

INDIAN SEWING SCHOOL.

A SEWING school is a necessity amongst our Blood Indians. It is next to impossible to reach the female population of our camps by schools and churches. The mothers and daughters are seldom seen at the means of grace. A lady will obtain access to these, but situated as we are, very little time can be given to this kind of pastoral work. As a means of securing Indian self-help, instructing the females in domestic duties and imparting religious truths, we feel it urgent that we have in the camps sewing schools. Fully a year ago I wrote a letter, requesting help in this matter, to the OUTLOOK, but met with only one response, and that from a lady belonging to another denomination. Surely our Methodist ladies could send us help in the way of materials. Prints, cotton, yarn, cloth, etc., would be very acceptable. No doubt, many intended doing something, but pressing duties seized upon the mind, and the request was forgotten. Others may have let the matter slip, thinking that a hearty response would be given by the *other ladies*. Please, do not forget us this time. Do not wait for your neighbors to do something, nor that you may send us a large supply. Send what you can *now*, lest procrastination deprive us of the joy at receiving your gift. We want *your* personal donation to our sewing school. Our girls are sold as wives as early as the age of twelve years. The women of our camps are subjected to great degradation. Burdened, weary, and sad, they lead a monotonous and depressing life. Sickness, sorrow, and toil, leave their traces upon their countenances. Mothers, daughters and sisters, forget not your red sisters of the plains. Immoral influences have been thrown around them, and hard indeed has been their lot. Help us to throw around them the mantle of protection, and, by the civilizing influences of the Gospel, elevate Indian womanhood. We cannot begin without your aid. We are anxious that our work should proceed. It is developing, and we feel certain that success will come. This work belongs to the women of Methodism, and we throw its responsibilities upon them.

Tangible sympathy and love will relieve our minds, assist us in our work, and encourage the toilers in this mission field.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

HOME NOTES.

WE are glad to record the formation of a Conference Branch in Nova Scotia with the following officers. *President*, Mrs. Geo. H. Starr; *Rec.-Secretary*, Miss L. Silver; *Cor.-Secretary*, Mrs. S. E. Whiston; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Chas. Wright. We hope to hear of many new Auxiliaries springing up in this Eastern

Province, and that those who already have done so nobly may be greatly encouraged in this extension of their work.

Full reports have not yet been received as to the achievements of the second quarter of this Society year, but we believe that advancement is the general if not the universal record.

The one Auxiliary in Toronto has now become five, all vigorous. Once in three months there is a united meeting, when a short report from each is read, and an interesting programme carried out.

The ladies in Montreal are about undertaking more distinctive work in connection with the Mission School for Girls in that city, where they hope to teach and train a few French girls, who otherwise would be homeless or have to go to other missions. They are sowing the seed which, it is to be hoped, will result by-and-bye in a grand harvest reaped by these same girls, educated and developed into Bible women, working among their own people.

The Young Ladies' Band in connection with the Montreal Auxiliary have raised \$50, and the Band at Point St. Charles have done likewise.

Dundas, which had already made such a grand advance in its contributions to the Missionary Society, has had the courage and devotion to form an Auxiliary which already counts two life members.

Much interest has been awakened in several of the London Conference Auxiliaries by the visit of Miss Moulton, arranged for by the energetic and untiring Cor.-Secretary of the Branch. Her presence among them, and her interesting paper on Japan, have made that field seem more real; everywhere sympathy was aroused which, it is to be hoped, will only spread and deepen.

There is much need for increased effort, for ere this steps have been taken by Miss Cartmell to refit and extend the building purchased some time since for the purpose of a training school. This matter had been considered long and carefully, and seemed the wisest plan to adopt. She is laying the foundations of our work there in a way that it is hoped will prove lasting and suitable for the superstructure. The great anxiety is to have girls trained for work among their own people; they are too poor to pay for their own education, at least for the whole of it, and already the Auxiliary in Charlottetown, P.E.I., has provided for one by sending \$50; another \$50 was reported last month from a friend in St. Catherines, but as there is extra outlay in the beginning of this enterprise, there will no doubt be ample use for all the liberality that can be shown.