

clerk, the nature of whose work is such that he has to be in or about the shanty, for the most part, to receive such supplies as may come in from time to time.

I found these gentlemen exceedingly kind, they looked after our horses, introduced us to the good cook, who greeted us with a warm shake of the hand, with the promise that he would ere long make us partakers of the festive board.

By this time the men are coming in from their day's work, with tired frames, but sharpened appetites, and ready to receive the good bread, beans, &c., which the cook has so well prepared. I have nothing but good to say of the Foremen; they were all gentlemen in every sense of the word. Each one readily acceded to my request, to hold a religious service before the men should retire for the night, which I very thankfully appreciated and acted upon.

I was glad to observe the close attention which the men gave to the message which I had to deliver, and perfect order was maintained during the whole service, which to my mind speaks volumes in behalf of the poor shanty-men.

I visited ten camps: in nine I conducted religious services.

There was an average of thirty-two men in each shanty, the majority of whom were Roman Catholics.

On my way going to and returning from the shanties, I was able to visit some isolated families, who live far away from both school and church.

We were favored with exceptionally fine weather, which tended in no small degree to make our trip an enjoyable one. Once or twice we were hurled out into the cold snow, despite all our efforts to the contrary; but we picked ourselves up, and arrived home in safety, with heartfelt thanks to Him who had thus far brought us on our way rejoicing.

Perhaps this will meet the eye of some one who is desirous of helping on this great work, but knows not how; 'let me tell you in conclusion what you may, and I am quite sure what you will do, viz:—"Pray to our Father who is in Heaven," that He will pour down His blessing on the work; and you can materially help us, by sending to our address some good wholesome literature, full of Christian truth for distribution among our less favoured, but nevertheless thankful people.

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"He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

S. T. Coleridge.