

their swift trips from Buffalo to Duluth and return, those two wonders of fresh water, the "North-West" and the "North-Land," excite much interest. Many people come from miles inland to see them. Huge whalebacks and steam barges are also interesting sights, as are also the rapid river boats. The Indian believes in a distribution of labor, and to the passing boats may be seen as many as ten canoes, trailing in a long line, while the occupants, having lassoed this outside power, lie back and see it do the work.

Sombra, like many other villages and districts, is suffering from a plethora of churches. Consequently we also suffer. A year ago a Sabbath School was begun with an attendance of twelve. The Christian zeal and untiring energy of two of the women in the congregation kept up the interest during the winter, and towards the close of last summer the attendance was over forty. A mid-week Bible class was also started, in which there was shown an increasing interest, but the lack of a missionary during the winter seriously hindered the progress of this work.

Duthill is situated six miles inland. Here, with the exception of the "Dynamiters,"—a species of Methodist—our missionary had the field all to himself. The church is situated near the banks of a small river, on which little tugs toil at long rafts. These rafts occasionally get caught in the bends of the river. They are "eased off" with some difficulty and skilled profanity. Permanent bridges do not span this river, but the public use floating ones. Driving upon this picturesque ferry, they are transferred to the other side by the efforts of a ferryman, who pulls, sometimes faster and sometimes slower, upon a cable. This place is especially interesting and important, as no other services besides our own are held in the immediate vicinity. The settlement is not very old, but the people are prospering, and are contributing more each year to the support of the Gospel. Much could be expected of this place if there were services held all the year. But the cold of the winter tends to shrivel up the work of the summer. A pros-