

P.S.—Mrs. Matheson is hardly likely to be able to come home on a visit this summer, it would cost too much in time and money and we have neither to spare.

This letter deserves more than a passing notice, and it would be well for us W.A. members to bear in mind the kind and encouraging remarks of the writer. We cannot, however, give the W.A. first rank in the Mission Work, we must remember all that the Missionary has to contend with, daily self-denials, absence from loved ones, with scant news of them, for how little can be gained through a yearly or bi-yearly mail? We, who are within daily or weekly communication with relatives and friends, cannot realize this great privation. Then again the scarcity of food is often an anxiety in these far away Missions. Many of our readers may remember that beautiful and touching address given some four years since by the Bishop of Mackenzie River, when he said that in order to have one mouth less to feed at his home during the winter months, he absented himself, and threw his lot in with the Indians. He also mentioned that bread from its scarcity, was so great a luxury with them that his children, who received only one piece each every Sunday, looked upon it as an ordinary child would a piece of cake. Truly these are startling facts, and they should awaken in us a greater zeal for Mission work. There are many young people in our community who have time enough and to spare, and who could easily give two hours weekly towards helping these poor isolated people, and if they would but try the work we feel sure that they would never regret the step taken. Our autumn sewing classes are about to begin, may we not hope to see many new members? Work need not interfere with pleasure, the one should act as a stimulus to the other. We ask them, all who can, to come, and let no one say after reading this appeal, that she has not been specially bidden. While we have time, and we can all make that time, "let us do good unto all men." Blessings must attend all earnest work, and there is no greater happiness than that of being a joy and a help to others.