

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

The President of the Old St. Paul's, Woodstock Branch, has received the following interesting letter from Bishop Bompas, "Our position here is somewhat peculiar, some 30 years ago since, when our Mission on the Yukon first commenced, the Indians here were very wild, foolish, ignorant heathen, and untaught. They are now—by God's grace and power, not our own—taught, tamed, civilized, Christianized and elevated. They worship regularly on Sundays and week days in our little School Church, to the number of about 100; reading in their own tongues their Bibles, Prayer and hymn books, The country is now over run by white miners in search of gold, and these, alas, are sceptical and irreligious, not, as we would wish, Christian patterns to the natives in a heathen land. We work, however, as God may enable us, to prosecute evangelizing work among both whites and Indians, and we trust that yet, by God's grace, a good work may be accomplished among *both*. The funds of the English C.M.S., with which we are connected, are not applicable for work among whites, for this latter work we are therefore almost entirely dependent on contributions from Canada. We have now two Missionaries from Canada, who are both designated for work in the neighborhood of the new mines, but we have not yet received sufficient means for their support, so that the \$10 you sent us is very valuable." To St. Jude's, Branch, Brantford, which had written to Omoksene, *re*, the children it clothes there, the new Missionary-in-charge, the Rev. A. de B. Owens, writes, "Right glad I am that you all take so hearty an interest in things up here. This is a stoney place, therefore hard on shoes and knees, also a bushy place, therefore hard on clothes in general. Again lots of horse-back riding makes *clothes rags* very quickly. The girls are much quieter and do not make such raids on clothes, but really the amount of boys' clothes we consume is endless. I am going to convert a lot of girl's cloaks (which the girls cannot be persuaded to wear) into boy's clothing by aid of a pair of scissors and a sewing-machine. We had a big *pow-wow* some days ago, in regard to sending the big boys to the Industrial School at Calgary. Six chiefs sat down to dinner with us, and behaved like gentlemen. They are very fond of their children, and do not like them to go far away. The children are, for the most part, amiable, but lazy, never having been accustomed to work. We have an efficient staff who are doing good work among them." "An Algoma layman" states in the *Church Evangelist*, that an unmarried man can live in Algoma on \$250 in comparative comfort, and keep a horse, and then goes on to say, "To some these figures may appear ridiculous, but I speak from practical experience. *Many a wealthy man or woman in Eastern Canada could give this amount annually towards the support of a Mission, and never feel the want of it*, and one would expect it would be a matter of thankful gratification to many a Christian man and woman, who