

## MISSIONARY LETTERS.

To Delaware Branch, Rev. J. Miller, of Fort Alexander, writes. — "Dear Mrs. Auld, your kind letter afforded me much comfort and encouragement just when I much needed it; your bale of clothing came safely in good time for Christmas. I feel almost ashamed to allow you to pay freight as suggested in your letter, but I fear I have no alternative when I look at my present pecuniary condition, for through practical sympathy with my poor Indians, my expenditure has greatly exceeded my income. All your gifts were most appropriate. The personal clothes were much needed, and I can safely say that but for these things at this time, great distress would have been suffered. The dear fingers that made or in any way helped to provide the beautiful and warm quilts may feel sure that what they have done for these people they have done it unto Him, whose children they are. All the things are not quite distributed, but will be, discreetly, as needs arise. In cases of sickness my wife attends to their wants, and does all she can to help in many ways, such as instructing how to prepare food, making and mending, treatment of children, knitting, etc. In winter much of this entails her going from place to place by dog train, and she says want of children's things, even feeding bottles and rubber tubing is keenly felt, as these things would sometimes save serious trouble. This Christmas, for the first time at the mouth of Winnipeg River, the little building was nicely decorated, the Indian women making artificial flowers from bits of colored cloths, and the men, who had given up hunting for the time, carried suitable brush, and came and put it up in such a way as to make the effect very pleasing. It was impossible to put up a Christmas tree, and many of your kind gifts had therefore to be arranged carefully marked at one end of the room. Our meeting took place in the evening of Dec. 24th, when the place was well filled, most of the people as usual sitting on the floor, the Service in Indian and distribution of gifts lasting about three hours. I also had my usual midnight service on New Year's Eve, ending about 1 a.m., when Mrs. Miller gave all present tea and buns. At this last named meeting the Indians used to bring their guns and rear them around the building outside, and when the service ended went out and fired them, but this year they came unarmed. The glorious gospel is proclaimed here in different ways and at different times, and we think it wrong to omit the smallest opportunity."

Rev. A. F. Mills, of Bulls Horn Camp, Blood Reserve, thus writes to Kingsville Branch. — "I deeply regret that I have not been able to write and thank you all for your kindness in sending such a fine bale of useful garments, which surpassed my most sanguine expectations. It arrived at a very opportune time, as the weather was very cold, and the majority of my 21 pupils were lightly clad in very dirty, torn, and threadbare garments, and were suffering intensely from the cold, not