

Yes, there is a Mrs. W. and three little Welbourns—the eldest about four years, and the youngest three months of age. Our little boy, the eldest, has been very ill since we came here, but is improving now. I have been unable to teach for two weeks, but hope to start again Monday. I am not a minister and there is no service conducted by a Protestant minister on this Reserve. Since coming here we have held a meeting in the school-room every Sunday with the Indians. All the Protestants attend and appear to be glad of the opportunity. For two years, I believe, no religious service has been held with them.

We are not able to speak Cree yet and they do not speak nor understand English, so perhaps it may strike you as being a rather peculiar meeting. One of the Indians has a Cree hymn book and Bible and is able to read them. The following is our mode of procedure:—We sing the opening hymn in English, they joining in the tune. Then after prayer they sing a hymn in Cree, we joining in the tune. Then I read a chapter from the Bible, and after hymn in English the Indian before mentioned reads the chapter in Cree, when we usually have three or four Indians offer prayer, after which we close by singing in Cree and the Lord's Prayer, in which all join. It is simply as an act of worship that we hold the meeting and not because we are able to teach them anything.

The Protestant Indians are in the minority on this Reserve. One of them died last week which leaves only four adult male Indians. There are a number of widows and about fifteen children.

In the Boarding School we have ten children, the limit for a school of this kind. Five of them are children of Roman Catholic parents. In the day school there are eight, four of whom are Roman Catholics. The industrial training of the pupils is confined to the daily routine of work about the house. We open and close the school with singing and prayer. The children pick up the tunes very quickly. We have been teaching the same hours as our predecessor, that is opening school when the children got here, say half-past nine, and dismissing at noon. But we find that this is neither in accordance with the regulations nor the needs of the children. We found upon enquiry that the Indian Department would supply beef, rice and biscuits to furnish the day pupils with a dinner, also dishes