

have had measles in the school for the last month or more, and my time was pretty well taken up with the care of the children. They are all better now, however, and some have gone home for a week's holiday.

You will be glad to hear that we have been getting on very nicely for some time; five of the Sioux have returned, and they at least appear to have "buried the hatchet." The Cree children are equally agreeable, and are quite willing to be friends. We are beginning to think that the trouble begins with the parents; they tell the children to *do* certain things, and not do others for fear that one tribe does more work than the other.

As the larger ones leave to help with the work at home (catching gophers), the little ones come in, and these are by far the most promising pupils. They learn English faster and get on in the school room faster than their older brothers and sisters. But we must leave this for another and longer letter and turn to the clothing.

I have quite sufficient on hand to do through the summer months, as the Winnipeg children have sent me quite a box of dresses and pinafores. I will require almost a complete outfit of bedding for ten large beds in the fall. What I have will be quite done by that time, as it was mostly of the cheapest quality. (The agent here had to lend me blankets for the winter, but I shall return them now). An unlimited supply of boys' pants also, and girls' dresses. I have very nearly, if not altogether, enough *girls' jackets* and *boys' overcoats* over from last winter. The girls all learned to knit last winter but of course not nearly so fast as they wore out, so that both stockings, mittens and yarn will be very acceptable.

I should like very much to get some new material suitable for every article of dress both for girls and boys, as I intend that each girl shall make a full suit for herself and brother. I know a little about both dress-making and tailoring, and I think the girls should learn too.

As to the material, nothing is so suitable for every day dresses as home-made or factory flannel for winter, and gingham or shirting for summer; print for them does not pay to make up, as the first time they go out to play they will come in with their pinafores torn from yoke to hem, and it really does not do to reprove or warn them too often.