

not piercing, it is not nearly so much felt as the same degree of cold would be in Ontario.

I fear you will not find this letter interesting, but kindly bear with it ; and again I say, Remember us in your prayers.

Feb. 4th, 1887.

The bedding having just arrived affords me an opportunity of writing you a few lines, as I should like to receive a letter from you. The prospects are not very bright, and I could not stay here on any consideration in human strength alone, nor could I stay to train the children to be useful and intelligent, as some think my mission is. But if, from a merely human standpoint, the prospects are dark, they are bright as the sun, viewing the matter from the standpoint that God has taken me here to do a work for Him, and I praise Him for the opportunity. I know that many prayers are being offered up for us ; and they are being answered, for God is specially mindful of us, and shows us that He is with us, and I thoroughly believe that He has led one little girl to love our dear Redeemer. I had been telling her of the love of Jesus, and never more than then did I feel and realize my own impotence, and committed the matter, while I spoke in simple words, to the Spirit of the living God, who I believe put love to Jesus in her heart. She is by no means obedient to me yet, but always pleased to say that she loves Jesus. Don't you think she is a Christian ? Some of the ladies and myself are going out to the houses of the Indians to try to gather in children. It is a very hard matter yet to keep them ; they want to return after we have had them a few days, and in fact steal away when they get an opportunity. It is entirely impossible to keep a constant watch over them, and a very few minutes is sufficient for them to steal themselves away. They dislike very much to work, but learn to read remarkably readily. I hope that we will succeed in getting them to prefer staying here to going to their homes. As they come they are indeed very dirty ; their houses must be terrible. When we go for the children I shall see them. The ladies here are a noble band. Some of them call almost every day, and take a profound interest in the school. With regard to the bedding that has just arrived, we have not opened it. We will do so when first the ladies call, as it is in splendid order, I am sure, just as you sent it, a splendid-looking large parcel. It is cheering to look at it. I shall refer to it in my next letter to you.

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