

clothe the naked. Like Dorcas, they shall be raised to life again, eternal life. We had a good time last Christmas, and a good many poor children were helped by the presents of warm things. The undergarments and mysterious small clothes for the little girls were especially comforting, but somehow, there is always a dearth of boys' clothes. Some orphan children were remembered, and some poor (white) families, who, in consequence of bereavement were in need, were thought of afterward. Thanks for the things. I hope you will convey to all your friends my warmest expressions of appreciation on our behalf, and that of the Indians and others. I start on a missionary tour to-morrow, if well enough. As you know there are several out-stations belonging to this mission that require journeys of some length, and a stay from home of some days."

Rev. Alfred Cook, Port Alexander writing to the Cathedral Branch, says: "The bale arrived here January 23rd, in good order. The chief delay occurred in Winnipeg, from which place we could not have it transported, as there is little or no communication at the change of seasons, and even when the roads are opened on the ice, we are obliged to depend on chance travellers. As you left the distribution of the articles to our own judgment, we thought it better to make those who are able work for the things they may receive. Not work that may benefit us particularly, but rather the mission or its surroundings. The reason we decided thus, is the ingratitude with which the people receive, and the carelessness they are apt to exhibit when these things are dealt out to them indiscriminately. There are of course, objects for charity to whom we must give without asking any work. To-day we gave an overcoat which was in your bale, to our old church-keeper, he is an old man of about 70 years, and yet the way he attends to his work is very gratifying. It would have done you good to have heard him when he put it on. It was the more acceptable as the day was stormy and cold. I would not mention any articles just now as being most acceptable, as we can find recipients for any. Whatever may tend to protect them from cold, or wet, will always gladden some suffering body."