

confirmed, another is waiting for confirmation and greatly encouraging us by his Christian conduct—such a change from his former life. The boys are 23 in number, our girls fewer, one is ill, and one was married during the summer, just 10 years of age, and a second wife at that. Marion, the girl Miss. Brown used to write to you about is nearly head of the school; a dear good girl, and great help to Miss. Garlick. We have had St. John's Home enlarged and are going to make an effort this winter to fill the school to its limit, but the Government only help us with 35 pupils. We are now covered up with snow, the first of the season. Many of our children are running about barefoot, we have no funds to buy boots or clothing."

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COOK'S MILLS, ALGOMA, *September, 1894.*

From Rev. W. R. Seaborn.

.... The wants of this place like that of the whole Diocese may be summed up in two things—*Men* and *Money*. The first being of the right kind, the second, wisely expended, would probably be all we require. My mission extends from Thessalon on the west to Sudbury on the east, a distance of 140 miles, in which there are 14 or 15 little towns or villages, and 3 or 4 settlements, more or less remote from the railway. ... There are many Church families scattered throughout this part, and unless the Church can by some means minister to them, while they are few and feeble, she will not be needed later on, at two or three points; if Churches could be built and an earnest hardworking Missionary or two added to the field, much might be accomplished. ... We know that a great deal has been done through the untiring efforts of our good Bishop, and the generosity of Church people throughout Canada, but one cannot rightly realize the *needs* or the many difficulties and obstacles which the Church has to meet in a field like this, unless they have been or are in Algoma. The very nature of the country, the employment of the people, apart from the very broken and scattered population makes it very difficult to work, ... but I will turn to a few things more directly concerning the objects of the W. A. Good literature will always be thankfully received, also books suitable for S. S. libraries. I have a large number of men who work in the woods and saw mills, and to them good, reading matter is not only a great treat, but a means of doing good and a blessing. There are also many poor families who do not see a paper or book from one year to another, except some that may come to them in this way; so *good* papers, magazines, books, etc., are a godsend to us; the few articles of clothing would be a blessing in many houses, especially if warm and suitable for children. I have found a number very grateful for such assistance. I earnestly pray that God's blessing may rest upon the work of the Woman's Auxiliary.