

A public meeting of ladies interested in the Indian Mission work of the North-West, was held in St. James Square church, in the afternoon of Tuesday, September 30th. It was called for the purpose of giving the members of our Mission Bands and others an opportunity of meeting with Miss Walker, our missionary teacher at the Indian Industrial School, Portage la Prairie. Miss Walker had been enjoying a few weeks of well earned rest with her parents, Rev. W. and Mrs. Walker, of Chatham, and was returning to take charge of the school, where she has labored so successfully for the past two years. Very sweetly, with gentle voice and earnest words, she told the story of her school work; described the children, related many incidents illustrative of their progress in their studies and domestic pursuits; touched upon some of the difficulties and obstacles to be surmounted, and paid a high tribute to the untiring efforts of the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Portage la Prairie for the success of the school. Several young men and elderly persons are learning to read. The Indians are a band of the Sioux. Sabbath services are held regularly, with an average attendance of between thirty and forty. One or two of the men of the band take part in the services. Some time ago they asked for a weekly prayer meeting. The Sunday school lesson is interpreted by one of the women, and one hymn in their own language is generally sung at each service. At first, the children were inclined to run away from the school, but now, though they occasionally return home for a short visit, the school is regarded as the most attractive place in the world. At the close of the service the friends had an opportunity of speaking face to face with Miss Walker, and wishing her godspeed on her journey. The letters following were written by two of the little girls, and sent to Miss Walker at Chatham. They will be read with interest:

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, *August 23, 1890.*

MY DEAR SCHOOL MOTHER,—As I have just got through with my work and had a little time before getting my bath Miss Fraser said I could write to you; I was so glad to hear from you, I let Katie and Lousia read mine and they read theirs to me. You told me to try and be good. I helped Louisa keep house two or three times and I scrubbed the kitchen to-day and