

Some days our kitchen presents the appearance of a doctor's dispensary. Our new Boys' Home, which stands as a wing of the old Home, is now almost ready for occupation. It is really bigger than the original building, and altogether it looks a very imposing edifice. We hope to be in our new Mission House about the end of next month. Will our dear friends pray that both these buildings may be a spiritual nursery.

Yours sincerely,

GEO. HOLMES.

Athabasca Landing, via Edmonton, Alton, N. W. T.,

September 25th, 1900.

The Rev. G. Holmes has asked me to kindly confirm his letter of September 11th. I regret to say that the action of the Government in allowing the people at Lesser Slave Lake the alternative of Scrip or Treaty, and the fact that the majority have chosen Scrip, places the finances of our Indian Boarding School in a very precarious position. The Government limit their grant to the children of Treaty parents, and make no provision whatever for Scrip children. Unfortunately our White Fish Lake Indians to whom the Government will, I understand, only allot Treaty, hesitated till too late while the Commissioner was at Lesser Slave Lake. They expressed their determination to meet the Commissioner during his visit to Wapuskaw in August. The high water and the consequent almost impassable state of the country, hindered their doing so. They will, therefore, not get Treaty till next year. The school receives children from there as well as from Slave Lake, and on this account we shall get no help for their maintenance. I trust under these circumstances the W.A. of Canada will, with their usual kindness and consideration, come to our assistance as requested by Rev. G. Holmes. I am thankful to say that I have borne the fatigue of the extended journey necessary in visiting our missions in Athabasca without any actual break-down, though lacking my usual strength and endurance. Mrs. Young accompanied me and is always a welcome guest at the missions. We both suffered from influenza, but recovered before reaching Chipewyan on our return journey. I trust the Auxiliary is meeting with much encouragement in its work this year. With earnest prayers for its success, I remain, yours, etc.,

RICHARD ATHABASCA.