

the debt on our school building. The generous action in granting \$525 at the late annual meeting of the Society, has relieved me of a heavy burden. This sum meets all expenses in connection with the erection of the school. But we will need to enlarge this summer, as our building is overcrowded. We have over 40 names on the roll and 32 boarders in attendance at present. I think quite a few more might be secured if we had accommodation. Our intention is to build a log addition in the rear of the present building, the lower flat of which will serve as dining-room and kitchen, and the upstairs as a boys' dormitory. It will be comparatively inexpensive, and, I think, will answer our purpose very well.

I am glad to be able to tell you that so far the children show no signs of tiring of the school. Our great fear was that they would be pleased for a time at first, but when the novelty wore off they would grow discontented and want to get back to the freedom of uncivilized life. But this fear has not yet been realized. They continue to do very well at their lessons, and during play hours enjoy themselves thoroughly. We are surprised that they do not quarrel oftener or get into mischief. These things are of rare occurrence.

Prof. Hart mentioned that he sent you some account of the fire which visited us. It was quite a blaze and our buildings were in some danger. One of the stables indeed was burnt. But we suffered no serious loss, except that our grounds were shorn of much of their beauty. The clumps of poplars are nearly all killed. But a few are left, and although the dead trees are rather unsightly, the situation even now is pleasing. It would have been beautiful had the trees all been in leaf and blossom. We have reason to be thankful, however, that no greater damage was done.

I turned farmer this spring, and, with the help of the boys, put in a little crop. We have wheat, oats, barley, and garden vegetables. The season so far has been favourable and everything is looking well. As we require a large quantity of potatoes for use in the school, and it is difficult getting them here except at very high prices, we look upon our potato crop as the most important. I fear it will not be possible to grow wheat, this part of the country is so subject to summer frosts, but if we can grow plenty of vegetables it will be a great convenience.

You ask about our little boy. Well, he holds his own even among so many larger children. He is 10 months old, weighs 25