

We are also going on Thursday next, where I shall again reopen the school. I shall be most happy to correspond with you every mail. I have no doubt but you will do all you can to enable these poor people to clothe their children for school. Most of the little ones cannot come to school in the winter, it is so cold, and they are not clad warm enough.

The things most needed are yarn and knitting needles. Most of them know how to make stockings and mitts; I have taught all the school girls, and they make them nicely. Send the dress goods of thick material, and flannel, cotton, thread, needles, hoods, blankets, or shawls; the latter would be the cheapest. Any cloth of any sort would make pants or coats for the little school boys; old clothes, dresses, underclothing suits; you will know how needy those poor Indians are, and they are always so thankful for any good deed that is done for them.

The Government gives the school, the books and slates, but very few, not enough to keep us well; we often get out of copy books, and many other articles we are mostly in need of. There are a great number of old women and orphans on our reserve, and all so destitute.

I hope, Mrs. Harvie, you will not think my letter too long for my first. I will be at home the next I write, and will be able to tell you a great many other things, and when this war is over I will be able to see and talk to them once more; we will be so happy to get home, and settled in peace and quietness among our loyal Indians. I thank you very much for the kind work you are doing for us. Pa and Ma heartily join me in wishing to be kindly remembered to all the dear ladies that are so kind.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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