

and what reception we met with, I will now give a brief outline of our tour:—

The first part of the journey was a dash of two miles along a muddy road in a buggy drawn by my spirited little mare "Dolly," with only ten minutes to catch the boat. The next 300 miles were passed on board the steamboat *Ontario*, which, after rather a rough passage, landed us in Sarnia on the night of Tuesday, May 22nd. We slept at the Alexander Hotel, and the next morning our boys woke up to their first taste of civilized life. There were locomotives puffing and whistling close to the hotel, this was a great novelty to them, and almost before they were awake they were startled by cries as of a strange cat, which however turned out to be a beautiful peacock with its spread tail blazing in the sunshine in the garden just below our window. From Sarnia we took the cars to Toronto. Here we passed the Queen's birthday, and the boys saw a splendid display of fireworks in the evening in the Horticultural Gardens. The most remarkable part of the entertainment was a race between a pig and an elephant in mid-air. They were fireballoons shaped like those animals, and it was really very good. On Friday the 25th, we took the cars again eastward and arrived in Belleville about noon. This was the beginning of our work, and we held our first meeting that evening in Belleville Town Hall, the Rev. J. W. Burke presiding. There was a fair attendance, and after the meeting our two boys distributed papers about our Home and contribution envelopes, which I asked the people to take home with them and at any future day that they might feel disposed, to put something in and place it on the offertory plate, and it would thus in due time come to us. The envelopes, I should mention, had the following words on them:—"Algoma. A contribution to God's work in the Indian Institution at Sault Ste. Marie." It seems to me such a much nicer plan to ask people to give in this way, instead of going about begging from house to house. I like to ask people to give to God and not to me. By thus taking home the envelopes with them, and making their offerings in secret, it is not likely that we shall receive any *objectionable gifts*, by which I mean gifts offered in a mean or ostentatious or otherwise wrong spirit. I value the small gift of the earnest Christian immensely more than the large gift of the wealthy worldling. If God

give us largely and speedily we shall "go forward;" if God give us sparingly and slowly it will be the sign to move cautiously in our work. We cannot, I believe, err, if we watch the guiding cloud.

While in Belleville we were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burke, who entertained us most hospitably, and the following day, Saturday, we proceeded on to Kingston. Two kind ladies—Mrs. Clarke, and her sister Miss Fowler—received us into their house at Kingston. Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick our Sec. Treasurer, having just met with a sudden bereavement which prevented his having us in his house. Our model was placed in a conspicuous position in the window of a druggists shop in Prince's Street and attracted great attention. The following day, Sunday, I gave a short address to St. James' S. School at 9.30 a. m., preached in St. James' at the 11 o'clock service, gave a missionary address in St. Paul's to a large gathering of school children at 4 p. m., and at 7 p. m., attended the cathedral service and preached again. The next day, Monday, we arrived in Brockville and I gave an address at the 7 p. m., service, in Rev. E. P. Crawford's new church, which is barely yet completed, it promises to be one of the most handsome church edifices in Canada, and Brockville is a lovely place. Our correspondent there is Mrs. Hardinge, who is indefatigable in working for us. On Tuesday we went on to Smith's Falls. We were received at the station by the Rev. C. P. Emery who took us to his house, and there we found a deputation of young Algoma workers waiting to receive our boys. After a good tea they all went in strongly for a game at baseball, and at 8 p. m., there was a largely attended service in the church; our model was placed on exhibition in the chancel, and I gave a missionary address, after which the boys distributed papers and envelopes as usual. After the meeting, Mr. Emery gave notice that he proposed to follow the Apostolic custom of breaking bread with missionary guests, and invited the people to early communion at 7.30 a. m., next morning. The 4.05 p. m., train next day brought us to Prescott; the Rev. W. Lewin is the clergyman here, he has a handsome stone church and our boys enjoyed going up into the belfry to see the bells. There was an evening meeting in the school-house and a large attendance. The following morning (May 31st) we started at 5 a. m., and arrived in Ottawa in time for a rather