

FROM REV. A. J. M'LEOD.

Industrial School, Regina, Oct. 20, 1896.

Enclosed please find the formal receipt for the 10 hales and the one box of clothing sent to us from the Hamilton Presbyterian Society. The prepaid freight charges amounted to \$16.42. In addition to that we paid \$7.57 of additional charges at Regina. The goods were billed as settlers' effects, but the Agent here refused to allow them to pass at this reduced rate.

We were delighted with the quality of the goods sent us. The quilts, jackets and made-up clothing were in splendid condition. A roll of rag carpet was most acceptable. The new material was as good as gold to us. Seventy-two pairs of new shoes were included. These were most valuable to us, as our own shoe-shop has been closed for the summer, and our supply of shoes was exhausted. The coats, overcoats, and other supplies for boys and young men were most welcome. But I need not enumerate all the valuable articles.

We return our most sincere thanks for this continued liberality in dealing with us, and I can only assure you that we are all endeavoring to make the work in the school of as truly a missionary character as if the whole revenue were derived exclusively from the funds of the Missionary Society.

FROM REV. JOHN M'ARTHUR.

Beulah, Oct. 29, 1896.

We are just about through with the distribution of the clothing to the aged and needy. They never appeared to be more grateful than they are this year, and they are more in need than they have been for some time, their crops being nearly all destroyed with the hail. Their principal means of livelihood for the winter will be a little wood that they can sell in Beulah seven or eight miles away, and Birtle, twelve or thirteen miles from where they take it. Only two or three families in Beulah get their wood from the Indians. The clothing will be a great help to them. The supply and the quality of the clothing is very good and suitable for the Indians, especially the flannel blouses and shirts, and, on their behalf, I desire to thank the Christian friends of the Bruce Presbyterian for their very practical help. It is a great help to the missionary, in his work among them, to be able to give the sick, the aged and really needy, such help as will protect them from the cold during the long winter. It is a pleasure that we wish all who have helped to share in and to realize that it is the work of charity in the highest sense of the term.

There are four persons sick on the Reserve at present, but there is hope for the recovery of all except one, Jason Ben; he has a running sore, from which he is not likely to recover, although he may linger in his present condition for some time. Jason Ben; is an earnest Christian. He acted as interpreter for me for some time, and has been interpreting at Deloraine a good deal of the time for the last two or three years, but I am afraid that his labors in that respect are at an end.