

were invited to be present at the distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree. Through the kindness of friends in Alliston, Yarmouth, Wallbridge and Kingston, the children were made happy with nice gifts, of which the books, I believe, are more prized than any.

On Thursday, December 29th, the parents of the girls, to the number of fifty, were invited to dinner at the Home, and to hear the girls sing and recite afterwards. The people seemed to appreciate the entertainment, and in their speeches a number expressed most kindly sentiments toward the Home.

In the midst of the festivities German measles broke out among the girls, and within the past two weeks twenty-seven have been down with the epidemic. This variety of measles proves but a slight malady, affecting its subjects only a few days at most, and then not seriously.

Boxes, barrels and bales have been received from Tweed, Cherry Valley, Wallbridge and Yarmouth; dolls from Alliston; and scrapbooks, dolls and fancy articles from Kingston; also scrapbooks from Roland, Manitoba. To the kind friends who have labored to send so many valuable gifts we tender our most hearty thanks, and trust that their bounty may return to them in manifold blessings. The knowledge that Christian women and children, for the love of Jesus, are willing to give of their time and means to make them comfortable and happy, is having a good effect upon the girls. I believe many are looking beyond the gifts to the spirit which prompted them, and seeking to emulate that spirit by being good and doing good.

MISS CLARKE writes from PORT SIMPSON, B.C.,
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WE are back to regular duties again, and the girls are all well, so the work is not pressing as heavily. Miss Elliot and myself are quite well, but Miss Paul finds it difficult to keep about. A vacation is what she really needs, but that is out of the question for anyone until a fourth worker is secured.

Lumber has been ordered for the woodshed, fence and