

New Pupils for School.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Feb. 17, 1888.

MISS WIGHT.—I should like to tell you a great deal about our work, for I have so much to tell and so many gifts to acknowledge. And first of all, I would acknowledge with oh! so many thanks the grand sewing machine which the Saugeen Presbyterian Society sent to us. It is a boon of priceless worth. And no less than we prize the machine itself do we prize the kindness, the interest and the sympathy of which it is the expression. And I do believe it is the best machine in the world. Some of the young ladies and children of Portage la Prairie have formed themselves into a society, known as the Dorcas Society, and as such have determined to assist us much, often coming to the school for the purpose of sewing, etc., for us, and they are delighted to have such a good machine at hand. These young ladies gave us a Christmas tree, on which were about three hundred presents for old and young of our Indians, and the ladies provided on that day a Christmas dinner at the school, at which were present, despite the cold and stormy weather, many ladies, some gentlemen and children to witness the pleasure and satisfaction with which their gifts and kindnesses were received. Those ladies and children who sent us those handsome Christmas cards from Ontario will please accept of our thanks. We also received four elegant scrap-books, sent by the "Cheerful Gleaners" of Cornwall. These are highly prized and carefully kept, and at this moment Topsy is amusing two little boys who arrived from Birtle a few hours ago with them and her cards. And now I must tell you that Mr. Burgess put himself to much trouble to send to us from Beulah four children, two boys and two girls, who arrived to-day. The Indians must have very great confidence in Mr. Burgess, else he could not have induced them to part with these children. We appreciate the favour very much.

Distribution of Clothing.

PRINCE ALBERT PRES. MISSION, Feb. 14, 1888.

MISS BAKER.—Your kind letter, announcing that a box containing clothing for use of Indians around Prince Albert, was received. Many thanks to ladies of the W. F. M. S. for the clothing. The box was five weeks on the way from Qu'Appelle, and reached me just before Christmas. You will wonder at its taking so long, but at that season of the year freighters are most