

word that a heathen Indian, a little distance off, wishes us to go to his house. We know that his two children, and he himself, are still unbaptized. After our arrival the house is well filled, and I preach, taking the words of our Lord, Mark xvi. 15-16, pointing out that we, as Christ's messengers, had now, in their case, obeyed our orders; were they prepared to obey, and thus secure their salvation. The wife, who had already been baptized, was very anxious for her husband and two children to follow her example. The man, however, without offering any special reason declined both for himself and his children. After an earnest and prayerful attempt to persuade him, we had to give it up for that time. It was now late, the sun had set, and we had a long drive over the Lake before us; just as we were about to start the man said (very much as though conferring a favour) "never mind I will give you my three boys." Fortunately another train of dogs was obtainable, and we started with them back to the Mission. It was too dark to travel fast, and it was about half past nine, a late hour in these primitive wilds, before we reached home. Mrs. Weaver had almost given us up for that night, when we came pouring in hungry and tired. I wish every member of the Auxiliary could have heard her tone, almost of despair, as she gazed on these three tattered candidates for Christian training and instruction. "What is to be done, we have no suits left and no cloth to make any out of?" It is the same cry at Lesser Slave Lake. Will the dear members of the W.A. pardon me for wishing, that when the ladies are at their busiest over wristlets and hoods and comforters, and all these little things, so easy and pleasant to make, they may be visited with just a twinge of conscience, through the recollection that after all, these are not the things *most needed*; and may I wish them the great, though hard earned, pleasure, after an hour or two of weary stitching at boys' uninteresting garments (tunics and trousers), of realizing that in that hour or two they have done so much more for aiding Christ's cause and furthering His Kingdom.

It is *most* important that our Missions should be helped in this respect. Our schools are not supported as those are on the Reserves, and Wapuskaw is without any help from Government.

I remain, ever yours most sincerely,

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The following letter is on the same subject, from Mrs. Weaver:—

"Bishop Young is writing from here about our needs, and asked me to put in a line. We are indeed hard up for boys' clothes and dresses for the bigger girls of 13 and 14 years. At present we have not one big dress, and when the Bishop and Mr. Weaver returned from a visit to the end of the Lake, you can imagine my dismay at seeing three boys with them, and we had *only one pair of pants*, one coat, and two over-coats that would in any way fit them; fortunately we have a few shirts in stock, but clothes are a great