

it, the room was filled with a noise much like that made by a flock of geese on a cold winter's day over a dish of wheat. Old men and young men were leaning over and giving the little fellow instructions as to how to make the letters, hold the pencil and what the word was. In the afternoon there were 27; this morning 23; this afternoon 40. You can scarcely imagine what a time we have with so many and only 4 books and 20 slates. The Kilsomahts are partly here now, and will soon all be here. I think it is possible to draw them to the school, too.

Ahousaht—where we first thought of locating, as more central—is the proper place for a school, I believe, as the *Kilsomahts* are here most of the time and are only a few compared with the Ahousahts. Of course, everything is new, but I believe we can have a good school here. There have been to school already 13 boys and 3 girls, the size of Albert, 6 or 8 about like Jacob and Carrie. The older boys are, I should say, from 14 years up. There are several boys and girls yet who have not come, but I think will come in time. The lungs of these children are, I think, pretty fully developed, judging by the way they speak out and sing. With the exception of the very smallest, they have got the first lesson both in reading print and script, and several have the second lesson. There are at least ten, I think, somewhat of the Georgie and Albert stamp. To-night there were ten of them in. They all understood "I see," and could say themselves, "I see a hat," "I see a pencil," "I see a watch," etc. They have all got 1, 2, 3, etc., up to 10. I held up two pencils. One said, "I see two;" another said, "I see a pencil two;" another, "I see two a pencil." They all have the thought, but it is hard to know what to do with "a."

They all seem distrustful as regards my staying here. One man coaxed me to stop two years at least. Others expect me to leave in a little while, etc. I forgot to tell you that the young men carried half of my things from the store to the house (about three-quarters of mile over rough trail) including three trunks. I doubt if many white men would have done as much. I never hinted such a thing to them. Before we were quite ready to go into the house they asked me if they could not do it. Last Sabbath we had a fair congregation, quite orderly and attentive, in one of the houses. We hope to have it continually increase.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

Correction.

In the supply report for 1895 a box of clothing was credited to Lachute. It should have been Lachute Road, St. Andrews, P.Q.

Omission.

In the allotment of supplies for 1896 the following was omitted: "The Societies in Quebec to provide gifts and prizes for the schools in Trinidad."

Acknowledgments of Clothing and Gifts.

FROM MISS M'LAEN.

Birtle, Jan. 28, 1896.

Illness in the school prevented my writing you earlier. You know that six of our children went to Regina, but you do not know how much we miss them, morning, noon and night. We think and speak of them;