

bad repute some years ago. They are now improving and in consequence the death rate is not so large. We quite hope to find them increasing before long. If only their hearts lay hold of the gospel, the efforts that are being made for their temporal welfare will certainly show abundant fruit. While the Government are training the able-bodied ones to learn to support or help themselves, and in doing so, see that they have enough to eat, our Mission party are endeavoring, by God's grace to train the minds and hearts of the children as well as their parents, and in this there is evident progress. It is now more than nine years since I came among the Indians, and over 6 years I have been here, and I can certainly see a great difference in our people, and see much to lead me to think that in a few more years we shall see a thrifty and Christian people here. May God grant it. In our Educational work, we receive large Government help. In 1888, nothing looked more dark and discouraging than the future prospect of the children. The Sarcees did their best to oppose us, but brighter days have dawned and we have nearly, but not quite, all their children (of school age) in our Homes. When we have, as we hope to do, a suitable building for our girls, instead of accommodating them in our Mission house, we shall indeed be thankful. We find our children quick and fairly persevering, though of course, they need "a constant eye" upon them. They are a bright and happy lot of children, and compare favorably with others. How one longs to bring them to the Saviour. In this you can greatly help us by prayer, both for them and for us, that we may be true light bearers, reflecting Him who has called us and sent us here. May God's blessing be with you all."

*From Rev. F. Swainson, Blood Reserve, to Miss Chapman, Secretary, Holland Landing Branch W.A.*

"We were, indeed, *immensely* pleased with every thing, not only with Ethel's clothing, which was splendid, the nine pairs of trousers, with suspenders, were immediately appropriated in the Home. So far, we have had a great scarcity of boy's clothing, so you can imagine what a boon your box was. How you managed to pack so many useful articles in it is hard to see. The boys were particularly delighted with the caps, the only fault being there was not one for each boy. The two quilts were at once used, they are always in great demand. Our Bishop was here lately and confirmed four of our girls, a great event with us, being the first time these Blood Indians have been brought to receive the full benefit of the Church: it is a great thing, and I trust may be the means of bringing others out on the Lord's side. Pray that they may, indeed, be bright and shining lights for the Master."

*From the Bishop of Mackenzie River to Dio. Treas.*

"I acknowledged in the summer the receipt of your most interesting letter of 25th March and now send a few lines in addition to the