

They have no hereditary chief, but he has for years acted as chief.

The greatest obstacle to our work is that the people are so far away and so scattered. We are in hopes that the Government will soon give them a portion of land, so that they could be brought together, and the work more efficiently carried on by means of more suitable buildings. They would also take more interest in improving their homes if they owned a small piece of ground and cultivated it.

If possible, I hope to visit Toronto before returning to Prince Albert; any way, I look forward to the great pleasure of attending your Annual Meeting, which I know and feel will be a season of refreshing.

Miss Cameron may possibly not have written to you yet; I know how every moment is occupied, especially when the days are so short and the weather so severe. She gave the children a Christmas tree, which was much prized by old and young. Kindest regards to the ladies.

New Pupils Received.

FROM MISS LAIDLAW.

Portage la Prairie Mission School, Feb. 20, 1894.

Many times since Christmas have I thought of answering your letter and telling you all about how we spent the time, but there has been a good deal of sickness among our children and those at the tepees, that little time is found to do anything but the ordinary work. Last week four of them were in bed, Jessie having a bad attack of pneumonia and bronchitis, but we are very glad to say she is improving and we will not need to sit up at night with her now.

The usual entertainment and dinner was given and everything passed off nicely. Friends were very kind and liberal in