

I feel as though I had been off duty for these last two years, but Mr. McLeod encourages me by saying, my time for helping will be when we get into our new house. He thinks it will be a great help to the children to invite them (a few at a time) over to tea and to let them see a little into home life. Everything at the school is on such a large scale.

Opening of the New Indian Church at Portage la Prairie.

FROM THE SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Sabbath, Dec. 2nd, was a day long to be remembered among our poor Indians. It was church opening day. The beautiful little building, looked forward to with such expectancy, all summer long, was at last ready for occupation. It is not yet quite finished for the season was so far advanced that it was thought best not to attempt any outside painting until spring, for no one could have anticipated the lovely mild weather we have enjoyed up to date. The inside will probably be painted within a week. But notwithstanding the lack of these finishing touches of paint and varnish, it is really a little gem of a church.

The dimensions are 20 by 30 feet, besides a commodious and substantial porch. It is a frame building and constructed with a view to warmth and comfort. The outside boarding has a view to artistic effect as well as comfort, the lower part of the walls below the panel of the window sills being formed of vertical boards narrow tongue-and-groove with bead. This part is surmounted by a projecting water-table above which begins the horizontal and groove siding. When painted the lower part will be a shade darker than the upper, and the effect will be very pleasing. The shingles are of British Columbia cedar and everything is of the best quality. In the inside a wainscoting of the usual height runs all round the building. The balance, of the walls, is finished in plaster, but the ceiling is finished in very