

MISSIONS TO THE INDIANS.

NEWS FROM THE CROWSTAND.

Miss Florence McLean writing from the Crowstand on the 3rd Feb. mentions incidentally the following interesting items:—Our school is full at present and all well with the exception of one poor little fellow who is very low. We think that with great care he might possibly recover.

The weather has been so fine lately that the children are able to be out a great deal.

I was very much amused the other day: looking from the door I saw a group of the smaller ones in a corner seemingly much excited. On going over to see what it was I found them all in a circle and in the centre was what they called a Christmas tree. It was a tree with all the old rags and tin pans and pieces of all sorts of trash and one rag doll, which Santa Claus kindly gave me when I arrived on the scene.

Miss May Armstrong writing on the same day adds the following news:—We have forty-seven Indian children in the school now. My room is filled completely. Mattie has four seats vacant, but they need not be long so because there are a good number of little ones out on the reserves who can be got in. The children are quite bright and in good condition for learning quickly. They are in pretty good health, are comfortably seated and are interested in in their work. Their eagerness should be a great satisfaction to me.

THEY THANK GOD AND GO FORWARD.

Mr George Wellbourne writes from the Stoney Plain on the 11th of Jan.:—After our two and a half months' experience we feel encouraged, if for no other reason, because we have formed an attachment for the pupils which makes our work among them considerably easier.

It is always a source of satisfaction to us that our relations with the older Indians is of so cordial a nature. The one whom I mentioned as causing so much unpleasantness at first is now all that could be desired.

An additional interest has been lent to our Sunday meetings by Lazarus consenting to interpret for me, so that now we are able to talk to them about the passage which we read.

We are also much pleased on our own account as well as on that of the Indians, that the Rev. D. G. McQueen has been able to so arrange his work as to be with us one Sunday each month.

The pupils are all in good health, and are learning English faster than we are learning Cree, although we neglect no opportunity to do so.