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## Field Notes.

OUR College Missionary Societies are moving in good earnest. The students of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, have resolved to provide for the expenses out of one of the missionaries to Japan to the extent of \$400. Those at Victoria are moving in a similar direction, and may even undertake the support of a man. This is grand!

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FROM various quarters there are intimations of special donations toward the preliminary expenses of the China Mission; but "still there's room for hundreds more."

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THE Rev. James Husser, whose field embraces the Indian Mission of Kettle Point, writes concerning the new church recently erected there:—

"Our new church, which has been in course of erection since last September, was opened and dedicated to the worship of God on Sunday, February 22nd. Rev. J. G. Falles, of Warwick, conducted the opening services and dedicated the church, assisted by the pastor. All the services were marked by the presence and power of God. On Monday evening a tea-meeting was held in the church. After tea, excellent addresses were delivered by the Revs. J. G. Falles and A. G. Harris, of Forest. The music, which was furnished by the Indian choir, was good. They sang as only Indians can sing. The pastor occupied the chair. The proceeds of the opening services and other gifts, together with \$120 given by the Missionary Society—a gift for which we are profoundly thankful—enabled us to pay all claims, so we have a nice new church free from debt. May this new church be the birth-place of many souls."

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REV. J. W. WADMAN, M.A., who left British Columbia some time ago to labor in Japan, writes a private note to Rev. J. E. Starr, from which we are permitted to extract a few lines:—"Three weeks ago I preached my first Japanese sermon with fear and trembling. Had been only fifteen months in the country, and had just put in my spare moments on the language. And what do you think? Am now running a revival in Japanese, actually! The Lord has wrought a miracle. . . . I cannot now doubt that this was my place. Am very happy. Wish you were here to help me."

THE following encouraging report has been received from the Rev. M. Sadler, respecting the Montreal West French Mission:—

"I am happy to inform you that this mission is prospering. Our meetings are well attended, and much of the divine power is felt. The class-meetings are seasons of refreshing, coming down from the presence of the Lord. I have organized a temperance and consecration meeting, held once a fortnight, which promises good results. All male members are required to pay an entrance fee of twenty cents, and ladies, ten cents; children, five cents; and the same monthly. When a certain amount is realized, it is put in the bank for the relief of the poor and sick of our congregation. I wish also to inform you that five adults have applied to me for baptism, and want it done publicly before the congregation."

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THE people of Tokyo, Japan, have been suffering from an influenza epidemic. Dr. Macdonald writes:—"I have been rather driven during the past three weeks. It is estimated that there are now in Tokyo over 150,000 cases of influenza."

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REV. DR. EBY has sent us sample copies of *Japan for Christ*, which is the organ of the work conducted by the Central Tabernacle Mission, Tokyo, Japan. "It is intended that this little messenger shall represent the position and doings of the Central Tabernacle Mission; at the same time it will deal with general missionary questions of interest in Japan, and so far as possible be a brief register of the advancement of Christianity in the Empire." This new publication has our best wishes and earnest prayers for its future success.

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WE have received a copy of the first issue of the *Medical Missionary*, published under the auspices of the Missionary Board of the Medical Students' Y. M. C. A., of Toronto. It aims to bring before the people—medical men in particular—the powerful agency in missionary work which medical science may become if properly utilized. We bespeak hearty support for this new venture of the students. Subscription, 25 cents per year (free to all the medical profession). All communications to be addressed to "The Medical Missionary," 212 Carlton Street, Toronto.

## Editorial and Contributed.

### MEDICAL MISSIONS.

NOTE.—The following article was written by the Editor of the OUTLOOK for a new paper, *The Medical Missionary*, just started in this city by the students of Toronto and Trinity Medical Schools. It is reprinted here because of its bearing on our new China Mission.—ED.

THE growing interest of the Churches in Medical Missions is an encouraging sign of the times. The experience of years is bearing fruit, and there is more common-sense in the adaptation of means to ends than could be claimed fifty or even thirty years ago. That well-conducted Medical Missions should be potent aids to spiritual work, need excite no surprise; it is quite in the line of New Testament teaching, for both Christ and His apostles recognized the healing of bodily infirmities as having a close relation to spiritual healing, and as constituting a most important branch of practical Christianity. Whether the healing is accomplished by miraculous interposition, or by God's blessing on medical skill, need not cause us any concern: in either case the healing is divine, and it becomes a powerful agency in removing prejudice, and in disposing men to listen to the gospel message.

Among the lapsed classes in Christian lands, it is found that the Christianity that goes after the lost with food in one hand and medicine in the other is listened to and understood; while that which consists solely in appeals to the spiritual nature falls upon deaf ears. All this is perfectly natural. Hunger and sickness are real ills which men feel and know, and no arguments are needed to convince them that they exist. To the lapsed and degraded spiritual ills are shadowy and unreal, and it is difficult to convince them of the need of help. But only let Christianity bring help for ills which are felt and seen, and the recipients will lend a willing ear to teachings concerning unseen realities. And if such is the case among those who dwell hard by fanes of Christian prayer and, therefore, may have some faint conceptions of God, and sin, and salvation, how much more among the heathen, where a "conscience of sins" has to be created, so to speak, out of raw material. Let all such as are capable of receiving the higher truths of revelation be taught along that line, by all means; but along with this, let it be manifest that Christianity has still a mission to "heal the sick," as well as to instruct the ignorant, or to pray men, in Christ's stead, to be reconciled to God.

The value of Medical Missions depends, of course, upon a variety of considerations. Something depends upon the circumstances of the people; much upon completeness of equipment, and still more upon the

character of the men employed. In some lands—Japan for example—medical science is making good progress, and in time the native physician will supersede the foreign medical missionary; but in China, Africa, and many parts of India, there is, properly speaking, no medical science at all, and in such lands the medical missionary has a most inviting field. But to do his work effectively he should be furnished with a good outfit—the best drugs and instruments, and funds enough to erect a hospital and dispensaries for in- and out-door patients.

But most important of all is the man employed to fill the responsible post. It goes without saying that he must be first, and above all, a man of devoted piety, with a passion for souls, and great tact in dealing with men. Then he must be thoroughly trained in his profession, or otherwise he will do more harm than good. Moreover, he must be a man of such temper that he will work in harmony with the evangelistic forces with which he is associated. Given the qualifications here referred to, and the medical missionary will be an indispensable factor in the mission work of the future.

### ACCIDENT TO THE "GLAD TIDINGS."

THE following letter from the Rev. Thos. Crosby, under date of February 13th, gives some details of an accident which befell the *Glad Tidings* during a heavy gale in November last. The severity of the gale may be inferred from the fact that steam up and two anchors out were powerless against it. It is to be hoped that help will be promptly forthcoming, so that the *Glad Tidings* may at once resume her missionary trips. Mr. Crosby writes:—

The *Glad Tidings* has come to us again from Hartly Bay, where she was detained all winter by a serious accident she met with last November. She was ready to start for Queen Charlotte Island, with a load of lumber and a teacher for Clue, and while at anchor a gale came up and blew so strong, that although two anchors were down and steam up, she was drifted ashore. One anchor was lost and the other dragged, and she struck a rock and broke a hole in her side. Just then the wind calmed down, so Mr. Oliver steamed out again, although she was filling with water, and ran her ashore on a beach. The same night the wind came up again as bad as ever, and there she lay on the shore battered and bruised by the high sea, amidst pebbles and boulders. If she had not been well built, she must have gone to pieces. As it is, her keel is chafed and bruised, and one side of her planking very much injured. She is full of water, hence the cement covering is all off the boiler; bunkers went down; lockers burst out; doors broken; skylight broken; clock, weather glass, compass injured or gone; lamps, dishes destroyed; charts no good. I think it will take from \$500 to \$700 to fix her up in good shape again. I have spent a week at Georgetown mills,

getting a place prepared for her. We have her so we can get at her keel. She will need a new keel and some planks. We shall have all the ballast to take out, and shall have to put in some machinery, and indeed she needs a great deal of fixing up. I hope our friends will come to our help in this our time of need. We shall go to work and fix her up, expecting their help.

#### FIRE AT SAUGEEEN.

OUR readers will regret to learn that the Indian Mission church and outbuildings at Saugreen have been destroyed by fire. Providentially the mission house escaped. We have no particulars as to how the fire originated, but the church is a total loss. This is the more to be regretted, as the Indians have recently expended some \$330 in improvements. Under date of March 18, the Rev. Wm. Savage writes as follows:—

"We are once more getting settled. I am cheering our Indians as much as possible, but they feel the loss of their two churches. The old one was what they built as they emerged from the darkness of Paganism into the light of the gospel of Christ. Upon the one they built twenty-three years ago we have, during the last two years, laid out \$330 in renovating and in building a shed. Oh, the goodness of God! We all escaped the devouring flame as by a miracle. To cheer the Indians and keep them at work in great danger—some at the fire, others on the roof of the mission house—I went from one place to the other, and shouted, with a cheering voice, 'Remember, boys, the Lord protects; He is forever near!' And they worked like Trojans, rather Britons. I feel a little sad over the loss of some of my old books, as they cannot be replaced. They had moved with me from place to place for more than fifty-two years. . . . I suppose, at my age, I shall not need them any more; but it is hard to part with old friends."

Our Indian brethren should be encouraged to re-build forthwith. This is a case of real need, and we hope that friends all over the connexion will show their sympathy in a practical way. The Missionary Treasurers will be glad to receive and forward donations.

#### THE STUDENTS' MOVEMENT.

LAST month an International Convention in connection with the Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions was held in the city of Cleveland. In composition the gathering was unique; in spirit and tone it was prophetic. Between five and six hundred students were present; some of them women, representing the colleges, academies and theological seminaries of the United States and Canada. Mr. J. R. Mott, College Secretary of the International Y. M. C. A. Committee, presided with singular ability, and the whole proceedings were pervaded by a devotional

spirit that promised well for the future. The most venerable assembly of divines, in synod or conference, might take many a useful hint from these young men. Not a minute was wasted; there was no unnecessary speech-making; no one was interrupted, and the chair was treated with uniform respect. The impression received by an onlooker was of a body of men and women thoroughly in earnest, who felt the tremendous responsibility involved in the motto, which was the key-note of the Convention, "The evangelization of the world in this generation." It may be well, in this connection, to explain the motto. It does not mean the conversion of the world, nor that it is practicable to all men Civilize in one generation; but it means that it is possible, in one generation, to tell the story of salvation to every human being, thus shifting the responsibility from the Church, where it now rests, and placing it upon each individual soul.

A leading object of the Convention was to promote the utmost harmony between the Students' Movement and the various Missionary Boards, and we are of the opinion that in a good degree this has been realized. The evident aim of the leading spirits in the movement is to work through existing organizations wherever this can be done; and the volunteers were strongly advised to offer themselves to the Boards of their respective Churches, in preference to striking out on independent lines.

No one could be present at such a convention and fail to be impressed with the grand possibilities of the movement. From its inception, over 6,000 have volunteered for the foreign field; but for the first two years no record was kept, and many names were lost. At the present time over 4,000 names are on the roll, of whom 300 have been sent already to the field. It will interest our readers to know that of the entire number of volunteers, some 300 are from the colleges and universities of our own country, and that Canada has the honor of having sent the largest *pro rata* number—ten per cent.—to the foreign field.

A full report of the Convention will shortly be published, when we hope to give some extracts from the papers and addresses.

#### FIVE DAYS IN THE CREE CAMP ON THE PLAINS.

BY REV. E. B. GLASS, B.A.

IN September the Crees in treaty six, Battle River, received notice from the Commissioner that for two months (November and December) they would not be rationed and must support themselves. The news caused excitement and dissatisfaction for a time, but eventually all submitted to the inevitable, and

hurried through with the harvesting and threshing, in order to betake themselves to the hunting grounds and fishing lakes. For the first time in years this people, almost to a man, left the precincts of home for the bush country and plains.

Our two day-schools had to close, and none were left to attend the Sabbath services. We made arrangements with some twenty families to visit and camp with them on their hunting grounds, thirty and forty miles south-east of the mission in the region of Buffalo Lake, which is close to the elbow on Red Deer, where that river bends towards the south and east to join the South Saskatchewan.

On Thursday, November 27th, with buck-board and camping outfit, alone we start for the lake. Over plain and then wooded hills the ponies tramped briskly on, for the hours of daylight are short and precious. There is no snow, the weather is bracing and enjoyable. Within five miles of the north end of the lake we reach and pass the camp of some Calgary ranchmen, looking over this rich farm and ranch country for locations. Descending the hill country and traversing the plain on the south, we catch a glimpse of and welcome in the distance the light of five or six Indian lodges on Spotted Creek, between Spotted Lake and Buffalo Lake. This creek enters and runs through these lakes, and under, the name of Tail Creek, into Red Deer. Three hours after dark we arrive at the camp, quietly dispose of the horses for the night, take supper with one of the traders, and then, accompanied by him, we cross the stream and enter one of the lodges. Quickly the news passes around that the  $\Delta \nabla \Delta \nabla \Delta \nabla \Delta$  has come. After weeks of separation we are all glad, indeed, to meet again. In ten minutes every one in camp has come in to welcome us and hear the news. It is the Indians' own camp, and he knows well how to welcome a friend. For half an hour we chat about the health and the hunt, and then hold a prayer-meeting. The singing and prayers are hearty, enjoyable and profitable.

At the close,  $\text{P} \nabla \nabla \nabla$  (Little Old Man), a supporter of day-school and church, taking the hand of the young apprentice-trader, thus addressed us:—"Tell him we have heard of his indecent language to some of our women. We dislike that kind of talk, and hope we will never hear the like again; he is a white man, and ought to know better." It was the keenest rebuke in the kindest spirit.

It may be interesting to mention how the Indians subsist now, in the absence of snow on which to track fur-bearing animals. At sunrise the hunter, with his gun in hand, skirts the woods where he finds prairie chickens, as they are won't to do in the early morning, betaking themselves to the tree-tops in full view of the hunter, who soon returns to camp with half a

dozen fat wild fowl. During the day, with a net lowered beneath the ice, he secures fresh suckers and pike. Next day, visiting his traps, he carries home a dozen muskrats, furnishing twenty-four pounds of good meat, and \$1.20 in fur. In the meantime his wife and boys, perchance, have been snaring and shooting rabbits, and manufacturing rabbit robes for the market. An occasional bear or deer is seen and brought into camp with rejoicing.

Friday morning we visit the tents and find the children washing and combing. This toilet exercise is the result of our day-school training, maintained throughout the year. For an hour we review with the children, reading lessons, mental arithmetic, conversational English, and sing over the school songs. We have made a portable black-board, that does duty in this and many other cases outside the school-room.

In the afternoon, in company with George  $\text{P} \nabla \nabla \nabla$ , a class pupil, as guide, we start north-eastward to round the lake, in search of Chief Sampson's camp—comprising five families, supposed to be located at least twenty miles away on the eastern shore. Following the indistinct trail until nightfall, we are forced to spell, and await the rising of the moon. George is confident that, by the help of  $\text{O} \nabla \nabla \nabla \text{A} \nabla \nabla$ , we will reach the camp before midnight; but alas! the sky darkens, showing the moon but dimly through the threatening clouds. With forced contentment, we pitch our tent and camp for the night, reasoning thus:—Chief Sampson & Co. may have moved on down the eastern side of the lake many miles off, in which case it will be impossible to reach his camp, hold service, and return to-morrow evening (Saturday), in order to conduct two services at Spotted Creek, according to arrangement. While we dress our pheasants for supper and breakfast, chat and take notes of new names and modes of expression in Cree, we become fully convinced that, to retrace our steps in the morning will be a safe and conscientious way to dispose of ourselves. Moving leisurely backwards in the morning, over a series of hills that alternate with innumerable bluish-tinted lakes, we beguile the way with changing views and conversation on game haunts, methods of hunting and trapping, and prairie life in general. George is an adept in the use of syllabics, so with our note-book and pencil in his hand, he jots down whatever we find new or expressive in the Indian tongue.

Sabbath morning some thirty Crees assembled for service in the only Indian house on the creek. All join heartily in the devotional exercises. As we discourse on the importunity of blind Bartimæus, the results of his solicitations, and the lesson to be drawn from the incident, there is many an audible response to the truths declared. The prayer-meeting in connection with this service is a profitable session.

Our plan is to write out in syllabics a sermon fifteen or twenty minutes long, getting all the assistance possible, as to expression, from Indians or others conversant with Cree, then to read and re-read, connecting thought with expression, until we are enabled to read as rapidly as in extempore preaching. In this connection we wish to bear testimony to the invaluable services of Donald Whitford, a local preacher, who for years has assisted us in the language and given wise counsel to the Indians.

In the evening we conduct an English service with the traders, three of whom are spending the winter at this point.

Monday morning, bidding all adieu, bearing Cree letters for different points, and promising to return for the second Sabbath in December, we turn homewards, and reach the mission three or four hours after dark.

On the evening of December 11th, a young man arriving from Sampson's camp, visits the Mission House, and must return next day with ammunition from the agency, so we arrange to go with him direct to Sampson's camp. By dawn of day we are off, this time over a new route most of the way. At length we drive into camp, and exchange greetings with old and young. The hunters have just come in with their game. Joe (eldest son of the Chief), a manly and honorable character, at once invites us to his lodge. "Don't think of putting up your own tent, bring your bedding in, there is plenty room, we make you welcome." The whole camp, except the Chief, are in health and spirits, but are eager for the news about Christmas and New Year festivals at Battle River. Sampson recounts the exciting, happy hunting days of old in this region. A meeting is arranged for morning; devotions are over, and we retire. Lying near the camp fire, we look over our Cree manuscript of sermon, while Joe, as he is accustomed to do, reads his Bible. Presently he speaks, "Every night myself and wife read our Bibles around this fire. Sometimes we cannot understand what we read. I wish you would pronounce the English names in Matthew, first chapter, and tell us what they mean there." Since this young man became a Christian (now a local preacher), there is always something he wishes to know about his Bible lessons.

In the morning all congregate for service in the Chief's spacious lodge. Afterwards there are letters to be written to Morley and Edmonton, and messages for friends at Battle River. By 11 a.m. we are on our way around the north end of the lake towards Spotted Creek, where we arrive before dark, and where we have service on the next day, which is Sunday.

Such visits to the Indians in the busy camp are appreciated. They have no doubts about a mission-

ary's motive in leaving his home and seeking them out upon the plains. They show appreciation of his motive in many ways.

Before closing, we may record the fact that we found time, during both of these visits, to indulge in a little skating on the tempting lakes, as smooth and clear as skaters could desire. We are anxious (over and above a natural taste for games) to introduce healthful and harmless games amongst the young men. In the school, we have for some time engaged the pupils in croquet and foot-ball; and purpose, in conjunction with the Agent, instituting games, in which young men will be encouraged to participate regularly. It is believed that a day of sports at the annual treaty payments will supersede the old heathen entertainments that are yet maintained by sections of our people.

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"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

"That in everything ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift.—(1 COR. i. 5-7.)

"WOMAN'S work for woman," in all the directions of human activity, is attracting world-wide attention. The secular press accords to it a prominent place, and pays high tribute to its efficiency, until it is now becoming a settled conviction that woman's work in the world, lies right alongside man's work, is of equal importance, demands equal intellectual and educational equipment, and also equal recognition and reward.

But how long it has taken the world to reach this vantage ground! The struggles of those women in all ages, whom God evidently endowed with strong convictions and high purposes, to benefit the race, were

met with rebuff, scorn, and contumely; but we live to find many of their names on the world's great honor list, as women who lived not unto themselves, and who really gathered out stones of stumbling, and helped to prepare the way for the procession of human progress.

REV. DR. ELLINWOOD, in an excellent article in *Missionary Review*, on "Woman's work for Woman," does this subject a justice which we are glad to note. For the benefit of those of our Society who may not have the opportunity of reading the entire article, we condense a few of the points:—

The New Testament sounded the key note of woman's emancipation, and welcomed her to a share in the active service of redemption. The two sisters of Bethany were not hidden like the inmates of a Moslem harem, but showed the intimate friendship of their brother's guest, the Saviour.

Dorcas was as free in her Christian activities as any modern president of an orphan asylum. Priscilla taught theology, when crude young missionaries needed further training; and Phœbe alone, of all the men and women in the Cenchræan church, was immortalized by Christian service.

Paul, entering Philippi, no doubt expected to meet that "man of Macedonia," but instead, his only welcome was in a woman's prayer-meeting, and Christian Lydia, a woman of affairs, became his hostess. As for the "men of Macedonia," Paul's first encounter was with a sordid syndicate, making merchandise of the wild vagaries of a demented girl. The last chapter of the epistle to the Romans shows how extensive and how free was woman's work in the Church at Rome.

Wherever the long struggle with heathenism was waged—in Carthage, Rome, France—the delicate forms of women were mangled for their faith; and even in the courts of savage kings, woman was the source and centre of light. Beautiful instances are given from the pages of history of the fidelity of woman, and its success in propagating Christianity.

In the modern movement of Christian benevolence, credit is given to the Romish Church, as being earlier in the field through their sisterhoods; but the better development of this plan is in free Protestantism, where all Christian womanhood is enlisted for Christ, and where the married workers illustrate the Christian home, of which China and India know nothing, instead of the convent, which Buddhism already has.

"In all Protestant Churches," says Dr. Ellinwood, "the impulse is universal. Suspicions, doubts and fears, which conservative men entertained at the outset, have all disappeared. It were difficult to say whether its success abroad, great as it is, or its reflex power at home, has been the greater." In our own experience, we can endorse this last statement. No

agency of our Church has so blessed the women, as has our Woman's Missionary Society.

Another point is most important, and we have seen the statement made repeatedly, viz.: "Home charities of every kind, had grown out of the broader and deeper movements, that had been stirred by the spectacle of woman's debasement in heathen lands." "The tide of sympathy which first sprang up in the hearts of American women, for their enslaved sisters in oriental zenanas, aroused them to the home missionary effort for their own country."

#### WOMAN'S EASTER.

HE lives! Read you not the glad tidings  
In our eyes, that have gazed into His?  
He lives! By His light on our faces,  
Believe it, and come where He is!

The message of His resurrection,  
To man, it was woman's to give;  
It is fresh in her heart through the ages;  
He lives, that ye also may live,  
Unfolding as He hath, the story  
Of manhood's attainable glory.

O Sun, on our souls, first arisen,  
Give us light for the spirits that grope!  
Make us loving, and steadfast, and loyal,  
To bear up humanity's hope!  
O Friend, that forsakest us never,  
Breathe through us, Thine errands forever!

—Selected.

MRS. J. T. GRACEY, whose name is so familiar to all missionary workers, gives in the *N. Y. Independent*, an interesting account of the organization of a Woman's Club in Bombay. Such an incident in our country, would excite no comment now, but have we any conception of what it would mean in India? Mrs. Dr. Ryder, of New York, accompanied Pundita Ramabai on her return home. Arriving in Bombay, the hopeless condition of women and their narrow lives deeply impressed her. After considering the matter, she announced in the papers, that on a certain Saturday she would receive all women who would come, to form a Woman's Club. There were expostulations and discouragements from every quarter; but Saturday came, and so did the women, forty of them; and the club became a fact. A room was fitted up, the best English and American papers and magazines for women are found on the tables; and here, unmolested, women of different races meet. New Vice-Presidents are chosen every quarter. Twenty minutes of every meeting are devoted to a lecture on some distinguished woman. Music, Persian, English, Arabic, and Marathi occupy some time. Lectures and papers on the Ideal Home, "Hygiene in the Home," are read; and everything that can be done to stimulate the life is brought out in the

programme. To India's women, this work means "the world was made for women too."

ITEMS.

ERRATA.—In Report of "Rope Holders'" Mission Band, published in last OUTLOOK, fourth paragraph, after the words "before the end of the year," please read, "Miss Minnie Drew is now our President."

MRS. C. MORTON, 41 St. Mark Street, Montreal, has a number of photographs of Mrs. E. S. Large for sale, and will be pleased to supply any one of the friends desiring to secure one. Price, sixty and seventy-five cents each.

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Correspondence.

BY the kindness of a devoted friend of the Crosby Home, Mr. Harrison, of Barrie, we are permitted to give our readers the following letter. It came in acknowledgment of a parcel sent by our Mission Band. The many friends of the Rev. T. and Mrs. Crosby will enjoy this bright glimpse of the mission life, into which these earnest laborers weave so much love and enthusiasm. A. P.

PORT SIMPSON, November 26, 1890.

DEAR ———, —Your letter and parcel make me hasten, for they must be acknowledged at once. The things will come in very useful—the aprons and neckties and handkerchiefs—and please give our best thanks to all who helped to make and send them. There are so many of them, and some of our little girls are quite too small for the aprons, so I feel almost like taking some of them to give to the village children, which I suppose would not be against the wishes of the ladies if they knew just all the circumstances. There are so many children in the village, and we have very little for them. We have to prepare for nearly two hundred. However, I am not sure that we shall have a tree for them this year, and we will consult together and try to make the very best use possible of the Barrie gifts. I will ask Miss Hart to mention this in her quarterly letter, which should reach every Auxiliary, and the OUTLOOK may possibly hear from Port Simpson soon also, as we have just formed an Auxiliary among ourselves, with Miss Hart as Secretary, and Mrs. Bolton and Miss Ross and I each with an office. As yet we have only three other names, but we intend to ask the ladies at the Fort (three of them) to join us, and a few of the Indian women will probably do so also.

The Home children are all well. The boys have been placed in the new building, under the care of Dr. and Mrs. Bolton, which leaves Miss Hart's family somewhat reduced. She has, I think, fifteen girls, and there are six little boys in the other house. One of the girls, who was a long time in the Home, and afterwards lived with us about a year, is helping Mrs. Bolton, who has a babe a few weeks old. This girl is very useful. Miss Ross, who came out last summer, has taken hold of the work vigorously. We are all kept

pretty busy. The Doctor finds a great deal of work in professional duties, besides the charge of the Home. Then we have been without a day-school teacher since last summer, and with so many children the school cannot be given up, so we have had to manage as best we could between us. Miss Hart taught for a time; at present I take the morning session and the Doctor the afternoon.

We had quite a lively time one evening last week. The whole mission community, numbering thirty-one, including Baby Bolton and our own family, took tea with us in the Mission House. We had three tables for tea; but it was not much trouble, and the children were delighted and had a very good time, playing games, looking at pictures, etc.; and certainly every one looked as well and neat as could be, and behaved very nicely. I was very glad you saw Jessie and Grace last summer—they told me about it. Gertie and Harold are growing so fast. I am so thankful that they have all good health.

Mr. Crosby reached home two weeks ago, after a trip to Victoria, taking in the missions by the way. He finds plenty to do at home. There is a large number of people here, and he will not likely be away much during the winter. The want of a teacher makes it more difficult for him to get away. The services lately have been full of interest, and many of the people seem much in earnest. They are improving very much in their homes and living. In sight of our windows is a very pretty two-story house a young Indian has built lately, and into which he has removed his family. It would be a nice little house in the street of any town of white people. You pray for us, I know; do not cease to do so. I find a book, also, from some one in Barrie—thanks to to giver. Mr. Crosby joins me in kindest love and prayer that you may be comforted and borne up day by day.

EMMA CROSBY.

#### FRENCH METHODIST INSTITUTE,

60 Greene Avenue, Côte St. Antoine.

MY DEAR MRS. PARKER,—The readers of the *OUTLOOK* will, I am sure, be glad to hear that we have had so far a very encouraging year in our French Institute work. We have had eighty students, and our average attendance will be at least double that of last year. Then there has been a delightful spirit of harmony manifested and an eager desire on the part of the pupils to assist in every possible way in the work of the Institute. We have had a good deal of sickness—colds and an epidemic of measles; but the Lord has brought us through, and now every one is busy preparing for the examinations, which begin about a month hence.

There is a deepening seriousness amongst the pupils, and not the least so amongst the Roman Catholics. We expect to have special services every night next week; and we believe that, under God's blessing, many who are "almost persuaded" will be brought to decision and into "marvellous light."

Perhaps our most pressing need is a piano. We rent one, but it would be much better to have one of our own; and now is the best time to purchase it, as there are always a large number offered at the spring sales of household furniture. Besides this, we have a number of unallotted rooms which we shall be delighted to have adopted by Auxiliaries who are anxious to help in the good work. Then we still require bed linen, blankets, quilts, having had barely enough to carry us through the present session; and the prospects are that we shall have a much larger attendance next year, necessitating extra supplies of all kinds of house furnishings.

We have felt from the beginning of this session that we have been receiving the answers to the many prayers that were offered for the Institute last May, and we hope

that before very long the readers of the *OUTLOOK* may hear from us some of the results of those prayers.

BESSIE HALL.

March 16th, 1891.

#### FROM THE AUXILIARIES

TWEED (March 14th).—Since September last, our Auxiliary has been steadily increasing in membership and interest. To-day we number twenty members, and find our circle widening. Before Christmas we sent two quilts, made by the Auxiliary, and a pair of blankets, to the McDougal Orphanage. Last week we enjoyed a great treat in the shape of a lecture by Miss Crosthwaite. We feel that the lecture was a blessing to all who listened to it, besides leaving us with a little cash in hand. We are at present engaged in some home mission work.

MRS. GEO. FROST, *Cor. Sec.*

OTTAWA EAST—Auxiliary is progressing favorably. As no message from us appears in the Annual Report, I must tell you of some of the work we have done. During last year our Auxiliary sent a box of clothing to the Oka Indians; and this year, in response to an appeal from them for help, two boxes of clothing were sent. Rev. Mr. Geoffrey wrote in reply, expressing his gratitude and that of the poor people who were benefited by our gift. Our monthly meetings are well attended, and we find them a help and blessing. We have a few new members; have distributed twenty-four mite-boxes, and hope, in this way, to increase our missionary givings.

L. A. WHITESIDE, *Cor. Sec.*

ST. JOHN'S.—The members of the Woman's Missionary Society Auxiliary in this place held their first "At Home" at the residence of Mr. W. R. Westlake on the evening of 20th February, 1891. Although the night was a very wet and disagreeable one, we had a very good turn-out, and a very pleasant time was spent by all. A good programme was given, consisting of addresses, readings, recitations and vocal and instrumental music. Refreshments were served by the members. The interests of the missionary cause is steadily on the increase here.

MINNIE HAWKINS, *Cor. Sec.*

PETERBORO' (Feb. 18th).—An Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized in Charlotte Street Methodist Church by Mrs. Kendry, on Jan. 14th. Meetings will be held on third Tuesday in every month. The officers are: President, Mrs. Clarke; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Wright; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Davis; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Price; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Stinton. A very pleasant and profitable time was spent at the first meeting on February 17th. Mrs. Kendry assisted and gave much valuable information. Mrs. Locke also gave an address, which was highly appreciated. Copies of the Annual Report were distributed, and at the close we had fifteen members and eight subscribers to the *OUTLOOK*, with more to follow.

MRS. A. M. PRICE, *Cor. Sec.*

HAMILTON, Ont. (Feb. 19th).—Wesley Church Auxiliary has been in existence about three and a half years, though many of its members were connected with the first Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society since the organization of our Society in 1881. The quarter ending December 15th has been the most successful of any previous quarter. Our roll numbers fifty-four, including eleven life-members. Sent



to Branch Treasurer the sum of \$89.19. Mrs. Cann has charge of the *OUTLOOK*, and has secured one hundred and twelve subscribers. At the suggestion of our President, Mrs. Sutherland, we have a plain tea once a quarter, at our Auxiliary meetings. At the November meeting we were favored with a visit from Mrs. Tate, of Chilliwhack, who gave a very interesting address, concerning the work among the Indians. On Sabbath, January 25th, Mrs. Nind preached an eloquent sermon in the interests of the Woman's Missionary Society. On the following day a union meeting of the five city Auxiliaries was held in the lecture-room, when reports of the quarter's work were given by the different Secretaries, and Mrs. Nind gave a very able and instructive address. At the January meeting, a committee, consisting of Mrs. Sutherland and two ladies to assist, was appointed to organize a Mission Circle. February 17th they met with the young ladies in the church parlor, when twenty-five were enrolled members, with the prospects of many more to follow. The following ladies were elected to office: President, Mrs. Sutherland; Vice-President, Mrs. W. Crawford; Recording Secretary, Miss Eastman; Corresponding Secretary, Miss A. Kigeby; Treasurer, Miss Clara Crawford.

L. CRAWFORD.

AYLMER (Feb. 20th).—At our President's request I send the following report: We held our second open meeting on Wednesday evening, February 4th. Our programme consisted of Bible readings, papers on missionary work, and readings selected from articles bearing on missions. The music was furnished by Misses Mortin and Knott, and Messrs. Monteith and Dr. Fear. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Eight of our ladies take the *OUTLOOK*, and all are glad to receive the Leaflets, for which we expended \$1.

ADA L. PASCOE, *Cor. Sec.*

NEWCASTLE (February 25th).—Our "Circle," we are thankful to say, is in a prosperous condition, both financially and as regards increase of membership. At the beginning of the missionary year, in December, we held an entertainment, at which we sold at one booth useful and fancy articles, the result of work done by the members at meetings held for the purpose; at another, home-made taffy, etc. Admission was by silver collection at the door, and we realized over \$26. At our regular meetings we have the missionary letters and readings brought in by the programme committee; and before the close of the meeting the roll is called, to which the members respond by a verse of Scripture or an item of missionary news. We have commenced working on quilts, and at our meetings during the winter evenings, while listening to the readings, the members work at the piecing of the blocks, consequently we expect to send a small contribution to the Supply Committee before next winter. We have mite-boxes distributed among our members, and a number of them take the *OUTLOOK*.

L. SIMMONS, *Secretary.*

WELLAND DISTRICT.—An Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized at South Cayuga, on the Rainham Circuit, February 12th, with a membership of twelve, including three honorary members. The following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. Truax; Vice-President, Mrs. I. Albright; Recording Secretary, Miss Emma Overholt; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ella Overholt; Treasurer, Miss M. Fry. MRS. M. M. BROWNELL.

IROQUOIS, ONT.—This Auxiliary is living, working and growing—increasing in numbers, interest and influence. We have added twelve members this year, with promise of

others. The influence of the Branch Meeting, held in Morrisburg last fall and attended by several of our members, was felt by our whole Society—uplifting and encouraging us. This was followed by a visit and an address from the Branch President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal, which aroused much interest among the people and brought in several new members. In January, a most interesting service was held in union with the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. Reports were given of the work being carried on by each society, readings and music filled up the time. We have eighteen subscribers for the *OUTLOOK* this year.

E. S. BAILEY, *Cor. Sec.*

CASTLETON.—Another quarter has passed, and during that time we have, by God's help, been trying to help on the missionary work. During the winter months we have held our meetings at the homes of some of the lady members, where we have been kindly received, and had pleasant and profitable meetings. We have introduced a birthday-box into our Society, to which each one gives, as she feels able, a thankoffering for another added year to her life. One public meeting has been held, at which addresses were delivered by students from Victoria University. We feel that our interest in the missionary cause is increasing; we are growing stronger in number and, we trust, stronger in Christ.

E. G. POMEROY, *Cor. Sec.*

#### HONORED WORKERS GONE TO REST.

NAPANEE.—Notwithstanding tokens of continued growth and interest, the last meeting of this Auxiliary was of unusual sadness. With feelings of deep sorrow we were compelled to record the death of our esteemed Treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Cowan, and of three others who have been taken from us during the year.

Mrs. Martha Thompson, widow of the late Rev. James Thompson, died the 19th of June. She was wonderfully sustained through a long and painful illness. There was no fear of death, and the prospect of meeting James and the loved ones who had passed before gave her great joy.

On the 11th of November, Mrs. Alex. Henry died very suddenly. Her death cast a deep gloom over the whole community, for she was much beloved.

Mrs. C. R. Miller died suddenly on the 3rd of December. She was a devoted Christian, whose membership in the Methodist Church dated back for more than fifty years.

Our Treasurer, Mrs. Cowan, was taken from us after an illness of less than a week. She was in the bloom of her womanhood, with apparently many years of usefulness and happiness before her. Sister Cowan was the child of pious parents, and in her girlhood she gave herself to Christ and His Church.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to the relatives of our departed sisters, and we pray that we all may be stimulated to increased zeal by these repeated illustrations of the uncertainty of life.

MRS. A. B. CHAMBERS.

MILLBROOK.—We, as an Auxiliary, have been bereft of our faithful Corresponding Secretary, who had held that office since our organization, in 1886. It might truly be said of her, as in all church work, "She hath done what she could," and has now been called home to her reward. In our monthly meetings, we as co-workers miss her familiar face and form, and greatly feel the loss of her counsel, and help in the work so dear to us. Our hearts go out in sympathy to sorrowing loved ones, and more especially to the newly married husband, who has met with such a sore bereavement, in the sudden and unexpected death of his beloved wife, whose happy spirit departed from its clay

tenement on the morning of January 2, 1891. How very important to be ready, for "in such an hour as we think not the Son of man cometh."—*Com.*

GANANOQUE (February 24th, 1891).—Our Auxiliary, which was organized October 6th, 1886, by Mrs. W. E. Ross, of Montreal, has been growing and increasing in interest ever since. Each year we have added some new members to our list and very few have "dropped out" but we have lost several by removal and three have "gone home." At different times we have held open meetings, flower and plant sales, garden parties, etc., at which the members have very cheerfully assisted. A couple of times the Corresponding Secretary sent short accounts to the *OUTLOOK*, but either they did not reach the proper party or were not thought interesting enough to print; but we resolved to try again, as quite a number take the *OUTLOOK*, some of us have been subscribers ever since it was first started by our noble Missionary Secretary, and have always enjoyed reading it, and hope the subscription list may be so much increased that the Woman's Missionary Society may be able to get all the space they require for their work. Last Wednesday evening, instead of the usual prayer-meeting, we had a missionary evening. The different numbers on the programme being given by members of the Society and a couple of young ladies, who very kindly assisted us by their singing. Our pastor, in making the announcement the Sabbath before, urged a good attendance. The chair was taken by our pastor, Rev. Mr. Hughes, and after the opening hymn and prayer the programme was carried out. The Auxiliary being seated together in the choir seats. Roll was called, members answering by verse of Scripture. All the readings and singing bore directly on our work, and we look for good results. Of course, we did not forget the collection, which amounted to \$7. As the audience was a very attentive one, we think the meeting was quite a success and feel encouraged to have a similar one next quarter.

*Cor. Sec.*

[On account of lack of space we omit the detailed programme.—*Ed.*]

#### FROM THE BANDS.

TRURO, N.S. (March 10).—The first Methodist Mission Band of this town was organized in October, 1886. The proceeds from membership fees, sales and entertainments have amounted to \$208, of which \$158 have been forwarded to the Branch Treasurer. At a supper and fancy sale given on December 11th, 1890, the sum of \$50 was made. In raising funds, mite-boxes have also been of some value. At an opening of the boxes owned by the youngest boys, in charge of Mrs. Graham, our former President, \$8 were counted. About two months ago the Band took great pleasure in sending a comfort to Miss Leake, Victoria, for the Chinese Missions. Under the direction of Miss Lewis, our President, excellent work has been done. Attendance at the regular meetings (now held fortnightly) is good, and members are led to take active part in contributing to the success of each meeting by reading, reciting, etc. Committees have been formed for the various departments of work; by the appointments for special work, increased interest is secured and many show their earnest desire to do more for the cause, by cheerfully and willingly doing their best. In connection with the Band, there has recently been formed a rank of boys, numbering twelve. Other ranks include twenty-four older and younger girls. On February 10th the Band was entertained at a five o'clock tea, given by Mrs. Ainley, Mrs. Gunn, and Miss Lewis. Owing to vari-

ous causes, for several months of the past year regular meetings were not held, but with this year there has been awakened such interest, all are encouraged to greater efforts.

F. TUPPER, *Cor. Sec.*

HAMILTON (March 14th).—Wesley Church Mission Circle (but recently organized) held its first regular meeting at the parsonage, on the evening of March the 5th, under encouraging circumstances, having a membership of forty-two. The officers elected for the year are as follows: President, Mrs. Sutherland; Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Crawford; Recording Secretary, Miss Susie Eastwood; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Annie Rigsby; Treasurer, Miss Clara Crawford. A committee of four young ladies were also elected to arrange programmes. The first retiring, and another being elected to fill the vacancy each evening. Our meetings will be held monthly. It was decided to hold them in the different homes. The programme was short and interesting, consisting of music, vocal and instrumental, by Mrs. Martin Murphy and others. The reading of an exceedingly interesting letter from Miss Morgan, by Miss Maggie Bowes; a short account of "Mission work among women in Japan," by our Vice President, Mrs. Crawford, showing us the bright and also the dark side of the work, enabling us to see more clearly, that we should deem it more of a privilege than a duty, to be permitted to assist in spreading the "glad tidings," by giving our material aid and sympathy to those already in the field. Our President, Mrs. Sutherland, briefly explained to us the necessity of having some definite plan of raising funds to carry on the work, without taxing any one too heavily. A plan was submitted and adopted, which, we trust, will prove as successful as it has elsewhere. After light refreshments had been served, our meeting closed at 9.30, each and all feeling that we had been profited by our meeting together, and that more zeal and enthusiasm had thus been aroused. May we be willing to work cheerfully and earnestly in carrying on the work begun, remembering that in due season, we shall reap if we faint not.

ANNIE RIGSBY, *Cor. Sec.*

BELLEVILLE.—The union quarterly meeting of the Auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society in the city of Belleville, was held Wednesday afternoon, March 11th, in the lecture-room of the Tabernacle. A large number of ladies were present, and the exercises were of a very interesting character. Mrs. Rev. G. N. Copeland, President of the Tabernacle Auxiliary, presiding, and associated with her on the platform were Mrs. (Rev.) Dr. Carman, Vice-President of the General Board of the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. L. Massie, District Organizer; Mrs. Wm. Johnston, President of Bridge Street Auxiliary, and Mrs. Thos. Lingham, President of West Belleville Auxiliary. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Wm. Johnston and Miss Wilson. The reports of the three Auxiliaries and four Mission Bands of the city were of an encouraging nature. Mrs. W. H. Gordon, *Cor. Sec.* of the Tabernacle Auxiliary, had, during the quarter, been added to the list of life-members, and a Mission Band had been organized, with very bright prospects, in connection with the Tabernacle Auxiliary. The paper on "A Plea for China," by Mrs. (Rev.) Dr. Carman, was interesting, profitable and inspiring. Miss Lingham gave an appropriate reading, which was rendered very efficiently. The Albert College Mission Band rendered several musical selections, which were much appreciated. A solo by Miss Richardson was well received. Mrs. Dr. Tracey, of the Baptist Church Woman's Missionary Society, read a very instructive letter from Rev. Mr. Dunlop, of Japan. Mr. Levi

Massie introduced the subject of District Convention, which he proposed to call in May. The meeting endorsed the proposition, and pledged a hearty co-operation. The quarterly collection was liberal.

W. F. GORDON, *Cor. Sec.*

GRAVENHURST.—Our Band is doing well. We find the new mite-boxes just the thing wanted. They will be the means of increasing the membership greatly. I sent for fifty and had not nearly enough, and have sent for twenty-five more. We are working our Mission Band in two sections, and find it a good plan. The senior portion, young women and a few young men, hold their meeting in connection with our Society of Christian Endeavor, that is, one of the regular meetings is set apart for that purpose. We have a programme arranged for the evening by Missionary Committee of Christian Endeavor. We find the subject for Bible-reading already on topic card of Society. A mission field is chosen; members are asked to gather up material respecting that particular country; during the intervals between meetings, one may be asked to draw a map of the country, then at the meeting, four or five selected ones talk and read on the subject indicated. The last meeting we had was devoted to China, the previous one to Africa. The junior portion of the Band meets after Sunday-school, when the President gives them a talk suited to their years. On Saturday afternoon, part of their number meets for the purpose of sewing at the President's house. This is, perhaps, the most interesting part of our work. We have three quilts on hand, the materials all given; two are to be sent to the Supply Committee, and the third to be given to a poor old blind woman in our town. This poor woman is a happy Christian. But the most beautiful work of all done by these little girls is the regular and frequent visits they make to this woman. Two or three, sometimes four, of them go together, sit with her an hour or more, read to her, and sing hymn after hymn, while the tears run down in streams from the poor old eyes, and her heart is comforted. The girls cry, too—dear, sweet, sympathetic souls—and angels look down on the scene, and Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." What an education in Christ-like work for these dear girls. If you could see the dear little things at their sewing you would smile; some of them are only six, and none of them over thirteen. They are so intent, so eager over their work; beginning with some queer looking stitches, very crooked and far apart, but improving so rapidly, and so anxious to get on. Some of them had no idea of sewing when first we began, but now all can sew neatly. I am very proud of their sewing. One of the mothers said she must give us a bonus for teaching her little daughter, and all are delighted.

MRS. E. D. BROWNE.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of this Committee was held in Toronto, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17th and 18th.

CROSBY HOUSE, PORT SIMPSON, B.C.

A communication was received from the Building Committee, stating that a favorable site for the new Home, consisting of two acres of land had been purchased for \$400. The plans for the building, prepared by Mr. Hooper, architect, of Victoria, B.C., were considered and, after some slight changes, were approved. The plans will be submitted to the Government, and an application made for a grant towards the erection of the building, and the support of the Home. It is hoped the new building will be ready to be occupied in the autumn.

#### JAPAN.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Miss Wintemute, and some extracts from the minutes of the Council in Japan in reference to the proposed new building at Kofu, to assist in which the Board had appropriated \$1,500. The council is of opinion, for various reasons, to urge the Japanese to proceed with the building at once, might hinder the work.

It was resolved,—

"That having heard the action of the Japanese Council in regard to the new building at Kofu, and Miss Wintemute's letter in explanation thereof, we would express our appreciation of their careful consideration of the matter, and their unselfish action, and we hereby agree to leave the whole question to them for decision.

Several communications were received relative to the establishing of an Industrial Orphanage at Kanazawa. On motion, it was decided to publish Mr. Saunby's letter in *Guardian*, *OUTLOOK* and *Wesleyan*, appending the names of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries, to whom applications for further information and offers of support may be made; and that when assurances of sufficient funds for the support of the Orphanage for one year are received, the Corresponding Secretary shall have authority to notify the Missionary Council in Japan to proceed.

#### MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

The applications of several candidates were considered, and Miss Bertha M. Shoults, of Toronto, formerly of Parkhill, and Miss Sarah Spencer, of Woodstock, sister of Mrs. Large, were accepted for the work in Japan. These ladies will accompany Mrs. Large on her return in the summer.

#### CHINESE WORK.

The request formerly made by Miss Leake, that we send a young lady to Victoria, who could learn the Chinese language, was urged by Miss Cartmell. It was decided that Miss Cartmell should remain, and that we should endeavor to secure as soon as possible, a young lady who will learn the language, and do evangelistic work among the women and children of Chinatown.

Having learned from Dr. Sutherland that the missionaries to be sent to China by the General Society will probably leave about midsummer, and as our Board had resolved to send two ladies at the same time, one of whom shall have a medical education, it was decided to advertise for missionaries. A committee, composed of the Corresponding Secretary and the members of the Executive residing in Toronto, was appointed to consider their applications.

It has long been felt by the Board that it was not wise that donations should be sent direct to our missionaries or institutions, but that all funds should pass regularly through the hands of the Treasurers of the Society, and be entered in their books. As this frequently expressed desire of the Board has not always been regarded, the Secretary was instructed to write the agents of our Society, requesting them not to receive moneys excepting through the regular channels. It was also decided that if any Band desires to support a child in any of our Homes, and sends sufficient for that purpose, it will be so acknowledged in the Annual Report.

It was with feelings of sincere sorrow for its necessity that the following resolution was passed:

"The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society wishes to express its deepest regret over the editorial which appeared in the Woman's Department of the January number of *THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK*, reflecting ungraciously and unjustly upon the ministers of the Church, to whom the Society is so greatly indebted for the extension

and support of its work. The article referred to was simply the personal expression of the Editress, with which article the Executive has no sympathy, and for which it bears no responsibility."

Invitations for the annual meeting of the Board of Managers were received from the Auxiliaries of Dundas Centre, London, and Elm Street, Toronto. As the annual meeting had been held in London last year, the invitation from Elm Street was accepted, and the ladies were requested not to provide luncheon.

Information was received that the Auxiliaries in British Columbia desired to form themselves into a Branch. The Committee expressed its gratification at the extension of our work in British Columbia, and approved of the forming of a Branch there. But the action cannot be confirmed until the annual meeting of the Board of Managers, and therefore no delegate can be received at that meeting.

With a view to increasing interest in, and extending the Society's work in Manitoba, it was decided to request Mrs. Roberts, of Winnipeg, to act as Organizer.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to request the Conferences to appoint one Sunday in the year to be devoted to the interests of our Society, and which shall be known as Woman's Missionary Society Sunday.

M. B. W., *Rec. Sec.*

#### FROM DISTRICT ORGANIZERS.

THE Niagara District Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in the beautiful new lecture-room of St. Paul Street Church, St. Catharines, on Thursday the 12th ult., continuing for one day only, Mrs. Jackson, of Beamsville, District Organizer, presiding. The weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance, morning, afternoon and evening, very large, far exceeding the expectations of the ladies who had the matter in hand.

First session opened at 10.40 by singing and reading a portion of Scripture, several ladies following in prayer. After the nomination of Recording Secretary and Secretary of Supplies, the morning was principally occupied in receiving reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, these records bearing testimony to cheerful self-denial and earnest Christian zeal.

Afternoon session opened by singing and prayer, after which Mrs. Jackson followed with the encouraging report that Auxiliaries had been formed in ten of the fourteen appointments of this District—and, at the next May meeting, she hoped to report the remaining four had come into line—and were in thorough working order. Half an hour was given up to consecration and testimony meeting, led by Mrs. Hodgson, of Welland, and Mrs. McCullough, of St. Catharines, which was a time of blessing and great grace. Miss Kennedy, of Tintern, read an interesting paper on "How to Make our Auxiliaries Interesting," giving some good, practical suggestions on preparing for monthly meetings. Mrs. Bridgman, of Smithville, followed with a paper on "The Difficulties Encountered by New Auxiliaries," the principal difficulty being on the part of members, the lack of earnest, Christian effort, and the true spirit of consecration.

Mrs. Brownell, of Welland, then read a deeply interesting and carefully prepared paper on "The Old, Old Story," full of deep thought and earnest appeals, and rich with promises of God's blessing on faithful, untiring Christian workers. Mrs. Gardner, of St. Catharines, gave a synoptical report of the Chatham Convention, also a report of the work of St. Paul's Auxiliary.

Miss Crosthwaite, lately returned missionary from China, was then introduced, and answered a few questions put by

the ladies with regard to the difficulties met with in gaining access to the Zenanas, and the general outlook of the work in that great empire.

At the close of the afternoon session, the ladies of St. Catharines entertained the visitors and representatives to a pleasant and much appreciated tea; when former acquaintances were renewed and old friendships revived.

Promptly at eight o'clock an adjournment was made to the Church; a large attendance greeting Miss Crosthwaite on this her first appearance in the city. After singing and prayer, the chairman, Mr. Tovell, brought forward and introduced Miss Crosthwaite, in the costume of a native Chinese woman, who placed in view of the audience a number of objects brought from China, Mr. Tovell giving an explanation of their manufacture, use, etc.

In her speaking Miss Crosthwaite was listened to throughout with the greatest attention; at times stirring the hearts of her listeners by a recital of the cruel wrongs done to their sisters in China, and again bringing smiles to many faces by relating some amusing incident. The speaker tried to give some idea of the size of this vast empire, and also of the great number of women there who could only be reached by those of her own sex, and closed her address by making an earnest appeal for all to help in this grand work of Christianizing the world. After the thanks of the audience had been presented to the speaker, the meeting closed with prayer.

P. S. BIGGAR, *Rec. Sec.*

NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH, February 18th.

#### NOTES FROM THE LONDON DISTRICT.

WE held our Quarterly Meeting on the 9th inst., in the cosy and elegant London South Church. Invitations had been sent to all the Auxiliaries in the District, but owing, we presume, to "the roads," there was only one Auxiliary represented outside the city and suburbs.

The older Auxiliaries of the city are working harmoniously and successfully—finances ahead and membership increasing.

QUEEN'S AVENUE reported having reaped much benefit from a "Crusade day."

DUNDAS CENTRE had established a mid-month meeting for prayer and information, the regular meetings being so full of business that the spiritual side of the work suffers neglect sometimes.

LONDON SOUTH reported the second largest membership in the District, both in Auxiliary and Mission Circle. Well done!

Wellington Street are working faithfully, visiting the congregation and endeavoring to increase interest.

Although there were representatives from London West, we were sorry to miss their accustomed report, whose spiritual tone has so often pervaded our meetings like a benediction.

Arva Auxiliary, though but lately planted, has taken vigorous root and is in a thriving condition.

We were glad to notice several ladies from the Colborne Street Church, and hope that the interest evinced may soon lead to an organization in that progressive congregation.

Our Young Ladies' Circles are holding up their end of the missionary rope.

Queen's Avenue, Dundas Centre and London South reported several new methods of work, of which more anon. The presence of the Ladies' Singing Circle in the choir gallery made the singing a most enjoyable feature of the meeting.

After the reports had been disposed of, the following preamble and resolution were introduced. After some discussion they were adopted, and a committee appointed to confer further, and report at the June Quarterly Meeting:

*Preamble*.—On November 8th, 1891, we shall celebrate, as a society, our tenth birthday. We beg to present a plan for a birthday celebration, which we hope will meet your approval. We believe that the time has arrived when the needs of the work of the Woman's Missionary Society demand an efficient and adequate presentation to the intelligent sympathy and co-operation of the women of our Church. Such advocacy is not possible in the limited space at our disposal in the *OUTLOOK*; therefore,

*Resolved*.—"That we respectfully urge upon the General Board of the Woman's Missionary Society, the serious consideration of the establishment of an organ for the Woman's Missionary Society, in which the claims of the Society, its objects and aims, the internal working of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, together with news from the various fields, both of our own and other churches, may be presented; and all schemes pertaining to the successful conduct of our growing Society and the elevation of woman, both in heathen lands and at home, may be freely discussed.

"We further assure the Board of our firm conviction, based upon figures, that it can be made to pay with a circulation of 5,000 or upwards, which number we believe to be within the immediate reach of the Society."

The financial statement was furnished from the office of a city daily, and can be forwarded to *OUTLOOK* if wished.

After the business part of the meeting came an affectionate and sisterly greeting from Knox Presbyterian Church, presented by Mrs. Ballantyne, and much enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Cosford, President, invited the ladies to remain for afternoon tea, when about 150 adjourned to the lecture-room to spend a social hour. Altogether the nicest and most enjoyable Quarterly Meeting yet, every one said, on separating.

A. G. McMECHAN, *Dist. Organizer*.

#### QUEEN'S AVENUE MISSION CIRCLE.

The following, by MRS. HAMILTON, London, was read at the Western Branch Meeting, and requested for publication:—

(Continued from page 43.)

**T**HIRDLY, the meeting should be made attractive. This, as far as Auxiliaries are concerned, would refer mainly to the conduct of the meetings, with relation to the order of business, etc., (a subject which no doubt has at previous sessions been elaborately discussed), but in regard to Mission Circles it goes further, because of the stronger counter-attractions which have to be offset. With us, the circle meetings are always held in the evenings; the employment of the time of many of the young ladies during the day necessitates that, and no doubt similar circumstances obtain in the case of many other circles. This brings the circle meeting into direct competition with many other meetings of a social character, in which it rests under a decided disadvantage, inasmuch as its support is confined to the ladies. Suppose a case, to illustrate. Five young men, Christians, and sensible enough to prefer the company of Christian young ladies, want to spend an evening together, and naturally wish to have the company of agreeable female companions. They therefore invite five young ladies who, in their desire to do their Christian duty, are members of the mission circle. It is mission circle evening, hence arises a struggle as to which place shall claim the attendance of the ladies, with the chances strongly in favor of the mixed assembly coming out winner, the ladies meanwhile promising themselves that next month there will be no such occasion for absence, and they will be more faithful to the circle. Or, perchance, they may meantime decide against absenting themselves altogether from the circle meeting, and they compromise matters by attending these for a while, sitting on nettles, while the devotional exercises and part of

the order of business is disposed of, then leaving the business to be completed by a few. Suppose, on the other hand, that the mission circle were open for employment of the time, talent, energy and consecration of the young gentlemen, an extent of devotion on the part of the young ladies equal to that we have already supposed would almost certainly result in the circle claiming the attendance of all. **Result**:—*Ten* interested, contented workers, as against none in the case supposed, or at best against five, rendering half service and less than half attention. And what is to hinder the admittance and employment of the young men? The constitution contains only one word which could be construed as excluding them, and that only dimly implies it, and is used only with reference to the sending of a delegate to the Branch meeting. If it were feared that the encroachment, or perhaps, I should rather say the advancement, would result in a loss of the distinctive character of our Society, that point might be guarded by conserving to the ladies say the holding of office, voting for officers, and acting as representatives at Auxiliary or Branch meetings. But this is radical ground, and would perhaps better be abandoned until it has been pronounced tenable, and the subject discussable by the powers that be.

Another method of encouraging earnest labor is the cultivation of a spirit of emulation amongst all the circles belonging to the Society. Discussion of this here would be quite superfluous, as it will shortly be practically illustrated. Two exceedingly active and devoted members of our Society, Mrs. Owrey, belonging to Queen's Avenue Auxiliary, and Mrs. Screamon, belonging to our Mission Circle, have requested me, in their behalf, to present to the Western Branch, through you, Mrs. President, this banner. It is given with the request that it be presented to the circle showing the largest membership in proportion to the membership of the church or churches to which it belongs, to be held by it for the year, and then returned to the Branch meeting, to be used in marking a similar distinction for the most successful circle of the succeeding year.

Our Circle has not lost heart; we believe there is a place for us in the work, and at this period in the nineteenth century, with the Master's injunction, which constitutes the charter of our Society, ringing in our ears, "Go ye into all the world!" and with the challenge to emulation which is thrown out to us by the restless energy and strife pervading every avenue of business and social life, leading men and women to invent, engage and develop the most, and the most effective appliances by which their objects may be achieved—we say, with these things in view, no Auxiliary should require urging to mother a mission circle, and no circle should find it necessary to apologize for its existence.

Our salutation to the Western Branch is, "God bless you!" and our desire concerning you, that each may seek with patience the glory of the Lord, until, with every creature of heaven, and earth, and sea, all join in chanting, "Blessing, and honor and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever."

THE acceptance of the Italian protectorate by the king of Abyssinia is reckoned as affording much hope for missionary work in the valley of the Nile.

THE New York *Independent* expects that "General Booth and Mr. Stead" will find the means, to do the work sketched in the volume which has been the sensation of the past fortnight. It regards the success of Mr. Price Hughes' work as an encouragement, and it will be "glad to see London teach New York and the world how to deal with poverty and crime."

## Along the Line.

### THE INDIAN WORK.

#### MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

*Extracts of a letter from REV. EDWARD EVES, dated  
NORWAY HOUSE, December 23rd, 1890.*

WE are all well; thanks to the Giver of all good! We are still earnestly, by visitation, teaching and preaching, pursuing the work of the Lord. I was down to Cross Lake a few weeks ago, and gave them the sacrament. We had a good time. The chief was not there, but came late at night. In the morning early, just before I got into the canoe, he came and asked me if I would give him the sacrament, saying, "My dear brother, I would feel very sore in my heart if you were to go away and I not have the privilege of remembering the dear Saviour by taking the sacrament. If it was any earthly thing I would not mind it, but I cannot bear to have you go away without giving me the holy sacrament." Of course, I gave it to him. We turned and went into the school-house, and after solemn prayer, in which he earnestly united, he partook with great comfort. I received a letter from there lately, giving encouraging reports.

Last night I received another letter from Bro. Harty, of Nelson House, also giving encouraging accounts of the earnestness of the Indians concerning spiritual things. But we will have to do something more for them soon. We have no church there, as I told you in a former letter, but the Indians say they will build one if the Missionary Society will help them a little in the way of boarding them and buying nails, etc., that they cannot make themselves. With the excellent young man that you sent us here as teacher, I could spend a good part of the next summer with them, if you would give me permission. Bro. Gaudin is a good preacher, and the work here would not suffer. I could take Wm. Moore with me—a good worker, and fast, a carpenter besides—and we could do a good thing for them. If we could do this, and also supply them with Bibles and hymn-books, we need not fear any hostile influence.

Another thing that I would like to mention, is something that has been impressed on my mind with great force for some time past. Could we not have the *Pleasant Hours* translated and printed in the Cree? I don't know if it has been proposed before, but it does not matter. If this could be accomplished, no living man could calculate the benefit it would be to the Indian. The Cree is so widely spoken. No Christian denomination has yet moved in this matter, and along with the Cree characters and the Cree Bibles, which the Methodist Church has given to the Indian, it would be a living monument to the earnestness and thoroughness of the work of our Church. It might be thought that our mission schools will supersede the necessity. Never; no, never. The immobility of the Indian is next to that of the Chinese, if, in fact, it does not exceed it. Besides, how few get any lasting benefit—I mean an education that will give them the benefit of English literature,

from our schools? Just two or three in the whole place can read English after the years of school here. How it is in other places I can only judge from my knowledge of the Indian character. I am not advocating the abolition of mission schools. So far as I have seen, they are vastly superior to the Government schools, and are a real necessity. But when the boy goes from school, at the age of say fourteen, he is still a Cree reader and talker. Except in very rare cases, he will not use his knowledge of English, and consequently forgets it very soon. But the Cree characters, once learned, are never forgotten. In them he writes, and those only will he take the trouble to read. The  $\nabla\Delta\Delta$  are read everywhere, and by every one. They teach each other until, away north to the Arctic Circle, and west to the Rockies, and south and east, the Cree characters are known and read. Now, this is the breadth of circulation that the paper I propose would have. It would be carried home from our Sabbath-schools and devoured, and folded up carefully until the next one that had not seen it would come in, and it would be given to him. It would travel on the dog sled and in the canoe, along rivers and through forests, until it was read by people who have never yet seen the face of the missionary. They would fly like angels of light, bearing the message of salvation to places where the foot of a missionary will never make a track.

I don't like to refer to the present efforts of sending the English publication, after my mind has been dwelling upon the benefit of the Cree publication. What benefit would the dear children and people of Ontario get from the same papers if they were written in Cree. We give them out, but I never do so without a sore heart. What a living power they would be if in the Cree? As they are, they fall upon us like the November snowflake—they melt as they fall, but convey no life-giving power to the recipient.

One man living at Toronto, who understood the English and the Cree, with additional plant, would be the only extra expense.

Another thing I beg leave to mention. Could we not have a branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society at this place, selling Cree Bibles? Many would be given away, but many would be purchased. I do not like the idea of *giving* to the Indian everything he wants. He cannot rise to the dignity of manhood under this system. Numbers now are far above being treated as paupers, and were they able, would be pleased to bear the expense of everything.

I could take charge of the branch and sell the Bibles and Testaments, and make returns, as I received it. The people are always asking me for Bibles, and I have none to give them. There are thousands through this country that have no Bible. I do hope something will be done to relieve us concerning this matter.

NOTE.—Since the above letter was written, a consignment of Cree Bibles have arrived from England, and will be shipped north by the first boat from Winnipeg, the coming Spring. The committee has also authorized the printing of some tracts, etc., in the syllabic characters as an experiment, and, if successful these will be followed by other publications.

### MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE GLEANINGS.

THE gracious work of revival goes on in various places, so that this is likely to prove a good year. Cyprus River, Shoal Lake and Beulah have been visited with seasons of refreshing, while Boissevain and Roland have had showers of blessing; and, as we write, Zion Church, Winnipeg, is the scene of many victories for Christ, as the pastor, assisted by Rev. George Kerby, B.A., is being owned of God, in leading souls to the foot of the cross. We have heard that Mr. Kerby is likely to visit other points before returning east.

It is to be hoped that the new Parliament will do more for the education of the Indians under our charge, than did any previous Parliament. The Indians are delighted with the improvement made by the New Industrial School at the McDougall Orphanage. It is time we had a large Industrial Institute in full working order, for our Indians north of Winnipeg.

The centennial of Wesley's death and of the introduction of Methodism into Canada, has been pretty well observed by Sunday services; but it is rather a pity that there was no concerted and united action, so that our beloved Methodism might have been put on a better footing in this land.

Missionary and other connexional funds are likely to be in advance of last year, but the Centennial should have been used more than it was either to pay off old debts, or to get building schemes well launched, as there are many fields with neither church nor parsonage.

GLEANER.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

*Letter from REV. T. CROSBY, dated PORT SIMPSON, B.C.,  
January 23rd, 1891.*

A WORD from this mission may not be out of season. When the people came home in the fall, a spirit of inquiry was manifest and signs of good. We took a collection of about \$35 for lighting and heating church and school-house, and soon after a cash subscription of \$300 was raised for Dr. Bolton. The Sunday following Christmas-day our missionary meeting was held, with collection of nearly \$40. The interior of the church needs painting and renovating, and as a subscription was started in the summer for this object, we had hoped to get good help to go to work at it in the spring; but this has not come yet. The attention of the people has been so taken up with other things, to their great loss, in some cases, spiritually and socially, some are much inclined to lean to the old ways or to follow the follies of the white man.

The singing on Christmas-eve, led by Henry Tate, was good. Congregation on Christmas morning the largest for many a day—many strangers were with us. The watch-night service was good, and the week of prayer a great blessing, although there seemed to be something nearly every day to interfere with the meetings. We are like one large family here, and a wedding, or a funeral, or a feast affects us all. There have been several weddings, with bands of music and great display. They try to fall into the ways of the white people. Death, during this time, has been making inroads. There have been seven deaths the last

month. God has been speaking in loud tones to the sinning. Some in the prime of life have been taken away. Among this number was Paul Legaic, acknowledged to be the head chief of this people. His death, which was under painful circumstances, caused great excitement. He had been attacked with epileptic fits some weeks previously, but was as well as usual again. On the evening of January 7th he left his house to attend a meeting of the Rifle Company, which he never reached. Failing to return at a reasonable hour, his friends became alarmed, and nearly the whole village turned out to search for him. About 3 a.m. his body was found on the beach, not far from his own house, drowned. It is supposed that he walked down the beach, the tide being out, fell in a fit, and lay there till the rising tide overtook him. His tribe had promised that they would give all in their power if the body of their chief was found, and the poor people gave away all they had.

Oh, may these poor people be led to see there is nothing safe out of Christ! We long for a blessed revival of religion all along the coast. It is too bad we are still without a teacher. Soon the people will be scattering and many of the children gone. The sooner we have our boarding-school established the better.

### ONTARIO.

*Letter from REV. W. A. ELIAS, dated WALPOLE ISLAND  
March 16th, 1891.*

IT seems now a long time since you heard from us. We are yet struggling against heavy odds.

We are not discouraged in any form, but are often greatly cheered by the continual presence of the Holy Spirit in our various services. We have cheerful workers among our people, which makes our hopeful hearts bright for the future. One of our members died lately, who was a regular attendant of class and prayer-meeting. On his sick-bed he was never known to be in a sad, desponding mood, but was always cheerful. When I went to see him he was always glad, and when we were singing that well-known hymn,

“Jesus my all, to heaven is gone,  
He whom I fix my hopes upon,”

his face would beam with sacred love. Undoubtedly it was the reflection of divine illumination. At one time, in one of the darkest rain-stormy nights, while our revival services were going on, and the last time he was attending the church, on the way to church his lantern went out. He remarked to a man overtaking him, that “though his light was out and he was wading through the mud, he was bound to get to the house of prayer.” He said to me just the day before he died, “There was nothing like religion; it is a blessed reality.”

At present our people are at work erecting a driving shed for our Methodist church—the size will be 16 x 60 feet—and also a wood shed of 12 x 16 feet for the same place. Both will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100. This will be a great accommodation to most of our worshippers.

We are trying to raise \$100 for our missionary money, and will not be far from it any way.

## THE HOME WORK.

Letter from the REV. W. E. JOHNSON, dated ANDOVER, N.B., Feb. 1st, 1891.

WE have here the extremes of heat and cold. For instance, this winter the thermometer has more than once registered 55° below zero; while last summer it told off 97° in the shade. Then the roads in several directions are now well nigh impassable, the snow piled up in the middle of the highway ten feet high. The work of your missionary on this extensive mission is thus seen to be prosecuted under great disadvantages. I may say though, that this is rather an exceptionally cold and stormy winter. Throughout the past summer and autumn, or early winter months, I preached and visited Three Brooks, James's, Pokiok and the Narrows, all on the Tobique. At Four Falls, Aroostook Junction, Grand Falls, Bairdsville, Hill and Dale, and Andover. It would not be wise to abandon this field, even though it should continue to slightly draw on the Missionary Society. The Tobique Valley Railroad opening this year will tend to draw many new settlers in this direction. The development of the Plaster Rock alone will create a boom, apart from the general prosperity which will assuredly follow the opening up of one of the finest agricultural sections to be found in our Dominion. Here in Andover, the chief town of the country, and centre of all this coming activity and prosperity, the Methodists have a fine parsonage, and a neat little church. Having held the fort so many long years, it were surely the height of folly to beat an ignoble retreat just when there's a prospect of victory crowning our efforts. For the past six weeks neuralgia, etc., has confined me to the house.

## MUNCEY INDIAN MISSION.

GLAD to tell you we have many things to cheer us on this Indian Mission. Our work is owned of the Master in the conversion of sinners, and in the brighter experience of some who have long been members of the Church. We have prayed, and not in vain, for the "Quickening Spirit" to attend the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. The answer has come in better attendance on the means of grace, more attention to the divine message. Tears of penitence on account of sin, and a willingness to forsake all evil and come to Christ for salvation.

Our dear people have hard fare, and suffer the want of many of the necessaries of life, especially clothing. We are very pleased to be able in any way to relieve them, and show them that we delight to do them good. We acknowledge, with many thanks, a valuable box of clothing sent us in January by the ladies of St. Thomas First Church, which has been carefully divided amongst them. The result is, "Blessed are the givers, the distributors and the receivers.

THOS. MASON.

**Arthur.**—Ours is a rural mission in every sense of the word; we have not a single village within our limits. Perhaps it is also needless for me to say, ours is a new mission, made up of some old appointments severed by Act of Conference from Napinka, and some new appointments opened out on new territory this

year, making six appointments altogether. At four of these appointments the services are held in private dwellings. This is not favorable to a good attendance on the public means of grace. The sparsely settled country in which some of these appointments are situated, and the long distance which some have to come, is not favorable to a good attendance. But against these we lay this fact, the attendance of our people on the public means of grace has been good, on the whole. This means that our people are church-goers in the popular sense of the word; and more, that they have an appetite for spiritual food.

Our nearest market is thirty miles distant. This leaves us tired horses and weary men when the Sabbath comes. But, we are pleased to have the nearest tavern at least thirty miles distant; and further to be able to state that we have not a drunkard on our mission, so far as I know.

Our missionary ground, though devoid of public buildings, was once famous for the "pleasure-dance," so much, that a faithful servant of Ja might often have occasion to stand without, grieved, because of the "musick and dancing" within. But, this season there has not been a single dance on the mission.

Finally, we are increasing our number in membership. Whilst our farmers have matters over which to rejoice, "bringing in the sheaves;" in the religious world God has given us matter over which to rejoice, "bringing in" some human souls. These are "triumphs of His grace." And who would not wish us more?

T. J. JOHNSTON.

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