

of our struggling Mission. When we arrived here last November, we found but four boys in attendance, at present we have six Indian and two Half-Breed boys, eight in all. We find that there are over forty children on the reserves, but owing to the indifference of the Indians, and other causes, it is almost impossible to get them into the schools. Yet, in the face of much to discourage, we are hopeful that success will come in the near future. The work, I find very interesting. We are teaching the boys to knit, sweep, wash dishes, make beds and set their own table. They are making very fair progress in their studies. I am anxious to have some of them read so that I can put the Book of Books in their hands. One of our boys died about a month ago, "Johnny Moostoosakoop." He went home a few days before Christmas and never returned. I fancy I hear his voice now singing the chorus of the hymn, "I am so glad that Jesus loves me." He used to sing so heartily. Our most interesting boy is deaf and dumb. I am teaching him to spell by means of pictures, he writes very fairly. I have promised to send his present copy to you, providing he keeps it free from blots. He is our best knitter and is quite pleased that he wears a pair of stockings and mitts of his own knitting.

With regard to the clothing, we find a good supply and almost everything very suitable. We have a considerable quantity of childrens' clothing yet on hand. In regard to a new supply, I would suggest that flannel for the boys shirts, and also the girls clothing be sent unmade. Provision should be made, at least, for twenty boys. We find that the supply of mits and also boots is short. With reference to moccasins, upon enquiry, I find that tanned skins cannot be procured here. The Indian women tan the skins of the cattle killed and make their own moccasins, but the supply is limited.

With reference to the clothing for the parents and needy ones, I would like very much if liberal supply could be sent, as it is only by clothing the parents that we can secure the children. I have put off writing until now, in the hope that I might be able to give you a more encouraging report. However, I might say that we are promised one little girl to come as soon as we can get another to keep her company, and others are to come in the summer. We have much against us, but we trust that we are earnestly working for the Master who will, in due time, grant us