

NIAGARA. *Rev. E. H. Bassing, Kutawa, Assa., to St. Luke's, Burlington, Junior Branch.*

"I am most happy to say that the box of clothing you so kindly sent me has arrived safely and has afforded us much pleasure. All the articles have proved most satisfactory. One of the quilts and one of the overcoats I have appropriated for the use of my boy, a young lad who lives with me, the rest has been distributed amongst the Indians. Shortly before Christmas I took out a parcel of children's clothing to the day school on Day Star's Reserve and was able to give something to each child which pleased them very much. I do not know what we should do without the W.A., there are so many calls for assistance from the Indians. The plan I have adopted with them is that where there is a man in the family they must do something for what they receive, viz., chop wood or get wood from the bush, etc., otherwise they will simply become beggars. In cases of sickness, old age, or orphans, help is given without any return. Christmas passed off very happily. I gave two magic lantern entertainments which pleased the people and children very much. We had a series of the Life of our Lord and some comic pictures which showed very well indeed. I have two Indian Reserves under my charge; we have no church and all the Indians are heathen, but I trust that we shall very soon have some converts. I have only been here six months. To visit the two Reserves I have to drive at least 20 miles, which practically takes up the whole day counting, of course, the time spent in going to the different houses. On Sunday we have morning service at Poor Man's Reserve, and in the afternoon short services at different centres on Day Star's Reserve. The Indians on this Reserve are more amenable and willing to listen to one and this makes me feel very sanguine. I have no family and am unmarried, to use a common phrase I am 'batching.' I have a young lad living with me who helps me in looking after the horses and doing household work. Again thanking you for your very kind help, not forgetting the dollar bill which just paid the expense from Qu'Appelle, and wishing you and every member of your Branch of the W.A. a very bright and happy New Year."