

certain of the correct address. It may be of some interest to yourself and the ladies associated with you to say that I have for the past year been engaged in Mission work among the Indians and Halfbreeds near Fort Pelly in the North-West Territories. I was enabled to preach every Sabbath and during the week I made visitations from house to house. The Sacraments of the Church, including Baptism and the Lord's Supper, were duly administered and the marriage ceremony was frequently performed by me. When I was engaged in similar work, nearly fifty years ago, we received assistance that was much appreciated from Christian ladies in England, but they who so thoughtfully cheered us with their words and a portion of their means have now passed to the 'great beyond.' The Indians are more, from year to year, acquiring the habits and knowledge of the agriculturist and they have considerable stock, but during the winter season, more particularly, there are those of their number who are much in need even of the necessaries of life. They attend well the services on the Sabbath and are quite appreciative of the work that is being done for them. While the workman is sometimes discouraged there are numerous signs of advancement, temporal and spiritual, among these bands of Indians." With best wishes, Your sincere friend,

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Mr. L. Wood, teacher at Red Crow's Camp, Blood Reserve, gives a very hopeful account of the Indians on that Reserve as follows:—"It is a matter of great joy to me, even in the short time I have been here to see such improvement and the success which attends the labors of all who work amongst them. The chief cause of their advancement under God is due to Missionaries and helpers, yet others who are not working expressly for them have great influence with them, such as give them employment and oversee what is done. Here also is where these poor heathen are civilized and where the work of the Missionaries show itself, as they copy those with whom they mix, even as the children copy their parents, and I have seen several cases in which little acts done by those outside of our life have been the means of helping them to a better stage. For my part I am delighted with the work, but there are times when one feels rather sad because they cannot help them more; for instance, since this very severe weather we have experienced of late, I was often grieved while visiting their tepees and houses to find some so poorly clothed and I had not a single garment to give them. Some were entirely nude, others but little better, while others still were very sick, which is little wonder, when one considers their clothing being so scant. I was very pleased to see some again who are acquiring a better knowledge, to see how nice and comfortable they looked, and I feel sure the day is not far distant when we shall be able to rejoice at the good work which is only smouldering within, but which I hope soon to see burst out into flame."