

*From the Rev. J. G. Anderson, Dynevor, to the President of the Branch at Magog, Feb. 5th, 1897.*

Dear MRS. LA FRENAYE—I write to thank you for the nice assortment of things which you sent for Indian Missions, through Mr. Dagg. They came to us and have really been so helpful. Personally I feel very grateful for the underwear put in for the incumbent, our means are always so limited that such assistance is much appreciated, as it saves so much which can be utilized in other very necessary wants. Out of your gifts we were enabled to make up a nice box for a Christmas tree for a small new mission at the mouth of the Red River, on Lake Winnipeg, about twenty miles distant. As this was the first Christmas tree they ever had there, I need scarcely tell you that the children and parents were overjoyed. The preserves also have been a boon to us, we have been using them for some consumptive cases we have in our district, and for others suffering from different diseases; you can understand how thankful these poor Indians are for such luxuries in their sickness and want. Some of your things too, we used in fitting out a Missionary's family, one of our Indians, who has gone to preach the Gospel to a tribe of Lotos, at Valley River, sixty miles from Russell. Other things we have given out to boys and girls to enable them to go to school, for really many children are kept home from school in the cold days of winter, simply for the want of warm clothing. The rest we will give out as we see the need, and I can assure you that there is a great deal of that; so please accept our most grateful thanks for your kind assistance. I cannot express in words how valuable we feel your help is to us in strengthening our works, in drawing the people closer to us in bonds of love, and encouraging us to go forward and work with greater energy and hopefulness. I am sure the great Giver of all good gifts will not forget to reward your kindness and love in providing thus for the poor and needy, so thanking you again and praying that God will bless you and yours, I am etc.,

JOHN G. ANDERSON.

*From the Rev. Geo. King, Sault Ste Marie, Algoma, to the Secretary of the Branch at Levis, 28th Dec., 1896.*

MY DEAR MADAM—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23rd inst., advising us of a bale having been sent from your Branch to the Shingwauk. The bale arrived safely and in good order some few days ago. We were glad indeed to receive all your kind gifts, and especially the nice toys and games, candies, etc., which will help so much in making our Christmas tree, which is to be held to-morrow evening in our Drill Hall, a success. I wrote Mrs. Fyles on the 23rd inst., thanking your Branch, and beg you will also assure the members of our gratitude and appreciation of their kind and generous aid.