

We had a splendid supply of presents this year for which we are indebted very much to the kind ladies of the East. We are indebted also to many friends in helping to make our Christmas time a happy one. Major McGibbon sent us a barrel of apples and Mr. Markle presented the school with a large "curling board," from which the children take a great deal of pleasure.

Altogether our Christmas time was enjoyable. We missed two of the children from among the rest. These had gone home a few weeks before with the whooping cough. One of them is not altogether better yet, but will, we hope, soon be able to come back.

There has been a great deal of sickness on the different Reserves during this winter and a number of deaths among the children. We have also had our share of sickness in the school since last fall. But we are glad to be able to say that, in the Providence of God, they have all been spared.

### Clothing from Salt Springs Acknowledged.

FROM MR. WM. J. SMALL.

*Indian School, Birtle, March 3, 1897.*

I take this opportunity now of acknowledging the clothing received from Salt Springs. It reached us all right, and we are more than pleased with it. Everything was of such a durable quality. These little dresses will be handed down, I think, to the next generation, the present one being unable to wear them out.

We are very grateful to the Salt Springs ladies for this bale of clothing, and we hope that we will again at some future time be favored from the same quarter. The fact that clothing is coming from Salt Springs is sufficient proof that everything will be all right.

### NOTICES.

The Board of Management meets on the *first Tuesday* of every month, at 3 o'clock p.m., and on the remaining Tuesdays of each month at 10 a.m., in the Board Room of the Bible and Tract Societies, 104 Yonge Street, Toronto. Members of Auxiliary Societies, or other ladies interested in the work and desiring information, may attend a meeting if introduced by a member of the Board.

Letters concerning the organization of societies, and all matters pertaining to Home work, are to be addressed to Mrs. Grant, Home Secretary, 540 Church Street, Toronto. The Home Secretary should be notified at once when an Auxiliary or Mission Band is formed.

Letters asking information about missionaries, or any questions concerning the Foreign Field, as to Bible-readers, teachers, or children in the various Mission Schools, also letters concerning supplies for India, should be addressed to Mrs. Shortreed, Foreign Secretary, 224 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

All correspondence relating to work in the North-West and British Columbia, including supplies, will be conducted through Mrs. A. Jeffrey,