

Maggie Willard, Treasurer. First meeting Oct. 16th, 20 members, intend meeting every fortnight; Mrs. Wilson kindly giving us a room at the parsonage.

MARY BREADON, Sec.

SUMMERVILLE—Seven meetings held this quarter; May Brown was elected Treasurer, and Sarah Crawford Secretary; the latter resigned at the 5th meeting, when Fanny Baker succeeded her; average attendance five, work on quilts and aprons.

FANNY BAKER.

DEVON MISSION, PAS POST OFFICE, SASKATCHEWAN  
October 1st, 1897.

DEAR MRS HALL—You would learn from my post-card, that your most acceptable gifts had reached us safely. We thank you much for naming certain articles which we might appropriate to our own use, we availed ourselves of this privilege and took the black material for a jacket, the good coloured table cloth and the guipure curtains. A good many of the other articles have been distributed among our needy people, and the remainder we are reserving until the cold weather sets in, when we shall give out your warm garments to the most deserving.

During the time we were in England in '94-5, we collected a sum of money to enable us to erect churches at different points in our district; three are already finished, and Mr. Hines is now at Pas Mountains, completing the Shoal Lake Church. . . . During the beginning of last month, we had Bishop Young, of Athabasca, holding Confirmations in our district; he quite admired our Devon Church, and was both surprised and delighted with our large congregation; 70 were confirmed at Devon, 11 of whom had come over 100 miles for the rite; 126 partook of Holy Communion, more had hoped to join us but did not get in from the hunting ground in time. After leaving here, the Bishop and my husband went on to Moose Lake, Cedar Lake, and Grand Rapids; at each place the Bishop held a confirmation, but I do not know the number of candidates. At Grand Rapids the Bishop had hoped to catch the Winnipeg steamer, but he was one day too late, so had to return to Cedar Lake and go in a canoe via Shoal River and Lake Manitoba, a much longer route.

It has been a sad summer for illness among our Indians, and as I am dispenser of medicines here, I have had much doctoring. For the last six months my patients have averaged 100 per month; and you may be sure that with doctoring and visiting I have not much leisure time; then in addition, I have each month to write out three times over, the one hundred names of my patients, their complaints, and the medicines I administered and their effect. Again thanking you for your substantial sympathy for our poor people, and asking your prayers both for ourselves and our people,

I remain, gratefully yours, EMMA M HINES