

as *snap*, authors, etc. We try to make our school as home-like as possible. We purchased a few flowers last spring, and our Indian children were much interested in them. We got our house plants frozen, but we think that when the building is properly repaired, which I expect to have done this coming summer, we can keep plants through the winter. One of our boys "Fred" had 25c. given him at Christmas. As I was going to the Fort the other day, he was asked if I would get some candies for him with his money. He answered, "No, I want to get a big flower." They are also very fond of singing and can sing a number of our hymns very nicely. They are also very fond of stories, and though as yet they cannot understand much of it, yet they seem to listen with the best of attention. And now a word respecting the parents; we notice an improvement with quite a number of them; they wear the clothes given them, and come around the school clean and comfortable-looking. We have given out the clothes very sparingly, and with the understanding that they were to be worn. I am speaking now for myself; I found that last winter very little of the clothes given them were worn. They traded everything off to half-breeds for tea, tobacco or fish. Thus instead of clothing Indians we have been in past years clothing Catholic half-breeds. The Indians had always got everything they asked for, so long as it lasted, and consequently put very little value on the clothes. We are trying to stop this, and are encouraged to see that with few exceptions the clothes are kept and worn. Owing to handling the clothing in this way, we have still considerable on hand, but the most of it will be required during the summer. In passing I would say, that we received a good supply of very good, serviceable clothing for distribution on the Reserves, and I am only saying what I know, that without the clothing means without a school. Our Indian thinks very little of the white man's schools, but if sending his boy or girl to the school will bring comfort to his body he will do you the great favor.

And now a word regarding our building. Thanks to the ladies, the Committee authorized me to do whatever repairing I deemed necessary. As my time is pretty well occupied with my school duties I had to take my spare moments to do the needed repairing. I have tightened up the windows and doors, and painted the most of the wood work inside and outside; I also made storm