

The following is from the Rev. C. J. Pritchard, of Grand Rapids, Saskatchewan, to Prescott's Secretary.

DEAR MISS LEWIN.—

I am very sorry not to have answered your very kind letter before now. The bale sent by your W.A. only arrived last August and as I was leaving at the time to attend our Diocesan Synod at Prince Albert which is some six hundred miles from here, and writing paper being a scarce article in this part of the world until my return from P.A. which was at the end of September, my wife was unable to answer your favour. Our mail communication is a very hap-hazard affair, therefore our chance of sending letters to the outside world from now to next June is all chance work. You say you are sorry the things in the bale are not better, and more of them, but I can assure you it was one of the best bales we ever received, everything in it was good. The books your kind father sent us, I have only had time to read, "Plain words on the Holy Catholic Church," which is an excellent little work, and should be in the hands of all Church people, and if read, there would not be so much misconception about the Church and her teaching. I hope to read the other books during the long winter month. Thank the dear little ones of your Guild for the pretty quilt and candies. My dear wife says she shall keep the quilt for her own use, and the candies will be distributed amongst our Sunday and day school children when we give them their treat at Christmas. The little Indian children have very little to make their lives happy, but the gifts of your "little workers for the Lord" in conjunction with the those of other kind friends, will make them forget the dullness of their lives for a time. I hope your Guild Band, will feel encouraged to press onwards and upwards in their benevolent work. There is room for big and little workers in the great "Harvest Field" and the Lord of the harvest will reward one and all when He numbers up His jewels. Quilts are of especial value to us, as many of our people have very little bed clothing, and if we are able to supply them with these valuable articles, we have the pleasure of knowing that they are more comfortable during the long cold winter. I may say that all Indians have great faith in W.A. quilts and appreciate them very much. All articles sent are useful, in fact we never find a useless article, every thing is useful to our need, in this part of the world. Our rule is to give to those who are in need, and are not able to minister to their own wants, but the able bodied ones must give or do something for what they get. We try to make our people realize the value of what they get by telling them of the self denial, of their white brethren in the East. The clothing we get is of intrinsic value to us in our work in fact I hardly know what we should do without it. The W.A. is certainly doing a grand and blessed work by strengthening the hands and cheering the hearts of those, who perhaps are not so favourably situated as themselves. In conclusion, I would ask you to thank all those who contributed to the