

time that the new system was adopted averaged about \$145.00 per year each pupil, and the sum allowed this school on the new system was fixed at \$120.00. It was thought that by reducing the allowance, a falling off in the standard of work done would follow, or that there would be deficits every year.

"To keep clear of deficits gave Mr. McLeod many anxious moments, and it was only by careful management and the strictest economy, that those were avoided while the efficiency of the various branches of the work was kept up to the standard called for by the Department.

"In this connection I should here say that the assistance given by the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian church, helped in no small degree, in the many donations of clothing and other useful articles, for the use of the pupils, to keep clear of deficits."

Compare the Regina School with our other boarding schools and as Mr. Skene, now of Regina, late of File Hills school, points out, "They are better off financially than our Industrial. The church provides for the salaries of the staff; they are liberal in the way of improvements; the government allows a grant of \$50 a year per pupil up to fifteen pupils; the running expenses are much less proportionately than at Regina; the fuel for example will not cost much over \$50 a year, while the Regina coal bill alone for November was \$195 over and above the cost of wood consumed in the bakery and laundry." Being a government school more is expected of them, the building has to be better kept, the children better dressed; outsiders are frequently visiting the school and inspecting the buildings. We must not forget, too, that a large number of the boys and girls in attendance have been drafted in from our other schools to finish their training. We have already clothed them from year to year and we but follow them in their course until from the Regina School they step forth grateful for the Christian training that has been given them, ready to prove themselves independent of all temporal aid. The clothing sent by us does not by any means cover the supply necessary. According to the Indian Department Report last year we sent clothing to the value of \$500, and over and above this \$1000 was expended by the school itself in buying materials.

It is no departure of late years to supply the school with clothing. From the very first year when the late Principal took it in charge, donations of clothing and gifts were sent by the W. F. M. S., and have been continued each year since, nor do any of our missionaries refer to the help with more grateful feelings than those at Regina. Mr. Skene's words in his last letter are, "From the bottom of my heart I thank you for the clothing. *It has lifted a load of anxiety* from my mind." We trust that never again will doubt arise in the mind of any of our members as to the need of help at Regina Industrial School.

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