

## Acknowledgment of Clothing.

FROM MISS FRASER.

*Mission School, Portage la Prairie, Sept. 24, 1894.*

The eight bales of clothing sent by the Barrie Presbyterial arrived in good condition on Aug. 7th. When unpacking them we did not find anything but useful articles and you will kindly convey to the ladies our best thanks for their thoughtfulness in sending so many ready-made garments. It is a great help to have things ready for use, as so many of our children are not old enough to do much for themselves. The supply of quilts, girls' clothing, boys' and girls' footwear was very good and just what we needed most, but there seemed a scarcity of boys' clothing, especially in pants. A goodly supply has already been given away, but nearly all have worked to earn. One sawed wood for a quilt, another brought a bag of potatoes for clothes and others earned in similar ways. You know many of the Indians have thought the clothing should be given them for the asking ; but since you and Mrs. Harvie have visited them and explained matters, they seem content to earn their supply.

Every day proves to us that the Gospel is surely making its way among these people. One of the old medicine men came for the first time to our school since you were here ; he has been very much opposed to the church, and indeed, any work done, that we despaired of ever winning him ; however, whether a sudden change, or a gradual, church and school are now pronounced *waste* (good).

The memory of your visit is a pleasant one ; of the encouragement spoken, the help given in numberless ways you may never know, but, be assured, we feel the stronger and better for it, and hope it has been full of pleasure to you.

Some of the Indians are now busy taking up their potatoes, others are at Lake Manitoba duck shooting. An Indian woman sold us four ducks to-day, and made us a present of one, so it may be they are more generous than generally given credit for.

The children are all well and often speak of your visit. Miss Laidlaw joins me in kindest regards to you and Mrs. Harvie and all members of the Board.