

MISSION WORK IN ALGOMA.

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A year has passed since we met in Ottawa, gone with its record to the judgment bar of God. I thank Him for the privilege He has given me of working for Him during the year. I believe my efforts have not been in vain. I have gone to my work strong in the thought, that what is done for God can never fail.

PERSONAL WORK.

In returning home after Convention I at once took up work for the Lumbermen. They had already been some time in camp. A large number of camps all over the District were corresponded with and supplies sent to them. Sometimes supplies were sent through one person to five or six camps, of course some of my letters were never answered, but most of them received most courteous replies, and my efforts in that line received many warm words of appreciation.

Coupled with my work for Lumbermen is Railroad work and work for Miners. At present there are thousands of men in railroad construction camps in Algoma, and some of the mines which have been long closed are beginning to work again. On June 1st I began my western trip through the Rainy River District; visited twelve different places; travelled about 1,000 miles by boat and railroad; gave ten public addresses, at which about 400 people were present, besides speaking at Church services, Sunday Schools and Young People's Society meetings; visited about 150 families, and gave a large amount of Gospel and temperance tracts; was successful in organizing three Unions, two of which are doing splendid work. The third is weak. Perhaps it was a mistake to organize. Some who would like very much to help in the work are hindered by members of their own families, but there are one or two noble workers there, who are doing good work. I hope, if it be the Lord's will, to visit them again and to be able to strengthen the "things that remain." I enjoyed the trip very much. The greatest barriers to successful work were—rainy weather, bad roads and myriads of flies. The Rainy River railroad which is being constructed will be a great blessing to this country.

July, August and September were spent at home. During these months the greater part of the time was engaged in trying to strengthen my Western work, and in getting ready for my Eastern trip which I began September 29th. Most of this trip was by boat, first crossing Lake Superior from Fort William, to Sault Ste Marie. Six places along the branch line of the C.P.R. were