

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

To Grace Church, Brantford, Branch, the Rev. M. Scott Vermilion, Dio Athabasca, writes

The bales have arrived in good order ; such useful bales they were and we should have been badly off but for their arrival, we had little besides. The quilts so thick and warm were so needed and are all in use, the hoods were quite the thing and so comfortable, we would have been glad if some of them had been larger, for the big girls wear them too. The pieces of print are so useful ; pieces of goods, whether cloth, print or flannel, are always welcome. Of the flannel jackets and skirts—shall I be so unthankful as to say they had one bad fault—there were not enough of them I could have disposed of triple the amount to our poor ill-clad Beaver women. The plum pudding was splendid, and you will be interested to know that it served the purpose of a Bride's cake. On the day that we opened the bale, two of our young people, Baptiste and Geneve, Crees, arrived from the bush and asked me to marry them which, of course I was pleased to do, moreover I furnished the wedding breakfast, at which a portion of the preceding was used as cake, the bride and bridegroom each receiving a goodly slice, I hope you won't be disappointed when I tell you that I sold the carpet. I had been to considerable expense last year in building the school ; I had hoped for help in the way of gifts, but these having failed, I found last summer that my resources had run dry, so getting the chance to sell the carpet, we thought we could more easily do without it than the money. The thick knitted wool caps were perfect, I have appropriated the black one. I hope you will understand how great a boon your gifts have been to us, may we expect the like another year ? If any W.A. Branch is sending to us we would like some general warm clothing for old men and women ; in this, bales are generally deficient. Our women need large garments, and a few large colored cotton handkerchiefs would be most acceptable. We like to get up Christmas trees for our children, but it is difficult as so few things in that line are sent us. We would like some decorations and candles. Our children are progressing in every way, we have only thirteen, but I hope to visit the camps and bring in more, if my ankle which I sprained is strong enough for me to walk for a week on snowshoes. We have had much sickness, and our stock of medicines is nearly run out. We need help with some general medicines, specially cough remedies. Mrs. Scott's health does not improve. We have realized much blessing from the Lord on our souls, and there is a manifest blessing on our English-speaking people ; but we long for a like blessing on our poor Indians, of which we are hopeful.

To St. Jude's, Brantford, Branch, which has adopted his Mission, the Rev. N. E. Coates, Brokenhead River, wrote in January

When I received your letter saying that your bale was rather a poor one this time (this letter was written at the instigation of a