

In some camps there are no more than twenty men, but in others several hundreds. Altogether, it is estimated that there are three thousand men occupied in this work. Some of these men probably come from respectable homes, where they had many privileges and went to church regularly. On coming to this part of the world they could find no better occupation than cutting trees and floating them down the streams to the ocean, where they were drifted to the mills. Other men, of course, have been born and bred in a lumber camp.

It is very seldom they see strangers, but the excitement and interest that is created when one does appear, is very great.

On different islands there are tiny settlements, with perhaps a few houses, a store and a saloon, where the men spend their hard-earned money for want of something better to do with it. In these settlements there are people who are employed in various ways, but they all probably live the same kind of life as the lumbermen.

Not long ago the Churchmen in this province thought something ought to be done for these men who could not get to church. The Bishops of Columbia and Westminster, with the help of others, thought that a missionary boat might be equipped to serve the purpose, but what an expense it would be for two poor dioceses! They estimated that it would take four thousand dollars to build this boat, and where should the money come from?

The Reverend J. Antle, who is very fond of the sea, had made a small boat himself, and was sent up the coast for a six months' trip, to see, and report the prospects. On his return, he was sent to the Central Mission Board, in the East, with an appeal for two thousand dollars. This was granted, with an addition of one hundred and fifty dollars, to be used to furnish a circulating library in connection with the boat. This was a great encouragement to the Church and to all earnest Churchmen.

This boat is not yet built, but the contract is to be given in a short time. She is to be sixty feet long, with a room for services thirty feet in length; another part is to be fitted up for the library. She is to have an auxiliary gasoline engine, and the crew is to consist of Mr. Antle, a companion, and a Chinese boy for cook.

This little boat and her crew are to go up and down the coast, stopping wherever there are logging camps or settlements. The clergyman is to go into the camps to hold services and to distribute books among the men. Those who wish to partake of the Holy Eucharist are to be invited to the little chapel on the boat, which has an Altar and all the furniture needed for the Church's Services. There it is that they will receive the Blessed Sacrament.

This is only a part, although the greatest, of the plan. The Victorian Order of Nurses is sending two nurses to Shoal Bay, where