

nipeg, as he told me he would pay the costs of freight on goods. The goods arrived in very good order, and the selection of the goods was just what we required for our Indians. I may mention specially about the yarn sent. All the little girls in school can knit and make patch-work, and they are teaching the older ones at home, so that very soon, if they have the yarn, they will be able to make all their own stockings and mitts. The Government agents who inspect all the reserves were highly pleased with the progress the children in our school were making. I am getting the able men and young men to work for the clothing I give them. They are helping to get on the ground the wood for building a new church, and they are willing to accept some of the goods for this work, which is a great benefit to the mission work here. Mrs. McKay has been busy rigging out the children with what they required. She just got through with them to-day, and she is now busy giving to the old women what they require. One old woman of sixty-five years of age was so much pleased with what she got that she began to dance with joy, and said that she would come to school for three days, and learn to read. Our good old chief, Mis-ta-wa-sis, told me to write that he cannot find words to express his heartfelt thankfulness to the good Christian ladies who so kindly send them so much, and that he hopes that some time in the near future that the Indians on his reserve will, by diligence, continue to prosper until they will be able to supply themselves with the most of the comforts of this life. And I myself must say that I agree with our good chief, and I most heartily thank you all for the great interest you all take in our work amongst the Indians. And I hope that you will all reap the reward for your unceasing labours on our behalf.

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EXTRACT FROM MR. J. SCOTT'S.

ASSINIBOINE INDIAN RESERVE,

Dec. 9th, 1886.

In your letter, dated the 12th of November, you say you would be glad to get some information in regard to the work amongst the Indians on this reserve. They have plenty to eat, and a great many are well clothed. They number two hundred and seventy in all. The Foreign Mission Society got possession of it about the 1st of December, 1885, when I was sent up to take charge of the school, and to endeavour to teach the English language, and act as missionary to them. I have forty on my attendance roll, but my average does not come up to the Government require-