

took one dead and disorganized, but I intend by God's blessing to put life in it yet. We want a parsonage very badly. I am getting a house built and will have to rent it till the Mission is in shape to buy. Do Ladies' Aids ever help poor Missions to get houses, and are there any wealthy people in Hamilton disposed to send us \$300 or \$400 to help pay for one? It will cost about \$600."

From Rev. C. Wilson, Salt Spring Island, B.C., to Miss Beaven, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"I think my daughter, Winnifred, has already written to thank you and the other ladies for your kind presents, but I must also add a line, especially as Mrs. Wilson is unable to write. We all feel so very grateful. I really think a bale of that kind is almost more acceptable here than it was at the Shingwauk. There we had so many, but this one is, I think, the first. The people here in B.C. are very different to Ontario people and rather difficult to get along with until one gets to know them well. I am sorry to say church life is at a low ebb—so much shooting and fishing on Sundays, and even, I am sorry to say, work going on in the fields—consequently congregations are very fluctuating and any attempt to raise money for church purposes very difficult. To give an example: Last week to help pay off the debt on our new church at Fulford Harbor the people got up impromptu what they called a strawberry festival. It consisted in eating strawberries and cream, and dancing all night to a fiddle. I think you know well that this is not my way of raising money for church purposes, and certainly it is not the Bible way. Only \$4.50 was raised and there is still considerable debt on the church. The building also is bare of carpet, matting, lamps, bell, etc., and I know not whom to look to to supply these needfuls. The same evening that we received the bale Mrs. W. gave a good armful away to an overworked mother, living near us, whose husband is rather idle and drinks, and she was so thankful and grateful. Next day I took a big bundle down to Fulton Harbor and sold nearly all within an hour or two towards paying off the church debt. We should be so glad if the W.A. in one or two places would take up our work here and give us a little help sometimes. The people live comfortably enough in their houses, but certainly have very little money, and of that little they do not seem disposed to help much in any church work, unless there is some eating and dancing. I do trust by God's grace there may some day be a change. Pray for us that there may be. Very many thanks for personal presents to myself, which were most acceptable."

From Rev. R. Inkster, Red Pheasants, to Miss Ridley, Cathedral Branch.

"Once more it is my pleasing duty to acknowledge the receipt from your Branch, 3 barrels and 1 bale. I did not search to the bottom of barrel containing the lamps, but as far as I did go found all