

does seem hard. An addition to the building is urgently required ; if W.A. Branches could give \$10 each before September, or promise this amount, the new wing could be commenced at once. A bale came to us last night, we were so thankful ; it is such a picture to see the convalescent patients in the corridor, one in W.A. shoes, another in W.A. wrapper, etc. Do help us if you possibly can."

*The Rev. R. Matheson, writing to Port Perry W.A. says :*

"I am very pleased to tell you that the garden seeds from your Branch of the W.A. reached us safely. We never thought of having such a supply when you wrote asking if we wanted any. Please convey to all your members my most heartfelt thanks."

*The Rev. Heber Hamilton, writing from Gifu, Japan. says :*

"I am sending you a report of our Blind School, hoping that the W.A. may be able to lend a hand in paying off our debt, it is not large, only \$50 Canadian money, debt is not a pleasant thing, no matter how small, and paying it off month by month from current funds makes a great drain upon our scanty resources. It may be that sometime in your voting of the Extra-cent-a-day money there would be just enough for our debt. Gifu has not had a lift from the W.A. yet, and we think you may wish to have a share in the Canadian work here, especially as you have a representative in the person of my wife. Our household, and the two C.M.S. ladies are the only foreigners in Gifu, a city of 30,000 people; our Christians are not many in number as yet, about fifty in all. We are just building a new Church which will cost complete about \$450. The pupils named in the report were baptized on Easter Day and seem most earnest Christian men."

MONTREAL, May, 1897.

DEAR EDITOR.—I have seen the May LETTER LEAFLET and noticed the question, "What is being done for the miners in the Kootenay district?" Kindly permit me to answer this. For a considerable time the Rev. H. S. Akehurst (S.P.Z. missions), worked alone in the district, and not only kept up church services in Nelson, where he resides, but also in Kaslo, Three Forks, New Denver and other places within reach. We have now, I am thankful to say, two other workers in the district, the Rev. H. Irwin at Rossland, and the Rev. C. C. Yates who has just gone to Kaslo as assistant to Mr. Akehurst. Mr. Irwin has built a good frame Church at Rossland with rooms in the basement for a Club and other parochial purposes, and is entirely supported by his congregation. Every Sunday afternoon he holds services also at Trail and does mission work through the week in the boundary country west of Rossland. Mr. Yates is serving Three Forks and Sandon as well as Kaslo. Rossland has now a population of 7,000 and Sandon, 1,500, is also a rapidly growing place. We should have two more clergy in the district without delay, one to