

An abundance of good things was provided for the dinner, and all who came were satisfied, while we sent goodly supplies to all the sick and feeble. Some asked if we thought it worth while to go to this extra trouble. Yes! We felt repaid in every way. Not only were we conscious of making all satisfied and happy, but we tided many over that season peculiarly fraught with temptation to the Indian.

The Indians have never been so well off as they are this winter, and we earnestly hope while to them is given earthly blessing they may realize that beyond this there is a far richer blessing in which it is their privilege to share.

Christmas was a merry and happy season in our school. All were well and able to enjoy the good things. Santa Claus visited us on the eve of Christmas and they all enjoyed this change from the old-time Tree. A gentleman in town came and took all the children for a drive, and as the day was mild all enjoyed it.

The Mission Band of Knox Church, Winnipeg, and the Auxiliary of Stonewall very kindly sent us boxes of useful things for Christmas. The girls remembered both Miss Fraser and myself by kind gifts. Need I add we are very proud of these presents, for it speaks of thoughtfulness and a desire to make others happy.

The winter has been long and severe. Several in the school have had la grippe, but we hope the worst is over.

Line Upon Line.

FROM MR. D. ADDISON MACKENZIE.

Indian Mission House, Moose Mountain, Dec. 28, 1896.

The clothing is all very good and appropriate, especially the quilts. If our loving sisters in the east, who have spent hours, and days, and weeks, in the making of these, could have seen the faces of a few of the very old women when they received their share of the clothing, they would have felt like going to work at once to prepare more for next year, at least they would feel repaid a thousand times.

Jan. 1, 1897.—One old woman, who claims to be ninety-six years of age, upon hearing that I had some clothing for distribution, walked up to my house for her share, and upon being fitted up with a comfortable coat, which reached almost to the ground, and a red woollen hood, we escorted her to a large mirror and, upon seeing "the new woman," a smile played upon her face which would have settled forever the question which a great many ask, "Do the Indians appreciate those good things?"

There has not been the spiritual advancement made that I expected before arriving here, still I am not discouraged when I think of the many encouragements which come day by day. We want to do more praying and more believing or we will leave the Indian as we found him; nothing but that power which cometh from the great heart of God will work the change upon this people which we desire. Upon two or three occasions I invited the Indians to my house for service, but none came; so since that time I have been going from house to house, talking a little to them and reading