

anything like an ample supply. Several friends in England, besides our dear sisters in Canada, have generously responded to our appeals. Though we have ample, we have nothing to spare. The only articles that Mrs. Holmes and Miss Durnall fear we shall be short of are dresses and chemises for our big girls. In this cold part of the world both young and old wear long dresses, consequently girls of 12 or 14 require woman's size. Before our last two bales arrived we were feeling a little anxious about bedding, but in them we found about 10 good quilts, leaving us no further cause for anxiety on that score. I don't like to speak of bales by way of comparison, because I know that some Brauches are poor, yet it may be said of them as of richer ones, "She hath done what she could." I am sure that any words of approval from us will be feeble as compared with the Masters's own words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these my brethren, ye have done it unto ME." As we opened the bales and thought of all the work and time given up for the making of those beautiful warm garments, we could not but feel deeply impressed with the Master's message to all who thus minister to His needy ones, "Naked and ye clothed ME." To see the beaming faces of our children and some of the poor parents whom we were able to help, is like an echo from the Saviour's voice when he said, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Thank God, we are, by way of ministering to the temporal and spiritual wants of these dear children, able even here below to enter in and have a foretaste of that "joy." To say that we thank all our dear Christian friends and helpers is only what they would expect, but to express our very deep gratitude and appreciation for all their help and sympathy would fail us. If they understood Cree I might be able to convey our feelings better. If I was doing so in this case I should say: "Metune, mistahi, ke na nas koo mi ti na wow," (Exceedingly very much I thank you, is the best translation I can give of it.)

The only thing about which I feel inclined to grumble is the many pounds of old papers which some of our dear friends, with the best of motives, put in the bales. For instance, such as half year's copies of the *Evangelical Churchman*, old LEAFLETS, children's magazines. I think we had not less than 150 lbs. of such papers in the bales this year. For these we shall have to pay on freight from Edmonton, \$5.00, besides what our friends have already paid. The *Evangelical* and other Church papers we subscribe for. Some kind friends send us the LEAFLET regularly. Good reading we appreciate very much, and are very much in need of it, especially during the winter months.

The adult Indians, I am sorry to say, do not give us much encouragement, but we can thank God that the work in our Home has been a very great blessing amongst the children.