

so cold I could not sleep.' The dresses will be a great help to me as they need no alterations. Miss Shaw was pleased to see so many things suitable for her girls, as they make a great deal of sewing. The nightgowns, waists, drawers and dresses all help her so much. I might go on to mention each individual article, if I wanted to tell you what was appreciated and welcome, but, instead, will say, that I saw nothing unpacked that was not needed in the work, and most of it will be used at once. Mr. Matheson is busy building, and has a lot of men working and he was especially glad to see men's clothing and other things that would help him in paying them. Last week he had six gangs working cutting logs for the building, digging wells, etc., and their wages amounted to \$1 25 an hour, besides all the other expenses in connection with the mission. Most of the children are gone or are going home for the holidays and those who are left will be taken out to camp as usual, so that in another week or two Miss Marsh and I will be almost alone in the house. Miss Phillips and Miss Shaw will take all the school children into tents by the Lake."

*From the Rev. R. E. Coates, West Selkirk, September 26, 1899.*

"DEAR MADAM,—Having learned from the Dorcas Secretary, Miss McCord, the name of the donor of the church bell, I write to convey the hearty thanks of pastor and people to the friend who has shown us such kindness. At last St. Jude's Church, Grand Marais has a voice in the settlement, and very proud we are of this important addition. I found the bell in a warehouse in Selkirk, and fortunately found a man starting for Grand Marais in a sailing boat. He is the man who gave the site for the Church, and was delighted to take out the bell, saying that he should have it hung at once to be ready for his son's wedding. When I arrived the bell was already in position and I had the privilege of ringing it for the first time; afterwards the old man rang vigorously himself. Of course everybody was anxious to see and admire, and as the sound penetrated the woods and floated over the lake I thought of the great blessing it would be to this lonely and scattered settlement. One of the members came up to me and said, 'please write and tell the kind friend that we are very thankful for it.' It is astonishing the difference a bell makes in a place; it seems to emphasize the fact that it is the Sabbath day, and summons all to the place of worship. There is no lagging and waiting to be