

also a brother and sister that would be willing to make any sacrifice for our Lord and Master, before we can carry on the work successfully. The crops failing us on Peace River last year, has placed us in very low circumstances. The loss to the Mission was over \$1,500. On this we have been dependent for our subsistence. We cannot for a moment think that God is closing the door against us for every ear is open to listen to the glad tidings, and parents asking us to take their children and teach them without making any reserve. I am persuaded that if our Christian friends could only realize the straits we are in and the work that must be done in this our Master's vineyard, we should not plead in vain for either funds or laborers to carry on the work. The work is the Lord's: we dare not give it up; all we can do in this our extremity is to wait on Him who has promised to be our help in the time of need.

*Extract of letter from Rev. J. R. Matheson, Onion Lake, Sask., to St. George's Branch, St. Catharines, under date Feb. 18th, 1896.*

At last I have the pleasure of writing you that the bale has come. The freighter took 16 days to bring it the last 100 miles, so deep is the snow and terrible the blizzards and cold. Certainly some wiser head than ours was devising the contents and telling you what we needed most. I don't think I could pick out one article more than another, or that will not be of great use to us. The groceries are perhaps the things we were most in need of, as there are many sick and old people and we are constantly draining our supply, necessarily small in this place, to supply their wants; and then those quilts, socks, dresses and the candy. The little ones were delighted at the sight of the candy. I do most heartily thank you and your Branch for such a splendid "cheer on the way." God bless each individual member. Our work is progressing, our school is in splendid working shape and we feel that this is the great Branch of our work. Catch and train and teach the young. We can train them when we can make little or no headway with the older heathen, and then these little ones will soon be the men and women of our Church. We have 17 in the Home now, and we expect several more in the spring. Miss Philips is in her element among them. Surely the Lord was good to us in sending us such a helper. We had to cut our evening service short in a hurry on Sunday night, we thought the church was going to blow over on us. It was very poorly put up in the start, and then it was nearly wrecked about 4 years ago. I have done my best to strengthen it but it is only the props that hold it from falling in any high wind. I must pull it down and rebuild it next summer, unless it saves me the trouble and falls in the meantime. I think I could put in a very pleasant evening with your Branch of W.A. workers. How I should enjoy it. I have never seen any part of Canada or the east, except Manitoba, and I am always saying, "When I get big I'm going to see the civilized world," perhaps I may sometimes.