

I am still at the school, but may go home for a few weeks shortly. Mrs Leckie is taking a well-earned rest in Regina. My brother is busy in his garden. I have only two little girls here now, and may leave next week. I have never had a busier session.

Testimony of an Onlooker.

FROM REV. R. FREW, PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER.

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As Miss McLaren is overwhelmed with work at present, and as I am in some ways better able to judge of the work of the Indian School, being, to a certain extent, an outsider, she has asked me to send a few words on the school to you. The attendance a few weeks ago was about thirty. It is down a little now, as the fine weather has taken some of them home. All these children, with only Mrs. Leckie and Miss McLaren to work for and to teach, is a very formidable task. Of course they sometimes have an Indian woman, but she needs constant superintending, and she is not much in the school.

When one remembers that it is only about three years since this school was started, and also how little the children knew either of English language or habits, and then looks at them now, the change seems simply marvellous. Three years ago most of them spoke no English at all, to-day all can speak it, some very well. The schoolroom would be a revelation to many. Mr. McLaren is remarkably successful in his work. Few white children make such progress in three years as many of these children have done. They not only read well, both clearly and audibly, but they can give intelligent answers to the questions asked on the lesson. Their composition is very good. Some of them write very creditable letters, but the arithmetic is the marvellous thing. They can run up their sums in arithmetic with a rapidity that fairly astonishes, and many of the learned