

REPORT OF SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

A letter was received a few weeks ago from Miss Spence, the indefatigable nurse at Port Simpson; accompanying the letter was a small box containing a few shells and moss work. The young girl whose trembling fingers made a cross and horse-shoe of moss, had been an inmate of the hospital since New Year's. She is dying of tuberculosis of the lungs. Miss Spence says "a great many of these girls die of consumption. They mature early and many of them are unable to cope with the rapid development and gradually sink into early graves. They marry quite young. The parents arrange the marriages, and often before full development the cares of motherhood are thrust upon them. At times it is impossible to find one to work in our kitchen. Some of them make very good domestics, but will only remain for a short time, as they are either betrothed before their arrival or shortly afterwards."

After Miss Lawrence left the hospital, Miss Spence for several weeks had the care of ten patients, and for a while no one to do the kitchen work. They were very much pleased to welcome Miss Stephenson.

Miss Spence asks if our Committee could send them a few dishes for the table, as she pays \$2.00 per dozen for the commonest cups and saucers, and as the hospital is not in the most independent circumstances financially, Miss Spence herself has paid for these necessaries. She asked for cups, saucers, small plates, soup plates, sauce dishes and spoons, also a few feeding cups for invalids.

To give some idea of how beautifully things work together, let me tell you some weeks ago, when the Secretary went into the Mission Rooms, she was greeted with this question: "Do you know of any mission needing cups and saucers and plates, as we have some to give away?" We said we did not, just then, but enquiries could be made. When Miss Spence's letter arrived, a hasty visit was again paid to the Mission Rooms to inquire what had become of those cups and saucers. They were still there, two dozen of each. After purchasing one dozen soup plates and some feeding cups, they were carefully packed and are now on their way to Port Simpson hospital, with a few quilts from some Auxiliary which sent no name, some pretty little dolls from Huntsville, and a beautiful autograph quilt from the Bethesda Junior Class, Tyrone Circuit. This was the most beautifully worked quilt that had ever been sent to the Committee and was greatly admired by all to whom it was shown. A parcel of towels, etc., was sent from the Mission Band of St. Paul's Church and Miss Matthews' Class, of Toronto.

Dear sisters, our object in writing about these cups and saucers is to move the hearts of some of you who read, to forward to the Secretary your mite towards defraying the freight expenses of this box. The Committee have no funds at their disposal outside of their own pockets, and when parcels come from different parts of the country to be shipped to missions, freight has to be paid; therefore we will be glad of any amount, no matter how small, that you can send us—even a three-cent stamp will help.

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Parcels for the North-West, containing quilts and clothing, can be sent to the Methodist Book Room, addressed to the Secretary, Mrs. W. Briggs.