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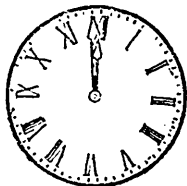
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"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor. v. 14.

SEPT., 1897



PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.
Miss L. H. MONTIZAMBERT, *Ed. Prov. Pages.*

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:—Sept—*Qu'Appelle, Chinese in America,* October—*Selkirk, All Islands.*

TRIENNIAL OF 1898.

Not any notice of business to be brought before a meeting of the Provincial Board of Management having been sent in, Mrs. Tilton, with the unanimous advice of her several Vice presidents, has decided not to call a meeting this autumn. The Annual reports of the Provincial officers, will be published in the LEAFLET, etc., and thus save the cost of a meeting. The nearness of the next Triennial was a powerful element in the above decision—the Triennial of 1898. Will our members think deeply over that date and realize that it will be the *last* Triennial in this Century. The world around us is marking the close of this present era in many ways, missionary efforts are being increased, etc. etc., and shall we not mark it too? Oh! Sisters of the Auxiliary, let us be up and active, remembering that "Our night cometh," etc.; and who can tell how soon? Think of the *nine hundred millions* of souls crying out to us for aid! Can we close our ears to their cry? Shall we not resolve that from now until the Triennial of 1898, at least, we will *double our efforts* in three ways—*First* by yielding *ourselves* more completely to the influence of the Holy Spirit; and *so* secondly, praying more earnestly, definitely, and in fuller faith that we shall receive what we ask for, and thirdly, including in our petitions not only the missionaries, the heathen and newly made converts, but that we may each of us be a *missionary in our own sphere*, no matter how small it may be, and besides witnessing in many other ways, bring *one new member*, if no more, to enjoy the blessing and privilege of belonging to the W.A., ere we come to the Triennial of 1898. To *double* our numbers—if the prayers and work of 15,000 women have been so blessed, what may not be vouchsafed to 30,000?

In small places we know that such an increase may not be possible, locally, for lack of women, but our larger towns team with women and girls who never give missionary work a thought, and if our smaller Branches will pray for them, God will do the rest. Even to our finite view doubling our members means twice the prayers, twice the work,

twice the spread of Missionary information, and twice the women from whom many may be led to give themselves to labour in God's vineyard but to the Infinite One—who can set a limit to the good He will bring out of it? The 200 Bishops assembled at the Lambeth Conference urged very emphatically an increase of Missionary effort upon the Church. The Archbishop of Canterbury in his address said: "There have been times when it seemed as if all this work lay outside the ordinary duty of ordinary Christians, as if a man might live a Christian life and be totally indifferent to that which the Church in which he is baptized is pledged to do. It seems that there have been times when men looked upon this as something altogether extraneous, a sort of addition to the Christian life, something which might be taken up by those who happen to have their interest aroused in what was going on in foreign countries. But I trust that we are gradually awaking, and that this year will awake us more than ever before, to the fact, which I cannot think is sufficiently present in the ordinary lives of Christian people, that the Holy Catholic Church lives by the communion of saints, and that that communion of saints is a perpetual demand upon us to make the doctrine and the faith of the Church of God known throughout the world wherever men are to be found. I hope that the time is coming when it will be felt that a man who was indifferent to that object was leaving out one of the most important parts of his Christian life, and therefore crippling it. There can be no question of the imperative character of the duty, but we are all of us slow to be stirred even by the most imperative duties, and, as it seems to me, we do not yet rise to the height of the position which we hold as a Christian Church, and do not yet accept the task which the Lord put upon us when he told his disciples that they were to go and preach the Gospel to all nations. I hope that as this great year commemorates and will commemorate through all future time the sympathy which runs through all our people, it will also commemorate the rising of the Church of England to a more thorough appreciation of the call." In Joel ii, 29, we read "That in the latter days God will pour out His Spirit upon His *handmaids*," and with so much to point to these being the days spoken of, may we not in faith claim that promise, and praying and working more and more earnestly as we see the great Day approaching, be found by our Lord fulfilling His two commands, "Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to all nations," and "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

The Kingston W.A. Branches had very kindly invited the Pro Board of Management to meet in Kingston, and offered a very warm welcome. We hope it may only be a pleasure deferred, not forfeited.

The Pro. President, Mrs. Tilton, has named the following to meet her in Toronto, about October 26th, to form a Committee to frame the programme for the Triennial. A copy of the proposed arrangements will be sent to each member of the Provincial Board of Manage-

ment for approval and suggestions, before the programme is sanctioned. Any notices of motion or other business which the Diocesan Branches have ready to lay before the Triennial, should be sent to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary before this Committee meets, but they can still be received up to the beginning of June next. See Provincial Constitution By-law, No 12. Committee—Vice-President, Mrs. Williamson, Corresponding Secretary, Miss L. H. Montizambert, Dorcas Secretary, Miss Halson, Secretary for Juniors, Miss Tilley.

QU'APPELLE.

This Diocese was formed out of those of Rupert's Land and Saskatchewan, and is bounded on the east by the former, and on the north by the latter, on the west by that of Calgary, and south by the United States. The Bishop's Cathedral and residence, built by Lord Brassey, are at Indian Head, a thriving town on the C.P.R. The late Bishop Burn has been succeeded by the former Dean of Rupert's Land, now Bishop Grisdale. Your Corresponding Secretary was fortunate enough to be present at the very warm reception given to the Bishop and Mrs Grisdale at Qu'Appelle, in September last, when they took a flying look at the Diocese before leaving for England. We of the W.A. know well the deep and telling interest Mrs. Grisdale ever took in Missionary work as President of the Rupert's Land W.A., and we feel sure that one of the first things we shall hear will be a W.A. formed in Qu'Appelle Diocese. The Bishop and Mrs. Grisdale have just returned, and we offer them both a hearty welcome home. The Gordon Indian School is working well. Work among quite heathen Indians has been begun at Fish and Nut Lakes, and is promising well. These two places were specially in the mind of the late Bishop Burn when he last visited Eastern Canada.

CHINESE IN AMERICA.

The large number of Chinese who come over to our shores for longer or shorter periods, should be one of our greatest Missionary opportunities, for if Christianized while here they carry back with them the precious seed to sow where ere they go. Speaking of Chinese Christians in New York. Miss C. Chambers Hall, writes, in the *Missionary Review*, "By their fruits ye shall know them." When a man loves his enemies, prays for those who persecute him, denies himself that he may help the more needy, when his upright industrious life is in harmony with what he professes, when the calm genial face tells of the love, joy, and peace within, we say, that man is a Christian indeed. Such are our Chinese communicants. Of all Christians, I know of none under such strict surveillance from friend and foe as they, and none better stand the test. What are we as members of the W.A. doing for those in Canada to help them to that standard—Far, far too little. We pass them by almost daily in many places, giving but little heed to their spiritual welfare, or content to let others

seize the chance. Let us make this more especially *our* work—Missionary women we call ourselves. Here is work at our very doors. Then in British Columbia see the field there is; and how have we, as a Church, cultivated it, one Mission closed for want of funds, and the other on the verge of the same fate. "Inasmuch as ye have done it *not*," etc., etc. If Chinese in New York have been brought so near to Christ, God will surely do the same for those in Canada, but we well know He always uses *human agents*, and here is *our opening*

CORRECTION.

In the paragraph, *re* W.A. Badges, on page 326 of August LEAFLET, it should have been made clear that the statement did not apply to orders from members of the Toronto Diocese. Their badge is of a slightly different design, and can only be had from Toronto's Corresponding Secretary.

The Rupert's Land W.A. Report is to hand, replete with blessings bestowed during the past year. From having one joint Branch in Winnipeg, and a few in the country parishes, there are now six separate Branches in Winnipeg and thirty-one outside, with a regularly constituted Diocesan Board, city representatives, etc., etc. Much more work has been done and money given for Home Missions, and best of all, this struggling Diocese is very unselfishly and generously remembering the far off heathen and sending help to Japan. The earnest congratulations and hearty prayers for further success are their's from the Provincial W.A.

It is with deep regret that we refer to the death of Bishop Bickersteth, which took place in London, Aug. 5th. As Bishop of South Tokyo, Japan, we were very familiar with his work and name, and our Canadian Mission there has lost a kind and interested friend. The Bishop took a very cheerful view of future progress in Christianity in Japan, recognizing the importance of training up a body of native clergy, Biblewomen and teachers.

Archdeacon Tims writes. "You will be glad to hear that the new Peigan Home is going forward rapidly. Work was commenced early in June, and will probably be completed by the end of this month. It is to be plastered inside and have hot air furnaces, the gift of a rancher in the neighborhood who knows the value of the work being carried on. It is to be called the Victoria Jubilee Home for Indian children. It is built on freehold land, forty acres being given by the Government for the purpose. It is situated just off the Reserve. Mr. Hinchliffe moves with the Home, but we want, if possible, to be able to place a Lay Missionary at the old post just to work among the Indians in camp. At present though, we have not any funds.

[Sept., 1897.]

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AUXILIARY NOTES.

Owing to the removal of the boys from the Blackfoot Home to the South Camp on the Reserve many changes in the staff have taken place. Miss Haynes has married Mr. James and gone quite away; Miss Essam, appointed in her place as Matron, could only remain a short time until some suitable person could be found. A special meeting of the Executive was called for the purpose of considering Miss Gibson's suitability for the position. Her three years' of work in the Battleford Industrial School seems to render Miss Gibson peculiarly fitted for this post of Matron. On the 13th of August therefore our new Auxiliary worker in the N.W. field left Toronto for the Blackfoot Home, and we hope and pray that her work may be blessed to the soul's welfare of these Indian girls, and ask the earnest prayers of the W.A. members that God will bless her work, giving bodily strength to fulfil her many daily duties and ever more of His Holy Spirit to attract by the lesson of a Holy life, these children to know and love their Saviour. The urgency of the appointment was such that it was not possible to leave the matter until the September meeting at which date this LEAFLET will be in the hands of our readers. Our members are returning from, in many cases, their much needed rest, others have had only a variety of occupation. In whatever way or place Auxiliary women have spent the last three months, we feel sure they have remembered our motto, "The Love of Christ constraineth us," and "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." The donations towards the Holiday and Hospitality Fund have not been quite sufficient for the needs, and any small sums may be given by our returning members towards this fund. A distant Missionary and his wife have had a week's rest and change in Toronto; a Missionary's daughter has had two weeks in Muskoka, and in other small ways little pleasures have been given.

If we women of cities feel a need of change of scene, the women of remote country villages and outlying farms need it more: our duty to our neighbor is "to love him as myself and to do to others as I would they should do unto me."

The Bishop of Algoma on his way to the Sault from England, was the guest of Mrs. Tomlinson for one night. He has promised (D.V.) to give the W.A. a short time about the third week in October. Algoma needs our very earnest prayers and all the monetary assistance we can give.

Mrs. Dart of New Westminster writes a most urgent appeal for Yale School. Twelve pairs of blankets are sorely needed and the want of clothing is very great; a large number of Indian girls are educated at this school which is most highly commended by the Government Inspector. Miss Davis of St. Thomas', Toronto Branch of the W.A., is at work in the school where Miss Hoskin, also of the Auxiliary, taught for more than a year, therefore we can hear very accurate details of the good work carried on. If two or three Branches joined together they could easily buy one pair of blankets, and in this way complete the number.

The Thankoffering of \$5 "from the W.A." (a Branch) for South Burleigh Mission is acknowledged with much gratitude by the Rev. F. H. Hartley, he says "I am still responsible for the payment of quite a large sum of money expended for building purposes, and from time to time have great difficulty in meeting my obligations. The day the cheque was received a bill had to be paid on account of Buckhorn Church, and the cheque seemed, as indeed it was, a special act of Providence. I would wish particularly to thank the person or persons who showed such kindness and thoughtfulness in sending this greatly needed money."

Interested members of the W.A. in our greatly prized Education Fund will be much gratified to learn that in the case of each boy or girl aided in their education from this Fund, progress has been most satisfactory, prizes and "highly commended" having been their fortunate reward. Members are asked to remember the special need of keeping up this Fund, a good education being of such great importance.

The new Peigan Home is being rapidly built and will have the inside plastered, and be heated with a hot-air furnace, the gift of a rancher in the district who knows the value of the work. The Home is to be known as the "Victoria Jubilee Home" for Indian Children, and is situated on freehold Church property, about 10 miles from present site, but still close to the reserve. The site consists of 40 acres, the gift of the Government. Mr. Hinchliffe has promised to stay 3 years more at least, and I hope by that time the work will be so encouraging that he will determine to stay with it altogether.

Mrs Young, writing from Sandy Lake, Saskatchewan, where she had gone with the Bishop, tells us that Margaret Durtnall has gone to Athabasca Landing for a rest and holiday. Bishop Young was very pleased with her work at Lesser Slave Lake, everything was in excellent order. Mrs Young expected to return to the Landing in September (This is pleasant news about our Matron, and we do indeed trust she is all the better for her holiday, and was pleased to find a parcel waiting for her at the Bishop's house, from two or three friends of the W.A.—ED.) We hear from Archdeacon Tims that there have been many changes at the Blood Reserve. The new principal is the Rev Arthur Owen, the Matron is Miss Rutherford; the teacher is Miss Wells, a lady from Aurora. The Rev. G. Hockley has gone back to his original location at Red Crow, he has just been married. Mr. Mills of Bull's Horn Camp goes as Teacher to St. Paul's Home. We trust all these changes may result in great good to our Indian children in the great North-West.

For the starving children of India the following sums have been received and are most gratefully acknowledged. Miss A., Que., \$10; Woodstock, \$5; Mrs. H. B. O., \$5; Miss M., Perth, \$1; Belle Isle, \$1; Hazeldean, soc.; per Ch Evangelist, \$22. S. Simon's envelopes, \$34. S. Margaret's envelopes, \$15.67, S. Paul's envelopes, 64c.; S. Philip's envelopes, \$14.56. S. Philip's S. School, \$6. S. Mark's, Pk., envelopes, \$9.40; S. Luke's, Mr. C. J., envelopes, \$20. Ch. of Epiphany, envelopes, \$22.46. From England, \$5. All Saints', Toronto, \$1.05; Total, \$173.28. This money goes direct to the Orphanages, where we are told £2 a year will keep one child for that time. See July and August LEAFLETS.

A letter dated Nagano, Japan, July 28th, 1897, the Rev. J. G. Waller (Trin. Coll), acknowledges the receipt of a portion of the money promised by the Trinity College Alumni Association for Missionary work. "The cheque for \$778.94 came yesterday. To say we are very thankful sounds too tame, but although I cannot write it as I would and should, I assure you we are indeed grateful, regarding this as God's mercy, and as a proof of the missionary zeal which has taken possession of the Canadian Church and especially of Trinity. The building goes steadily on, it will be of brick and stone. Miss Smith and two nurses are in Karinzawa, where the Chappells now are. On the 13th of this month I had the pleasure of marrying one of the nurses to the Dispensary Doctor. In spite of the hot weather the attendance keeps up."

The W.A. most earnestly trusts that the rest of the money will be raised soon, and that the Church be worthily equipped for work and worship.

From Miss Garnett, Foo Chow, China.

"It has been constant rain since we got here, the mountains are hidden by clouds, we are anxious to get away soon. Mr. Boyd is,

away with Mr. Martin attending some meetings Mr Martin managed with great difficulty to get on the steam launch last week, but there was so tremendous a flood that for four days the boat could not go up the river, Mr. Martin then had to get four coolies to carry him. This has been the worst season of rain for many years, causing grave threatenings of famine. We had a fine day for the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. As I have been sitting here writing, a funeral has been passing which may interest you to hear of. First several boys went by carrying red banners and beating gongs, then a number of men and little boys all in long white robes and with white girdles, white hats with large white tassels (returning from the funeral), the men had long black robes over their white ones and black tassels on their hats) then came some wonderful looking thing made of red stuff, then more men, then the coffin, an immense one covered with red; then came three covered chairs tied round with what looked like a white sheet, in each chair was a wife, who, if behaving properly must be wailing loudly in an heartbroken fashion. Just after the coffin came the chief mourners, who are the sons, not the wives, all dressed in sackcloth; at this funeral there were a great many sons, one was a little baby all in sackcloth, then came a great crowd of people. The man may have been dead for months or years, as they keep them any length of time to secure a lucky day for the funeral. The sons, after their father's death, have white stuff braided in their pig-tail, must wear white shoes and a white girdle round their waist, blue is allowable to the poorer classes. As they lighten their mourning it is done by the wearing of different colours, it would take a long time to understand the proper way to mourn here as for every relation there is a different degree in colour. They are most particular about these outward signs. There are so many tigers and panthers in the mountains this summer that we are warned it will not be safe for us to take the lovely walks we did last year. Tiger hunters are being sent up, and fifty dollars being offered for killing a large tiger. So I hope we shall soon feel safe. Robbie is growing a big boy, he is the only foreign child in Ku Cheng. We were two nights, a day and a half coming from Foo Chow here in a native sampan—not quite one hundred miles—a woman and two men rowing; you cannot stand upright in a sampan. In going about on land I much prefer walking to being carried in a chair by these poor coolies. On our way we had dinner, which we brought with us, at a place they call an inn, such a place could not be even imagined in Canada, chickens and pigs ran in and out. We stood at a table between thirty and forty people watching us eat, our knives and forks, also our food are extremely interesting to them. Children crowd round us whenever our chairs are put down, they are dear little creatures in spite of the dirt which seems part of them. There is such a difference when they become Christians, they so soon learn to be clean and tidy. No one

wears anything on their heads either summer or winter, but in summer all carry fans, even the coolies. The men's fans are different to the women's, but all look alike to us. I bought one, not knowing it was a man's, until our teacher told me. They do not mind foreigners using them, but it would never do in China for a woman to use a man's fan, or a man a woman's, they are so particular over what we think trifles. Pray for us dear friends that we may be the means of leading these wonderful people to the Living God."

Miss Paterson, writing under date July 12th to Ass't. Treasurer, says:

"Yesterday I received the Post Office order from Yokohama, and enclose receipts. I am most grateful to the W.A. for their kind help and trust that with God's blessing much good may be done with the money they have entrusted to my care. The building of the Bible Home goes on slowly, but the contractor tells me it will be finished in a month. Of course we do not believe him, but in six weeks may get in, so that my Home can be opened by the middle of September when the worst of the heat will be over. Three girls are waiting to come in, but as yet I have not enough money promised from Canada for their support, \$50 a year is needed for each girl, so if I had the \$200 from the W.A. four girls could come in at once. The work of carrying on the Home is no more with four or five girls than with two, so for each \$50 given to me another girl can be taken in, until I get the number up to six, the present house would not easily accommodate more, but can easily be enlarged. The little girl I adopted to train as a Bible woman (and who has been at the American Church School) will come to live with me. I should have been so glad to hear of the Annual Meetings, but know you are all so busy. Of course the not getting the Life Membership money for this training Home was a very great disappointment, still I am in hopes my W.A. sisters will come to realize the vast importance of this work for Japanese women, and that the Auxiliary will yet build up this memorial to their name in this heathen land. The thermometer has been 90 in the shade, but as the summer here is so very short I rather enjoy the little heat." (Pray earnestly, steadfastly, with a most earnest belief that your prayers will indeed be answered, that this work so nobly undertaken by one worker in Matsumoto may be supported by Canadian women who do not always understand that work for Japanese women and children can best be carried on by consecrated, devout women of their own language and race, and that these native workers must first be fully instructed in the doctrines of the Christian faith.—ED.)

A letter from Osnaburgh via Dimormie, June 29th.

"This is my third day amongst these Indians and only one day more can be spared, my thoughts are continually returning to F.H. where there are many Indians anxiously awaiting my return, for unless I go quickly it will be next summer before I could get to them.

The Indians are not able to catch any fish just now nor is the "Master" able to supply them with flour and grease from the store, so they cannot stay longer. I am happy to think that when they are so short of food they have attended so well to the services. I thought I saw a crowd of Indians last summer when here, but the number is twice as large this year, and I am thankful to say that very few remain in their tents when services are going on. I can talk in their language much better this summer. Some Indians are much in earnest and possess some very sound ideas regarding the Christian faith. May God indeed grant them His Holy Spirit, that they may possess that new life which comes through faith in the Blessed Saviour. I have had ten infant baptisms and one adult, also three marriages, the adult Indian I baptized was of the Crane tribe, he was a very enlightened man, could read well in Ojibway and professes much faith in the risen Saviour. From all reports there must be a number of Indians at Cat Lake who are not baptized. All Indians here, from Cat Lake beg of me to go there to visit and teach their friends, 'Come over and help us is the cry,' and I do so long to respond. The boat for Cat Lake left this morning and another goes to the Line to-morrow, so the Indians will soon disperse. 'Dancing is kept up every evening, these inland people are too fond of this and other amusements to easily give them up.' (Written in haste to the Bishop of Moosonee by R. Francis, Teacher.)

CUMBERLAND INDIAN RESERVE.

"I am about leaving this place for the Pas Mountain, Red Earth Indian Reserve, in the capacity of Catechist for the C.M.S. and J.D. teacher. This new sphere to which I am appointed is inhabited by heathen Indians who are considered very bigoted to their superstitions; I go to tell them the glad tidings of Jesus Christ who died for them and to save them from eternal misery. I shall need the prayers of all my Christian friends to give me strength and courage to act wisely among these heathen Indians. These poor Indians have withstood our ministers for some years now, and I find that I shall have great work in dealing with them. But my trust is in the Lord Jesus who said, 'go ye into all lands; behold I will be with you.' I am preparing for the journey and it will be very expensive to me, therefore I call on your sympathy and aid on behalf of my Mission. I shall need some warm clothing and a great coat for myself in my visitations to the Indian camps; it would afford me a great shelter. I would call the attention of your Ladies' Association that this new opening among the heathen needs the sympathy of your noble workers in behalf of the heathen. This new opening will need some aid, as generally speaking, very much expense is incurred on account of buildings. All the other missions in Manitoba are mostly Christian already, but these heathen Indians whom I am about to live with are a very hard set, much given to conjuration and superstition; they

have withstood the teaching of our ministers who have visited them several times. I shall also be busy in keeping a day school, (Government Indian Department) which will keep me very busy all the time. I have a wife, a daughter of an Indian Chief out here, and we have been blessed with a little girl. My woman is connected with many of these heathen, so that I have great hopes that she will aid me much in speaking to the Indian women; my wife can read the Indian syllabic system. Most of our Christian Indians read the syllabic and hold their family prayers through the medium of these characters. I am about to travel off in a birch canoe many miles distant with my wife and child, and my first business when I get to my future mission, I shall build a log house for the winter and get my provisions; the flour up here is \$5 for 100 pounds, so you see dear friends that our expense is great, before I can get everything finished up on my mountain home the cost will be great, so I need aid from kind Christian friends, every small item will be a blessing to further on the Gospel. I shall have many troubles I know, but I go in the strength of the Lord. My daily food and help will cause me much anxiety, but they that trust in the Lord who feeds the ravens can have confidence in his care. Pray for me dear friends, the prayers of the righteous availeth much. When I do get there I shall write more fully to your Christian Association of my work. Our united respects to your noble work.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES SETTEE.

P.M.C. TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

From April 24th to July 24th.

Ashburnham.....	\$21 27
Barrie.....	31 80
Brighton.....	9 55
" English Settlement.....	7 85
Campbellford.....	7 85
Cavan, Millbrook.....	11 75
Chester.....	2 60
Colborne.....	5 44
Collingwood.....	34 10
Cobourg.....	18 90
Creemore.....	10 48
Mimico.....	9 00
Orillia.....	34 65
Penetanguishene.....	15 94
Peterborough.....	28 05
Port Hope, St. John's.....	40 35
Stayner.....	4 35
Shanty Bay.....	8 07
Uxbridge.....	6 35
Whitby.....	10 90
Toronto—	
All Saints'.....	53 84
Ch. of the Ascension.....	3 65
St. John's.....	19 00
St. Luke's.....	15 65
St. Mark's.....	39 70

S. Margaret's.....	17 45
St. Philip's.....	2 70
St. Paul's.....	34 95
Ch. of the Redeemer.....	22 60
St. Simon's.....	41 95
St. Stephen's.....	26 42
Trinity.....	23 70
St. Bartholomew's Girls' Aux.	1 60
St. Mary Magdalene.....	11 50
Christ Church, Deer Park.....	18 75
St. Thomas'.....	30 65
Toronto Junction—	
St. Mark's Girls' Aux.....	5 00
St. John's Branch.....	5 00
Weston, St. John's.....	4 00
Victoria Road.....	9 95
Millbrook.....	7 60
Ida.....	42 75
Christ Church, Cavan.....	42 10
Trinity.....	19 00
Islington.....	7 00
Weston.....	4 00

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IN MEMORIAM.

The Strathroy Branch mourns the loss of Mrs. Dean, a dearly loved member and an ardent and loyal Church worker; one who imitated the example of our blessed Lord in going about doing good; whose memory will ever remain fragrant because of her many acts of love, and because she truly merited the Master's praise, "she has done what she could."

As announced in the August LEAFLET, the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Management of the Huron W.A., will be held in St. Thomas, on October 1st at 2.30 p.m., to be attended by Presidents of Branches or their substitutes. The Bible Meeting at 5 p.m., and the Missionary Meeting in the evening, are open to all. St. Thomas' being fairly central, it is hoped that all our Branch Presidents will endeavour to be present. During the days which still intervene between now and that day, let us pray earnestly for a special blessing on the deliberations of our Board. Certainly "the Semi-annual is not the Annual," but it is not, 'or this reason, of minor importance, to be attended *only* "if convenient." In the first place it is at the Semi-annual that all notices of motion to be brought up for discussion at the Annual, should be made; in the second place, at the coming Semi-annual matters of great interest and encouragement, *re* the work in China, undertaken by us at our Annual, last March, will be before the Board. In this connection, all our Branches which intend to help to send a Lady Missionary to China are asked (those that have not done so already) to report to the Diocesan Treasurer without delay, what they propose to do towards the furtherance of this good work, that she may be able to report to the Board of Management what monies in hand or promised. It is a happy arrangement which puts our Semi-annual at the commencement of our winter's work, to be

an additional incentive, as it were, to the work taken up again after the holidays; and therefore our Branches are asked to watch for their President's reports of the Semi-Annual as eagerly as for their delegate's reports of the Annual. May God "put into our hearts the things which we should say and do to promote His glory and further the object which we have in hand."

AUXILIARY NOTES.

The following "reminders" from our Diocesan Treasurer, were crowded out of the July LEAFLET. Please remind the Branches of the \$25 for the *Lady Missionary at Onion Lake*, to which we are pledged, of which only \$1, so far, has come in; also when sending their monies, will the Branches please remember the *Literature Fund*. Our members will remember that at our last Annual Meeting it was resolved that "the promise made by the Huron W.A. of \$25 towards the Lady Missionary's salary, at Onion Lake, be renewed for another year;" also, that at the Annual Meeting of 1896, it was resolved that "the membership cards be given free, that every Branch be asked to contribute from 25 to 50 cts. annually to the Literature Fund." Neither of these reminders tax the resources of our Branches to any great extent, both are responsibilities we have voluntarily taken upon ourselves. Our Diocesan Treasurer's message for this month is one of encouragement; she reports \$98 already come in for the Lady Missionary in China.

The Rev. Mr. Phillips (who aided the escape of the ladies who have survived the terrible Feu Cheng massacre), and his wife, are expected to arrive in London, shortly, as is also the Bishop of New Westminster.

The Education Committee have the great satisfaction of welcoming, to London, still another little missionary daughter, the motherless child of the Rev. J. Boydell, of Bracebridge, Algoma, who has been adopted by the members of the I.H.N. Society, of Montreal, a few ladies banded together for the Master's work. Mrs. Boomer had pleasant interviews with some of them, and is greatly encouraged by their co-operation and help in this Branch of Auxiliary work, which is being so manifestly blessed. The Committee feels that with the arrival of the five children, now intrusted to its fostering care, for the re-opening of the schools, a year full of hope and promise is beginning for this good work, which it earnestly asks all who would help our missionaries, to remember in their prayers and in their offerings.

The father of one of Huron's little daughters writes: "I hope she continues to be diligent in her studies, and loving and obedient to her guardians and teachers; and that she is trying to make the best use of the privileges and opportunities given to her by our dear friends of the Huron W.A. I hope and pray that the self-denying efforts and motherly care shown her may bear much fruit in after years to the

glory of God. We feel very grateful to you all, please convey our warmest thanks to each member of your honoured Association for their kindness to our dear child."

Mrs. Boomer thankfully acknowledges the gift of \$10, from a friend of the Memorial Church (London) parish, to be divided thus. Education Fund, \$4; Algoma \$3, Omoksene Hospital, \$3. As Con-venor of the Central Education Committee, Mrs. Boomer desires to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$19.35 from the Ottawa Diocesan Board, W.A.M.A., per Mrs. Elliott of Ottawa, placed to the general fund of Ottawa and Ontario, also \$1.10 from Portsmouth Branch, per Mrs. J. Walhem.

Will members kindly note the following communication from the devoted and most indefatigable Secretary of the Literature Com-mittee: "In response to the request, made by me at the Annual, that those preparing papers on special missionary subjects, would send a copy for the benefit of those Branches which, perhaps, have not the time or the material to prepare papers, I have received one on Japan, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary of the Dresden Branch, it is most interesting and instructive, and I shall be glad to lend it to any Branch desiring a paper for Branch Meetings.

OMOKSENE.

As so much of the interest of our Branches is centred in "Huron's own Reserve," and the little Indian children in the Kissonock Homes, who many of these are clothing, Omoksene—for we cling tenaciously to the name, familiar during some eight years now—may surely for- once have a paragraph all to itself; and the sub-joined letters from Archdeacon Tims to our Diocesan Treasurer will be a welcome answer to the many questions and speculations about the future of Omoksene, which have been so often heard of late at our Branch Meetings. It is now definitely settled that the Rev. F. Swainson will not return; a fact much to be regretted, as he was, what it is not always easy for a missionary to become, much loved by the Indians. The unexpected resignation of our Lady missionary, Miss Machlin, seemed to complicate matters, but by the good providence of God, the information communicated by the Archdeacon is reassuring. He writes under date July 6th. "I wrote to Mrs. Baldwin to say we engaged a young lady to take up Miss Machlin's work, temporarily; we are expecting shortly, to get Miss Wells, of Aurora, of whom I wrote to Mrs. Baldwin." (LEAFLET readers will remember in the June LEAFLET, the resolution passed by the Emergency Committee) "I am re- turning to the Blood Reserve to-morrow, with the Rev. A. de B. Owen, who will in future have charge of the work at the boarding schools and will be your correspondent in reference to bales, etc., etc. Will you ask the Dorcas Secretary to see that *all bales are addressed to him or marked "for St. Paul's Schools."* As Mr. Hockley is returning to

his old quarters at Red Crow's, where there is no boarding school, and yet if bales come addressed to him he may claim them for his own work. He will be glad of some bales, and I hope some will be sent to him: he is going on a very small salary, and groceries, expensive items out here, will always be acceptable to him. In future there will be two distinct Missions, with a clergyman at each, St Paul's and Red Crow. Mr. Owen is a married man with two children, the eldest three years old. The C M.S., I am sorry to say, has just withdrawn the salary hitherto paid to the missionary at St. Paul's Mission, \$750 per annum. This is a great loss, as that salary will now have to come out of the Fund raised for the school. They have been asked to rescind their resolution, and unless they do so, our work will be greatly crippled. However with strict economy we hope to be able to keep things going. We *did* so want a nurse, it is a great pity we have not been able, so far, to support one, it would help our work so very much." Under date of July-20th, the Archdeacon writes again, "I have returned from the Blood Reserve, leaving Mr. Owen in charge; Miss Wells arrived in time to go down with us, she will be Lady-missionary and teacher. We have almost completely re organized the staff, and our new workers are thoroughly devoted to the work. Mr. Owen has taken very favourably with both Indians and children, 'he is just like Mr. Swainson,' is the remark I have heard from both—I am so thankful for this. I bespeak for him and all our new workers the most earnest prayers of the Woman's Auxiliary. I have asked both him and Miss Wells to correspond with you. *Of course everything is quite new to them and they hardly understand how closely our work on the Blood Reserve is connected with the Huron W A*, but by the time the Branches re-organize for the winter season, they will probably be able to understand the position, and then, I hope, you will never have to complain of want of information. We would like to augment the staff with a nurse, but we are run so close just now that we hardly dare, yet if one really fitted for the work was found, I think we should strive to find the means for her support. Finally, under date of August 10th, the Archdeacon writes, "We are very thankful to hear of the legacy (\$100 under the will of the late Mrs. Labatt of London) *it is quite providential, for I find, in making up our accounts, that we cannot meet our liabilities by about \$150.*" Thus the Father in Heaven sends help in time of need—to Him be the glory."

With regard to what Archdeacon Tims says about everything being new to Mr. Owen and our Lady-missionary, as our Branches can all comprehend what a difficult task they have before them, so they can do something to lighten their labours. Would it not be a kindly act, if those Branches which cloth one or more children in the home, would communicate with Mr. Owen, telling him briefly the names of their proteges, what they have done for them in the past,

and hope to do in the future, and if Branches whose bales are designated for the Homes, would let Mr. Owen know, approximately, what will be the character of their contents and when he may look for them. In this way we would, *practically*, explain to him and his co-workers, "how closely the work on the Blood Reserve is connected with the Huron W.A.," and would also avoid for ourselves, those misunderstandings and mistakes about bales, which have been a source of legitimate disappointment to some of our Branches, as when for example, the outfits sent by the faithful and devoted Preston Juniors, for "Edith" and "Paul," were, by some mischance, distributed generally. Such a mischance is a great disappointment to eager young workers. Our Diocesan Dorcas Secretary is always reiterating her request to the Branches to be systematic in regard to their bales, and after all we cannot expect our missionaries to understand the relative positions of our Branches, especially where separate Branches in one city send them bales, unless we ourselves are explicit, and adhere to the rule which tells us to "place in every bale a list of the contents, headed by the name of the Branch and the Diocese." In conclusion, the Blood Reserve was the first definite work undertaken in the Domestic Mission-field, by the Huron W.A., there have been difficulties and discouragements in the past, there will be in the future, but let us always bear in mind St. Paul's exhortation, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

BRANCH NOTICES.

The Dorcas Secretary reports the following bales sent out from July 15th to August 15th: To *Onton Lake*, Watford, 1. *Whitefish Lake*, Petrolia, 2. *Gordon Schools*, London, St. John the Evangelist, 1. *St. James'*, South Branch, Galt, 1. *Fort a la Corne*, London, (Christ Church), 1. *Wapuskaw*, London (Christ Church), 1.

HAYSVILLE.—The Wilmot W.A. has received a letter from Mrs. Rolston, Dynevor Hospital, stating that our two barrels arrived safely and gave much pleasure; they contained an outfit for a bed in the hospital and numerous articles, fruit, groceries, etc., also a letter from Dr. Rolston thanking for \$9 cash, with which a good iron bedstead was bought. It was occupied on July 9th, and will be known as the "Wilmot W.A. bed." (Does not every Branch want to have a name-sake bed in one or other of those mission hospitals, which can not but be among the chief factors in the work of bringing souls to Christ.) **SARNIA.**—We sent in June to the Rev. H. Stocken, Gleichen, a bale valued at \$55.40. Our President held the closing meeting at the rectory, where a delightful evening was spent. We meet again for work the first Wednesday in September. **STRATHROY.**—We have suffered many bereavements during the last few months, but notwithstanding these afflictions, it may be on account of them, there has been a deepened interest in our work. We have lately sent two bales.

weighing 340 lbs to the Rev. Mr. Settee, Cumberland Mission, and the other to the Rev. Mr. Taylor, Sandy Lake. We had a quantity of excellent second hand clothing, six quilts, hoods, etc., and more than \$12 worth of groceries, medicines, etc. WALKERTON.—We sent a nice bale to Rev Mr. Johnson, Jack's Head, containing 5 quilts, clothing, groceries and 18 yds. rag carpet.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

The Rev T O. Stringer writes to a friend under date Feb. 4th, "There is little particular news, life here is a monotonous round of work, and much of it trivial work at that. There is much to be done here (Peel River), though at present it is a little quiet, as the Indians are away, but up to Christmas we were kept very busy, and in spring again we will have more than we can do, and too much has to be left undone, but we are well and happy, enjoying many of God's blessings, and we feel that this is the place for us. Mr. Young does not find this such a hard place as he expected. He is a great help to us. Mr. Whittaker is at the coast, we have just heard of three sailors being frozen to death there. There is much room for work among the sailors; I hope to visit Hershel Island in April." Bishop Bompas writes to the Diocesan Treasurer, "You may suppose that in this outlying district we are sadly deficient in funds, this deficiency is doubtless increased by my reluctance to come outside to plead for the cause. It is possible that I may be obliged to come next year, if spared till then and forwarded in God's good providence. The work among the Indians here is critical *now*, from the large influx of whites. Evangelizing is as much called for among the miners, of whom I suppose there are now about 2,000 within fifty miles of us here. The gold mine there is very rich, and is likely to tend to the opening up of this country to civilization." Following extracts from the Bishop of Mackenzie River's pastoral letter, have special interest for our Huron Branches. "Through the blessing of God on the loving, faithful, self-denying efforts of Mr. Marsh, at Hay River Mission, the Indians have not only attached themselves to us, but have shown a remarkable determination to adhere to our teaching—may God enable them to remain firm and bind them closer to Himself. The work of the Eskimo Mission is most arduous and trying, but has its attractions and compensations. The unwearied and whole-hearted devotion of Mr. Stringer, following on the labours of his predecessors, has done much towards hastening the time when these poor Innuits shall belong to Christ. The destruction, by fire, of the mission-house at Fort Simpson, has been a very serious loss which it will take years to replace; valuable books and much property was destroyed. Much practical sympathy has been shown in Canada and England, and the monetary loss is now nearly made up." Mrs. Weaver writes from Wapuskaw Mission to the Diocesan Treasurer. "It is indeed cheering

to receive kind words and help from friends in our distant home. All winter we have had seventeen children living with us, and hope for more in autumn. The hope of this mission lies with the children, the older ones are so set in their old superstitions and wandering habits, that it is hard to do much with them, still, "Nothing is too hard for the Master." I have had two little Indian babies, a girl sixteen, a boy four months old; they are such dear little things, I could not love them more if they were my own; they both call me mamma, they are my special care, and look to me for everything." The Rev. R. E. Coates gives an account of the endeavours of the Indians at one of his missions to help themselves. 'At Treaty time, to avoid so much of our money going to the traders, we held a stall on our own account, and the proceeds of the sale of lemonade, cake, bread, and a few dinners, enabled us to clear \$12 towards the much needed church at Grand Marais. I am most anxious to carry on the building if possible, it will be such a blow to the people who cut and hauled the logs, and put up the building, if it fell through. Lumber is wanted for windows, doors, etc. I had a letter from one of the workers there, telling that though it had been too stormy for me to get to Grand Marais the preceding Sunday, they had assembled together, and asked a visitor, a good Christian man, to speak to them. He added that he had been making enquiries about lumber and had collected a dollar. I am glad to say every body paid their debts at Treaty time this year. The complete failure of the berry crop this year is a great disappointment to us all; it makes me think of the little case of fruit you sent us last year."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

General Fund.	
Strathroy	\$ 1 90
Ingersoll	10
Zenana.	
London S. George's Jrs.....	73
Kingsville Mite Boxes	7 80
Ingersoll.....	1 00
Miss Rose's Hospital Ex —	
London Mem. Ch. G.H.M.B.	1 00
Lady Miss, China.	
London S. George's	1 00
Lady Miss, N.W.	
Wilmot.....	5 00
Sarnia.....	5 00
Strathroy.....	3 00
Lady Miss., Japan.	
Wilmot.....	3 00
Sarnia	5 00
Strathroy.....	2 00
Algoma.	
London S. George's	1 00
Ingersoll	1 45

Education.

A friend, per Mrs. Boomer	30 00
London, St. George's.....	2 00
" Ch. Ch. Boys' M.B.	5 00
Ingersoll.....	1 45
Kanyengeh.	
Wilmot.....	2 00
Sarnia.....	5 00
Windsor.....	2 00
Lion's Head.	
Wilmot.....	5 00
Sarnia.....	20 00
London Ch. Ch. Boys' M.B ..	5 00
Ingersoll.....	1 00

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund.	
Minute Book.....	50
Stamps.....	44
Zenana.	
Miss Rose's Hospital Ex.—	
To Mrs. Irvine.....	6 00
Algoma.	
To D. Kemp, Esq.....	6 95
Shingwauk Home.	
To D. Kemp, Esq.....	10 00

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

Beginning with Thursday, October 7th, the monthly meetings of the Diocesan W.A. will be resumed in the Library of the Synod Hall at 10.30 a.m., first Thursday of each month. The Devotional meetings will be held half an hour earlier in the small committee room. It is earnestly hoped that these latter, as well as the former will be well attended. The main object is to give us information of and direct our prayers for the particular missions designated in the list drawn out for the monthly use of the W.A. by the Central Board, and if those members who kindly conduct the meetings will be careful to keep this object in view there will be a reasonableness in our supplications on behalf of Missionary operations in the places mentioned; also we shall be at one with our sister Dioceses, who make this object a point to be scrupulously observed.

Last year the Montreal Auxiliary gave to Missions, outside of the contributions of its members to objects within their own parishes, or through their respective Church offertories, \$2,148.01, \$551.21 for material and \$131.49 for freight. It sent out to the several Missionary Dioceses of the West, North-West and North, and the more needy Missions of our own Diocese, 86 bales of goods, comprising useful clothing, house comforts, furniture, literature, articles for Christmas trees, medicines, hospital necessaries, ministerial vestments, a font, Altar linen and coverings, Communion sets and Church fittings of various kinds, as well as many miscellaneous articles. It provided for the maintenance and education of the young son of an Algoma Missionary. It renewed its support of the Auxiliary's Lady Medical Missionary in Japan and to the Training school for Native Bible Women. It has almost from the beginning supported a lady Teacher in the

North-West and it renewed its pledges for this object at its Annual Meeting, this present year. It has also contributed regularly to the Zenana and other Mission work in the East, in China and India, and one of its Branches has this year equipped and sent out a Missionary to Uganda. An encouraging record this, we thankfully acknowledge. But it is just this encouragement, just this so laudable a measure of success that makes us naturally ask: If so much has been done by 54 Branches, what might not be accomplished if the number were doubled, or more than doubled, so as to correspond with the returns of Parishes and Missions as given in the Synod Report for 1896? This might be done; it ought to be done, and until it is done there will be waste forces in every Parish and Mission that might be utilized for the glory of God and the sending of the Gospel "to the uttermost parts of the earth."

Mrs. Holden will visit Maritana and parts adjacent this month (September) for the purpose of attending meetings of the W.A.

Since our last issue we have to record the death of Mrs. Būsthard, late President of Havelock Branch, who entered into rest July 25th. And of Mrs. H. D. Simpson, a Life Member of the Montreal W.A., who passed peacefully away August 17th, after much suffering "In the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to Eternal Life." Our sincere sympathy is offered to the bereaved relatives and friends.

Rev. John Maggrah of Islington Mission has acknowledged the receipt of a bale from All Saints', Montreal. His letter will appear later.

NEVER TOO LATE.

One of our Missionaries writes from the Diocese of Saskatchewan: "Where the Church Services are regularly held the people come to enter into the spirit of them and realize that they are truly worshipping God. *There are those here who were becoming grey before they had so much as a Book of Common Prayer in their hand, and are now most regular in*

their attendance on Divine Service, and very hearty in responding."

The Dorcas Secretary reports:—That Waterloo Branch sent one bale to the Shingwauk Home, Dio. of Algoma, containing 59 new articles, including 4 quilts, $5\frac{1}{4}$ yds. rag carpet, 2 second-hand garments, material, \$49.20; freight, \$1.58; total, \$50.78. This bale includes the contribution from the Girls' Branch of Waterloo. Grenville Branch sent one bale to the Kissock Homes, Blood Reserve, Macleod, Dio. of Calgary, containing 45 new articles, including 7 quilts and 49 second-hand garments; cash for material, \$3.13; groceries, \$1.60; books and toys, \$8.54; freight, \$2.55; total, \$15.82.

ANNIE McCORD, *Dorcas Secretary.*

W. A. LETTER BOX.

ONION LAKE, SASK., N.W.T., JULY 25th, 1897.

MY DEAR MRS. HOLDEN.—We are taking the children for a few weeks to camp about forty miles further north to-morrow, the 27th, and we are very busy. This also happens to be our mail day, and gives us very little time; I will write you in full about the work here in the near future, but knowing it would seem so long to you before I acknowledge your letter, I write in answer briefly. I wrote to Mrs. M—— and thanked them for their great kindness. I received from them a beautiful white night-dress, also a flannelette and two print dresses. You asked me about sending money, I asked Mr. Matheson; he says you cannot get notes changed very easy, and the best way would be just to send bills in an ordinary letter, not registered. He believes this the best way. I believe your work is over for the summer, Mrs. Naylor says the young people enjoyed their work very much, for which I thank them, and may God bless them and you all in the Homeland for your labor of love for those who are away. You asked me the number of children we had, 8 boys and 14 girls. Mrs. Matheson has 3 little girls. She has been home for a few weeks and will return now in a

week or two. I was so glad to see her. Hoping you will pardon this short letter and a promise of the work here in the near future.

Very sincerely,

Your co-worker in our Master's Vineyard,

C. SHAW.

AFTER A W.A. MISSIONARY MEETING.

The mind goes back, shall we say fifty years, or twenty-five, and it asks itself the question. When was there such a gathering as this? We recall, as we remember them, the missionary meetings of our early days, the deputations of two or three clergymen who came to assist the local clergyman or clergy, and who delivered addresses almost invariably on the one theme—worn thread-bare then, as also it still is—of Diocesan impecuniosity, and our responsibility in regard to its relief. We attended these meetings regularly in childhood and youth, as they came round from year to year; and we can only recall at this date, two occasions when the claims of either Foreign Missions or Domestic Missions, as we now understand the term, were directly pressed home to our acceptance. If they were mentioned at all it was generally in a perfunctory way, and quite as a secondary matter. We recall a resolution once, to which a local layman spoke, prefaced with the words, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature;" and the way in which the mover applied them to the Church's universal obligation, but we do not remember that the consideration of the arguments stirred any of us up to a practical attempt to carry out the command in our own persons, or to help with our efforts those who might be willing to do so—and yet assuredly there were those among us who only wanted encouragement to come out boldly in such a direction. But that time was not yet. We had a sewing society in our parish, we did not call it a "Guild" then, and we worked for our own church, and periodically netted a handsome sum by a bazaar. There was less discussion in those days than there is now on the much mooted question as to whether bazaars and similar enterprises were right or wrong for Church purposes. Some of us had our qualms about it, and some of us drew the line at raffling. Here and there in the larger centres there were Missionary Societies, which did something for the heathen in our own and in other countries, but it was not so in our parish, nor in any of the adjacent ones, which we remember. Sometimes we were asked for a contribution for the Jews, or the S.P.G., or the Bible Society, but of missionary effort and organization, in the sense in which it exists to-day, and of women participation in it, there was practically not so much as a shadow.

Ed. LEAFLET.

To be continued.

[Sept., 1897.]

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

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From Chief Oskapide, Nepigon, to Mrs E. Martin, Ballinahinch, Hamilton.

“The quilt you sent to Mr. McIlwraith, for me, I have received, for which accept my thanks. I will do as you ask. I am not always at Nepigon, but whenever I am here I will look after Mrs. Renison's grave. I go to the Church every Sunday I am here, and if no minister, we always have a few words of prayer outside. I am getting very old and feeble now, do not work or hunt any more. Thanking you once more for your present, myself and my band of Indians all send our best wishes to you.”

NOTE—Many will remember seeing this quilt at the Cathedral school-house, in December. Chief Oskapide is a Christian, and exercises the best possible influence over his Tribe.

Letters from Rev. R. E. Coates, Poplar Park, West Selkirk, to Mrs Sutherland, St. Jude's Junior Branch, Oakville.

“I have much pleasure in writing you as superintendent of St. Jude's Junior Auxiliary, in reply to the delightful letter of your assistant superintendent. How very kind is the gift of the \$5, it will be so very helpful. It is only about ten days ago that I had to pay \$5 to bring out a doctor to see some of my poor sick people. He said it was not a large sum to induce him to travel so far, but when he did come he was so kind, willing to see any number of patients. I feel sure it was the means of saving the foot, if not the life of one poor fellow. This man, Joseph Beal, had cut his foot when chopping in the bush, and being some miles from home, the cold affected the wound and he has now been lying in bed over a month. A few days ago, after the doctor's visit, Joseph said to me, “I am glad you came to see me to day Mr. Coates, I am so thankful that my foot is much

better, and I have promised God to try and do what is right from this time, I know I have done wrong many times, but now as I have been lying here I have been thinking, and I want to put away my sins and serve God *well*.' Poor Joe, I hope his trouble may be the cause of a blessing, and that he may find, as I pointed out, strength and power by trusting in Christ. Five dollars is well spent when it helps a man in body and in soul. Again, the other day I heard of my chief helper, a one armed man, James Raven, being sick. I called and found him very ill, and his wife also. Jim is a good hunter although deprived of an arm, and in chasing a deer overheated himself and fell down, lying in the cold deep snow for some time; I was quite anxious about him, and was glad to provide necessaries for him during his illness. This man has had very little opportunity, but he has made the most of his time, and can now read in his own language, the New Testament and Prayer Book very well. He often takes an evening service for me when I am away. He is a good speaker, and having the love of Christ in his own heart, is able to do much for his own people. If I hear of an application for a Catechist I shall be glad to recommend him, although he will be a great loss to me. We are having a cold and trying winter, so much sickness, and still the men, I am thankful to say, have plenty of work chopping wood, which enables them to make enough to live upon, but scarcely sufficient to cloth themselves properly. There are always applications for garments of one kind or another. You wish to know what would be most useful to my poor people beside quilts (I am so glad to hear you have started with those valuable articles) mitts and socks are always in demand, most of the poor creatures just rap their feet round and round with any pieces of rag they can get. I often see a child running along with a piece of rag sticking out of a hole in the mocassin. Dresses give great pleasure, and we require a number, for as they are worn night and day they do not last very long. Shirts too prove very acceptable. The Indians never seem to buy anything but cotton goods, gaily coloured prints for dresses and shirts, though I notice, lately, that some of the women procure *black* cotton for their dresses, and it has the advantage, such as it is, of not showing the dirt. I cannot persuade the women to wear hoods or bonnets, they always use shawls over their heads, but I think the young people prefer their caps when they can get them. Undervests, of wool or cotten, are often wanted, and if they have a change it helps materially in keeping the body cleaner than would otherwise be the the case. Any second-hand garments, if not ragged, will help, such as jackets, coats, pants, dresses, skirts, etc.; now I am afraid you will think I am asking too much. but of cours I do not expect all the things I have mentioned. Whatever you are pleased to send us will be thankfully received. I do hope we shall not be a burdon to you. You must think how much pleasure you are preparing for my poor girls and boys, and their fathers and mothers,

and at Christmas I hope to write you a full account of the distribution, and what the children say and do about their gifts. Speaking of Christmas I suppose some of the workers will use their good taste in dressing a few dolls, which are always prized very highly. Will you now please give my thanks to Miss Hallam, for her kind thoughtfulness in offering the *Canadian Churchman*; I do not get it, and should be pleased to see the new numbers regularly. In thanking your Band for their prayers, may I ask them to pray for the conversion of the heathen chief 'Iskquagahbun' and Enigs, a councilor. *I do want them. I will tell you about them, D.V., later on."*

In a later letter dated June 2nd, 1897, Mr. Coates says, speaking of a photo sent by him, of St. Philip's Church "It is not remarkable for magnificence, but the Indians are very proud of it, and I am proud of it because it is the unaided willing work of these poor people. It shows, at any rate, what they can do for themselves, and that they are not so depending on being spoon-fed as has been the case in the past. Please thank every member of the Junior Auxiliary for their present, it will be so very useful; I have so many things to do with it I do not know which to decide upon. Suppose I tell our kind friends and let them decide how they will have the money spent. 1st—I should like to give my people a good time at the Diamond Jubilee; and I wished to get a foot-ball, \$2 50; and a set of croquet, \$1.75; then other good things. 2nd—We want to put up a new Communion Rail, the old one is so weak plain and shabby; every Communion Sunday I am in fear lest my big heavy people should break it down. My one armed man, James Raven, who did most of the work on the arch of the Chancel, says that he could make a rail if he had good wood and fancy moulding. 3rd—My other congregation at Grand Marais want some help to build a church; last winter all the men turned out in full force and chopped and hauled logs, and then put up the block. One man gave an acre of ground, such a lovely spot, another gave provisions for the workers. A friend has promised shingles, and we have already a reading desk. We shall need lumber, windows, door and nails. There is a good chance of getting lumber cheap at a new saw-mill lately put up, if only we had the money. Now what shall we do? Of course the foot-ball and croquet would be the source of much pleasure all summer evenings and the former during the winter, and the young men do not have much amusement. I have been trying to fight the evil of gambling and card playing, and I know these innocent pastimes are a help. The lovely flag you sent us has been much admired. It was hoisted for the first time on the Queen's Birthday, and looked very fine. We are all very pleased with our Union Jack, and feel very much obliged to the good friends who gave it to us, it was very nice of you to send it so soon instead of keeping it till the bale was ready; you see I am looking forward already to the work of your members."

From Miss Milledge, St. John's College, Winnipeg, to Miss Baker, Oakville.

"In every letter received from the Missionaries they speak of the great assistance the bales have been to them. Mr. John Sinclair, of Hollow Water River, Lake Winnipeg, writes:—"I have to return my many thanks for the help so kindly sent by the W.A. The apples were a great treat. One Sunday night we had singing in our house, my wife made preparations for lunch for those who attended, and they all enjoyed the apple jam, and some other things, such as tea and sugar. I am thankful to say that God has blessed our work among the Indians here. They can sing many hymns very sweetly in English. This is quite a new Mission and we have many trials; it is often a difficult matter to know how to deal with the Indians." Rev. B. Mackenzie, of Black River Mission, Lake Winnipeg, did not receive his bale till January 6th, though it was sent in October, he says he has written his thanks to you. It was a great boon to him. Rev. R. E. Coates, of Brokenhead River Reserve, has also written to you, but perhaps he has not told you what he did with two of your quilts which were in the bale for his Indians. He writes.—"Quilts are in great demand, old Nokum, whose Christian name is Mrs. St. John O'Meara (St. John is after the College, and O'Meara out of compliment to our Dean) a widow, has lately re-married, and a widow from St. Peter's was brought here to be married too. It is very flattering that they should prefer to be married in Brokenhead Church—I wonder if the wedding present is the attraction? I always try to have one of those splendid W.A. ones to give to the bride, and we have been quite out of them for some time, but the bale arrived just in time, and I was so glad to have those two pretty ones to give" . . . The Rev. J. A. Maggrah, of Islington Mission, on the Winnipeg River, says.—"Many thanks for the bale you sent, it came just in time for me to bring it from Rat Portage down the river in my canoe, and saved a good deal of expense and trouble. The freight is so high when done by dogs in the winter. Thank the W.A. so much for the very useful articles it contained. It was the only one I received this year. The old people need more help than the little ones, but usually the articles are for the latter." The Rev. E. Thomas, of Fort Alexander, was delighted with his bale, we sent some apples to him too and some of the quilts and assorted clothing. Everything is of the greatest use; for the Indians are destitute of all kinds of clothing. It is not like the old days when there was an abundance of game, now the furs they get must be sold for food, and not kept to cloth themselves or their children. Mr. Thomas is such a hard working energetic man, he writes:—"Your bale came just in time to give presents to the poor children and widows at Christmas. We had a tree and it would have done your heart good to see the faces of those who got presents of clothing."

[Sept., 1897.]

Ontario Diocese.

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

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The new reports of the Ontario Diocese were distributed at the August meeting of the Board, and have since been posted to the officers of the various Branches. We hope that all who receive them will read them carefully, as all who are interested in the W.A. should make themselves fully acquainted with the work that is being done. An interesting letter was read from our late Recording-Secretary, Miss Macaulay, in answer to the vote of thanks for her work and regret at losing her, which had been forwarded to her. Miss Macaulay is now in London and has been an interested spectator of the Jubilee.

Prescott and Merrickville were the only Branches from which reports were read at the August meeting of the Board. Prescott reports thirteen meetings since February 1st, as a result of which meetings two bales weighing 174 lbs. were sent to the Rev. C. I. Pritchard, Fort la Corne, Sask. Meetings have been discontinued for the summer and recommence on the last Wednesday in September. At the Annual Meeting on April 29th the same officers were re-elected.

Merrickville reports weekly meetings held, at which work is done for Little Pines Mission. There are now fifteen members, but more are expected shortly.

REPORT OF JUNIOR SECRETARY.

Miss Casswell, Superintendent of St. Thomas' Belleville, writes that they will give \$5 to the education of Missionary's Children Fund. They would like to do more but are pledged for \$25 to the Peigan

School. Mrs. Bogert of St. John's, Belleville, writes that they will promise \$3 at any rate and will do all they can. Miss Donovan of Portland J.W.A. writes that they can promise \$2. This makes \$10 more since last month. The total now promised is \$50.

In spite of the great care and trouble which has been taken in getting out the new report a few mistakes and misprints have occurred. The one chiefly to be regretted is the omission of the Branch of the C.C.M.G. at St. Paul's, Brockville. For some years they have been incorrectly given and it is most unfortunate that they should have been now entirely omitted, for this is one of our most energetic Children's Branches. We hereby append the names of the officers and hope all our readers who are in possession of reports will take the trouble to copy them in. Mrs. Fitzpatrick is superintendent and Miss Emma Young, Sec. and Treasurer.

A letter of thanks was received by the St. James' J.W.A. from Mrs. Sanders, Biscotasing. Also one from Miss Smith, Nagano, Shenano, by Miss Muckleston. Miss Smith remarks that "the fact that we have the sympathy and prayers of one W.A. at home does much to encourage and strengthen us in our work. Every Christian (I mean Churchmen) in Nagano knows about the W.A. of Canada, and the Medical workers especially take a particular interest in its work. You will be glad to hear that our Fugin Kwai continues to be a very live and active Branch of the mission in Nagano. We suffered a severe loss when our President, Mrs. Okayama, one of the most earnest Christians I have ever known, removed to Tokyo to live with her son, but the new President, Mrs. Takashima, will, I think, be a worthy successor. On the first of the month we had a 'social evening' to which the men of the parish, as well as the members, were invited. It is a great joy to see how regularly the women attend and how interested they are in advancing the work of the Church. The Medical work is going on as usual. Since the beginning of the year five hundred and forty patients have been treated, many of them very poor people, who had not the means to pay for help and who would have gone without treatment if the Canadian Medical Mission had not been here. The daily attendance during the past six months amounted to over five thousand, and twelve destitute persons were nursed in their own houses. One of our patients, a young man from a mountain village about ten miles distant was baptized on Whit-Sunday, another has been received as catechumen, and two others are visited regularly by the catechist, and instructed in Christianity. The corner-stone of our new Church was laid on the 14th, and it was pleasing to note what a large number of heathen, many of them Normal School students, were present at the ceremony. It is hoped that the Church may be completed by Christmas Day, but Japanese workmen are so slow that we shall be satisfied if it be done by Easter."

A long letter was received by the Secretary of the Prescott W.A. from the Rev. C. F. Pritchard of the Nepowewin Mission, Fort a la Corne, Sask.

"This Mission was established by the first native missionary, Rev. H. Budd, who did a noble work in every way. At that time the Indians roamed all over the country, settling down where most food was to be found. The old mission was situated some miles lower down the river than the present one, and was burned down some years ago. The majority of the Indians on this reserve are Christians and belong to the Plain Cree tribes. There are still a few heathen families, but they are decreasing. Last autumn I had the great privilege of baptizing three heathen, and am in hopes of seeing others follow their good example. (Since I began this letter I have baptized another heathen—a youth.) Besides this Mission I have to look after the Patronan Settlement which is about eight miles from here. At present we have no Church building there, but we hope to build a small one next year. The Patronan people are country born and most of them have a hard struggle for existence, constant crop failures have been their lot, and a very hard lot too. These people hardly ever complain of their hardships but their wants are very evident as I visit amongst them. Quilts are a great boon to those who get them, and are greatly prized, petticoats for old women, shirts and clothing for old men and a good supply of children's clothes of all sizes would help on the work and make many a man, woman and child happy and comfortable, groceries are always useful. Do you think anyone would care to give us a few Prayer and Hymn books (A. & M. preferred) as we are in need of some at Patronan, and the people are too poor to buy for themselves? Who will give a helping hand?"

The following extracts are from a letter from the Rev. G. W. King, Principal of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, to the W.A. of Amherst Island.

"I beg to acknowledge with much gratitude the valuable box of clothing, blankets, books, socks, gloves, and other miscellaneous articles sent by your Branch. The woollen socks and shirts were particularly needed. The splendid supply of sewing materials, cottons, tape, buttons, darning wool, thimbles, etc., is also a most acceptable gift and is already being used in our sewing-room. We are expecting the arrival of three new boys which will bring the number on our roll up to sixty-one. Last week a little boy belonging to the Oka band was admitted. I do not think he can be more than seven or eight years of age, he is such a mite and is known as the Shingwauk Baby. He is a bright, happy little fellow, and can say his A B C and is very proud of the fact and likes to be asked to say it."

[Sept., 1897].

Ottawa Diocese.

DIOCESAN MOTTO :—" *God is love.* "

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BRANCH NOTES.

The Secretary of Literature and LEAFLET Editor, spent the last month at Caledonia Springs. Through the kindness of Miss Barton, Secretary of the L'Original W.A., she was enabled to attend a meeting of the L'Original Branch. The ladies of L'Original meet every Wednesday from two to six o'clock. On this particular occasion the members met at Miss Cushman's, a prodigious amount of sewing was done, and a very pleasant afternoon spent. Many of the members do not live in L'Original, but have to drive in some distance, yet their weekly meetings are not discontinued in July and August. Shortly after this the LEAFLET Editor met the Rev. J. N. Hunter, the Rector of Vankleek Hill and East Hawkesbury. He invited her to go out to his parishes and speak about the Auxiliary. On Tuesday, August 18th, a meeting of the ladies of Vankleek Hill was held at the rectory, the Rev. Mr. Hunter in the chair. After hymn and prayer, the Editor was asked to explain to those present the object and work of the Woman's Auxiliary. On the following Wednesday Mr. Hunter drove your Editor to East Hawkesbury, where she was introduced to a number of ladies, and again given an opportunity of speaking for the Woman's Auxiliary. This meeting was held at Mrs. Leroy's house, and she kindly entertained the ladies present to tea. The members of our W.A. will be glad to hear that Branches of the Auxiliary will be formed, very shortly, both at Vankleek Hill and East Hawkesbury. Our very material thanks are due to the Rev. Mr. Hunter for his kindness, for not only did he arrange those two meetings, but on both occasions spoke enthusiastically in favor of the

Auxiliary. He also offered to attend the Auxiliary Meetings in his parishes till they got well started, and give them some Missionary information on the subjects for the month.

Mrs. Phillips, of Hawkesbury, has kindly invited your Editor to the rectory to meet the members of the Hawkesbury Auxiliary.

The following is an extract of a letter written by Rev. Geo. Bruce to St. James' Church Branch of the W.A., Perth.

.. The two bales were received in good order and condition; words are inadequate to express our gratitude for the very useful and most acceptable articles. I must tell you a little about our Christmas tree. At first we were much exercised in mind if we could manage one, but I am glad to say that the liberality of the ladies was ample for the occasion; and we, who are living here in the wilderness, thought that the tree looked magnificent. It was a great delight to the children, who so eagerly looked for a small gift. Over one hundred received a small remembrance of the day. The programme was lengthy; several of the children took part, some recited and some sang. The chief and councillors gave short speeches; and before the unloading of the tree, Mrs. Bruce served out tea and cakes to over one hundred and fifty persons. An Indian thinks it a luxury to get a sweetened cup of tea. In my remarks I compared the past with the present. When I first came here it was with difficulty that I could feel my way through the forest, there was not even a footpath, and there was only one solitary 'shanty.' The Mission was then at lower Fairford, five miles from here, but had to be abandoned on account of high water, and was moved to the present site. The church was a low log building entirely innocent of lime, no pews but stools, the women sitting on one side of the church and the men on the other. Mostly all had the original garb, 'The blanket,' etc. Very few could make use of books, a voice here and there was heard responding, the same in singing, whilst a half dozen of the old heathen men squatted themselves down near the stove: and very soon the 'fire-bag' was brought out, and the contents, steel, flint, touch-wood, pipe, knife and tobacco put into use; giving the congregation the full benefit of their enjoyable whiff at the pipe. Now we have a comfortable church 35 x 69 feet, and a congregation that can worship similarly to any civilized congregation. We have also a choir. Almost every one can read, either in the Indian syllabic characters or in the English language. We have now four places of worship, and over two hundred children's names on the register. The services on each Lord's Day are conducted in both languages. We have also a Sunday-school. Besides the care of this church and its vicinity, there are quite a number of groups of scattered inhabitants, some twenty, thirty, fifty, and eighty miles away. Last week I returned after an absence of nine days visiting. [Here follows a most graphic description of the tour, space permits only a very abbre-

viated outline.—Ed.] *Friday*—Left home in company with a man, travelled twenty miles, camped at Elm's Point, where three families live, had service, baptized an Infant. *Saturday*—Rose early, attended to horse, got breakfast ready, had family worship, started off at day break, crossed Lake Manitoba, felt the cold doubly on the exposed face; at 11.30 a.m. reached the 'Bluff,' where one solitary Icelandic family lives, had dinner; travelled twelve miles, reached the 'Harrows,' where three families live, camped with a Roman Catholic family, who asked that I should have family worship. *Sunday*—Rose at three, left before day-break, travelled twelve miles, reached Stogsville at 10 a.m. My letter informing people of my visit not received, so not ready for a service. messenger dispatched to call a congregation for evening service. While waiting, baptized an infant, administered private communion, visited the sick around. In spite of the cold stormy weather, the church was well packed with devout worshippers. After evening service visited more sick people, baptized another child. *Monday*—A marriage to celebrate. Left for Reserve, which was reached after sun-down, had service, baptism; returned, held service. *Tuesday*—Left in company with a boy for Sandy Point, where I had service and a baptism; visited five families, returned at a late hour as usual. *Wednesday*—Visited only half the day, the day being cold and stormy. *Thursday*—Visited the sick, and then had another call of seven miles distance, which I willingly complied with, had service, and as usual a baptism, the parents being Roman Catholics. *Friday*—Travelled twelve miles and camped for the night. *Saturday*—Travelled all day on the open Lake, reached home at four o'clock. A Journey of nine days absence, having travelled 150 miles (well, it is better felt than expressed); returning at four o'clock on Saturday, with all my Sunday duties to attend to the next morning, and returning home a little the worse of wear; and when a man has reached his sixtieth year, and has been over forty years in the Mission field, he is inclined to confer with flesh and blood, and exclaim "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." I may mention that we have commenced to build a church at Sandy Bay, and if only means and ways are available, intend to try and complete the building this summer, but it is uphill work to attempt to do anything in this out of the way place, where there are no carpenters, masons, etc., and no means at our disposal. We have to "arise and build," depending upon our own strength. Well I am entirely puzzled to know how to acknowledge my gratitude for the very acceptable gift marked "for the clergyman's use." Truly it is a God sent gift, for nothing could answer better for my travelling purposes. Accept my warmest thanks and please convey my warmest thanks to your valuable co-workers; they have helped us greatly in our work. He who said that "in as much," will not forget their labor and work of love. Ever most gratefully, etc.

[Sept., 1897.]

Quebec Diocese.

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

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Extracts from a letter acknowledging the receipt of Altar Vessels sent by Diocesan Branch to Dunchurch Mission, Algoma.

DEAR MADAM—After I heard from you that the Altar Set was coming from your Diocesan Branch, I wrote to the Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, asking him, when he received the Vessels, to come and dedicate and use them for the first time. I got word at last that he had received the set, and appointed Thursday, July 1st. The service took place at 10.30 a.m., it consisted of Morning Prayer, to the third collect, and Holy Communion—I read the Prayers. The Rural Dean was assisted by the Rev. J. H. Ross, a priest of the Diocese of Niagara. Before the prayer of Consecration, the Rural Dean said a prayer of dedication. Thirty-eight people were present, thirty-three of whom were Church-people; and there were fourteen Communicants. A woman attended the service who drove eight miles in a lumber waggon, over a terribly rough road. The service was bright and hearty; the people sing and respond well, and enjoy the services. I cannot find words to describe to you their pleasure at having a handsome Altar Set. The congregation of the Church of St. Andrew, Dunchurch, desire to join me in expressing to the Quebec Branch of the W.A., their hearty thanks for the handsome Altar Vessels; and hope and pray that our Heavenly Father will ever bless them in their work for Him

I. J. HAY, Catechist.

DYNEVOR, June 20th, 1897.

MY DEAR MRS. HALLS—Your kind letter was received some little time ago, but I delayed to answer it hoping to tell you the barrels had also been received. I am very pleased to say they arrived yesterday in good order, and have been unpacked, and the contents much appreciated—indeed I do not know how to thank you all sufficiently for your kindness, not only for gifts for the Hospital, but for so kindly thinking of me personally. These things help us so much; for I dare say Archdeacon Phair has told you he commenced last year without money or endowment of any kind; and it would have been hard work to have got on at all, but for the kindness of friends at a distance. Quebec friends, although so far away, have been most kind, and in this way they are a great help to us. Dr. Rolston joins me in kind regards and many thanks.

Believe me, very sincerely yours,

CECILIA F. ROLSTON.

As McKenzie River was one of the subjects for prayer in our July LEAFLET, it may not be inopportune to refer, in this number, to the very excellent and interesting Pastoral letter from Bishop Reeve, which has appeared in the July issue of the *Canadian Church Magazine*. The Bishop there gives a summary of his work, and the progress made during the last five years, the period in which he has had the oversight of the Diocese. We strongly urge all who can, to read this letter, it brings its own lesson with it, and shows what a pious and persevering man may accomplish. Many of our W.A. members had the privilege of meeting this holy man, some years since, at the Church Hall, Quebec (shortly after his consecration, or rather, in the earlier part of his episcopate), and they no doubt can recall his pleasing personality, as also his interesting address, delivered so earnestly and simple, making but little of the innumerable trials and hardships in food, travel, etc.,

which he had to face during his long and arduous journeys ; the severance too of family ties during these periods, to say nothing of absence of all home news. This latter is one of the greatest trials which a Missionary has to contend with, and one which we, in civilized parts and with regular mails, can scarcely realize. The Bishop on the whole gives a very encouraging report of the work being done at present, in his Diocese. The placing of steamboats on the Northern waters, he says, has greatly increased the facilities for travelling and obtaining supplies ; but he adds that money is greatly needed, not only for new Missions, but for helping towards the support of those already established. We trust that some of our readers may be induced to remember McKenzie River, and give it a helping hand. They could not give to a better cause. The Bishop ends his address in the following manner: "We need constant supplies of grace, for we have to encounter, not only the ordinary 'adversaries' of pastoral and missionary work, but are face to face with Priests and power of Rome ; backed up as they are with a powerful organization, and almost unlimited means, our struggle against them might seem, humanly speaking, almost hopeless. But although they have such a large majority, both of workers and adherents, we have right and truth on our side ; and have more than held our own. They have withdrawn from 'Peel River ;' they have been unsuccessful at 'Hay River.' Some of their people have joined us, others are wavering. We have no reason to be discouraged, we are on the winning side ; ultimate victory is certain. Are we undermanned ?—let us do double duty until more help arrives. Are we isolated ?—let us draw nearer to our Master, and seek to enjoy more of His Presence. Are we weak ?—let us lean more upon God that we may be 'Strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.' Are we perplexed ?—Let us seek the aid and guide of the Holy Spirit. Have we 'Fighting and fears within, without' ?—'Fear thou not for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God ; I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.'"

Bishop Grisdale, of Qu'Appelle, with Mrs. Grisdale, passed through Toronto, on the 16th of August, returning from the Lambeth Conference. Owing to his Lordship's absence and the sudden death of the lamented Bishop Burn, last year, we have not heard nearly so much of this Diocese of recent months. We know, and repeat, for the benefit of our readers, that Qu'Appelle Diocese was formed out of Rupert's Land, in 1884. The S.P.G. gave a grant towards the endowment of Qu'Appelle Diocese, of £3,363. There are eighteen clergy at work; the isolation and intense loneliness, are among the trials of these devoted men. Saltcoat's Hospital, now in operation, is one of the recent additions to the Parochial work. The late Bishop of Qu'Appelle spoke most earnestly of the great necessity which existed for this Hospital saying that help given to this, and other hospital work, was charity of the truest description. Medicine Hat is at the far edge of the Diocese. Fort Pelly, 250 miles from Qu'Appelle, is now in charge of the Rev. Owen Owens, formerly of Touchwood Hills. The Gordon School is much in need of help; the work of these boarding-schools is most important; and there are fewer disappointments, and many encouraging features in the work. Pray earnestly for these schools that more consecrated men may be led to offer themselves for this important work of training the Indian; and that men may be led to give more liberally of their money accordingly as they have been prospered by the Lord. The question of "The Chinese in America," is of the deepest importance; our prayers during September should be frequent and most earnest that God would put it into the hearts of the Auxiliary what to do, and what to say, in order that this great problem of Christianizing the heathen at our own doors may be solved, and that men may offer themselves to teach these thousands of Chinese the truths of the Gospel; and that money may be given for the needful support of these Missionaries to the Chinese in America, or rather we may say in British Columbia. "Pray ye therefore that the Lord of the Harvest will send forth labourers into His Harvest."

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