

visitors to the school have just to smile and look wise, for they cannot follow. Then, they can tell you the distance around the earth, the provinces of Canada and all about Manitoba.

Outside the school hours, the girls learn baking, cooking, sewing and washing. The girls bake all their own bread and wash their own clothes. Some time ago Miss McLaren was offered a washing machine, but she resisted the temptation for the sake of teaching the children to wash by hand. They sew well. I saw a dress on one of the girls the other day which she had cut and made up herself. Few white girls of her age could, I believe, have made a dress as well. After school hours the boys cut wood, draw water, and learn to do the hundred and one little jobs summed up in the word "chores."

In the summer they learn gardening. One of the boys is at present learning printing at an office in town, and another is at shoemaking. After school hours, too, Miss McLaren teaches the children the catechism, hymns and the Bible. Neither she nor Mrs. Leckie are ever idle. The work that is done in a week would astonish some of the ladies in the East.

Once a week, sometimes twice, I have a service for the children in the school. One of the children plays the organ. We begin with the doxology, "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow," then we have a short prayer, next we take the catechism. I have very little liking for the children's catechism, so I prefer using the Shorter Catechism, and making it a little simpler for the younger children. The older ones repeat the questions just as they are in the catechism. It is very encouraging to see what an interest they take in it, and the intelligent manner in which they answer the questions. A few Sundays ago in the church Sunday school they completely distanced the white children in answering the questions. After the catechism I ask the children to choose a hymn, then we have the lesson and a short address, next they choose another hymn, then we repeat the