

Our people are beginning to notice that they command more of the respect of the stranger than other Indians generally receive, and this makes them thankful for gospel teaching, and all the more willing to follow in its precepts.

At a Council held recently, when our Indians were informed that Government aid would now be withdrawn from them, Chief Bearspaw said: "Their dependence was in God and in the teaching of the Gospel, and not in the Government."

The Orphanage and Training Institution has had a strong influence for good on both young and old. With the former it has stirred up to a better attendance at school, and with the latter it has shown to greater advantage than ever the desire of Christian whites to elevate and bless and save them and their people. Marriages, 17; baptisms, 46.

JOHN MCDUGALL.

### FORT MACLEOD.

No missionary having been sent for this mission, I have attended to the work as best I could, though disadvantageous to our work among the Blood Indians. Services have been held at Macleod, Lethbridge, and Pincher Creek, which have been well attended. Owing to the unsettled state of the community, consequent upon the lots on the new town site not being in the market, there have been no improvements made on our mission property.

The mission house and church should be sold, and new mission premises erected on the new town site. Members have come and gone during the year. This field is promising, and would yield good results under the enthusiastic and intelligent labors of a missionary. A devoted and energetic man should be sent at once.

JOHN McLEAN.

Respecting Edmonton, Stoney Plains, Slave Lake, Blackfoot Crossing, Pigeon Indians, and Sarcee Indians, no information has been received.

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| <i>Norway House, Rossville</i> ..... | Orrin German.   |
| <i>Oxford House</i> .....            | Enos Langford.  |
| <i>Nelson River</i> .....            | To be visited.  |
| <i>Beren's River</i> .....           | One to be sent. |
| <i>Fisher River</i> .....            | Andrew W. Ross. |

Some changes took place affecting these missions in the fall of 1883, the Rev. O. German visiting Ontario, after an absence of ten years. He has since been engaged conducting various translations into the Cree language, for the use and benefit of these northern mission

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