

department, that is not possible for one, however gifted or trained in oratory; whose heart is not given to the work.

Our District Superintendents are grateful for the improvement in the quality and quantity of supplies sent. Also for the *early* arrival of the same, still there is further room for improvement. I saw by a Sept. Journal that Mrs. Mickle, Gravenhurst, was destitute of supplies as the following part of her report indicates. "The year in this department opens in *August* (the men go into camp 1st. August,) I had no supplies until September and then only a very small parcel. October was really the start, as you are aware, I had asked for supplies to be sent as early as August. My supplies came chiefly in *November* and December," etc., etc.

When making up comfort bags we would advise one lady providing bandages, another the salve, another buttons, needles, thread, etc. By following out this simple plan overlapping will be avoided, and most necessary articles will not be conspicuous by their absence.

SIDE LIGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

Mrs. Mickle, Gravenhurst, writes,—“I have no way of finding out how many men I supplied this past year, but a rough but safe estimate made by my husband was in the neighborhood of 1,400. As to the comfort bags, will the dear sisters remember to please make good-sized bags, not less than one-half yard long, sew needle-book on side, put buttons in little bag attached, send needles, pins, buttons, bandages, salves, thread, yarn, Bible, hymn-book, leaflets, and good reading matter. You can scarcely send too many bandages, but please do not put in stockings or old clothes. The latter things are picked out and given to the poor, nothing is wasted.”

Mrs. L. Mackie of Athens after giving a full statistical report, the substance of which is embodied in Miss Fisher's report adds this little plaintive note. "I am so sorry that my district did not pay more cash for our missionary's salary: just think of it, we have the city of Ottawa, Pembroke and other large centres; we must try and do better next year."

Mrs. Maybee, Belleville also sends in a full statistical report but takes a moment to tell how she and two other white-ribboners visited the men on the "drive" had some singing, then talked to the men of the safe guards found in total abstinence.

For one consignment of comfort bags, Mrs. Maybee found it necessary to purchase 12 yards of cotton which she made up into bandages. (Will the dear sisters kindly remember this.)"

Mrs. E. E. Thorpe of Lindsay says, "I am just beginning to realize the importance of this work. I have endeavored to keep it constantly before the public through the medium of our local newspaper. You can rely upon this District doing a greater work during the incoming year."