

From Indian Children.

FILE HILLS, March 13th, 1888.

DEAR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS,—We are only little Indian children, but we love the white children, who send us such nice things. We are trying to love the dear Saviour. Pray for us. Our minds are very dark. We write for our little Indian friends. We all love you. Good-bye.

Your friends,

BRIDGET BELLEGARDE,
JANE PEEKUCH.

Assiniboine Reserve.

INDIAN HEAD.

MR. JOHN MCLEAN.—The lively and sincere interest which you take in our work is a source of much encouragement to us. The abundant supply of clothing, the kind words and the prayers of our Christian lady friends in the east materially assist us in our conflict with the Powers of Darkness which still hold sway among our Indians. All are yet pagans. Some, however, are becoming somewhat interested in Divine things. They will listen attentively and passively acquiesce, but like the morning dew their impressions soon vanish. Others will laugh and scoff when the Word is read in the Sioux dialect (the Assiniboine dialect has not yet been reduced to print), but such conduct is not new in the history of missions among heathens. It is evident that it will take patience, perseverance and much earnest prayer and work before much fruit will be apparent. But when the Spirit of God "breathes upon the dry bones," and the Sun of Righteousness shines, the darkness will be dispelled.

The general outlook, however, is encouraging. The school is increasing in interest; the children attend much more regularly of late, and consequently their progress is gratifying. As a number of pupils are off the reserve and others sick, the average attendance does not exceed nine, with twenty-one names on the roll. The Chief has become interested in the school; he sends his little children every day, and he expresses himself as well pleased with the progress they are making. He expressed a desire to the agent, in the event of the Indian Department insisting on the removal of the Indians from the village, that he should receive a plot of ground in close proximity to the school, so that his children might have the advantage of a good education.