

Dear Mrs. Harvie, as this will likely be the last that I will write you this year, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Asking you to pray that the coming year may be our harvest, and that we may be kept just such as God can use to His own glory.

Bright Hopes for Future Usefulness.

FROM MR. M'PHERSON.

Elphinstone, Okanase Mission, Dec. 2, 1895.

I am glad indeed that we have taken up our mission work, and like it very much, and pray earnestly for God's blessing on our labours. It is a very great help to us to know we have your prayers, and all the members of your good Society, besides other kindred Societies throughout the Dominion.

We have two services for public worship every Sunday, the first at 11 a.m., the second at 3 p.m.; the attendance at the former has averaged 55, and at the later 45, which is very good, considering the number that are away hunting just now, and they are very attentive listeners. We have also Sunday School at 10 a.m. I am sorry to say the attendance has not been what I would like. The children stay at home to get a ride to church with their parents. I expect an improvement in the attendance, but don't look for a full attendance till next spring. We have prayer meetings every Wednesday in one of the homes; the average attendance has been 25. When the meeting is near hand, the attendance is very good, but when far away it falls off.

The day school has been well attended, and Mrs. McPherson is busy with the girls, getting new petticoats made for all the women and girls in the Reserve, as Christmas gifts from your Society.

I am very glad to be able to say we have every reason to be pleased. We have been kindly received by all the Indians, and they are glad I have come amongst them, and what is much better, they are anxious to hear and know all they can about Jesus. There are four of the Indians that lead in prayer, and I always ask one at each service to lead us, and two at prayer meetings. Mr. Flett has also been very kind, and I am sure wishes us God-speed as his successors.

My Word Shall Not Return Unto Me Void

FROM REV. JOHN M'ARTHUR.

Beulah, Dec. 12, 1895.

After I left Toronto during my three weeks visit to Western Ontario, I gave thirteen addresses, principally on our great mission work, and visited about fifty families. The more the people heard of our mission work the more they wanted to hear, and it was a great pleasure to me to give any in-