

pants, they were indeed a welcome thing. If there was one thing we needed more than another, I should say it was pants; we get so few of them in boy's sizes, and where there are over 20 boys to furnish, any mother can guess pretty near the amount of sewing and mending and making entailed on the workers. Mrs. Matheson asks me to thank you for that fine jacket sent to herself; she says, 'tell the donor it just fits me, and I needed it.' It was a kind thought to send it. Some of the Indian girls will be putting on lots of style this fall, with their pretty new hoods, and the soap will help to make things more stylish still. Those strong cotton shirts are a great thing; Indians always prefer cotton ones to flannel. Now for some news of our mission. Miss Philips and Miss Shaw are out in camp with nearly all the children. The camp is about forty miles from here on the banks of Moose Creek."

*Rev. G. Gander, South River, writes to Holy Trinity Branch, Chatham.*

"If our dear friends who have spent so much time and labour in preparing these bales could see what happiness and joy they give to our needy ones, they would feel in some measure repaid for the sacrifice they have made in their behalf."

[NIAGARA]. *From Mrs. S. E. Smythe, Day Star's Reserve, Kutawa, to Junior Branch, Meritton.*

"It is a day school, so that the children are not nearly so well off as in the boarding schools. The Government supply hard tack biscuits for dinner, of which, every child is allowed 2 on cold days. I have always given them tea at my own expense. So I was very pleased indeed with the groceries, as now I can give them rice or oat-meal which, with their biscuits soaked, makes them quite a nice warm meal, which they require in cold weather. My salary is not large. I paid \$1. for the bale to come from the station, so I use some of the groceries. I teach the girls sewing and knitting, and when they have the material can make their own clothes and knit their mitts and socks; yarn is supplied by the Government, also soap, as they all have to wash when they come to school, as sometimes they come painted all colors. I have bought a small organ and taught them singing, and they sing very nicely; I hope I am doing them good as it is a very isolated position. I am  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles from any white person, 8 miles from the P.O. and go from a station. We have a mail once