

Lac La Ronge C.M.L. Station.

28<sup>th</sup> May 1851

Rev & Dear Sir

Mr. Thomas Cook presented to me in his Letter your kind regards, wherein he informed that you was bad rheumatism. It is a complaint very subject to europeans in this Country, I suppose it is on account of cold & damp weather. I feel it very bad myself since I came to this quarter having been exposed to so much cold. My dear Wife is bad with rheumatism too, it takes her every change of weather, she is getting worse with it every year. Of course those evil are very disagreeable to human nature & without (support) they art apt to overcome man's frail nature; but thanks be given to the Lord that there is a support & strength provided for the weak to which man can go to for strength. So that while a Christian are suffering here below, can be comforted that his "light affliction which is but for a moment, workest for him a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" Rev Sir, Pray for me that I may daily experience the passage above quoted.

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To morrow is the appointed day I leave our Station to go & meet the northern Brigade of Isle à la Crosse & Athabasca boats I accompany the latter boats to Norway Ho my boat is manned of our own Christian Indians the only objection that some of had were, that they would be compelled to work & follow up the boats on Sundays, but of course I must keep with the boats to get assistance at Portages. Portages & Rapids are bad in this part very difficult.

There is not a heathen now at this place, all are now baptized Christians, it will give you comfort & joy to hear of this. The poor Indians begins to feel the power & Divine reality of the gospel of Christ, I find they are more attentive to the means, more careful of their characters & very loving & obliging to us, & to our minister.

My school has been attended more regular this year than usual, Several of our Indian scholars can repeat portions of Scriptures, Catechism and Watts's ~~Hymn~~ Divine Songs Mr<sup>s</sup> Hunt has kept to the more constant than myself I had to do good deal of work because it was necessary. Our Indians does not under

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understand how do work yet, so I am out & first at work to show them they will learn by & by to work alone & how to get on.

I have hopes of seeing you the next summer If it is the Lords will, I hope the Lord will favour me with such blessing I long to see my Christian fathers & friends.

If God spares my life & reach Norway House, I will try and write you again, at present I am quite busy preparing to leave home to-morrow & having four Letters to write of importance one to the bishop. Mr Cockran. Mr Hunter & Budd so I beg to conclude.

M<sup>s</sup> Settee & myself unite with one heart that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon you.

I am

Reverend & Dear Sir  
Your Obedient Servant  
James Settee

Rev J. Smithurst