

between Miss D. and the girls, and Mr. Curry and the boys. The cook, an Indian woman, and our blind friend sleep in the girl's room. Of course they have no proper bedsteads, so they roll up their blankets in one corner of the room ere the girls are down stairs in the morning. Boys number 15 and girls 12. The following is a list of the necessary provisions for the six winter months. 40 sacks flour, cost landed here, \$220.00; 4 sacks oat meal, \$24, 5,000 fish, cost \$140, 200 bush. potatoes, our own produce, cost of planting and gathering, \$40, 50 bush. turnips, \$10, 200 lbs. beef and bacon, \$20, 50 lbs tea, \$25. Besides this there is fuel, light, furniture and the cook's wages and board, \$70. This is a rough estimate, but there are many other incidental expenses which are not included; for instance, a hired man, whose wages and board for the year are not less than \$300. This amount of expenditure does not include summer support of the Home. A good half of my own time is occupied in outdoor work as well. To meet all these expenses, our grants from the Government and the C.M.S. amount to about \$800, the balance is all to raise by subscription or to stand against my salary, which is more often the case. I am thankful to say that we have always had a fair supply of clothing from the W.A. in Canada and the Church Missionary Leagues in England, though this is the first year we have had sufficient boys' clothing. No small amount is required for 15 boys. Stockings, socks and mitts we are very short of this time. Also winter caps for boys. Where there is any difficulty in sending suits for boys, the raw material is a good substitute, as the Indian women are able to make them up fairly well. Knickerbockers are nice for summer, but not sufficiently warm for winter. Both boys and girls wear long clothing here. Girls of 13 need almost women's size. Of those now in the Home their ages range from 3 to 14. I think Miss Durtnall has had great difficulty in supplying all the girls with aprons or pinafores. Besides boys and girl's clothing of all descriptions we need blankets, quilts, sheets and pillow cases, soap, combs, towels and medicines. Any table furniture such as tin ware or enamel ware would be most acceptable, where it is possible for any of our Christian friends to send it. Any kind of good clothing for either sex is most useful in our general mission work. There are also a number of poor and old women who are much in need of help. In one house where I spent a night not long ago, I saw a poor old Indian woman lie down to sleep in half an old dirty blanket on the hard floor and only half clad. How I longed to be able to give her a good warm quilt and a decent dress for a Christmas present. There are also many little children, infants, who are clad in nothing but a thin cotton dress in the depth of winter. Some of the Branches send their bales without any mark whatever to guide us in ascertaining where they have come from. We could acknowledge bales more satisfactorily if each Branch had its own distinct mark, or if they would enclose a card with the name of the Branch and address of the