



A CORNER IN THE ONTARIO LUMBER COMPANY'S READING ROOM, 6 MILES FROM NORTH BAY.

taken an interest in this work we may say that its object is to develop a home study system of education for these men. In some camps seventy-five per cent. of the men can neither read nor write. The Association has two teachers at work and is engaging five or six others. These teachers spend their evenings in the reading rooms, encouraging the boys to improve their spare time. They are endeavouring to supply current literature, which is of necessity expensive. Those desirous of helping on the work will see, therefore, that it is not so much old papers and magazines that are needed as money to meet necessary expenses. The teachers are being engaged at considerable cost. Certain Bible-classes and Sunday-schools have been asked to assist in the work by becoming responsible for one week's salary for one of the teachers. Two of these teachers, one of whom is a university graduate, are devoting all their time to this work. The others will

work in the woods during the day and devote their evenings to teaching. They will be paid by the company for their work during the day, and the Association will pay them from ten to twenty dollars a month additional for their services as teachers. Says one of our periodicals: "Mr. Fitzpatrick began the movement in a tentative way in a few lumber camps, and so great has been its success that he strongly urges the extension of the plan to other lumber and mining camps. Besides the assistance of private beneficence, he is urging the co-operation of the Ontario Government. The Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Minister of Education, gives the assurance of his heartiest co-operation. The modest sum of twelve hundred dollars has been placed in the estimates for the current year. It is hoped that as the work expands this will be considerably increased."

This is not a work of charity; it is a mere act of justice. When we stop to think that one-third of the