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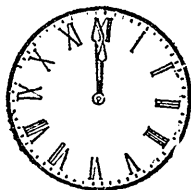
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"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor v 14.



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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. October—Selkirk. All Islands. November—Algoma, S. America and Mexico.

TRIENNIAL MEETING.

The Third Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Synod Hall, Montreal, September 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th. A meeting of the Board of Management took place on the evening of the 10th when arrangements were made for the following afternoon. The Triennial Session was opened at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday with a hymn and prayers. Mrs. Tilton, the President was in the chair and the other officers in their respective places, except Mrs. Hunter Dunn, of Quebec, and Mrs. McLaren of Niagara, who were unfortunately prevented from attending. The representation was increased at the last Triennial and each Diocese has now the privilege of eight votes,—its President (who is ex-officio a Vice-President of the Provincial W.A.) three Diocesan officers (who are members of the Provincial Board of Management) and four delegates. The roll being called the following answered their names.—Huron—Mrs. Baldwin (President), Mrs. Richardson, Miss Ermitinger, Miss Baldwin, Montreal—Mrs. Holden (President), Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Evans, Miss McCord, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Roe, Niagara—Mrs. Fessenden, Mrs. Sutherland, Miss Ambrose, Miss Halson, Mrs. McGill, Mrs. Ambrose; Ontario—Mrs. Mucklestone, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Mucklestone, Mrs.

Newell Bate, Mrs. Loucks, Mrs. Read, Mrs. May: Toronto—Mrs. Williamson (President), Mrs. Grindlay, Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. DuMoulin, Mrs. Osler, Mrs. Hoskin, Mrs. Broughall: Quebec—Mrs. Thornloe, Mrs. Ed. Sewell, Miss F. Carter, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. C. Sewell, Mrs. P. Hall, Mrs. Winfield. These with the Provincial officers made 45 out of a possible 51, and many regrets were expressed at the enforced absence of the remaining six. Mrs. Sweatman, Honorary President, Toronto W.A., Mrs. Sullivan, wife of the Bishop of Algoma, Miss Murray, Fredericton, Mrs. J. Welsley Brown, New York, Miss Turner, late Matron of the Girls Home, Blackfoot Indian Mission, Miss Spiller of England, interested in C.E.Z.M.S., Miss Begg, Diocesan Secretary for Algoma and Miss Wilmot, Fredericton were introduced to the meeting during the course of the several sessions and invited to seats on the dais.

Letters of regret were read from the Hon. President, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Pinkham, Mrs. Burn, Mrs. Neely, Mrs. Twing, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. E. P. Crawford, Mrs. Lyde, and Miss Emery, Secretary W.A. U.S. The serious illness of Mrs. Boomer, and her absence from the meeting were a great grief to all. A most cordial and courteous address of welcome was read by Mrs. Holden, President Montreal W.A. and gracefully replied to by Mrs. Baldwin, President of Huron. After the formation of Resolution, Finance and other committees the meeting adjourned until Wednesday afternoon, in order to enable the standing committees to meet and those who wished to attend the service for the Provincial Synod to do so. After the usual routine on Wednesday the President read a touching address, calling to mind the workers of the past, and especially Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Williams who have been laid to rest since the last Triennial and urging the spiritual aspect of the work upon the W.A. Then followed the Recording Secretary's Report bringing into bold relief the advance made in branches, members and money during the last three years. The number of Branches has risen from 361 to 479, of which 145 are Junior. The members from 9,129 to 11,168 but the figures do not represent the full number: of these 3,328 are Junior members. The Corresponding Secretary's report came next, in order in which the chief item of interest was the establishment of Secretaries in the North West Provinces to correspond with the W.A. and report the progress of Mission work in their Dioceses. The Acting Dorcas Secretary reported 1,784 bales as sent out since 1892, and \$22,084.45 reported as spent on new material and freight. This sum is far from complete for neither Montreal nor Quebec reported this expenditure the first year, and the returns from some of the Dioceses were not all received in any year. The Treasurer reported \$50,155.82 as raised during the three years and explained that in this sum no money given to Dioceses

in this Ecclesiastical Province is included, whereas in the \$44,481.02 reported in 1892, nearly \$6,000 were for Home Missions; so that the increase stands really at between \$11,000 and \$12,000. Adding the cash contributions and the money spent on new material and freight together we get a total of \$72,202.47 for the three years, of this sum \$4,267.72 were raised by the Juniors. The figures given in 1892 for Dorcas work seem much larger, but they were in a great measure made up of the valuation of second-hand clothing, which practice has been quite discarded now, and only actual money spent for buying new material to make up and the freight of the bale is reported. The Convener of the Committee on Junior work then gave a most encouraging statement of her very important Branch of the W.A. work.

The Standing Committee on subjects of Reading and Prayer was called upon and the Convener Mrs. Baldwin (Huron) referred to changes in the list having been already made in conformity with the recommendation of the committee. An addition to the members' prayer was suggested by the Niagara Diocese putting after the word *Redeemer*

"Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end." It was decided that this addition be adopted, and when new members' cards are printed by any Diocese, this ascription be added, and a list of the subjects for daily prayers and readings be printed on the back of the card, as is done in Ontario Diocese. Miss Begg, of North Bay, the newly appointed Diocesan Secretary for Algoma then gave a most graphic and well compiled description of the Branches in her Diocese. They are doing wonderfully and hope soon to be gathered together and strengthened by the formation of a Diocesan Branch.

The Dean of Rupert's Land was introduced to the meeting and spoke in warmest terms of the help the W.A. has been, not only to the Diocese of which he is Dean, but to the Mackenzie River and Athabasca Dioceses for whose Bishops he is Commissary.

The LEAFLET and Printing Standing Committee's report was read by Mrs. Williamson, convener, and gave the LEAFLET circulation at about 7,600 monthly, a hope being expressed that ere long it might reach 10,000. A condensed Triennial report of the various works of the W.A., to be circulated among the members of the Provincial Synod when considering Missionary matters, was laid before the meeting and permission given to circulate it. The wish of the members to have a conference with the D. & F. Board resulted in a request to that body to appoint a committee to confer with the W.A.

On Thursday morning the Triennial Service of the W.A. was held in Christ Church Cathedral. The Holy Communion was administered by the Lord Bishop of Quebec assisted by Rev. Canon Norton and Rev. — Lewis. The Bishop's interesting and practical sermon was

upon the text, St Luke, 8th chapter, 2nd verse The W.A. thankoffering for the consolidation of the Church in Canada was placed in the offertory. When the members re-assembled in the Synod Hall, Mrs. John Welsley Brown, of New York was introduced to the meeting and heartily welcomed. She spoke a few words of pleasure at being with us and ..as also the bearer of the kindest greetings from the W.A. in the United States. to whose Triennial meeting a warm invitation was extended to our members and hospitality offered. The meeting is fixed for October 3rd at St. Paul, Minn. The Ladies of Montreal W.A. entertained their visitors at a sumptuous luncheon both on Thursday and Friday—one of the many instances of their warm-hearted hospitality. At the afternoon session the Rev. Geo. Rogers, General Missionary of Rupert's Land, addressed the meeting expressing his appreciation of the efforts of the W.A. to help on the Mission work of the church. Mrs. Williamson read a pleasing account of her reception at Baltimore, where she went in 1892 as delegate from the Canadian to the United States W.A. The report of the Badge committee having been read and discussed the meeting decided that the plain Winchester cross with only W.A. engraved upon it, as decided upon at the last Triennial, should be used in all the Dioceses except Toronto, that Diocese retaining its present badge which is recognized as an authorized W.A. badge. The issuing of badges for all Dioceses, except Toronto, to be through the Provincial officers. The Lord Bishop of Algoma was next introduced and though forbidden by his medical men to speak in public he favoured the W.A. by coming to them 1st, with a message of greeting and encouragement from the house of Bishops, 2nd, to say a few grateful words on behalf of his Diocese and 3rd, to give voice to the thanks of his clergy for strengthening their hands in many ways and especially in the matter of the education of their children. The officers elected were—President, Mrs Tilton, Ontario; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Denne, Montreal, Corresponding Secretary, Miss L. H. Montizambert; Dorcas Secretary, Miss Halson, Ancaster; Secretary for Juniors, Miss Tilley, Toronto; Treasurer, Mrs. Bell Irvine, Quebec. A most interesting letter was read from Mrs. Bompas and is published in the *Church Mission News* for October. Miss Turner of Milbrook, Ont. who has been acting Matron at the Girls' Home, St. Peter's Mission Blackfoot Reserve, under Rev. J. Tims, and has visited the Piegan, Sarcee and Blood Reserves quite lately, told of what she had seen and the wants of these Reserves in such an interesting way that it was with great reluctance that an adjournment for dinner was agreed upon. On Friday morning, Miss Jennie C. Smith's report of the wonderful success which has been attained by the St. Michael's Training School for Nurses in Kobe, Japan, of which she is in charge, was received with much applause, and a petition was sent to the D. & F. M. Board asking them to continue their grant, \$400 yearly, so that Miss Smith may take her nurses and Bible-women with her to Nagano.

where she is to go shortly, that she may work in the district set apart for the Canadian Mission. The Treasurer stated that the Thaukoffering had received some additions and now stood at \$836.95. Five heads were suggested for its designation, 1st, to be invested and only the interest used every year, 2nd, To be sent to the D and F. M. Board undesignated. 3rd, To be given to the Endowment Fund of the Missionary Bishopric of Calgary. 4th, Towards building a hospital for our Lady Medical Missionary in Japan. 5th, To the Endowment Fund of Algoma. The voting resulted in a tie between the 3rd and 4th items, so these two were voted upon again and the Hospital gained by one vote. Miss Tilley, Toronto, led her most instructive and amusing

Demonstration lesson on Method of Procedure the benefit of which was quite apparent before the sessions closed. Two designs for the Provincial Life membership certificate were shown but as it was thought that the competition had been opened rather late and many members did not know of it, the time for receiving designs was extended until the next meeting of the Provincial Board of Management. The Resolution and other Committees having reported and the questions in the drawer having been answered the President called upon Mrs. Baldwin to say a few closing words. An earnest expression of thanksgiving for many mercies received was heartily concurred in by the meeting and after the President had bid farewell and God speed to the members, the Doxology was sung and the third Triennial Meeting was brought to a close.

As our space is so limited we will briefly sum up the outcome of the Triennial thus:

Clause 4, of the Constitution amended so as to include the Secretary for Juniors in the list of officers.

Clause 5, amended so as to read "No officer shall hold more than one elective office at one time" etc.

By-Laws passed defining the duties of the President, of the Dorcas Secretary and of the Junior Secretary. To give the President power, with the concurrence of the Board of Management, to appoint officers when a vacancy occurs between the Triennials, giving the President power to have the vote of the Board of Management taken by correspondence when the Board is not in session, all action taken by the Board to be ratified at a Triennial before it becomes law. Fixing the financial basis at \$12.50 per annum per Diocese, paid to the Provincial Treasurer. Arranging for Provincial Life-membership, \$50, a vote at all Triennial Meetings, certificate issued by Provincial Board. The \$150 already paid in was voted to the Bishop of Calgary Endowment Fund. A week of self-denial, that immediately following St. Andrew's Day, to be urged upon the members, the money to be sent through

Diocesan Treasurer, to Provincial Treasurer and voted on at the Triennials. Efforts asked for from the members of the W. A. to ensure a better observance of the Lord's Day. The offer of the Dominion Government to refund freight on bales sent to treaty Indians to be considered and if last year's freight is refunded the amount to be voted in a block sum to either the Algoma Superannuation Fund, an Education Fund for the Provincial W.A. or sent to the D. and F. M. Board undesignated, the votes of the Board of Management to be taken in writing. Royal blue to be the colour of the Provincial W.A. The salary of Miss Phillips, Lady Missionary at Onion Lake, Diocese, Saskatchewan, to be undertaken by the six Dioceses for the coming year and paid to the Provincial Treasurer. The four Provincial pages in the LEAFLET to be continued. Resolutions of sympathy to Rev. J. Boydell and F. Frost, on the death of their wives; of thanks to Lord Bishop of Quebec, Canons Empson and Norton, Montreal Sisters, Dr. Hodgins, Lady Missionaries and others. LEAFLET, Printing and Education Committees continued; and one to confer with the Indian Department, Ottawa, and one on Literature formed. At the Board of Management meeting on Saturday morning a committee was formed to make arrangements for printing the Triennial Report and one on improvements in Constitution and By-Laws established. The Lord Bishop of Huron, Canon Young, R. V. Rogers Esq., and the Secretary Treasurer came from the D. and F.M. Board in answer to our request for a conference and asked that the W.A. should appoint a committee to meet the D. and F. Board when necessary and convenient. The President named as the committee the President, General Corresponding Secretary, the Diocesan President and two Diocesan officers (who are already members of the Board of Management) of whichever Diocese the D. and F. Board may be meeting in at the time of the conference.

It was decided that the offer by the *Church Evangelist* of a page in their paper weekly, be accepted and that it be edited by the LEAFLET and Printing committee, Mrs. Williamson convener. It was not thought advisable to incur the expense of sending a delegate to the W. A. meeting in St. Paul, Minn., but if any member should be going on her own account she would have credentials sent her to act for our W.A. in carrying greetings and goodwill. Miss Spiller (England) addressed the Board on behalf of the Zenana work and urged its claims, expressing at the same time her appreciation of what the W. A. was already doing for India's women.

The "At Home" given by the Montreal W.A. Friday evening was most beautifully arranged and those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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

Subject for Reading and Prayer. October—Selkirk, All Islands.

NOTES FROM THE TRIENNIAL.

Our Third Triennial Meeting is now of the past. We thank God for the evidences of progress in all Branches of our Auxiliary work, shown by the reports of the Provincial Secretaries and Treasurers, which were very encouraging.

The Toronto President, officers and delegates, desire in the LEAFLET, to express their warm appreciation of the welcome, and most hospitable entertainment extended to them by their sisters of the Montreal Auxilliary. Lunch was provided daily, a delightful reception was given, pages were in daily attendance at the meetings, in short everything that could promote the comfort of or give pleasure to their guests had been carefully taken into consideration. The Provincial Synod, and the Triennial Meeting being held at the same date, and at a time of year when people are not settled down after the summer vacation, makes the arranging for hospitality a very difficult matter, and Montreal is to be congratulated upon their complete success.

The absence of the President of the Niagara Diocese, owing to illness in her family, was much regretted, and the serious illness of Mrs. Boomer, Convener of the Education Committee, was deeply deplored.

The presence of Miss Begg, of North Bay, Algoma's representative, was most welcome, and we congratulate Miss Begg upon her able report of Algoma's industrious Branches of the W.A.

Deep sympathy was expressed by the members of the Triennial for the sad bereavement of three Algoma clergy, Mrs. Boydell, Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Johnson having recently been called to their heavenly rest. Mrs. Johnson was the wife of our Temiscamingue Missionary, and was only married last summer. May our Almighty Father comfort these mourners.

The Toronto Auxiliary offer to Miss Halson, of the Niagara Diocese, their congratulations upon her election to the important office of Provincial Dorcas Secretary. Miss Halson has proved herself to be a capable worker in her own Diocesan Auxiliary, and we feel sure under Divine guidance, Miss Halson's work as Provincial Dorcas Secretary, will be most satisfactory to our united Auxiliaries.

Dean Grisdale, of Winnipeg, in a very gratifying address to the Triennial upon the important work the Auxiliary has accomplished for the vast North West, spoke most warmly of the successful work being performed in the Mackenzie River Diocese by Archdeacon McDonald, and of the great help it is to him that his daughter Annie is being educated by the Toronto Auxiliary.

The Triennial Meeting of the U.S. Woman's Auxiliary is to be held October 3rd, at St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Newnham, wife of the Bishop of Moosonee, has arrived in safety at Moose Factory, her twin babies were carried in a clothes basket by the Indians over all the numerous portages, the elder little girlie was not so easily carried. They all stood the five hundred mile canoe journey very well. The Bishop had not returned from his far northern visitation.

The Rev. Ed. Lipscomb and Mrs. Lipscomb, with their son Arthur, left Toronto September 19th, sailing from New York by Anchor line, steamship "Furnessia." They desire through the LEAFLET to return their warm thanks to all the friends who so kindly assisted them during their stay in Toronto. The Board of D. and F. Missions made the overdue grant of \$180 to Mr. Lipscomb, which enabled them to take their passage to England, and will, we hope, prove sufficient with the amounts received, to defray the heavy freight expenses of their principal baggage, which had to be left in the English Consul's charge at Tacoma, U.S. Jim Lee, whose letter appears in this LEAFLET, was one of their first converts in Victoria. Under Bishop Burden, of Hong Kong, we trust the wish of Jim Lee's heart may be granted, and that he may be enabled as an ordained Missionary to carry the gospel message to the people of his native city.

The Churchwomen's Mission to the Jews of Toronto, have organized. Secretary, Miss Vicars, 66 Alexander Street

DORCAS NOTES.

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Branches are working for the following places: Omeme—Rev. J. R. Mathison, Onion Lake; Beaverton—Blackfoot Home, December; Rosemount—Piegan Home, October; Lakefield—Mr. Dee, Fort Pelly, November.

Branches have forwarded to the following: Orillia—Rev. F. Swainson, and Mr. Mills, Blood Reserve, Calgary, bales, Collingwood—Rev. J. Sinclair, Chemawawin, Saskatchewan, two bales, one last year (not reported) another this summer. St. Thomas—Rev. J. R. Matheson, Onion Lake, bale, Norwood—Miss Millidge, Winnipeg (for distribution) bale, Omemee—Rev. J. R. Matheson, Onion Lake, bale; Central Rooms—Mr. Markham, Maple Island, Algoma, for Sunday School, box, Central Rooms, Mrs. Chowne, Emsdale, for sale parcel.

In the report of work in the Diocese of Calgary, the special needs mentioned which relate to our Dorcas department are as follows: Blackfoot Home,—boy's clothing, especially trousers, socks, overcoats, navy blue jerseys, and underclothing for winter. Blood Reserve,—material to make up into coats and trousers for boys, and dresses for girls, also shirts, socks, hats, etc., and girl's underclothing. Piegan and Sarcee Reserves,—friends to undertake the support of individual children.

Extract from letter from Miss Turner, to Dorcas Secretary, "Miss Brown of the Piegan, told me that they needed warm underclothing, and especially flannel nightgowns, they have only six girls there now, but hope to have more; she said she found it so hard to get enough articles of the same thickness for each child, and in such a cold climate this is really necessary in order to keep them well, if even things could be made in twos it would be a great comfort. Pinafores are so much better made of strong stuff, as indeed I found often enough. By the by I felt strongly on the subject of warm night-dresses, all the Homes are wooden buildings, and the fires of soft coal, which go out at night, the dormitories get dreadfully cold, and the children of course toss their arms about, many a cold and cough is the result, and we must not forget the consumptive tendencies of these children. . . Mrs. Swainson told me their girls loved fancy work, and thought ladies might have bits unfinished or odds and ends of silk or wool, etc., anything now old fashioned, stamped things to work were a special treat, she thinks such occupations are good for the girls, and so do I. Can you give me the address of the Secretary of the Trinity East Branch, they sent 'be baby such nice clothes I want to thank them."

Mother-hubbard shapes are good for both pinafores or dresses, as they are more likely to fit the children, altering is often harder work than making as many of us know.

We hope to have the freight refunded on bales sent to treaty Indians without restrictions as before, viz., we can send articles for the Missionaries themselves as well as the Indians, and they will not be obliged to report what is done with the clothing to the Indian department.

FANNIE H. BANKS, *Dorcas Sec. Treas.*

REPORT OF P.M.C. MISS OSLER, *Convener*.

The P.M.C. Committee are glad to announce that another parish, Stayner, will work the House to House Collections. The magazine work has been in abeyance through the summer, and, through a misunderstanding, the English magazines were not ordered. This omission is now rectified, and the subscriptions paid will count from November, the LEAFLET month. Mrs. Hubert Macrae, 11 Borden Street, has kindly taken charge of the magazine business.

The September P.M.C. money is due to the Diocesan Treasurer, on the Monday before the October monthly meeting, and cannot therefore, appear in the LEAFLET until November, when the totals raised by this scheme will appear under the heads of the various parishes.

It is earnestly hoped that our loyal Branches will take up and heartily work the P.M.C. The necessary books and circulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs. Morgan, 274 Dovercourt Road. The Convener, Miss Osler, 83 Wellesley Street, will gladly give information on the subject of the P.M.C.

From Jim Lee, Hong Kong, Aug. 16th, 1895, to Diocesan President.

My dear Lady, I have a kind letter from my dear friend, Mrs. Lipscombe, and telling of your very kind intention to send some help for my Mission work in China. Though it was a sad trial to me to part with my dear friends in Victoria, I believe that the small work God let me do there will bear fruit, as many hearts there were beginning to warm with love to their Saviour; and though the breaking up of our Church Mission, when we were all working with such zeal and good will, filled our heart with grief and sadness, no doubt all things will work together for our good. When the time comes for me to take up work in the Mission field in China, I hope to do so in my own village; and hope the Christian ladies of your society will remember me in their prayers, as well as our dear young Christians in Victoria specially, and also the Chinese amongst whom I shall be working. I am going to ask you to write a short letter for me to read to the Chinese women who have not yet been taught to read or write, and know very little except to work and sew. I shall be so glad to write now and then. I feel so grateful to you for thinking of us Chinese who live such a long way off, but God's love is unlimited, and it is His doing that you should be inclined to love and help the heathen that know not God. Pray accept my grateful thanks for whatever you do for me and my people. May God's richest blessing fall on you and our dear friends, and may we meet in the day when the Lord shall make up His jewels, and may we be of the number of the elect Saints of God.

JIM LEE WAH CHEW.

TRENNIAL STATEMENT.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO—1893-1895.

Number of Adult Branches—

May, 1893, 84; May, 1894, 88; May, 1895, 103.

Number of Junior Branches—

May, 1893, 34; May, 1894, 36; May, 1895, 36.

Number of Adult Members—

May, 1893, 2,736; May, 1894, 3,000; May, 1895, 3,279.

Number of Life Members—

May, 1893, 43; May, 1894, 54; May, 1895, 66.

Four other Life Members have entered into rest.

MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS (EXCLUSIVE OF DIOCESAN FUNDS).

	In Cash.	Through Vouchers.	Total.
May 1893..	\$7,611 10	\$ 877 90	\$8,489 00
" 1894..	6,342 61	2,273 35	8,615 96
" 1895..	6,448 61	2,983 69	<u>9,432 30</u>
			\$26,537 26

Deducting balances carried on, \$24,919.38. Deducting expenses, \$23,795.88.

MONEY GIVEN FOR DIOCESAN FUNDS.

May 1893..	\$1,970 64	\$ 83 40	\$2,054 04
" 1894..	1,635 45	513 80	2,159 25
" 1895..	1,234 34	1,250 15	<u>2,484 49</u>
			\$6,697 78

Expenses—

May, 1893, \$317.65; May, 1894, \$453.12; May, 1895, \$352.73;
Total, \$1,123.50.

Extra-cent-a-day-Fund—

May, 1893, \$271.40; May, 1894, \$461.08; May, 1895, \$500.02;
Total, \$1,232 50.

Bales sent out—

May, 1893, 218, May, 1894, 198, May, 1895, 160. Total, 576.

New Articles—

May, 1893, 8,186; May, 1894, 8,262, May, 1895, 7,853.
Total, 24,300.

Second-hand—

May, 1893, 2,786, . May, 1894, 2,981; May, 1895, 2,724
Total, 8,491.

Cash for Material and Freight (not all reported)—

May, 1893, \$1,619 57; May, 1894, \$1,890.52; May, 1895,
\$1,809.05. Total, \$5,259 14.

NOTES OF INTEREST—1892-95.

1. Marked increase is the number and work of Girls' Branches.
2. Individual votes given to Life Members over 21 years of age.
3. In 1893, the sum of \$1,000 per annum, pledge to Diocesan Missions. Pledge since merged into the General P. M C. Collections.
4. Missionaries gone into the field from Toronto Diocese: Miss Garlick, Miss Symonds, Miss Paterson, Miss Dunlop, Miss M. Durnell, Miss Turner, Miss May Hoskin, Miss Trent.
5. Semi-Annual Meetings held each winter in places outside Toronto
6. Legacy left to Diocesan Board, by Mrs. MacNab, \$200, devoted towards the "Bessie MacNab" ward in the Lesser Slave Lake Home.
7. Reports of Branch Annual Meetings tabulated, printed, and distributed, and not read aloud.
8. Annie MacDonald supported with relatives in Winnipeg, and \$100 paid annually.
9. Diocesan Constitution amended so as to provide for the appointment of Diocesan officers by the Executive Committee, in case of a vacancy arising during the year.
10. The W.A. entrusted by the Synod, with the work and management of the Monthly Parochial Missionary Collections, and a quarterly Conference arranged for between the Executive of the W.A., and the Diocesan Mission Board.
11. The Ministering Children's League has affiliated with the Junior Branches, and attends Annual Meetings together. M.C.L. also reports monthly at the Board Meetings, and agrees to do some definite Missionary work each year.
12. Appointment of another Permanent Diocesan Committee, called Parochial Missionary Collections Committee.
13. Prizes offered and given for two best short Missionary stories, these afterwards printed in pamphlet form.

EMILY CUMMINGS, *Secretary.*

From Rev. W. G. White, Whitefish Lake, Athabasca.

I thank you very much for your liberal gift of \$11,85, for St. Andrew's Mission, White Fish Lake. I have arranged for medicines

to that amount to be sent up here from Winnipeg. Though the Indians spend a great deal of their time out of doors, there is a good deal of sickness among them at certain times. Now and again an epidemic visits this country, which generally carries off several of the children. Insufficient food at times, uncleanness, families living in single roomed shacks, are some of the most noticeable causes of sickness here. Certain skin diseases are very prevalent, for which we generally use a mixture of vaseline, or lard and sulphur. The people here are poor; in the winter they trap fur bearing animals, and trade the furs with the Hudson Bay Co. In summer they live chiefly by fishing, and get a little work carrying goods from one trading post to another. One great difficulty a missionary has to contend against is the language. Wood Cree is spoken here, somewhat different to the Plain Cree, and very different to the Swampy Cree. The Indians are beginning to place more confidence in us, and will come for our medicines with eagerness. They are quite softened when they see a child recover, and will then listen when we tell of the love of Jesus, and that we ask God to bless the use of our simple medicines. The head man here is still a heathen, he is a straightforward honest old fellow, and says when he sees that our religion is better than his own, he is ready to accept it. May God's Holy Spirit touch his heart that he may shortly receive the truth as it is in the Lord Jesus. I again thank the members of St. Luke's W.A. for their great kindness..

Rev. Archdeacon Tims sends the following statement concerning the Blackfoot Homes, which should be considered seriously and prayerfully by all our members:—

APRIL 1st, 1894, to MARCH 31, 1895.

St. John's Home—

Expended, \$3,633.38; Liabilities not met, \$1,263.65, Total cost for year, \$4,897.03.

New Home—

Expended, \$2,459.99. Liabilities not met. Building, \$2,001.60—Furnishing and Maintenance, \$955.98. Total \$2,957.58. Total cost for year, \$5,417.57.

When buildings are paid off, it will cost \$3,000 to keep each school going, i.e. \$6,000 for the two schools. Government promise \$3,600. The Mission therefore has to find \$2,400. Towards this at present we can depend on W.A., Toronto, \$350, C.M.S., \$500, St. Peter's (Mrs. Henry), \$50; Church Ascension, and All Saints', \$50; Memorial Church, London, \$50, Boy's Hannington, London, \$50—\$1,050; leaving to be collected in sundry ways, \$1,350. Total \$2,400.

Re STAFF.—Assistant required for new Home, to help Mrs. Haynes. Laundress for St. John's Home who would also help sew. This would relieve the girls' Matron.

We cannot get these until more funds are available ; we have been obliged to dispense with one teacher on account of lack of funds already.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	
Undesignated P.M.C.	
St. Mark's, Parkdale.....	\$12 85
St. Simon's, Toronto	65
All Saints', Toronto.....	2 70
Deer Park	2 95
Diocesan P.M.C.	
Ashburnham	4 79
St. John's, Port Hope.....	2 10
Brighton	2 20
Cobourg	10 80
Colborne	2 61
Deer Park	2 55
St. Simons', Toronto	8 65
All Saints', Toronto.....	16 35
Ch. Ascension.....	8 85
Campbellford	9 39
Toronto Jewish Miss., P.M.C.	
St. Paul's, Toronto	25
Algoma, P.M.C.	
St. Simon's, Toronto	70
All Saint's, Toronto.....	3 05
Deer Park	80
St. John's, Port Hope.....	85
Temiscamingue.	
St. Simon's, Toronto.....	25
Deer Park, Toronto	10
All Saint's, Toronto	35
North-West P.M.C.	
St. Mark's, Parkdale	95
St. Simon's, Toronto.....	1 10
Deer Park	80
All Saint's	80
Rupert's Land P.M.C.	
St. John's, Port Hope.....	2 15
Mackenzie River.	
Rev. F. O. Stringer, P.M.C.	
St. Paul's, Toronto	3 20
Blackfoot Home.	
Deer Park, Toronto	15
Matron's Salary.	
All Saints', Toronto.....	25
Foreign P.M.C.	
All Saint's, Toronto	5
China.	
Rev. S. Boyd, P.M.C.	
St. Paul's, Toronto	2 05
Japan.	
St. John's, Port Hope.....	20
Japan—Bible Woman.	
St. Margaret's, Toronto.....	12 00
Travelling Expenses Missionary.	
Donations per Mrs. Williamson.....	18 00
Education Fund.	
St. Simon's, Toronto	20
Deer Park, Toronto.....	35
All Saints', Toronto.....	50
Rent Central Room.	
Deer Park.....	10
Triennial Thankoffering	
Brighton	1 50
Dixie	4 50
Norwood, Mrs. Gibson	60
Orillia	6 00
Omeme	4 20
Barrie	3 30
Deer Park	2 50
St. Luke's, Toronto.....	10 00
" " special	10 00
St. Anne's, Tor., Mrs. Leigh..	5 00
All Saint's, " A Member.....	1 00
St. James' Cath., Tor. "	5 00
St. John's, Toronto	4 00
St. Stephen's, Toronto, Mrs. B.	1 00
St. Mark's, Parkdale	4 10
Collection Monthly Meeting	2 44
Extra-Cent-a-Day-Fund.....	27 97
	\$228 75
EXPENDITURE.	
Triennial Thankoffering	90 70
Rent Central Rooms	10 00
Dorcas Dept., postage	5 00
Japan Biblewoman	12 00
Undesignated, P.M.C.	19 15
Diocesan, P.M.C.	68 29
Algoma, P.M.C.	3 40
North West P.M.C.	3 65
" Rupert's Land, P.M.C. ..	2 15
" Rev. J. O. Stringer ..	3 20
Foreign, Rev. S. Boyd, P.M.C. ..	2 05
" Japan, P.M.C.	20
Rev. Mr. Eccleston, Richard's Landing	4 56
E.C.D.F.	27 97
	\$252 32

Huron Diocese.

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

Until further notice, Branch Secretaries and all subscribers to the LETTER LEAFLET, are requested to kindly send all orders, payments, Missionary letters, and other communications intended for the LEAFLET to Miss H. M. Weir, box 724, Brantford, Ontario.

The above notice given this prominent place on our pages in the hopes that all our readers will see it, is necessitated by an event every LEAFLET reader will deplore—the severe illness of our dear LEAFLET Editor, Mrs. Boomer, in consequence of which she is compelled for a while, to give up *all* W.A. and other work. How great a misfortune her inability to be present at the Triennial Meeting was felt to be, is proved by the following resolution passed at that meeting, and forwarded to her.—"The members of this Triennial Meeting desire to express their sympathy with Mrs. Boomer in her illness, regretting the cause that prevented her from being with them, and praying she may be granted many more years of usefulness in the Master's service." To a copy of this resolution, sent for insertion in the LEAFLET, Mrs. Boomer in defiance of doctor and nurse, has added these few pencilled lines from her sick bed." "I desire to return very hearty thanks to my dear W.A. sisters of all the Dioceses, for this loving and welcome expression of their sympathy. Though obliged for a time to lay aside all Auxiliary work, I shall follow in heart every upward and onward movement, until, in the providence of God, I am permitted once more to march step by step with those in the ranks of the active service." May this be "before very long." How much she will be missed during her enforced inactivity those Branches which have, from time to time, been stirred by her earnestness and "informal talks" to "try and do a *little more*," know best. And as during this trying time, the "little Monthly Messenger" will be the one close link between Mrs. Boomer and the Branches, the *pro tem* Editor asks these to help to make it satisfactory to her by sending accounts of what they are doing, and the letters they receive from the Missionaries for whom they work, or any other items of interest.

The Huron Diocesan Branch of the W.A., was represented at the Triennial Meeting by its President, Mrs. Baldwin; Mrs. Richardson and Miss Ermatinger, delegates, and Miss Baldwin. It will be remembered that our President was too ill to be able to attend the last Triennial, which took place shortly before her departure on the foreign tour that by God's blessing restored her to health. The detailed report of the proceedings at the Triennial is given in the Provincial pages of this issue, and information of special interest for

the Huron W.A. will be given to the Semi-annual meeting at Woodstock, by Miss Ermatinger.

The Rev. F. Swainson, Missionary in charge of the Kiscock Homes St. Paul's Mission, Blood Reserve, has sent to the Huron W.A. his report and financial statement, accompanied by the following appeal: "In sending out this report, I would once more most earnestly appeal for help. I have spent my little all in the work, and can now only look to God to incline the hearts of His people to give to these Homes I am in most urgent need of help, if the work is to be carried on in its present state, and at its present size. From the report we take the following interesting facts—blessed results may we not call them?"

"In October, 1891, five little girls were brought off the Reservation into the Home, which, at that time, was receiving no certain support from any quarter, beyond a little beef and flour from the Government—but believing the work to be the Lord's, the Lady Missionary (Miss Busby) and Mrs. Swainson, threw themselves into the work, and the number of children rapidly increased. Seeing what this Home was to the girls, it was suggested that another for boys should be started. The Government acknowledging the good results accruing from the girl's Home, came forward, and with the assistance of a lady in England and the W.A. of Canada, a Home holding forty boys was ready in June, 1893. A school became an imperative necessity and once more the way was opened up—a School Church to seat over 200 was furnished by the end of 1893. In the spring of 1894 a laundry was added—the girls do all the washing, etc.—some outbuildings and a two-storied house 16x24, for the teacher, and now in this summer of 1895 a wing has been added to the boy's Home, into which when furnished, about thirty boys will be received. The Indian Department gives a maintenance grant towards the keep of forty children and a ration of beef and flour for the remaining. Since the Home was opened there have been six deaths amongst the girls, all of whom as far as we can judge, died believing and trusting in their newly found Saviour. The great majority of these children are baptized. Four were confirmed last December, and others are now preparing for that rite. The first adult Blood Indian 'Little Ears-Old Man' has been led, by his little girl in the Home, to give up without remuneration all his 'medicine,' etc., to the value of \$65 or \$70 prior to baptism. Slowly but surely the work goes ahead, a work in which all are concerned, and in which all should assist. The smallest contribution in kind or in money will be thankfully received and acknowledged. I cannot close without thanking all the members of the W.A. of Canada, especially the Huron Diocesan Branch, for their great sympathy and help, without which we should have had a hard time indeed. Our present and pressing wants are money for present liabilities, \$1,000 to build and fit up a hospital, \$390 to clear off debt and material for boys and girls' clothing." In regard to the Hospital

Mr. Swainson writes to a W.A. member, "I am thinking about commencing the Hospital at once, it would be such an awful thing if an illness broke out, and no place to isolate the little ones. I pray that the appeal may be blessed of God."

From two appeals on behalf of Mr. Swainson's work which have recently appeared in the Church papers, we quote following extracts: "Little as it may be recognized generally, the obligation to do all it can for the salvation and welfare of the Indians is laid upon the Canadian Church. This duty may be neglected, or evaded as a 'difficult problem' now, but, like many another 'difficult problem' it will have to be faced one day by each of us before the great white throne—"Hungered, and ye gave me no meat, thirsty, and ye gave me no drink, a stranger and ye took me not in, naked, and ye clothed me not, sick and ye visited me not." Appeals on behalf of missions, on behalf of every form of physical and moral destitution are without number, never ceasing, but it is of God's great mercy that it is so—were it not so, how many of us would ignore the sights and sounds of misery, and sit down in selfish ease and quiet. 'Times are so hard' is the ever ready argument, as each fresh cry for help is heard, but are those who call themselves by Christ's name laying to heart the lessons taught by 'hard times,' and so learning them, that when 'better times' come, they will be ready with thank-offerings, which will keep those for whom it is always hard times? Alas, that among these must be reckoned those who are obeying Christ's parting command, *dependent* upon the gifts of those who call themselves by His name. The difficulties which beset such a missionary undertaking as Mr. Swainson's are enormous; only to be conceived by those who have faced them, or watched others face them. Of the struggles, privations, and disappointments endured by Missionaries, it would assuredly be said, were the recital of them published in detail, "Of course one must make allowance for exaggeration," but there is no exaggeration; it is only now and then that some little unpremeditated touch in a letter reveals to those interested, all that a Missionary has to face and to renounce."

The Homes on the Blood Reserve have been committed specially to the fostering care of the Huron W.A.—shall we not do all we possibly can to help them? First of all with the hospital, think what would be the ravages of an outbreak of scarlet fever or diphtheria among these children, where the sick cannot be isolated from the well. If only all those who at some time have known the joy of seeing children they love recover from dangerous illness, would do *something* to help, much might be done.

Still in connection with Mr. Swainson's work, Mrs. Sage, London West, who is acting for the Diocesan Treasurer, asks that the Branches would send in their contributions to the Lady Missionary N. W. Fund. Will our W.A. Branch Treasurers and members kindly

refer to pages 621-2 of the April LEAFLET, where they will find the Diocesan Treasurer's annual statement, with the figures of the deficit in the Lady Missionary Fund, and the President's comments thereon. If they will then study the plain financial statements issued monthly by the Treasurer, they will comprehend the urgency of Mrs. Sage's request. The Huron W.A. is pledged to the support of this Lady Missionary—a yearly sum of \$325 should not be hard to raise.

A Missionary who was asked, in reference to the resolution laid by the Central Education Committee before the Triennial (August LEAFLET, page 766) what he could do towards assisting in the education of his daughter? writes, "With regard to paying a portion towards our eldest daughter's education, we really are not able to do more than clothe her. My stipend for the past year was just \$620, it is supposed to be \$700, but the people have not been able to make up their portion, and we have seven children. For my eldest boy I have been fortunate enough to obtain a bursary in one of our colleges, which I supplement as far as I can; another of my boys is working hard to try and get some money saved that he may be able to go to school for a time, he is most anxious to get some education, and I live in hopes of seeing them in the Mission work by and by." In families thus situated and living where there are no high schools, nor any educational advantages, it is certain that what little the father, with his scanty means, can do to secure some education for his children must be done for the boys, that is why the Education Committee seeks to reach out a helping hand to the girls, that they too, may be fitted to become useful in their generation.

In the report of the Missionary Bishop of Algoma to the Provincial Synod, occurs the following words of kindly appreciation of our *helping* work. "The current of beneficence set in motion some years ago by the formation of the Woman's Auxiliary, still flows close by the doors of our parsonages and poorer settler's dwellings, greatly to the joy of their occupants. How many bales of clothing, boxes of Christmas gifts, to gladden the hearts of the children, and gifts of furniture for the more decent and orderly equipment of Churches have entered the Diocese during the three past years, I have no means of knowing, but to this current of loving sympathy, directed Algoma-ward by Church-women, we stand indebted, not merely for much of the material comfort experienced through our long dreary winters, but, greater blessing still, for a large measure of the heart and hope and courage that have sustained us in our hard hand-in-hand struggle with local difficulties and discouragements. Under the inspiration of the example set us, and as one from under which to express our gratitude, Branches of the W.A. are spreading over the Diocese. Thirteen have been formed, and parochial societies, hitherto bearing other names, are falling into line. And I would here place on record my most grateful appreciation of the invaluable benefits still rendered to

many of our clergy in the educational blessings secured to their children through the agency of the W.A., and also of individual Church women, accompanied as they are, by sound systematic religious teaching. Apart altogether from the value of such a movement in supplying a sorely felt need in our clerical households, and relieving the minds of the parents of one of their heaviest burdens of anxiety, I do not hesitate to give it a foremost rank among the objects included within the circle of the Church's benevolence, because of the rich, ripe, and enduring issues enfolded in it for the future."

It is one of God's good gifts to us, this certain knowledge, that by our efforts, the poor, the lonely, the sick, the aged, and little children, have been helped and cheered, therefore let us give thanks to Him, and return with renewed ardour to our helping work, bearing always in mind that the first object of our association is intercessory prayer on behalf of Missions and Missionaries.

BRANCH NOTICES.

BERLIN—Our Branch will hold its first business meeting on the 1st October. We have not yet decided for what Mission we will work.

LONDON—The All Saints' Mission Chapel Branch of the Ministering Children's League, held its annual festival and sale of work in the Mission room. The children appeared to very great advantage, and all arrangements were most successfully carried out. The financial proceeds amounted to \$23, and a real impetus was given to this good work among the girls. At a meeting of the workers of the League, it was agreed to make the following disbursements.—Clothing girl at Omoksene, \$5, toward chapel expenses, \$3, clothing for Mission stations, \$3; Mission Room Fund, \$2, Font for chapel, \$10. Well done, children.

SARNIA—The opening meeting of the Branch for winter work was held in the school room on Wednesday, September 4th. The attendance was fairly good although the weather was very disagreeable. Our intentions this fall are to work for a small Christmas bazaar.

BRANTFORD—St. Jude's Branch held its first meeting after the holidays on Wednesday, Sept 18th. It was decided to hold frequent sewing meetings, and get ready the outfits for three children, a girl and two boys, at Omoksene. Among the "Holiday work" handed in, were the window drapes asked for by the Rev. R. Coates.

From a member of one of our most energetic Branches has been received, in answer to a special request, the programme of a "Thanksgiving meeting" held recently, and of which many present said, "we have enjoyed this meeting more than any we ever had before." Notice of the meeting was given in Church, and all women of the congregation invited to be present, and to save trouble and expense, a

member of the W.A. handed every woman as she left the Church an envelope, in which she was requested to place a thankoffering. The meeting which was very well attended, opened with Miss Pauline Johnson's Woman's Auxiliary hymn, after which the creed, the woman's prayer, and the Lord's prayer were said in common. Then followed a short bible reading by the President. Three short addresses—one by the President of the Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Association—interspersed by sacred songs were given; then the Treasurer gave a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements of the Branch during the year, to which followed the reception of the thankoffering, and reading the verses inscribed on the envelopes. then another song and another address, followed by a hymn and the benediction. The sum collected amounted to \$27. "The addresses" says an informant "should be short and bright; on giving, on work, on prayer, on some particular phase of Mission work—there is no end to the subjects at the speakers disposal—and have plenty of good singing, every one enjoys that, and there are so many beautiful sacred songs and duetts." There are few, if any, of our Branches where such a "Thanksgiving meeting" could not be easily got up, and such meetings not only increase and deepen the interest in W.A. work, but they draw the members of a Branch very closely together, and where only very small thankofferings can be brought, there is still some little addition to the fund made, or some small sum collected for some special work.

Our Branch notices, as well as our tidings from the Mission field are decidedly unsatisfactory this month. There are probably notices and letters among Mrs. Boomer's correspondence, which it has not been possible to forward, will those Branches who have sent communications which have not been inserted, kindly send them again to the *pro tem* Editor?

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

General Fund.	
Preston.....	\$1 00
Owen Sound	2 00
Zenana.	
Kingsville.....	5 74
Lady Missionary, N.W.	
Preston.....	1 00
St. Incoe.....	5 00
Beachville	2 00
Lady Missionary, Japan.	
Chatham, Christ Church	5 00
Preston.....	1 00
Beachville.....	1 00
Education.	
Beachville	1 00

Lion's Head.

Aylmer.....	4 00
Brussels.....	2 00
Preston	2 00
Beachville	2 00
Kingsville	2 00

Rev. J. W. Tims.

London, Memorial Church ... 25 00

Kanyuegeh.

Preston	1 00
Beachville	1 00

Thankoffering.

Woodstock, New St. Paul's... 1 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Post cards and stamps	1 60
Literature	4 00

Montreal Diocese.

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

TRIENNIAL NOTES.

If the third Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary had accomplished nothing but its one act of incorporating into the Members' Prayer the clause whereby our faith in the Three Persons of the ever blessed Trinity is unequivocally affirmed, it had done well. For it behooved us that the form of words which already Eleven Thousand Churchwomen of the Dominion are prepared to accept as their official utterance should embody absolutely the great foundation truth of our Catholic Religion. Niagara is to be devoutly thanked for bringing the matter to an issue, and the Auxiliary is to be congratulated for the unanimity with which it passed the resolution.

Huron voiced the sentiments of the Auxiliary in its timely motion for the better observance of the Lord's Day. Let the Auxiliary continue to lift up its voice against the encroachments of an age of laxity, which if unresisted threaten to transform our Day of Sacred Rest into one of secular recreation.

We thank God for the spirit of charity and mutual good will that so largely characterized our Triennial Meeting. Montreal for her part will always feel that it has been one of the privileges of a life time to have met and welcomed so many of her loved and fellow workers from abroad. Their kindly determination to make nothing at all of such involuntary short comings in their reception as we were conscious of, and to be pleased with everything, made the task of entertaining them a thoroughly delightful one, and the meetings as pleasant as profitable.

We are very sorry to hear from Mrs. Drake of the serious accident which befell one of our visiting delegates, her guest. We trust no permanent injury will result, and that the prompt attention which happily the sufferer received and her immediate removal to her home, where complete rest would be possible, may speedily restore her.

It is a matter for Diocesan thankfulness that all Montreal's delegates were able to be present at the Triennial.

The only change in the List of Provincial officers is the appointment of Miss Halson (Niagara Diocese) as General Dorcas Secretary, in place of Miss Montizambert resigned. Let our Diocesan Boards give the new officer a cordial support, and strengthen her hands for her arduous duties.

Mrs. Boomer was sadly missed from the Triennial, and all sorrowed for the cause—her serious illness—and rejoiced when the latest message received reported a slight improvement.

Rev. Mr. Spendlove when passing through Montreal with his wife, to visit their children in England, after a separation of nearly ten years, gave some interesting particulars of his work to a city reporter.

"I have," said he, "been working for the last sixteen years among the Indians of the Mackenzie River. My charge extends along the Arctic Circle, some of the tribes being inside and some outside. The Indians among whom I have labored have been the Senchen, Chipewyan, Slavi and Dog Ribs. The first two are distinct tribes, but the others speak dialects of the same language. Yes, the country is dreary, desolate and lonely. The nearest white settlement is Edmonton, which is 1,800 miles off the centre of operations. How lonely for us it is you may judge from the fact that there are scarcely more than

50 white people in the 100,000 square miles of country, these being the employees of the Hudson Bay Company. We have to live hardy lives, and travel immense distances on snow-shoes or dog trains, these being the only modes of progression and transportation for the greater part of the year. I travel with the natives, live their nomadic life, wear the same clothes and eat the same food. For five months of the year we have lived on fish. Twentyone meals a week and each one fish. Then for perhaps a similar period we would have dried caribou flesh, varied with pemmicar. This fare is not enticing, but I have known it worse. In times of famine we have lived on the skins of animals. Indeed anything in the way of the food of civilization is tremendously dear. Flour until recently cost \$30 a sack, and other things proportionately. We used to hear from the outside world only twice a year, but lately we have been receiving a small mail three or four times a year; of course we get very much out of the world's affairs, but my wife and I have patience, and when we get a bundle of papers we begin at the beginning and go right through. In my work I have met with gratifying success. All my Indians are fairly well christianized. I have no hesitation in saying that they are in advance of the Indians of the older part of Canada, and I am speaking from experience. Of course a Missionary has to be Priest, Doctor, School-teacher and General all round man to them. In fact his work is never done. I have had the pleasure of inaugurating the first Diocesan school in the largest Diocese in the world—I think I may make this claim—five years ago. For many years past this Missionary work in the far North West has been in charge of the Church of England, but lately the Church in Canada has been doing its share, and will do more, to carry on the work which we have so well begun."

Mr. and Mrs. Spendlove left for England by the S.S. Lake Ontario. If he succeed in regaining his health he will return to his Mission. He has not been home since 1887, when he took two of his sons to school. Mrs. Spendlove visited England three years ago.

Mrs. Hinchliffe, of the Piegan Reserve, paid a visit to Montreal this month, and was hospitably entertained at the residence of Mrs. Niven, who in her own unavoidable absence gladly opened her house to Mrs. Hinchliffe as her guest.

With this month all our Branches will have resumed the work, so generally intermitted during the hot weather, and we hope fresh zeal and energy may inspire each one of us. In preparing our bales it is well to make a note of what Miss Turner told us, that warm flannel night dresses, stockings and quilts or blankets were always in demand, and that the dresses for the girls should be made large and loose in the waist and sleeves. Very often frocks are sent which require to be much enlarged before they can be worn. Young Indian girls have absolutely no waist, as we would call it, and a frock that would fit a white child of the same age, would be entirely too small for her dark skinned sister.

A special meeting of the Diocesan Board was held on Tuesday to receive the reports of the local committees on Triennial work, Mrs. Holden presiding.

Beginning with October 3rd, the Diocesan Branch of the Montreal Auxiliary will meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 10.30 a.m. in the library of the Synod Hall, 75 University Street. The Librarian will always be in attendance and will remain after the close of the regular meeting to transact any business connected with the Auxiliary Library.

One of the several resolutions for the designation of the Triennial Thankoffering was to devote it intact to the Superannuation fund of Algoma, and the fact that this motion received nine votes when the ballot was taken shows that sympathy is being aroused for this most worthy Missionary claim. Let us remember it, and see if we cannot from time to time devote some portion of our offerings to the increase of the paltry Thousand dollars which is all that the fund amounts to, and which of course would be practically useless as a retiring allowance for any of Algoma's aged or disabled Missionaries who might have to give up the active duties of his profession, since only the interest can be used.

Niagara Diocese.

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

Subjects for Reading and Prayer: Selkirk and all Islands.

The first meeting of the Board since June was held Sept. 19th, in All Saints' schoolroom, Mrs. Champ presiding in the absence of the President. An informal report of the Triennial was given by the Recording Secretary, and general pleasure expressed at the appointment of Miss Halson, to the responsible post of General Dorcas Secretary. The Thankoffering of Niagara Diocese amounted to \$136.45. Secretary Treasurer Literary Committee, reported having received grant of £3 from S.P.C.K. towards forming library.

Members will be pleased to hear of the formation of a new branch at Port Robinson, through the exertions of Mrs. Spencer of Thorold, already three LEAFLETS are taken. The date of the Quarterly has not yet been fixed but it will be remembered that it is to be held in Georgetown in October.

BRANCH NOTES.

QUEENSTON.—Resumed work on September 3rd, a very full attendance showed that all are ready for their fall work. They hope to get the parcel for Amy Paul finished soon and then turn to their bale for Lac Seul. Very grateful letters have been received from M. Williams Day Star's Reserve, acknowledging bale sent him and from Rev H. Pritchard, Lac Seul, thanking them for \$10.00 towards Frenchman's Head-Church [NOTE.—On page 778 August LEAFLET, bales credited to DUNNVILLE, should read QUEENSTON. We regret the mistake.]

From Mrs. Tansey, Somerset, Manitoba, to Mrs. Sutherland.

“I trust you will not think we are troubling you in making this appeal for help, but believe me we are in great need of it. We are at present making effort to build a small church at Somerset, adjoining the parsonage. The Services at this point of Mr. Tansey's Mission are held in a small school-house two miles out of the village, which is very inconvenient for Mr. Tansey and also very inadequate for the congregation. It is very hard on Mr. Tansey, especially in the severe winter after he has driven so many miles on the Sunday, to reach home about 6 o'clock or later and just time for a cup of tea and then walk out the two miles for 7 o'clock service and back, for his horse is too tired to take out again. We are hoping to have a small church built during the summer. All of our people are so very poor that they are not able to give practically anything to the erection of one, but are willing to do all the work on one as there are several carpenters among

our people; they have arranged to build the church for nothing and we are doing our best to raise sufficient money for the materials. We feel dear Mrs. Sutherland that you will help us in any way you can. We have got out some brick cards; I am sending you one trusting that you will fill it if possible amongst your friends."

From Rev. E. Matheson, Industrial School, Battleford, to Miss Counsell, Secretary Treasurer, Literature Committee.

"The box of books, papers, cards etc., arrived all right in good condition, they are very welcome and will be very useful! The children are very fond of reading so I give them all I can; a great deal of good can be done in that way, I wish you could see how eagerly the little ones watch as the papers are being distributed. You need not think that I will laugh at the "patching material" you used to fill up the corners, it was a very wise thing to do and some of those patches are already used by some of the little girls in making a patchwork quilt. I sent you a copy of *The Guide* a short time ago; it will give you some account of the school so I need not write more about it at present. As we have over 100 children to feed, clothe, and attend to there is a large field open for any of you who wish to help us to advance our Master's work. Would any of you like to *adopt* some of these boys or girls—that is to clothe them and make any further provision you wish while they remain in the school here? We could provide orphans, or others probably, with the Christian name of the person adopting, if desired. Do you know of any woman down there who would like to come out as Hospital nurse for this school? We want one. Thanking you most cordially for your kindness, I am yours in the work."

THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCHILL MISSION.

(Continued from page 708 June LEAFLET.)

Mr. Lofthouse was obliged to spend another winter at York Factory working among the Indians as he had done the winter before. The following summer he again walked to Churchill to meet Miss Falding, and the materials for the Mission house. This time he was happily not disappointed for upon his arrival at Churchill footsore and weary, he was met by Miss Falding, who had just arrived from England. A new difficulty however confronted them. The Missionary by whom they expected to be married, a Mr. Winter, of York Factory, had recently been obliged through sickness to go to Winnipeg and so there was no one within many hundreds of miles to marry them. While in this dilemma however the D.S.S. Alert under command of Lieutenant Gordon, steamed into the harbour, and hearing of the awkward situation he kindly offered his services (as a naval officer) for the performance of the wedding ceremony. The happy couple accepted his offer and the wedding was speedily arranged and successfully carried through. It

was a great event on board and was celebrated by the best dinner that the old historic ship could provide. Besides performing the wedding service Lieutenant Gordon and perhaps more especially Dr. Bell, had brought other assistance. They had not forgotten the Mission house, and in fact had brought as a gift from well-wishers in Canada, the lumber and materials for a small house. This was the first definite step gained in the establishment of the Mission and it was a decided triumph over the opposition of the H. B. Co. A difficulty now arose to find some means of landing and storing the lumber until it could be constructed into a dwelling, for Mr. Gordon was obliged to put it ashore where most convenient and the officers of the Co. refused all assistance whatever. Consequently Mr. Lofthouse and his bride having to go on to York by the ship, the lumber was left on the shore all winter. The following summer (1886) Mr. and Mrs. Lofthouse returned by boat to Churchill where he single-handed commenced the erection of his Mission house. Soon afterwards the Alert arrived and some assistance was given in the raising of the frame of the house by the ship's hands. Until late in the fall the Missionary and his wife were obliged to live in a little iron church 16 x 20 which had been sent up from York some years before, for they were refused admission by the Chief Officer of the District for even an hour into the Co's. houses. They were therefore obliged to seek shelter for several months in this little shell of a church, which was little better than a barn, and quite incapable of keeping out rain, frost or snow. During these months both Mr. and Mrs. Lofthouse were working as best they could at the building of their new house, a task by no means easy for hands that had not before known the use of tools. But through sheer necessity (for they would have perished soon in the little church) they managed to get their house closed in, and in that condition occupied it till the next summer when the work was completed, or at least sufficiently so to make a habitable dwelling. Thus the Mission was established and regular services held in the little iron church. In 1890 through the severe illness of Mrs. Lofthouse they with their little daughter were obliged to go to England. Their journey was made via Winnipeg, then by rail to New York and home to England. While Mrs. Lofthouse was undergoing treatment, her husband was not idle. He availed himself of this opportunity to raise funds for a new church at Churchill and was quite successful, many friends giving him liberal assistance. The result was that in the summer of 1891, they returned bringing with them a handsome new church.

JUNIOR SECRETARY'S REPORT.

ANCASTER JUNIOR BRANCH (St. John's)—Sent parcel of 86 new articles for sale. Burk's Falls, Algoma. Materials \$5.00 freight 40c.

total \$5.40. BURLINGTON (St. Luke's)—Spent on sunbonnets for Indian girls' St Barnabas' Home, materials \$1.38, freight 43c. total \$1.81. DUNDAS (St. James')—Sent promised outfit to Jane Mary Shields, girl in St. Barnabas' Home, Sarcee Reserve. STAMFORD (M.C.L.)—Sent me parcel of children's clothing to be sent to St. Peter's Mission, Piegan Reserve. CHIPPAWA (Trinity)—Has parcel ready for Gordons School, Qu'Appelle. ANCASTER JUNIORS—Held quilting Bee. Senior members and friends came. Quilted six, they are for the Piegan Home. At request of some senior members, Stoney Creek, I went there July 2nd. Hospitably received and entertained by Rector and members. Met children of sewing class. Spoke of Auxiliary objects. Hope this coming month to have Junior Branch to report under Superintendance of Mrs. Heard.

M. M. HALSON

Secretary Junior Branches.

September 19th, 1895.

DIOCESAN TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

From June 14th, 1895, to September 19th, 1895.

RECEIPTS.		Tax on Members' Fees.	
Offertory, St. Andrew's, Grimsby	\$10 00	St. Andrew's, Grimsby	1 85
Collection, afternoon meeting St. Andrew's, Grimsby	10 05		\$144 80
Provincial Thankoffering		Voucher from St. John's, Cayuga, For Mr. Sayeki Mission work in Japan	\$5 00
St. John's, Thorold	3 75	EXPENDITURE	
Cathedral (H)	9 00	1895.	
St. James', Guelph	6 50	June 14th, By travelling expenses of Lady to the Quarterly Meet ing at Grimsby	\$ 2 00
St. Jude's, Oakville	7 00	Sec. Treas. Lit. Com. for 16 copies Litany	20
St. Mark's Hamilton	4 25	" 17th, Midgely Bros. for print- ing 400 copies Annual Report	36 00
From a Life Member	20 00	Aug. 2nd Rev. Dr. Mockridge for Japan Med. Mission Fund (Miss Smith)	150 00
From a Member	3 00	Miss Sugden's Hospital, India	2 00
Christ Church, Niagara Falls	10 00	Mrs. H. Canning, S. Barnabas' Mission, Sarcee Reserve, Lady Missionary	75 00
Christ Church, Nanticoke	3 10	" 6th. Mrs. Irvine, Gen. Treas. for Provincial Assessment	10 00
Ascension, Hamilton	6 00	" 16th, Postal Cards for Treas.	10
St. Mark's Niagara-on-Lake	5 40	Sept 6th. Mrs. Irvine, Gen. Treas. Prov. Thankoffering from Niagara	136 45
St. Andrew's, Grimsby	10 65		\$412 15
St. John's, Ancaster	2 00		
St. George's, Georgetown	6 25		
Grace Church, Milton	1 00		
St. Thomas', Hamilton	11 00		
Lady Missionary's Fund			
St. Andrew's Grimsby	5 00		
Miss Sugden's Hospital, India			
From a Life Member	2 00		
Japan Med. Mis. Fund			
St. John's, Thorold	5 00		
Jews Missions			
From a Life Member	1 00		
Mackenzie River			
From a Life Member	1 00		

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

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

Subjects for Prayer and Reading for October : The Diocese of
Selkirk and All Islands.

The Board Meetings of the Ontario Woman's Auxiliary are held in St. George's Schoolroom, Ottawa, on the first Tuesday in every month at 4 o'clock p.m. All members of the Woman's Auxiliary, whether residents of Ottawa and its adjoining parishes, or visitors to the city, are cordially invited to be present.

At the September Board Meeting a letter was read from Mrs. Grout, of Lyn, accepting the office of organizing Secretary for the Rural Deanery of Leeds. A resolution of sympathy was sent to the President of the Wales Branch upon the loss of her mother. The comments upon the printed report of the Annual Meeting brought out the fact that very often a delay was occasioned by the Secretaries of Branches not sending the list of officers elected with their addresses in good time, to the Recording Secretary.

The following appeal was addressed to Miss Montizambert, but as she, as General Secretary, can have nothing to do with Diocesan work, she sent it to the Ontario Board. Strictly speaking we, perhaps, should not publish it either, not having a Diocesan Branch of the W. A. or Diocesan Committee; but the needs are strong, and perhaps some will sympathize with the church at home more than with the church abroad.

It is from the Rev. J. Fairburn of Petawawa, and is as follows: "Through your kind instrumentality I wish to ask the W. A. if some assistance could be sent to us to build a new church in one of my poorer districts called 'Tennant Settlement.' In it there are many true-hearted church families, but they are extremely poor, and would not, of themselves, be

able to put up a church for many years to come. They hold their services at present in a poor little Orange Hall, with but plank and bunks for seats, and a table for me to preach from. They have large families, and promise fair for a good congregation in the future. So far, no dissenting body has built in their midst, but if we do not take steps in that direction soon they will be stepping in before us. You will doubtless know that this is one of the poorest and most extensive Missions in the Diocese, being about 35 miles in extent, with a few church people scattered here and there, but with little or no resources to help themselves. Four out of every five congregations have places to worship in, though they are still not completely out of debt, whilst this settlement has nothing but the Hall I described above. To expect the means to come from ourselves simply means to wait for a few years, and at the same time to allow some dissenting body to step in and take our ground."

BRANCH NOTES.

ARCHVILLE—Has had a kind letter from Mrs. Tansey, thanking them for the bales and asking for help towards building a church at Somerset. A card was circulated, and a small sum sent.

BALDERSON—A new branch in the Lanark parish. Such a parish with two branches of the W A sets a noble example to those more blessed with this world's goods. They have elected Mrs. John Butler as Secretary, and will join Lanark in sending out a bale.

CARLETON PLACE—Has already held three meetings this autumn and begun work again with renewed zest.

PICTON—Kept up its monthly meetings during the summer, and will begin now to hold sewing meetings.

OTTAWA—No meeting was held in August, but in September a faithful few gathered, glad to congratulate their President on her recovery, and to form plans for the winter's work. Ottawa hopes to have an opportunity of hearing Mr. Stock, the well-known Secretary of the C. M. S., before long. St. George's Church was well filled on Sunday, the 15th, when Rev. Mr. Troop, of St. Martin's, Montreal, held a service in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart. Lessons and hymns alike spoke more of victory than of mourning, while the earnest address was both a defence of missions and an appeal for greater interest in their work. Ottawa has also had the privilege of a

"Quiet Day," conducted this year by the Rev. E. P. Crawford, of Halifax. An early and a late Celebration gave all an opportunity of communicating, and four most helpful addresses were delivered—one "A Day spent with God—the Love, the Presence and the Power of God."

NEWBORO'—Is beginning work again and will be welcomed back joyfully to the list of active branches, having always had a good record.

DORCAS REPORT.

KINGSTON.—St. George's Cathedral W. A. and J. W. A. sent a bale to Newfoundland. Cost material \$15; freight 70c.; new garments 20 and a number of second-hand, one quilt, and a good supply of pins and needles. The J. W. A. spent \$14 on new material and had 47 new garments, blankets, and four quilts. The W. A. also sent a box with an outfit for a girl, and illustrated papers to the Wawanosh Home, Diocese of Algoma. St. James W. A. sent to Uffington, Diocese of Algoma, a parcel with 45 articles for sale, cost material \$6.70, freight 45c. The J. W. A. spent \$3.55 on the same. Also to the Piegan Reserve, Diocese of Calgary, a bale, cost material \$24.50, with 73 new, 30 second-hand garments, 2 quilts, a cushion and scrap book.

OTTAWA J. W. A. sent to Ompah, Diocese of Ontario, a bale with 22 new garments and fancy articles for a sale; cost material \$5.45; freight 25c. St. John's sent a bale to Rev. J. Anderson, West Selkirk, Diocese of Rupert's Land, with new and second-hand garments, books, papers, spools, pins; cost material \$20.20. Christ Church sent to Mr. C. Lindsay, Little Pines Reserve, Diocese of Saskatchewan, one bale and 2 bags; cost material \$10.00, freight \$4.63; containing 55 new garments and 74 second-hand, quilts, towels, table cover, stationery, etc.

OTTAWA (St. John's) sent to Fort Churchill, Diocese of Moosonee, one parcel, cost material \$2.70, containing 13 new garments, 5 second-hand, thread, etc. St. Alban's to the same, one parcel, cost material \$12.12, with 20 new and 6 second-hand garments, 12 yards of gingham, 20 of print and 9 of flannelette. St. George's to Biscotasing, same Diocese, one bale; cost material \$12.05; freight \$1.49; with 32 new garments, 82 second-hand.

PERTH W. A. sent to Rev. J. R. Matheson, Onion Lake, Diocese of Saskatchewan, one bale, cost material \$33.14, contents—55 new garments, 19 second-hand, 3 quilts, mat, carpet, towels, pillow cases, groceries, tin cups, games, cups and saucers. A special feature of this bale was a new waterproof for the Missionary, cost \$14. The J. W. A. sent 34 new garments. The J. W. A. sent also to Parham, Diocese of Ontario, an Altar cloth.

ANNIE MUCKLESTON, *Dorcas Secretary.*

It may be of use to branches of the C. C. M. G. and J. W. A. when scrap books are made, to know that five cents worth of oil of cloves put into a quart of flour paste will preserve it for weeks:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—

St. Margaret's, Montreal Road, W.A., Lady Missionary North-West.....	\$ 2 00	
Picton W. A., Thankoffering for the consolidation of the Church in Canada	10 00	
Carleton Place W. A., Lady Missionary in North West	8 00	
Carleton Place, Assistant for Miss Brown.....	3 00	
" J. W. A., Assistant for Miss Brown	2 00	
" Education Missionary's children..	10 00	
Merrickville W. A., Lady Missionary, North-West	1 50	
St. James', Kingston, W.A. (from Miss J Hooper's S. S. Class) for John Alexander, Piegan Reserve Indian School, Diocese of Calgary.....	9 62	
	\$46 12	

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—

St. Margaret's, Montreal Road, W. A. Lady Missionary in Japan.....	2 00	
Carleton Place W A , Lady Missionary in Japan.	4 00	
	6 00	

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT.—

St. Margaret's, Montreal Road, W. A.....	50	
Carleton Place W. A.	3 20	
" J. W. A.....	1 00	
Hawley W. A.....	65	
	5 35	

Total..... \$57 47

EXPENDITURE.

Sent per P.O Order to Rev J. Hinchliffe, McLeod, Diocese of Calgary.....	\$ 9 62	
Cost of Order	5	
	\$ 9 67	

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

Quebec Diocese.

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

From the Rev. J. Willemar, The Parsonage, Comox, B.C. to the Diocesan Cor. Sec.

"Dear Madam:—Your kind letter reached me two or three weeks ago, but at this season of the year my time is more fully occupied than ever and consequently I have not been able to answer it any sooner. Comox is entirely a farming settlement, and a new one at that; the settlers are struggling hard to make a living, and cannot therefore do much towards supporting their clergyman, so I do a little farming to help to make our little income go as far as possible. This together with the large district which constitutes the parish gives more than I really can do, and being 50 miles from any clergyman I have no assistance in my work. Adelaide, my little girl, is now at home for her holidays. We were surprised at the progress she made during the six months she was in school at Victoria; she is a good, hardworking girl, fully appreciating the kindness of the ladies of your association and the sacrifice that we are making for her education; she is doing her very best. I am sending you the reports that we received from Miss Kitto, the lady principal of the college. Adelaide received two prizes at the examinations, one for music, the other for composition. Our Archdeacon, who also kindly helps us largely, helps in her education and is very much pleased with her efforts; he was delighted when after the examinations, he gave her the prizes she had won. We were of course very sorry to part with our little girl, it being the first time she was going from home, and having to go so far too, made the parting all the more difficult both for ourselves and for her. She was very home sick for the first few months, and what made matters worse, is that she is very slow at making friends with strangers. Sending her to

school to Victoria will improve her in many ways, and that makes both myself and Mrs. Willemar all the more thankful to your kind ladies for helping us in giving our daughter means of raising herself in the world."

Our members will remember that at the Annual Meeting in May an appeal was read from Mr. Bassing, and in answer to it only \$25 could be voted. The appeal was sanctioned by the Bishop of Rupert's Land in the following words. "I have very much pleasure in strongly recommending to the Eastern Woman's Auxiliary the effort of Mr. Bassing to build a church. He is doing a good work in a very isolated district which can only be visited with great difficulty and at great expense; his work is entirely among the Indians who are quite helpless."

The Rev. W. A. Burman also writes:—"As catechist and schoolmaster at the Shoal River, an extremely isolated spot at the North West end of Lake Winnipegosis, Mr. Bassing has done splendid work in the face of serious drawbacks. He laid the foundation of one of our most promising Missions. The C.M.S. Committee has granted some assistance towards building the desired church, but was unable to give more than would provide flooring and the roof. As I am much impressed with the value of Mr. Bassing's work, I would like to further it if possible. About \$300 will be required to finish and furnish the building. Do you think the W.A. could help us in this matter? If so I should be very glad to receive contributions on Mr. Bassing's behalf."

From Mr. E. W. Bassing, Shoal River Mission, Fort Pelly, Assa. Jan. 12th, 1895.

"I am glad to say that everything is going on well, and that we are by God's grace still making progress. Mr. Sinclair was here on Dec. 22nd, and on the following day he baptized eight children and one adult, all Indians. We had one wedding. There was a Celebration of the Holy Communion at which

eight received the Sacrament. I am very glad to say that three of our Indians were confirmed by the Bishop of Qu'Appelle at Fort Pelly. Last Fall I spoke to Mr. Jones, the Indian Agent, in regard to a grant of land for Missionary purposes, and he at once called the Indians together, who readily agreed to give two acres of land. A deed was at once drawn up and signed by two headmen, Mr. Discher, the clerk and myself. This week all the Indians have been getting out logs for the church, and to-day they finished hauling them in, and as soon as possible will start putting up the walls. The people are giving their labour, and only ask for rations while they are working, which consists of flour, bacon and tea, which are expensive in these parts. I should be very grateful if the Society could make us a grant towards the church for providing shingles, nails, windows, stones etc., and feeding the workmen. All the people have the work so much at heart, even the heathen are giving their labour in common with the others, so that it would be a lasting regret with us if the work had to cease through lack of funds. The building is to be 35 x 24. The Government have made arrangements for building us a new schoolhouse here, which is to be finished this summer,

In Memoriam.

Entered into rest on the morning of the 23rd of August, at Roslin, the residence of her brother, Annie Bell Forsyth, in her 56th year. In Miss Forsyth, the Woman's Auxiliary loses an earnest and deeply interested worker. For many years she was the able Treasurer of St. Michael's Branch and her loss will be greatly felt by all its members.

We would call attention to the fact that the *Church Evangelist* has taken the place of the *Church Guardian*. The editorial committee has kindly placed a page at the disposal of the W.A.

From the Rev. F. Swainson, to the Dorcas Secretary of St. Michael's Branch.

“ I must now redeem my promise and write you, as the barrel from St. Michael's Branch arrived safely some little time back. I would have written before, but have been so busy; the trouble on the Blackfoot Reserve kept me away from home some time, as I had to go up there. Your barrel was as usual all that could be wished for, the six dresses and ten night-dresses were most acceptable, as there are thirty-five girls' in the Homes, and very few spare dresses, while the nightdresses were used this time for the boys. Flannel and woollen petticoats are also always useful, altho' it is better if possible to put little bodices on to them, but that is not so very important, as if we have the petticoats we can always add the bodices. The box of toys we shall keep for our Christmas Tree. Thé jellies will be used for any of the children who may get sick. Altogether the contents of the barrel were very acceptable, the things proving most useful, and I hope that next year will see a repetition of this. I have been appealing just lately for help towards clearing off a debt of \$900. A false rumour got started that these homes were endowed, and not in need of outside help; and others down East got hold of the idea that this Mission was receiving more than its share of support. Consequently subscriptions are not coming in, and I am very much hampered and worried. We have seventy-five children in the Homes, only forty-six of whom receive a maintenance grant from Government. May I ask you to do what you can to help to clear off this debt? It is an incubus that is weighing me down altogether. I don't want to curtail and cut down the work. I am sure that cannot be right, so I am making a special effort to wipe out this debt. I hardly like begging in this way, your Branch has always been so good to us here, that it seems altogether too bad bothering you in this manner; but to whom can we go (*humanly*) when in trouble except to our friends. Again thanking you for all your past sympathy and help, and praying God to bless and own your efforts.”

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