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MEMBERS' PRAYER.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who in the days of Thy flesh didst vouchsafe to accept the services of faithful women, we beseech Thee to grant Thy Blessing upon our endeavours to aid and encourage Missionaries. Put into our hearts the things that we should do and say to promote Thy glory, and further the object we have in hand. Grant that we may never be discouraged under difficulties, but go forward in faith and hope,—looking unto Thee. Have pity on those who know Thee not, on those who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land. Visit them with Thy Salvation. Hasten, we pray Thee, Thy Kingdom, that all may come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear and answer us O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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REMEMBER AT NOON TO PRAY FOR MISSIONS.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading: December—Diocesan; Corea. January—Rupert's Land; The Zenanas.

PROVINCIAL.

A HAPPY, HOLY, CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS.

Happy and Holy in the best sense of the words may Christmas be to each one; hallowed by the remembrance of Him who took upon Himself our nature, nearly 2,000 years ago, that we might be His for all eternity, and happy in our full acceptance of that redemption so lovingly wrought for us. As we, so richly favoured, enter into our many privileges, religious and social, on this joyous anniversary, let us not forget those far from home and dear ones in the distant mission fields, but ask for a special blessing on them and their work at this season; and home to each one of us must surely come the question, "Have I done all I could since last Christmas to help others to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ?"

From Vancouver comes the glad news of a new Branch in connection with Christ Church, and we offer our most sincere welcome and good wishes. The Secretary, Mrs. Cowsen, formerly Miss Downie, Toronto, writes, "It is the day of small things with us, but we hope, with God's blessing, for much greater things in the future. We have a large field here, and many needy ones to help. Already we have sent two good bales to families in the Diocese who were in very great distress." President, Mrs. L. N. Tucker; Vice.-Pres., Mrs. Downing; Treas., Mrs. A. K. Stuart.

The Prov. Dor. Sec., calls attention to changes of address; Rev. E. Lawlor, Broadbent Mission, Algoma; Rev. D. Curry, Ch. Ch., Peace River, Athabasca; Rev. H. Robinson, St. John's Mission, Upper Peace River, Atha.; Bales for Day Star's School, Qu'Appelle, Mrs. Smythe, teacher, to go c/o Rev. E. H. Bassing, Kutawa, via Qu'Appelle station, instead of address in October LEAFLET.

Letters from our Missionaries.—Domestic.

[PROVINCIAL]. Mrs. Geo. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake, Athabasca, writes to the Prov. Dorcas Sec., Miss Halson, "Indeed we thank you and all friends for the clothing, carpets, groceries, etc.; we shall have enough for the winter, except boys' clothing; we should be very glad of more stockings for girls, and socks for boys, also aprons for our larger girls; could you, through the LEAFLET, tell our kind friends the bales have arrived safely and we are most grateful for their contents."

From Mrs. Newnham, Moose Factory, Sept. 14th, 1898.

"Well, our summer has come and gone, and so has our ship, both leaving us good cheer enough to carry us through another year. I often wonder what we should do should that ship fail us. You may imagine what a real Thanksgiving Service we have the first Sunday after her coming. I have had a very busy summer. My husband went away the 12th of July to visit the east coast; shortly after he left, our right hand man and catechist, Sam, an Indian, developed housemaid's knee; this left me with all the responsibility of the outside work. I had some funny scenes and experiences with my Indian men. We get on famously together, but in this part of the world a woman is not supposed to have any brains, and no man would demean himself by taking orders from her. I found it difficult to make them understand that when I said I wanted a thing done in a certain way, I meant it. They thought to save me trouble by using their own judgement instead of following my instructions. For I was only a woman, poor thing, and how should I know? However, we managed after a time to come to an understanding, and then things went well. Our Indians are just going away for the winter; the Bishop had a good time with them before he went away. It is so good to see how the men think and talk about what they read in the good book amongst themselves. So often they come to my husband for explanations of texts that they have been talking over, and their expounding of them is sometimes original. For instance, John Jelpies thought that 'He that soweth sparingly,' meant the missionary's sowing the seed, the word of life. Another came very puzzled over that text in Peter about preaching to the spirits in

prison. For three weeks after my husband left, and before Mr. Farres returned, they carried on their daily and Sunday services themselves so nicely.—L. NEWNHAM.

[TORONTO]. Mrs Matheson, of Onion Lake, writing to the Cobourg Branch W.A. says, "It is like talking to an old friend to write you again. Your bale was one of two that reached us last week, I think, but there was no special name; twenty pounds of tea and the dresses for my children made us conclude that it was the Cobourg bale; the shirts, night-dresses and quilts were all most useful; our numbers are still increasing, so we make use of everything sent, and still have a great deal of sewing to do."

Archdeacon Mackay writing to the Mimico Branch of the W.A. to acknowledge the receipt of a valuable bale, gives the following very interesting information:—"On my visit to Sandy Lake I took out fourteen of my pupils, eight of them belonged to Sandy Lake; we have an encouraging number there; it is from sixty to seventy miles n. w. of Prince Albert; Rev. J. Taylor the Missionary in charge. To give you an idea of the difference between heathen and Christian Indians, I will give you a short account of two interviews. I went into a heathen Indian's tent, there were four men and a few women and children in the tent. After salutations and a little ordinary talk, the principal man asked me what my errand was? I told him that my errand was, in the first place, to see their reserve which was just then being surveyed. We, the Missionaries, had interested ourselves in the matter. We had done all we could for them, and I was glad that a reserve was being surveyed for them which had all the advantages required whenever they took to a settled mode of life. In the second, and most important place, my errand was, as they all knew, to teach them what would be for the well-being of their immortal souls. 'Well,' he said, 'so far as the reserve is concerned, I am glad that we have a reserve that the white man cannot encroach upon; but there are three things that I do not wish to see within the boundaries of our reserve. I don't want Christianity; I don't want a school, and I don't want the law. I don't want Christianity because we wish to follow the way of our fathers; we are Indians and we intend to remain Indians. I don't want schools: because I want the children to be happy and free from restraint. I don't want the law because we

are all good people, we never do anything wrong, and we have no use for the law. With regard to our souls, you always have a good deal to say about our souls; we don't want to hear anything about our souls; we know that we have souls and we know that there is a Muneto. Muneto will take care of our souls and we don't need to trouble ourselves about them; we only want to hear of something that will be for the good of our bodies.' This is the heathen Indian. Now we will turn to the Christian Indian. I have mentioned that 8 boys belonging to Sandy Lake Reserve accompanied me. On the morning of the day that I had arranged to leave, the parents of the boys brought their children back. After breakfast there was quite a little gathering and we had prayers in the open air. We knelt on the grass before the mission-house while I commended them to God's guidance and blessing. We then had our wagons loaded and our horses harnessed, and just as we were ready to start, the chief said, 'I wish to speak a few words, and I wish our Missionary, Mr. Taylor to hear me;' so I called Mr. Taylor, who was a little way off and the chief, first grasping my hand, said: 'All that I wish to say is to express my thankfulness. In the first place we are thankful for the care and instruction of our children; we see them here looking well and happy, nicely clothed, and we can see that they are improving. In the second place, you thought of us and you brought the children here to gladden our hearts. Our hearts are glad and we thank you. In the third place, we thank you for the Word of God that we have heard from you. We are always glad to see you in our church because we understand all you say, you speak our language like one of ourselves; in fact, you express things in our language better than we can because you know more. We are trying to follow what you tell us and what our Missionary here tells us, although we feel how weak we are, and as you said on Sunday, in the words of one of God's servants, 'Who is sufficient for these things?' I have been elected chief in my father's place; you know how he tried to help the good work; you know how he gave up, entirely, all heathen ways and tried to give himself up wholly to serve God; I am trying to walk in his footsteps. You have taught us that we are weak, and we know we are weak, but you have taught us, too, where to look for strength, and I trust in Him who is strong.' I think you will be interested in these

two speeches, and I think you will realize what a difference Christianity makes. It is the power of God unto salvation."

[MONTREAL]. Rev. C. Weaver, writing to Mrs. Nicholson from Wapuskow, Athabasca, says:—"A young man has just returned from the Athabasca River, where he had been with one canoe for supplies, and he happened to bring the two bales sent by you, so we opened them. A little coffee was spilled among the things as the lid had got loose, but very little was lost. I thank you very much indeed for the things, they all will be very useful. I indeed thank you and the donors, especially, for the groceries and the under-flannels, and the overcoat; it is, truly, a nice coat and will be very warm, so are the under-flannels. On some of our cold trips when we sleep out of doors in a snow camp, warm underclothes are a necessity. In travelling by dog-train we often run, generally walk, but for a short trip ride in a cariole, then with a big coat on and a good fur robe around the knees, a man can defy the cold. Please thank the kind donors very much; it is very kind, indeed, for them to think of our personal wants in this way, when we have never met them. I have been wondering, as we have yet no grant to support the children, that is none from outsiders—I receive \$250 from the Bishop making, with my salary of \$750, \$1,000 to carry on the work entirely. If you could from St. Martin's Branch, support a child for one year, say \$30; you see I hate begging, but out of this \$1,000 paid me by the Bishop, I have to board a young man and pay him \$100 to assist in the outside work; besides boarding a lady. That is for the young man \$200; for assistant lady's board, \$100—\$300 from \$1,000—\$700; out of that \$700, last winter, I had to support 23 children, with very little help from outside, and besides this, extremely heavy freight. I find I can bear the burden no longer, as I am already behind, without the church helps me more. Our freight is floated down the Athabasca river to the Pelican, where the H. B. Co. have a warehouse, just above the Pelican Falls or Rapids. Here things are carried across 4 miles of land, up a very high hill and across a swamp to the still water above the Pelican Rapids, and from there things are poled up this Pelican River and through several lakes to Wapuskow. On the journey 2 or 3 times every thing has to be carried over land by the men. Last winter we succeeded, by crossing the lakes and the rivers on the ice

and by cutting a road through heavy woods, in getting down to the warehouse with a team and bob-sleigh. There are two sets of bob-sleighs in here now, we have one and a trader has the other. Last winter it was very amusing to see the Indians all come to their doors to see our loads; we had in all 20 to 30 cwt., they thought they were tremendous loads after seeing, perhaps, 3 sacks of flour on a dog-sleigh. To freight in this winter with horses, instead of canoes, will save about \$200, just from the warehouse of the H. B. Co., Pelican Portages to Wapuskow costs usually \$2.00 a hundred lbs., and in a year's supply I always have over 100 pieces. The children are at home for their holidays, we intend to start school a little later this year for two reasons. We have no grant from the Government, and to save 6 weeks provisions for, say, 18 or 19 scholars is a consideration, especially by this means I shall avoid getting up so much by canoe. In supporting our children we cannot depend on fish, for while the lakes abound in fine fish, in either very cold or very hot weather they go out into the great depths and cannot be caught. So in the summer and in the winter the people often starve. Mrs. Young spent about 3 months here during our time of scarcity, and she felt for the people who would come in saying they had nothing to eat and we would, then, have to give some of our little store of flour. Even though Mrs. Young was our Bishop's wife, we had often only bread and butter to put on the table. I have been able, gradually, to get some cattle, and now I have 12 head, and we have been able with 3 cows milking to make butter about twice a week; this has been a great help. We have some pigs and poultry: both pigs and poultry are kept in dog-proof pens, there being a large number of dogs kept for working in the winter; we also have a large garden. We have a great deal of physical work, both winter and summer, and I have to raise all I can towards supporting the children. I do not like to beg, we stand out here doing for her, the church's work, that work the ascending Lord left His people to do; so is it too much to ask the church, at large, to bear the burden. Suppose every communicant of our church gave freely, a little, to our Lord, I think the men in the field would not only be greatly strengthened, but new work opened up here, leaving out of calculation the numbers needed in the foreign field to open new missions; willing men are wanted if these Indians are to be reached.

We have great distances to travel, through bush and muskeg, by river and lake to reach the few. The people follow their food; the Indians make their headquarters by the lakes spring and fall. Late in the autumn they lay in a supply of frozen fish to use in the winter. About Christmas they hunt in the woods, living in tents; in the coldest months they live at the little settlement on their fish, and start off for their hunting fields early in spring, until the fur of the animals gets thin, then they come home again until the middle of the summer, and are off again, returning after a month or two to lay in the winter's supply of fish again."

[HURON]. *Rev. T. A. Teitelbaum, Saltcoats, to Simcoe Branch*

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of two barrels and one box of clothing and stores for the use of the hospital. Please convey to your Branch and the Girl's Auxiliary our best thanks for their kindness in sending us so many useful articles. The stores are especially useful, and as we have recently added a Nurse's House, the carpets were just what we needed."

Miss Philips, Onion Lake, to Walkerton Branch.

"We have just returned from camping, and I find a very pretty quilt from the W.A. ladies of Walkerton awaiting me, for which I thank you very much, for it is a very useful article, especially up here; the winters are so cold, our Indians are begging for quilts or shawls to keep them warm. We are a busy people here; some of our pupils are not yet back from their summer holidays, but we are about forty all-together to feed, clothe, teach and care for. We are very glad to have Mrs. Matheson home again, and with her knowledge of medicine. Please pray for us; I have been here nearly four years, and I feel more every day what a great responsibility we have in the training of these dear lambs for Him; pray that they may be all His before they leave us to go back to their homes. I often think of you and say, 'well, we could not carry on the work but for those dear women;' God bless you all in your great work; you will never know how much you help the work in these out-of-the-way places with your generous help."

Rev. J. Matheson, Onion Lake, to Walkerton Branch.

"Yours was a valuable bale indeed; those quilts are fine; one handsome one we appropriated for our own little girls. And those

pants, they were indeed a welcome thing. If there was one thing we needed more than another, I should say it was pants; we get so few of them in boy's sizes, and where there are over 20 boys to furnish, any mother can guess pretty near the amount of sewing and mending and making entailed on the workers. Mrs. Matheson asks me to thank you for that fine jacket sent to herself; she says, 'tell the donor it just fits me, and I needed it.' It was a kind thought to send it. Some of the Indian girls will be putting on lots of style this fall, with their pretty new hoods, and the soap will help to make things more stylish still. Those strong cotton shirts are a great thing; Indians always prefer cotton ones to flannel. Now for some news of our mission. Miss Philips and Miss Shaw are out in camp with nearly all the children. The camp is about forty miles from here on the banks of Moose Creek."

Rev. G. Gander, South River, writes to Holy Trinity Branch, Chatham.

"If our dear friends who have spent so much time and labour in preparing these bales could see what happiness and joy they give to our needy ones, they would feel in some measure repaid for the sacrifice they have made in their behalf."

[NIAGARA]. *From Mrs. S. E. Smythe, Day Star's Reserve, Kutawa, to Junior Branch, Meritton.*

"It is a day school, so that the children are not nearly so well off as in the boarding schools. The Government supply hard tack biscuits for dinner, of which, every child is allowed 2 on cold days. I have always given them tea at my own expense. So I was very pleased indeed with the groceries, as now I can give them rice or oat-meal which, with their biscuits soaked, makes them quite a nice warm meal, which they require in cold weather. My salary is not large. I paid \$1. for the bale to come from the station, so I use some of the groceries. I teach the girls sewing and knitting, and when they have the material can make their own clothes and knit their mitts and socks; yarn is supplied by the Government, also soap, as they all have to wash when they come to school, as sometimes they come painted all colors. I have bought a small organ and taught them singing, and they sing very nicely; I hope I am doing them good as it is a very isolated position. I am 4½ miles from any white person, 8 miles from the P.O. and go from a station. We have a mail once

a week; reading matter is very scarce here; if among some of the members you could occasionally send me a book they have done with, I should be very pleased. We hold service in the school-room every Sunday now. Our new Missionary, Mr. Bassing, helps me very much. My brother, Rev. Canon Beck, Rector of Scotter, Lincoln, England, was connected with the Society for Mission work for some years; he died about two years ago; I miss him so much. The boys pants sent were much too small for any boy, as they always wear pants or leggings down to their feet as soon as they walk, but they just fitted our farm Instructor's little boy; He lives on the next reserve, 8 miles away, so he is to give me some flannel for them to make the girls a dress. The Indians always keep their young babies in a moss bag, strapped on a board, and stand it up in any part of the house or tent. The Indian children can model anything they have seen. horses, cows, pigs, sheep, buffalo, deer, dogs, any animal at all; I think their eye must be very accurate."

From Lizzie Many-Horses, pupil, in Sarcee Home, to Cor. Sec.

"We are very busy since we got the kitchen; I like the kitchen work very much. Miss Crawford told me to write to you. I will try and tell you all about the kitchen and what we do. Our teacher, Mr. Percy Stocken, made the kitchen for the girls to learn how to cook, and we learn lot; and some other men made old dining-room for school; some boys help them. Our school-room is very large and long, and so they made the kitchen other part of the school, and other the dining-room. First the boys had the kitchen and now we have the kitchen; I suppose that the boys are very glad. We have 8 girls here and 6 boys; four big girls and four little girls; I think one big boy and five little boys; and we got two women for the girls, Miss Crawford and Mrs. Marriott; I like both of them. Mrs. Marriott is motherly old woman. she very quiet and kind. Sometimes Miss Crawford get so tired; she have to look after everything and teach us how to cook. I must close my letter with much love. Your loving friend.—LIZZIE MANY-HORSES."

Extract of letter from Miss J. Crawford, Sarcee Reserve, to Cor. Sec.

She refers to Miss Symonds leaving, and says: "For six weeks there was no one but Mr. Stocken in the Boys' Home. He and I took

turns cooking and teaching, he did all the baking and we had to manage as best we could, for children must have their meals. Besides the school work and cooking there was all the mending to look after. Then when Mrs. Stewart, the new Matron, arrived there was a lot of cleaning to be done. She was here but one week when she had congestion of the lungs. After she was over that illness she had another and then another severe illness, which necessitated her going to the General Hospital, Calgary. On the 29th May we had His Lordship the Bishop. In the morning three girls were baptized by Archdeacon Tims; they were Elizabeth Many Horses, Mary Big Crow and Annie One Spot. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Crowchild, Bessie's father and mother, and James Big Plum, Bessie's uncle, were confirmed. Bessie is such a frail little body, but has such a bright lively spirit; she is such a good child, and always wanting to help everybody. I have been so happy in my work here, and greatly blessed in every way. The girls are so good and such a help; often and often since I have been busy they have given up their half holiday to help me. Last Wednesday we cleaned the school room, it is very large, 30 feet long by about 18 feet wide, the ceiling is very high and the walls all wood, there are nine windows and three doors besides the furniture; we did it all thoroughly, it took us till 8 p.m. Last Saturday Mr. Percy took us across the creek, and we had a little picnic in the woods; we had bread and butter and candy, and a bottle of milk and water to drink. Coming home little Sarah Big Crow lost her balance and fell into the water, it was so warm however that it did not hurt her. I shall try to have the girls write sometimes; their English is a literal translation of their own. They have all grown so rapidly this last year."

From Rev. Geo. Bruce, to the W.A. of Niagara-on-the-Lake

"We are now waiting for the weather to allow of our completing the new church; we are hoping to have it done by July. As usual, I will have to say that as to furnishing a Holy Table, or Desk, I see no prospects; it is uphill work, having no carpenter and everything to be done as best we can among ourselves. We would probably have finished the building last summer, but the material was not fit for the purpose, so we had to get the lumber from Westbourne, late in October, too late to attempt the work. You ask if the bales are too

large? I often think ladies in Canada must think missionaries are noted beggars, and very selfish, the more we get the more we want ; but all sizes are gratefully appreciated, and no bale can be too large for Fairford, for there is a ready back for every article, from one day to three score years old; but as you ask what is most needed, allow me to say coats and trousers, especially second-hand overcoats, as if a man has a warm coat he can go out hunting and earn a little. As to the freight, goods come on from Westbourne by water. If at Westbourne by the first week in October it can come on boat, if later it has to remain till the ice is strong enough for horses and sleigh, which is not till the end of December."

[ONTARIO]. *From Rev. A. Cook, Kutawa, to Miss Bleasdel, Trenton.*

"I am sorry that this second letter is so long in coming to you. The superintendent of the J.W.A. has asked me to write them a letter also ; so I must divide the substance between you. The Junior Branch has, indeed, done well in their first attempt to aid the missionary cause ; but perhaps I mayn't say more for fear of exciting envy of this their well directed beginning. I would, therefore, thank you for the timely contents of your bale, the articles found needy and glad recipients ; if I may make special mention, I would say the shirts of men and boys, as well as the coats are well suited ; while of the jackets for women and girls, of which there was more than a dozen, I might make a suggestion ; they, the women, do not take as well to jackets as do the men to their clothes ; I would suggest, therefore, that if you have any poor in your district, it would be more satisfactory to give them than to send them to the Indians here. Medicines are always useful, and toys are a delight to the children. The Indians here continue about the same, and are always unprepared for the cold, by reason of their carelessness. They might make a very good living if they followed the advice of their agents and farm instructor. There has been a good deal of sickness. I have found some of the clothing I had given as charity, given to other Indians for medicine ; this is all very well as long as that Indian belong to the same reserve. I continue my work among them as usual ; they will not gather together for worship, so that I must visit them from house to house in winter and from tent to tent in summer ; but they are more attentive than they once were. I am hoping to take up work in Manitoba.

Mrs. Cook, through failing health, has been obliged to remain in Winnipeg."

[OTTAWA]. *From Rev. C. N. Chapman, Fort Churchill, Moosonee, to Sec., St. George's W.A.*

"I have been sent here to take the place of Rev. J. Lofthouse, and deem it my duty to write and thank the ladies of St. George's W.A. for their Christian love and warm-heartedness in sending so many nice things to help along our Master's work in this part of His vineyard. I unpacked the bale last week. Capt. Hawse, the H. B. C. officer in charge of the fort, tells me that the bale was partly opened when it came, but I don't find anything missing. The dress for Mrs. Lofthouse and the other things for her I have put away safely to be kept for her. The clothes, men's, are very much needed. The most suitable things for this cold climate are, heavy wove and flannel shirts, petticoats, stockings, jackets and warm infant's clothing. I want to add a word to the members of the C.C.M.G. The small package from them is just what is needed, and the contents will cause much joy to the dear little Indian children. Many of them will, I know, in their humble way, kneel down and ask God to bless the kind white children who have sent them their clothes. May God bless all His dear children at home and in this great silent land, too. Please excuse this letter as fuel is not plentiful and my hands are too cold to write better. Good-bye. May the dear Lord bless you one and all, and increase in you the loving missionary spirit. Pray for us that we may all be whole-hearted laborers in this great work of bringing many poor sin-stricken souls to the feet of Jesus. Yours, faithfully, in Christ, etc." P.S.—"My loving wife and little ones are living in Huntsville, Ontario. I am alone here. If you will write a word of comfort and cheer to her I will be glad. Remember the good words, 'In as much as ye hid it unto one of these.'"

FOREIGN.

[TORONTO]. *From the Secretary of the Fugin Kwai (or W.A.) Nagano, Japan.*

"I feel sure you will read my letter with patience, because I am not skilful in the English. Perhaps you know that I came to this place about three years ago when the medical work was removed from Kobe, and when the W.A. of the Canadian Church Mission (Nippon

Seikokwai) was formed in Nagano, I was appointed Secretary. We call the Association Fugin Kwai. So far we have given our money to the clergyman to apply as he wishes, but this year, I think, the clergy wish us to give some help to the Japanese Foreign Missionary Society to go to Formosa we think. Sometimes we feel our hearts very timid for we are only a few women and there is so much to do for God's work in our own country and also in other places, but we feel that our prayers are listened to and that our kind heavenly Father is, by His grace, letting us have strength to do many things for His glory. We are only sixteen members at this year's beginning, because many church women removed to other towns last year, but nearly everybody always comes to monthly meetings and often brings the friends who have not heard of the one true God and His Son who died for us all. We have a one united mind and try to do what we can. Some members visit the sick, others, who have time, make garments to earn money for Dorcas Guild, some have Fugin Kwai business to keep them busy, and others who have the many household duties try to please God by doing the duty well. Then we all pray for missions and give what we can afford every month to Fugin Kwai and try to visit the homes that are not under the influence of the true God. Now it makes me joyful to see how people of Nagano are changing, for very many go to new church and afterwards visit Mr. Waller to get the Christian teaching. When we all came here from Kobe, the children on the street were very rough and rude to us because we were Christians, especially bad to the foreign missionaries, often throwing stones and mud; but now it is ended and they do not act so. *We always conquer when we work for Christ's sake.* Many people are thankful for the good work of dispensary. We hear of your earnest prayers and thankoffering money and we are happy."

TOSHI TAKINONCHI.

ALGOMA.

[QUEBEC]. Mrs. Thornloe writing to Mrs. Ready, of Lennoxville W.A., to thank them for a welcome gift of \$25 to the Shingwauk Home, says,—“Mr. and Mrs. King are always so glad to welcome visitors. Mrs. King would take you over the class and dining rooms, the hard wood floors of which were laid by the boys, who scrub them with right good will, even the little ones helping. In the kitchen

there always seem to be a boy taking bread out of the ovens, they use about 60 loaves a day. Each boy makes his own bed. The little Memorial Chapel is so pretty, and in the cemetery close by, the sainted Bishop Fanquier lies surrounded by the Indians for whom he did so much. We have a small hospital and a farmer's house, for the boys learn farming, carpentering and tailoring. The boys are very fond of games, and often have football with the boys of the town. We are fortunate in having such a good principal as Mr. King, and Mrs. King is a great help to him. On Sunday mornings if you could stand at the corner of our street and see the boys walking up to church two and two in their neat uniforms with the masters in the rear, your heart would be glad; also to have seen some of those big Indian boys kneel before the Bishop to receive the rite of confirmation, with their brown faces so earnest and their manner so devout. A Sunday or two later, it was a touching sight to see them all march up the aisle single file, Indian fashion, with a master leading the way, and Mr. King following, kneeling again, humbly to partake of the Holy Communion. It made one realize what a blessed work the Home is really doing for their poor souls, in bringing them to the feet of our loving Saviour. I feel sure that you, and all the members of your Branch, will rejoice to feel that they are helping to carry on such a work as this. We do not, of course, expect our boys to do great things, but we hope that they may be able to raise the tone of the Indians amongst whom they live. One boy, whose education was begun here is, as you will remember we heard at the Triennial, now in Africa, and is to be sent by the W.A. to Collège for another year, when he will take up work as a missionary there. Another of our boys was visiting the Home last summer, he is a clergyman, I think, in the Diocese of Rupert's Land. One of our older boys, who left here last summer, has a place with a plumber in some city, I think, Ottawa. Of course these are only one or two amongst many, but we feel quite encouraged about the work of Christianizing the Indians, when we see the difference between the Nepigon and Gordon River Indians, and the wild pagan tribes."

For the information, interest and gratification of our members who subscribe to the LEAFLET, but do not often have the opportunity of reading Church Magazines, Synod Reports, etc., I copy the fol-

Following extract from the excellent report of the Bishop of Algoma to the last Provincial Synod, held in September:—"I cannot conclude without expressing my own and my people's gratitude for all the splendid help extended to us by the church in England and in Canada. To the great English Societies—the S.P.G., and the C. and C.C.S.—for large and unflinching grants of money towards our missionaries' stipends, and for many special benefactions, to the S. P. C. L. for innumerable gifts in aid of churches, for various donations of books and other gifts, but especially for the grant of £1,000 voted to our mission sustentation fund, to the English Algoma Association, which, since my visit to England, has renewed its activity in prayer and good works on our behalf and, under the able guidance of Miss Green, of No. 12, Sheffield Terrace, Kensington, is now one of our chief sources of encouragement and help; to our Domestic and Foreign Mission Board, which is still generous as ever in its recognition of our claims, and to the Woman's Auxiliary as a whole, and in its various Diocesan and Parochial Branches, without whose increasing benefactions and boundless sympathy we could hardly have maintained our work to the present time; to say nothing in detail of a host of private benefactors, parochial and individual, from whom has flowed out to us a constant stream of loving and liberal aid. To each and all of these we owe a debt it is simply impossible for us to pay. We can only pray that the same loving Father who has given them the heart to help us so unceasingly, may give us also our ardent desire to help, not only ourselves, but others who have need. Thus only can we make any adequate recognition of the blessings which have been poured upon us so abundantly in our days of trial. All which is respectfully submitted."

September 14th, 1898.

GEORGE ALGOMA.

Diocesan Branch Notes and News.

[QUEBEC]. **DIOCESAN MOTTO**:—"Ye have done it unto Me."

ACTONVALE—I am most happy to report that our Bi-monthly Meetings are still continued, although our numbers of late have diminished, from the removal of some of our church families to other parts. Still we try faithfully to do our part in the good work. Through the kindness of the Richmond Branch our parcel, we had prepared

for the Indians, was forwarded with theirs. COATICOOK—We have resumed our Monthly Meetings, after adjourning for July and August. The attendance has been very good of late; two new members have joined, and many seem to be taking a greater interest in mission work, although, I am sorry to say, there are still too many who, although nominally members, take no interest at all. Sometimes we, who are working members, get sadly discouraged. We are very busy just now in preparing our annual outfit for our Indian protege in St. Barnabas' Home. Hope to get it off this month, October. COOKSHIRE—There have been three meetings held during the past quarter with an average attendance of fifteen members. At each meeting one or more interesting papers on mission work have been read by members. Our President attended the Triennial Meeting held in Montreal in September, and gave us much valuable information on work going on in the different mission fields. UPPER IRELAND—Our meetings have been very regularly attended, often meeting every two weeks through the summer. It is very encouraging our work making such good progress and so many new members joining so heartily in the work. We have to record, with deep sorrow, the death of our much esteemed Secretary, Mrs. James Bennett, who was one of our most faithful and energetic workers, and whose presence is very much missed in our midst. Our esteemed pastor, Rev. Mr. Falconer, and Mrs. Falconer attend our meetings very regularly, their presence, encouraging acts and words have a great influence on members, and help them to work with more zeal. LENNOXVILLE—Resumed its monthly meetings in September. A special meeting was held on September 20th, at which very interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Banks of Toronto. The key-note of Mrs. Williamson's address being "Individual Responsibility." The serious nature of which she brought very forcibly to the hearts of every one present. Two new names have lately been added to our members' roll. LEVIS—Since last Annual Meeting, four meetings have been held with an average attendance of five. At a meeting on 24th June, an appeal was read from the Diocesan Branch for help towards their debt. \$1.25 was collected and sent to Mrs. Dunn. On the 22nd July a special meeting was held, at which \$1 was collected in aid of our W.A. On the 31st of August the mite boxes were called in, and the

contents, amounting to \$3.12, sent to the Dio. Treas. MARBLETON—Our meetings have been held regularly during the summer, but very few members attend. On Tuesday, October 11th, we had a quilting and 5 o'clock tea in the Church Hall. The proceeds amounted to \$3.50 which will go to buy new material to work on; we have 4 quilts finished, and quite a supply of children's clothing and men's shirts. We intend to send away our bale in the near future. PASPEBIAC—This Branch has held ten meetings this quarter, members having assembled fortnightly, with an average of nine. We hope to have our bale ready to send to the Rev. J. A. Maggrah, Islington Mission, Ont. about the middle of October. September 19th. RICHMOND AND MELBOURNE—Nothing special to report. Only two meetings have been held since the holidays. One new member came to us at the September meeting. SHERBROOKE—May 31st. a meeting was held which closed the business for the summer months. The autumn meeting was held September 27th, at which were present the Bishop of Algoma and Mrs. Thornloe. Mrs. Banks of Toronto was also our guest, and addressed us on W.A. work and North West Missions, telling us that the Peigan Reserve, alone, receives no aid from England as do the other Reserves, and therefore needs help from us, if Mr. Hinchliffe is to continue his work. The annual collections for the D. and F. Missions was called on. There were 41 present at this meeting. We were addressed by the Bishop of Algoma and a few words also from Mrs. Thornloe. QUEBEC (Cathedral)—There is very little to report since the last meeting. The weekly sewing meetings were resumed on October 10th with a very good attendance. A good deal of work was done during the summer, and several donations of clothing, etc., have been sent, so we hope to send off a bale very soon. QUEBEC (St. Matthew's)—A bale containing outfit for 5 boys was sent on the 1st October to the Rev. G. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake, Dio. Athabasca, for the Indian School.

JUNIOR BRANCHES.

ACTONVALE—We regret that, for the present, we have no Junior Branch. The few children there are work with the Seniors. MARBLETON—We have been organized one year. At a Bazaar held last December we made \$6.50, three of which we sent to Dio. Treas. after Mrs. Dunn's appeal. We now, October 15th, have two quilts ready

for the bale, and other articles. We hope to hold fortnightly meetings. We have about 25 members, the greater number being small children. We intend making quilts and dressing dolls for our next bale. SHERBROOKE—The Sherbrooke Branch is in good working order. There are generally good reports from Lennoxville and Melbourne, but at the time of the last Quarterly Diocesan Meeting no report had been sent.

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

The November Board Meeting was held, by invitation, of St. Simon's Branch, in their School-room, November 10th. The weather was most inclement, but the usual large attendance was not diminished. We had the pleasure of hearing Miss Gollock at the noon hour, and after lunch Miss Bird, a C.M.S. Missionary, gave a graphic description of her work among the women of Persia. The Extra-cent-a-day money was voted to the parsonage on Thunderchild's Reserve, Saskatchewan; the necessity for the rebuilding of the same was warmly endorsed by the Bishop of Saskatchewan. The formation of a Branch of the W.A. at Hawkstone was reported; we extend a warm welcome to our sisters of Hawkstone, and trust they may fully realize the benefits to themselves of joining in this work for our Master Jesus Christ. The hospitality of the members of St. Simon's W.A. was much appreciated by the meeting; this interval during the work of the day does much to promote the unity of our Auxiliary Branches. The report of the Parochial Missionary Association was heard with regret, and the President most earnestly urged upon the members present to do what lay in their power to increase the number of collectors, and bring this important duty of the Auxiliary more frequently before the Branch meetings. Diocesan Missions are our December subject for reading and prayer, and truly we of the Toronto Diocese need to daily remember the great needs of our missions. Let us pray with ever increasing faith that our Heavenly Father will incline the hearts of the men and women of our congregations to more fully realize the great extent of our mission stations, and the necessity for more liberality in Diocesan offerings. We can give help, indirectly, by trying to induce more persons to attend the Annual Missionary meeting in each parish, also by trying our best to have

good singing and the place of meeting looking bright and cheerful. Beginning at Jerusalem, may we women of the Auxiliary remember that God has graciously permitted us to band ourselves together as helpers to Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions. On the 8th November a large meeting was held in St. James' Cathedral School-house, called for the purpose of hearing Miss Gollock, C.M.S. Secretary of woman's work, and of seeing and hearing Mr. Waller of Nagano, Japan, the seeing of the lime-light views was most interesting, and the hearing made us all feel that a great work is indeed before us in assisting to our utmost in the conversion to Christianity of this wonderful Japanese nation. At the Board Meeting held on the 10th, \$20 was voted to Mr. Waller towards the completion of the church at Nagano. To all our readers we wish a Holy and Happy Christmas. If our week of self-denial has been spent, as we hope the members tried to spend it, viz., in the spirit of prayer and self-consecration, denying ourselves for His dear sake, then indeed the true spirit of Christmas will be ours, and we shall realize the grandeur of Missionary work which permits all to join in sending the glad tidings of great joy to those to whom the birth of Christ is unknown.

Mr. Kettle of Ursa writes as follows regarding the church at St. Alban's:—"We are indebted to the W.A. for many favors. The reading desk, with Bible and Prayer Book; the cover for communion table and the stained and varnished seats are visible to us each time we enter the church; there are about 35 scholars in the Sunday School, and articles for a Christmas tree would be most acceptable. At Young's Point Mr. Creswick is doing good work, and has got a strong horse, the very bad roads and long distances between stations, rendering two or even three horses almost a necessity. At Hindon, Stanhope, and Guilford townships, grand work was done by Mr. Madill, Mr. Broughall and Mr. Ryerson, all of Trinity College. Mr. Lawrence, formerly of Minden, speaks in terms of great praise of the self-denying summer work of these young men. Mr. Lawrence, we regret to say, has removed to Unionville, but unfortunately the change has not restored his health as it was hoped would be the case. The W.A. warmly welcome new Branches at Coulson, Cookstown and Hawkstone; may they carry out our motto, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

A REMINDER TO OUR CHURCH PEOPLE.

In 1881 the P.M.A., now called the P.M.C., (Collections instead of Association) was formed by our Bishop, a Branch to be in every parish, and regular systematic collections to be taken up, every member of the church to be called upon for this purpose, and not the will to do only. The P.M.A. was allowed to lapse in many parishes, chiefly from lack of sufficient helpers to ensure its faithful working. Recognizing this defeat, the Synod of 1894 appointed the W.A. their Executive in this matter, and the Bishop sent a circular letter to the incumbent of each parish, desiring that these collections be taken up under the care of the Woman's Auxiliary, also requesting that if a Branch of the W.A. was not already at work, that one be speedily organized in such parish. There are nearly 28,000 communicants (incomplete return); if each gave 5 cents per month, over \$10,000 would be realized by the P.M.C. alone; one cent a day would amount to over \$63,000 yearly, showing the value of regular giving of small sums. Envelopes are provided by the Committee of the P.M.C. for the purpose of enabling subscribers to place the amount promised on the offertory plate if so desired. A statement of the P.M.C. Fund is now in course of preparation, and will be sent to each Branch of the W.A., where the P.M. Collections are taken up; once get collectors interested with a full understanding of the vast importance of the work they are privileged to undertake for missions, and there is not much fear of failure. When persons know about missions, they will feel and pray and work; always remember "Freely ye have received freely give." E. M. WILLIAMSON, *Dio. Pres., Toronto W.A.*

THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY of All Saints', Whitby, have been very enterprising and sent off a bale to Mrs. Atkinson, Marksville, St. Joseph Island, Algoma; they fully deserved the following from Mrs. Atkinson,—“Your lovely bale arrived safely. I hardly know how to thank you sufficiently for all the pretty and useful articles it contained. The quilt by those dear little ones was so nice and well done, it will be given to an old lady who is very, very poor, she will be so grateful to the children this winter. The S.S. things were just what we wanted, there was no money on hand to buy any; the caps, coats, bonnets, shirts, etc., will be so much needed during the winter. Only yesterday I saw a family of children all bare-foot, and they had

dreadful colds. So many on the Island have measles, so we have many sick people. One old lady told me last week I had saved her life by giving her chicken broth; of course she only fancied that, but potatoes and corn-bread is not dainty fare when one is ill. Tell your Auxilliary members they do not half know the good they do to us, but they get their reward in the blessing of the people who are helped by them in their need."

[MONTREAL] DIOCESAN MOTTO—"Go work to-day in my vineyard."

We have been much gratified at the cordial response with which our appeal for letters from the Branches has been met. Indeed so many have been received that for the old reason, lack of space, we will be obliged to hold some over, though it is difficult to discriminate, until next month. We have again to offer a cordial welcome, this time to two new Life Members, the President of Granby Branch, Mrs. Robinson, whose Membership fee will be given to the Diocese of Algoma, and Mrs. Robt. Howard, late of St. Johns, P.Q., and now a member of our Diocesan W.A. Mrs. Howard's fee will be divided between Miss Paterson and the new Operating Chair to be purchased for Dynevor Hospital. At our last monthly meeting, on Nov. 3rd, a resolution was passed as follows: Miss McCord moved, seconded by Mrs. Denne, That there be a Thankoffering at our next Annual Meeting, the object of which shall be decided by vote at that meeting. Carried.

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

At a Meeting of the Diocesan President and Officers, held to make preliminary arrangements for the Annual Meeting, it was resolved to make *Tuesday*, the day on which the business of the Annual has hitherto begun, a "Quiet Day," to be conducted by the Bishop, Delegates and others attending the Annual Meeting will please arrive in London on *Monday evening*, or at all events by *noon* on *Tuesday*. The President wishes it to be understood that members have the privilege of suggesting subjects for spiritual thought on the *Quiet Day*, and are invited to do so, and to communicate the same to the corresponding Secretary, as soon as possible.

The Acting-Editor of the LEAFLET asks those few Branches and individual subscribers, who have not yet sent their LEAFLET sub-

scriptions, if they will do so at their earliest convenience, that the books may be balanced by the end of the year ; and will they also kindly let her know, as soon as possible, how many subscribers they have for the coming year, as new arrangements in LEAFLET matters have made this indispensable. The LEAFLET in its new form, with better paper and type, will commend itself still more to our members, who are asked to do what each one can to still further increase the circulation of our monthly messenger, which has undoubtedly been a blessing and help to W.A. work which is far from being realized. A member of our W.A. who does not take, and read, her LEAFLET, is not fully in touch with the work. Hearty thanks to those faithful workers who have helped it on.

Once again a happy and blessed Christmas to all our W.A. members, and all those for whom we work. When on Christmas Day we thank God for all His mercies to us, let us specially thank Him for allowing us the privilege of helping others, and making Christmas bright and glad in other homes—homes so strangely diverse—besides our own.

Mrs. Boomer sends following:—"Two little boys saved up their pocket money for Sidney Pritchard, till they had one dollar. The younger, only five years old, had five cents, looked in at a candy store window, fixed on his choice of a favorite brand, then remembered, shut his little fist tightly over the five cents, and ran for his life to the lady who took care of their pennies, 'There take it quick, it was nearly gone,' and, with probably a big lump in his throat, bolted as fast as he had come. Another dollar for Sidney from children in Montreal, and a gift of books, treasures of their own, from some children in Port Dover, who never forget to add to their morning and evening prayer the petition that the little lame boy may some day walk, nor do they forget the little Chinese children and their 'Dadas and Mamas,' of whom Miss Leslie told them."

Mrs. Boomer has received \$30 from her kind anonymous friend for the Education Fund, which came most opportunistically, as, unhappily, that fund is at a very low ebb. The Education Committee earnestly ask the Branches and friends to remember this work in their prayers and with their gifts, not to grow weary in well doing because the time seems long; a good work like this calls for patient faithful help.

and what has been done is in part failure if it does not stimulate the workers to further effort, for however much has been done, there still remains so much to do. One of our Missionary children has finished her business course, and the Committee is anxious to find a position for her in a family, even for a very small remuneration at first; she is a good type and short-hand writer. The other two children are fitting themselves to be teachers, and it is on their behalf that the Committee appeals to the Branches and friends to maintain this Fund in its efficiency and lighten the burden of responsibility and anxiety which rests on the devoted Treasurer.

Mrs. Falls, Grosvenor Street, London, has received, from England, a number of rare and valuable stamps, to sell for the benefit of Zenana Missions, or to exchange for Jubilee and Columbian stamps, the denomination of 50 cts. or over being specially asked for.

Following appeals are laid before the Huron Diocesan W.A., by the Pro. Cor. Sec., from the Rev. D. D. Macdonald, Thunderchild's Reserve, endorsed by the Bishop of Saskatchewan:—My Mission includes five Reserves, and the Bresaylor Settlement; there are seven hundred Indians and seventeen Church families in the settlement. I am the first resident clergyman, *and we have never had a Church* either for the Indians or for the settlers; services have been held in school-houses hitherto, but it is almost impossible to carry on the work as it should be done without suitable buildings for the worship of God. Two suitable Mission Churches could be built for about \$1,000 each; some local help in the way of cutting and hauling logs we can depend upon. I beg then to ask for the above amount. The churches will be about eight miles apart. There are about 117 Christian Indians on the Reserves." From Rev. R. Warrington, enclosed by Dr. Sweeny, Commissary for the Bishop of Moosonee: "May I venture to appeal on behalf of my work in the Diocese of Moosonee; I am Missionary at Chapleau, on the C.P.R., a station composed of a population of about eight hundred, of which a very small per cent claim allegiance to the Church. The building we use for worship is free of debt, but there is a debt of \$1100 on the parsonage, and it is for the reduction of this debt that I plead. Owing to the cost of building in these parts, it was impossible to erect a house with any pretension to comfort for less than \$1700. We have paid

off about \$500, collected in England, Montreal and elsewhere. As my people have as much as they can do to meet the current expenses of the church, I am forced to ask this outside aid. There are only twenty families, several of whom, owing to intermarriages, have other religious interests. I would be most thankful for \$50 to meet pressing liabilities." From the Bishop of Algoma: "The case of Sturgeon Falls is one which may possibly commend itself to the W.A. The Rev. Charles Piercey, who has just gone to the Falls, is quite unable to find a suitable house for his family to live in. The village is a good sized one, but largely French, our own people are few and poor. I have felt compelled to undertake the erection of a small one storied house, to cost about \$600, although I have, as yet, only \$60 towards it. I have made myself personally responsible for the work. If you can do anything to help me I shall be grateful indeed."

At our semi-Annual Meeting, the Diocesan Treasurer emphatically called attention to the fact that the quarter's salary and board for our Lady Missionary in the North West is due, and she had only \$14 in hand, and asked the Branches, who have not as yet paid this pledge, to kindly do so as soon as possible.

The Secretary of the Literature Committee desires to remind the Branches and members that October closes the year's subscription to the *Moosonee Mail Bag*, and she most earnestly hopes all will renew their subscriptions. All the proceeds of the *Moosonee Mail Bag* go to the work of that Diocese, and subscribing for it is one of the few ways in which we in Huron can help that far away Diocese. Miss Newnham—amid difficulties of which we, in our civilized centres have no conception, and discouragements which must sometimes weigh sorely on her heart—is bravely doing what she can to help Moosonee; shall not we, as members one of another, loyal daughters of our mother church do, at least, that one little thing to help her. Miss Newnham is a graceful, loving writer, sympathetic and rich in experience of life, and if those who do take the *Moosonee Mail Bag*, would pass it over to others with a prayerful God-speed, new friends and helpers would assuredly be raised up for lonely Moosonee.

Following interesting account of another *Deanery W.A. Meeting* comes from Galt. "On Tuesday, September 27th, our respected Diocesan President, Mrs. Baldwin, addressed the Galt W.A. Cordial

invitations to the Branches in the Deanery had been issued. Clever hands had transformed—with berries, vines and flowers—the white washed walls of the school-room into a thing of beauty. The day was warm and beautiful, yet wearing the tint of autumn, suggestive of thoughts pure and grave; and the Auxiliaries of Haysville and Preston were well represented, but the Berlin W.A. could not see its way to attend. (We hope to welcome our Berlin friends on some future occasion). The guests were received and entertained by friends, and at 3 p.m., Mrs. Baldwin, members of the W.A. and women of the congregation gathered in the church, where a glance at the well filled pews, told of the interest felt in the expected address. Mrs. Baldwin spoke earnestly and affectionately on matters relating to Missionary, Auxiliary and charitable work generally, and after an instructive hour's address, and the asking and answering of a few pertinent questions, all adjourned to the school-room, where our esteemed rector and his wife awaited the arrival of guests, a general invitation having been given to the congregation to partake of tea and join in the social intercourse of the evening. Tables were daintily set for the creature comforts, and with pleasant conversation the enjoyments of the tea-table time sped rapidly away and, reluctantly, we bade good-bye to Mrs. Baldwin and the many friends from Haysville, who had to leave by the 7 o'clock train. With music and merry chat the evening passed all too quickly, and by 10 o'clock we had said farewell to our Preston friends, and turned our steps homeward, convinced by our summer experiences that these Auxiliary reunions throughout the Deanery, which bring our scattered members for a while into personal contact, are a valuable aid in encouraging good fellowship and business knowledge among W.A. members."

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

Our own Diocese claims our consideration this month, and no subject is of more serious importance to us, as Church women. To every Diocese its own Missionary work must be of the first importance, but with us, owing to the recent decision, we are left with what formed the greater part of the Missionary work of this undivided Diocese, and with reduced resources. It is to be feared that our Church people do not realize that an addition of \$700 to our usual income is necessary to carry on the present Diocesan Mission work.

To do as we have hitherto done means the withdrawal of the Churches ministrations from some of the poorer parts. Our special offering this year is to be given to Diocesan Missions, and no part of the great Mission field of the world has a stronger or more imperative call for a generous response. Our last Annual Reports tell us that we have 50 Branches of the W. A. with a membership of 1,217. Last year we gave to our Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$340; the members of our Branches have since increased, and it but requires a little more zeal and self-denial to exceed this amount. An average of \$8 from each Branch is certainly not too much to hope for. Dear friends let us think very seriously over this matter, and determine, with God's help to do what we can to assist those who are endeavouring to uphold the Church in the poorer districts of our own Diocese.

On the evening of the 18th of Nov., was held the regular union meeting of the Kingston Branches of the W. A., in St. George's Hall. The Dean opened the meeting with prayer. The reports from various parochial Branches were then presented, all of an encouraging nature, especially those from the Junior Branches. Notice was given of the Annual Service to be held in the Cathedral on the morning of St. Andrew's Day, all members of the W. A. were asked to make an effort to be present. Most interesting and instructive addresses were given by Miss Gollock and Miss Bird; the latter wearing the costume of a Persian woman, she having spent six years as a missionary in that country.

Three appeals were before the November Board Meeting. The Rev. D. D. McDonald writes from Thunderchild's Reserve, asking for help towards building two small Mission Churches. The Bishop of Algoma writes that he has become personally responsible for the erection of a small one-story house at Sturgeon Falls, to cost \$600, there being none suitable for the Missionary to live in, and adds, if you can do anything to help me I shall be grateful indeed. The third appeal comes from Chapleau, Dio. Moosonee, asking for assistance in reducing the debt on the parsonage recently built there.

The Branch notes come from the Rural Deanery of Lennox and Addington: Amherst Island reports two business meetings; the work for the bale, which is now ready, being done at home. The Camden East Secretary writes, that unfavourable weather has inter

ferred somewhat with their meetings. A bale is nearly ready. The Missionary Litany is read at their meetings. Fredricksburg has nine members: six meetings have been held beginning in May and continuing on to October. They are discontinued during the winter. The C.C.M.G. continues its work. Reports from Trinity, Brockville and Maitland, came too late for our last issue. Trinity has regular weekly meetings with good attendance, and a C.C.M.G. has been organized, with twenty members. A visit from Mr. Waller was much appreciated. Maitland has suspended work but hopes to begin again in the near future. Bath is organizing a J.W.A., eighteen have enrolled themselves as members.

We hope *all* the Branches are now supplied with copies of the Missionary Litany, and that it is faithfully read at all the meetings.

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

At the Board Meeting, held on Nov. 10th, we had the great privilege of hearing Miss Bird, for six years Missionary in Persia. After a few complimentary words as to the work of the W.A. in Canada, she drew the following comparisons from the tenth chapter of Daniel: With Daniel we are fellow workers with God, and like him often feel unfit for the task before us, “There remained no strength in me” (9th v.), In the 10th verse he was “Set upon his knees and upon the palms of his hands”—the attitude of prayer—In the 11th was told to “Stand upright” and when he had “Risen, trembling,” was further told to “Fear not.” So we need not fear going at God’s bidding to any work He may assign to us. In the 14th verse as a further step, he was “Made to understand” what should happen, and in the 17th “One touched my lips” (so we too must have the live coal from off God’s Altar). In the 18th verse we read, “He strengthened me,” and in the 19th he was encouraged to “Be strong, yea be strong.” She then spoke of the great need for the Gospel in Mohammedan lands, there being 206,000,000 of these people. The first sound in the morning is the sound of prayer, but she never could find one woman who could translate the prayers they say into their own language. The intellect of the women is dwarfed and their worst passions cultivated to the highest degree. The women come of age at nine years, the men at fifteen. Mohammedan women are so surprised at our Lord’s com-

passion to women; they say "Jesus Christ kept a rich man waiting that he might heal a poor woman that couldn't pay Him." Medical work is the best way of gaining an entrance into the Zenanas, and much good has been accomplished by the Mission Hospital. Four women have been baptized and 18 or 20 men. The difficulties of coming out for Christ are enormous, the converts have to suffer persecutions of all kinds. In Persia the Missionaries go at their own risk, not as British subjects.

After Miss Bird's address the usual business was transacted. The Treasurer has \$6.48 of the E.-C.-A. Day money. An appeal from Mr. McDonald, Thunderchild's Reserve, for \$2.000 for building two Churches was read.

The Quarterly Meeting is to be held on the 2nd Thursday in December. It is expected that Rev. J. G. Waller, of Japan, and Mrs. Waller, will speak at the meeting, when it is hoped the attendance will be large.

The Treasurer hopes the Branches will fulfil their pledges promptly; the Lady Missionary Fund and the Diocesan Fund have both to be made up. The Fergus Branch has contributed \$6 or \$7 towards their own Mission, which is helped by the Diocesan Fund.

The Secretary for Junior Branches acknowledges with thanks the following contributions towards the purchase of a cow for the Sarcee Home: Grace Church, Arthur, \$1; St. George's, St. Catharines, \$1; St. George's, Georgetown, 40 cts.; St. James, Dundas, \$1.25; Trinity, Chippewa, \$1; St. John's, Stewarttown, 55 cts.; St. James', Merritton, \$1.30; St. Luke's, Burlington, \$6.

[OTTAWA]. DIOCESAN MOTTO:—"God is love."

The Monthly Board Meeting was held in St. George's School-room, Nov. 17th. The Cor. Sec. read a letter from Miss Brown; she acknowledged with gratitude the cheque sent, and expressed the hope of being able to resume her work in spring. Appeals were read from Sturgeon Falls, Chapleau and Diocese of Saskatchewan. A portable Font was required for Red Earth, Moose Lake, Big Eddy, Birch River and Cumberland. The Dorcas Secretary reported eight bales sent out, cash value, \$154.87. Treasurer reported receipts for month, \$95.28; expenditure, \$12. The Organizing Sec. reported six

new Branches. The Sec. for Junior work read letters from Carleton place, Cornwall, Wales, Pembroke, Vankleek Hill and Perth. It was decided that Ottawa Diocese should undertake the future education of Muriel Bell, and also join with Ontario in educating, for two years, the daughter of Rev. Mr. Davis, of Sapperton. Miss Winnifred Dawson was elected Sec. of Literature.

WALES—A most successful Conference of the W.A. in the Deanery of Stormont, was held in Wales, Oct. 18th; 45 members present. An excellent paper was read by Mrs. C. A. Manning, Wales, entitled Thankfulness, and how it may be used to promote the Missionary work of the Church. After citing the many spiritual and temporal blessings for which one should be thankful, she pointed out a very practical way of expressing gratitude, *i.e.*, by a systematic expenditure of time and money. In the general discussion which followed, mite boxes were strongly recommended. Miss White, Cornwall, then read a paper entitled "How can we arouse indifferent members to active interest in the work." She thought that the meetings might be made a little more interesting, even though it did involve a little extra forethought and labour; also suggested the advisability of all members remaining until the meeting was *over*. The interested members should pay attention to the *little things*, a kind word, a bright smile; and a lively interest in these indifferent members, would do much to promote greater Mission work. The President expressed a wish that all members of the W.A. should communicate the first Sunday in each month, making special intercessions for the work of the W.A. The Bishop and Clergy attended the Deanery Meeting assembled to have a conference with the W.A. Mrs. Houston resigned her seat in favour of His Lordship the Bishop. He expressed great pleasure in seeing so many workers of the W.A. gathered together; hoped that there would soon be a W.A. in each parish; pointed out the advantages of a meeting together of the clergy and members of the W.A. once in the year. The clergy would have an excellent opportunity of finding out the methods and plans of the W.A.; those who had no Auxiliary could state their reasons and excuses, while the members of the W.A. would have an opportunity of refuting or explaining any objections raised. A practical outcome of the Conference was the invitation tendered by G. Sills to form a Branch in his parish.

Dorcass Reports.

[TORONTO]. Room 39, The Forum, Yonge Street.

Branches have forwarded to the following places:—Toronto.—St. Matthias', Rev. J. Settee, Cumberland; St. Thomas', *Onion Lake*; All Saints' Gleaners, *Fort Pelley*; Hastings, *Red Crow's Camp*; Rose-neath, *Red Crow's Camp*; Rosemount, *Wapuskaw*; Norwood, *Black-foot Home*; Mono Mills, *Central Rooms*; Campbellford, *Fort a la Corne*; Newcastle, *Sarcee Home*; Churchill, *Central Rooms*; King, *Gordon School*; Otonabee, *Blackfoot Home*; Margaret Mission Band, *Port Hope, Marksville*; Central Rooms, *Missionary, Rupert's Land*; *Port Carling for sale, Harleybury, Little Current*. JUNIORS.—Whitby, *Marksville*. A member of the W.A. in Toronto sent a Bible and Prayer Book for St. George's, Haliburton, in answer to a need mentioned in the *Diocesan Chronicle*. A Secretary of a Girl's Branch writes:—"We have the best bale we have ever had; it is worth nearly double any previous ones. We girls all gave free-will offerings, or so much a month instead of having any entertainment. I feel so delighted and thankful to God it has been a success, for I think work done for God should be given without getting your money's worth." Many Branches are working for Christmas bales and gifts for Sunday School children, and I am sure when Christmas day comes it will be made happier to all these, by the thought that they have in this way made it happier to others less highly favored than themselves.—FANNIE H. BANKS, *Dor. Sec.-Treas.*

[HURON]. CHATHAM (Holy Trinity)—Sent two large bales to the Rev. G. Gander, South River. WALKERTON—We have resumed our meetings and will work again this year for Rev. J. Matheson, *Onion Lake*.

[ONTARIO]. PORTSMOUTH—Bale to *Red Crow's Camp, Blood Reserve, Rev. E. H. Hockley*: all new garments in this large bale. TRENTON J. W.A.—Bale to *Kissock Homes, Blood Reserve*. PICTON—Bale to *Peigan Reserve*; a feature in this was soap and baking powder. GANANOQUE—Sent with this the promised pillows and slips. All of the above were in Calgary Diocese. BURRITT'S RAPIDS—Bale to *Elkhorn, Washakada Home, Dio. R.L.* MERRICKVILLE—Bale to *Mrs. Desmarais, Little Pines' Reserve, Dio. Sask.*; Secretary writes, "Our Branch worked harder than ever." KEMPTVILLE—Bale to

Rev. Jno. Sanders, Biscotasing, Dio. Moosonee. "A larger bale than last year," says the Secretary of the Branch. The new and only Branch in the Diocese of Moosonee is working for a sale for the parsonage and would be so glad of help. If any of our W.A.'s. would make even a few things and send by post it would encourage them. The address is, Mrs. G. B. Nicholson, Cor. Sec., W.A., Chapleau, Ont. If any one sends please report to me. A. MUCKLESTON, *Dor. Sec.* [OTTAWA]. Bales sent out as follows:—*Iroquois, Marksville, Dio. Algoma; Arnprior, Rosseau, Dio. Algoma; L'Original, Sarcee Reserve. Dio. Calgary; Cornwall W.A. and J.W.A., Onion Lake; Fenaghvale, Arch. Phair, Winnipeg; Wales W.A. and J.W.A., Frenchman's Head, Rupert's Land.* CAROLINE F. GREEN.

Treasurers' Statements.

TORONTO.—From 20th October, to 20th November, 1898.

RECEIPTS.	
Diocesan	
All Saints'	\$ 6 35
" " Girls	3 00
Irondale Church, C.M.	10 00
Algoma	
St. Thomas'	3 00
Church Redeemer	10 00
All Saints'	75
C.M.	10 00
Temiscamingue	
St. Thomas'	5 00
Church Epiphany.....	7 82
All Saint's Girls	3 00
Trinity Church	45
All Saints'	2 55
Shingwank Home	
Ruby Day, St. Luke's, B.C. ...	12 50
Rupert's Island	
All Saints' Girls	2 00
Miss Phillip's Salary	
Emily, W.A.	7 00
Miss Durnall's Salary	
All Saints' Girls	2 00
Irene Training School	
C.M.	5 00
Mackenzie River	
Mrs. Osler's Mite Box and gift	
C.M.	10 00
Blackfoot Home	
St. Thomas'	5 00
St. George's	15 00
Church Epiphany	25 00
Innisfil	2 50
Baillieboro	5 00
Trinity Church	70
Matron's Salary.	
St. George's	13 00
Trinity	45
All Saints'	15 00
Church Redeemer	10 00
Brampton	5 00
St. Paul's	30 00
Blackfoot Hospital (Nurse)	
St. Stephen's Girls	3 78
Innisfil	2 50
Birthday gift, C.M.	1 00
C.E.Z.S.	
Omeme	10 00
Church Redeemer S.S.....	10 00
Japan	
C.C.M.A.—Church Epiphany...	6 32
Nagano Church—	
St. Stephen's Girls	1 00
Support of girl in Miss Pater-	
son's Training Home—	
St. James' Cathedral Young	
Women	31 28
Chinese in B.C.—C.M.	10 00
Rent	
St. Thomas'	2 00
Trinity Church.....	45
All Saints'	25
Education	
Trinity Church.....	90
St. Stephens' Mrs. Worts.....	5 60
Triennial Thankoffering.	
St. Luke's	5 00
" " A member.....	2 50
LEAFLET Balance.....	131 00
Collection Miss. Meeting, Nov. 8th	43 00
Expense Fund—Mrs. Osler...	1 00

TORONTO—Continued.

D. & F. Society	
Domestic Undesignated.	
C.M.	25 00
Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund	76 24
Collection Monthly Meeting	6 49
Members' Fees—Mono Mills.	1 50
	\$614 24
EXPENDITURE.	
Account Books, Treasurer.....	\$ 4 20
Matron's Salary, balance due to Oct. 31st.....	104 17

Miss I. Turner	75 00
Miss A. Turner.....	50 00
Rent Central Room.....	10 00
Dorcas Postage.....	10 00
Mr. Whittemore, gas, etc.....	7 50
Rev. J. G. Waller, R.R. expenses	1 00
Caretaker	50
Nagano Church.....	20 00
Thunderchild's Reserve, E-c-a-d.	76 24
2,000 member's cards.....	7 50
	\$366 11

ALICE GRINDLAY, *Treas.*

P.M.C.—From October 13th, to November 18th, 1898.

Ashburnham	\$ 5 20
Campbellford.....	14 30
Cavan, St. Thomas'	6 20
Coboconk, St. Thomas'	3 30
Cobourg, St. Peter's.....	3 25
Deer Park, Christ Church.....	8 95
Port Hope, St. John's.....	21 75
Penetanguishene, All Saints'	3 99
Mimico, Christ Church.....	12 00
Uxbridge.....	3 75
Toronto—	
All Saints'.....	19 85
St. Anne's.....	12 50
Church Ascension	5 35
St. Cyprian's	1 30
St. John's.....	20 00
St. Mary Magdalene	23 90

St. Mark's, Parkdale	15 70
St. Paul's.....	25 70
St. Simon's	24 30
St. Philip's	6 80
Trinity, East	17 00
	\$255 09

Divided as follows:

Diocesan	\$195 99
Algoma	13 10
North West	23 05
Foreign	15 45
Zenana	1 00
Jews	4 25
Chinese, B.C.	25
	\$255 09

JESSIE HOSKIN, *Sec. Treas.*

MONTREAL.

RECEIPTS.	
Member's Fees	
Mrs. G. A. Kohl.....	\$ 1 00
Mrs. Hutton.....	1 00
Mrs. Geo. Ross.....	1 00
Miss E. Rogers.....	1 00
Diocesan Missions	
"I.H.N." Society, per Mrs. McCuaig.....	50 50
Shrewsbury, Parish of Lakefield	90
Refund on sale of Literature.	2 15
Printing Fund	
Mrs. Hutton	25
Mrs. Kohl	25
Mrs. Geo. Ross	25
Mrs. E. Rogers	25
Shrewsbury	25
Educational fund.	
Rev. C. C. and Mrs. Waller...	2 50
Extra Cent-a-day Fund.....	62

Huron	
Mrs. Rexford's children, for Sidney Pritchard	2 50
Zenana	
Miss Lizzie Brighton, per Sister Edith	1 00
Mackenzie River	
St. George's Branch, for portable Font.....	5 00
Athabasca	
Rev. J. Holmes, portable Font, per sale of goods	3 00
H.H. 50 cents. R.H. 25 cents.	75
Japan.	
Miss Paterson's substitute—	
Mrs. Holden	1 00
	\$73 67

MONTREAL—Continued.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Qu'Appelle, Salt Coats Hospital.	\$ 5 00
Mackenzie River, Bishop Reeve.	5 00
Athabasca Diocese, Rev. Geo. Holmes	3 75
Huron Diocese, Mrs. Boomer.....	1 00
Diocesan Missions— Dunham College	50 50

Trustees for Table in Synod Hall	2 00
Postage and P. O. orders for Treasurer	50
	\$67 75
Balance in Hand	\$27 87

JESSIE DAWSON.

HURON.

RECEIPTS.

General Fund

Collection at Semi Annual ...	\$2 00
Lucan, Mem. pins	1 50
Bervie	1 10
Galt	2 49
St. Thomas, Life Mem. pin...	2 50
Strathroy	1 90
Falkland	80
Glanworth Jrs.	60
London, St. Anne's.....	50

Lady Miss., China

Lon'on, Memorial Church ...	7 00
Galt	3 31
Glanworth, Extra-C.-a-week.	2 08
London, Christ Ch. a friend.	25 00

Lady Miss., N.W.

Tilsonburg	50
London, St. James'.....	5 00
Glanworth	1 00
London, St. James' Jrs.....	2 00
Strathroy	6 00
Goderich	2 00
Glanworth Jrs.....	50
London, St. Anne's.....	2 50

Lady Miss., Japan

Woodstock, New St. Paul's ...	5 00
Glanworth	1 00
London, St. James' Jrs.....	50
Strathroy	2 00
Goderich	2 00
Glanworth Jrs.	25

Algona

Port. Dover.....	5 00
Woodstock N.S.P., In Mem- ory of the late Mrs. Caulfield	25 00

Education

Aylmer.....	3 00
Ingersoll.....	1 00
Sarnia	1 00
A friend, per Mrs. Boomer ...	30 00

Lion's Head

Tilsonburg	2 00
Brantford Branch for debt.....	3 04

Glanworth	3 00
London, St. James' Jrs.....	2 00
Strathroy.....	2 00
Goderich.....	2 00
Glanworth Jrs.	50
London, St. Anne's.....	1 00

Literature

Woodstock, New St. Paul's..	25
Glanworth	25
Thorndale	25

Mrs. Spendlove's baic

Galt	1 00
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Sidney Pritchard

Per Mrs. Boomer— Mrs. Grindlay	5 50
H. and J. Granger	1 00
Children of Mrs. Rexford...	1 00
S. Thomas' W.A. Hamilton...	1 00

Lady Miss, Onion Lake

Thorndale	75
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Hospital in Japan

Woodstock, O.S.P. Girl's H.B.	5 00
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Diocesan Missions

St. Thomas' Mrs. Bains' Life Membership	25 00
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Miss Young, Japan

Ingersoll, G.M.B.....	1 00
Tyrconnell	1 50
Tilsonburg	2 00
Glanworth	1 00

Kauyengeh

Woodstock, N.S.P.....	2 00
London, St. James'.....	1 00
Glanworth	1 00
London, St. James' Jrs.....	1 00
Strathroy	1 00
Goderich.....	2 00
Glanworth Jrs.	25

Omokene

Glanworth, Thanksgiving.....	1 00
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\$227 23

HURON—Continued.

DISBURSEMENTS

Stamps and P.O. orders.....	\$ 2 13
Letter Book	30
Lady Miss N.W.—To Rev. H. J. Stocken	28 00
Omoksene, for little Katie	15 00
“ Hospital	3 50
Algoma—To Bishop of Algoma.....	25 00
“ D. Kemp	26 50

Education—To Mrs. Falls	20 00
Sarcee—To Rev. H. J. Stocken...	1 00
Freight on Mrs. Spendlove's bale ..	20 49
“ Rev. I. O. Stringer's " ..	5 00
For Mrs. Spendlove	5 00
Sidney Pritchard—To Miss Penny ..	18 00
Kanjengah—To Miss Kerby	50 00

JESSIE SAGE, *Treas.* \$219 92

ONTARIO.

RECEIPTS.

Domestic Missions

Belleville, St. Thomas', Rev. C. J. Pritchard, Fort a la Corne	\$10 00
Brockville, St. Peter's, Fish-Lake, Dio. QuAppelle	24 00

\$34 00

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Ont. Sec. Treas. D.F.M.S.	\$69 28
“ Ontario Dio. Sec.	5 00
Postage, etc	34

\$74 62

CHARLOTTE A. WORRELL, *Treas.*

OTTAWA.

RECEIPTS.

General Fund

Assessment Fees—Iroquois.....	\$ 20
St. George's.....	75
Carp	65
Arnprior, Seniors.....	30
“ Juniors	1 40
Beachburg	35
East Hawkesbury	35
Coll. Board Meeting, Oct.....	1 20
“ Nov.....	1 77

Lady Miss., N.W.

Janeville.....	2 00
March	1 00

Lady Miss., Japan

Janeville	2 00
March	1 00

Education Fund

Donations	25 13
Cornwall Juniors.....	10 00

Domestic Missions

Unappropriated—Janeville ...	68
Appropriated—	
New Westminster Missions. ..	11 00
Coll. Miss. Meeting, for Yale School	12 00

Indian Missions

Donation Cath. Branch, Dynevor Hospital	5 00
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Foreign Missions

Appropriated—Cornwall, Jrs., for Miss Paterson's successor, Matsumoto, Japan	50 00
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United Thankoffering

Cathedral, additional	12 38
Lanark	1 50
Arnprior	10 40
Clayton	2 00
Wales	8 00
Fenaghvale.....	1 23
St. John's.....	19 79
St. George's, additional.....	5 78
Cornwall, Seniors.....	3 43
“ Juniors	3 18
Grace Church.....	4 42
Balderson	4 48
L'Original	3 00
Crysler	7 77
St. John's Juniors.....	4 00
Archville, additional	1 38
Pembroke	6 50
St. Barnabas'.....	5 00
Diocesan Members.....	7 80
Donations	5 32

\$244 14

EXPENDITURE.

Printing	\$11 00
Postage.....	1 09
United Thankoffing at Triennial ..	190 00
Lady Miss. N.W., Miss Brown ..	150 00
Miss Moody, for All Hallow's School at Yale, B.C.....	12 00

\$364 09

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Will the Missionaries kindly do their part and obtain this sanction before sending in their application to the W.A.?

[HURON.] Who is in charge of the Sarcee Home? Both Archdeacon Tims and Mr. Stocken are mentioned in connection with it. A Country Branch wishes some information about this Home.

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