

progress is being made by nearly all of the pupils, but necessarily the improvement is slow. The work of the school is to a great extent nullified by the influences of the home—if such it can be called. But even in these homes there is a vast improvement since the mission school became a reality amongst them. In consequence of this evil influence of the home life, the Home Mission Committee decided to erect a boarding school house in connection with the mission. Work has already been begun on the building, which will accommodate about 12 pupils, and we expect it to be ready for occupation before next winter. This will bring the children more immediately and permanently under our care and supervision, and more good may be expected to be done.

The warm quilts, blankets and clothing you sent were very much needed, and just as much appreciated by the Indians. In fact I may say that it is largely due to these gifts of clothing that our school keeps its hold upon the pupils. I hope I may be permitted to make a few suggestions in reference to future donations. Although the moccasin is the natural foot gear of the Indian, yet shoes are very acceptable. Those most desirable would be for children of from 8 to 15 years of age, or even older than that.

Books and papers are practically of no use to the school at present, whatever they may be in the future.

We have an abundant supply of yarn on hand that is sufficient for all purposes, but web cloth of good warm material would be very acceptable, to be made up mostly by the pupils themselves for their own use. Some of the girls are comparatively good knitters and sewers, and take pleasure in making their own clothes.

Your LEAFLET, with its missionary letters, etc., is a very welcome monthly visitor. It lets us know that we are not alone in the work. We must thank you for the expression of your kind regards and good wishes on our behalf, and for the fact that we have an interest in your prayers.

*Note.*

By telegraph from Edmonton we learn that all the mission buildings except Mr. Anderson's house, have been destroyed by a prairie fire. It is likely Mr. Anderson's personal loss will be heavy and the work much hindered.