

## MISSIONARY LETTERS.

The Mission Farm and its Products—Plea for the Indian.

BROADVIEW, Assa., August 14th, 1888.

REV. H. MACKAY. —Your kind letter I have received. The interest shown by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has strengthened us in our school at Round Lake.

In reviewing the past we have much for which to be thankful. A few facts in connection with our school and work will be of interest to you. Our staff of workers: H. McKay, missionary and teacher; B. Jones, assistant; Mrs. Jones, matron; Jacob Bear, farmer; S. Sahlmark, cook. I have given descriptions of our buildings in other letters, so I need not repeat. We purpose having a photograph of the building taken, it will give you a better idea than a description. We value our buildings, land, farming implements, stock, etc., at \$6,000.

During the first three months of the year we had forty-eight names on our school roll, thirty-eight of them were children of treaty Indians, the other ten were children whose parents paid their expenses. During the next three months we had thirty-one Indian children, but the average was a fraction over twenty. The Government grant for the six months was \$357.65. After this the Government grant shall be doubled, making it \$60 for each child for the year. Our school opens again on 1st of September, and we expect to have a larger school during the coming winter. We trust that before long the Government help together with the industry of the child will meet his expenses at the school, but we must yet depend on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for clothing. Last winter we had no reason to complain. Parties wishing to help us in this may ask what do we need most, or what would be of use to us. We reply: Any clothing suitable for boys or girls—ages from four to sixteen—anything that is warm and comfortable. Don't be afraid of sending boots or shoes, even if they have been worn a little; we were a little pinched for boots and shoes last spring. If clothing can be sent in the web all the better, as it will give our girls an opportunity of using the needle. In the meantime we have plenty of bed clothing for the school, still any old quilts that would help to keep a body warm would be thankfully received by some of our poor old men and women, who try to keep themselves warm in the wigwams. In the meantime we have a good supply of Sabbath school papers, also Sabbath school books, lesson-leaves, etc