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LETTERS FROM OUR NORTH-WEST.

From a Little Indian Girl.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, November 25th, 1887.

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LOUISE ROSE.-We thank the boys and girls who sent us such nice things from Toronto. Topsy and I always stay at the school. Topsy never goes to the tepees, but I go on Saturday. None of the rest stay at the school all the time. I like better to stop at the school than at the tepees, but I like to see my mother. I call her ma now. The last time I went home I helped to scrub one of the teepees, but I don't like to see them working on Sunday. I do love Jesus, and I want to do right. I can sing three hymns myself alone. Some nice girls come and sing with as after our lessons are over and I go to Sabbath School and church. Topsy does not sit still in church, but she is a little girl ; al' the rest of us sit still. Sometimes a lot of us go to church. The ladies all like us to go. And oh, what nice things you sent us. We are all so glad, and we do thank the ladies and boys and girls. I will not write any more, because I can't write well vet.

Encouragements and Discouragements in the Indian Work.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, November 25th, 1887.

MISS WIGTT.-We all wish to express our hearty thanks for the bale of excellent clothing, etc., which you sent us. Many thanks to all who assisted in preparing it. Were our gratitude to be measured by words they would be very many. But He for whom you have done it will abundantly reward. The Indians themselves are very grateful, but just for the moment; their gratitude is very transient. But they think we are not quite grateful

enough to them for coming to school. The more I see of the poor creatures the less I seem to understand them. Untruthfulness and dishonesty seem highly developed in their characters. I do not find that they crowd around to hear the Gospel which alone can elevate truly those benighted creatures who are so happy in their gross darkness. How hardened is the heart of man, and how merciful and long-suffering is our God? I look over the past ten months and say : Alas, what have I done? About a year ago I tried to look into the future of a year, but in imagination the results were far different than in reality. But I have learned a lesson which I thought I knew. God alone can give such results. Oh, I would that I were more useful in His service. I would that they would receive Jesus to reign in their hearts: then should the darkness be dispelled and the glorious light of the Gospel shine within and around them. In that bright light should they see the dangers that are lurking around them, parts of the one great danger of everlasting woe. Gospel seems more and more a wonderful story, so simple and yet so far beyond our comprehension. Why do not all that hear it flee to Jesus as our only hope? How terrible is the thought that the heathen are perishing in millions without this Gospel, and how terrible, too, that any should perish who have Gospel privileges but forget God.

The Indians say that the white man's God is all right for the white man to worship but not for the Indian. They pray to both the good and the bad spirits, and hope after death to go to some happy place where there will be none but Indians. How sad that from the "white man" they should learn so much that is degrading. Among the sources of degrading influences is the abominable liquor trame. I cannot understand why people should be licensed to make homes desolate, hearts sore, and hasten down to ruin the bodies and souls of their brethren in such vast numbers.

I value the book "Mary and I," which Mrs. Ewart so kindly sent me, very much, also the papers. I have an English Dakota dictionary, but I find the language very difficult to learn. I cannot charge my mind as heavily as I would, other matters press in upon it. The Indians learn English rapidly. Would that they learned as readily a Saviour's love, but when God shall give them new hearts and put new spirits within them, then shall they walk in Hisstatutes and keep His judgmant, and he will be their God, for there is nothing too hard for Him.

The women do much washing, scrubbing, etc., in town, thus earning money to support, in their way, their families ; but while they are gone, many children who ought to be at school are kept at home to care for the babies, and men who ought to be at school are often attracted by sights, etc., in town; but we are pleased to notice that their houses and themselves are gradually becoming cleaner and more tidy, and therefore learning to have confidence in the benefits of education, and some of them bring their treasures to the school for safe keeping.

We cannot yet keep the children constantly at the school, they are often influenced by those who do not themselves stay, to run home.

Pray for us that we may have many more during the winter.

Eleven Bales of Clothing Received.

BALGONIE, November 23rd, 1887.

REV. W. S. MOORE.—I have just reveived word that there are eleven bales and boxes at Balgonie Station for me. As soon as I can get a team sont for them I will send you word.

Acknowledgment for Clothing Sent.

INDIAN HEAD, Nov. 17th, 1887.

MR. MCLEAN.—Your letter of the 8th inst to hand a few days ago. Much pleased to hear from you, and glad to learn that more elothing is on the way. I have distributed nearly all the clothing you sent. The children are pretty well supplied. A few of them are yet without pants, but no doubt your additional box will supply. I hope you will continue your good work, and you will be sure of your reward from a higher source, for we should not lose sight of the "covenant well ordered, and in all things sure."

The Indians are making some progress in material things. This year they had a fair crop—abundance of potatoes, turnips, and other vegetables, of which they are fond. They live in a village in small log-houses plastered with mud. Many of them are beginning to surround themselves with the comforts of life, such as stoves, tables, some furniture, lamps, etc. A few of them are beginning to decorate their houses with cheap pictures, mottoes, and the pictures they receive at school. This evening Mrs. McLean and I went around the village, tacking on the wall of each house one of those Bible pictures you sent us. The majority seemed to appreciate them.

We have no service here as yet, as I do not understand the language. I am endeavouring to learn it, but as I am here but nine months, I have not acquired a great deal yet. There being no books in print in the Assiniboine language, renders it more difficult to acquire. However, time and labour will master it.

The attendance at school is sometimes very discouraging Like their parents, the children are naturally lazy and not inclined to study. It is sad to see so many bright children growing up like their parents in heathen darkness, unable to read the Word of God. Not only is the regularity of the children discouraging, but the punctuality is deplorable. They come at all hours from seven to twelve. However, we have reason to be thankful for God's preserving care of us, and for the measure of success we have enjoyed, for a few of the children have made satisfactory progress, and by God's blessing we hope for better things. Please remember us and our work at a Throne of Grace.

I am happy to tell you that about two months ago I made an important change in my social condition, being blessed with a devoted helpmeet and companion, which will render my life more pleasant amid trials and discouragements. Many thanks for your kindness.

Many thanks for that beautiful log-cabin quilt sent to me by the Lindsay Auxiliary. Please express thanks.

Thanks for Clothing.

EDMONTON, N.-W. T., Nov. 23, 1887.

MR. M. ANDERSON. —It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the safe arrival of your goods for the Indians on this reserve, and beg that you accept of the thanks tendered for your kindness, as they will be very serviceable for them in this cold weather.

In the note received you wish to be informed as to what would be most suitable. Well, there is generally a lack of women's long dresses which are generally in use here among the Indians, so when sending any goods in future would feel obliged should you keep this in remembrance.

The Indians seem to look forward now to the arrival of such goods, and were it not for the R. C. M. School which was started last year, there would be quite a number to provide for.

Accept of our best wishes for your future success in charitable collections and works of benevolence.

Clothing for Indians thankfully received.

ELPHINSTONE, 26th Nov., 1887.

MR. LAUDER.-Yours of the 18th to hand yesterday, and I hasten to answer it, and beg to inform you that all the goods

have arrived in safety, have been very well selected, and have proved of great use to us. The quantity. also, is great, and will keep us going for quite a long time, thanks to your numerous Societies employed in this good work. Our Indians two months ago were looking very ragged, but now are well dressed and quite able to stand the cold of a North-West winter. Mr. Flett desiros to thank all the different Societies which have been so kind to his Indians; also those who were so kind as put in articles of clothing for himself and Mrs. Flett. He says he will have to work harder now than ever, when he finds friends at such a distance doing so much for him.

For my own part I beg to thank you for the books.

The school has been doing well all along, but especially these last two months, when I have had over twenty every day. The parents are beginning to find that it is quite possible for them to leave their families behind them, in order to let them attend school.

Five Bales Clothing Received.

ELPHINSTONE, 14th Nov., 1887.

REV. GEO. FLETT. - Yours of 4th October came duly to hand, and somewhat later the five bales. The goods have been most useful to me, and a great deal has already been distributed, but I have quite a lot in my store-house, which I will give out as the necessity arises.

Be so kind as to thank the ladies for sending me so much valuable and warm goods, and may they be blessed in their good work. With kind regards.

Young Indian Man a Sunday-School Teacher.

BEULAH, November 21st, 1887.

P. C. HUNTER.—I was think of you sometime, but I have no time to write to yot.. I remember that I get letter from you sometime last year when I got home from the school. After that I have been some school again at Nebraska. Then I got home in last September; I like to help my own people very much. I have nice Sunday school class since I got home. Same as I did last year tho people like to sutadying very much.

Mrs. Harvie, I wish you will write to my munther sometime. I am sue beleved she like to hear from you, she was tre asurer n the Weman Mission werk; her name is Mrs. E. C. Big Hunter. I like to hear from you soonas you can, if you please.

Gratitude of Aged Indian Woman.

BEULAH, November 13th, 1887.

MR. BURGESS.—Six boxes and four bales of clothing have just arrived for our people. They are most grateful, and send their most hearty thanks to their friends in the East. This year the supply was so plentiful that every one was satisfied. The blankets were a source of great delight to the old people. One old woman got a blanket and quilt, she was so pleased, and now says that every night when she lies down she just thanks God for giving her so much warmth and comfort, at first she was so happy, she could not sleep, she begs me to give you her very best thanks, and to say that she shakes hands with you, again and again.

I only want to acknowledge receipt of clothing at present, and will write at more length soon. With very many thanks.

REPORT OF SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

Of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the Season 1887.

MISSIONARIES TO WHOSE FIELDS THE SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN SENT, AND NAMES OF SOCIETIES SENDING.

To Mr. Magnus Anderson, Stony Plains Reserve, near Edmonton:—From Brandon Presbyterial Society: All the Auxiliaries contributed and forwarded 550 lbs. From Winnipeg Presbytery: The Winnipeg Auxiliary sent 280 lbs., and Port Arthur Auxiliary 117 lbs. Total forwarded, 947 lbs.

To Rev. John McKay, Mis-ta-wa-sis Reserve, via Prince Albert :--From London Presbyterial Society : Twenty-one Auxiliaries and Mission Bands contributed substantial clothing, some excellent new. Total number of pounds, 3,070. From the Auxiliaries in Sarnia Presbytery : Sarnia, Parkhill, Nairn, Strathroy and Wakford sent 1,300 lbs. Total, 4,370 lbs.

To Miss Baker, Prince Albert, N.-W. T., for Sioux Indians :-From Mosa Auxiliary, in the London Presbyterial Society : One box containing a great variety of clothing for men, women and children.

To Miss Isabella Rose, Piapot's Reserve, near Regina :-From Hamilton Prosbyterial Society : St. Catharines, Central Church, McNab Street, and St. Paul's, Hamilton ; Dundas, Waterdowz

Carluke, Kirkwall, Flamboro', Caledonia, Burlington, Lynedoch, Niagara, Strabane Auxiliaries, and "Formosa's Helpers," "Helping Hands," "Friends of India," "Little Lamp-bearers" and Co-workers' Mission Bands, of Hamilton, and Lend a Hand and Willing Workers' Mission Bands, of St. Catharines, sixteen bales and boxes, or 1,320 lbs. cast-off clothing; three bales, one box and one box tea, new goods; 1,000 lbs. new. Total, 2,320 lbs.

To Rev. W. S. Moore, Balgonie, for Muscowpetung's Reserve :-From Guelph Presbyterial Society: Fergus, Melville Church Auxiliary, 75 lbs.; St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, 120 lbs.; a bale from East Puslinch; 427 lbs. from Guelph Auxiliary, Chalmers and St. Andrew's Mission Bands, Guelph; Knox Church, Acton; Eramosa Auxiliary and Chalmers Mission Band, Elora; Galt Auxiliary, Winterbourne, 200 lbs., mostly for women and children; Winterbourne Auxiliaries sent four bales.

To the same address, for Pasquah's Reserve :- From the Societies in Owen Sound, Presbytery: "Tiding Bearers" Mission Band, Owen Sound, two large boxes; from Chatsworth, Keady, and Johnson and Daywood, one box each. Total, 610 lbs. From Saugeen Presbyterial Society: Mount Forest Auxiliary, 220 lbs. and one box of books; Durtham Auxiliary, 300 lbs.; Arthur Auxiliary, 200 lbs. Total clothing, 730 lbs. (Sewing machine will be noticed in another part.) From Societies and congregations in Bruce Presbytery: Teeswater Auxiliary, vor 200 lbs.; Port Elgin Auxiliary, 194 lbs.; Pinkerton, 209 lbs.; Paisley donation will be noticed in another part. Total from Bruce Presbytery for this reserve, over 603 lbs.

To Mr. R. N. Toms, File Hills Reserves :--From Paris Presbyterial Societ; : Fourteen boxes, bales, etc., were shipped at Woodstock, weighing 2,500 lbs, including 500 lbs. from Embro. Ayr sent two large bales second-hand and one snaller of new goods. The other societies contributing were Gobles, Drumbo, Glenmorris, Ingersoll, St. Andrew's Church. Paris, Princeton, St. George, Tilsonburg: Chalmers Church, Knox Church Auxiliaries and "Willing Hands" Mission Band, Woodstock, and the Mission Bands in connection with Ayr Auxiliary.

To the same:—From Stratford Presbyterial Society: Sixteen bales, weighing 3,100 lbs. Total, 5,600 lbs. The Stratford Societies contributing were Knox Church, St. Marys; Atwood, Granton, Harrington, Brooksdale, East Zorra, North Easthope, Mitchell, Knox Church, Stratford, do., Mission Band, Avonbank, Fullarton, Millbank. To Mr. John McLean, Assiniboine Reserve, Indian Head :-From Lindsay Presbyterial Society: Cannington, Gomebridge, Lindsay and Woodville Auxiliaries, about 200 lbs. esch-700 lbs. in all; and Uxbridge; 360 lbs. and a parcel, which will be noticed elsewhere. Total from Lindsay Presbyterial Societies, 1,060 lbs. The box (400 lbs.) from Knox Church Missionary Society, Paisley, was forwarded to this reserve; also a large box from Lanark Auxiliary.

To Rev. Hugh McKay, Round and Crooked Lakes Reserves, Broadview:-From the Prosbyterial Societies of Whitby, Barrie, Orangeville and Maitland: The Whitby Auxiliaries contributing were Ashburn, Bowmanville, Brooklin, Dumbarton, Highland Creek, Orono, Oshawa, Port Perry. Whitby (a bale of new). Total, nearly 800 lbs. The Barrie Societies contributing were Barrie, Collingwood, Churchill and Orillia. Five boxes, bales, etc., large and good. Total, 720 lbs. The different Auxiliaries in Orangeville Presbyterial Society forwarded five large bales. Total, roesbyterial Society forwarded five large bales. Total, 700 lbs.; also one box books from Orangeville. Nearly all the Auxiliaries in Maitland united in forwarding thirteen bales, etc.-1,920 lbs.-including 20 lbs. new from Kincardine. From Uxbridge a parcel of clothing for a little boy was sent to Mr. McKay's care. Total from these four, 4,140_lbs., besides one box of books and the parcel.

To Miss Wight, Portage la Prairie, for Sioux School :- From Toronto Presbyterial Society : One large bale, chiefly new goods, 210 lbs; one new sewing machine, from the Saugeen Presbyterial Society, assisted by a friend. The other donations of clothing from Toronto Presbyterial Society were forwarded at the same time, viz. : 620 lbs., addressed Rev. Prof. Hart. Winniper. to be sent to a new reserve, to which the Synod of the Maritime Provinces expects to send a missionary; 390 lbs., addressed to Mrs. Taylor, Winnipeg, with instructions to keep them in reserve for any urgent need among our Indians that may be ascertained in the course of the winter; one bale, 124 lbs., and one parcel new goods, addressed to Mrs. John Murray, Brandon, for the Indians outside that city ; one valuable magic lantern, given by a friend in Toronto, was sent to Rev. G. A. Laird, Cote's Reserve, for his own use and for lending to other missionaries. The slides . are beautifully executed Scripture subjects. A valuable box of useful presents and prizes were sent to the children in our schools in Central India from Mrs. Mallock, Hamilton ; "Wayside Gatherers" Mission Band, St. James' Square ; Charles-

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Street Mission Band, Old St. Andrew's Mission Band, St. Andrews and a number of ladies Toronto. Total number of pounds clothing from Toronto Presbyterial Society, about 1,400.

To Rev. George Flett, Strathclair, for Rossburn Reserve :--From Ottawa Presbyte-ial Society : Aylmer, Chelsea, Metcalfe, South Russel, Ottawa Auxiltaries, and Ottawa Mission Band. Total, 1,040 lbs.

To the same address, for Okanase Reserve :-From Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial Societies: Clayton, Renfrew, Almonte, Perth, Castleford, Smith's Falls, Ross, Pakenham, Arnprior and Pembroke, 13 bales, 1,630 lbs.

To the same Reserve :- From Huron Presbyterial Society : Four large cases good, heavy clothing, some of it new.

To the same address : for Rolling River Reserve :-From Glengarry, Presbyterial Society : A large number of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands contributing : 1,275 lbs. were forwarded, including 60 lbs. new.

The Light Bearers Mission Band, Truro, Nova Scotia, also sent a large parcel to this reserve.

To Rev. George A. Laird, Coté's Reserve, Russell:-From Peterborough Presbyterial Society: 1,400 lbs., in 4 bales.

To the same :- From Chatham Presbyterial Society : Two bales, 550 lbs. Total, 1,950 lbs., and the magic lantern.

To Rev. Sol. Tunkansuicye, Birtle, Bird Tail Creek Reserve :--From Brockville Presbyterial Society : Cardinal Auxiliary sent 250 lbs.; Brockville and other Auxiliaries, 500 lbs. Total, 750 lbs.

To Mr. J. G. Burgess, same Reserve :- From Kingston Presbyterial Society : 1,435 lbs.

The Canadian Facific Railway Company did our Society the favour again this year of forwarding the second-hand clothing at half the tariff rates, and the officers gave much care and attention to the matter. -----

NOTES.

Acting on the recommendation of officers and members from different parts of the country, the Supply Committee suggest that societies finding it more convenient to prepare the clothing for Indians in winter may do so.

It is also earnestly hoped that Presbyterial officers while attending the meetings of Presbyterial Societies in winter will appoint the committee to receive, pack and ship the clothing for the next autumn.

Any Auxiliaries or Mission Bands that are omitted from the above list may send their names to the Presbyterial Secretary. or to the Home Secretary for publication in next Letter Leaflet.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Board of Management has decided that for the next annual meeting the Treasurer's Statement shall be printed and distributed among the members present. In order that this may be done in a satisfactory manner, attention is directed to the following clause in the Constitution, Article 7:

"All money must be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Presbyterial Society before the middle of February, and to the General Treasurer on or before the first Tuesday in March."

PRAYER CARDS.

The supply of the revised Prayer Card, recently issued, is intended to last for some time; it will not, as on previous occasions, be renewed at the close of each year.

INCREASE.

In Bruce Presbytery—Underwood Auxiliary, and on 22nd November, at Walkerton, Knox Church Auxiliary, by Rev. Dr. James.

In London Presbyterial Society-Lobo Auxiliary, by Mrs. Ball.

In Hamilton Presbyterial Society-St. Catharines "Willing Workers' Mission Band," of First Presbyterian Church.

In Orangeville-Shelburne Mission Band, on 8th November, by Mrs. Ewart.

In Toronto Presbyterial Society—on November 26th, St. Andrew's Mission Band, by Mrs. Macdonnell.

In Barrie Presbyterial Society—Bradford Auxiliary, by Mrs. Robertson.

In Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial Society-November 5th, "Little Workers'" Mission Band, Blakeney, by Mrs. McKenzie.

NOTICES.

The Board of Management meets on the first Tuesday of every month, at 3 o'clock p.m., in the Managers' Room, Knox Church, Toronto. Members of Auxiliary Societies, or other ladies interested in the work and deairing information, being introduced by a member of the Board, are cordially invited to attend.

Letters concerning the organization of Societies, and all matters pertaining to Home work, are to be addressed to Mrs. Hugh Campbell, 194 Richmond Street West, Toronto. The Home Secretary should be notified at once when an Auxiliary or Mission Band is formed.

Letters asking information about missionaries, or any questions concerning the Foreign field, as to Bible readers, teachers or children in the various Mission Schools, should be addressed to Mrs. Harvie, Wilcocks Street, Toronto.

Letters containing remittances of money for the W. F. M. S. may be addressed to Mrs. James Maclennan, Treasurer, 10 Murray Street, Toronto.

All requests for literature may be sent to Mrs. Telfer, 72 St. Albans Street, Toronto.

Certificates of life membership can be issued at any time, if the Home Secretary be notified.

LITERATURE.

No.			Price.
			Free.
- <u>1</u> .	Self-Questioning (leaflet) Giving, and Giving Up; or, the Test of Love. per doz.	8	cents.
4.	The Voices of the Womeneach. The Importance of Prayer in regard to Mission	Ť	cent.
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6.	Two Uents a Week	1	cent.
7.	Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box	T	Cent.
8.	Some Facts in the Life of Kashibai, a Brahmin	•	"
	Woman	÷	"
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14.	Suggestions for holding Missionary Meetings	~	Free.
15.	Why we Should keep up our Auxiliaries per doz.	ş	cents.
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	Presbyterial Organization		Free.
	How to Organize and Manage a Missionary Society		
	or Band		"
	Mite Boxes each.	1	cent.
	Envelopes		Free.
	Prayer Cards		""

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Applications for "The Monthly Letter Leaflet" (extra copies one cent each), and Annual Reports, to be made to the Home Secretary, Mrs. Campbell.

Every member of the Society is entitled to a copy of the Report free, extra copies are sold at 10 cents each.

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