

band. About 300 invited guests. The cost of the dinner about \$15; of this \$15, \$7.50 was received from Moosomin Thanksgiving collection, and \$7.50 a voluntary contribution.

Many of our people are suffering this winter; there are ten in the nearest band who have nothing and are unable to help themselves. What they are going to do I do not know. Feeding starving Indians on the Reserve costs us more this winter than feeding the children in our school. We can't see them starve. Why should poor helpless Canadians starve when wheat is selling at 40 cents per bushel, and beef at \$4.00 per cwt. ? I often fear that I do not make plain enough the wants of this people to the Church. We have our full number of scholars in the school; twenty treaty children and three non-treaty. Two of the non-treaty girls are able to pay for their board by working. The other is a little girl, more white than Indian; her home and surroundings are bad, and if left in her home she would likely sink lower than the pagan Indian. We have a school of dear little children with us, and we trust many of those little hearts have already chosen the good part that shall not be taken from them. Our boys are kept busy cutting wood and taking care of cattle. We get a good supply of fresh eggs and milk; the weather has been very cold, the thermometer playing about 40 below zero. When we see the bright morning sun shining and playing with some beautiful geraniums, we would almost imagine it was June.

I had the pleasure, a few days ago, of being at the marriage of one of our first scholars at Round Lake—Miss Ellen Gaddie. She was married at the house of her father, which presented a beautiful appearance on that evening; there was a large number of guests invited. I can't describe the dress of the bride or that of her maids; they all looked pretty. The tables looked tempting. The brides cake, made by her own hand, would do credit to any housekeeper. We noticed some lovely flowers, which showed a beautiful contrast to the wintry scene without. There were beautiful and numerous presents, which told of the esteem in which the bride was held by her numerous friends. Mr. Silman, the young man, is lately from England. He has plucked a prairie flower, but he shall find her to be an intelligent and industrious woman and a loving and Christian companion.

I was visiting the other day an old man in Kewistahaw's band, who was very ill; he may not be living now. He was down to see us at Christmas and seemed well and now he is so low. He took bleeding of the lungs. This will make seven since your visit in that band. We often speak of your visit to Round Lake; your visit has done good. We are often cheered by your kind words and strengthened by the thought that many are praying for us.