

one for some of them, a good many living on tea and bread and many had to be helped. Each parish helps to a certain degree to support the clergyman and I must say they certainly give according to their means, but many have been quite unable to do anything last year. Of course the numbers are so small that it makes it difficult to raise the full sum for the clergy and this accounts for the need of outside help. The churches have to be built and supported besides the clergy's stipend raised and very often a vicarage built. All this is hard for a thinly populated parish when they are just beginning. There are 16 clergy working amongst the settlers and one lay reader, Mr Harold Dee, of Fort Pelly, is preparing for ordination. The districts worked by each clergyman are very large, in two or three cases about 100 miles by 50, with 4 or 5 out-stations. You will have a very good idea of the clergyman's life and work from your own country Missions, only our climate in the winter often 40° below zero with a strong wind blowing is a great trial to those whose constitutions are not of the strongest. With our secular schools and the small number of clergy and teachers one is grieved at the ignorance of religion in many of our parishes. In one place where we have just opened a Sunday-school, children over 10 did not even know the Lord's Prayer. The settlers are constantly asking for Services but more cannot be done with the present staff, for they already have more to do than they can really manage.

(2) Now we come to the Indian work which is most interesting. The Bishop is most anxious to increase the work amongst them. We have a boarding school on Gordon's Reserve (Touchwood) and a day school at Day Star's the same at Fort Pelly and a boarding school to be completed at Medicine Hat. There are three clergy and Mr. Dee working amongst the Indians. I went up to Touchwood with the Bishop this spring, it is about 70 miles from here (Qu'Appelle Station) and of course one has to drive the whole way. There is a new school being finished on Gordon's Reserve, it is stone and larger than the old one and will be very nice, capable of holding 50 children. The school is in charge of Mr. Owens who has been there several years and thoroughly understands the Indians. He is most kind to them. The school teacher is Mr. Lallemand who was ordained last Trinity. He had been teaching in the school for one and a half years before that, is a most devoted man and has quite given himself up to the Indian work. He is with the boys all day long and takes an interest in their play as well as in their work and religious life. He teaches the girls too but out of school they are with Mrs. Owens who is most kind and good to them. There are about 20 in the school but we hope to increase it to 50. It is surprising how quickly they learn especially as they are taught everything in English which must make it very hard for them at first. The writing is beautiful and it is wonderful how well they read and spell. There is a very nice Church and the Indians go most regularly, many of them being communicants. It seems so strange to see them in