

at the house of Mr. Coburn, farm instructor. It must be lonesome for Mrs. Coburn, so far away from white people. Her only companions are her husband and two little ones and the Indians. Still she is happy, and no doubt her Christian influence is felt among that band.

We had interesting meetings among the Indians. We succeeded in getting a few of the children to come to school. One man told us that he had been offered \$15 by the priest if he would send his boy to the Catholic school. It was a wonder to me how some of those little children were willing to leave the mother and come with us.

We have no sewing machine ; perhaps some day we may be able to get one.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Dec. 22, 1890.

MISS WALKER,—If you could have seen into our home during the past two months, you would understand why your letter was not answered before this. Many thanks for your letter, with its glad tidings. We are nicely settled again, and I am sure we shall be very comfortable this winter ; with all the improvements on the building, the house should be much warmer. The new school room is now ready. We expect to begin lessons in it on the 5th of January. The children are delighted with the desks and seats. Topsy thinks she can learn ever so much more at one of those desks than she could sitting on a common chair at a table. We have our usual number of boarding pupils. They are all excited to-day with the thoughts of Christmas and Santa Claus. Hints are being given for what is wanted ; all are wishing for a pair of moccasins. A few friends are willing to assist in providing an Xmas tree for the school. I must tell you of the fright our baby-girl gave us a few weeks ago. The child is only four years old, her mother is anxious to have the child stay with us, but it is difficult to keep her for more than a few days at a time. She gets homesick, and is determined to go home. One afternoon when all were in the school room busy at work, little Barbara was missed ; a search was made for her at once. The mother was working up town. Thinking the child had gone to her, two of the children were sent to her, but Barbara was not there. The