

needed no alteration whatever. We were pleased to receive the handkerchiefs, overshoes, neckties, new boots, gloves and collars. Both Societies sent an excellent assortment of blankets, quilts and girls' jackets.

The liberality of the Societies enables us to assist others who are not directly connected with the school. We are able to forward occasionally a gift to pupils who may be away on leave of absence through sickness. Some Indian men and women come to the school in winter most pitifully clad. We are able to help them. When some of the visiting Indians from Duck Lake were camped at the school last summer a little child was born in one of the tents. From the supplies sent us we have been able to forward some suitable clothing to this little child, as well as to some other tiny brothers and sisters of our school children.

I must not omit to acknowledge the receipt of the library books from the McGillivray Mission Band of Goderich. About 150 volumes were received. Books with large type; some illustrations, and not too lengthy are the most popular among the pupils. While all the books sent from Goderich are good, and will, no doubt, prove very helpful in quickening intellectual activity, quite a number are exactly suited to our readers' tastes and capacities. A small library case has been placed on the boys' side and another on the girls' side in which the books have been placed, and a librarian has been appointed by the pupils themselves for each of the libraries.

Allow me once more to very cordially thank the societies for their works of patience and labours of love on behalf of our adopted Indian children.

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FROM MISS M'LAREN.

*Birtle, Nov. 12, 1895.*

I have been even busier than usual lately; first the arrival of the clothing, then the loss of my girls. We scarcely knew how to commence work again without them. You would see by *Progress* that five children had left here for Regina—three girls, three of our best workers. We have still thirty-six children, so you will know that we are not idle. Mr. Gilmour is here but expects to go to the city to-morrow. We do not know exactly when Mr. Small will be on hand, but Prof. Hart tells me in a letter to-night not likely for a week or two. My brother is here for a short visit before going to Ontario, and will take charge until the new Principal arrives.

All the goods that came from Lindsay Presbyterial Society were of very good quality, and in the nicest order; clean, neatly mended, and all ready for use. There is a shortage in boys' clothing, or wherewith to make—just a few yards of tweed and some short pieces of cottonade for summer