

firmation, who afterwards partook of the Lord's Supper. There seems to be throughout this end of the Diocese an earnest spirit of enquiry. Will you ask your members to pray that the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit may develop a real and deep spiritual change in the lives of these poor people. It seems as though God had been manifesting His power in a very special manner for one encouragement after all we experienced to discourage us last year. Our new school is now near completion and we hope, D.V., to commence teaching in it next week. We shall have ample accommodation for 40 children, but unless we have means in proportion I am not sure it will be quite consistent to venture supporting that number. Our Government grant is \$60 per capita for 20 children, which may be withdrawn at any time. I wish a special effort could be made toward the support of some children in this Home at a cost of \$35 per head. It is this kind of dependable support we so much need. I have four or five hundred dollars sent one year and nothing the next two or three is not at all satisfactory. After the completion of our new building we shall not have a cent to our credit. The prospects were never more hopeful than now, and the Indians never so willing to appreciate their spiritual privileges before. Both Mrs. Holmes and the children are enjoying good health, but we have had a great deal of sickness, both in and out of the mission, since spring, principally la grippe, which took the fatal form of pneumonia. Attending and ministering to these poor people for weeks nearly broke down my own health. I certainly believe God's special providence is over us in such a case, it would be hardly possible otherwise not to contract the contagious diseases. One case was that of a young man a Roman Catholic, given up by the doctor; he begged me to take him as a patient, saying, 'If I live I will never pray anywhere but with you.' I did not like to interfere, but after a second earnest entreaty, did so. He was a skeleton, apparently in the last stage of consumption. He is now so much better he drives about alone; even the white people call it a miracle. To God be all the glory!"

ONTARIO. To Mrs. Grout, from Rev. E. H. Bassing, Kutawa, Assa.,

January 23rd.

"You will be glad to hear that the bale has arrived safely. The articles sent will prove most useful for my Indians. The quilts,