

I was so delighted to hear that I was going to get a spinning wheel. You said *wheels* in your letter, but one, with a reel also, will be quite enough for this school, and the agent will get them for the homes as soon as they are needed. I think this will do a great deal towards making them independent. Quite a number of them have a few sheep, and when they find they can manufacture their own cloth it will encourage them not a little.

We are going to make every effort to secure at least thirty-five (35) children as soon as we can. I shall write soon and give you some items of interest for your LEAFLET. May God bless you all.

Another Destructive Fire.

WINNIPEG, APRIL 30TH, 1889.

EXTRACT—PROF. HART.—Allow me in the name of our Committee to express to you our great thankfulness to the ladies of the W. F. M. S. for their noble grants of \$400 for the school at Portage La Prairie, and of \$525 to free the new school at Crow Stand from debt.

I have just had a very encouraging letter from Mr. Laird. He tells me that the average attendance for the current quarter has been so far over thirty. He adds that he might have had more pupils if he had been able to accommodate them. We shall have to make an addition to the building this summer if possible. Our new school at Crow Stand has had a very narrow escape from destruction by fire. A terrible prairie fire was raging, and the wind was blowing it in great fury towards the school. After great efforts on the part of Mr. Laird, the Indians and school children, the building was saved. The beautiful grove in front of the school, however, was badly burned. The old school house in which Cuthbert McKay taught so long was burned to the ground, and so were the stables near the old mission house. Mr. Laird speaks of this as by far the worst fire he has seen in this country. We have great reason for gratitude that the loss is not greater.

I read with great interest the account of the meeting of your Society in Toronto. It was, indeed, a great success. God is greatly blessing your labors.