

PRINCE ALBERT PRES. MISSION,
4th March, 1884.

Your very kind letters were both received. I know that you must think my long delay in replying to you an unpardonable rudeness, and my apology is, always so pressed for time.

As regards Indian work here, there is now little to be done, the most of the Cree families having removed to the Indian reserve, under the Rev. John McKay, who removed from here about two years ago.

When I first came to P. A. my school was composed of the children of a few white settlers, half-breeds and several Indian children, but this year the influx of white settlers, and the removal of the Cree, have very materially changed its character. We have a few Cree families from the Reserve at present, who have come to obtain employment during the winter, but they will return to their homes in spring. We try to get them into Sunday-school, but at present they are not in day school. I have been thinking of establishing a Bible-class for them, having the fathers and mothers come with their children. They do not like coming to a church where the congregation differs but little from any country town in Ontario. I do not wonder the poor things feel the change, for I can scarcely realize it, and then necessarily