

ordinary course of mail, the goods arriving a couple of weeks later. We have unpacked them and found a generous supply. The supply of boys' clothing is good ; of quilts, jackets, yarn, caps, there is an abundance. We are pleased with the many new pieces of material. The home-spun material for dresses for the girls is just what we wanted. It is more satisfactory for everyday wear than anything we could get. There are a great many useful articles—but there is a shortage in the line of aprons, or material for aprons, shoes, stockings, sewing cotton and towelling. The clothes sent for the old and feeble are warm and comfortable, and we hope to have enough to give to every one who needs help during the cold months of winter. There are a number of feeble ones who depend entirely on any help which they may get. The rolls of soft cotton are very acceptable, as there are always so many sores to dress. There are five at present who have sores which require great attention.

There is not much sickness at the tepees just now, and many of the Indians are busy fixing their houses for the winter. We are urging them on as the weather is beginning to get quite cold already. David Ross and others have returned from the country this week, where they have been engaged at threshing. David was here to-day and seemed so pleased to tell us that he had earned over \$30, and was going to pay up all his debts. Peter has been out at the Lake for some weeks duck-shooting ; he came into town last week to pay what he owed. His account with one merchant amounted to \$18.00, which he paid in full. There are a number of others who owed similar accounts which have been paid. It is a great satisfaction to us to see that the Indians themselves are beginning to realize that to cultivate honesty in their business transactions is the best way to success in life, and we do all in our power to instil the principle into them and their children. Their gardens have not been quite as good this year, but they will realize more as prices are higher than last year. To-day one Indian brought us thirty bushels of potatoes, besides other vegetables, and indeed most of our vegetables for the winter were bought from them.

Four of the old women were up to-day getting their share of the clothing, and when they received their gifts how I wished the donors were present to see the signs of gratitude which they showed, more by their gestures than by words. Words came doubtless in abundance, but the signs were the most impressive. As I now write I see two women coming toward the school, doubtless expecting their share of the spoil. And this will be the way with us every day until they are all supplied. When the news of the arrival of the goods reached them it created quite a sensation, for they all felt they had an interest in it. We still adhere more and more to the rule of never giving anything free to those who are able to work.

You ask for all the children. Peter and Charlie are both very well and are as interesting as ever. Topsy is still at Mr. Brown's and is doing very well. Lousia continues at Burnside ; she was in to see us a few days ago. We gave her at her own request some yarn to knit into stockings for her two nieces who are at the school. Katie, this week, is helping in a family where there is sickness ; and Minnie and Madie are taking the lead in the housework here. Emma, Edith, Juno, Bessie and Mary Jane are growing up so fast that in a short time we shall have a number of grown-up girls around us. You will be glad to hear that Mary Jane has