

The attendance on Sabbath services at Piapot's has trebled since the clothes came and I am glad to say that the increase was not mainly of "expectant ones," but of those who had received their present. At Muscowpetung's our attendance was double that of previous Sundays. Among these, however, I notice less thankfulness, and a disposition to grumble; but at any sign of my intention to withhold the present, they become very well satisfied. The Indians speak very often of the good quality of the quilts. They like those made of woollen patches, as a spark from their fire does not so easily set fire to them as to those wadded with cotton and covered with calico patches.

The old chief Piapot has been to our services regularly lately. He had very sore eyes—conjunctivitis. I gave him a wash and then some salve which has done good. He is very reticent, so I cannot tell exactly what his motive is in coming.

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*December 5,*

We are now in a position to appreciate the carpets and paper so kindly sent for our use. You ask if they have added to our comfort. Does one ever need to be told that sunshine is pleasant, or that furs are a protection against these searching winds? Certainly our home is more homelike and far more comfortable than it was without carpet or paper. We appreciate the kindness that prompted the gifts not only for our own sakes but for the children's as well. I believe that the example of a comfortable home is not a small factor in an Indian child's education, and this fact is a strong plea for the maintenance of our boarding schools. We are now a comfortable little family; we have our lame one, our delicate one, our noisy ones, our quiet workers just as a family at home might have.

Many old women have been helped and are very grateful. The hoods and skirts suited best; but until dress reform or other agency restores the bodies of Ontario ladies to the ample size of their sisters of the prairie, their second-hand waists and basques are useless to the Squaw. There is something amusing in turning over a score of 22 inch waists to fit a 38 inch woman standing before one. The clothing was, with the exception of a few waists, all suited to our needs, and several of the articles were new and others neatly mended. There was a good assortment of garments; a few skirts more and a few vests less would have made the entire shipment suit our needs. The school supplies are sufficient for the present; if our school grows to fifteen, as I hope, we shall be short. I received a bale from Nova Scotia consisting chiefly of children's clothes. I hope to prove a better correspondent during the winter months.