

greatest difficulties. Of the latter, please remember that you cannot send too many, and never refuse a pair, no matter what the color, style or material may be; they will be thankfully received here. The money collected by the Doon M.B. for moccasins will go twice as far here as in Ontario, for the larger boys and girls will make for the whole school. We got a beautiful skin last winter for \$5.25. I cannot say how many pairs were made, but we will keep account this winter and report to you in the spring. Collect also all the cast-off boots you can, both ladies' and gents', that are worth paying freight on. Send me three sizes of *dress waist* patterns (not basques), one for a girl of eight, one about thirty-two (32) bust measure, and one about (35). Pants for a boy of eight. I have a couple of patterns for larger boys. Collect all the old hoods, tuques, caps and mufflers you can, and a few hats for the larger girls, if offered you, but do not buy any. We have taught all the larger girls to knit, but of course it is slow work with them yet. Quite a supply of stockings, socks and mittens will be required and some yarn: I have some from last year. I have quite a number of overcoats and girls' ulsters, as these do not wear out soon. Smaller ones are not plentiful.

Tell the little folk that any paper with a picture in it will be hailed with delight here, but, as yet, very few are far enough advanced to care anything about reading matter. Now for my *reward-box*. Into this I put all toys, picture books, bits of ribbon and lace, gloves, neck-ties, collars, etc., hymn books, bibles, etc. You have no idea how much it helps me to have something to give to a well behaved boy or girl. Another discovery I have made: though I believe in dressing the children plainly, I like to see them take a little pride in their appearance, and I notice that when a boy gets promoted to a collar and tie, or a girl to a pair of gloves, they behave better in church than before. Now I don't want you to buy any of these articles, for I think the money spent could be better invested, but if you can pick them up, remember my children.

Another matter I was almost forgetting: an unlimited supply of combs, thimbles and needles. As you do not know what kind of hair the comb has to do duty on, I will give you an idea of the best kind. There is a short, coarse comb, little longer than a fine comb, which is more suitable than any other; a longer one they break in two, giving half to any friend who loses hers; then