

During the epidemic we were extremely busy. I did not want to admit any patients suffering from the influenza into any but the isolation ward, as at the time there were several maternity patients with us. It was fortunate that these had all left before the real influenza patients arrived. First we opened the isolation and had it filled with men who had no home of their own, or at least were bachelors. Then one day a woman came in just recovering, and then another, and another, and then one who was just at the beginning of the disease, and from that time all our patients were suffering from the influenza. Miss Baker was taken down, but as we all had been inoculated, her case was mild, and the others of the staff all escaped. Mrs. Low and Miss MacLeod had a busy time for over a month, but were able to keep going. Since that time our work has become normal again.

This part of the country has changed a great deal in the past few years. There has been great activity on the farms in all directions. The amount some of the individual men have accomplished has been very great. The supply of help both for the field and the house was limited, and the need for a large crop was acute. One man put in about one hundred and fifty acres by himself. When the harvest came he could not get help, and drove his binder during the day, and stooked far into the night. One of the results of the hard work of the past years is that the people generally are much better off than ever before. Our district is fertile, and has yielded a great deal of wealth. Evidences of this are seen everywhere. Therefore there is a much smaller percentage of the people who are unable to pay for their hospital accommodation. Some of those who owed accounts for several years have been able to pay. We hope that we shall not need to call for so much help after this from the W.M.S. All these years we have had merely to make our needs known, and at once the means were generously supplied. From this time onward there will be some who for various reasons will be unfortunate, and we shall continue to help these as always. Our work, however, will be a good deal like that done by the municipal hospitals, which are growing up all over the west. Patients of all classes, creeds and kinds come to us. There is an element among the German Catholics who are at least unfriendly, if not hostile to us. But many German Catholics have been our patients, and many French as well. At present one of our patients is a Catholic French priest. Hungarians and Galicians also come. (Galicians formerly preferred to be called Ruthenians, but now all are "Ukrainians.")

When a stranger came into this district ten years ago and drove across the country thirty miles before reaching the Geneva Mission, to take charge of the work so well started by Dr. Arthur, he saw many evidences on the road of the power of the Roman Catholic Church. In every district the most conspicuous building was the Catholic church. At Leofeldt, St. Meinrad, and St. Benedict, at Bonne Madone, Bellevue and Domremy, and at Wakaw, there was a church for all the people. Scattered here and there all through these districts were a few of our own people, to whom the church gave as much service and support as distances and circumstances allowed. But nowhere was there a Protestant church to be seen. An attempt was made in 1908 and 1909 to organize a Hungarian Presbyterian church. A building was erected, and the opening services held with great display, but soon the people who at home had been accustomed to a state church, found that they were not yet ready for home rule. After a stormy history the church was deserted, and has not been in use for the last eight years. Recently it was repurchased for a small sum by some local Hungarians, who have become members of the Baptist Church. They have refitted it, and are now holding their services in it as they are able to get a minister to serve them.

In Wakaw, for the past seven years, we have been holding our services in halls. It did not seem possible for us to build a church. However, last year we were able to organize a building committee, and work was started. From the first we had the hearty co-operation of the Hungarian Reformed, who call themselves Presbyterian. They paid in about \$1,300.00 cash into the fund, and the English-speaking people have raised most of the balance. We have a debt of about \$600.00, which we should be able to carry as long as ne-