

Interesting Items from the Far West.

FROM MRS. WELBOURN.

Stoney Plain, April 28, 1893.

Your letter of Feb. 17th was duly received. You addressed it to Mr. Welbourn, but as it was an answer to one I had written I appropriated it. We both thank you for the cheering words in it, and although we often feel almost despondent over the difficulties in our way here, we really have many grounds for encouragement and thankfulness.

I want to tell you one or two hopeful items. We have no land here except a garden, and last summer our cows often strayed away several miles, so Mr. Welbourn asked the Department for a small field, and it was granted, provided the consent of the Indians could be obtained. We take it as an evidence of good feeling that last Friday they gave consent to that and also to allowing us logs to put up a small storehouse outside.

Mr. McQueen is expecting very soon to have two assistants, one of whom will preach here every second Sabbath, and we are hoping much from that.

An Indian family, (father, mother, three married sons, their wives, two babies, one unmarried son and two young grandchildren) came lately, and we learned to-day that the agent *pro tem.* has told them they may start to farm here. They will be a great addition to our band ; they seem quiet and very religious; all the grown-up members of the family taking part in prayer meetings, and one little girl, about nine, attending school.

Our winter here was extremely cold ; for two weeks the mercury did not rise above 20 below zero even at noon, and it got as low as 57 degrees. Still there was not as much sickness among the Indians as the previous winter, although there are