

Extract from the letter of a Teacher in the North-West.

"I beg leave to commend to the notice of the members of The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society the heroic self-denial of Mr. and Mrs. Toms, of File Hills; their self-sacrifice is *uncommon*. Remember their three little boys."

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Extract From Mr. Toms'.

August 6th.

We had hoped to have been able to purchase two cows, in order that the children attending the school might have a supply of good milk, as it will greatly help us in the matter of providing food for the boys and girls attending the boarding school.

We expect to have a boarding school built this year, and when it is finished we intend sending you a photograph of it in order that you may see what is being done with the money. I thank the kind ladies very much for the Douay Bible they sent; it is a great help to me in keeping the Indians from being influenced by the Roman Catholic Church as at present constituted. Our Indians are ripe for a boarding school, and I think that we shall start with at least twenty pupils. We hope our dear friends who are sending clothing to us will, if sending new, send as much as possible in web, as we can utilize it better.

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School Building Nearly Finished.

FILE HILLS MISSION, Aug. 21st, 1888.

MRS. TOMS.—The *Monthly Letter Leaflet* sent by you I have received, and feel I should much like to send you something that will be useful to you and instructive to your readers. I will endeavour to tell you about our work in the past year. I think we have had some peculiar difficulties to contend with. In the first place, our school was four and a half miles from our house. I have three little boys and no one to leave with them so that personally I have been of very little assistance in the school, but that is all over now, as our new boarding school is commenced. Notwithstanding all this, I endeavoured to attend school once a week during the summer and have taught pupils through the winter at home with my own boys. Some of our girls and women have learned to knit mitts, others lack confidence in themselves and perseverance enough to learn thoroughly. Some of the girls have been practically instructed in the art of bread-