

Acknowledgment of Clothing Sent by Stratford Presbytery.

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MR. LAIRD.—By this time you will be looking for some word about the school clothing. I am glad to be able to state that it has all arrived in good order. So soon as I received word of its arrival at Russell I set out accompanied by two of the boys and brought it to the school. We had a very pleasant trip. The weather was fine and the boys enjoyed themselves immensely. They were very kindly treated at the houses where we stopped on the road; they looked after the horses, picked berries and made themselves generally useful, and on their return home had many wonderful stories to relate about their trip.

And what a fine assortment of clothing, both made and unmade, the ladies have sent! We were delighted as we opened bale after bale. These kind ladies have certainly been most thoughtful, and have supplied all our needs most generously. They have our sincere thanks, and, should our school be successful during the next year, they may rest assured that they have contributed in no small degree to any success we may have.

After opening the goods we invited the parents to the school, and supplied them with material for a new outfit for each pupil. I need not say that most of the children were much in need of some new clothing. The mothers did not take long to make the new suits, and to-day, on the re-opening of the school after the summer holidays, nearly all the children are in their places and every boy and girl looks neat and clean.

Before the people went home on the day they got the new clothing, I made a few remarks to them and asked some questions. I asked how it was they got this nice new clothing for their children without paying for it. I explained that kind ladies had sent it all the way from Ontario, and then I asked why it was these ladies sent clothing to people they did not know and had never seen. They seemed a little puzzled at first, and then one woman said: "It is because they want us to be Christians." I remarked that that was a good answer, and said that these ladies were much interested in them. "They want you to serve God, and trust in Jesus Christ as your Saviour.