

two years, doing what very few men would do—living alone and taking care of the destitute red children of these plains, teaching and feeding them at his own expense, and but few know what that means in this land. I do believe if the people of our Church or if they knew what good has already been done through his instrumentality, they would not only send clothing for these poor people, but they would send Mr. McKay money to put up a building worthy of the Church, for the accommodation of the scholars under his care. If we had a good building we could have sixty children instead of twenty; surely the responsibility rests with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Without money we cannot accomplish much. Who will undertake to raise the amount required (\$1,000) for the buildings, and other necessary equipments for an industrial school? While thinking of these things, it has led to the thought whether our people as a whole duly appreciate this great work, and are doing all they should to sustain it, and the conclusion seems to be that they do not. And yet it appears to me that their failure is not the result of either their inability or their penuriousness, nor yet their lack of devotion to the cause of Christ; the one great want, I believe, is a more thorough knowledge of the great want of our Indian mission work, and the duty of all to do what they can for its advancement. In this great North-West opens a work for all our people, ministers and laity, elders, mothers and daughters; we must not let all our sympathy go to India, Formosa or Japan, while the heathen are dying, without the knowledge of Christ and His great salvation, in our own land and almost at our own doors.

Mr. McKay, I understand, is about to make an appeal to our people for money to build. We feel sure that the people of the Presbyterian Church only need to know the demands of the work, and to feel that it depends upon them, and they will not fail to sustain it.

* Dear friends, will you not, as a society, help us in this matter? You have already done nobly in sending clothing for these little destitute ones, and is it too much to ask you for some money to help to build a home for them?

* Previous to the receipt of this letter, the Board had requested the Foreign Mission Committee to include in the estimates for our work for current year the sum of \$1,000 towards the new build-