

men would have given up in despair. But Mr. Despard for six long years went on praying and working. The schooner "Nancy" went back to Wootya and brought the partially destroyed "Allen Gardiner," which Mr. Despard sent to England for repairs. One of the Fuegians, Okokko, also decided to return to the Mission Station. But little intercourse was held for some time with the treacherous natives. Mr. Despard employed himself chiefly in preparatory work, which makes but little show, yet is so important, and on that lonely island the ever hopeful superintendent laid the foundations of that mission work which has since been so successful. He formulated the language of those wild tribes, he translated part of the Bible, he trained Okokko and his family—they were his first converts, and did afterwards good missionary work among their countrymen. He inspired Tom Bridges with missionary zeal, he completed the boy's education, and Tom Bridges is now the pastor over a large church of these once cruel savages, who now dwell in comfortable cottages, raise vegetables, and spear fish for food instead of devouring each other; and lately when a large Italian barque was wrecked on their shores, not only risked their own lives in saving the crew, but as the cargo was washed ashore they set a guard and restored it to the owners. The King of Italy presented a medal to the chief in acknowledgement. Sometimes the pioneer work which produces such results passes out of sight, "One soweth, another reapeth," that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

FRANCES E. MURRAY.

We offer Miss Murray many apologies for not completing her interesting paper sooner, but the report of the proceedings of the Provincial Board of Management and subjects for the months, had to take precedence of all other matter.

*From George Gill, Incumbent of Russell, Manitoba, to the Editress of the Letter Leaflet.*

DEAR MADAM—Might I ask for a little space in your next number to insert this appeal: The Valley River Indian Mission requires a little help just now. We need money to supply our missionary teacher there, the necessaries of life; and will the kind readers of this appeal send a donation. The mission is receiving God's blessing, and we fear unless we can get a little help, for want of funds it will suffer. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord"

*From Rev. A. J. Cobb, North Seguin, Diocese of Algoma.*

Rev. A. J. Cobb desires to thank the various Branches of the W.A. that have so generously contributed towards his own comfort, his family, and also those needing of his Mission. The noble work of the W.A. has proved a great blessing among us, during this our hardest winter known for many years.