

down his face, and in a voice broken with sobs, informed me that his house had been burned down the night before, and my bairns were left with very little beside the clothes they had on. At first they were filled with consternation, but it did not last long. The only ones to feel badly were the few whose clothes were not destroyed, and who did not therefore become possessed of a new suit from "the box."

There were several notes in the boxes, from presidents of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. I have written a line to each separately, but would like, through the LEAFLET, to again thank the many friends who give of their time and means to provide these gifts for the children of our schools.

There is no work more encouraging, or more productive of results (hidden, they may be), than the work among the children. I trust that many of the young people at home who work for and pray for the children of this land may meet with those for whom they have laboured in the home prepared for all those who love the Saviour.

FROM MISS JOHNSTON.

*Alberni, B. C., Mar. 9, 1894.*

I have not been so punctual as I would like to be in answering your letter, but I feel sure you will make allowance for me—my time is always pretty well taken up, and any extras make me very busy indeed. The box from Frederickton reached us on the 3rd of February. It was sent direct from Vancouver to Victoria and thence per steamer to Alberni.

The box was filled with the best of new flannels, stocking yarn, some new stockings, flannelettes, wincey, some ready made things, but all new, besides caps, scarfs, mitts, books, text cards, toys, pins, hair pins, and many useful things that I cannot enumerate. I hope that I have been able to convey to Mrs. Everett something of what we felt on looking over the things.