

the pulpit.—Ed.) "We have a beautiful drape for the pulpit, another for the desk, as well as a cover for the Holy Table, if we could only get them made. In spite of these drawbacks the opening service was a great success. The Rev. Rural Dean Burmen came from Winnipeg and preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. a plain, simple folk it was, and I feel sure it was appreciated. The singing was hearty and the offertory the largest ever known in Grand Marias, the congregation filling the building completely. The Winnipeg W.A. sent us a new large stove, so that it is warm and comfortable. There is a raised platform at the east end, and when once the pulpit, desk and table are in place, it will be very satisfactory, of course, there are no pews yet. Two young men procured planks and made benches that, for the present, serve as pews." (Mr. Coates applied for a grant from one of the Societies, but fears there is nothing for them, so he will be out about \$20.) He says,—"In spite of the shortage mentioned we are very busy preparing for another church at Poplar Park. The members of this congregation wanted to do something, and decided to make a presentation to my sister in token of their appreciation of her services as organist, at the same time this takes place, will be held a sale of work, etc., followed by a musical programme, in aid of the church building fund, or rather, to purchase ground which will be used as the grave-yard, the church to be erected as soon as possible. One woman has been round begging of people in Selkirk, and is now busy making up aprons, little dresses, etc., another who keeps sheep, cards and spins the wool herself and is making socks, stockings and mitts; she has also bought some material and given it out to other women to make up. Last Sunday, in our little church, we held a very impressive service when two heathen were baptized, a man and woman, who have so long withstood Christianity, that after repeated talks, we had almost given up in despair. God works in his own good way, and has conquered where we thought Paganism was so strong. A message was brought to me, and on talking over the needful preparation for baptism and the further change of life it would entail, they expressed their desire for baptism. I hear now that they wish to do everything that is right, and the man came to say that they would like to be lawfully married as Christians. May I ask you to remember John Richard Sinclair and his wife in your prayers, that they may be blessed and strengthened in their new life. Thanking you for your kind help and sympathy, etc."

To Miss Joyce, Oakville, Mr. Coates says, speaking of a bale sent him,—"Your members must have worked very hard, and have attended the meetings regularly, to have finished all those lovely quilts. My poor people will rejoice when they feel the comfort of the result of your working party.