

REPORT OF THE SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

At the close of our last year's report we said we were looking forward to another busy year. This outlook has been more than realized, for this department of our work has been in a most flourishing condition all through the year.

No sooner have we demands for goods than offers of help come, and it frequently happens that the same post brings in a letter from a missionary asking for quilts and clothing, and from an Auxiliary saying, "We have a box ready; where shall it be sent?" The words in Isaiah often come to mind, "And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." (Isaiah lxv. 24.)

Our numerous gifts of bedding, clothing, Christmas gifts, etc., have been gratefully received, widows' hearts have been made to sing for joy, many homes made brighter and more comfortable, hearts uplifted and relieved from the crushing burden of poverty, parents and children so softened by these timely and welcome gifts that they have been led to attend church and Sunday School, and have given their hearts to God. It is impossible to estimate the good done both to the givers and to the receivers.

See the gathering together of a number of young ladies, each coming to the meeting with a small parcel in her hand. When these parcels are opened, amid much laughter and glee gaily-colored pieces of cloth are spread out to view; but soon the bright eyes grow graver, and the busy fingers set to work to fashion for some poor Indian child, or may be for a hard-working, lonely, almost discouraged missionary's wife, a beautifully soft and warm quilt. As the minutes fly, the work progresses, and these bright young women rejoice at the completion of their evening's work and picture to themselves the joy of the recipient, declaring that *they* were the first to enjoy that quilt.

In another place we may see younger girls making up pretty wall pockets to hold useful articles, which they thoughtfully put in them, such as scissors, buttons, thread, needles, pocket combs, and in one specially made place a small Testament. These are intended for lumbermen's shanties.

In another place a little girl keeps a missionary bag, into which she is constantly putting useful articles, such as scissors, thimble, needles, buttons, thread, yarn, pieces of silk and velvet, and many other things. When the bag is full it is sent away to some missionary's wife, who is delighted to get such a variety of useful articles, and appreciates warmly the love and sympathy that have prompted the gift.