

motherless little girl ; the father is blind. Although there is a large family, an aunt, who is very poor and delicate, has taken them all to live with her. I dressed the little girl up and threw the quilt around her, and told her she was to have it. I am sure the little girls would have felt repaid for their work if they had caught a glimpse of her, saying " Now I will sleep warm. " The London box contained so many articles, so tastefully made, and so many articles to please—the first dolls the little squaws ever had—it was a pleasure to see them enjoy them so much. And for the fancy soaps there was a general begging ; nothing pleased them more. The Indians said I was to thank you and say to you that you were good—good—good.

They are Sioux and heathen, about 150 in all ; children, 40. Nothing has been done as yet towards educating them. They have never expressed any desire to be taught. Maybe by ministering to their temporal wants we may yet reach them spiritually. Should you send this year, I would advise mostly women's and children's clothing. The clothing for men, especially large coats, weigh so heavily, and then the men are generally dressed better than the squaws. You might, however, put in pants and shirts and socks. For the squaws, dresses made with plain skirts, and large warm sacques lined ; not many cloaks—the old squaws prefer blankets. Before referring to other matters allow me to thank you all kindly for giving the Indians so great a Christmas treat, and also for affording me the means of contributing to their comfort and happiness. I must not forget to tell you I was also kindly remembered. I appreciated the gift, which could not have been more fitly chosen, but above all, the kindness of heart which prompted it.

The Nesbit Academy was opened after the New Year. It is very warm and comfortable, and a great ornament to Prince Albert. The people of this place owe a great debt of gratitude to the Eastern people for their generosity, and thanksgiving to the Author of all good, who inclined their hearts to give. I will send you a prospectus which will enable you to see what is being done. If the people are true to themselves there is no reason why the schools should not prosper.

In writing you last week I am so sorry that in my haste I quite neglected to thank you for the MONTHLY LEAFLET. I am always so delighted to receive it. Being so isolated, I doubly prize it, as it is about the only means I have of knowing what is going on at the different Mission Stations. No matter what hour it arrives, it is read before I go to bed. I am sorry that I