

up material. The yarn, too, was a welcome sight. Several of them have made stockings throughout and are fond of knitting, but it will be some time ere they can knit as fast as they can wear them out. A number of the women on the Reserves are pleased to get yarn also. We wish we were able at our institution to manufacture boots and shoes; of these we require a great many during a year, and it is rather an expensive matter to keep thirty pairs of restless feet comfortably shod. All this, of course, is one part of mission work, and a more important part than I had formerly realized, but we will endeavour to be faithful stewards of whatever you send, using it to the best purposes for the temporal and spiritual welfare of these poor people and the glory of Him who died to redeem them, and who assures us that even the very smallest act done for Him will not be unrewarded. We are pleased to notice that many of the parents are becoming quite interested in the education of their children. Mr. Lash's, the agent, influence is very great, and Mrs. Lash's kindness and efforts to further the work are worthy of our deepest gratitude. It's pleasant to have such friends in this out-of-the-way land.

Our children are progressing steadily in school, and though we are sometimes disappointed in their actions, yet I really believe that their conduct is quite as good as that of so many ordinary white children would be. They have, indeed, a high appreciation of justice and very seldom quarrel. Amongst themselves, they seem to "act justly, love mercy," and we hope that they will yet "walk humbly with their God." Our Sabbath school is becoming quite interesting as they increase in knowledge. We do not take up the International lessons yet, but have begun at the Creation and have got as far as the children of Israel entering the land of Canaan. Each Sabbath they commit to memory a text of Scripture, and we are now taking up the Ten Commandments, and never before did the "Law of the Lord" seem to me so holy and good. Even the hearts of the heathen cannot but respond, "The law of the Lord is pure and righteous."

I wish I could write you a letter that would cause you to rejoice greatly because of the people on these Reserves renouncing heathenism and accepting Jesus as the "chiefest among ten thousand and the One altogether lovely," but, alas, though a few have come to His light, yet "darkness covers the land and gross darkness the people." But our faith is in the Almighty, who, from the darkness of Mount Calvary, caused the "Sun of Righteousness" to arise with more than noonday splendour, that He may arise to this people "with healing in His wings."

Clothing received at Brandon from Ormstown, Que., Auxiliary and Mission Band, and much appreciated.