

morning and travelled all day, and part of the next, leaving in the different houses such things as I saw they were in need of. . . I wished that you or some member of your Auxiliary had been with me, that you might have seen the good you had done. The first shanty I went to was eleven miles from Combermere where lives a poor widow. She has three children still at home, and one little boy, aged nine years, was very sick and lying on a bed of straw with scarcely anything to cover him. His little brother, seven years of age, and his sister about eleven, were sitting together under the stove. I find that in all these poor places the children are always to be found under the cooking stove in the winter. I had a dress and underclothing for the girl, and a shirt and other things for the boy, and never did I see such a transformation. Their tongues began to prattle and for a time they might have been considered the happiest children in the world. The little girl was overjoyed at the prospect of being able to attend school like some other girls she instanced. She promised that she would rise early and get the chores done and go every day, stormy or not, though she has three miles to walk. This is a good instance of what took place in other homes. I went to one home where there were eight small children, and none of them had any clothing on to speak of just a few rags. I left them a good supply, something for all. The mother is a very worthy woman, though so poor. In one house there was a family of thirteen children. I picked out for myself two pairs of mitts which fitted me nicely, but about two hours ago two old men came begging mitts and socks, so I parted with them. . . .

#### DORCAS REPORT.

BELLEVILLE.—St. Thomas', W.A. to Rev. T. Leech, Dunganon, Diocese Ontario. A number of lamps for church use, both new and second-hand, money expended \$1.75; freight 85c. also a bale to Arch. Phair for distribution in Rupert's Land, containing eight new garments, 31 second-hand garments, toys, buttons, and a parcel of linings. PERTH J.W.A. sent to Combermere, Diocese Ontario, a bale containing 39 new garments, four second-hand, two surplices, one quilt, 32 gifts for Christmas tree, 18 lbs. candy, candy bags and a magic lantern, value new materials \$39.60; freight 35 cents. PORTSMOUTH—To the same place, a bale containing 152 new garments, two quilts and a quantity of Sunday School papers. KINGSTON.—St. George's Cathedral sent to Mattawa a box containing a number of articles for a sale; value of new material at least \$15; freight 80 cents. A member of the W.A. sent to Combermere one box containing gift for Sunday-school children; value new material \$6.50. Freight 50cs. The Girl's Guild sent to Sharbot Lake a box containing 180 Christmas gifts, value \$23.49. KINGSTON.—St. James. A parcel to Mattawa for the sale, value new material \$2.75. BATH—Sent to Rev. F. Frost, Sheguiandah, Diocese Algoma, one bale containing twelve new gar-