

"As yet we have only one professing Christian, but with a pagan people steeped in ignorance and superstition the progress is necessarily slow. Yet when we contrast those on the reserve with those still on the old encampment we see a great change, thank God, and take courage. We see evidences that the Holy Spirit is working quietly and surely, and we believe in God's good time we shall have an abundant harvest."

This ends the letter written after 21 years of service. And for additional information we shall here insert a few items culled from the Church "Blue Books" regarding these Prince Albert days, before Miss Baker became a ward of the W. F. M. S.

In the H. M. report of 1881 we read that "the Mission School continues to prosper under Miss Baker," additional testimony being given regarding her 'thoroughness and efficiency. At this date there were 45 children on the roll, children of mixed blood, most of them speaking Cree. The Rev. Mr. Sievright was the missionary in charge.

In 1882 we learn that more English children were attending the school, 70 being now on the roll and only 14 of these Indians. This report speaks of Miss Baker giving special attention to religious instruction, "every morning giving, in as simple a manner as possible, fundamental talks on Christianity."

In 1883 we find that Miss Baker's salary was assumed by the residents of Prince Albert with some help from the F. M. Board for her work amongst the Indians. We are also told in this report that on the advice of Dr. Black it was decided to divide part of the Prince Albert Mission property into town lots and sell them in the interests of the work.

In 1886 we learn that "Miss Baker is now teaching in the High School." In 1887 that Dr. Jardine is the Home Missionary, and that the Assembly of that year decided to proceed at once with the erection of the "Nisbet Academy," so named after our first missionary to the Indians of that district. In 1888, the staff of teachers at the High School consists of the Rev. Messrs. Campbell, Jardine and Miss Baker.