

A good programme had been provided, consisting of music by the choir and solos by friends. Rev. P. Wright, B.D., was in the chair. The meeting opened by all singing the doxology, Miss Fraser reading Psalm cxi, and the children singing, "We Welcome You." There were, I think, over eighty present, among whom were nearly all the resident ministers. Excellent addresses were given by Profs. Baird and Hart, of Winnipeg, Rev. F. McLeod of Burnside, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. S. R. Marlatt, and Mrs. John McLeod, who, with other Portage ladies, was instrumental in organizing the school some ten years ago. All spoke encouragingly of the work and drew comparisons between the opening ten years ago and the commodious house now in use for the work; also of the difficulty then in persuading the parents to allow their children to come to school, and the anxiety now on their part to send them. Certainly there is great cause for thankfulness to our Father for the manifestation of His power, and I trust it may be the means of bringing many souls to our Master.

The building stands on a site adjoining the old school in the east end of the town, and is a handsome and commodious frame building on a stone foundation. On the ground floor, on the right hand side of the entrance hall, is the large dining hall for the children, on the left are the parlor, dining-room, etc., for our own private use, at the back the kitchens, etc. Upstairs are two large dormitories for the children, a room for hospital purposes, storeroom, and bathroom. The building is heated with hot air and lit with electricity. The building is expected to accommodate forty pupils, and the number now reaches nearly thirty. About 10.30 refreshments were served, which had been provided with help from ladies of the W.F.M.S., and every one went away expressing great pleasure with the evening's entertainment.

It seems so much easier now to do the work and train the children in tidiness, so we, with the children and Indians, are very proud of our new home, and hope the days to be spent in it will be marked by much faithfulness and gratitude to our loving Heavenly Father who has not only given the "droppings" but the "showers of blessing" on this part of His vineyard.

We have had very little sickness among the children, and glad to say very few sick ones at the tepees. Louisa came home for the opening and will be with us a week. Topsy is keeping house for Mrs. Dr. Robertson while she has gone East on a visit. There were over fifty Indians out at service on Sabbath, and that is about the usual number. They are orderly and attentive, and have held two prayer meetings by themselves when we could not get down.

Miss Fraser joins me in wishing you and all the ladies on the Board a happy and prosperous New Year, and asking anew an interest in all your prayers for the salvation of all these entrusted to our care.

Extract of Letter from Mrs. McLeod.

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How often I wish you ladies could just step in and see the comforts displayed on every hand, and the happiness of both teachers and children ! I think the sight would repay you for all the mental labor you have