

have not been able to contribute a little to its pages, but as we only entered our new building after the holidays, and everything here was so unsettled, I scarcely knew what to tell you. The Academy is about half a mile back on a nice rise of ground; it commands a fine view. I go in the morning, generally take lunch with me, and remain until close of school; then come home heat up house and cook my dinner.

We have had a charming winter, the finest I have ever seen here.

Good Work at Stony Plains Reserve.

EDMONTON, N.W.T., MARCH 13TH, 1889.

MR. AND MRS. ANDERSON. - Your kind and welcome letter of date February 6th, was duly received by us in what you rightly term, our "far North-Western home." It is indeed an encouragement to us in our work to know that you are thinking of and praying for us, as well as lending us from time to time material assistance, as an evidence of your interest in the work in which we are engaged.

We have had, up to the present, an exceptionally mild winter. There has been scarcely any snow, and cattle have fed out on the prairies during the whole winter. It is a contrast to last winter, when the snow was about three feet deep, and the thermometer ranging from -20° to -42° for the greater part of the winter months. Consequently during this season the Indians, scantily clad and poorly fed at the best, have not suffered so much as during last winter, when the scarcity of game and their ever improvident nature added to their misery.

Here are some items in reference to the school and the work carried on in it, that may be of interest to you.

As you are well aware, there is a Roman Catholic mission school on the Reserve that threatened the usefulness of our mission at one time in its history. But I think the danger, for the present at least, is past. There are Government inspectors appointed for all mission schools, one for the Roman Catholic schools and another for the Protestant. During the inspection of the Roman Catholic mission school there was not a single pupil present, while during the inspection of ours there were 26 present. If the facts were the opposite we know how quickly our school would be wiped out of existence. At present there are the names of 26 pupils on the register, and 18 are in attendance. The average attendance for the last quarter was about 22. This quarter's average will not be so large. Satisfactory