORD (St. James').—Three large bales, Rev. H. Hartland. SIMCOE.—One bale to Rev. A. Tansey. BRANTFORD (St. Jude's).—One bale to Kanyengah. CLINTON.—One bale to Rev. G. Gander. LONDON.—Christ Church, two bales to Archdeacon Phair; and St. James' London South, a small bale to each of the following: Mrs. Scott, Vermilion; Mr. Parker, Sturgeon Lake; Rev. G. Brick, Peace River; Rev. Mr. Burt, Port Carling; Mrs. Eldridge, Muskoka; Mrs. Shore, Alexander, Manitoba.

Touching those heavy freight charges one writes.—“We could do so much more for Missions but for the immense hole they make in our funds. Could not our W.A.'s at their coming Annuals unite in a petition to railway magnates, a paternal Government, etc. Are we not trying to help the natives of as well as the Settlers in the great Lone Land, and should not our work receive recognition and help from those who could so materially aid us? Another says, “would not a united appeal from our Missionary Bishops have any effect?”

MESSAGES FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

To St. James', Stratford, Mr. Hartland writes:—“Your bale came in time for Christmas—too large to be taken in, had to be unpacked out of doors. The day was very cold, but the pleasure and excitement kept us warm. We had a happy time at our Christmas treat, I wish our friends could have been with us; they would not soon forget the smiling faces of the Indian children, to whom the scene was wonderful. The tree was loaded, the whole building decorated, and every child was given a complete outfit of clothing. Express my deep gratitude to your W.A. for enabling us by their gifts, to make these little ones happy and comfortable.” To Simcoe comes the following from Rev. E. Matheson, Prince Albert:—“I followed your kind instructions and gave the fur coat to my brother at Onion Lake, (he was so thankful to get it), keeping the cap myself. I hope you will be having a successful winter's work as usual. For what Mission is it this year? Do not forget Saskatchewan, for you seem to have got into the run of the very things most needed up here. The Simcoe bales are so good, so full of useful articles. My work goes on steadily, but somewhat slowly, I have reason to be thankful for the measure of success vouchsafed to it.” Mrs. Nicholson, Strathroy, kindly sends this item:—“Reference has occasionally been made to Mr. and Mrs. Matheson, of Onion Lake, both earnest hard workers. The need of a teacher, or help in their Home is still felt. Two children aged four and five, have been given up to them by their mothers, what a boon it would be if

the W.A. would clothe them! At Christmas they had a treat and Christmas tree for all the school children, and also fed about 100 Indians. After a busy day they held a service in Cree. Parcels of Sunday School and children's papers would be acceptable for their work. Address Onion Lake, Saskatchewan, N.W.T. I might also mention Mr. E. Matheson, of Prince Albert, who has started four Sunday Schools, where good S. S. papers would be very useful. Any good reading matter is much needed and longed for in the homes of the settlers. . . . Also let us who are members of the W.A. not forget that words of loving cheer and encouragement are prized by those who are labouring in the middle of many difficulties and privations, and who may perchance sometimes get weary 'because of the way.'"

To Ingersoll, Mr Pritchard writes—"Immediately on receiving your letter, I started for Wabigoon with two of my Indians, to bring in my bale, and any other things I might find awaiting me. Thanks to your valuable gifts I am looking forward to a very happy time with my Indians."

To Burford, Mr. Cobb, of North Seguin, says—"The well filled box of good things arrived before your P.C., affording us a most agreeable surprise, our pleasure being enhanced by the fact that the articles came from old friends. All were highly appropriate to the wants of our poor, and had you been present here to learn the nature of the articles required, you could not have made a happier selection. The value of the goods, tells plainly the sacrifice of time and means, made on behalf of our poor, and the sacrifice will not be in vain, for many hearts will be gladdened and cheered by you this winter; and He above, who gave Himself for us, treasures up such efforts for His flock. To return a mere letter of thanks for the work of many months may appear but very small, but I know that you set no store upon earthly thanks. We thank our Almighty Father that He has put it into your hearts to do this good. May His blessing follow your work, binding each worker more closely together in union with our Saviour."

The London (Memorial) sends the following under the caption HEARTS MADE GLAD.—"Letters have come from Omoksene acknowledging most gratefully the outfits for the three children, sent to Miss Wilson by our Woman's Auxiliary, Ministering Children's League, and King's Daughters. Miss Wilson writes:—"I am sure if you could all see the delight of my children you would feel repaid. When they spell out their own names and find that the things are really *theirs*, they are wild with delight. The idea of its being the Ministering Children's League which sent Nora's outfit is a great source of wonder and interest. I took Nora by the hand yesterday and said, 'Come with me, I want to show you something nice.' On the way we met Mrs. Swainson, who said. 'Well, Nora, where are you going?' Nora promptly replied; 'see something nice.' I think the M.C.L.'s have

chosen the flower of the flock. She has a sweet little voice and is always singing snatches of hymns. When I showed her the dresses and asked her to spell the name, she danced up and down, and when she came to the boots she clapped her little hands with joy. One hears so much of the stolidity of the Indians and of their ingratitude. These children are as grateful and as impressionable as our own white children. Tell little Edna Thorpe that if she could see the beaming face of Nora when I gave her the mitts, and which she at once put on, and when I gave her a few candies, *I could hardly persuade her to take off her mitts.* I think that Edna would feel quite happy at having given up her candy money, and being useful to her mother! Nora is an unselfish little girl, and shares with others, (a little ministering child).

Nellie's outfit is very *satisfactory*—coat so much needed, and put on at once with the lovely warm mitts. She was so in need of night dresses too, and last night when she came in after her bath to kiss me good night, she looked so pretty and comfortable in her lovely pink night-dress. Nellie is a child who has always tried to keep herself tidy, and will take great pride in her things. I gave her her comb and brush in a little bag, which she keeps in the bath room for herself. It is so nice for them to have their own toilet things, it teaches them to be clean and neat. . . . The idea of sending outfits is far ahead of any other way of helping these children.

Lucy (King's Daughter's child) looks a perfect little lady in her beautiful outfit, everything so complete. She was in bed when they came, and so was I, with only a partition between us. She had heard the good news, and wakened me by calling in a pitiful way, '*Me seed my clothes?*' When she did see them it was almost too much for her. She had, poor little thing, been so neglected and knocked about all her life. . . . All fit her beautifully, and she is a very happy girl now. Thank those who worked for the poor little waif, and tell them how glad they have made that poor little heart. . . . This is Nellie's own letter, in a very good child's hand writing: DEAR KIND LADIES,—Thank you very much for all the nice clothes you sent me, mitts keep my hands warm, wear nice coat, me try to be very good girl, me very happy. NELLIE.' "

Referring to our knitting machine, Mr. Swainson writes:—"You need have no fears about our not being able to run it. Living in the North West enables us to overcome many difficulties compared with which this will be child's play. Have no doubts about it, within a short time after it reaches us it will be running in good shape. The failure of the wool supply would be the most serious matter, but what a splendid opportunity for our helpers to fill up spare corners of their bales with the needful. We are looking forward with much interest and excitement to its arrival, which will be intensified when we set it

up. I think we shall have to give the children a feast the day we knit our first pair of stockings." Later on Mr. Swainson says:—"Knitting machine here—we have tried it, and it works beautifully, a splendid machine, not half so complicated as I expected."

Of the seven dear little Sunday scholars at Thorndale, who, beginning with a capital of one cent each, earned eight dollars to buy one of the small machines mentioned by Mr. Gillmour, thus writes Miss Birdie Hobbs, their dear young teacher:—"My girls are delighted to think that they are going to have a knitting machine of their very own sending, in the Mission field, and I am ever so pleased myself. How those seven coppers or *mites* have been blessed." Extracts from letters from Omöksene, Staggsville, Mrs. Young, the Bishop of Mackenzie River, Rev. E. Wigram, Secretary C.M.S. (expressing a deep interest in our effort on behalf of Missionaries' children), and others must stand over until next month.

Miss Cross can furnish the Canadian Mission Magazine at thirty-five cents per copy, with twelve cents for postage, if empowered by Huron subscribers to order one hundred copies. She desires also to lend her own copy, or would order at 1/6 sterling a C.E.Z.M.S. publication of deep interest especially to the young, named "More stories from a mother's note book."

As the full reports of all Branch payments of pledges, subscriptions, etc., are already in the hands of their Secretaries, and, as the list, if given in detail, would be longer even than that of the previous month, the Treasurer submits the following condensed statement instead.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
General Fund.....	\$ 26 72	General Fund	27 83
Zenana	46 30	Zenana	214 96
Lady Missionary, N.W.	84 33	Lady Missionary, N.W.....	81 25
Lady Missionary, Japan	22 25	Lady Missionary, Japan	60 25
Algoma	77 22	Algoma	86 22
Education	73 50	Lion's Head.....	224 96
Mackenzie River.....	11 00	Literature	12 15
Lion's Head	99 86	S.P.C. Jews	20 00
Literature	6 35	D. and F. Missions.....	54 50
S.P.C. Jews	20 00	Moosonee	18 00
Algoma G.A.F.	1 00	Rev. C. Robinson	22 00
Missions (D. and F.)	54 50	Rev. F. Frost	5 00
Moosonee	18 00	Rev. J. O. Stringer	5 00
Kanyengah	7 50	Rev. G. Cook	5 00
Kev. F. Frost	5 00	To Bible Woman in China.....	27 30
Rev. J. Stringer	5 00		
Kev. G. Cook	5 00		
Mrs. Bompas (bale).....	10 00		
Bible Woman in China.....	27 30		

Montreal Diocese.

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

General regret was felt at the February Monthly meeting, at the absence from illness of the President. The Bishop also was unable to attend and the Recording Secretary was moved into the Chair. A large amount of business was pushed through and a Programme of Annual Meeting agreed upon. Letters of acknowledgment for bales and donations sent out at the holiday season, together with appeals for further help were read from Missionaries in our own Diocese and the North West. The Discussion on India was continued; Mrs. Roe, contributing a paper abounding in suggestions, and peculiarly appropriate as taking up the phrase of Woman's work in that vast empire of exhaustless Missionary possibilities. Showing what one woman A.L.O.E. had done, beginning late in life, and consecrating her talents to the cause. Mrs. Day, Mrs. Leach and others followed, and W. Hutton, told the story of Livingstone's death in Africa and the secreting and subsequent conveyance of his remains to England by the faithful natives, in a delightfully graphic manner.

We rejoice to say that our President who has been ill, is now convalescent, and will (D.V.) be able to undertake her usual duties at the Annual.

The late date in February at which the Annual Meeting takes place, makes it necessary to defer our Notice of Proceedings to the next issue of the LEAFLET.

Changes of addresses of Diocesan Officers &c will then be given.

A Branch has just been started at Mille Isles, and Mr. Meek, Incumbent writes to the Diocesan President. “We had a very nice gathering of the W.A. on Wednesday and good work was done; the Ladies were very pleased with the Report. The Congregation were

very pleased with the Set." [A Communion Service presented by friends in Montreal. ED. LEAFLET.] "and desire me to express their sincere thanks to you and Montreal friends for your kind gift I think Mrs. M. will try and attend the Conference. (Annual Meeting E.L.)

Acknowledgments have been received by St. Matthew's Branch (City) for 2 bales valued at \$50 sent at Christmas to Missions in the Diocese. And the President also records an instance of self-denial and Missionary large-heartedness, which if it were more generally imitated would soon supply the means of sending the Gospel into all the dark places of the earth. Two girls, Mary Seaward and Charlotte Mayhew, both in domestic service, members of Mrs. Everetts' Evening Mission Class, have sent in as their joint offering \$12 for the education of a child in the C.E.Z.M.S. school at Krishuagor, Bengal, India All honor to these, "Good and faithful servants," who have been "Faithful over a few things," and will we doubt not one day hear the blessed words of reward, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord"

The Cathedral Branch of the Auxiliary has held some very interesting meetings this winter. The Countess of Aberdeen addressed the December meeting and made a most earnest appeal to all to do their utmost to strengthen the hands of the Missionaries that they might be able to carry the Gospel of JESUS to the heathen. A short address was then given by the Bishop of Moosonee who described the work in his Diocese among the Indians and Esquimaux. At the January meeting Mrs. A. Carus Wilson took as the subject of her address, "India" and told of the work going on there in the schools and hospitals. Interesting papers were also read by Mrs. A. Roe, and Miss Skelton. Subscriptions and collections have been taken up for Moosonee Diocese, to support "Lottie" in the Piegan Indian Home, for the Washakada Home and for Zenana work. The Auxiliary has been much helped in carrying on its work by the generous assistance sent by Mrs. Williams, one of their members at present living in Florida. Mrs. Williams' son has also helped the good work during the past year. Several Montreal members who have been unable to attend the meetings have kindly sent material to be made up. The Cathedral members are all requested to pay their LEAFLET subscriptions at the March meeting in the Chapter House. Com.

St. Andrews' has sent for Mrs. Bompas, \$5.00; for Washakada Home, \$5.00; and \$1.00 for Printing Fund.

St. James's Mission, Fort Resolution, Great Slave Lake. Dec. 10th, 1894.

DEAR FRIENDS (Montreal W. A.)—We thank you for your kind and welcome letter and also for the bale of clothing we received in September last. All the clothing is good and useful. Almost as soon as the bale was undone all the things were appropriated. Our little Indian children who live with us are now wearing shirts, coats, mitts, and other articles. Some things that were too large for the small children we made smaller and they wish to join in thanking the kind friends who sent the things. We have had much sickness amongst the Indians. During the summer nearly 800 were camping round us for a short time when Scarlet fever broke out. Those who were not down with it my husband advised to go to their camping ground. Those who remained had good medicine and attendance. We were kept busy night and day for two months. Our Heavenly Father was very mindful of us. Only four died. Those who went off took the infection and a large number of children died. A few Indians came in a few days ago, and they told us that they lost two or three children in every camp, and one poor Indian lost all he had. He was in great distress. The demand upon us for medicine, even from R. C. Indians is quite surprising. I brought a large quantity with me from England and it is nearly all gone. We are especially dependent upon God out in this part of the world where we have no medical man within a thousand miles, and that distance can only be reached with dogs, I feel just now as if I would give all I possess, which is but little, if my dear husband could see a medical man. He is suffering from Muscular Rheumatism brought on from cold and exposure. For many years he has travelled in the winter and slept for weeks under the snow. He is regretting he cannot do so this winter unless a great change takes place. We are twenty in number at the Mission. Our winter supply of fish failed in September. It will be quite a struggle to supply our wants this long cold winter. They are now fishing under ice and cutting holes several feet deep 25 miles away. We are also snaring a few rabbits. The nearest store is a 1000 miles away. I have a number of Indian children to look after and to see that the food is made the most of. For months everything is frozen that we use. We have to chop it with an axe. We have only one little boy with us and he is a great comfort and such a funny little fellow. The other day I was not well, so had to keep my room and he came and said, "Mama I want my snow shoes." I told him he must wait until Mother was better to go into the store room to fetch them. He at once said, "I will ask Jesus to make you better," a few days after he met me coming out of the store room with his little snow shoes in my hand. He shouted out, "thank you Jesus for making

mother better so that she could get my snow shoes. He is only 3 years old. With Christian love, and thanking you for all the nice things in the bale,

Yours very sincerely,

R. H. SPENDLOVE.

(From two little Indian Girls.) No. 1.

St. James's Mission, Fort Resolution, Great Slave Lake.

MY DEAR MADAM.—“ I am writing you a few lines to let you know that we are all quite well ; only Mr. Spendlove is not well. He has been in bed for 3 days now, but I hope he will get better soon. And now I am going to thank you for sending a nice jacket and mittens, and I have them now and they keep me very warm. I am a Yukon girl, I was born down the Yukon River, and my mother is an Indian wife. and Mr. Sin, took me to be his own little girl. Same year when he took me he got very sick, and so send me to kind Missionary's wife to be taught and learn the word of God, and so I am happy to stay here with Mrs. Spendlove, and she very kind to me. And since long time I saw my dear mother, I am longing to see her and my sisters. And they took me from mother when I was a small girl, and I hardly know mother.

I remain yours truly,

JULIA KIKBY SIMS.

Same Place, No. 2.

MY DEAR MADAM.—I am writing you a few lines to tell you all what we do here. We go and set rabbit snares, Mr. Spendlove and Julia and Daniel and I have rabbit snares set. Mr. Spendlove has his snares far away. Us not far. Julia caught 3 this morning and Daniel one and I got none. Sometime Mr. Spendlove go to his snares. He catch about 21, and sometime 17. Arthur has one snare down and he got one rabbit only. Now I am going to thank you for sending a nice jacket and mitting, and I have them now and they keep me very warm. I am a little Indian girl. I came to Mission to be taught 3 years ago. In the morning the small bell rings for us to get up, and we wash and dress ourself, and then breakfast bell rings, and after breakfast we have prayers. And then we wash up our breakfast things and have our lessons. The days are very short. To-morrow is our Bible Class evening.

I remain yours truly,

SARAH HARDING,
Slavy Girl.

[This is entirely the little girl's own letter. She is a pure Indian—
Note by Mrs. Spendlove.]

Niagara Diocese.

Editor, Mrs. T. W. REYNOLDS, Drawer 47, Hamilton.

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

Subjects for Prayer and Reading. Athabasca, and Africa.

BRANCH NOTICES.

NIAGARA-ON-THE LAKE.—Mr. A. E. Wilson of the Washakada Home, Elkhorn, in acknowledging the \$25 sent by this Branch for the half yearly payment of Peter Anthony's support says:—“How I wish other societies would send such bales as come from Niagara-on-the Lake. The clothing decreased for 1894 very decidedly. We received hardly half as many as before, a great loss to us. When we are doing our utmost it seems hard that Church people do not help more.”

OAKVILLE.—The Corresponding Secretary Miss Baker has received following from Miss Milledge, St. John's College, Winnipeg. Thank your Branch most heartily for the generous donation to this Diocese. When your letter arrived I was just going to a packing meeting of the W.A. We had 15 applications and only enough for four large parcels. We thought we should be obliged to divide the things into smaller packages and let some do without but when I read your letter to the Committee there was great rejoicing. Rev. J. G. Anderson has needed groceries for sick Indians for some time; he will be glad of your kind assistance.

GUELPH.—Reports another subscriber to LEAFLET making a total of 28.

ST. CATHARINES (St. Thomas').—Has received a letter from Mr. Young, North Bay, expressing his thanks and pleasure at the contents of bale sent (see Dorcas report). This Branch has sent during the year 29 parcels of Church papers by mail.

SMITHSVILLE (St. Luke's).—Is working with renewed energy, the Secretary writes—“I am in hopes we will be able to have a nice bale ready for the spring to send to some poor Missionary.” Mrs. Williamson writes Recording Secretary, the long wished for knitting machine has just about reached Miss Brown. Will you please tell the Ancaster and other Branches who so kindly helped. A letter of thanks from Rev. Geo. Holmes, has been received for bale sent at Christmas he says—“Will you kindly convey to the members of “Niagara Falls”—Christ Church Hamilton, St. Andrew's Grimsby, and St. Thomas' Hamilton,—our very cordial thanks for their ready response.” (We reserve Mr. Holmes letter for next month).

DORCAS REPORT.

ST. CATHERINES (St. Barnabas).—Sent Rev. H. P. Lowe, Aspden., Algoma, two boxes and two barrels, contents, 51 new, 173 second-hand

garments, 1 quilt, candy bags, toys and 17 miscellaneous articles expenditure \$13.36. DUNDAS (St. James').—Sent to the Rev. J. Frost, Sheguandah, Algoma, 2 barrels 1 bale, 5 new and 47 second-hand garments, 2 quilts, bandages, blisters etc, and 13 miscellaneous articles, expenditure, \$21.30. CATHEDRAL.—Expenditure \$27.42, on bale sent in Dec. 1894. ST. CATHARINES (St. Thomas).—Sent Rev. A. J. Young, North Bay, Algoma, 134 new, 317 second-hand garments, 1 surplice, 3 quilts, 60 gifts for Christmas Tree, expenditure, \$19.66. Total for month 8 bales or boxes, 134 new garments, 317 second-hand, 1 surplice, 7 quilts, 100 miscellaneous. Cash spent on bales \$81.94.

J, SUTHERLAND, *Dorcas Sec.*

JUNIOR SECRETARY'S REPORT.

For January and February.

At GUELPH (St. James').—On 11th Dec. a Junior Branch was organized, Miss Keating, Supt., Mable Holly and Hilda Hill, Sec. and Treas. respectively; memberships 50. As a sewing society they bore a splendid record having once contributed some 50 articles to one of our Mission bales. CAYUGA (St. John's)—Christmas bale Rev. Mr. Mitchell, Port Sydney, for Branch S.S., 88 articles in all, 17 of new clothing, 1 quilt, 53 Christmas gifts, books, candies and bags. Total \$5.85. HAMILTON (Ch. of Ascension).—Christmas bale to Rev. Mr. Pardoe, Novar, Algoma, 261 articles, 147 Christmas gifts, 1 quilt, books, candies, miscellaneous articles. Total \$3.88 not including cash value of articles donated. CATHEDRAL.—Christmas bale to Rev. C. Piercy, Burk's Falls. 23 new, 2 second-hand garments, 78 Christmas gifts, 1 quilt, books, sheets, pillow cases, magazines, candies, candles and holders, a pair of gloves for Mr. Piercy and 2 silver plated collection plates. Miss Gaviller says, the candles seemed to be appreciated more than anything else Mr. Piercy, tells us that in seven years they had only had candles once. HAMILTON (St. Thomas').—Christmas bale to Rev. F. Frost, Sheguandah, 21 new, 21 second-hand garments, 18 picture books, miscellaneous articles, Christmas gifts, groceries, magazines. Total \$10.57. ANCASTER (St. John's).—Parcel containing 6 Bibles for Mr. Allman, Uffington, special prizes for his S.S. Total \$1.40 and has received acknowledgment from Mr. Allman, who in reference to Bibles sent says, "Please convey my cordial thanks for such timely and substantial help. I am sure such gifts will prove a healthful stimulus." BURLINGTON.—Has also received acknowledgment of bale sent, the Secretary writes, "We are glad that our efforts were so much appreciated." GRIMSBY (St. Andrew's).—Bale to Mr. Mitchell, 237 articles among them new and second-hand garments, Christmas gifts, miscellaneous articles, 1 quilt, 76 books, 32 of which were Prayer, Hymn, and Bibl cards, plaques, magazines. Total \$10.50.

THOROLD (St. John's) —Bale to Shingwauk Home, containing 10 new, 20 second hand garments, Christmas gifts, books, 24 yds. rag carpet, 8 lbs. candy Total \$11.45. HAMILTON (Ch. of Ascension).—Have sent \$10 towards Missionary's daughters fund and have received acknowledgment of Christmas bale from Mr. Pardoe, he says "the children's dresses and boots were just what we needed as some of our families are very badly off in this particular. Please convey our very warmest thanks to the children and all who helped in any way to make the bale the splendid one it was." Of new badges 168 have been distributed.

M. M. HALSON.

From Rev. F. Pardoe, to Miss Livingston, Georgetown, Auxiliary.

He gratefully acknowledges receipt of "the very acceptable bale of clothing and rag carpet" and says—"We were especially glad to see amongst other things, a number of waistcoats, shirts, socks, coats, collars, trousers and other things for men and boys, We have had clothing sent for women and girls but seldom anything for males. . . . The cold here is now so intense that when visiting, on the road from one station to another I find it hard work to keep from being frozen; I am badly in need of a fur coat, nothing but that will keep out the cold north winds we get out here in the backwoods. This Mission is also badly in need of a surplice and a set of communion linen.

Miss Baker Cor. Sec Oakville Branch, has a most interesting letter from Rev. J Millar, Fort Alexander, which we would like to report fully did space permit. His station is on the north east side of Lake Winnipeg near the mouth of a fine river which abounds in sturgeon, white fish etc and which is dotted on each side with simply made log houses. He has a Chapel and school for about ten families, there being about 450 people altogether, mostly civilized, though he says, "they will not attempt to economise, provide for the future or keep themselves clean." He has been well received by them. "When a poor Indian will walk in a temperature of 30° below zero, over ice and snow, a distance of 40 miles to beg a little dry tea from us, it is clear that he has faith in our love for him and for his sick one in the bush and this is how I want them to trust in their Saviour." Of his journey out from Winnipeg 2 years ago with Archdeacon Phair he says that after a stay of 6 days at West Selkirk, the furthest point of the railway, to purchase provisions for four months "Mr. Phair found a two horse sleigh and man to take us about 40 miles to a place most appropriately called "Broken head." We stayed three days with a Missionary on St. Peter's Reserve and in a heavy snowstorm made our start, when darkness came on found ourselves in a pine forest nearing "Broken Head." When within a mile a tree fell right across the sleigh, part of

the tree falling on me and pinning me to the ground. . . . Owing to my injuries we remained till the following week when we started afresh with a new Indian guide, the horse going at a walking pace and clearing the trail till 4 p.m., found us at the end of a dense bush where a squatter had his home. . . . He had just been mudding his house and had put in his windows; that day his cookstove was not up nor the floor laid, with a few boards we raised ourselves off the floor for the night." They went on again next day but when 4 p.m. came on, had only made 7 or 8 miles so rather than camp out all night without a tent they left their stuff in the bush and returned to the squatters house. "Next day we went on again early, picked up our goods and laboured on all day until 4 p.m. found us bound in with fallen trees and still about 13 miles from Fort Alexander, so before darkness came I put my child on my back, telling the Indian to camp there for the night and push on in the morning. Mrs. Millar walked behind with a blanket round her, I also had one for the child. We had no food and only a little milk since morning—this we had to be careful to keep fluid, the cold was so great." . . .

DIOCESAN TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

From Jan. 10th, 1895. to Feb. 14th, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Coll's at Meeting in St. Thomas' (H) class room	\$ 1 45
From Treas. Lit. Com. towards expenses of Prov. pages in "LEAFLET"	5 00
Interest on Dep. Bank of Hamilton	9 15
Zenana Missions.	
St. George's St. Catharines...	2 00
Tax on Members' Fees.	
St. Mark's Niagara-on-the Lake	2 60
Cathedral, Hamilton	05
St. George's, St. Catharines...	1 15
St. James', Guelph	1 05
St. Mark's, Hamilton	90
Ascension, Hamilton	2 00
Missionaries' Daughters' F.	
Cathedral, Hamilton	5 30
Ascension (H) junior Branch	10 00
St. Thomas', St. Catharines,	5 00
St. Marks, Hamilton	4 20
Ascension, Hamilton	35 00
St. Thomas', Hamilton	1 50
Lady Missionaries' Fund.	
Cathedral, Hamilton	1 20
Christ Church, Niagara Falls	5 00

Japan Medical Mission F.	
Cathedral, Hamilton	90
St. Mark's Hamilton	1 00
Christ Church, Niagara Falls	10 00
Provincial Thank Offering	
Cathedral, Hamilton	6 25
Life Membership Fees.	
St. Thoma's (H) Mrs. Stewart	3 00
Vouchers.	\$113 76
Cathedral (H) for Indian Mission Fund	3 00
St. Thomas' St. Catharines for Wycliffe Missions in Mack- enzie River	10 00

EXPENDITURE.

Mrs. Irvine General Tres. towards expenses of Prov. pages in "LEAFLET"	\$ 5 00
Rev. H. W. G. Stocken, Sarcee Reserve, towards Lady Mis- sionary's Salary	75 00
Rev. H. W. G. Stocken, for St. Barnabas' Home, from St. Thomas' (H)	5 00
Postage stamps and postal cards...	1 50
	\$86 50

A WEBSTER, Dio. Treas., N. W. A.

Ontario Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO:—*"She hath done what she could"*

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

Good work is being done by the Mission of St. John the Evangelist at Capetown. A Mission house with a Chapel has been built, and a school house is in course of erection. The Kafir love-feast was held lately, and the addresses given by the men, showed their great thankfulness for the teaching they are receiving. One of the workers says, "To look upon the black faces uplifted in our Chapel, and hear the 'Bawo watri osezulwai' rolling round overhead was intensely real, and gave one a thrill of deep thankful joy, which will come back to help in many weary hours. Truly as they sang out their hearty amen, there was a crack in the roof." Women are working here too, we quote again "I introduced the Governor to the ladies. He was much struck by finding them here working for love, two of them only receiving board and rooms, and the other two not only working, but paying their own board as well. Miss— especially attracted him, she looks so young and bright. "Why, she looks a mere girl, and she has actually left her home and friends to come and work for the Kafirs!" And then he added some words of most genuine feeling and christian sympathy. He is a good man and a good soldier, and will be missed in many ways when his time of service is up." John Zaba, a native helper, writes—"I am in charge of six out-stations and five new places or heathen kraals. My time is mostly spent in having expeditions through the districts, and at all these out-stations there is a sprinkling of red (heathen) natives. At St. Alban's, I have started a Bible class for men, and after three months I put this before them, that "As they were christians, they should try and do something for God." So our Bible class resulted in influencing all the members to go out on Sundays to the reds without being paid for that."

The Rev. Edward Osborne, of the same Mission, has been holding a Mission at Jonnesburgh and writes, "The Mission was wonderfully interesting, though I entered upon it with a good deal of fear. The congregations were good all through, and it was most cheering to see the same earnest faces night after night eagerly seeking for help. The city has changed much as well as grown, and bids fair to be magnificent and beautiful as well as large. I was not prepared to find so much taste shown in laying out and tree planting. In two years the growth of trees in streets, squares and parks is wonderful; from a hill top near Jonnesburgh it is a most fair sight. And there is good Church work,—a Parish Church and five district Churches, besides the native Mission. The sin of the city is of course terrible; on one side, the greed of gold and the life of unbridled passion, largely owing to

the great Jewish element ; but on the other side there are many servants of God, men and women, patiently praying, struggling and living a life of faith. My whole heart went out to them, how terribly like the life of the christians in Pagan Rome it must be. There is a fine field of work open at the mines for two or three strong young priests who would rough it, and give their athletic vigor to the service of God. They would have to walk from place to place, the line of mines being fifty-five miles, and teach and preach in sheds, cottages, the open air, —anywhere, Thousands of men would welcome them. But they must be thorough *men*, not men Ritualists. The Kafir work at the mines is still untouched. There are six thousand at least heathen men, a large part drinking themselves to destruction." . . . " I brought with me from Bloemfontien a nice Bechuana girl of 19. She is the daughter of the native priest, the Rev. Gabriel David, and has been teaching in the Mission school. She will live in the Kafir cottage (in Cape-town) and learn teaching thoroughly under Miss Jarvis. We hope she will stay three years. I went to see her school at Bloemfontein a round hut with thatched roof, no desks, only a few benches and a table. About 121 children Bechanas, and a few Kafirs. She offered to sing, and to my astonishment, that crowd of curly headed boys and girls sang in perfectly good English and in well kept parts the Anthem, " How Beautiful upon the Mountains," and after that, some Bechuana Hymns.

The following is from the Rev. J. Robinson, to a member of the W.A. in Kingston.

" We had our Christmas tree on New Year's Day at Bangor and it did present a most wonderful sight to the people there. It was interesting to watch the expression of admiration which came upon every face. The hall was crowded, many could not find standing room, but any who could, were glad of the opportunity of seeing a christmas tree, especially when they anticipated there would be something for themselves. I put on a great number of articles sent by the W.A. of Portsmouth, such as skirts, dresses and shirts. It was touching in the extreme, to see how delighted the people were, especially the children, to receive the article intended for them. Some of the poor things were only half clad, and when they got socks and mitts, or whatever they were in need of, together with toys and candies, they were I suppose, the happiest children in Canada. We had a very good entertainment. The children from Combermere went up and sang the pieces they had at their christmas tree. It really was a very happy new year's day at Bangor, and one which will never be forgotten in this generation. Give my heartfelt thanks to all who assisted you in making such a box of useful and beautiful things. Accept the same yourself from a grateful Parish Priest, who knows how to value such assistance in cheering the hearts of the poor of his parish."

NOTES FROM BRANCHES.

CARLETON PLACE (J.W.A.) — The regularity of the usual meetings has been interrupted owing to sickness and cold weather. A Concert is now being arranged for, to take place before Lent, as money is needed to buy material, and to pay the rent of the room used.

KINGSTON.—The Quarterly meeting of the city Branch W. A. was held in St. Paul's schoolroom on Tuesday evening, Jan. 22nd. The President was in the chair. The meeting opened with prayer. Mrs. Rogers then read interesting letters from Miss Brown and Miss Smith. The Secretaries of the various Branches gave their reports as follows.—St. George's, cash \$51.70, cost of material in bales \$83.54. St. James', cash \$40.80, cost of material in bales \$49.30. St. Paul's cash, \$7.65 cost of material in bales \$8.56. Canon Spencer gave a most interesting address bearing upon the work done by the Auxiliary during the nine years of its existence. Rev. F. T. Dibb, of Odessa, gave a most helpful and earnest address on steadfast perseverance in the use of prayer in the Auxiliary. Rev. J. Robinson, of Combermere, spoke of the great assistance the Auxiliary had been to him in his Missionary work, and mentioned one instance in which a gift of clothing had been the first means of drawing a family to the Church.

PRESCOTT.—On Feb. 26th the Prescott W.A. held its monthly meeting, and found that, in spite of the cold weather, all were ready to begin work upon a bale which is to be sent to the Rev. Pritchard, Sask. It was decided to begin the afternoon sewing parties and "Teas" again. The Treasurer's report was very interesting showing that \$56.98 had been received since April 16th and \$49.97 paid out. Resolutions of sympathy were sent out to Mrs. J. Robinson, one of the active members of Prescott Branch, who in Christmas week was called upon to mourn the loss of her husband, and also to Miss Baker, upon the loss of her aunt, Mrs. Forest.

OTTAWA.—At the January meeting of the W.A. the prospect of the localized edition of the *Mission News* were freely discussed, and it was decided to continue its issue, the President proposing to act as Secretary, if necessary. Most reasonable terms are offered for the body of the magazine, and the W.A. now assumes the responsibility. The Rev. H. Pollard will assist in the editorship, and a number of ladies present promised help in canvassing for subscribers.

NORTH AGUSTA AND JELLYBY.—The same sad report from both places. "Our Auxiliary is broken up" We must hope that this is only temporary.

DORCAS REPORT.

CAMDEN EAST AND NEWBURY.—Sent to Broadbent Dio., Algoma. One bale, cost material, Camden East, \$6.50, Newbury; \$3. Freight, 85c. contents 48 new, 10 second-hand garments, 2 quilts.

BATH.—Sent to Peigan Reserve, Diocese Calgary, 1 bale, cost new material \$22.17, freight, \$6.15, contents 32 new garments, 45 second-hand, 3 quilts, 1 pr. blankets, 8½ yds. linen, work bags, buttons, pins, groceries etc.

ANNIE MUCKLESTON, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—		RECEIPTS.	
St. George's Cath., Kingston W.A., for North West Missions			\$25 55
St. George's Cath., Kingston W.A., for Algoma			6 40
St. Paul's, Kingston, North West Mission			1 30
St. James' " " " "			13 20
" " for Algoma			13 85
St. Thomas', Belleville, Lady Miss., North West			20 00
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—			\$80 30
St. George's Cath., Kingston W.A., Foreign Missions			1 00
" " " " Zenana Missions			5 30
" " " " Jewish Missions			1 10
St. Paul's, Kingston W.A., Zenana Missions			85
St. James', " " " " "			5 50
" " " " Jewish " "			7 25
DIOCESAN MISSIONS.—			21 00
St. George's Cath., Kingston W.A.			3 15
St. Paul's, Kingston W.A.			3 35
UNAPPROPRIATED (for Missions).—			6 50
St. George's Cath., Kingston W.A.			4 20
St. Paul's, Kingston W.A.			2 15
St. James', Kingston			1 00
DIOCESAN ASSESMENT.—			7 35
Cateraqui W.A. (additional)			10
Diocesan member's fee, Oso			25
Diocesan member's fee, Shannonville			10
			45
Total			\$115 60

EXPENDITURE.

Handed to Ontario Secretary, Board of D and F. Missions		\$116 97
Handed to Secretary of Diocese of Ontario		6 50
Paid for receipt, Post card, and Printing		1 75
		\$125 22

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

Quebec Diocese.

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

QUARTERLY REPORTS FROM THE BRANCHES.

BLACK LAKE.—At a meeting held in November it was decided to devote a sum of money towards paying the expenses of the Medical Missionary to Japan (Miss Smith).

COMPTON.—Has heard of the safe arrival of a bale sent to the Rev. J. Hinchliffe, Piegan Reserve.

COOKSHIRE.—Meetings held regularly.

INVERNESS.—Meetings held regularly both at St. Stephen's and Campbell's Corner. St. Stephen's has gained two new members, and lost one by removal. "One of our new members is a former parishoner now living in Arizona, and who, when in Inverness last summer, on a visit, joined our Branch, procured a badge, and paid her members fee for three years to come." The Campbell's Corner meetings are held for the winter at Mrs. James Tencarre's who has kindly placed her house at the members disposal.

LEVIS.—Usual monthly meetings held regularly. Owing to no half-yearly Missionary meeting, only some of the contribution bags have been collected. Their contents, with donations, amounted to \$5.25. On Dec. 18th a box of clothing was sent to the Rev. J. Irvine, Sault Ste. Marie. On Jan. 3rd a "Pink Social" was held, the proceeds amounted to \$12.45 and will be devoted to Missionary purposes.

LENNOXVILLE.—Regular monthly meetings held with an average attendance of 10, the time is devoted to intercessory prayer and to the reading of well selected articles from Missionary Magazines by two or three members "who between them seem to read everything there is to be had on the subject." The work of making clothes for the Indians is done by the members in their own homes. The Annual barrel for the Shingwauk Home was sent off in November, also the half-yearly payment of \$25 for the support of Nellie Wilson.

A resolution of condolence with the Rev. Lennox Williams on the death of his mother, Mrs. Williams, was passed at the

last monthly meeting and concluded as follows :—We desire to put on record our sense of the loss we have sustained in common with the whole Diocese, and also our appreciation of the high and noble ideal she ever set before us in her life, both of unobtrusive piety and of practical christian action. We trust that the memory of her life may prove an incentive to an ever increasing interest in Church work both at home and abroad." CATHEDRAL.—Since the last Quarterly meeting a bale of clothes has been sent to the Rev. D. D. McDonald, Thunderchild's Reserve. Weekly sewing meetings are held regularly and one new member has joined. With great regret the death is recorded of Mrs. Buchanan, a most interested and faithful member. ST. MATTHEW'S—A Quarterly meeting was held on Dec. 14th, with a fair attendance. It was decided to send out marked envelopes to all members of the Branch asking them to enclose their thankofferings for the Consolidation of the Diocese and return the envelopes to the President. In November a barrel and box were sent to the Rev. J. W. Tims, Blackfoot Reserve, and in December a barrel to Mrs. Grisdale for Missionaries in Rupert's Land. *With great regret the death is recorded of Mrs. Payne, a member whose loss is much felt by the whole Branch.*

ST. MICHAEL'S—A Quarterly meeting was held on Jan. 9th with a fair attendance. The President urged the members to give the Consolidation thankoffering fund their earnest consideration. The Dorcas Secretary reported that since Oct. 22nd 9 weekly sewing meetings had been held and \$30 received, part of the proceeds of an entertainment. The Treasurer, \$1.25 more from the contribution bags.

ST. PETER'S.—Meetings are held regularly, and several members work at home. At the October meeting two barrels were packed containing the work of the past year and donations from some kind friends. These were sent as usual to the Rev. H. G. Stocken, Sarcee Reserve.

ST. PAUL'S—At a meeting held on Dec. 12th Miss Taylor was elected to take the place of their late esteemed President, Mrs. Richardson. A box containing clothing and other articles was sent to the Indian school, Elkhorn.

RICHMOND.—Regular monthly meetings are held with readings from the "*Canadian Church Magazine*." The bale sent to Mr. Frost has not yet been heard of.

SHERBROOKE.—Monthly meetings were held in October, November, and December. It is greatly regretted that five members have left the city. In Oct. the children collected \$6.80, in Nov. \$4.21, and in December \$5.81.

WINDSOR MILLS.—Monthly meetings held regularly except in December. In November Mrs. Ready kindly came over and read a paper on the life of Bishop Smythies, it was most interesting and had been prepared for the St. F.D. conference which had to be postponed.

JUNIOR BRANCHES.

DRUMMONDVILLE.—Nine members continue the work of making quilts. COOKSHIRE.—Owing to illness and other reasons meetings cannot be held regularly. WINDSOR MILLS.—This Junior Branch was formed last November and has ten members. Weekly meetings are held and the members have each taken home a Missionary box. ACTON VALE.—Owing to illness no meeting has been held for a month, but the "Log Cabin Quilt" nearly finished. LENNOXVILLE.—Nine meetings have been held this year with an average attendance of ten members. The following officers were elected. President, Miss Ready, Secretary, Sarah Crawford, and Treasurer, Mary Shuter. SHERBROOKE.—W.A. work will begin in Lent. RICHMOND AND MELBOURNE.—Meetings held regularly every Saturday with an average attendance of 13 out of 27 members. Two quilts and some other things will probably be ready to be sent off in the spring.

From the Rev. Jules Willemar, to the Corresponding Secretary.

Your kind letter gave me and my family much pleasure. To say that we received with thankfulness the resolution passed by the Quebec Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary would not express the depth of our gratitude. Comox is a very isolated settlement, far away from any good school, and my small salary makes it impossible for me to send my children where they might receive a fair education. So you may well imagine our joy and thankfulness when we heard that our Archdeacon had sent my name to your Society, and that a grant of \$100 had been made to enable us to send our eldest daughter to a good school. The Archdeacon has kindly offered to bear all expenses, if any, beyond \$200, and it is not an idle offer, because on this coast everything is very dear, so I left it to him to choose the school for our little girl. Allow me, dear Madam, to beg of you the favour of placing

before your generous society my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for their kind and valuable assistance, and I would be very much pleased if you would send the \$100 to the Archdeacon, so that he may pay that amount to whomsoever will be in charge of the school where my little girl is to be placed, as that would save time and expense.

Comox is 125 miles from Victoria, and only a weekly mail between the two places. It was only last week that your letter was sent to me by the Archdeacon."

St. Andrew's Mission, Comox, Vancouver B.C.

(Any of our readers who possess a good map of British Columbia will find Comox on the east coast of the island of Vancouver, near Cape Lazo. We can form an idea of its isolation by the fact of there being only one mail a week between it and Victoria.—ED.)

From the Rev. H. W. Gibbon Stocken, Sarcee Reserve, Calgary, to Miss McCord, Sec. St Peter's Branch.

"The two barrels of clothes have arrived safely and I thank you heartily for them. As the work here increases our needs do not seem to lessen very much. As I look back over the past six and a half years that I have been here at work, I can certainly see much to encourage us and very much indeed to thank God for.

When we commenced, there were no buildings in connection with the Mission; there was a strong antipathy to education and no desire for the Gospel. The people seemed thoroughly demoralized; and at times (if not frequently) were insolent in manner. Now we have a warm and roomy Mission House; a really handsome boy's boarding school, a new large school-room, a neat and snug little Church with very serviceable fittings and a nice organ, besides the needful out-buildings. We have also the promise from the Government of a suitable Girls' Home in the very near future. The attitude of the Sarcees towards education has completely changed. Now they are most anxious to have their children educated, and we have almost all the children of the school age and who are in a healthy condition in our boarding schools and many of them are making marked progress. Among the last two weeks too, a deeply interesting spirit of enquiry has manifested itself among some of our adult Indians, one of whom has asked for Baptism. I do pray that I may have grace for the occasion. In their morals the Sarcees have decidedly improved. They are well behaved, industrious and anxious to help themselves. I might say more to show you that we have cause for thankfulness, but I have said enough to lead you to pray for us and for them. When you are working for us again, if you can put into your barrels something not only for the children (which of course we greatly need) but also for our men and women, I shall be very thankful.

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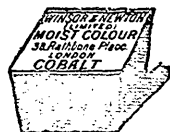
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