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WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA  
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

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## Subjects for Prayer.

*February.*—For those ladies who have offered themselves as Missionaries, that others may come forward, and for those who are in training for the work; also that the liberality of the Church may be such that there shall be no lack of means to send them. For all colleges, schools and hospitals connected with our Missions.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."—II Tim. ii. 15.

"He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully."—II Cor. ix. 6.

"The entrance of Thy words giveth light."—Ps. cxix. 130.

## HOME DEPARTMENT.

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### To Secretaries.

Presbyterial Secretaries are requested to forward their finished reports to the Home Secretary as soon as possible after their Annual Presbyterial meetings.

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### Annual Meeting.

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Division) will be held in Central Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 16, 17 and 18, 1895.

A cordial invitation is extended to delegates from every part of the Society throughout the Western Division.

In past years considerable difficulty has been caused the Billetting Committee through the names of Delegates not being properly certified to and forwarded in time; the Board has therefore decided again this year to appoint a COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS, the Convenor of which is Miss Isabella L. George, 277 Jarvis Street, Toronto, to whom the names of all delegates must be sent by the Secretary of the Society they are to represent, giving also the Presbyterial Society to which the Auxiliary or Band belongs.

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### Proposed Enlargement.

In accordance with the request of the Society presented at last Annual Meeting, the Board has taken into consideration the enlargement of the MONTHLY LETTER LEAFLET and has decided: 1. To enlarge it by increasing the size of the page, thus securing additional space equivalent to 8 pages of the present size. 2. To continue the publication of mis-

sionary letters as heretofore, and to add in the Home Department concise reports of Annual and Semi-Annual meetings of Presbyterian Societies ; also short articles on missionary subjects and other matter fitted to help and stimulate the Christian life and missionary spirit of the readers of the LETTER LEAFLET.

3. To aim at having each month something of special interest to Mission Bands, and to devote a separate department to this work. 4. To retain the present subscription price, namely, 12 cents per year. 5. It is to be understood that any expense necessarily incurred in conducting and issuing the LETTER LEAFLET in its enlarged form shall be authorized, provided the sums received from subscriptions are sufficient to meet such necessary outlay.

When the subject of enlarging and otherwise improving the LETTER LEAFLET was discussed by the Society at last Annual Meeting, a request was made that a programme, or order of service be prepared and printed each month for the assistance of presidents and leaders of meetings.

While anxious to do all in their power to assist officers in this direction, the Board after careful consideration, has come to the conclusion that compliance with this request would not be in the best interests of the work. It is true that other missionary Boards have adopted the plan of issuing programmes more or less extended, in some cases supplying a large proportion of the matter to be presented at the monthly meeting. This no doubt saves much trouble. On the other hand, however, there can be no question that the duty of preparing an original programme, based upon the topic in the prayer-card, is often a means of blessing to the president and other officers who may assist her. The searching of Scripture for appropriate readings, the selection of suitable psalms and hymns, and the collecting of information bearing upon the subject to be brought before the

meetings, if undertaken in an earnest and prayerful spirit, will all be helpful to spiritual growth. Also the sense of responsibility for the success of the meeting which must be felt by the leader who plans her own order of service and other exercises cannot but re-act favourably on the rest of the members in a way which would not be felt were a ready-made programme used. Moreover, as the circumstances of auxiliaries differ widely from each other it is well to leave some scope for originality in the conducting of meetings. Officers who are entirely new to the work will often receive benefit by visiting neighbouring societies.

Helpful hints will be found in the leaflets, "Suggestions for Holding Missionary Meetings," and "Business Rules for Missionary Societies." (See list of Publications.)

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### Letter Leaflet Notice.

THE LETTER LEAFLET year ends with the April number. All orders for the May issue must be in the hands of the Secretary of Publications not later than April 12. The circulation of THE LETTER LEAFLET has now become so large, that, unless in very exceptional cases, it can no longer, after this year, be mailed to individual addresses in any auxiliary. THE LEAFLET Secretary, (an officer which every Auxiliary should have), will find it a good plan to place the LEAFLETS in the pews on Sabbath.

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### A Hand Book of Foreign Missions.

A comprehensive little pamphlet on Foreign Missions, thrown into Catechism form has been prepared by the Foreign Secretary Rev. R. P. Mackay. Copies may be had on application to Mrs. Telfer, at one cent each.

## Africa.

Societies wishing information on mission work in Africa will find what they need in an admirable leaflet on this subject, prepared by a member of our Society and read at a recent Presbyterian meeting, and for sale by Mrs. Telfer. It is full of facts and is written in a bright interesting style. Price, 3 cents each.

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## Notice Regarding Supplies.

The Secretary of Supplies wishes to intimate to societies and other friends that sufficient clothing for this year has now been sent to Rev. Hugh Mackay, Round Lake, and to all the other Reserves.

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## HOME DEPARTMENT.

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### Increase.

*Presbyterial Societies.*

OWEN SOUND..... St. Vincent, Knox Church Auxiliary.

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### Life Members.

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**Treasurer's Monthly Statement.**

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 5th	Balance in Bank.....	\$1,082 20
" 7	Moosomin M. B.....	20 00
" "	Sub. from Grenock, Scotland, through Mc-Nab St. Church, Hamilton.....	5 00
" 12	W. B. F. M., St. Andrew's, Que.....	42 00
" 13	Dunnville Auxiliary, Hamilton P.S.....	15 00
Jan. 1st	Saugeen Presbyterial Society.....	684 18
" 4	From "the Sarah McClelland Waddell Memorial Fund" .....	60 00
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EXPENDITURE.

Dec. 12th	Postage on Life Membership Certificates and letters .....	1 05
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## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

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### Departure of Missionaries.

On Tuesday, 27th November, Dr. Marion Oliver left Toronto, en route for India. At Brantford she was joined by Miss Kate Campbell, our new missionary, and both proceeded to New York, expecting to sail immediately for Great Britain. A series of detentions, and a change in the date of departure, of the P. and O. steamer to Bombay, by which their passage had been engaged, delayed our travellers in England until the 13th December when they sailed from London in the S. S. Caledonia. We hope soon to hear of their safe arrival, and we know that a warm welcome awaits them at the end of their journey. All the letters recently received from India, express the hope that Dr. Oliver will return to the work in which she has been so much blessed. Letters received from London, inform us that both ladies were well, and that Dr. Oliver is steadily gaining in health.

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### HONAN.

#### A Precious Life Spared.

FROM REV. W. H. GRANT.

*Chu Wang, Honan, Oct. 3, 1894.*

Although the interest of the readers of the LEAFLET naturally centres in those missionaries whom you have seen and known, and have sent out to foreign lands, yet I am sure you are also interested to no small degree in those native Christians who, while their names may not shine so frequently in print as the missionaries whom they assist, still faithfully perform their part, which, humanly-speaking, is so necessary to success in evangelizing heathen lands.



I now shall briefly relate an incident which happened to one of these trusty servants of the Church, viz: Mrs. Wu, our Bible woman, in Honan. I know that had any of the ladies of the mission been present at the time of the occurrence it would have been written to you long ago in terms far more fitting than I can attempt to use; but in the absence of those who would have written, I have but the one alternative of writing myself and telling you how nearly you and we were losing our Bible woman this summer.

The walls of the houses in which we live in North Honan are built of adobe, and it depends very much upon the soundness of roof whether the walls melt into mud or not, during the heavy down-pour of the rainy season. Generally the roofs must have an over-hauling before the rainy season begins, but sometimes defects escape the wary eye of the native mason, and end in disaster as was the case with Mrs. Wu's house. In the midst of a deluging down-pour of rain, while seated at breakfast, I heard the loud crash of a falling house. Rushing out I at once saw that Mrs. Wu's house lay in a heap of ruins. I hurried over to it as fast as I could run. Several of the servants and neighbors arrived there almost at the same instant. We instinctively knew that Mrs. Wu was among the debris. We listened for a moment, and could hear muffled groaning in what had been one corner of the room. We dug and tore out the bricks and tiles and mud as if we had been wild, and soon could see a small patch of her gray hair and the back of her head with the blood freely flowing from it, and we dug the harder. As we got a larger hole opened, Mrs. Wu began to talk a little and cry with the pain, and she certainly must have had a tremendous weight pressing upon her. The task was rendered both more dangerous and more difficult because part of the walls which still remained standing kept falling in upon us, but

after twenty or thirty minutes hard digging we succeeded in extricating the old lady. She was very stiff and sore and much bruised but, strange to relate, no bones were broken, and the deep cut in her head, which we first saw, was the most serious injury she had received. Our Chinese Christians and we all were very much impressed by her very narrow escape from instant death. Had the heavy beam with its superincumbent weight of bricks and tiles, which just touched her shoulder, struck her head instead, it would almost certainly have been instant death. She was confined to her bed for a week or two, which was not to be wondered at, seeing she is 64 years of age, but she is now as well as ever again. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

*CENTRAL INDIA.*  
Extract of Letter.

FROM MISS DOUGAN.

*Indore, Nov. 26, 1894.*

I was successful in my Marathi examination in October and hope to try the next one at the same time next year. The language is difficult to speak when I hear so much Hindi all about me, and also, when I am so timid about speaking out boldly what I do know. But, as far as the book work is concerned, I like it very much and do not find a great deal of difficulty. I visit two Zenanas regularly weekly and any others I can reach. But, meanwhile, I am also preparing Hindi as it is always a useful study. When Miss Turnbull was sent to Neemuch, I came down to the hospital to live with Miss O'Hara, who had been left alone. I have been settled here about two weeks now.

It quite seems like old times to have Mr. Wilkie and our dear Mem Sahib with us once more. But I am sure her loving heart is often aching for the little ones at home.

Our new little missionary baby is a very dear wee fellow, knows what is becoming to a Padre Sahib and acts accordingly. Love to yourself and the other ladies.

FROM MISS WHITE.

*Indore, C. India, Nov. 22, 1894.*

We are all well and feeling so happy with Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie again. They reached here on the 17th, and will soon be quite settled. Mrs. Wilkie is so gentle and kind, and is wise and impartial in all her intercourse with us. My heart goes out to her more than ever, for she feels the separation from all her dear children, but she is brave in our presence, whatever she feels when alone.

We entered our second year in India on the 21st of this month. I felt so happy when I read my Golden Text for the day. "My presence shall go with thee," one of the most precious of God's beautiful promises, and so comforting on the threshold of the second year in India. I am so glad that we are all so well, after all the months of climatizing, and pray that we may be all spared to serve our six years in India, to brighten some dark homes with the light of Jesus and His love. The harvest truly is plenteous and the laborers few, and our prayer is that we may not be failures.

I was ill in October with malarial fever, and Dr. O'Hara had me a week in hospital. I went to save Miss Greir, for she is such a kind unselfish little woman, she could not be at peace, but was continually doing kind little acts for me, so I went to the hospital and came home as soon as Dr. O'Hara would let me go. I was not very ill, but I was disappointed and nervous at having fever in my first year, but every one assured me that I might not take it again.

Our baby is doing well. She is a pretty wee lassie, but we

cannot get her to come to us. She utterly detests a white face and is only happy with her own colored people. If any one will win her, we think Mrs. Wilkie will. Pyaria is a sweet wee baby, even though her temper is quick.

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*NEW HEBRIDES.*

**Training School for Native Workers at Tangoa.**

FROM MR. ANNAND.

*Santo, New Hebrides, Sept. 13, 1894.*

Now, for a few lines about Santo and ourselves. Here we are still on Tangoa, where we have been for seven years at one time. It was a question whether we should not require to move again. Our Synod decided to establish a "Training Institution for native teachers and pastors," and appointed me to take charge of it. The question of locality was finally settled in favor of Tangoa, provided sufficient land could be secured for the uses of the students. The conditions have been filled and now we are actively engaged in preparation for our new work. We hope, if the Lord prospers us, to open our school early in January.

I have an application for the position of assistant from a godly mechanic in Melbourne, a Mr. James Robb. His offer is conditionally accepted. So we expect him and his wife and two children in a month or two more. The Institution is to be conducted in English, so we shall probably not have many in attendance during the first year or two. We shall see.

In the meantime we are going on with our usual work among the Tangoans and a few of the Santoese. We expect to receive a young man and his wife into church fellowship in a couple of weeks. Another young man, Vari, who was with us a year, and gave good promise of being in earnest, partially relapsed into

heathenism. His wife became apparently possessed of a demon, and not only went away herself, but managed soon after to get him to follow. We shall not be able to receive any more to live with us at the station as the Institution will take all our time and accommodations.

We have a trader's little daughter, 11 years old, living with us now. She helps to enliven our house and bring to remembrance our younger days. Her name is Minnie Alice Freeman.

#### NORTH-WEST INDIANS.

### A Glimpse of the Home Life of the Children.

FROM MRS. LECKIE.

*Industrial School, Regina, Oct. 20th, 1894.*

This is the third time I have started to answer your kind and welcome letter.

Miss Russell and two of the girls have written to you already.

I have been sent away to get a few hours' sleep, but I would like to finish this letter first. I have been up for two nights. We have a very, very sick boy just now ; in fact, we have two very sick boys, Herbie and Archie. They both come from Indian Head Reserve, but I shall tell you more about them further on. We had a nice visit from Prof. Baird.

The responsibility of this school is very great at all times, but especially when there is sickness. The poor heathen parents and friends have not the light of the Gospel and they do not know about Jesus, and that he said : "Suffer the little children to come unto me." Two of the children from one of the Reserves died within a year of each other. It was heartrending to see their parents' grief. Chaski, that died last summer, is a brother of Herbie, who is now ill with consumption, the disease that carries off so many of the Indians, young and old.

*Monday, 21st.*—Had to leave the letter on Saturday morning, and did not get back to it until now. We have a great deal to be thankful for to-night. Archie is better, and Herbie seems quite a little stronger. Archie has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Friday night his temperature ran as high as 105½°. The doctor said his right lung was solid. To-day his temperature has been normal all day, and he looks like him self again. He is a bright little boy of about ten years old. He has only been in the school about six months and I don't think he has been heard speak one word of Indian during his illness, not even when he was not in his right mind.

Herbie has been ill for five or six weeks. The disease took hold of him so suddenly, and made the little fellow look as if he had been suffering for months instead of weeks. Miss Russell and I have had him in our room for four weeks. He nearly always has a bright smile on his face and is so patient. Mr. McLeod asked one day if he loved Jesus. He said he did, and then Mr. McLeod asked did Jesus love him; he said "Yes," but on being asked how he knew, he could not answer, but looked up with a smile, as much as to say he could not tell how, but he knew Jesus loved him. On going into the room one afternoon I found my sister talking with him and he turned round his face and said: "Miss Russell and I talk for heaven." The same evening he said: "When I get to heaven my hand will be all right, and Richard will have his leg on all right." His own little hand was hurt once and one of his knuckles was displaced, and Richard is a little boy that has lost one of his limbs above the knee. Herbie is about six years old. He is Miss Walker's little Herbie. He was only three years old when he came to the school, and when his mother came to see him a short time after, he said she was not his mother and clung to Miss Walker.

We have, I think, one hundred and twenty-two children in the school just now. Prof. Baird brought five with him on his way back, one girl and four boys. They are all very nice children and all can talk a little English.

Quite a number of the girls can give all the "Precious Things" in the order you gave them. Some got the Bible first, and I know they often think about you and Mrs. Jeffrey. One evening, just before prayers, two or three girls wanted to knit a pair of stockings for Mrs. Harvie and Mrs. Jeffrey.

They are great knitters in the winter time. They knit in their spare time, and they get paid for knitting when it is done in their own time. One little girl about thirteen knit a pair of stockings and a pair of mittens within a week. She was anxious to have a collection for Sunday School. A number of the girls give cheerfully of their little. Sadie had a dollar given to her, and I think she gave nearly half of it to help support our missionary in China,

Miss Cumming and Miss Nichol send their love. Your visit has left many pleasant memories to both children and teachers.

The children have had some of the dresses given to them that came in the goods and they look so nice in them. Some of the children got a peep at some of the Christmas toys, and they soon spread the news. I heard Herbie tell a little girl that was not here last Christmas, how the dolls and other toys were put on a tree, and then they were taken off and given to the children. The children are all looking forward to Christmas. Our missionary society was reorganized about two weeks ago.

You remember Jane Fiddler, one of our old pupils that was so ill when you were at Crowstand. She died about a week ago.

Dear Mrs. Harvie, you did not tell us how you were when you wrote. We followed you in spirit all the way home. I hope the journey did not prove too much for your strength.

Pray for me, for I often feel very troubled, but I want to leave myself in the Master's hands, and to be made willing to do His will and not my own.

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FROM MR. ALEX SKENE.

*File Hills, Assa., Nov. 9, 1894.*

We are in receipt of your very kind and welcome letter. We often speak of your visit and look back to it with much pleasure. We are moving along very nicely in our work. The children are taking quite an interest in their work and are doing their part well.

Last week the Indians received their Treaty payments. The children all visited the camps or "teepees," during the two days, spent ten or fifteen cents each, the boys buying candies, and a few knives. Fanny bought candies and a yard of ribbon, while Winnie spent her change in candies. They all enjoyed themselves very much, and are now counting the days until Christmas, when they expect another holiday.

We miss little Johnny, he was such a droll little fellow, and was with us for nearly two and a half years.

We have been talking to some parents about sending their children to school, but nothing has yet been done. When the cold weather sets in we may get some of them.

I have not been able to get the improvements we spoke of done, Johnny being sick, and his death prevented my attending to the matter. I was laid off myself for a few days, so the matter will have to lie over until spring. I have the stones piled up and will get them on the ground during the winter, and will get the work done as soon as I can in the spring, should I be spared until that time.

We have had a very pleasant fall, but the weather is now cold. Our little lake is frozen over, and the children are enjoying themselves very much skating and sliding. I have given



away considerable of the clothing already. The Indians promised not to give away but to wear. I wrote down a description of each quilt and merely lent it. I hope this will cause the poor creatures to keep and use the clothing for their own comfort.

### New Church Building at the Pipestone Mission.

FROM REV. W. BEATTIE,

*Virden, Dec. 8, 1894.*

You will be pleased to learn that the building is all but finished and Peter Hunter is living in it. All that remains to be done is the plastering, and the building of a brick chimney which cannot be done before the Spring, but in the meantime Peter is very comfortable and the meetings are held in the new church-house every Sabbath. The formal opening if we can arrange it will be on Christmas day. We expect to go down in force, have a Christmas tree, and a good time with our Indian neighbors.

The Church-house is very much after the pattern we thought out on the day of your visit. The meeting room is the under part of the building and will hold about sixty people. A big stove occupies the center of the room, the seats on either side. Peter's desk is at one end. There is ample room for all the Indians on the reserve. An outside stairway leads up to Peter's private apartments ; here he has two comfortable rooms which can easily be made into two bedrooms and a sitting room or kitchen. In fact, the arrangement is all that can be desired, and Peter feels proud of his mansion.

The Indians are highly pleased with the Church. We are all grateful to the ladies for their generous help in this matter and for the promise of support to our Missionary. If we were in a position to do it ourselves we would gladly do so ; but you know something of our circumstances, and we are thankful God has

put it into your hearts to come to our help. It would have been a sad misfortune if we had been compelled to drop the work at this time, and that would have happened had it not been for your visit and the kindly generous response of our sisters in the East when you presented our case before them.

The gift of clothing has been very acceptable and there is a wonderful difference in the appearance of both men, women and children since you saw them while visiting the Reserve. I trust your Society will not lose interest in our small band on the Pipestone.

I received a photo. It is fairly good. I think it does more justice to our Indian friends than the whites, but it was their picture we wanted. Mrs. Beattie joins me in sending compliments of the season.

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## How The Evenings are Spent at the Regina School.

FROM MRS. MCLEOD.

*Regina, Nov. 26 1894.*

I can imagine how delighted all would be to have you home again, after your long and tedious journey over the prairie. The children often speak of your visit with us; it is so nice for them to know you personally. They remember your address to them, and to us all, on Sabbath afternoon.

We are now pretty well into the winter. Our societies have all to be re-organized for another year. So you will know we are kept quite busy in the evenings. Perhaps it will not be amiss to tell you the way we spend each evening. Monday evening Mr. McLeod shows the magic lantern slides. Last Monday evening they were all scenes in the Life of Christ. To-night we are to have a travel through Africa. Tuesday the Girl's Mission Band, and Boy's Band practice. Wednesday singing and playing.

Thursday missionary meeting, three Thursdays in the month. Temperance meeting one Thursday. Friday evening Debating Society. Saturday bath night. Sabbath singing and a short talk about the Bible. Last Sabbath morning our subject was Heaven. I was telling Mr. McLeod it was the most interesting talk we have had; the children were all attention.

I think you knew that our Mission Band last year met Friday afternoons. We have decided to meet on Tuesday evening so that all the girls can join us. Our time is hardly as long in the evening, but it is nice to have all the girls together and all the lady teachers come, so we spend quite a pleasant and profitable hour together. Each teacher has a class of girls, six or seven. Mrs. Portman's class are making aprons. Miss Cumming's class are making shirts, Mrs. Leckie's class knitting stockings, Miss Russell's class hemstitching handkerchiefs, Miss Nichol's class crocheting, Miss Law's class are making rag mats, Mrs. McLeod's fancy work, such as tray cloths, splashers, etc. The amount raised last year was \$6 including \$1.50 that little Birrel Gillespie made and presented to our Society.

I don't know whether you saw the constitution of our Society when you were here or not; if not, and you would like to have a copy, let me know when you write again. I shall be pleased to send you a copy. The election of officers for this year resulted as follows: Mrs. McLeod, President; Miss Cumming, Vice-President; Miss Nicoll, Secretary; Mr. McLeod, Treasurer; Mr. Munroe, Mrs. Portman and Miss Law councillors.

I still have my little S.S. class of thirty-three. I was just saying to Mr. McLeod last evening after the duties of the Sabbath were over that I really enjoy Sabbath for the meeting of my little class more than anything all week, they are so good. Even little Herbie has been able to come these last three Sabbaths.

I feel as though I had been off duty for these last two years, but Mr. McLeod encourages me by saying, my time for helping will be when we get into our new house. He thinks it will be a great help to the children to invite them (a few at a time) over to tea and to let them see a little into home life. Everything at the school is on such a large scale.

### Opening of the New Indian Church at Portage la Prairie.

FROM THE SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Sabbath, Dec. 2nd, was a day long to be remembered among our poor Indians. It was church opening day. The beautiful little building, looked forward to with such expectancy, all summer long, was at last ready for occupation. It is not yet quite finished for the season was so far advanced that it was thought best not to attempt any outside painting until spring, for no one could have anticipated the lovely mild weather we have enjoyed up to date. The inside will probably be painted within a week. But notwithstanding the lack of these finishing touches of paint and varnish, it is really a little gem of a church.

The dimensions are 20 by 30 feet, besides a commodious and substantial porch. It is a frame building and constructed with a view to warmth and comfort. The outside boarding has a view to artistic effect as well as comfort, the lower part of the walls below the panel of the window sills being formed of vertical boards narrow tongue-and-groove with bead. This part is surmounted by a projecting water-table above which begins the horizontal and groove siding. When painted the lower part will be a shade darker than the upper, and the effect will be very pleasing. The shingles are of British Columbia cedar and everything is of the best quality. In the inside a wainscoting of the usual height runs all round the building. The balance, of the walls, is finished in plaster, but the ceiling is finished in very

narrow strips of British Columbia red cedar. It is concave and when varnished will look beautiful. The seating is in a solid block in the centre with an aisle at each side. The seats are equal to any in the town and when stained and varnished will look handsome. The seating capacity is about 80 at present, but more can be put in should they be required so as to seat, in all about one hundred. It is heated by a large stove and drum placed near the door and protected on three sides by a substantial frame work of galvanized iron.

The cost will be over \$700. We expect to get \$100 or \$150 from local sources, chiefly, of course, from Knox church people, who take a deep interest in our work. The Indians have already contributed \$14.10.

Half-past two was the hour set for the services to begin and by that time the house was crowded, many friends from town being present to show their interest in the work. Between fifty and sixty Indians were present, among them some who had never before acknowledged the work done among them. The services were conducted by Rev. P. Wright, B.A., pastor of Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, and Rev. Prof. Hart, Manitoba College, and interpreted by David Ross. Short addresses were given by Mr. A. D. Mackay, Mr. E. Brown, Hon. Mr. Watson and Mr. Marlatt. Mrs. John McLeod, one of the ladies instrumental in starting the mission school, spoke of the progress. All the singing was done in Sioux, the Indian men and women joining in with noticeable heartiness. Three of the Indians led in prayer. It was announced that on the following Monday, 10th inst., the Y.P.S.C.E., Knox Church, would give them a social. It was gladly looked forward to by them. They kept counting the nights they must sleep before they got mushi ota (lots to eat). The tepees were all locked up that night, something unusual among the Indians. About ten conveyances went out from

town. Good music was provided. The seating and standing room was taxed to the utmost. Enjoyment was easily read upon the faces of the Indian men and women. What could not be eaten there was wrapped up in their shawls and carried home. Then those who served felt the joy which invariably comes to those who follow out Christ's teaching, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethern ye have done it unto Me."

The collection from the Sabbath service and social was \$35.80, the Indians again sharing in the giving. The meeting was brought to a close by all singing "God be with you" and singing, in Sioux, the doxology.

## SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

### Report of Supplies of Various Kinds Forwarded to the North-West Indian Reserves and Central India.

*Barrie Pres. Society.*—To Portage la Prairie, 750 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school, consigned to Miss Fraser.

*Brockville Pres. Society.*—To Mis-ta-wa-Sis Reserve 960 lbs. of clothing, quilts, etc., for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. A. W. Lewis.

*Bruce Pres. Society.*—To Cote's Reserve, seven bales and one bbl. of clothing, etc., for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. C. W. Whyte.

*Chatham Pres. Society.*—To Regina Industrial School, 800 lbs. of clothing, quilts, etc., for the children, consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

*Glengarry Pres. Society.*—To Round and Crooked Lakes Reserves, 1,320 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school, consigned to Rev. Hugh McKay.

*Guelph Pres. Society.*—To Mis-ta-wa-Sis Reserve, 1,200 lbs. of

clothing for the children in the school, consigned to Rev. A. W. Lewis.

*Hamilton Pres. Society.*—To Birtle Industrial School, 800 lbs. of clothing, quilts, etc., consigned to Mr. G. G. McLaren.

*Huron Pres. Society.*—To Cote's Reserve, seven bales and one bbl. of clothing, quilts, etc., for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. C. W. Whyte.

*Kingston Pres. Society.*—To Prince Albert, eight packages of clothing for school children, consigned to Miss Cameron,

*Ianark and Renfrew Pres. Society.*—To Pipestone Reserve, 600 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Mr. Peter Hunter ; also 650 lbs. of clothing for school children on Cote's Reserve, consigned to Rev. C. W. Whyte.

*Lindsay Pres. Society.*—To Beulah Reserve, 850 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. John McArthur.

*London Pres. Society.*—To the Regina Industrial School, 2,200 lbs. of clothing, quilts, etc., for the children, consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

*Maitland Pres. Society.*—To Indian Head, eleven bales and one box of clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

*Ottawa Presbyterian Society.*—To Cote's Reserve, 1,020 lbs. of clothing for the children in the school, consigned to Rev. C. W. Whyte.

*Orangeville Presbyterian Society.*—To round and Crooked Lakes Reserve, 590 lbs of clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. Hugh McKay.

*Owen Sound Presbyterian Society.*—To Muscowpetung's Reserve, five bales of clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. W. S. Moore.

*Paris Presbyterian Society.*—To File Hills Reserve, 1,200 lbs.

of clothing for women and the old and feeble, also for children in the school, consigned to Mr. Alex Skene.

*Peterboro' Presbyterial Society.*—To Round and Crooked Lakes Reserves, two bales of clothing for the children in the school, consigned to Rev. Hugh McKay.

*Quebec, Chalmer's Church Auxiliary.*—One box of gifts and prizes for Mrs. Morton's school, Trinidad. The Chalmer's Church Mission Band, one box for the schools in Central India.

*Sarnia Presbyterial Society.*—To Rolling River Reserve, 1,200 lbs. of clothing, quilts, etc., for women and the old and feeble and also for children, consigned to Mr. W. J. Wright.

*Saugeen Presbyterial Society.*—To Pipestone Reserve, 900 lbs. of clothing for children, consigned to Mr. Peter Hunter.

*St. Stephens, N. B.*—To Piapots Reserve, 300 lbs. of clothing, quilts, etc., for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. W. S. Moore.

*St. James, N. B.*—To Muscowpetung's Reserve, one bbl. of clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. W. S. Moore.

*Salt Springs N. B.*—One box ready made dresses and shirts, divided between the schools on Round and Crooked Lakes Reserve and at Portage La Prairie.

*Stratford Presbyterial Society.*—To Regina Industrial School — lbs. of clothing, quilts, etc., consigned to Rev. A. J. McLeod.

*Toronto Presbyterial Society.*—To Okanase Reserve, 1,120 lbs. of clothing for school children, consigned to Miss McIntosh. Also 800 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. Geo. Flett.

To Portage la Prairie, 280 lbs. of clothing for school children, consigned to Miss Fraser.

To Rolling River 150 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Mr. W. J. Wright.



*Whitby Presbyterian Society.*— To Cote's Reserve, 640 lbs. of clothing for women and the old and feeble, consigned to Rev. C. W. Whyte.

480 lbs. of clothing, quilts, etc., have been sent to Round and Crooked Lakes Reserve to meet the deficiency in Rev. Hugh McKay's supplies, being contributed by a member of auxiliaries in different presbyteries.

The Mission Bands in Toronto Presbyterian Society, Goderich, Cobourg, Hamilton, Caledonia, etc., sent gifts and prizes for the children in the schools in Central India.

C. M. JEFFREY,  
*Sec. of Supplies.*

### Acknowledgment of Clothing.

FROM MISS MACLAREN.

*Birtle, Dec. 14, 1894,*

We are carrying on the school on the half-day system since Mr. Gilmour came, half of the larger girls staying out in the morning, the other half in the afternoon. They have been making under-wear for the boys out of that fine substantial flannel sent us last winter from Glengarry. This afternoon they have got a mat under-way, and will continue until each girl has made one for her mother. I find it a great incentive to exertion to allow the first one to be given to mother.

The clothing which arrived a long time ago, and which should have been acknowledged, and gratefully acknowledged long ago too, was as satisfactory as it could possibly be. The boots! How can I thank the Hamilton friends for that splendid supply of boots. I sometimes wonder how I have got the children through without boots in the past, but we are well provided for in that and all other lines this year, and some over for the old Indians.

Now about that beautiful carpet. If any Mission Band had

a hand in making it I would like the little folks to know that somebody walked on that carpet, and they could never guess who; well, the first time it was used was on the occasion of Lord and Lady Aberdeen's visit to the school. You remember the hall leading to the schoolroom. Well, after removing the centre row of seats, and putting down one of the crimson carpets, we laid their nice rag carpet out through the long hall to the front door and down the steps. I was at my wit's end what to do in the way of preparation on such short notice (we only had a few hours) when I thought of the carpet. My! what a relief, that and the plants, and the children, there was nothing more required. And we did appreciate the visit. Do you remember little Jean? Well, she asked (after it had been explained to them who their Excellencies were) "Why don't the Queen come her own self to see us?" A gentleman replied "Oh, she is too big," and was going on to tell her that our Queen's life was too precious to risk, but she spoke up: "My! is she big as Mrs. ——," naming a very large woman in the vicinity.

The children often speak of you and were sadly disappointed when they heard the pictures were not very good. They felt quite comforted when I told them that you had taken one of the others with you and would look at it and think of them.

Of course now there is room for nothing but Christmas, "just eleven days till Christmas, and just ten days till Christmas." They have been writing letters to "Schoollime" since he left, and laughing very heartily over the replies.

Within the last four weeks I have got word of the deaths of four of our first pupils. I mean those that came to school that first winter. Three of these were members of the church here below, and I believe were Christians, weak and often stumbling, but it's very encouraging to think of them being safe at home now. The other was a sister of the two little brothers who were drowned at the school. She, poor girl, met a sad and painful death; her clothing caught fire one day when out alone, and before help came she was so badly burned she died soon after.

We have had a visit from Mrs. Leckie on her way home to Regina. I cannot tell you how much we enjoyed it, nor how overjoyed the children were to see her again. Little Susan, who has never forgotten her, put her arms around her and said "Mrs. Leckie, my mother."

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