

such a gift. Kindly convey to the lady my hearty thanks, and assure her that coming so unexpectedly, and at a time when I was greatly perplexed about how to procure such a service, her loving gift is most greatly appreciated. I also heartily thank the Dio. Board which has shown me so many kindnesses. I often wish that I could convey in person my thanks to them, but I can only hope that the time may yet come when I shall be enabled to do so.

On my return from Winnipeg, in June, I found that the bales from St. James' had arrived, but I was not able to take them through with me. They were brought through about 3 weeks ago, and on opening them I was greatly delighted at their contents, which will be most useful for the coming year. We are making an earnest effort to finish our church by winter. I am pleased to state that we have all the boards sawn, though it took a good deal of time to do so. We would not have had enough, if two of the Indians had not come forward last Sunday and told me that they would give to the church the 100 boards which were required. I cannot tell how pleased I was and how thankful to the two men, who by their offer had solved another difficulty. In time, the boards could have been sawn, but they could not have been dried sufficiently to work before winter set in. The offer from one man was exceedingly gratifying, as he is the newly elected Councillor of the Band, and it showed to the rest of the Indians and to myself that he was taking a most active and visible interest in the Mission and work. In fact his first promise as Councillor was to see to the completion of the church. During the few days prior to and after the election, the Mission seemed to be in a critical position. I knew that there were murmurings against the old Councillor who has always been favorable to the Church's work, and who took a keen interest in the welfare of his band, but who appeared to have angered some of the Indians in giving too ready a consent to the erection of a Mission house on the Reserve. We were partly to blame for not obtaining the consent of the full band before building, but I had given them very strong assurance that should I be removed and an unordained man appointed for a time, that as a teacher, whose appointment had received the sanction of the C.M.S., he would occupy the Mission-house. But the Indian delights in holding council meetings, and in talking, however, the cooler heads prevailed and the new Councillor in being elected, willingly signed the agreement to our occupancy of land, and his more recent actions have assured me that we have a man who recognizes that it is not for our own gain that we are amongst them, and that it is only in faith in Jesus Christ that there can be found the power which will release his people from the superstitions and errors of the race, and give them a better hope in life, and brighter prospects for the life to come."

From Rev. Jas. Taylor, Sask., N.W.T., to Vaughan Branch, W.A.

* * * The four quilts were thus distributed; first to Charlotte, a