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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."
—2 Tim. ii. 15.

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

"The entrance of Thy word giveth light."
—Psa. cxix. 130.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Another year of opportunity for the members of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is fast drawing to a close, and the question: Have I done what I could? makes itself heard by one and another of us. Happy is she who can

respond, "Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I have striven to be faithful to the trust committed to me."

Annual meetings are now being held throughout the Society. To some of our workers these meetings are joyous and inspiring events, because they realize that their faithful efforts have been crowned with a large measure of success. To others they prove seasons of regret as they think of lost opportunities and un-realized hopes. Let those who have been made glad by the result of the year's work not rest satisfied with the advance already attained, but press forward, aspiring to still greater things in the Master's service. Let the regretful and discouraged ones forget the things that are behind and wait upon Him who can give strength and confidence, so that with fresh courage they may go forward to seize and improve the new opportunities as they present themselves. "No duty, however perilous or hard, should be feared half so much as failure in the duty."

A small space in the LETTER LEAFLET will be in future devoted to items of interest relating to our Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. Our workers are cordially invited to send to the Home Secretary notes of experience or suggestive thoughts, interesting incidents or plans of work that have proved satisfactory in Auxiliaries or Mission Bands. Such contributions will be gladly received, although it may not always be possible to publish them.

There are still congregations in the Presbyterian Church of Canada in which the W. F. M. S. is not established. The Presbyterian officers and other interested ones are urged to make earnest effort to arouse interest, and if possible organize in these places. "The Master hath need" of the women in those congregations to help carry on this special department of His work, and they need the blessing He gives to those who render Him faithful service. Especially should every congregation have its young people engaged in this work that they may be early trained to make the Master's service their chief concern. In the Mission Band they learn the lesson that they are stewards, not masters, of what is committed to them, and they learn of God's plans and the agencies He uses to bring the world to a knowledge of Himself. In the children is our hope for the mission work of the future. Let us not fail in our duty to sow the seeds of missionary interest in their young hearts, and to give them this opportunity for moral discipline.

We would like to hear more frequently from our Mission Bands. The Home Secretary is always glad to receive communications from those who are carrying on this department of the Society's work. If there are discouragements make them known to her before you determine to disband or sever your connection with the Society. Some cheering word of help or counsel might enable you to resist the temptation to grow weary in this good work, and might encourage you to go forward to better and truer service. If there are good results and bright prospects, share them with her. She will be made glad by a knowledge of them and others may be helped and cheered by your success.

The first report received is from a struggling, isolated Auxiliary, organized not quite a year ago with only six members. Since that time two of the original members have moved away and two new ones have been added. Two of the six have rarely attended the meetings, one being a very busy woman with a family to support, the other, through deafness, being unable to hear or understand much of the proceedings. Yet the other four have not grown faint hearted because they were few in numbers. They have met regularly "under more or less difficulties, as they have young families and help cannot be procured." Their contribution amounted to nearly \$33. The Secretary writes: "We felt that our first step was only in simple obedience to our Lord's command, and a manifest blessing has attended us as a society. Our influence has been in the direction of extension, two other Societies and the prospect of a third being the result.

"At each meeting we have had at least one original paper prepared by one of the members, our aim being to learn all we can of the country under discussion for the day. The meetings have proved very helpful to us, and we hope for an increase in interest and members for the year 1892."

After reading such a report may not the question be asked: Need any Auxiliary give up the work because the members are few in number?

ANNUAL MEETING.

The next Annual Meeting will be held in Westminster Church, Toronto, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10th and 11th.

PRAYER CARD.

Applications for "the Prayer Card for 1892" are being received by the Secretary of Publications. The Board does not issue a new Prayer Card every year, the one in present use having been so arranged as to suit the needs of our various fields for a length of time.

Increase.

Presbyterial Society.

GLENGARRY *Fourth Concession, Charlottenburg.* — "Mizpah"
Auxiliary.

Life Members Added During December and
January.

Mrs. Lockhead.....	Atwood.
Mrs. John Cameron	Aultsville.
Mrs. McMillan	Wick.
Miss Donaldson	Whitby.
Mrs. John Mather	Kincardine.
Miss Christina Thomson.....	Whitby.
Mrs. T. A. Garland	Portage la Prairie.
Mrs. Samuel Dickson.....	Peterborough.
Miss Olive Kerr.....	Toronto.
Miss Martha Purse.....	Toronto.
Mrs. James Frazer.....	Winnipeg.
Mrs. John R. Lyon.....	Seaforth.
Mrs. James Forgie	Almonte.
Mrs. Bolton	Strathroy.
Mrs. W. Hamilton Merritt	Toronto.
Mrs. George Coldbeck	Woodstock.
Miss Baker	Prince Albert.
Miss Buchanan	Pittsburg, Pa.
Mrs. J. A. Link	Gravenhurst.

An Important Suggestion.

A TRAINING HOME FOR MISSION WORKERS.

It will be remembered that at the last annual meeting of the Society, held in Kingston, a resolution, making provision whereby the Society at large might take a deeper and more practical interest in the women offering their services for Foreign Mission work, was unanimously adopted. After giving this subject, as embodied in the resolution, most earnest and prayerful consideration from many standpoints, the Board finally concluded to consult the Foreign Mission Committee as to the desirability of establishing a Training Home for candidates for mission work.

No formulated statement of the views of the Board, with regard to the proposed Home, has as yet been made, and no further steps will be taken in the matter until the plan has been approved by the Foreign Mission Committee and the Society at its approaching Annual Meeting. But that the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands may have an intelligent comprehension of the proposal, and be able, through their delegates, to express their approval or otherwise, the Board presents a general statement, outlining the plan suggested for such Training Home.

1. That a special and practical course of Biblical and General training shall be provided for candidates for mission work.
2. That such course of special training shall be independent of, and subsequent to, any educational, medical or technical training they may have acquired.
3. That this special and practical training shall be given in a Home established for the purpose, under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Committee, and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.
4. That this Home shall be in Toronto.
5. That the Home be established to train workers for either the Home or the Foreign Field.
6. That applicants seeking admission to the Home be required to possess the same qualifications that at present are necessary in order to obtain an appointment to the Foreign Field.

7. That at least six months' residence in the Home be deemed an essential qualification for appointment to any field.
8. That in the meantime premises be rented, not purchased.
9. That residents be required to pay a reasonable sum for their board and lodging, and that any additional expense, incidental to the establishment, be borne by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Visit of the Viceroy.

INDORE, Dec. 2, 1891.

MRS. WILKIE.—Last week was made very pleasant to us by the visit of Lord and Lady Lansdowne, the Viceroy—so well known as Canada's recent Governor-General.

At a garden party given for their reception, Lady Lansdowne signified to Miss Oliver her wish to visit the hospital if it were possible, and at two o'clock the following day we received word that at half-past four she would come. Though the notice was short, the centre waiting-room was prettily decorated with bunting, etc., and an address prepared—of which I send herewith a copy. Just as Lady Lansdowne and Lady Fitzmaurice were seated, the red cloth which had just been used in the College for Lord Lansdowne's reception, was brought, and the man, native-like, determined to lay it from Her Excellency's feet. The aide-de-camp laughed, but readily excused that for which the short notice was to blame.

After Dr. Marion Oliver's address, Lady Lansdowne and her daughter visited all the wards, taking a deep interest in all, and admiring the substantial building. We feel very grateful to Her Excellency for her visit, which will help us in many ways. Wealthy natives will we hope be led to take a greater interest in it, and thus by their means, if nothing more, helping the cause. Gindhauk, one of our native merchants, gave Rs500 (Rupees five hundred), recently, towards the building fund.

Last week was a very busy one to all, and not less so to the missionaries who have been seeing the different Rajahs (Kings),

or rather Princes, and thereby enlisting their sympathies in our work. Many of them realize the great importance and need of the medical work among their women. In talking with the minister of the Dewas Rajah, he spoke of the great harm the so-called native nurses did among the women, and of the ignorance that we as missionaries had to contend with, but spoke encouragingly of what we are doing through our doctors and educational institutions.

At present we are short of workers, Miss Ross having gone to Mhow to take charge of the Misses Stockbridge's work. Dr. M. Fraser has also gone there to open medical work. Miss Sinclair brought the boarding-school girls here last week, and has the charge of them, together with the school work on her hands at present, but we must do the best we can till fresh reinforcements come; although it hardly seems fair that new comers, owing to press of work, are not allowed the first year for the study of the language.

The boarding school building is completed. However, we think it wise not to put the girls into it for a month or so, and in the meantime part of the two-storey bungalow adjoining is being used for them. We hope soon to be able to send a picture of the building.

We all regret very much that our Heavenly Father has seen fit to lay low Miss Harris. You will have heard of her serious illness. This morning's letter spoke of her as being a little better. We all feel very much for her friends, upon whom so recently the shadow of the dark valley fell. Miss McKellar, who has been ailing, has gone for a short rest and change, and feels much benefit from it, and hopes to return shortly. All the rest of the Indore staff are well.

We have just had the young men of the College and High School here, spending the evening. We try to give them as many peeps into our home life as possible. They are all very nice young men, so polite, and we can spend a pleasant evening with them.

Our little girl, Bessie, keeps wonderfully well. During the last few months when so many children have been ill, mothers having to leave the country in some cases to save their lives, and others dying, Bessie has not had a day's illness.

ADDRESS TO
HER EXCELLENCY, THE MARCHIONESS
OF LANSDOWNE.
PRESENTED AT THE CANADIAN MISSION
HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AT INDORE, C. I.

To us the children of Her Majesty's Canadian Dominion, it gives no small pleasure to welcome to our midst her worthy representatives. But on this occasion it gives us peculiar pleasure to greet a name so well remembered and so highly honoured in our native land.

We welcome YOUR EXCELLENCY, to our Hospital for Women, as one whose brief residence in India has proved to all your deep interest in this the earnest effort of Christian womanhood for her less fortunate sisters of this land.

The aims of the Canadian Mission Hospital are not unlike those of that institution inaugurated and so worthily named after one whose memory is likewise dear to Canadian hearts, and whose interest in medical work for women has been so ably seconded by Your Excellency.

As workers in the name of Christ, our first effort is to reach the souls of our patients, which, following in our Master's footsteps, we seek to accomplish through first relieving their bodies, that we may the more readily touch their hearts. Nor in this have we been disappointed; the love, the gratitude, the personal interest in our message, of many an Indian sister have cheered us with the prospect of a near return in noble measure for our labours.

We further seek to make the women of India independent of foreign ministers to their medical needs. We have already a few students in our hospital, with the early prospect of their numbers being added to, whom we propose to train into efficient medical workers.

The medical work, formerly hampered for lack of suitable buildings, has been greatly forwarded by the building of our new Hospital, the gift of the Canadian Presbyterian Church.* We

* The Canadian Mission Hospital is the gift of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. (W. D.).

cannot omit to inform Your Excellency, that in this work we have been ably seconded by our friends in India. H. H. the Maharajah Holkar has kindly granted us the magnificent site on which the building stands, together with the gift of Rs. 750 towards the building, and the promise of a much needed addition to our grounds in the rear.

The wife of the Minister of His Highness, Rao Bahadur, K. C. Bedarkar, several of our Undore merchants and friends have kindly aided in the good work of rearing this "Hospital for Women;" and several of our Central India Princes have likewise promised us their hearty aid.

This Building is in every way complete; private and public wards, dispensing and operating rooms all furnished with every needed appliance. It is conducted on the strictest of purdah system, and caste prejudices are respected.

In every way we seek the highest good of India's women in as far as it redounds to the glory of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We sincerely trust that this expression of YOUR EXCELLENCY'S interest in our work will prove of greatest value to its furtherance among the people of Central India.

Signed in behalf of the Canada Presbyterian
Zenana Mission of Central India,

MARIAN OLIVER, M.D., C.M.

Indore, November 25, 1891.

SATARA, Nov. 11, 1891.

DR. MAGGIE MCKELLAR.—I know that there was a minute went home concerning my health from the Council, and that you will be anxious to know how I am now, so I am glad to be able to report that I am quite rid of the dysentery which I had for two months, and am gaining my strength rapidly. Expect to return to Indore next week to take up my work again. The doctor ordered me off for an ocean trip, for he said medicine would not cure me, but I decided to see what the change to Satara would do for me first, and if I were not cured at the close of my two weeks' stay here, I intended going for two or three weeks on the water. But thank our Father it is not necessary to go now. Will write a long letter soon.

Questions.

TO BE ANSWERED BY APPLICANTS FOR MISSION SERVICE IN THE
FOREIGN FIELD.

At a meeting of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, held on May 20th, 1891, the following resolution was adopted:—"That women desiring mission appointments shall be free to apply to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, or to this Committee, and that all such applications shall be referred to the W. F. M. S. for full investigation and report, and that the final decision shall rest with this Committee."

In order that the W. F. M. S. may be in a position to report fully upon these applications, the Board has issued a series of questions, to which replies are expected from all women desiring to be appointed to Foreign Mission Work.

- Question 1. What is your age?
2. To what extent has your education been carried, and where, principally, has it been obtained?
3. Have you ever taught, how long, and with what success?
4. Can you give instruction in music and drawing?
5. What are your aptitude and liking for the study of languages, and what languages have you studied?
6. Have you a good memory?
7. What is the state of your health, and what climate best agrees with you?
8. Have you any inherited tendencies to disease, and, if so, to what disease?
9. Have you any one dependent upon you for support?
10. Have you any unpaid debts?
11. Have you a disposition that will enable you to live in peace with others, to bear and forbear?
12. Are you of Christian parentage and training?
13. How long have you been a Church Communicant?
14. What leads you to desire to become a missionary?
15. What opportunities have you had for Christian work?
16. Have you well counted the cost of missionary service, and are you willing to endure its peculiar trials for the love of the Lord Jesus Christ?

17. Are you willing to accept and carry out the requirements of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, and of the Board of the W. F. M. S., as indicated in their Manuals?

The Manual of the Board of the W. F. M. S., mentioned in question 17, is in course of preparation, and will be issued in due time.

Qualifications of Missionaries.*

"Ought I to go?" is a question which must come home with solemn importunity to many young women in our Church in response to the urgent appeals which reach us from time to time from the various fields. The cry is ever for more labourers, as year by year doors of access to the heathen open more widely before us. The question may be difficult to answer, or it may be quickly answered in the negative by preventing circumstances. It demands the intelligent and prayerful consideration of all young Christians.

The divine call is of course the first desideratum; this will be manifested in a Christ-like love for souls, realizing their value by the price at which they have been bought, and having an earnest longing to be the bearer of the message of salvation to the perishing. But not all who have the missionary spirit are fitted for missionary work, nor is every fully-consecrated person possessed of the qualifications necessary for service in the foreign field. Foremost among these qualifications, and one which may be regarded as indispensable, is a strong and decided Christian character. Nothing else will stand the pressure of discouragement and the depressing influence of heathen environment. Of equal importance is a special personal development of the Christ life in one who contemplates this work. The heathen are won by the representation of Christ in the missionary's life as much and probably more than by the instruction they receive, while the influence of the most-gifted and highly-trained worker will

*We are indebted to a series of papers on the subject published in the *Golden Rule* for valuable hints in the preparation of this article.

be nullified by flaws of character and inconsistency of conduct. It was Mrs. Judson that won the Burmese— who kissed even her shadow as she passed—to believe in the religion that could shape such symmetrical womanhood.

The missionary, and especially the female missionary, is placed in relations to fellow-workers which may make peculiar demands upon what may be termed the “graces” of character, such as kindness of feeling, consideration for others; the disposition and ability to work in harmony with those of differing views; a cheerful spirit, that looks always on the bright side of things and does not brood and mope; a winning manner, tact, good judgment and common sense. The missionary will probably also have to deal with those who would outwit her by foul means or fair, and she may be without outside help in emergencies of all kinds; she therefore needs a steady head, quick memory, and capacity for rapid decision and action.

A thorough knowledge of the word of God is of primary importance. This knowledge ought to be so intimate that its possessor will have the Bible, as it has been well expressed, “in her hands, in her head and in her heart.” She will be able thus at all times to appeal to it as an antidote for error and as the sole authority for divine truth.

Experience in leading others to the Saviour may be taken as a signal token of fitness for the work; nor can anyone hope to be successful in winning the heathen to Christ who has hitherto been unsuccessful in this direction.

Sound physical health and a reasonable prospect of its continuance in the field to which the candidate is looking forward is of absolute importance; and it is no less essential to know how to care for the health. To know the limit of one's possibilities, to know when and how to rest, how to select the important things to be done, and to have strength of mind conscientiously to leave others undone, may add years to one's life and so to one's usefulness. We are told by workers of experience that the last twenty years of a missionary's life are twice as valuable to the cause as the first twenty.

Education comes next in order. This can scarcely be too broad and thorough. Dr. Clark, Foreign Secretary of the American Board, says that “there is no attainment in knowledge or science and no familiarity with the social questions of the times

that will not come into play somewhere and at some time in the foreign field." It has also been abundantly proved that a special training and aptitude for teaching is of the greatest value, while the good that has been done and is now being done by medical women cannot be over-estimated. The capacity to acquire foreign languages cannot be too strongly insisted upon. Failure in this particular has caused much disappointment with loss of time and money, and it has not been an uncommon experience in the foreign field. The study of French or German, with special attention to phonetics, would be a helpful preparation, and would also serve as a test of the candidate's ability to master difficulties in pronunciation.

Possibly not all these qualifications are absolutely essential. God is able to use and is constantly using weak and imperfect agents to accomplish His work. It is, however, the duty of the Church to select only those who, after due enquiry, seem to be best fitted for the calling, that there may be no needless risks nor waste of money and precious lives.

In Honan at Last.

CH'U-WANG, *Oct. 11, 1891.*

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MRS. GOFORTH. — It is now four weeks since we arrived here. We left Lin Ching September 11th, and after six days' boat journey up the river reached Ch'ü Wang, where we received a hearty welcome from Dr. and Mrs. McClure, our future companions in the work. Mr. McGillivray was absent from the station when we arrived, having had to accompany Mr. McVicar to Hsin Chên, to aid him in directing the repairs which are being made there.

We were indeed, very very thankful to get at last to our own home in Honan. Our move here has been the seventh since coming to China. How little did we dream, when we left Canada, that three and a half years would pass before we would be living in Honan! So much has passed during those years God has led us, thus far, by strange paths and through deep waters; but we cannot but praise Him now for having spared us and our little Paul to come to this province, which I have so often looked forward to and thought of as our "Promised Land."

The houses which we now occupy are very different from those we have been living in belonging to the A.B.C.F.M., but they are all we need or desire. They are thorough Chinese houses. The foundations and pillars are built of brick, the walls of mud-brick and plaster, the roofs of corn-stalks, bricks and tiles. The ceilings were very ugly, having heavy, dark beams across; but we have had the Chinese make ceilings of straw mats, which cover almost all the beams, and those that are not covered with the mats we paper with white Chinese paper. The floors of our three main rooms were originally brick, but we have found it necessary to, at least, have board floors instead of the brick, and glass windows put in in place of the original paper ones. We have one bedroom, which is a fine, large room, a living room, and a study, also a kitchen and storeroom. I send you a plan which may be interesting to some. I must not forget to mention that we have a number of beautiful trees in our compound. You can hardly understand what a comfort and blessing these are, for in Canada there are trees and pleasing sights to be seen on every hand, but in China those things which might tend to relieve and please the eye are few and far between.

Since our arrival here we have had quite a large number of women come to see us. Many of them are pleasant and intelligent looking, but by far the greater number are exceedingly dirty and unwilling to try and learn. Indeed, it is often with difficulty that we can get them to even listen to the doctrine for a few minutes. They tell us, when we ask them to sit down and listen a little while to our doctrine, that they have come "sight-seeing." We tell them that if they would only be willing to learn, we would spend much time in teaching them to read; but they reply that it is not the "fashion" for women to read, therefore they do not care to. Some of the women seem very suspicious of us, indeed seem quite nervous and fearful. But we cannot wonder at this, for even the literati—the teachers and gentry—believe and circulate the most horrible falsehoods of us. Many of these stories are quite too shocking and vile to repeat, and yet they are almost universally believed. The following is a sample: They say we kill all children we can get hold of, that the Doctor takes out their eyes to make medicine, then we bury their bodies under our floors. Indeed, they say that the earth under our floors is full of children's bones. They say, further,

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that we all have murderous hearts, that we would kill any one if we only dared. These stories sound to us like foolish, idle talk, but they are nevertheless firmly believed in by many here. Mrs. Wu, who is acting as Bible-woman for Mrs. McClure, and who is a sincere, earnest Christian, has to bear a good many unkind remarks and unfriendly treatment when she goes out to the homes around us. She tells us that the women generally treat her fairly well, often asking her to sit down, and seem willing to listen; but as soon as the men find out she is there they drive her out. Will the Christian sisters at home pray for Mrs. Wu? She needs your sympathy and prayers in her endeavours to carry this message of Christ's Salvation to her heathen sisters. The other day I told her I was soon going to write to the Christians in Canada, and that I would ask them to pray for her; at which she seemed very pleased and quite touched.

On account of the stories that are being circulated about our killing children, it is almost impossible to get hold of any children to teach. There are three such bright, nice girls, about eleven or twelve years of age, in whom we are specially interested. They would make a good nucleus for a girls' school, but their parents and relatives generally would never allow them to come near us if they thought we wanted to teach them. The other day, when one of them was in by herself, I persuaded her to bring her chair and sit beside me while I tried to teach her "Jesus loves me," but she seemed afraid to learn, and as soon as she could she moved her chair away. There are several women whom Mrs. McClure has interested in the Gospel, and who have come two or three times to hear, but as soon as their husbands find out that they are becoming favourable to the foreigners and their "new" doctrine, they are not allowed to come again. About two months ago, three women, who live seven li from here, and who are devout worshippers at the temple, came to learn about this doctrine. They stayed for half a day and seemed very much impressed. In a short time they came again, saying they wanted Mrs. McClure to teach them how to pray. When they returned home, the priest at the temple forbade them ever to come again.

I trust what I have said will not cause anyone to feel discouraged, for what we are at present passing through is only what almost every other new station has had to pass through in the

past. The responsibility of the work here among the women does not rest only upon Mrs. McClure and me, but also upon every Christian sister in our Church. We must work as we have opportunity. You must pray. We do earnestly ask you to pray for us and the work here, that soon our hearts may be cheered by seeing women willing to learn the way of life, and willing also that their children should learn of the Jesus who loved little children.

P.S. I might just add that we are all in good health, and that my husband has begun his touring in real earnest at last. He seems so happy and hopeful now that he is free to devote his time to touring among the people.

Trials of our Missionaries in Hsin Chen, Honan,

From letters placed in the hands of the Board of the W. F. M. S. by the convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, we learn that Rev. J. H. MacVicar and Rev. D. MacGillivray have been subjected to very rough treatment in a disturbance caused by a band of professional Chinese beggars, who had forced an entrance to the missionaries' compound in Hsin Chen.

Later intelligence has been received, and from all sources we gather the following facts :—That a mob of between one and two hundred gathered in front of the compound and demanded a sum of money, equal to about \$80. This large sum was refused, and a few cash were handed out, whereupon the gates were broken open, and all the available space in the compound was filled with the infuriated mob. Several of the beggars had cut their faces with bricks, and smeared the blood over their hands and faces. Mr. MacGillivray and Mr. MacVicar were seized and dragged out of the gate and were otherwise roughly handled. However, in the goodness of God, they were at length released and returned to the compound; the mob meanwhile shouting and hooting as only a Chinese mob can.

Just at this juncture Rev. J. MacDougall and Rev. Dr Smith arrived, and after a conference with some native "peace talkers," and the payment of about the one-third of the sum first demanded, the crowd withdrew. This money was subsequently returned. Mr. MacVicar proceeded at once to Tientsin to interview the British Consul, and we understood that the Viceroy, Li Hung

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Chang, has promised to instruct the Governor of Honan to "sternly protect" the missionaries. The consul at Tientsin states that, "the general situation in China is now such as ought not to cause further alarm."

Mrs. Smith, in writing of the difficulty, says:—"The ladies of our band feel this outbreak very much, not only because of the danger and persecution to which it has exposed our husbands, but also because it will probably render it impossible for us to move into Honan this fall, as we had so earnestly hoped to do. However, we have had our faith strengthened, by the providential and almost miraculous escape of our two brothers, from a merciless crowd of perhaps as many hundred. "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Industry of the Little Girls at Okanase.

ELPHINSTONE, *Nov. 9, 1891.*

MISS M. S. CAMERON.—It is a long time since I have written you anything from our little corner. The summer was such a busy one that I found little time for writing, and often new books and papers lie unopened for weeks, though reading is one of my chief delights.

I moved into the new house on the first of April, before it was lathed, plastered, or painted. These troublesome operations were at length performed, with long intervals between, so that it is not long since I could begin to put things in their places to stay there; and what a relief it seemed! The house looks very neat and pretty, and nestles cosily in a sheltered nook by the hillside.

There has been much illness among the children this year. They had "la grippe," chicken-pox, and I don't know what else. One of our little boys, Grant Flett, died in April, after a few days' illness. Willie Boyer has been ailing since last winter. Little Madeline has been moving about with her parents, and is never at school. I still have little Laura. A number of new little ones began school this year—all boys, the dearest, funniest little brown folks you could think of. I am often amused by their odd little pranks. Sometimes, when one comes to show his writing, I give him an approving pat, upon which—if the

others observe it—there is a sudden raid, and I am besieged by the whole force of wee ones. Five or six pairs of little arms reaching out to get around me, and the little glad faces looking up for a smile and a pat. If I happen to be standing at the time I look about quickly for a chair to fortify me. This will seem a rather funny way of having school, but it is only the wee ones who are thus privileged in school time. I don't like to suppress these little performances lest they creep into their shells and grow shy. The backwardness of the older ones is the greatest difficulty to overcome.

We had a piece of ground around the school fenced last spring, and we made a garden. The children seemed much interested, and worked hard to make it. Mr. Markle sent us a small spinning wheel and a quantity of wool, and we have been learning to card and spin. Several of the girls can card nicely, and Lydia and myself can manage the wheel. We got an old lady in the neighbourhood to give us some lessons. The girls have also learned to braid straw for hats. Mr. Flett has distributed the clothing sent, and it seems to be very nice and suitable. We are having delightful weather and a good attendance of children this month.

The work which we count so hard to do,
He makes it easy, for He works too ;
The days that are long to live are His,
A bit of His bright eternities ;
And close to our need His helping is.

The Joy of Giving.

There is a wealth descending from the sky,
That falls on every loyal gift we bring,
A heavenly fragrance that can never die,
Breathing through all our true heart-offering :
If with each gift unselfish love we weave,
“ More blessed 'tis to give than to receive.”

O Lord, may we know that blessing ; may we give unceasingly of all that which Thou hast bestowed upon us—may we give cheerfully, gladly, wisely, bountifully. For the Great Giver's sake.

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