

windows for the north and east windows, so that we have been able this winter to make ourselves and our children very comfortable. This coming summer I shall try and finish what I think ought to be done. We are going to try and get up a small kitchen and dining-room ; at present our school-room is also our dining-room which as you well know is inconvenient. Our furniture is home made, but will do for the present.

And now for a few statistics : No. of children admitted to the school since March, 1889—twenty-one. Of this number ten are with us, six are dead, four on the Reserves, and one at the Catholic school at Qu'Appelle.

About forty children have died since the 1st of July, 1889.

I shall now close. We thank you, and those associated with you for your prayers and sympathy during our trouble. Yes, during the past year we have met with much to sadden our hearts—but we have no desire to recall. We look into the future with hope and confidence.

Mr. Wright, the present Agent, has assisted us very much in our work, and the Interpreter, Mr. Hourie, has done good work for us by explaining to the Indians regarding the clothing.

Our average for this quarter so far is *ten*. The Department informed us at the beginning of the quarter that owing to the fact that little use was made of the money set apart for us in the past, provision was only made this year for an average of nine. We have therefore made no special effort to bring in new pupils this quarter, but Mr. Hourie is talking to the parents at every opportunity.

Letters from Two of the Little Girls in Portage La Prairie School.

MISSION SCHOOL, Jan. 19, 1891.

LOUISE ROSE.—I will write to you ; Miss Walker told me I can write to you ; I am glad that I am able to write, but I never see you. I like to stay at the school, because I can learn how to read and write and work and make my living. I can play on the organ, but I can't by note ; I only can by ear. We have ten children staying all the time, but two went home—a little girl