

each with her children sitting round her, and his chieftainship lying on a kind of a bed, with a rough wooden mat or some such thing supporting the head. Three families but all one man's children, as the Chief has three wives. As this is the Chief, you would expect a little more cleanliness. Three women ought to keep a man's house a little clean; but look at their clothing, the children are even worse off than the rest. Now you say, 'Let me hear the creed,' and the children, thank God, will start and repeat it word for word and show you some of their reading and writing in the syllabic character, but the father and mother cannot, as they are still heathen.

I could take you through every house on the Reserve, but you would become tired with the same story of poverty, and some people on the other Reserve are even worse than they are here. Now you can form an idea of the circumstances of these poor people and pass a good opinion of the difficulties we have to contend with in trying to christianize these poor benighted souls. And I pray that you all may try to assist us in our arduous labors. Somebody may say this must be exaggerated, but I give you but a faint idea of what it really is.

I need the prayers of all, and these poor people require the sympathy of their more wealthy and christianized brethren.

I think I have already told you of my intention to build a Church next spring, and I require about six hundred dollars to complete the building; I want the donations sent to the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary, who will keep the children until we are ready to build. I hope you will use your influence to influence ladies on our behalf. Much, very much, remains to be done for the Master in this locality, and I am sure anybody seeing the poor people as they really are, would be at once interested and do all they could to help the cause of Christ among them. I have often been asked to give an account of my Indians but so far have never really done so, and I thought people would not be interested in the story. Some other time I will give you a further account, but at present I must forbear as my time is taken up."