

have also each planted and cared for two bushels of potatoes, they are to return the seed to me, and for the balance I am to pay them twenty-five cents per bushel. The season has been very favorable, and our potatoes and vegetables are looking well, the crops on the reserve are looking very well, and the Indians will have at least their bread, should nothing come in the way. The country is very pretty at present with the bluffs in their coat of green, and the prairie with its thousands of beautiful flowers and acres of waving grass. It has been a very favorable season for our stock—plenty of grass and no flies. We are milking four cows. The milking, caring for the milk and the churning is done by the children. We use the cans, packing them in ice. The cellar built this spring, we find so convenient and cool.

Had a very enjoyable visit from Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur from Lakesend—like both of them very much. They are facing the difficulties and discouragements of their work bravely. I am pleased that you have decided to re-open the school. Our friends at Lakesend need our prayers and sympathy.

During the past quarter the general health of all has been very fair. Fanny is much stronger and healthier looking than when you were here. Mrs. Skene's eyes are rather better, but she is much troubled with them. They are inflamed more or less all the time. We have now ten boys and four girls, an increase of one during the quarter. Our average was thirteen and a half, as compared with eleven and three-fourths last quarter. With many thanks for your past sympathy and kindness.

Description of the Sun Dance

FROM MR. GILMOUR.

Birtle, Man., July 27, 1895.

I have just returned from a two weeks outing at Lizard Point. The parents were very anxious to have their children home for a visit, but the Department said this could only be on condition that some one went out and remained in charge of them. So I spent two weeks on the reserve. The children enjoyed their outing very much, but it was rather gratifying to have some of the larger girls express a willingness and even a desire to return to the school before the two weeks were up. I took it as any evidence that the unthrifty, comfortless homes on the reserve were becoming distasteful to them, and that they were beginning to know the advantages of civilization.

I am grateful for your kindly interest in my little efforts to establish a religious service at Lizard Point.

There are many things that have given me encouragement in this