

that form the great majority of their gifts to our missions. How useful and serviceful it would be difficult to recount. I am sure that in thus writing I am voicing the feelings of all my fellow workers in Athabasca."

Mrs. Young asks the following for the bales. Unmade material for dresses, gingham, plaids, prints, etc., cloth, strong and dark, factory cotton, white cotton, yarn, knitting needles (large size), threads, crochet hooks, (Indian girls love to learn crochet) towels, soap, groceries, granite ware, knives and forks, tins, etc., etc., boy's clothing, long trousers and tunics, girl's dresses, sensible waists, not Mother Hubbard; skirts 36 to 40 in., waists 28 to 30 in., pinafores, and aprons of all sizes and kinds (their value can hardly be expressed), large handkerchiefs, ribbons for Sunday, Christmas gifts, etc., When the Bishop was here he especially asked for small square shawls, saying they were universally used to wrap up the head in and were most comfortable.

*St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave Lake, Peace River District, N.W.T.,
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DEAR MISS HALSON, Your letter of Oct 29 has just been two months on its way, and it will be towards the end of this month before the answer to it can reach you. You will not be surprised at such long delays in our answering letters when I tell you that we are sometimes 3 months without a single opportunity of communicating with the outside world. I fear the delays are sometimes attributed to neglect. Not unfrequently our letters are lost, which has led to misunderstanding. Thank you very much for your kind enquiries which I will try to answer without further ceremony. Our family consists of Mrs Holmes, myself and our little daughter, Mabel, just 13 months old, besides an Indian girl as servant. Our house is rather small, only 26 x 18 ft., with a kitchen attached. Any visitors coming have to sleep on the sitting room floor, and being as it were at a Junction, we are hardly ever long without one or more. Our buildings in this part of the world are constructed of hewn logs, boards, shingles and mud. Labor and provisions are about two thirds higher than in civilization, so that our buildings, though small, are raised with great difficulty and enormous cost. Our home is in size 24 x 30 ft., with a good sized kitchen attached. This winter, with crowding, it accommodates 27 children. Our teacher, Mr. Curry, of Huron College, Miss Durnall, matron, the cook and a poor blind woman whom we took in with her child. Mr Curry and Miss Durnall have a small sitting room on the ground floor, and each a small bed room up stairs. On one side of the hall is a large school room which serves as dining room, school room and boys' play room. On the other side is the girls' room and the sitting room mentioned above. The upper floor is equally divided