

could give him a pair of pants they would be a god-send to the poor boy. We can't get money to buy us any more food, as there is no work doing yet. I am sure Mr. Gilmour if you send down to where you got the stuff and tell them that we are in need, they would send something up to us. God knows we need it badly; the poor children have their feet all cut up for want of boots to put on. I am badly in need of clothes myself, and have come pretty low when I am glad to turn potato sacks into clothes, but we are half starving for the want of some other place to help us. I don't know what we should do without Sarah. Signed M. M——

This pathetic letter speaks for itself, and shows the great poverty which exists not so very far from our doors. The great demand now, as in almost all letters received from the far West, is men and boys' clothing. Trousers, or as they more generally are termed, pants, are particularly requested; we may call them the "fundamental" garment in a man or a boys' outfit, for when they are supplied, the other articles are not difficult to find. At this holiday season, when so many of our members are at the sea side, or some other watering place, enjoying the pleasant change and the fresh breeze, we would ask them to bear in mind their less favoured brethren, and to endeavour to do something in their spare moments for the bales to be despatched in the early part of next autumn. Native cloth is easily obtained at the seaside places as is also cheap work. A lady who has, for several years, had "pants" made at some of the watering places, said that they cost her very little over \$2 per pair. Could not some other ladies follow her example? Just think what a boon it would be to many a poor working man during the long coming winter! Even second-hand trousers would be most welcome; and those of our members who are unable to purchase new ones, might try and secure some men and boys' second-hand clothing. We trust that this appeal may meet with some response, and that kind friends will do what they can; and we feel certain that a blessing will attend their efforts.