

Progress at Round Lake School.

ROUND LAKE, WHITEWOOD P. O., ASSIN.,

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REV. HUGH MACKAY.—All the boxes and bales of which you have written have been received, and you do not know how thankful we are that the Lord has put it into the hearts of so many to pity the children of the prairie, and to help the poor Indian of the North-West.

Many Indian homes have been made glad by your contribution, and many a shivering body clothed. May all those who have thus assisted in alleviating pain and lifting up a people from the bondage of idolatry and superstition, receive the benediction of Him who said "I was naked and ye clothed Me." A few facts about our school may be of interest.

We had during the year an average in our home of about thirty; twenty of these are the children of treaty Indians. For treaty children the Government has been giving us a grant of \$30 for each child for the year. We expect this amount to be increased to \$60 for the present year. We trust we have been enabled to do some good during the year that is past. Many of our scholars have made good progress in their work. There are a number who are able to speak and write English, who can read the Bible and understand anything said to them in plain English. I may mention Eliza, Virginia, Henry, Eliz, Donald, John, Marzaun, Eliza N., Barbara, Sarah. Also, I may say that most of the house work has been done during the past three months by our scholars—washing, ironing, baking, cooking, scrubbing, cleaning, etc., etc.; also cutting and hauling of wood and hay; stables kept in order and other farm work; also, we could boast of having some first prizes from the Provincial Exhibition for knitting, etc.; also of raising the best wheat and the fattest cow about this locality.

Some of those who were with us are now married and settled in their own homes, and we trust show a contrast to the pagan home.

We have our Sunday school each Sabbath, and the work here is interesting. We take up the regular Sunday school lesson, the Golden Text, Shorter Catechism, and other verses committed to memory. The singing is good and hearty, and we trust with a few from the heart. We have also our regular family worship morning and evening. The work of the day begins at seven, and