

so missed the pleasure of unpacking, but I hope to help in distribution of many of the articles next month. We make up bundles of garments for all the most destitute families, and all widows and orphans, then we send word for some member of each family to come on a certain day for the gifts. As a rule the whole family will march into our reception room, and will have quite a time trying on the garments. Sometimes we find we have forgotten one of them, so more articles have to be brought out, and in cases of great poverty, little parcels of tea, sugar and rice are added. I have at present several cases of serious illness, and I give out weekly to them a little rice, tea and sugar, and very grateful the poor things are for such little luxuries. An assistant clergyman came into the district last month, he is to reside at Cedar Lake, and is to visit during the winter, Moose Lake and Grand Rapids, this will relieve Mr. Hines of some of his long winter journeys, which have tried him very much. The Government has built a new school at the Pas, and proposes building new ones at Cedar Lake (or Chenewawin) and Grand Rapids, next year. The Pas school is really a beautiful building, and gives quite an air of civilization to the place. It is divided into two rooms. As there are so many children attending we engaged a second teacher, but on his arriving at the Pas, the agent declared that he could not appoint him as he had received no instruction to do so. Mr. Hines then sent him to Birch River to open up a school there, and also to assist the Scripture Reader with the Sunday services. This little settlement is composed of Indians who have gone out of treaty, and are trying to support themselves without any aid from Government. We have been trying for some time to get a Government grant for this school, but up to the present we have not succeeded and now we are responsible for \$60 per quarter for the present teacher's salary. We hope some of the Canadian gifts will come in to help, but being an unmarried man he only requires a limited amount of clothing. How thankful we should be if your Branch of the W.A. could give us a little pecuniary help for this school, as well as continue your good helpful gifts of clothing for our Pas people. Mr. Hines finished two little churches during the summer, one at Red Earth, the heathen settlement, (we have about forty converts there), and another at Birch River where the new school has been opened. He expects next