

From Rev. Alfred Cook, Kutawa, Assa, to Mrs. A. Brown, Niagara Falls, giving an account of an open air lunch to the Indians with contents of bale sent by N.F. He says:—"It is the first of the kind we have tried so were uncertain as to whether we would succeed or not. However, Mr. Cook set to work and boiled an ordinary iron kettle of meat, rice, sweetened and mixed with apples to the amount of half a boiler, also a basket, as large as an ordinary tub, of bread and some currant cake. All this we took in a buckboard to the Indian Camp; arriving there the first thing to do was to tell the chief what we were about to give them. Shall I say he objected? No, he did not even object to our ordering the women to boil water for tea, which they speedily having done, three tin pails were full of the coveted liquid. Then we collected all we could find of men, women and children and seated them on the grass in a circle. We took no dishes ourselves, but while inviting them requested them to bring cups, plates, etc. It was somewhat amusing to see the variety that was turned out, and how they were used. One had, perhaps, only a tin pot, another a knife and tin plate, each ready for however many courses there may be. The supply of dishes being limited, many were obliged to hold the bread and meat while one shared rice in his tin-pan with the other who reserved his cup or pot for the inevitable tea. With no spoons, when the rice came many had to extemporize bread or wooden spoons and even thin broad knives, while others pressed by necessity and without the faculty of invention, strove to drink it out of the vessel before them. During this they were a most happy crowd, as each plate or cup was emptied it was refilled, till all seemed to be satisfied. They then arose and returned to their tents, but not without being given something to carry home with them. A few days after this we invited another Reserve, under my charge, with the intention of giving the same treat, but the majority were out of camp, so we gave what we had to the few there, and also a sufficient amount for the following day. To see how glad they all were in receiving what was given, was sufficient recompense to us who made the food up, and I think would have been to you all who furnished the material if you had been permitted to see them."

Extract of letters to Dorcas Secretary, from Rev. D. D. McDonald Thunderchild's Reserve, Battleford:—"I have been stationed here 5 years. So far God has greatly blessed our work. When I first came heathenism and idolatry were rampant, but now the Indians are beginning to see that they are sadly in need of a Saviour, and a great many have been brought to Christ. I have four Indian Reserves and one white settlement to attend to. There are about 600 Indians in my district.

*From Mr. Ley King, Shingwauk Home:*

"Never since the Homes were first founded have we been so much in need of assistance as we are to-day. We have between 60 and 70