

in the New Testament, reading the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and part of John. They have also learned the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. It is our intention now to add the Shorter Catechism as a daily lesson. Very satisfactory progress also has been made in writing, and a commencement has been made in arithmetic. A good deal of attention has been paid to singing. The children are now able to sing in English about thirty hymns. The girls and a number of the women have had regular instruction in knitting and sewing with very good results. The health of the children has been good, indeed we might say that there has been scarcely any sickness. Until the boxes of clothing came last autumn the children were in a destitute condition for proper clothing, but since then they have been comfortably clad. Let me say that the clothing has been a great boon to these poor people. I think they are now beginning to appreciate in some small degree the kindness shown them. The clothing was all suitable, but next year I would suggest that as much of it as possible be left unmade. Do not allow the ladies to make up any new garments for these reserves, but just send the materials, as the women here are very well able to make their own clothes. We would like also material for making patch-work quilts, remnants or bunches of patches, also a larger supply of cheap unbleached cotton, and cheap overalls for men and boys. We will need about as much clothing as was sent last year. I wish you to give me authority to get the people to work for their clothing when I see fit to do so. I mean to get them to do work about the boarding school, hauling and chopping wood, and anything else I may require, also to make improvements on the mission property. I wish to get a quantity of land under cultivation to help to defray the expenses of the children, keep some stock, etc. Besides indiscriminate giving is not good. It fosters laziness and a spirit of dependence. It is a shame for able bodied men and women to be idle half their time and depend on the church for their clothes. You will please then *clothe* me with authority to distribute on such terms as I may deem wise and just. Of course, we will give to the old people, the children of school age, and the small children as before, but the sooner we give the men and women to understand that work is required the better. They will improve much more rapidly.

I am glad to tell you that there is no lessening of interest in our Sabbath and week evening services, but rather an increase. The people come regularly and attend closely. In the heathen portions of the reserves there is a work going on which we trust