

MISS MCKAY'S LETTER.

ARMADALE MISSION, Aug. 29th, 1885.

MY DEAR MRS. HARVIE,—

Please accept my many thanks for your kind and interesting letter. We are pleased to know the boxes are on the way. Father is going to Prince Albert next week, and will see about getting them here as soon as possible. I hope the boxes will be here before the cold weather; the poor children that are coming to school are in great want. I have thirty-nine pupils, and they are almost all girls; five boys. They are getting on nicely now; they had forgotten almost all during the rebellion.

We have one very poor family on the reserve. They are from Carlton. They came here last week; one blind man, two deformed women, another old man that can hardly walk. Their brother tries to work for them. We do our best to give them food when he comes. There is another blind woman, a widow, with three children. They come to school. The boy is very smart; also the girls learn very fast. There are a great many widows on this reserve.

We have not got a church yet, and that is something we are in need of. Last Sunday the school-house was crowded to suffocation; some had to stand outdoors, others sat on the floor. Pa has tried to get a church built. They held a meeting last winter. Most of the people are going to help.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the parcel and dresses; it is very kind of you to send them. Mother sends her best wishes and kind regards.

I will write to you again when we receive boxes. May God bless you for all the good you have done for us.

With kind regards to the ladies, I remain, dear Mrs. Harvie,

Your ever faithful friend,

CHRISTIE B. MCKAY,

Mistawasis' Reserve.

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Through the kindness of a friend, we are able to present the following extract from a private letter:

BROADVIEW, 4th Sept., 1885.

I have been working hard to pay for my holiday, or I should have written before now; but I feel so much better, that