

cousins, etc., of the people on this reserve. Mr. Moore preaches there once a month, and has started a Sabbath School also there. They have no day school yet, but Mr. Moore and Mr. Keith are applying to have a teacher sent them in the spring.

Mr. Thompson brought his choir from Shell River, and they furnished excellent entertainment for both old and young. Miss McIntosh attempted to come, but the storm was so fierce that she could not find the way and had to go into one of the houses along the way and remain until morning, for which we were very sorry.

Our church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, appropriate mottoes, cards and pictures; but, best of all, was the tree reaching from the floor almost to the ceiling, and laden with your handsome and useful gifts; I wish you could have seen it.

The part our children took was excellent; seven of them (four girls and three boys) repeated the whole year's Golden Texts perfectly, so the seven got the first prize, a Bible each. Jemima Johnstone got the dollar given to the one who spelled best; the contest for that prize was keen and very interesting to all. They also sang well both in Cree and English, and one little girl gave a recitation. Our own two eldest, Wilna and John, also repeated all the Golden Texts, but they were not, of course, taken account of in the matter of prizes; but I desire here to thank you most heartily for the parcel of handsome and valuable articles so kindly sent to them.

Several of the people have said that they would like to do something at your request in return for what you are doing for them. They have contributed this year to some of the different schemes of the Church, and we have been speaking of organizing an Auxiliary to the W.F.M.S.

I think the Cree language in this place will soon pass away, as all the young and a good number of the older people understand English. Many of the houses are kept clean and tidy, the people also keep their persons and their clothing clean as a rule; there are exceptions, however. One of our women went into a white man's house a short time ago and told him that if he would allow her to do so she would clean it up for him. But indeed there are not very many on this reserve who are purely Indian.

And now, dear Mrs. Jeffrey, I wish I could have written a better and more interesting letter, but I will write again before long and tell you more about our Sabbath School and children. Mr. Moore is always especially interested in work amongst the children, and Miss McIntosh and I are interested in our classes; but I cannot get so many boys as she can get girls. This year Mr. Moore is giving a good prize to the one who can answer fifty-two questions from the Shorter Catechism. And now when the time shall come for us to pass through the gates of pearl into the golden streets