

tation of some twenty Indian chiefs to their Excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen. The four bands from the Indian school were also on the platform and played in turn. They were High River, St. Albert's, Qu'Appelle and Regina. The first three were dressed in dark uniform; our boys had navy-blue pants, trimmed with black braid, and red coats, trimmed with braid, which presented a striking contrast to all the dark colors.

The exhibition closed on Wednesday, August 7th, and the following Saturday Geo. Hunter (cousin of the late Peter Hunter, of Pipestone) went to Lumsden, some 25 miles away, to work. George was the first to go, but inside of a very few weeks twenty-eight or thirty boys were out at work.

Just now we are having our Christmas holidays. Our Christmas entertainment last Tuesday evening was quite a success. Santa Claus sent a ship on ahead, well loaded with good things and in the evening, about 8.30, he appeared himself. One of the pupils said, "Santa looks older than he did last year, but he is just as jolly and good-natured as ever." After the distribution of the gifts ten or fifteen minutes were spent in social chat and the evening's proceedings closed with evening prayer. Christmas day was not less enjoyable; here and there, on both the girls' and boys' sides were little groups to be found comparing and playing with their presents.

There is one thing more that I would like to mention and ask your prayers especially for, and that is the spiritual part of the work. The girls' meetings twice a week, Sunday and Wednesday evenings, are well attended and are very interesting. The girls conduct them and I believe, yes, I am sure, they are much helped by them. You will be pleased to hear that Clara is trying to be a good girl, and when some of the girls have been ill, she has most earnestly and touchingly read for them and prayed with them. Sarah and Charlotte are both well.

The boys' prayer meeting on Wednesday night and the C. E. on Sunday evening are both much enjoyed and are helpful as well.

Progress of the School.—Mission Work on the Reserve.

FROM MR. WHITE.

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We have been toiling along trying to reach the hearts and consciences of the people, but there is not that response that we would be delighted to see. Our school has been full most of the time and the Sabbath congregations are still good. The people come to church. They acknowledge the teaching to be true. They are anxious to enjoy the ordinances. They wish to have their children baptized. But still so many are not willing to cast aside their old heathenism entirely and become decided followers of Jesus.

We began this fall to practise the hymns which we were going to sing at church on Saturday evening, and some of the young men from the reserve have attended.

I have been keeping up regular services at the church every Sunday morning at eleven and at the school in the evening. Generally I have gone to Two Creeks in the afternoon and to The Gardens once a month. On my last trip I missed The Gardens to go to a large lumber camp about twelve miles north of Fort Pelly. I intend visiting this camp all winter.