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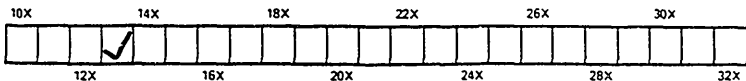
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WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

VOL. V.

TORONTO, JUNE, 1888.

No. 2.

CALL TO PRAYER

On behalf of the General Conference on Foreign Missions, to be held in London from the 9th to the 19th of June, 1888.

THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, TO ALL BRANCHES OF THE
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN CANADA :

Dear Sisters,—We would, with all respect and affection, approach you with the same request for prayer to Almighty God our Heavenly Father which we have addressed to all the European and American Missionaries and their converts labouring in all parts of the habitable world. We desire to realize the true oneness of the Church of God in all her branches and scattered fields of labour—a unity felt and enjoyed at the footstool of the one “God and Father of all.”

Our great object in now addressing you is to ask you to call upon your people to unite with you in prayer and supplication for a Pentecostal blessing on the Conference.

Pray that, under God, the Conference may be the means introducing a new era in Missionary enterprise. That it may hasten the day when “the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.”

The Committee earnestly desire that much private, as well as public, prayer may be offered up for a blessing on this great Conference, which may well be called *universal*.

We are, dear Sisters, yours in the Lord,

(Signed) ABERDEEN,

President.

JAMES JOHNSTON,

Secretary.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

FORMOSA.

Account of Work done in Girls' School.

TAMSUI, 31st Dec., 1887.

MRS. MACKAY.—Your kind letter of Oct. 24th to hand. I forwarded you a letter only a short time ago. Now I will try in few words to answer your letter, and to tell you something of my trip week to-day. We ask your prayers, your sympathy and your support, then we can work or cheerfully if we get these things. 'The Girls' School has not been in regular session for some time, just because other work was so pressing. A few girls have been in all along and in an informal way taught many necessary things. In due time we will be at work there as usual.

Yes, the girls who attend receive Jesus just as girls in a Sunday school at home do, there being very little difference. They are being taught what Dr. Mackay all along maintained they should be, just what will make them better daughters, wives and mothers. First, the Bible; second, reading and writing in the Romanized colloquial; third, making, repairing and washing their own clothes, etc.; fourth, preparing, weighing and cooking food, kitchen work indeed; then any useful information can be given them. The girls, after being taught as long as they can stay, go to their homes to help their parents provide food, or help their husbands, when they get married, to make a living, then help their own little ones in due time to worship God and be better women and men than their fathers were.

Week to-day I went with my husband and three children to Bang-kah, then with A Hôa and several students called on our old mandarin friend; then we went to the Toa-tiu-tia chapel, and from there to the houses of many converts and to a school in connection with our Mission. An elder Dr. Mackay spoke so much about in Canada, and who died some months since, left a very lonely family. When we went into the house she wept and cried, but said, "Oh, how sweet to think he is in a happy place; I won't be long here, I am very deaf now."

On Sunday we took "rickshaws," and on the railroad track went to Sek-khau. Dr. Mackay preached. The chapel was full of people. All were so glad to see us and children. The preacher's wife held on to me with both hands, and I could hardly get away. People and children seemed to know Dr. Mackay better than

A Hôa, and kept running round talking to him. He was there all hours though putting up the new stone church. We got back to Bang-kah then out here. Little Georgie did not want to come out—must be with his pa in the midst of crowds and never getting weary.

Do remember me to dear Canada ladies. I did like Canada and Edinburgh. Mrs. Jamieson is well, so are all in the Mission circle just now.

Joys and Sorrows of Home Life.

TAMSUI, 15th Dec., 1887.

MRS. JAMIESON.—I have just received your letter dated 24th October, in which you ask about our home life.

Yes, little George, our only child, was born on 16th July. For six weeks we had the privilege of caring for him, and then he was taken home again.

The "experience" gained by a mother in caring for and trailing little children, I too think is invaluable. I honour the women called to self-sacrifice and Christian service such responsibility involves.

I cannot look back to these months without referring to Mrs. Mackay's constant attention. Though in the hot season, and herself not very strong, she was ready to be at my side day or night. Being without experience, I needed just such a lady friend, and Mrs. Mackay cared for my child as if it had been her own.

No doubt you would expect me to tell you of the baby's birth and death. If I should have written I hope you will excuse my making no reference to it. Since we came to Formosa my father was called to render his account. Within this year my mother and brother and baby have all been taken home.

Hundreds of ladies in Canada pass through similar experience. You know, as well as I do, that our Father in Heaven never raised up and never laid down, never gave and never took away, never approved and never rebuked without some good reason.

It is easy to put nice sentences on paper, but are we really trying to learn the lessons these things are meant to teach?

I thank you for kind inquiries.

TRINIDAD.

Account of School at Red Hill.

PRINCESTOWN, TRINIDAD, B. W. I.,

February 29, 1888.

MRS. MORTON.—I did not expect when last writing you to be so long delayed in fulfilling my promise of writing again, but I was not very well for a few weeks about New Year, and after that Mr. Morton went to visit the converts in St. Lucia as you will see by the *Record*, and in his absence, as commander-in-chief, I had my hands and head both so full that I needed to run away to Princetown to refresh mind and body by a stay with our dear fellow-labourers—the Macraes—shortly after Mr. Morton's return. What a pleasant thing it is to rest when one is not ill but only weary! I am enjoying it to the full.

I told you something about your school at Red Hill when I wrote you in December. Soon after, we had the Christmas examination and treats. We were much pleased, that without any hint from us the pupils had scrubbed the floor and ornamented the walls with palm branches and flowers for the occasion. As they are mostly poor children the luns, candies, marbles and other small presents were a source of great delight to them. You will have seen by the report sent you lately that the average for the year was twenty-one. It may seem small but the amount of good accomplished is not small in proportion to the expense. The cost is now about six dollars a month, being two dollars rent for the house, and fifteen cents a day for the teacher. There is a Sabbath School and service immediately after on every Lord's Day, conducted by a helper, and, as I mentioned before, Mr. Morton and myself visit it fortnightly, when I teach the women and gather in all I can for a service in the schoolhouse. About fifteen boys and young men have learned to read the Bible in their own language, and the school has already provided us with two teachers in this way. Almost next door is a Hindu shop-keeper of considerable importance, with two grown-up sons who had been baptized in the Church of England and pretty well taught in the English language. When our school was opened they attended regularly and soon learned Hindi. Their minds seemed to open to religious influences, and one of them is now teaching at Orange Grove, and the other at your school. They are married to two sisters who received some instruction at Tunapuna, so that we now look upon them as our

own people. The girls had been baptized as infants in the Roman Catholic Church, but never went to chapel, nor did the priest look after them at all.

While Mr. Morton was away at St. Lucia I went once with Lal Bihari, and once with Geoffrey Subaran for our fortnightly meetings at Rea Hill. Miss Morton accompanied me on one of these occasions, and examined the school while Geoffrey and I visited among the people. I came to Princetown last Friday, taking on my way an agricultural show at San Fernando, at which we took three prizes—one for sweet potatoes, dried sweet lime peel, and Lima beans. We are very fond of a garden, and have a very nice one at Tunapuna. It is my only recreation. There is very little competition here, except in sugar and cacao, so it is not difficult to get a prize. Six orange trees are in full bearing here at Princetown Mission House, planted by Mr Morton. Roses grow finely here. We have nine varieties, and I am now sending to England for a dozen. They cost only about fifteen cents apiece. It is very civilizing to the neighbourhood here to have a nice garden. Scores of smaller ones have taken rise from ours, and flowers are in constant demand for funerals and weddings, and the people see what can be done by a little of that industry and thrift that is so sadly wanting here.

I have omitted to state that there was at the opening of the year \$32 remaining of your three hundred that we received more than two years ago.

THE NORTH-WEST.

Thanks for Clothing.

ARMADALE MISSION, March 10th, 1888.

MISS C. B. MCKAY. —It is a long time since I wrote you, and only to-day I have found I had directed your letter 38 Wilcox Street, instead of 24. I was very sorry when I thought you could not have received it, and you would think me very ungrateful for all your kindness. Father also wrote after we received all our goods. We received thirteen bales and seven cases, all of which was good warm clothing, from London and Sarnia Presbyteries. Our Indians are all splendidly clothed all winter; they look more like Moon-ieass-uck than Indians, and the children are also well clad for the cold weather.

I wish to thank the different societies for their kindness in the work they have done; also for the nice suit that was sent to my

father from Sarnia, it is so good and kind of them, no words can express our gratification. The little school girls desire to thank the kind and thoughtful little ladies down east for the dolls and scrap books which they sent; also to the Old St. Andrew's Society that sent the Christmas present.

Clothing for Indian Women and Children.

Dear Friends,—The Board of Management has tried to make the best possible arrangement for affording you an opportunity to supply this need of the Indians; the arrangements made are similar to those of last year.

Shipping directions follow the names of Reserves, and no notice should be taken by any of our Societies of intimations about reduced freight which may appear in newspapers, as the Board alone is responsible for what our Societies send.

Warm flannel dresses for women, strong, warm clothing for school girls and boys of all ages, yarn and knitting needles and some blankets and quilts are required for all the Reserves. When new goods are sent it is now preferable to have them unmade.

No. 1.—Ormstown, Que., Auxiliary to provide clothing for Indians in neighbourhood of Brandon.

No. 2.—The Societies in Ottawa and Maitland Presbyteries for File Hills Reserves. Mr. and Mrs. Toms, Missionaries. Four hundred Indians.

No. 3.—The Societies in Lanark and Renfrew, and in Chat-ham Presbyteries, for Piapot's Reserve, Miss Rose, Missionary Teacher. Population of the three Reserves, Piapot, Muscow-petung and Pasquah's, about 700. Rev. W. S. and Mrs. Moore, Missionaries.

No. 4.—The Societies in Brockville, Glengarry and Kingston Presbyteries, for Round and Crooked Lakes Reserves, Rev. Hugh McKay and Mr. and Mrs. Janes, Missionaries. Population of four Reserves, 900.

No. 5.—The Societies in Peterborough and Bruce Presbyteries for Assiniboine Reserve. Mr. and Mrs. MacLean, Missionaries. Indians about 130.

No. 6.—The Societies in Whitby, Winnipeg and Brandon Presbyteries, for Okanase Reserve. Rev. George and Mrs. Flett, Mr. and Mrs. Lauder, Missionaries. Indians about 130.

No. 7.—The Societies in Lindsay Presbytery for Rosburn Reserve, in charge of Mr. Flett. United population of this and Rolling River, 213.

No. 8.—The Societies in Toronto Presbytery for Mis-ta-wa-sis Reserve, and for points of which more may be learned at a later date. Indians on above Reserve, 204. Missionaries, Rev. John and Mrs. McKay and two daughters.

No. 9.—The Societies in Barrie Presbytery for Rolling River Reserve, in charge of Mr. Flett.

No. 10.—The Societies in Owen Sound for the Indian School at Portage la Prairie.

No. 11.—The Societies in Saugeen Presbytery for Muscowpetung Reserve, in charge of Rev. W. S. Moore.

No. 12.—The Society in Guelph Presbytery. Box of gifts and prizes for Demerara (see March Letter Leaflet), also to assist Stratford Presbytery for Bird Tail Creek Reserve.

No. 13.—The Societies in Orangeville and Huron Presbyteries for Pasquah's Reserve, in charge of Mr. Moore.

No. 14.—The Societies in Hamilton Presbytery. Box of gifts and prizes for our schools in India and to assist London Presbytery for Cote's Reserve.

No. 15.—The Societies in Paris Presbytery for Stony Plains Reserve, Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Anderson, Missionaries. Population about 160, of school age 35.

No. 16.—The Societies in London Presbytery for Cote's Reserve, Rev. G. A. and Mrs. Laird, and Rev. D. H. McVicar, Missionaries. Indians on this and Kee-See-Kono Reserves about 440, pupils 22.

No. 17.—The Societies in Sarnia Presbytery for Indians in and around Prince Albert. Miss Baker took charge of last year's supply.

No. 18.—The Societies in Stratford Presbytery for Bird Tail Creek Reserve. Population 140, pupils 27. Mr. J. G. Burgess and Rev. Mr. McArthur, Missionaries.

NOTE.—Auxiliaries or Mission Bands desiring to send gifts to India will please forward them to Hamilton. Address—Mrs. Grant, 33 Emerald Street N.

Directions for Shipping.

1st.—Parcels from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands to be sent, prepaid, to one or more central places in the Presbytery, to be re-packed by the Committee appointed by the Presbyterial Society.

2nd.—The Committee will put second-hand clothing and new clothing into separate bales or boxes, as *full rates are charged on the new*. Bales of 100 pounds, or over, cost proportionately less than smaller parcels.

3rd.—Let the packers have the missionary's address painted on, and in a corner the words "To be left till called for." A letter should be put into each bale or box, containing the names of Societies contributing, the station at which shipped, and the shipper's name, but not requiring a special answer from the missionary.

4th.—When all are ready, let the shipper notify Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Home Secretary, 194 Richmond Street West, Toronto, stating *exact* number of bales or of boxes, how many of them contain *second-hand clothing* and how many, new, and the name of C.P.R. station from which they are to be shipped. If the packing centre is not on the Canadian Pacific line the bales must be shipped to the nearest station on that line for re-shipment to the North-West. This can be done by a friend, if the shipper cannot conveniently go, or by special arrangement with the C.P.R. freight agent at that place. On being notified of the number, the Board will at once make it known to the officials, who will instruct their freight agents to forward second hand goods at half rates, which must be prepaid (full rates prepaid on the new) to the station next the reserve for which intended. Note.—Money for the purpose of paying freight may be raised in any way which the Presbyterian Society or its Committee thinks is best.

5th.—Let the Home Secretary be *at once* made aware of date of shipment and total weight; the Missionary is then officially notified by the Board of the goods having been forwarded.

Sometimes long delays and mistakes are occasioned by the omission of any of these little items. It is hoped all will be forwarded early in September.

Forwarded.

A box, containing warm clothing, blankets, etc., chiefly home-made, from W.F.M.S., St. Luke's Church, Salt Springs, Nova Scotia, was forwarded to Round and Crooked Lakes Reserves.

The clothing from Toronto Presbytery, which was addressed to Rev. Prof. Hart, has lately been forwarded to File Hills Reserves.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF WORK.

The Board of Management has made special arrangements for carrying out their plans of work for the present year, in the hope that by division of labour all the elected members may have better facilities for taking an active personal interest in the work, the number of meetings may be lessened, and valuable time saved. They have therefore agreed to appoint four committees in addition to those already in existence, making in all seven standing committees, each with a convener, it being also understood that the president is a member of all of them.

1st. The Executive Committee, whose duties are defined in the Constitution.

2nd. The Advisory and Supply Committee, to attend to delicate or urgent business, and secure supplies for missions and schools.

3rd. The Nominating Committee, to prepare and submit to the annual meeting of the Society a list of names suitable for election to the Board of Management.

4th. A Committee on Literature, to take entire charge of all literature and supplies which are provided for by what is known as the Literature Fund.

5th. A Committee on Publication, to take entire charge of the Monthly Letter Leaflet and Annual Report.

6th. A Committee on Finance, to receive estimates and statements of expenditure from the Foreign Mission Committee, and prepare and arrange them for printing.

7th. A Committee on Hospitality, to take charge of all arrangements at the time of the annual meeting held in Toronto, except the preparation of the programme and the issuing of travelling certificates.

All these committees to report either direct to the Board or to it through the Executive Committee.

NOTES.

All expenses incurred for entertainment at the recent annual meeting at Guelph were met in the most liberal manner by the friends there, leaving a balance of over \$13, which was sent to the General Treasurer.

CORRECTION.--By an oversight the name of Mrs. John McMurich was omitted from the list of Vice-Presidents published last month.

INCREASE.

In Ottawa Presbyterian Society—Manotick Auxiliary, organized April 30, by Mrs. Thorburn.

In Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterian Society—An Auxiliary at Burnstown, and a Mission Band at Stewartville, May 9, by Mrs. Neilson and Miss M. Russell. On 27th April, Mrs. Gandier organized an Auxiliary at Bryson.

In Guelph Presbyterian Society—The "Goforth" Mission Band, Galt, organized by the Auxiliary April 24.

In Paris Presbyterian Society—The Sen. Division of "Beehive" Mission Band has been separately organized.

In Sarnia Presbytery—Mrs. McAdam, Strathroy, on April 20, organized an Auxiliary at Petrolia.

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 desiring 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. In Mrs. MacLennan's absence till 1st September, address Mrs. Ewart, Rossin House.

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.

FREEDOM IN GIVING.

Freedom in giving will be gained by faithful and constant practice. The more we know of Christ and "drink into His Spirit," the more systematic and fuller will be our acknowledgment of Him in all our ways. The measure as well as the duty of "giving" will become clear to us, and we shall be relieved from constant questions and perplexities and suggestions concerning our responsibilities. Never let us forget that happiness is in doing, nor that the Master saith, "Behold I come quickly, and My reward with Me, to give to every man according as his work shall be."

"Wouldst thou truly, nobly live,
Give! freely give.

"Give as you would if the angel
Waited your gift at the door.
Give as you would if to-morrow
Found you where giving is o'er.

"Give as you would to the Master,
If you met His searching look.
Give as you would of your substance,
If His hand your offering took.

—Rev. C. R. Bonnel.

LITERATURE.

NOTICE.—Attention is directed to the following new leaflets:—
 "Questions Answered," No. 5, substitute for "How and Why," free.
 "Our Plan of Work," No. 19, free. "Our Foreign Mission Fields," No. 20, 1 cent each.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Price.</i>
1. Self-Questioning (leaflet)	Free.
2. Giving, and Giving Up; or, the Test of Love. per doz.	8 cents.
3. The Voices of the Women	1 cent.
4. The Importance of Prayer in regard to Mission Work	per doz. 8 cents.
5. Questions Answered.	Free.
6. Two Cents a Week	Free.
7. Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box	1 cent.
8. Some Facts in the Life of Kashibai, a Brahmin Woman	1 "
9. Pitchers and Lamps	1 "
10. For His Sake	1 "
11. Preparation for the Master's Work	per doz. 8 cents.
12. What is in thine Hand	per doz. 8 "
13. Thanksgiving Ann	1 cent.
14. Suggestions for holding Missionary Meetings	Free.
15. Presbyterian Organization	Free.
16. How to Organize and Manage a Missionary Society or Band	"
17. Why we Should keep up our Auxiliaries... per doz.	8 cents.
18. Five Cents in a Tea-cup	1 cent.
19. Our Plan of Work	per doz. 12 cents.
20. Our Mission Fields	1 cent.
Envelopes	each, 1½ cent; per 100, \$1.50.
Mite Boxes	each. "
Prayer Cards.....	Free.

Orders for the above Leaflets received by Mrs. Telfer, 72 St. Albans Street, Toronto.

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