

From Miss Brown, Piegan Reserve, to the Toronto W. A. Pres.

I reached the reserve on the 26th, after an absence of a little more than ten months and found Mrs. Hinchcliffe very poorly, Miss Mason very tired, two of our little girls were ill and the kitchen help had to be away, so my hands were full at once. I found many and great improvements, both in the building and number of children, the latter all do some kind of work daily, two boys make all the bread and *good* bread too, two boys are tailors, and make nearly all the pants they wear, others are carpenters, and several work in the garden, the smaller ones take turns in helping the girls wash dishes, etc.; but I am sorry to say since the outbreak of Measles we have some bad cases of Scrofula. The fine stoves sent by the Toronto W. A. are a great blessing, I do not know what Mr. Hinchcliffe would have done if you had not sent them. As regards my work in the east, the collection amounted to a trifle over \$1000. This includes everything, donations from personal friends, for travelling expenses, and from every source. This has enabled Mr. Hinchcliffe to finish paying off the debt on the Home, but there is still so much needed to enable the work to go on as it should, if salaries were only provided for our new helpers, it would relieve Mr. Hinchcliffe's mind greatly, at present the only grant promised towards the salaries, is \$20 per annum, offered by an old friend to me so long as I remain here. We can only trust and pray that He to whom the silver and gold belong, will open the hearts of some of His dear children—His faithful stewards, and influence them to send us the help we need so much. I must not conclude without telling you how sincerely grateful I am to all the kind friends I met in the east for their cordiality and hospitality, everywhere the greatest kindness and consideration was shown to me which I shall always remember with the greatest pleasure.

July 3rd Margaret Durtnell writes from Lesser Slave Lake "just a post card to let you know that we have just arrived. A boat is going very unexpectedly to Athabasca