

to us on the day before Christmas, the rest a few days after. The deep interest taken in us and our work, shown by the many kind friends is very cheering, and it is so encouraging to know that this interest is widening. Kindest regards to all members of the W. F. M. Board, whose loving interest in us and our work we will ever remember.

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FROM REV. HUGH. M'KAY.

*Round Lake, Whitewood P.O., Assa., Jan. 22, 1896.*

I return to you shipping bill. The goods have been received from Toronto Presbyterian Society, and are of great help to us in our work. Mrs. McKay has been busy making up little coats, vests and pants, etc., and now the children are all comfortably dressed.

We have twenty-six at the school at present; the weather has been very cold and stormy. It is not easy to get about as much as we would wish. Last Saturday I had a drive of twenty-four miles, and part of the way through the deep snow—Sabbath, thirty miles; and Monday, twenty-five miles. We trust, however, that the weather will soon modify.

We are all well at the Mission. Mrs. McKay and the teacher and all the little ones join me in kind greetings.

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FROM MR. W. J. WRIGHT.

*Rolling River, Minna., Jan. 3, 1896.*

Now that the "great event" of the winter is over, I will be able to tell you something of the pleasant time we enjoyed. The Indians were all very friendly, and we got many a warm hand-shake and "Happy New Year" from them. We held the Christmas Tree the day before Christmas, and, although the day was one of the stormiest we have yet experienced this winter, we had about seventy Indians out to dinner. We held our entertainment in the new meeting-house; had it newly lime-washed and decorated with bright pictures. The room looked very nice, and the tree in one corner was loaded with pretty and useful things, such as dolls, handkerchiefs, balls, whistles, small boxes of soap, and other things. The Christmas gifts this year were sent us by the Knox Church Mission Band in Winnipeg. Santa Claus delighted the Indians by talking to them in their own language. There was a wonderful improvement in them this year, both in manners and dress. We did not get any of the "braves" to speak, as their chief speakers were away. We made up parcels of eatables for the old people who could not come out in the cold, but those who were able to come, had they not been too lazy, got nothing.

We are very much encouraged by the improvement we see both in their homes and in their persons. Much of this is due to the efforts put forth by the W. F. M. S. Some of the Indians are getting on well with the syllabic. Wapa-cappo the best; he can read it quite nicely, and is quite a help to us in the singing. I would like very much to get one more Cree Bible and a few New Testaments by William Mason.

Our house is very comfortable this winter. The plants are blooming beautifully. We are all enjoying good health and have very much to be thankful for. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Rutherford both wish to be remembered to you, and join with me in wishing you a Happy New Year.