

blind and bent double with age, and with scarcely an article of clothing, save an old dirty blanket—I counted fifteen such,—I say, could the ladies have seen all this misery, and the eagerness with which these poor creatures put forth their thin, bony arms to receive their share of the clothing, they would have had a new sense of the importance of the great work of relieving suffering and misery, which they so successfully carry on.

In the name of these Indians I thank the ladies of Saugeen Presbyterian Society for the bountiful supply of clothing they have furnished.

FROM REV. W. BEATTIE.

*Virden, Dec. 2, 1895.*

The clothing came to hand in good time. Last year I had Peter's advice and assistance in distributing. This year I waited for a time, thinking the new missionary would soon arrive; but at last the Indians got wind that I had the clothing. The cold weather was just upon us, and I thought it time to begin giving out. They came from the Reserve, big and little, old and young. I attended to the wants of the old and feeble squaws first, then the children. What was left I divided among the more able-bodied, male and female. We had not so much clothing this year, but sufficient to give all a little; and they were grateful and well satisfied. The winter promises to be a long and cold one, and the gifts of the ladies will go far to make the poor aged squaws and little ones comparatively comfortable. The toys—and one junior society sent quite a supply—I have reserved, and will give them to John to present at Christmas to the children. Our ladies here will do something in the way of a tea, so the little Indians will be able to follow the whites, and have their Christmas tree. I suppose they will have a pow-wow in connection which will rival any Santa Claus entertainment.

FROM REV. HUGH MCKAY.

*Round Lake, Whitewood P.O., Assa., Nov. 25, 1895.*

I am sending you the shipping bills. The clothing has been received in good order. We received a good supply of heavy strong quilts for the poor, old and helpless ones on the Reserves. Those quilts are strong and warm and will be a great comfort to many of our brothers and sisters who are suffering in the cold winter.

Many are very poor and the prospects for support during the present winter are not good. Their grain was frozen, and from their gardens they gathered very little.