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### SUBJECTS. FOR PRAYER.

For all branches of the Society:—For sister Societies in Canada, in Great Britain, and in the United States. For rulers, that their hearts may be disposed to seek the good of the kingdom.

### THE PRAYER-BASIS OF MISSION WORK.

For thirty years the writer has made the philosophy and history of missions a constant study side by side with the Book of God. Once more with careful and deliberate pen he records his humble unalterable judgment that *the whole basis of successful missionary work is to be found in believing and importunate prayer.* Whatever enthusiastic appeals are made to human ears, however compact and business-like our Missionary Boards and organizations, however thorough and systematic our methods of gathering offerings, it depends primarily and ultimately on prayer whether the appeals really move men, whether the organizations prove effective, whether the offerings are cheerful and ample. The men, means and measures for a world's evangelization have always been hopelessly inadequate and disproportionate

to a world's extent and needs ; they always will be while selfishness is lord of even nominal disciples. But what we need is supernatural power : then one shall chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight. And this divine working comes only in answer to united prayer. No time is lost in waiting for the Holy Spirit and the tongues of fire. Fire means light and heat for the believer, so that he shall no longer walk in the darkness of doubt or the chill of indifference. Fire means a consuming force that burns away, melts, subdues, all obstacles to human souls. Better, therefore, than any new standard of living and giving is a new experience of praying. As surely as believers take their stand on the promises and plead with God as Jacob did, they shall become like him, princes of God, and shall prevail. For a praying church a dying world is waiting.—*A. T. Pierson, in Missionary Review.*

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### Expressions of Sorrow from Abroad.

FROM our more distant fields letters are now constantly arriving, written on receipt of the intelligence of Mrs. MacMurchy's death. So uniform is the expression of sorrow, and the testimony to the value of our late beloved Foreign Secretary, that it is thought well to make one general statement about it, rather than to repeat so often in the LEAFLET what is in the minds of all. Very tender and touching are the expressions of the sense of personal bereavement coming from one and another mission home. These, and the evident appreciation on the part of our distant correspondents of the loss the Society has sustained, form an additional proof of the wide influence for good exerted by our dear friend while pursuing her work so unostentatiously amongst us. It will be understood that this paragraph takes the place of the numerous references to the matter which occur in recent letters.

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### Appointment of Foreign Secretary.

AT the November meeting of the Board, Mrs. Harvie was unanimously elected Foreign Secretary, and after taking a month to consider the matter, she has consented to occupy her old position. The Society is indebted to Mrs. J. M. Alexander for doing the work of the office during the last few months, pending a more permanent appointment.

### Acknowledgments of Clothing.

MR. McLEAN, of Indian Head.—“I am pleased to report the arrival of four bales (970 lbs.) of clothing from Glengarry Presbyterian Society. As usual the contents were very suitable. Most of it has already been distributed, and, in accordance with the desire of the W.F.M.S., those who are able to work were required to do something to show their appreciation of the clothing.”

MR. JOHN McARTHUR, Beulah, Sioux Reserve.—“The clothing for the Indians came about three weeks ago, for which I thank the ladies of the Maitland Presbyterian Society, who have kindly sent it. It is very suitable for the purpose. God is blessing the work here, and I hope that greater things are in store for us. Mrs. McArthur and I are now busy dealing out your kind gifts. We are anxious to cultivate in the Indian the spirit of self-reliance, and at the same time great precaution is needed for fear some may be allowed to suffer in circumstances over which they have no control. This year the Indians are more in need of help. We have had a very dry summer and their crops were not so good as last year. The clothing sent will be a great help to keep them from suffering.”

Clothing has also been acknowledged by Mr. Flett, Elphinstone, and Miss McKay, Mistawasis, from the Presbyterian Societies of Orangeville and of Bruce, respectively. That from Brockville Presbyterian Society has also reached its destination (Piapot's Reserve) in safety.

REV. G. G. McLAREN, of Birtle, acknowledges the receipt of bales of clothing from Guelph, Galt and Fergus, all in good condition. He says: “Kindly convey to the good people who have sent the clothes our most sincere thanks for the very liberal supply. Our school is moving along nicely, with fourteen children, happy and contented. The little boy, Blackbird, died of consumption on Sept. 17th.”

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### Items of Interest from the North-West, forwarded by Mr. Cassels.

TORONTO, Nov. 12th, 1889.

I HAVE to-day received a letter from Mr. Baird, giving information in regard to the Indian work, part of which will be

of interest to your Board, and I have pleasure in now passing it on. He says:—

“Mr. and Mrs. Laird left us for the Crow Stand Tuesday, 5th inst., and took with them Miss E. M. Armstrong, a young lady who has been a member of my congregation, and who possesses in a high degree the qualities likely to make a successful missionary. She has been a school teacher in the city, and goes to take charge of the school under Mr. Laird's care. Mr. John Black has hitherto been the teacher at the Crow Stand, and he goes to Okanase to take the place left vacant by the removal of Mr. McVicar to the File Hills. Mr. Laird also took with him Miss McLean, also of this city, who will help Mrs. Laird with the housekeeping and management of the children. She is a young woman of excellent Christian character, of deep interest in missions, and of a strong physical frame, which promises well for her helpfulness in the house.”

Also, “Would you be so kind as to inform the ladies that a mission band in the city, not enrolled under the banner of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, having discovered that Miss McLaren, of Birtle, is in need of a sewing machine, has volunteered to provide one, and hopes to be able to send it within a few weeks.”

He also says that the Committee have asked Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Round Lake, to accept the position of teacher at Indian Head, as Mr. Andrew Duff, who was appointed from this Province a few weeks ago, has withdrawn from the work.

He also states: “The new boarding department which is to be added to the mission school at Stoney Plain is nearing completion, and will very soon be ready for occupation by boarders. The new building has been used as a day school since the burning of the former school building in a prairie fire last spring. The Government is providing the funds for the erection of a new school house.

“The Committee, at its last meeting, passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. D. G. McQueen, of Edmonton, who has been unremitting in his efforts to promote the prosperity of the Stoney Plain Mission, and by whose excellent management the church is in possession of a substantial building suitable for a boarding school, erected at an extremely moderate cost.”

## Report of Supply Committee

of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (W. D.) for the season 1889, of clothing forwarded for Indian women and children in Canadian North-west, and presents and prizes for Indian and other Mission Schools :—

Instructions following the indications gathered from the letters of Missionaries, were sent to Presbyterian Societies on the 11th May. The work for reserves was arranged into three divisions, namely : Boarding schools only ; day schools, or smaller schools along with the reserve ; reserves alone, or scattered Indians.

Minute directions for shipment of bales were printed in June LETTER LEAFLET.

The response has been, as usual, hearty and loyal ; the returns are not yet complete, but show over 20,000 pounds of good second-hand and new clothing to have been sent, besides other donations.

The task of packing and shipping the bales, especially where they have to be reshipped, to take advantage of the half rates on cast-off clothing granted by Canadian Pacific Railway Co., tries the patience of shippers, but that they are not weary in well-doing is evidenced by the fact that they are to be found at their post when the next season comes. Their motive must be looked for as expressed by a member : " These words came into my mind all the time we were receiving the goods : ' Is it not to deal thy bread<sup>1</sup> to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house ? When thou seest the naked that thou cover him ; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh ? ' " The kind and quality of cast-off clothing is described as very good. All the Presbyterian Societies contributed to the North-west boxes except Ottawa, which worked for Demerara and Trinidad ; Kingston for Central India ; and Columbia for Santo ; and the list is as follows :

New Richmond, Que.—50 pounds new goods, forwarded to Rev. Hugh McKay, Round Lake.

Salt Springs, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.—130 pounds new goods, forwarded to Rev. Hugh McKay, from the Missionary Society of St. Luke's Church.

Ottawa Presbyterian Society.—To Demerara : A large box and small bale containing new shirts, work bags, dolls, books, toys ;

Mrs. J. Gibson and Mr. Wieting to have charge of the distribution to Sabbath-school children. A small box was sent to Mrs. Morton for Trinidad, and some dolls to Brockville for North-west. Total weight about 350 pounds. From Aylmer Auxiliary and Mission Band, Chelsea, Erskine church, East Gloucester, Metcalfe, Masham, Manotick, Merivale, Ottawa Auxiliary and Mission Band.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial Society.—To Round and Crooked Lakes Reserves, Rev. Hugh McKay, 1,950 pounds. Contributed by Pembroke, Beachburg, Burnstown, Renfrew, Arnprior, Bristol, Lanark, Elmsley, Smith's Falls (St. Andrew's) Perth, Carleton Place, and an auxiliary not named. Included in Pembroke box was a parcel from Chalk River and one from Alice Bristol Auxiliary, lately transferred to Ottawa, 47 yards home-made flannel, and Beachburg a similar donation. Mrs. Ritchie, Rock Clyfe, \$2.

Brockville Presbyterial Society.—To Piapot's Reserve, Mrs. McKinnon to distribute, 400 pounds second-hand and 40 pounds new, total 440. From First Presbyterian church, St. John's church, and St. John's Mission Band, Brockville, Merrickville, Colquhoun, Prescott, Cardinal, Morrisburg, Dunbar, Lyn, Winchester Springs. St. John's M. Band sent dolls and work bags for the five little girls mentioned in the LETTER LEAFLET. A parcel was included to be forwarded to Mrs. Moore. The Mainsville bale was sent to Rev. Hugh McKay, and contained 70 pounds.

Glengarry Presbyterial Society.—To Assiniboine reserve, Mr. John McLean, 810 pounds second-hand and 160 new. 115 pounds valuable second-hand were afterwards sent from Lunenburg. Total 1,085. From Roxborough, Lancaster, King's Road, Alexandria, Maxville, Wales, Lochiel auxiliaries, and others not named on the parcels.

Kingston Presbyterial Society.—To Central India, consigned to Dr. E. Beaty, two cases containing short lengths of bright colored flannels to make jackets for poor girls; dolls, scrapbooks, toys, etc. From McDonald's Corners, Stirling, Picton, Seymour, Lansdowne, Madoc, Gananoque, Deseronto, Chalmers' church and St. Andrew's, Kingston, auxiliaries; Olive Branch Mission Band and Willing Workers' Mission Band of Cook's Church, Kingston. Parcels from Peterboro, Woodstock and Guelph were also included. A bale, 65 pounds, from Cook's Church auxiliary,

and a parcel from Sand Bay, were forwarded to Birtle Industrial School, consigned to Miss McLaren.

Peterborough Presbyterial Society. File Hills Reserves Boarding School, consigned to Rev. Alexander Campbell, from Mill St., Port Hope, Grafton and Vernonville, Cold Springs, Cobourg, Lakefield, Bobcaygeon, St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Peterborough, Baltimore, Keene, First church, Port Hope, Campbellford and Centerville, Ellangowan, Hastings, Keene, Port Hope (First church and Mill street) and Mission Bands: "Wide Awake" Cobourg, "Faithful Workers" Peterboro', First church and Mill street Port Hope auxiliaries. 900 lbs. second-hand and 200 lbs. new, total 1100 lbs. A parcel forwarded by the Mission Band, Peterborough, to Kingston, was packed for India.

Whitby Presbyterial Society.—To Muscowpetung and Pasquah's Reserves, Rev. W. S. Moore, 400 pounds good second-hand clothing.

Lindsay Presbyterial Society. —To Côté and Kesekoos' Reserves, Rev. G. A. Laird, two large bales second-hand and one new. Total weight 450 pounds. From Wick, Lindsay, Sonya, Sunderland, Quaker Hill, Eldon, Cannington and Greenbank auxiliaries, and 'Cheerful Helpers' Mission Band, Sunderland.

Toronto Presbyterial Society.—To Boarding School on Muscowpetung and Pasquah's Reserves, "and any other necessities that may occur," 860 pounds new goods, including a box dolls, 90 pounds, and one bale second-hand, 220 pounds. Total, 1080 forwarded to boarding school. 350 pounds excellent second-hand clothing to File Hills Reserves. The clothing from Auxiliaries Eversley and Temperanceville, Agincourt, Markham, Parkdale, St. John's Milliken, Aurora, Oakville, West Toronto Junction, Charles St. church, Chalmers' church, College street church, Erskine church, "Murray Mitchell" and Central church, Toronto. And the following Mission Bands: Parkdale, Central church, "Harvesters" Erskine Church, Infant Class East church, Old St. Andrew's, St. Andrew's church Mission Band, "Willing Workers" Knox church. And a parcel of tweed flannel, etc., from "Happy Gleaners" Knox church. Money to be used for clothing and other purposes, received from St. Andrew's church and Mission Band, Old St. Andrew's College street church, St. John, Milliken, MacLaren, Charles street church and Murray Mitchell Auxiliaries and Charles street



Mission Band. Money and clothing also received from a few individual members. A box was sent, consigned to Dr. E. Beatty, India, containing dolls, from Parkdale; toys, etc., from Charles street Mission Band; scrapbooks, etc., from Knox church Mission Band, and from other friends. A box of medicine, value \$12, taken from above mentioned fund, was given to Rev. G. A. Laird, when in Toronto, for his school and reserves (Côté and Kesekoos). "Alexander" Auxiliary of Union, and Norval and Milton Auxiliary would have contributed, but were asked to wait for next year.

Barrie Presbyterial Society.—To Côté and Kesekoos Reserves, Rev. G. A. Laird, 4 cases and 5 bales. Total — pounds. Gravenhurst, a parcel new flannel. The other Auxiliaries contributing are Alliston, Barrie, Bond Head, Churchill, Collingwood Auxiliary, and Mission Band Gravenhurst and Orillia.

Owen Sound Presbyterial Society.—To File Hills Reserves, Rev. Alexander Campbell, 550 pounds second-hand and 100 new. Total, 650. From Knox church Mission Band and Division St. Auxiliary, Owen Sound, and Chatsworth, Johnson and Daywood, Desboro and Peabody Auxiliaries. A good contribution, followed with many prayers, from this new Presbyterial Society.

Saugeen Presbyterial Society.—To Indians near Prince Albert, for distribution by Miss Baker, consigned to Rev. Dr. Jardine, 704 pounds, excellent quality. From Arthur, Clifford, Durham, Fairbairn (Yeovil P. O.), Holstein. Knox church Harriston, and Mount Forest Auxiliaries.

Guelph Presbyterial Society.—To Birtle Industrial School, Mr. G. G. McLaren. From three shipping stations. Total shipped at Galt, 710 pounds. From Galt, Hespeler and Berlin auxiliaries. The Galt donation was very large, and 100 pounds of it new. Nearly half of Hespeler donation was new. A Mission Band sent \$13 to provide moccasins. The goods shipped at Fergus, total weight, 575 pounds, of which about 150 pounds was new. Contributed by Alma, Belwood, Dracon, Elora, Chalmers' Auxiliary and Mission Band, Eramosa, Fergus (St. Andrew's Auxiliary and Mission Band) and Melville Auxiliary and Mission Band and Mimosa. Besides this, Melville Auxiliary, Fergus, sent a spinning wheel. Shipped at Guelph, 700 pounds. From Acton, Winterbourne, Knox, Wardrope and St. Andrew's Auxiliaries, and Ivy and Chalmers' Mission Bands, Guelph.

Total, 1985 pounds clothing. A parcel from Guelph enclosed in Kingston box for India.

Orangeville Presbyterian Society.—To Rossburn Reserve, Rev. Geo. Flett, 450 pounds, and later 100 pounds from Alton. Good second-hand. Total 550 pounds.

Hamilton Presbyterian Society.—To the Boarding School, Round and Crooked Lakes Reserves, Rev. Hugh McKay, 1,000 pounds second-hand and 620 new. Total 1,620. Also 1 box tea, 30 pounds. From Knox church, Central church, Erskine church, McNab Street church, and St. Paul's church Auxiliaries, Hamilton, and St. Catharines, Drummond Hill (Niagara Falls South), Burlington, Dunnville, Niagara, Kirkwall, Carluke, Dundas, Simcoe, Caldonia, West Flamboro, Thorold and Lynedoch Auxiliaries, and Willing Workers, Lend a Hand, and Knox church Mission Bands St. Catharines.

Paris Presbyterian Society.—To Muscowpetung and Pasquah Reserves, Rev. W. S. Moore, 1,140 pounds second-hand and 150 new clothing. The second-hand very good. Total 1,290. From Ayr Auxiliary, Stanley street Auxiliary, Ayr; First Presbyterian church Mission Band, Brantford, Embro, St. Andrew's, East Oxford, two splendid quilts; Knox church Ingersoll; Paris, Princeton, St George Auxiliaries, and Chalmers' church Auxiliary and Mission Band and Knox church Auxiliary and Mission Band, Woodstock. Juvenile Mission Band, Woodstock, sent dolls in Kingston box to India.

London Presbyterian Society.—To Stony Plains Reserve, Mr. Magnus Anderson, care of Rev. D. G. McQueen, Edmonton, 1,750 pounds second-hand, 700 pounds new. Total 2,450. Excellent clothing. Every description of warm material. The Auxiliaries and Mission Bands contributing were: Park Avenue and St. Andrew's London; Knox church St. Thomas; Ailsa Craig, Kintore, Mosa, Vanneck, Glencoe, Aylmer, North Westminster, South Westminster, Hyde Park, Thamesford, Knox church London South, London East, Komoka, Dorchester, Crumlin, Belmont, Argyle (Crinan P.O.), Victoria Mission Band London, Knox church Mission Band St. Thomas, "King's Messengers" London.

Sarnia Presbyterian Society.—To Mistawasis Reserve, Rev. John McKay, care of Mr. A. C. Paterson, Qu'Appelle, 550 pounds good second-hand and 44 new. Total 594. From

Petrolia, Watford, Strathroy, Forest, Nairn, Lieury, Sarnia and Park Hill Auxiliaries.

Chatham Presbyterian Society.—To Portage la Prairie Indian School, Miss Walker, 1,200 pounds good second-hand and 100 new. Total 1,300. From Bothwell, Chatham, Chatham Township, Comber, Florence, Harwich, Ridgetown, Thamesville, Tilbury Centre and Valetta Auxiliaries, and "May," "Oliver" and Loyal Mission Bands. Little Workers' Mission Band, Chatham, sent their parcel to Rev. W. S. Moore, Balgonie.

*To be continued.*

The thanks of the Society are tendered to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. for granting half-rates on second-hand goods to North-west; to Grand Trunk and Intercolonial Railway Co.'s for similar local favors; to Messrs. Mitchell & Sons, Halifax, for free carriage of boxes; to Rev. D. G. McQueen, Edmonton, for yearly seeing to the safe transhipment of bales from Calgary to Edmonton; to Mr. A. C. Paterson, Fort Qu'Appelle, for similar favors to File Hills and Mistowasis Reserves, and to the Indians near Prince Albert.

NOTE FROM THE SUPPLY COMMITTEE.—It is earnestly requested that at the winter meetings of Presbyterian Societies, committees shall be appointed to receive and pack the clothing at whatever time is most convenient for Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. The bales, however, need not be forwarded till notice is received from the Board. The committee should see that only clothing of good quality be sent. In each Auxiliary a small committee of women accustomed to make over garments can value the parcels if desired.

KATE C. CAMPBELL, *Sec. of Supplies.*

### Extracts of Letters from India.

DARJILING, October 3rd, 1889.

MRS. WILSON. — \* \* \* ABOUT five weeks ago we left Neemuch, spending a few days *en route* at Indore and Allahabad and reaching Darjiling, a hill station about three (300) hundred miles north of Calcutta, on the 2nd of September.

Darjiling is a very long way from Neemuch, about twelve hundred (1,200) miles. But it is said to be one of the finest sanitariums in India, and as we wished to see as much as possible of the country, and specially of the mission work in the different

cities before returning to Canada, we chose it rather than a nearer station. Miss Rodger is with us. You will probably have heard that Miss Oliver and Miss Scott are at Simla. I am so thankful to have escaped September and October on the plains. This is the first time we have been able to do so since coming to India, and I shall certainly try in the future to take a holiday, when we can, during these months. Miss Beatty and Miss Sinclair are at work at Indore, and Miss Sinclair writes me that she finds this season very much more trying than the hot season. We have a number of C. M. S. missionaries in the hotel in which we are staying, and they are obliged, for health considerations, to leave the plains every year at this time.

You would not be surprised at this could you see the Bengal plains under water, as we did, coming to Darjiling. For hundreds of miles after leaving Allahabad the railway was a narrow path running through an apparently shoreless sea. The Ganges and its tributaries overflow, I believe, every year. But this year the waters were higher than usual, and along almost the whole line between Allahabad and Sahebgunge, where we crossed the Ganges, all the villages were inundated, though built on such elevations as can be found in so flat a country. In many villages the houses were half submerged, and how the people and cattle managed to exist I don't know. In spots where the water was not so deep we saw herds of cows and buffalos huddled together. It looked very curious to see them grazing, their heads under water to the horns.

Rice is grown abundantly in Bengal, and they say that too much water is just as injurious to it as too little, and in some districts there is likely to be much destitution this year on account of its loss. In Central India there is no rice grown that I know of. The people there live on wheat, and other grains. In Bengal rice is the staple article of food among the villagers.

We spent a very pleasant week at Allahabad with an old Mhow friend, and while there saw something of the American Presbyterian Mission work. Mr. Alexander, who has charge of part of the work there, has asked us to stay for a few days with him on our way back to Neemuch, where we hope to see more of their mission.

We attended a Sabbath morning service in the church of which Mr. Alexander has charge, and where he officiates once every Sunday, a native pastor, Babu Caleb, taking the second service.

It was delightful to worship with so large and intelligent a body of native Christians. It helped us to look forward to the time when we in Central India may have just such a congregation. The membership of this church is about eighty (80), and the average attendance on the Sabbath services about two hundred (200). A second Christian church in connection with this mission in Allahabad has a membership of eighty-six.

This Sunday morning service was specially interesting to us because conducted by Babu Ram Chandra Bose, a name well-known to many friends of mission work beyond India. Mr. Bose was converted to Christianity while a pupil under Dr. Duff in the Free Church College in Calcutta. He has written a good many books, chiefly on Hindu philosophical subjects, and has also lectured on these and other subjects in America, and, I think, in Great Britain. He spends his whole time now in going about from place to place preaching and lecturing in Urdu and English, his English lectures being chiefly delivered to educated native young men. We had the pleasure of hearing him give one lecture in Allahabad to a large audience of Bengali young men, who seemed to follow him very intelligently. At the close of the lecture three or four of the audience, speaking also in English, asked some questions and raised objections to some points in the lecture, which Mr. Bose answered in the clear, easy style which distinguishes him as a speaker.

There has been lately a great deal of criticism of the amount of secular education given to Indian youths by Mission Societies, and sometimes one feels inclined to question the wisdom of spending so much money on a department of work where the results are apparently so small. But meeting with a man like Mr. Bose, a man whose influence on account of his ability and education must be very great, and who probably would not have become a Christian had he not been under the direct personal care of a Missionary in a Mission College, makes one, on the other hand, realize the great usefulness of such schools of learning.

In Allahabad we also visited a boarding school for native Christian girls. There are at present in attendance thirty-five boarders, who are evidently daughters of persons receiving a fair income. They were well dressed, and had a generally well-to-do air that you don't find among poorer people. All pay fees of four or five rupees (₹'s4 or ₹'s5) per month, according to the

amount of their fathers' income, none being admitted for less than Rs4. A few of the girls are supported by Sabbath schools in America.

The school rooms and dormitory are very fine rooms, and I was surprised to see a table and chairs in the dining room. In Nus-surabad boarding school the girls sit on the floor when eating, as is usual in their own homes. The lady principal told us that chairs and tables are a necessity in her school, because the majority of the girls come from homes where they are in use, and their parents would not send them to a school which did not provide these (to most Indians) articles of luxury. One must, of course, regulate such an institution according to the class of girls who attend it.

I shall try and tell you something about Darjiling and the eminently successful work of the Established Church of Scotland Mission here in another letter. We expect to see a great deal of mission work on our way back to Neemuch, and certainly what we have seen already makes us hope to yet see "great things" in our own Central India field.

We are enjoying very much the bracing climate of Darjiling, and hope to go home much the better of the change. We had a great deal of rain during September, but now the weather is delightful. I only wish we could stay here for six months instead of two. We are fortunate in having got a room in a boarding house kept by a Scotch lady, who takes a great deal of interest evidently in missionaries. We have at present two of the C. M. S. missionaries with their wives here, and enjoy their society very much. Every evening at prayers a psalm is sung, and Mrs. Hannah (the boarding house lady's name) adds the singing herself, choosing the very tunes for certain special psalms that my grandfather and father always sang at family prayers.

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## NOTICES.

THE Board of Management meets on the first Tuesday of every month, at three 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. Shortreed, 224 Jarvis Street, 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, 24 Willcock 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 correspondence relating to the sending of goods to the North-West, or other Mission fields, will be conducted through the Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, 220 Richmond Street west, Toronto.

Communications respecting the literature of the Society and the MONTHLY LETTER LEAFLET, should be addressed to Mrs. Telfer, 72 St. Albans Street, Toronto, the Secretary-Treasurer of Publications. When cash accompanies an order no written receipt of money will be sent. The package of leaflets will be considered sufficient acknowledgment.

All requests for life membership certificates should be sent to the Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. H. Robinson, 625 Ontario Street, Toronto.

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### Notice to Secretaries.

The Secretaries of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands are reminded that it is their duty on receiving the LETTER LEAFLET, immediately to forward a copy to the President of their Society. Should the LEAFLET fail to arrive by the first of the month, Mrs. Telfer desires to be at once notified.

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### Notice to Treasurers.

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

## INCREASE.

### *Presbyterial Societies.*

- TORONTO ..... *Scarboro'*— St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, by Mrs. McMurrich and Miss George, Oct. 9th.
- BROCKVILLE ... *Spencerville* — "Lighted Lamps" and "Little Helping Hands" Mission Bands, by Mrs. Blair, Sept. 8th.
- ..... *Cardinal*— "Little Cardinal Missionaries," by Mrs. Blair, Oct. 16th.
- HAMILTON .... *Niagara Falls*— "Niagara Spray" Mission Band, Sept. 8th.
- ..... *Simcoe* — "Wayside Gatherers" Mission Band.
- LINDSAY ..... *Zephyr*— Auxiliary, by Mrs. D. J. McIntyre, Sept 17th.
- MAITLAND ..... *St. Helens*— The "Harris" Mission Band, by Mrs. McNabb and Miss McDonald. (Organized in July, but not reported.)
- BRUCE ..... *Chesley*— Auxiliary, by Rev. J. Ferguson.
- WINNIPEG ..... *Surnyside* — Auxiliary, by Mrs. Watt, Oct. 30th.
- BRANDON ..... *Roseland*— Auxiliary, by Mrs. McTavish, Sept. 3rd.
- GLENGARRY ..... *Dalkeith*— "Little Helping Hands" Mission Band, by Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Robertson, Nov. 2nd. (This band takes the place of the Dalkeith "Children's Mission Band," which had discontinued its meetings for some months past)
- SARNIA ..... *Alvinston*— Guthrie Church Auxiliary, by Mrs. Ball, Oct. 25.
- BROCKVILLE ..... *Athens*— "Little Missionary Workers" Mission Band, by Mrs. Gallagher, July 1st (not reported until in good working order.)
- TORONTO ..... *Toronto*— St. John's Auxiliary, by Mrs. McMurrich, Nov. 13th.
- GULEPH ..... *Elora* — Knox Church Auxiliary, by Mrs. Smellie, November 29th.
- HURON ..... *McKillop*— Duff's Church Auxiliary, by Mrs. Fair, Dec. 6th.



## PUBLICATIONS.

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