

ing school is not erected, some means should be devised to enable us to discriminate.

I am pleased to state that the children are attending school much better of late. I have succeeded also in reducing the school to very fair working order, since which the progress has been highly satisfactory. We have had a rather discouraging time of it, but we believe a brighter day is beginning to dawn, whereof we are glad. We look for better results for the future. Discouragements are often sent for our good, to teach us where our strength lies.

I am glad to tell you that we received \$23 from Brandon Sabbath school, with which we have purchased a bell for our school, twenty-four inches in diameter. This, I think, will be a valuable addition when it arrives.

Death and Burial of "Chaski" Son of "David."

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, August 28th, 1888.

MISS BEST.—Your letter to John Thunder, in my care, I forwarded. He has not been here since the first week in July. We would have liked to have had him remain a little longer until some one should be appointed to fill his place, but he was anxious to make arrangements for attending college in Nebraska, so returned to the Beulah Reserve. He is now acting as "Treaty clerk." There are now twenty-three families of Indians on our plains, but the number of children is comparatively small. Out of these twenty-three families, of children between the ages of four and sixteen, I have enrolled twenty-four as pupils, and of those who have not attended any yet between those ages there are six. The parents of these six are opposed to the school, and the children are wild, but we shall have them yet, God willing. The school has undergone a slight change these past few months. Our hard-working pupils among the men are now exercising muscle instead of brain. I am glad to say they have obtained work and are receiving daily wages, some with farmers, some on railroads, etc. They come occasionally for an evening lesson, and proudly tell me how much money they have earned for themselves, and very frequently I am called upon to listen to an account of expenditure. This many times includes "a hat for the boy," or a pair of shoes for the little girl for school, etc. So you see the time may not be far distant when we shall be able to decline with thanks the boxes of clothing from Toronto. That