

much pleased with the presents I gave him, and he told the children they ought to be good and learn all they can. At three o'clock the Christmas tree was unveiled. All eyes were fixed upon it. Joy beamed from every face. Murmurs of delight came from many lips. The girls received dolls, aprons, hoods, bright yarn, handkerchiefs, scarfs, etc. The boys got hats, caps, balls, glass alleys, mouth-organs, etc. Three large cloth scrap-books were given to the three girls that swept the school-house the oftenest. A Bible was presented to the one attending Sabbath school the most regularly. This fell to the lot of a very bright girl of eleven or twelve years, Jemima Johnson. Two Bible picture-books were given to the two coming next. Bright pictures were given to all and their hands more than filled with candies. They were a happy group. It was a pleasure to see their bright, sweet faces. It was comical too, to see them do up their parcels in their shawls and put them upon their backs. When a short distance from the school-house they sat down in a cluster and spread their treasures in the snow, to have another look at them. How children imitate their parents!

Our new teacher has just finished her first quarter, and the improvement in the school is greatly to her credit. I often drop in, and it is a pleasure to see their eager faces, bright looks and tidy appearance. The punctuality is a marked advance, and so is the order. The way in which unseemly habits are being abandoned and gentle behaviour is learned, forms a strong argument in favour of *lady* teachers.

The tick of the new clock is a cheery accompaniment to the work of the day. Though the Christmas tree is robbed of its glory, we trust it will long be green in the memory of the children of Mistawasis.

*Jan. 20.*—Your kind favour of Dec. 12th received some time ago. It was a pleasant surprise to know that there were more