

members of the Church; and two are heathen. Two of them made an open profession of their faith in Christ last Sabbath, were baptized and sat down with us to the Lord's Supper. One of them has been considering the matter for about two years, and the other for a longer period. They were all well pleased with the comfortable clothing received. One woman said, "I feel myself indebted to the kind ladies of the W.F.M.S. who must have worked hard to send us this clothing; I am old and not well, and unable to do much, but I will do what I can to help the Auxiliary on this Reserve to get money for W.F.M.S., and thank you for bringing it to me." What would be the condition of many of the old and the sick among the Indians without the kind help of the W.F.M.S., is a question that often presents itself to us, unless God in His Providence would open up some other door of relief, as far as we can see, the Angel of Death would be the Angel of Mercy to relieve them of their miseries in this life. With all the clothing received each fall and with all the care possible exercised in its distribution, before the next fall and clothing comes, many of them will show their need of help again so much, that for the helpers to see them and be able to help them, is to feel a thrill of lasting joy and experience the truth of our Saviour's words when he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Kindly convey our sincere thanks to the ladies of Lanark and Renfrew for their kind and generous help on this Reserve.

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FILE HILLS, ASSA, January 16, 1891.

MR. ALEX. SKENE.—Dear Friend.—Owing to sickness in our school I did not write to you regarding a supply of clothing for next year, as soon as you requested. No doubt you have learned ere this of the illness of some of our Indian children, and that the doctor pronounced the trouble to be Small Pox—and as a matter of course, the old cry—"Infection brought in by the clothes" was taken up. From the first I could not agree with the doctor, and felt hopeful that the trouble would pass over without any serious results.

In order that I might be able to show to the Department the impossibility of infection being brought in with the clothing, I asked