

making and needle work, besides being taught how to darn stockings and patch. I have also been asked to teach dress-making and tailoring, but my time and strength are limited, and although seeming to do so little there is really work for two.

Mr. Toms also is, and has been, very busy, the distance from the school house taking up so much of his time last fall when he was building our present dwelling, as the house, if you could call it so, in which we lived was not even safe, so that really he had no holidays. The workmen were Indians, and had to be well looked after and shown how to do most of the work. The Indians on the reserve cannot speak a word of English; all communications have to be carried on in their own language, as we have no interpreter without being under obligation to the one at the agency. During the winter we had a Thursday evening meeting for reading and explaining the Scripture with the aid of the late Government interpreter. The present one promises to do the same every Sabbath when the new school house is finished; we have no room at present large enough.

The Indians appreciate your most generous gifts of clothing by the fact that they are looking forward to the coming season. They are not at all an effusive people, and do not allow either pleasure or pain to be seen on the surface.

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### Work at Round Lake Mission, Broadview.

MRS. JONES.—No doubt you will think me long in replying. Your very kind letter was received and read with pleasure. How shall I begin to tell you what we have been doing this last winter and to thank you and all the dear ladies of our Foreign Missionary Society for all they have done for us; for in doing for these dear little children, you are not only doing it for Jesus, but we feel as if you are doing us a great favour, for how could we do much for them unless the means were put into our hands, and we can oftentimes reach their hearts by having something to give them to keep them warm. Well, this winter has been a very busy time. Most of the winter we have had forty-three children, and often from ten to fifteen of their parents for days together, and only one hired help. I wish we could afford two, so that I could be more with the children. This winter our girls have done a good deal of sewing and knitting, besides housework. We have some girls who can wash, iron and bake as well as any white girl that I have seen. You may say, What does Mrs. Jones want an-