

necessaries of life. They have great difficulty too in providing themselves with decent clothing. A good many of the children who attend school are literally in rags. We have been doing what we can for them, but our supply of clothing soon ran out. If it were not for the boxes you so kindly send I do not know what they would do during the winter months. I think the boys and men are perhaps the worst off.

I have not yet had any opportunity of conveying your regards personally to Chief Cote, but will be glad to do so. You will be pleased to learn that he has made a profession of Christianity. He is rather a superior Indian, affable in manner, and with more than average intelligence. I trust he will develop into an earnest, warm-hearted Christian, and be a source of strength to the Mission.

I do not think I have anything further to write except that we are all well. Our three little boys are thriving. The bracing air of the North-West seems to agree with us all.

FROM MISS CHRISTIE B. MCKAY.

ARMADALE MISSION, Sept. 10, 1887.

Please pardon my negligence, I intended writing to you while I was in Prince Albert where I was spending my holidays. I had forgotten your address, so had to wait till my return when I found your kind letter awaiting for me. My father and mother were away to the General Assembly in Winnipeg; after their return I left for my holidays.

In June the School Inspector examined my school; afterwards I received the first prize for the best conducted school in the North-West, the prize was \$100. There are prizes given every year by the Government to the teachers on every Indian reserve; there were four prizes this year. I think I have great reason to be proud of my pupils. It is indeed encouraging to see how they behaved themselves through the examination.

I am very much pleased to hear of your success. I often read in the papers you send me of your meetings. I received the book safely. We will be very much pleased to receive any thing you send; the children are beginning to feel the want of warm clothing already. They have knitted all the yarn that was sent, so you may know how needful they were. It is a grand sight to see even the old women and little girls knit. The woollen goods and blankets were just what the old people want; every thing you sent last year was suitable.