

cently, understand the circumstances under which we have to carry on our Home work in these northern Dioceses ; not that I think that the W.A. of Canada could well do more than they do, but I think the Indians outside the Treaty limits who receive no Government grant whatever, have a greater claim on the Church than those on the Reserves , in fact they are entirely dependent upon the Church. The C.M.S. do no more than pay the Missionary's salary. The Church Missionary Leaves have rendered us valuable assistance, but the W.A. of Canada, have done the lion's share for St. Peters Lesser Slave Lake. It would occupy too much space to tell what the different Branches have done, but I may mention a few important items, such as a valuable Communion Set, Alter Cloth, Church Bell, School Bell, \$200.00 last year towards the building of the Home, \$325.00 this year towards the erection of a hospital, besides all the bale clothing, etc. In speaking by way of contrast between our work in the far north and that on the Indian Reserves, I am not speaking for myself but for my fellow Missionaries as well. Before leaving this subject, I will just try as briefly as possible to give you some idea of our present position : We shall have twenty-five children in the Home from the 1st of September to the end of June next. As far as I know, apart from a very few things we may be able to purchase with the bale clothing, we have not a single dollar in hand towards their support. I have ordered in some flour, but for that I am personally responsible until some of our Christian friends release me. The vegetables, I am thankful to say, we are, under great difficulties, able to raise ourselves, tea, salt, soap, and other necessities I have ordered on my own responsibility. Last year, too, we supplied all these things from our own private outfit. For cultivating the gardens, hauling hay or fuel, we have neither team, harness, waggon or plough ; all these things we have to borrow or hire, for which we pay double their worth. To do all the work about the mission a hired man is necessary, besides all I do myself, for which the Bishop allows me \$125.00. for both board and wages. . . .

*From Rev. E. Cook, Cumberland House, to Mrs. Taylor.*

" In my trip up to the Synod at Prince Albert, I found your kind letter, dated July 22nd, stating that a bale of clothing was forwarded to me, of which I was very glad indeed to know its contents, being the first year that I am getting any help of this sort, and being my fourth year down here, it was somehow an overlook, but I had left it all to the will of our Heavenly Father and He has brought it about by His grace that I am blessed with a good help this year. I shall just give you a brief account of the pleasure we had from the bale in our trip, and also from my mission and Indians. The distance is about or over 250 miles, We went up in a steamboat but had to come down in a flat boat, which took us eight days. As Mrs. Cook and our little girl of seven were with us, and our man, we had not provided much ' bedding or clothing ; the