

blankets they seemed satisfied. Sometimes I see them with the beautiful quilts thrown over the back of the sleigh, while they sat almost shivering with the cold, so fond are they of making a show. Mrs. Toms has started a branch school in the schoolroom adjoining the house and I think she will do some good, but it is slow work getting the parents to send their children to school. The children like to come, but the parents will not let them. Mrs. Toms is not strong at present, as she has not fully recovered the effects of her attack of sickness, which we were afraid at first was paralysis, as the side was without feeling for a day and a half, and for a long time afterwards it was very numb. It happened just at an unfortunate time, just after we had removed to the new house.

Give my warmest thanks to all the dear sisters who sent the clothing, etc., and tell them to forgive my not writing to them before; but sometimes at nearly midnight I have sat down to write when I have been so tired and sleepy that I could not think, and after spoiling paper and wasting ink I have had to give up. At other times I have tried while the Indians have been in the house, but with a like result. I will try, however, to send you a short letter once a month in future. The weather is very cold. Mrs. Toms joins me in kindest regards to you and all the dear sisters; and my dear children want to say thank you for the pretty books, pictures and nice things the kind ladies sent them,

Clothing Distributed.

BEULAH P. O., 9th February, 1888.

MR. BURGESS.—I am in receipt of your letter of 18th Jan. re bales of clothing, and now beg to tell you that in Mr. Solomon's absence I received them and saw them duly distributed. The people were all well supplied, and very thankful to you all for the great trouble you must have gone to for them. There were ten boxes in all. On Saturday I got notice of two smaller boxes now lying at Birtle Station. I will have them brought over as soon as possible. On Saturday, also, I sent away the quilt, some mitts and a piece of bead-work; we have much better mitts on the reserve and the bead-work is not finished but they happened to be on the spot when I got the quilt, so I thought you might like them.

We have a prayer meeting on Tuesday evening, a woman's meeting on Thursdays and a Y. M. C. A. meeting on Saturday