

Indian returned after an hour making the same request. "What possible reason have you for wishing to ride on the engine?" asked Mr. Mackay. "There is a man on this train," he replied, "who has offered me whiskey twice, if he does it again I am afraid, and I want to ride on the engine to get away from him." Mr. Mackay reports poverty and sickness among the Indians, but on his reserve, at least, no pauperism. The clothing has done and continues to do much good. Enemies of Protestant Missions have done harm in some cases by representing that the garments sent from Ontario are infected with disease. These unprincipled persons would prefer to see the poor Indians perish with cold rather than that they should be comfortably clad by the gifts of a Protestant Missionary Society. If it had not been for clothing sent by our Society the school at Round Lake could not have been carried on.

Rev. A. B. Baird who followed Mr. Mackay was listened to with very great pleasure. As convener of the North-West Committee he was able to give facts concerning every part of the work in that field. He had recently visited the school at Crow Stand and spoke of its very efficient condition under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Laird, who have been most self-sacrificing in their labours at that place. It is hoped that as a result of the conference of the Board with Mr. Baird arrangements may be made with the missionaries on the various reserves, so that the supply work of the Society may be undertaken by the Auxiliaries during the winter. A strong effort will be made to obtain a full statement of their needs from the different stations in the autumn, so that operations may begin as early in the year as may be desired.

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## MISSIONARY LETTERS.

Extracts from Letters from our Missionaries at  
Tunapuna.

TUNAPUNA, TRINIDAD, *May 15, 1890.*

REV. JOHN MORTON, RED HILL.—Yesterday afternoon we visited this hamlet, where there is an afternoon school, chiefly for young people who are working. The school house is a thatched building with wattled mud walls, which we rent. The