

MR. LECKIE'S REPORT.

MISSION WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN.

This has been a year crowned with much encouragement, God has graciously permitted us to see some of the results of our seed sowing. We are thankful to God for the privileges we have had for He has blessed us with many tokens of His divine approval.

I have received a hearty welcome wherever I have gone. The men seem willing and anxious to listen to the Word, paying good attention. One week last September three persons professed to a saving faith in Christ, causing our hearts to greatly rejoice.

The literature sent this year as a rule has been good, so that we have not found it a very difficult task to look it over and assort it.

The "comfort bags" have proven themselves so in more than name and are greatly appreciated by the men. May they also receive comfort in their souls is our prayer.

The clothing which the Galt Union sent was greatly appreciated by those who received it. A number of them sent letters of thanks which we forwarded to the donors.

A great deal of the literature we receive comes by mail or express, we have found that it reaches us safely by freight, and costs much less. I hope all the different Unions and individuals who so kindly remember us and the needs of our work, will bear this point in mind.

Many of the men write regarding the letters sent in the bags, we can assure the dear women who send them that they are sources of comfort and of help.

Our work this year has been pleasant. If there has been obstacles and discouragements there has also been many bright spots and much to encourage and cheer. The men have been kind to us. In the last two weeks I have visited 19 camps and held services in them all. Sundays were my heavy days, but the men seemed pleased to meet and hear me.

They now come up and shake hands when I come—quite different from days gone by. Through the preached, or spoken word occasionally, a soul is saved, God thus graciously setting a seal upon our work. We feel that this return alone, abundantly repays us for all the hardships involved.

The work among the poor families of our men has been looked after by Mrs. Leckie. With the articles sent us we have been able to bring cheer and comfort to different homes. We, however, have only had four barrels sent—one of these contained two warm blankets, and came from Stratford. One large bale arrived from Galt, another from Thorndale, but the best bale of all came from Mr. and Mrs. Frank White of London, who seem much interested in our work.