

full sail rested. I was very sorry the children missed the sight of a tree lighted up, and then, if it could have been on Christmas Eve, it would have reminded them of our Father's love in the gift of His dear Son.

FROM REV. HUGH M'KAY.

Round Lake, Whitewood P.O., Assa., March 11, 1895.

I write to say that the goods sent to us shipped Scotch Ridge, N.B. have been received in good order and are a great comfort to many of the poor shivering Indians about us. The winter has been cold and the cold still continues; last night the thermometer was 20 below zero and a high wind blowing, so you may see that the Indian is still glad to gather his blanket about him and crouch by his little camp fire. There are several of the Indians sick at present. Consumption is found in many of them.

I am just returned from visiting the west end of my field; had a drive of 80 miles, spent three days.

We have had good health at the Mission during the winter. Mrs. McKay is well and kept busy with her charge.

We have now supplied the poor people, and I am sure many of them would have perished during the winter were it not for the kind hand of the W. F. M. S. In the school we have a good supply in all, except material for pants; perhaps, however, by patching we may be able to get along. We are thankful to God for touching the hearts of the good women who have been engaged in this good work.

Mrs. McKay wishes to be kindly remembered to you and joins me in the prayer that God may bless you.

MISSION STUDIES.

Christian Work in Syria.

BY MISS FERRIER, CALEDONIA.

The Christians of Syria are divided into several sects, the principal of which are the Maronites and the Catholic Greeks, both allied to the Church of Rome, and the Syrian Greeks who adhere to the Patriarch of Constantinople. As a general thing, those who profess Christianity are more moral and intelligent than the Moslems, and much more industrious, but they are very ignorant and superstitious, and their religion is little more than an outward form, many not even knowing that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of sinners.

Among them also women and girls are treated with little consideration,