

every year, not for his sake alone, but for the sake of all his people; he extends his thanks to all your members.

My father and mother join me in sending many, many thanks, for all the good, noble work you are doing for our Indians. I wish to thank the dear little girl, Georgie Nicholson, for the kind interest she has taken in our work; my girl pupils were very much astonished when I showed them the work of a twelve year old girl; we thank her again and again for the good and generous gift to our Indian babies. We can only hope and pray that the Lord Jesus may reward her. Our Father will reward all for the good, noble work they are doing.

Assiniboine Reserve.

INDIAN HEAD, MARCH 15TH.

MR. J. MCLEAN.—I am glad to inform you that my interpreter, Mr. John Thunder, continues to give good satisfaction. He is a good interpreter, a willing worker, an efficient assistant at school, and an expert at both vocal and instrumental music. We hold service every Sabbath, and so far have had an average of thirty-eight. They listen attentively and appear interested, but this is as far as any of them have yet gone. The children assist us in singing your Gospel hymns in the Sioux language. Their parents, instead of being opposed to this, appear to be quite pleased with it, and some who will not attend themselves send their children.

We have a class of young men who are being taught every evening to read their own language, as I believe that if ever they are to receive impressions of Divine truth, it will be through the medium of their mother tongue. Soon I hope to provide some of them with Dakota Testaments and a monthly Dakota paper.

As on other Reserves, the Roman Catholics are feeling their way before them, and initiating schemes to get in the thin end of the wedge, which, if successful, may result in much injury. For example, the Rev. Principal of the Fort Qu'Appelle Industrial School has given a number of sheep on shares to one of our Indians, and he supplies our squaws also with contracts of knitting. Now, nobody believes that with the help of fifty or sixty boys they cannot take care of the few sheep entrusted to them by the Government, and nobody believes that they cannot do their own knitting, when they have knitting machines and many little hands that should be kept employed.