

Another writer says: "I feel very grateful for the assistance received this winter, as I have been able to alleviate the sufferings of quite a number of families on this mission. I gave a good share to the widow who was left with such a large family. One of the families to whom I gave a few things were burnt out just before Christmas, and were left without anything except the clothing they were wearing. It just happened that one of the boxes came along that same week containing quilts and other things, which I was so pleased to be able to give to them."

One of our young preachers on a poor mission not receiving enough to live on by boarding out, rented a room and boarded himself. Through the kindness of some of our Auxiliaries and Mission Bands who sent bedding and linen, he was able to make his room very comfortable.

In the North-West there are many districts where, though there is no actual poverty, for the people can get enough to eat, yet they find it impossible to purchase clothing suitable for the long cold winter. One young girl who went out there two years ago, belonging to a nice family of hard-working people, said to one of our missionaries: "It seems so strange, but everything I have on came from your house. I do not know what I should have done without them." That clothing was sent by the W.M.S.

A young preacher in the North-West receiving a very small salary, having to keep house for himself, to use his coats and robes for bedding, was relating his experience to the wife of one of our missionaries who had just received a large box of clothing from Ontario. She was so pleased to be able to make him more comfortable, for in the box she found an overcoat and underwear that just fitted him, and besides that he went home rejoicing, with two heavy quilts. She thinks that the ladies who filled that box would have been amply repaid for their labor by his expressions of thankfulness.

A missionary's family in the North-West went to a very poor circuit and a cold, unfurnished house. It took all they had to buy furniture and make the house fit to spend the winter in. A box of goods sent by us reached them in their greatest need, containing the very articles most wanted, especially a quantity of bedding, and many comforts which otherwise they would have been obliged to do without. Many times have they thanked God and prayed His blessing to rest upon our kind friends who, out of their abundance, have helped those who were strangers to them. Can we have any idea what results for our Master may be the outcome of these kindnesses—how much lighter the pastor's heart is when his mind is relieved from the anxious thought of wherewithal shall they be clothed.

In one of the far off missions of the North-West, the teacher of the school says there are over thirty families on the reservation, all