

MISSIONS TO LUMBERMEN.

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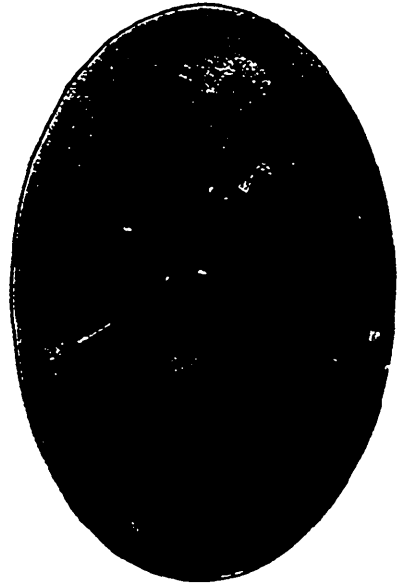
"Oh, friends! how high a privilege is given
 God's servants here,
 To carry to the weary ones of earth
 The message dear.
 Shall we withhold it and sit idly down
 Like creatures dumb,
 And mock God with a careless prayer,—
 'Thy kingdom come?'
 Oh, let us consecrate to God in faith
 Our lives' whole sum,
 And show by deeds we mean the sacred words,
 'Thy kingdom come.'"



WE wonder how many readers of this Magazine are aware of the fact that right here in our own province a wonderful effort along missionary lines is being conducted among the lumbermen and lonely settlers in the frontier districts, by the Ontario Women's

Christian Temperance Union? The saddest part of the story is the appalling need that exists for just such effort, and the need will remain until further reinforcements in the shape of missionaries and means to equip and send them forth are forthcoming. We would that some who read this article will be impressed with the fact that God is calling them to help in this great work of building up ramparts of Christian defence around the lumbermen who are hewing our forests and the miners who are winning from the bowels of the earth the treasures hidden therein, but for whose spiritual and moral betterment little or no effort has been put forth until within recent years.

Its Inception.—Nearly fourteen years ago the White Ribboners of Ontario became interested in the



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men who each winter filled the lumber camps of the province. The need seemed appalling; hundreds of men congregating together, cut off from church privileges or spiritual instruction of any kind. This whitening harvest, with not even a single reaper in all its broad expanse, was brought to the attention of the Ontario Provincial W. C. T. U. by Mrs. Agnes Hunter, of