

sters, with their loud "Haw Buck" and "Gee Bright" and the yells of the rollers, men with handspikes who pile the logs together, as the the team draws them up, was something fearful. A logging gang consists of the team, driver, and four rollers, and as we had ten gangs the scene was quite exciting. The more noise an ox-teamster makes, the better he seems to think the oxen work, and some of them have great lungs. About eleven o'clock dinner was ready and the men all sat down to a long table laid in the barn, where they soon satisfied the inner man with the usual bush luxuries, pork and potatoes, bread and butter, puddings and pies cakes etc., washed down with strong tea. After dinner a smoke and a chat then to work again, and by four o'clock the whole field about twelve acres was logged up ready for burning off. After supper the barn was turned into a ball room, and the lads and lasses tripped "the light fantastic" till day light.


16 Reading matter is very scarce, the want of a good circulating library is much felt. If some of our friends on the front would bundle up their old papers and magazines, and mail them to us, many a long evening would be shortened, and made pleasant.

17 Thank God we are not much troubled with sickness. Occasional trifling illness are doctored at home. In case a doctor is required, which happily is rare, we have to send about 15 miles for one. Life in the backwoods of course has many drawbacks, but with pure air and perfect health, these drawbacks can easily be overcome, and the wonder is that more of the teeming population of cities do not come in, and make a home for themselves and give their children the heritage of health and freedom.

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MUSKOKA.

PAPERS FOR THE BACKWOODS.

 E print in full the following letter from the Rev. W. Crompton, as he appears to think that Mr. Gill's letter in October No. was calculated to convey a wrong impression, and wishes to correct it. But we would take this opportunity of saying that our little paper, issued as it is only every second month, has not space for correspondence of this kind, and we would ask our friends in future to settle any little misunderstanding either by private correspondence or through the medium of some newspaper.

We have received letters from S. Lawrence, Allansville, A. Gutridge, Midlothian, and Mrs. Davison Starratts, offering to supply Mr. Gill with church papers if he will send stamps for postage.

ED. A. M. N.

ASPDIN P. O. Muskoka, Canada

To the Editor of Algoma Missionary News.—

Sir, In your issue of Oct. 1st, I notice a letter signed Henry Gill, who writes with respect to the papers &c. which I have been the means under God,

of bringing into nearly every nook of Muskoka, certainly of that part of the district over which any clergyman has yet travelled. As your little paper is sent to many parts of England, by myself and others, and as Mr. Gill's letter might convey a wrong impression to these our friends, I must ask you to insert this letter of mine. There has been more than one settler receiving papers through the Ufford P. O., and I was not aware that they had ceased coming. It is not a month since I was assured by Mr. Griffith, one of my lay readers and school teacher at Ufford, that these same people were still receiving their church papers. However, as Mr. Gill is postmaster, and his letter would imply that these papers did not come, and the kind senders assure me that they duly mail those papers, I must institute an investigation as to what becomes of them. At the first commencement we had many papers appropriated on their way, but the authorities soon saw into matters and I have had no complaints for years. I did not forward Mr. Gill's name to England because when I opened up the station at Ufford (now nearly nine years ago) we had such a supply from home that I myself have envied him. I would also remark that when getting these papers sent to the settlers, I had neither the idea nor intention of supplying Sunday Schools in any way. My object was merely to get reading matter in the homes of the backwoods, and thank the good God I have succeeded in doing so far better than I ever dreamed would be the case.

I have not the least doubt but that some of the thousands who get more than one paper would gladly share with Mr. Gill if he will send them the necessary stamps to pay for postage. If they do so, they will consider they are conferring a great favour for they, one and all, seem to value their papers too highly to part with them lightly.

I am &c.

William Crompton.

Priest.

ASPDIN.

An anonymous friend has offered to provide means for building a stone church for the Rev. Mr. Crompton, at Aspdin, on condition that the members of the church are prepared to give their aid in the work, and a cheque for \$1200 has been received by the Rev. gentleman as a first instalment. It is needless to say that this generous offer has been accepted, and at the preliminary meeting to discuss the subject, a hearty response was made by all present. The new church will be of rubble walls, and as the much talked of stones of Muskoka are excellent for building purposes and guarantee dry walls, it will doubtless last for ages to come. The cost will be over \$3,500.—*Laws Deo.*

PORT SYDNEY.

The Rev. R. W. Plante gratefully acknowledges the gift of ten dollars from Mrs. W. E. Moody, snr., Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, towards the fund for rebuilding the parsonage at Port Sydney. Also a box containing useful books and a parcel of clothing for distribution in my missions, from Miss Spence, Toronto.