

kind ladies, Mrs. Harvie and Mrs. Jeffrey, who came so far to see us and who spoke so kindly to us. These Indians are like my children and they spoke to them as brothers. Therefore, I remember them very much for it. I also thank the Almighty for their safe return from their long journey in behalf of the Indian people, and know you will understand the Indians better, and they you. You are doing very much for the poor Indians and the children by sending them clothing, for which I thank you. Their visit did us much good. They said you hoped we were a praying people. Since then we have had the heart to start a class—very much like prayer meeting—to read and study the Bible, as far as we are able, in the Indian language. We pray, read and sing in Indian. We trust this is going to be a great blessing. We send our children to school very regularly, except when sick, and attend well to the school wood-pile. I cannot find words enough to thank you for sending me such a pretty and useful present. I again send greetings and wish you a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. Good-bye."

David Burns said his father (the chief) had spoken all that he could say, only, he, too, wished you all a very merry Xmas, and happy New Year, and thanked you for all you had done in the past for the Indians.

Mr. Boyer said "I have travelled very many miles all through this great country, sometimes alone, and sometimes escorting ladies and children; therefore I can the better understand the difficulties and weariness Mrs. Jeffrey and Mrs. Harvie undertook on behalf of the Indians, and when I heard of their safe arrival at home again I was indeed thankful. When I go into my room at night and look at the beautiful quilt they sent me, I see their faces again and remember the kind words they spoke to us while here. We are trying to follow the good words they spoke to us, and although we all have some weak point we are trying to grow better, and trust the Indian class we have started will be a great help to us. Poor Blackbird has passed away since they were here; he suffered very much but his end was peace. I ask it as a special favor that the ladies would write us a letter so we may have their hand writing. We cannot write very well ourselves and Miss MacIntosh is very busy, but after a while we will write you all about our class. I wish you all the compliments of the season and that God will spare you long to continue your good work. Good-by."