

verts, was that he had far too much work to attend to, and so he was unable to visit amongst his people, except in cases of sickness or school business. At the meeting, one man who had a son in the Home whom he wished to be discharged on account of his age, eighteen, made an appeal to Mr. Forget, and the lad pluckily stood up to address him, but Mr. Forget told him to speak in English, but he was too shy, so Mr. Forget proceeded to examine him before all his people, in English, and he acquitted himself very well, and received praise from Mr. Forget, and hopes to be discharged. The Bishop also addressed the people, and announced to them, to show his appreciation of Mr. Tims' work, he intended to make him a chief. To this the Indians showed dissent. I mentioned the falling away of David and Willie, because, as a rule, only the successes of missionary effort are recorded. This is a mistake, for by omitting to record the failures we rob ourselves of much outside sympathy.

August 8th.

We were honored to-day by a visit in state from Lord and Lady Aberdeen. They arrived about 11.30 a.m.; the guard of honor being twenty men of the Northwest Mounted Police, also about 150 Indians on horseback. The Bishop, accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon J. W. Tims, the Rev. S. Stocken, and Mr. Lucius F. Hardyman, met and welcomed their Excellencies at the school door, and ushered them into the schoolroom, where the staff and children were assembled, and sang "God Save the Queen," and gave three cheers for the distinguished visitors; then the Bishop presented the staff, and called upon Mr. Lucius F. Hardyman to present an address. I omitted to mention that Percy, our youngest boy, presented Lady Aberdeen with a bouquet of flowers, and Minnie a nosegay to Lord Aberdeen, who replied encouragingly and sympathetically to the address, and he then spoke a few simple words to the children, and told them they looked very well and sang well. We then conducted the party over to the Home and hospital, and concluded the visit by writing in the visitors' book. Lord Aberdeen wrote: "Much pleased and interested." The only hitch in the proceedings was the weather, which was most disagreeably wet and cold.

In the afternoon a meeting was held at the agency. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the store was cleared and utilized, and the Indians gave Lord and Lady Aberdeen a most cordial welcome. One said he almost felt that he was in the presence of the Queen herself as he looked on Her Excellency. They were delighted to hear from the Governor-General himself that their rations would not be stopped as long as they were required, and thanked him many times for this. They had

no particular grievance, except to appoint some new chiefships to fill dead men's shoes.

Two beautiful buckskin suits were given to him, and the donors on that cold, wet day stripped themselves before us all to present them.

A ceremony was gone through of presenting a flag to Iron Shields, a newly appointed chief at South Camp. Lady Aberdeen placed it round his shoulders in the Queen's name. All the chiefs were presented and introduced by Mr. A. E. Forget, Assistant Commissioner, Regina.

The intention was to conclude the day by opening the South Camp Home, but their Excellencies were unable to spare the time, which was a pity, as this is by far the most superior building; in fact, Mr. Forget said it was the best boarding school he had seen in the N.W.T., and I do not think he is wrong.

However, we trust we may be honored later on, and, when he does come, let us hope he may see two full homes, and not as at present, with less than half the required numbers.

August 14th.

Their Excellencies gave a holiday and a feast to both homes. It is to be held (D.V.) on August the 23rd inst. Arrangements are being made so that we can all meet and enjoy the day together. I hope that you will permit this long account, as I feel sure it will all interest the home missionaries, who are many. I mean those who live at home, but whose hearts are in communion with those in active service. At present twenty-two children have returned, fourteen boys and eight girls. Last quarter we had thirty-seven on the roll. The government now allow us a per capita grant for forty children, and we have accommodation for fifty, thirty boys and twenty girls.

August 27th.

White Pup and nine other important Indians, under the care of Mr. Magnus Begg, left for Regina via C.P.R., to attend the fair. This great sight will open the eyes of our friends.

August 30th.

Mr. Hardyman, assistant superintendent, left for Regina to-day. He spent two days at the fair. The Indians took the cake all through. The Indian children's exhibit was the wonder of all. The music was provided by the four Indian bands from the Industrial Schools of High River, Fort Qu'Appelle, Regina, and St. Albert. Lord Aberdeen gave a prize of \$25 to the best band. I believe the Qu'Appelle band won the prize. Then many of the pupils were present, dressed nicely and as clean as any white children could be, and the contrast was indeed remarkable with their poor brothers and sisters who were wandering around in their filth and paint, and lazy look.

Without doubt the Regina Fair was a red