## WORK AMONG THE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE

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Walter Eatough, Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 10:

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We had a visit Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> by Bro. H. C. Grindle [sic], Dallas, Man. Our brother is a full blood Indian who has read the New Testament for himself and found the Scriptural terms of pardon and the Church which Christ builds. He has met with great difficulties in his efforts to establish the Lord's work among his people, including a month in jail on a false charge, in order to deter him. His reward is progress of the work, a good Bible School, and the Lord's Table spread every first day of the week. The writer of this note has had the pleasure of immersing about 10 or 12 of this people. The Chief of this Solto tribe of Swampee Cree Indians is a brother in regular attendance at the table, also a white visitor to the reserve tells me that the preaching services are ably sustained by Bro. Grindle [sic], and his talks to us in Winnipeg, and at the Church in Carman confirms our confidence that a good work is being done in Northern Manitoba. The Winnipeg and Carman Churches are helping as opportunity presents itself."

(This confirms our contention, that with no outside interference and with simple honesty of purpose, the plain teaching of the New Testament, when read and followed will certainly lead one into the "Church which Christ builds." I would like to see more of this kind of work done, and would say to these brethren, to lose no opportunity to help spread the truth. Just giving a Bible or New Testament sometimes has wonderful results. —Ed.)

Vol. 12, No. 4, April 1927, p. 9

#### **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

We again call attention to this promising mission right at our door. The church in Winnipeg is taking an interest in this work and they are giving the rest of us an opportunity to help. With their local work they can't do what should be done for the mission. This Reserve is in Northern Manitoba. Bro. Eatough has baptized a number of the Indians. Send your offerings to Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Manitoba. Or, if you happen to be writing to your editor, he will be glad to forward it for you. Some interest is being shown in this, and he already has some offerings to send.

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**OUR INDIAN ROAD** 

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The following extract from a letter is plain: Dear Bro. Eatough: Greetings in Jesus name. Just to say that we are plodding along the rough and toilsome path for Jesus. We are glad to say the brethren and sisters are in good courage doing the best we can for the Master. Thank God for the privilege. Good meetings. Good S.S. I got the cartridges the church sent me the price of. We killed two fine big moose, so that means a great help to us; we can exchange meat for some clothes we need. I am arranging to trap muskrat, they are worth two dollars each here. Yours in His Service, H. C. Trindle.

Another letters says, we are setting aside \$5 per month for the Indian work. The Sisters are making two bed spreads, one for Sis. Trindle and one for the chief, Bro. Thomas's family.

Shall opportunities be grasped and gripped or shall they fail and fade?

I know it's too early to expect your reply yet, but write us your thoughts re "Our Indian Road." Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

## OUR INDIAN ROAD

The Indian reserve, where the Solto tribe of Cree Indians live, is in Northern Manitoba, and North East of the C. N. Railway terminus at Hodgson. The reserve is twelve miles long and ten miles wide and about one hundred families are scattered abroad, other tribes in other reserves adjoin this and one other, and the inhabitants are in about the same ratio.

Other workers have gone from Winnipeg in motor cars, during the summer months, to teach and preach their doctrines.

At the home of Bro. Trindle about forty persons turn in to hear the Gospel of the Grace of God every Lord's Day and a Bible School has a larger attendance.

In the larger reservation there are four churches. Two Churches of England, One Roman Catholic and one Pentecostal. The majority belong to the English Church. The Church of Rome has five or six

families; one family claims the Baptist Church. The Pentecostals are quite numerous, and are divided into three camps.

Several brethren come from nearby reserves, and two or three persons are ready for Baptism when the water opens. (This news received end of March).

Also from another reserve the interest is real, and the Chief is ready to publicly confess and be immersed.

Shall these "gates ajar" be pushed open? Shall we enter in, and publish abroad His Wonderful Name?

Three hundred and fifty dollars per year, would increase activities and maintain a "Mission" among these Indian brethren. We are waiting your answer "to these open doors of effectual preaching." J. Close and Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

Vol. 12, No. 6, June 1927, p. 5-6

## "OUR INDIAN ROAD"

"There are encouraging signs of spiritual life on "Our Indian Road." Bro. Trindle visited here May 13, and we had a long talk about the work. He is feeling very much encouraged. We have had a response in money, so were able to give practical help. He has had letters that cheered him very much.

Let me illustrate. In February this year, our brother asked for rubber hip-boots to use in trapping. He caught quite a number of muskrats. With the surplus money for the skins, he bought himself a boat which will help him get around and answer calls for preaching this summer. A little money is needed for paint, etc., to put the boat in good shape. "Maybe", said Bro. Trindle, "I can do two kinds of fishing at once."

Bro. Petch and I visited an injured Indian in St. Boniface Hospital. This man told us about Bro. Trindle's work, giving us an outsider's viewpoint, and confirming our opinion, that the best spiritual work being done in the North among the Indians is being done by Bro. Trindle. So we mean to joyfully respond to calls for help.

We are hoping to arrange for Bro. Petch to hold a meeting on the Reserve this summer. Preaching Christ and Him crucified will win our Indian brothers.

Shall we continue?

Walter Eatough 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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Chas. W. Petch, 455 Victor St., Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 28: "There has been a cold or slight flu epidemic gong here, which I picked up Sat., and which has left me feeling rather poorly the last two days. Eva is fine and looks well. My wife is feeling some better, but will not improve rapidly . . . . . We had good audiences on Lord's day. The interest is growing. Now that the holiday season is over we can have a chance to do something in the way of getting people out to meeting. . . . P.S. Bro. Trindle reports one baptism among the Indians he visited on Black Rock Island and their desire was for him to visit them again. . . . A Bro. Ernest Wallis moved from here to Portage La Prairie and thence to Ormley, Sask. He has gathered a few disciples about him and lately baptized about 12, I think. He has 20 brethren meeting there now. That shows what an earnest man can do. Oh! How much there is to be done. Yours in His service."

## Vol. 13, No. 3, March 1928, p. 13

Chas. W. Petch, 455 Victor St., Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 30: "The interest at Sherbrooke St. is gradually increasing. Several strangers are attending the Lord's Day evening services; and we look for some more additions soon. The young men are still doing commendable work in speaking on the life of Christ at the Wed. evening services. The attendance at the Lord's table is quite regular, with a few exceptions. I am planning some work for the summer months. My health is still improving. I hope to visit the Peguis Indian Reserve about March 1<sup>st</sup>, and will give a report of that work after that visit."

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OUR INDIAN ROAD 455 Victor St., Winnipeg, Man.

March 7th, 1928.

On Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> I visited the Peguis Indian Reserve to see what our Indian brethren were doing. I reached Hodgson at 6.15 p.m., being met by Bro. H. C. Trindle and was driven to the home of Bro. Albert Prince, where we had supper. Continuing on our journey, we reached the home of Bro. Trindle about 11 p.m. The houses on this Reserve are built 16'x24' of hewn poplar logs, with an upstairs. The chinks are plastered up and the walls are white-washed inside and out, which gives them a clean looking appearance. They have shingled roofing, with good flooring and ceiling, and good doors and windows. This material was supplied by the Government when the people were removed to this Reserve from near Selkirk. Thus each family has a fairly comfortable home.

On Thursday Bro. Trindle invited the neighbors in, and we had twenty to preach to that night. Most of them understood English, especially the younger people. They listened attentively for an hour and remained another hour singing hymns and listening to some of the older men speak, mostly in the Cree language. I had personal interviews with the people, as I could meet with them during the day and spoke to them again on Friday night. I visited some sick folks on Saturday, and had a good talk in the evening, with Bro. Albert Prince, who had walked over ten miles to be at the services on Lord's day. He is a very faithful and consecrated Christian and will have a good influence among his people, who all speak well of him. Bro. Trindle has taught him "the way of the Lord more perfectly," and he is standing for New Testament teaching. Bro. Prince is starting a Sunday School in his own house in the south end of the Reserve, and we hope for much good being done among the young folks.

On Lord's day at 11 a.m. we had about ten to break-bread. I spoke on the Lord's Supper and its place in the worship of the church. Some of the members were away on the Lake, so I did not see all of them.

About thirty came to the Sunday School at 3 p.m. Bro. Prince taught the lesson from John 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter, and I spoke a few words afterwards. There were over forty out at night when I preached on "The Church of the New Testament." On Monday we drove back to Bro. Prince's home and I preached that night at Bro. Stevenson's house nearby to about thirty-five, who gave interested attention for over an hour. I rode to the station four and one half miles on a wood sleigh, in the early hours before dawn, and reached home by noon on Tuesday.

I enjoyed this visit among these humble people and I was glad to be able to teach them a little of the truth for which they are hungering. Bro. Trindle is to be commended for the way in which he has come up from paganism through the influences of the many and various teachings that he has come in contact with, to stand with us on the foundation of Christ alone, and the teaching of the New Testament "as it is written." The church at Sherbrooke St., through their oversight, and also the church at Carman, have endorsed him as a missionary of the church of Christ, to reach and teach among the Indians of this province. There are several Reserves within his reach, where there are many who have been baptised, but are not meeting for worship. Bro. Trindle desires to go among them and teach them their duty as he has learned it more fully since he baptised them. We hope to see him supported so he can give all his time to this work among his own people. He can do this on less than half what it would require to keep a white man at the same work. Brethren, let us see to it that his needs are supplied so that he can give all his time to this effort to save our Indian people. Reports of this work will be given from time to time.

Chas. W. Petch.

Vol. 13, No. 5, May 1928, p. 5

## OUR INDIAN ROAD

With real pleasure we again write paragraphs about Christ on our *Indian Road*. Our interest is at least fifteen years old; it is all that since our late Bro. Hudson urged Bro. Trindle to leave secular work, and go back to his brethren with the message he was rejoicing in.

Some things said and done stayed our pen until the fullest and most complete investigations were carried through. Strong affirmations and strong denials compelled us to act cautiously and take all the time needful to dispel the last doubt.

Bro. Petch's recent visit to the field completed this very full enquiry, and we are back where we started. Bro. Trindle fully accredited as a reliable teacher and preacher of the "Old Paths".

We are anxious to answer any question any brother would like to ask regarding this work.

In future this Mission will be kept within the ken of the oversight of the churches at Carman and Winnipeg.

If there is one thing more than another that gives a thrill of real joy, it is the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." It is uncommon. We do not meet active opposition nowadays; we are ignored. We are given a cold shoulder, a stiffened back, a cold, defiant challenge, turn of faces Godward if you can. On the Indian Road we meet the outstretched hand, the upturned palm, the earnest clamant cry, "Teach us the way of the Lord more perfectly." Our own work will gain in intensity as we answer calls like these. As we help the other man so our work in our own locality will win.

The great commission remains to us the marching orders of the church and this gives us the wider fellowship than the local church. Our Indian Road offers an opportunity to use a small amount regularly until such times a larger sum is available to you for a more costly enterprise. Indians do not travel the railway free, they are not kept in comfort in Reserves by a paternal government. Bread and travelling expenses must be met.

To help us answer these calls, to help us finance this work among our Canadian Indian brethren, send it, if it be ever so small to,

Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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## **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

Our Bro. Trindle wrote me on April 11<sup>th</sup>., that he had lately twice visited the Fisher River Reserve, a few miles north of his home, and had gathered a goodly number of the Indians, who had been baptised to break bread and to give them instruction in the way of life.

He further wrote, "There is lots of sickness on both Reserves and quite a number of deaths since you were here. All the public schools on both Reserves are closed on account of measles; also Sunday schools. Still our meetings are going on so far. My wife is busy nearly every day visiting and helping the poor sick people. On one occasion she had to take some of her own clothes that she had on in order to help the poor sick widow, who is on her dying bed. She says she is waiting for Jesus to come and take her home

At another time my wife stayed with a woman who passed away and fell asleep in Jesus. She had peace with God. This is how my wife is working these days, helping all she can; not only talking, but scrubbing and washing for them. "Oh the good we all may do while the days are going by."

These people need the help that Bro. Trindle and his good wife can give them in "breaking to them the bread of life," and helping them in time of need. Brethren, can we not help keep their wants supplied so that they can give all their time to this work. Any contributions for this work can be sent to Bro. Arthur Beamish, 1002 Banning St. Winnipeg and it will be forwarded to Bro. Trindle as his needs require. The church here will keep in touch with this work and report from time to time.

Chas. W. Petch, 455 Victor St., Winnipeg, Man.

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me."

Vol. 13, No. 7, July 1928, p. 9-11

## OUR INDIAN ROAD

Our Indian road will be a difficult one for a long time to come. It is like breaking up the original prairie, it will need great patience before the Gospel chariot rolls along without bumps. Till then we must persevere and refuse discouragements. Calls from the Northland, "When are you coming to preach to us"; "Help us set up the Lord's table in the Scriptural manner"; and Bro. Trindle cramped, cribbed and confined. Faithfulness in the affairs at hand, merits and receives promotion.

We gave him material for a tent, to pitch it conveniently and gather listeners to the Old Story, but the call for a boat to sail east on the Fisher River, enter the Winnipeg Lake, then North to the Indian Reserves, who are calling, must needs wait.

If I had \$50,000, I would gladly give the fifty dollars needed for material to make a boat. If I had 50,000 cents or 500 cents how much would I give? If they would print my picture and a picture of the boat in the daily papers would that stir me to give? If, as here, the givers will be almost unknown, and the boat never come within the ken of the crowd, but will sail the ruffled river, into the lonely lake, and none see it

but a few folks with red skins, shall I give and be thus easily forgotten on earth? The records of Eternity will be accurate, gauging the gift and the motive.

A letter from a church and signed by a sister says: "We believe in our Indian brethren." Thank God for such faith and good works. The day is short, the task is great, the workmen few, the reward great, and the call of the Master urgent.

A letter from Los Angeles says, "We have decided to appoint you distributor, in charge of the work of spreading the Gospel of Christ by the means of our tracts in your vicinity." And straightway there arrived large bundles of a great variety of them. Almost every subject is provided for; Divine Healing; Holy Spirit Baptism; Russellism; Sabbath Day; and munition against all the popular false doctrines, written clearly and convincingly by Bro. E. C. Fuqua. From four pages to thirty six pages. Also three bundles from England containing "Following Christ," by Bro. Mander, London, Eng., eminently suitable for senior scholars and the high school age folks.

To all who would like some of these, please send one dollar, or fifty cents (or more) and if you cannot afford please ask for a free supply. If we all made up our minds to hand to some friend weekly a useful booklet I am sure we would arouse interest in our local work. *Let's Go!* 

Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St. Winnipeg, Man.

Bro. T. W. Bailey, Thessalon, Ont., May 28: writes to say they had just sent \$10 to "Our Indian Road" and "we are setting apart the contribution of the third Lord's Day of the month for missions. I would like to see more mission work done in Canada. Talk it up.

I do *talk* up missions. Others are talking up missions. Let's all *take* up missions, not just *talk* about it. Let us *pray* up missions; *give* up missions, (not give up, but *give* up). Who will follow Thessalon's example?

Bro. Albert Prince has started a Sunday school in his house at the southern part of the Reserve. He is also preaching at a nearby neighbour's house on Lord's Day evenings.

Bro. Trindle was down to Winnipeg a short time ago and selected material for a tent for his own use while travelling among the Reserves. He visited the Fisher River Reserve several times this spring and preached to the people and partook of the Lord's Supper with those who had obeyed the Gospel.

The following has been contributed to this work during May:

Church at Carman, Man., per month \$10; church at Thessalon, Ont., \$10; Bro. F. Chittick, Toronto, \$1; Bro. H. M. Evans, Selkirk, Ont., \$1; Bro. C. W. Petch, Winnipeg \$4.25; Bro. J. E. Brownridge, Winnipeg \$1.

Contributions for this work may be sent to Bro. Arthur Beamish, 1002 Banning St., Winnipeg, and he will forward it to Bro. Trindle from time to time.

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1928

Chas. W. Petch, 455 Victor St. Winnipeg

## PEGUIS INDIAN RESERVATION

Church of Christ Mission, Dallas, Man. April 30, 1928

To the Bathurst St. Church, greetings in Christ's name:--

I have the pleasure of dropping you these few words to say that we as the Indian nation got the glimpse of light of God. His wonderful salvation and His redeeming power through the precious blood of Jesus: thank God. We have been kept in the dark long enough, but God in His mercy opened up the way that the ray of this gospel light to shine in our midst—this is wonderful to us. I say wonderful for us to know what it means to be born into the Kingdom of God. What a privilege—although we Indians have been taught at least about one century, or may be over, still not one per cent of the Indians know what is the church of Christ, or Kingdom of God.

Dear Brethren, don't you think that a big work is before me? There are about 10,000 Indians in Manitoba to hear this restoration of the last church of Christ coming to life again. They [sic] are many Indian reservations in Manitoba who must hear this message, dear people. I feel responsible for this great work that is laying before me and I must work in a great many places.

I can't reach my people by railroad, only by boat, and I have no mission boat yet and I want one this summer to go around with to spread the gospel. I need about forty or fifty dollars to buy a little boat that I can handle to travel with this summer. Brethren pray for me that our Heavenly Father supply me with

a boat for His cause. I would like to hear about the 15<sup>th</sup> of May if anything could be done toward the boat as the Lake is beginning to break up at that time so kindly let me hear from you soon.

We are doing the best we can in preaching and in coming together every Lord's Day, as well as for S. S. Pray for us that it may be a big harvest of Indian souls when Jesus comes. May God bless you, the Household of God; I remain yours in the one faith,

H. C. Trindle,

Dallas, P.O., Man.

P.S.—I have many to go to but for the lack of financial means I cannot respond yet so far. But I must go somehow, by all means. Brethren pray for me.—H.C.T.

We regret the delay in getting the above appeal to our readers. Let us help in this good work.—E. G. C.

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#### **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

In one of our Indian Parks there is a beautiful monument with this inscription—
In Memory of Peguis
Chief of the Saulteaux Indians

And in grateful recognition of his good offices to the early settlers.

One of the first to embrace Christianity of his race.

Who died in 1860 and his body rests in the old cemetery of St. Peter's Church near Selkirk where he was a devout worshipper.

"Peguis has been a steady friend of the settlement ever since its establishment and has never deserted its cause in its greatest reverses."—Lord Selkirk, 1869.

In one of our plain, uninviting Indian Reserves there is a living monument of the Grace of God—Bro. Albert Prince, great grandson of Chief Peguis, one of the first of his race to embrace Christianity in it primitive purity and simplicity. Turning from the formalism of Anglicanism he has been a steady, sturdy friend of the church of Christ and perseveres under all circumstances.

How appealing is the Indian Warrior, with eagle feathers, axe and bow, beads and string of scalps. How attractive the Brave, with a class of thirty children, with Bible, picture card of lesson, reviewing the lesson for the day. Yet in the sight of High Heaven, Which?

A letter from Bro. Prince says—"I'm still holding the Sunday School work together, but I am now without supplies." They went out to him by the next post.

I have just left Bro. Trindle going into the Bible House to get a supply of scriptures in Cree. Three dollars sets him up with sufficient for immediate use. He hopes to get the superintendent to arrange terms for a regular supply so that he can give or sell as the occasion may need.

"A boat is as needed by me as a horse to a farmer. I must go to Black Island; they are expecting me." And they sure need the Word of God. He is putting all he can spare of the scanty supply we send him towards that boat. Who will fellowship?

The church at Thessalon, Ont., has sent once and again to our necessities, we are encouraged and hopeful.

Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St. Winnipeg, Man.

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T. W. Bailey, Thessalon, Ont., R. 2, June 26:

. . .

We have set aside the collection on each third Lord's Day for Missions. We have sent so far to **Our Indian Road** work. I would like to see that work well supported. How would it be to have our Indian Brother who preaches to visit some of the churches in Ontario?"

(It would be fine, Bro. Bailey. Write to Bro. Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man., about the matter.—E. C. G.)

Vol. 13, No. 9, September 1928, p. 9-10

## "OUR INDIAN ROAD"

To the superstitious, Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> would not be a good day to launch a big enterprise; to those delivered from superstition on the Indian Reserve it was a good day for a big try to enlarge the borders of

the Kingdom of God. The boat had been secured, tent and two months' provisions tucked away, Bro. and Sis. Trindle ready, another boat and four others, travelling the same way, go around the bend, then East down the river, a difficult course to steer through, then the open Lake, like a sea, inviting and threatening, and then away to the Black Island, where hundreds of Indians are gathered for berries and fish, and among them, one determined missionary ready to preach the Word of God.

Just before sailing he threw me a line, "Please send to Mr. Sinclair, the balance for the boat, he needs the money." Who could refuse so small a task, when these "toiling in rowing' a hundred miles to preach the glorious Gospel of the grace of God, and go willingly and gladly?

From my experience of previous years, Bro. Trindle will surely send a SOS. His brethren of the flesh, famishing and glamouring [sic] for the Word of God, will so appeal to his heart, the message will be "I would like to have some Bibles in Cree, for these people to read." They listen with interest not less than 90 minutes for the sermon and then as long as that for talking over the matter and singing hymns.

I find no such interest in spiritual things in our enlightened cities and villages. When a people want the Truth, no effort, no sacrifice should be spared to give them these things.

The letter concludes "So pray for me, dear brethren, that the Lord will bless this trip for the building of the cause He died for."

The treasurer, Bro. Beamish, 1002 Banning St., Winnipeg, gratefully acknowledges the following —Thessalon, Ont., \$7.50; Sister Effie Shield's Class, Meaford, \$15, Carman, \$10; Winnipeg, \$10.

Walter Eatough,

529 Toronto St., Winnipeg.

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#### **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

I was away on holidays when Bro. Trindle called August 25<sup>th</sup> at Winnipeg. I cannot promise for him an early visit to churches in Ontario. We were talking of it as a possibility in the future and he seemed to think it too good to be true. Several have joined in Bro. Bailey's suggestion for him to travel East and I will convey your wishes and make the necessary arrangements as soon as convenient.

Two friends have said "much should be done for this neglected field." I have spent some time investigating Indian conditions in N. W. Ontario, and feel that the emphasis may be placed on the word *neglected*. They surely do not live like most of us would want to live. Yet they have some compensations. They have lots of time for reflection. I judged that they do reflect. They don't hold hazy, undecided views of religion and life. They have a positive position in these matters. Also what they do they do very well. Bead work by the women was fine. One day in the motor boat, we passed the mouth of a small river; the water descended swiftly over large boulders and made quite a waterfall. To canoe up that river was beyond any of our party; it was called unsurmountable. Yet two Indians in a small homemade canoe, with an extra effort went up and were soon out of our sight. Again, I found them loyal to their attachments. Warm, faithful and ready to defend those things and persons which held their confidence. These qualities appeal.

Bro. Trindle has had in the first half of his journeys, a good hearing from his people. Interest which almost amounted to enthusiasm. Will their reflections on his teaching clarify to the progress of God's Word and work: Will their ability to overcome difficulties help them overcome difficult conditions that seem always to arise and hinder young converts? And will that loyalty to an accepted condition help them to victory and usefulness? Let us pray that the better qualities of the heart and life of the Indian people may be won by our Indian preacher.

Bro. Beamish, 1002 Banning St., gratefully acknowledges \$6.30, Thessalon, Ont. church; \$10, Sis Bridge, Cambridge church, Boston, U.S.A., towards boat for missionary work.

Walter Eatough.

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T. W. Bailey, R. 2, Thessalon, Ont., Aug. 14: ... We are sending our mission collections to "Our Indian Road.' Why do not the brethren wake up to this work and give it a good 'try-out'? Bro. Eatough says he and Bro. Trindle are talking of a trip to Ontario, probably our next June Meeting. I think that would be fine, and I hope it will meet with a hearty approval from all."

Vol. 13, No. 11, November 1928, p. 9-10

"OUR INDIAN ROAD"

The following letter reveals the quality of work done by our Indian brother, H. C. Trindle. "Greetings in Jesus. I left home on the 13th July. In six days' time I arrived at a Reserve called Blood Vein Reserve. Here I was greeted. The Chief told me to put up my tent near where there was an old school, built by Methodists some years ago. That same evening I had a meeting in that school. Most of these people are heathens, and some are Roman Catholics, but all alike need the second birth. I held meetings every night till the second Lord's Day. All came out and were very much interested in hearing the message. These people want me to go again and winter with them. I told them I would pray to God about the matter. These people are very ignorant and very poor, and they need the true and pure Gospel. Pray for them. I sailed away from them and third day I was at a settlement called Lanceuk. This is a white settlement, but no Christians work here. I had the privilege of speaking to them about Jesus and His saving power. They were very much interested, and want me to go to them again. A few days after, I left them and came to a place called Deer Island. There I found Indians camping, and berry-picking. When Lord's day came I held meetings and they too were interested. On Monday I left for a place called Black Island. This is where I was last summer. Here I came in contact with lots of Indians from various Reserves. First night we heard an old Indian beating his drum and singing, practising his way of doctoring people; an all heathen method. There were two of them and both real conjurers. The following night no sound of them. Sunday came; I held two services. At the close of evening service, one of these medicine men go up and said, 'I am glad to hear something about the true God, and to serve him. I will think the matter over.' The other man said, 'When you come back I will know what I will do. I feel like to be baptized.' I told him to make up his mind and confess Jesus. I left them and came to Black River. The place was vacant; nobody home except two families. However, I spoke to them about Jesus. Then I came to Pine Falls, Fort Alexander and Albert Beach. From there I came to Winnipeg to see you, and did not find you home. So brother Eatough I thought I would write you before starting back home. D.V. I will leave here for home on Labor Day. I will go back the road I came, as my people want me to come back to them. So you see the seed has been sown, all a preacher can do; God gives the increase. Now brother, while I was in Winnipeg I saw July number of C. M. R. I noticed there that some brethren would like me to visit some of the churches in Ontario. I would like to go brother. I know how to behave myself and how to meet them, it is up to you brother. I like to go this fall, before winter, and if you want me to go I would like to hear from you early. If there is a little money for me I would like to go also to Lake Manitoba and some other place during the winter. So pray for me dear brother; I am in the work of the Lord. Now do try to help me go to Ontario.

#### Yours in Jesus,"

## H. C. Trindle

Arrangements are being made, and maybe by the time of this issue brother Trindle will be in Ontario.

The treasurer, brother A. Beamish, 1002 Banning St., Winnipeg, gratefully acknowledges, from sister Huntley, Graysville, \$2.50; Livingstone church, \$6.50; Carman and Winnipeg churches regular help also.

A brother says, "My big concern is, that the Gospel be preached." Whether here or there, that Christ is preached should be our pleasure. "Our Indian Road" has inviting by-paths at every turn of the highway. A little more financial help will keep brother Trindle busy all the time. I would very much like to appeal to the brethren and sisters scattered abroad, without the opportunity to gather with others around the Lord's Table regularly. Is not the injunction still yours, "Lay by in store as God has prospered you?" Here is an outlet for giving. Brother Trindle is carrying the tidings around; he prays; we pray; and God is our Guide. Why not help financially here, and in God's good time, a prayed for, and paid for preacher may come your road. A big outlook and generous giving, and the Gospel spread "O'er the prairies of the West."

Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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Bro. Trindle's program is being arranged, and by the time this is read will be partly carried out. If, in the meantime, your congregation has not had a visit from brother Trindle write to A. M. Stewart, 607 Crawford St., Toronto, Ont., for a date. It is brother Trindle's desire to visit Ontario and visit as many of our churches as possible. All will be glad to have this opportunity to get acquainted with him, and help him, and get first-hand information about the work and conditions among the Indians. The churches at

Carman and Winnipeg are to be commended for their interest in the work with the Indians over a period of years. Now we all have the opportunity to help them. More details later.

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#### **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

All friends of *Our Indian Road* will be glad to know that Bro. Trindle left for Eastern Canada Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Many churches will have the opportunity of hearing first hand about conditions and prospects of the work among our Canadian Indians. If the outcome is that Bro. Trindle shall be enabled to devote his whole time to the work of evangelising his people, it should be cause for thankfulness to all the churches.

A number of people have said, "We ought to do something for the original Canadian." We now have an open door for effectual preaching. We do good to our local work by extending our sympathetic help to the wider sphere; we shall do good to the Foreign Mission by making Home Mission most successful. It is God's Law of Compensation for it to be so.

It is fine for men folk to be at Fall Meetings, June Meetings, or visiting other churches. What about the sister who stays home, and keeps the home fires burning? I have been asked by several members to be responsible for a useful and helpful box of groceries going out to Sister Trindle just before December 25<sup>th</sup>. A few have promised a dollar each towards expenses, and we would be delighted to let in others on this. It will be a good exchange from the Gift Exchange usual at this time, only we will get back true thankfulness by the recipient. Sister Trindle is a true helper, and worthy of this thoughtfulness. She is 'holding the fort' during Bro. Trindle's visit East and that big Cottage Sunday School will be held each Lord's Day by her.

Our treasurer, Bro. A. Beamish, 1002 Banning St., Winnipeg, gratefully acknowledges gifts of money and used clothing, by brethren at Carman and Winnipeg.

Walter Eatough.

Send your gift for Sister Trindle to Bro. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg.

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For Missions—For "Our Indian Road," Mrs. Henry Neff, \$1; Thos. Robertson, \$5; From treasury of former meeting at Thornbury, per W. A. Whitfield, \$10; From Fall Meeting at Beamsville, per A. D. Fleming, \$45.60; Church, Griersville, \$5.55; Church, Cape Rich, \$8.

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#### **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

As the result of Bro. Trindle's visit and the hearty manner in which his work has been approved the officers and representatives of the city churches decided to ask the congregations to join in supporting the missionary in his labours among the Indians in Manitoba.

It was thought that the Toronto churches should find \$150, leaving \$100 to be subscribed by the other congregations in Ontario. Thus the \$250 required to supplement the sum raised by the Winnipeg and Carman brethren would be forthcoming without placing any undue burden upon any district, and Bro. Trindle could then settle down to full-time work among his people.

Our visitor has been delighted by the reception given him by the members of the city churches. At the joint meeting of the officers held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> it was decided that after meeting the expenses of the Fall Meeting the remainder of the collection taken at that gathering should be devoted to the Indian work. In harmony with this decision it was unanimously agreed to defray the cost of a much needed pair of glasses for the missionary and to give him a little of the "needful" to keep his pocket in this expensive center; and after paying the return fare as far as to Armstrong, to use whatever remained to form the nucleus of the fund from which it is hoped to give \$150 annually to "Our Indian Road."

We understand that the brethren in Strathmore Blvd. made Bro. Trindle a present of a beautiful Bible for himself and one for Mrs. Trindle; and in addition to these public gifts several of the members have privately done what they could to show their interest and appreciation, so that our brother says he is "very happy and full of joy" because of all the kindness shown him and on account of what is being done for his work. He has been specially pleased at the liberal response of the ladies to his appeal for clothing for his scantily clad kinsfolk.

It is good to know that some encouragement and happiness has been given this faithful self-sacrificing servant of God. But, while he may have received blessing by coming amongst us, the most real

spiritual benefit has come to us. We are his debtors for having drawn us closer together and shown us something of the power of Christ in a life that has suffered much for His sake.

When he has visited Tintern, Hamilton, Selkirk, Jordan, St. Catharines, Stouffville and Pine Orchard, Bro. Trindle will return to Toronto, and from here set out for home. Our best wishes will go with him, but our prayers and practical support must follow in the years to come.

--H. McKerlie, in Bathurst St., Bulletin Nov. 18, 1928.

## OUR INDIAN ROAD

Brother Trindle arrived back last night, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, from Ontario. He is full of comfort and good hope for the future. He remembers unnumbered kindnesses by all, and most gratefully said to me, "All this is for my work far more than for my person."

We have called this column *Our Indian Road*; we feel that the pronoun *our* has gained in numbers and significance. The ancient orders were—begin at Jerusalem, then Judea and Samaria, then the uttermost parts of the earth. Judea and Samaria for us in Canada surely is the Indian Reserve. Our vision is an Indian Missionary at least in each of the Provinces. Gladly we are well away on our Indian Road. Bro. Trindle says, "They told me, 'rely on us, we are with you.'." The thankfulness of the brethren here blends with our brother's, to Christ and His brethren. Work well done gives lasting joy.

Our treasurer, Bro. A. Beamish, 1002 Banning St., Winnipeg, gratefully acknowledges, "A Sister," Mass., U.S.A., \$20. "A friend," B.C., \$2.50. 3 bundles used clothes, Sherbrooke St.

Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg.

We, here at Meaford and vicinity, feel that it was a great blessing to us for Bro. Trindle to visit us. Every one seemed to fall in love with him. He received several personal gifts here. Also our Bible School gave him a watch and chain—his first one. He is very appreciative. The church here has also sent 2 barrels and one box of clothing to him to be distributed where he sees the need. The Meaford church also decided to send \$10 per month to "Our Indian Road." That, with Toronto's \$150 per year, more than makes up the \$250, additional to what Carman and Winnipeg have undertaken to raise. Now Toronto and Meaford don't wish to be selfish in the matter, I'm sure. If others wish to contribute to this good work, it could be applied to the purchase of a buggy and pony to be used by Bro. Trindle. Bro. Cox learned that he needed some conveyance, and suggests we get it for him. He offers to collect the money and forward it. Send your contributions for this purpose to Bro. W. F. Cox, Beamsville, Ont. He will acknowledge and forward it. Don't slack off in your giving because the required amount has been raised. Let's go on and do something else.—Ed. C. M. R.

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## OUR INDIAN ROAD

The festive season of the year did not pass along the Indian Road without its share of joy and pleasure. We were able to send out six hampers of good things to them. We were given twenty-seven dollars to spend on Sisters Trindle and Prince. Groceries and gifts were sent out. We had heard of the expectations of Bro. and Sis. Prince and were able to get a lovely bundle of baby things there one day before the baby Prince was born. I never read a letter which pulsated with more thankfulness and gladness than theirs did. A useful toy was sent for each scholar, if not enough for each child in their districts. We are very thankful to all who helped to make the parcels ample, generous, and useful.

Bro. Trindle writes, "I served about 200 meals; we had a happy time; we gave your gifts to the children, and to the old folks, including widows, blind and orphans. Oh what a good thing you people are doing, making so many poor Indians happy. The Pentecostals have moved away from the South End and the way is open for the church of Christ. I am endeavouring to go every other week. It means a walk of twenty-five miles each visit. The Fisher River Reserve wants me too. I intend to preach there on New Year's Day."

Our gift of groceries would not cover 200 meals. Mention should be made of the gift of Sister Ardacre, daughter of Bro. Robertson, Manitoulin Island. She must have worked many long hours on the bedspread, and an Indian Sister, a poor widow, indeed is very thankful to her.

Our Treasurer, A. H. Beamish, 1002 Banning St., Winnipeg, gratefully acknowledges, from C. M. R., \$141.15; Carman, \$3.35; Boys' Class, Beamsville, per Blanche Huntsman, \$1.00; Sisters at Sherbrooke St., \$23.65.

Walter Eatough.

## OUR INDIAN ROAD

On Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, my wife and I, accompanied by Bro. Brownridge, left for the Peguis Indian Reserve, for a two weeks' visit with Bro. Albert Prince. We men spent a few days in the "wild wood" getting some venison; while my wife visited with Sister Prince and others.

I preached on Lord's day and some at nights during the week. I spoke eight times, besides doing private teaching. Fifty-five people were in attendance at some of the services. The brethren there expressed themselves as having learned much that was helpful to them. And one, not a member, said he had learned more than he had in 14 years attending other services. Bro. Prince was much encouraged by our visit. He hopes to accomplish much good through his Sunday School work, and Lord's day meetings. Bro. Trindle is helping him now.

Yours in His Service, Chas. W. Petch, 455 Victor St., Winnipeg.

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For Missions—For "Our Indian Road," Toronto churches, per C. E. Hellyer, Sec., \$75; A. M. Briggs, \$2; Bro. Rowbottom, per A. M. Stewart, \$5; Church, Meaford, per E. E. Ellis, \$10.

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#### **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

Once upon a time, a man looking out saw a blind owl in the tree. Thinking how could such a bird get its living, decided to stay and watch. Soon, however, a raven came and fed the owl a good meal. "That's a lesson for me," he said; "God will feed and care for me as he has done for that blind owl." He quit work, both sowing and reaping, and soon he and his were in abject poverty. A wise hermit passing, saw him, and called to him, "Brother, how is it you are so ill and poor?" So he told him the story of the blind owl and said, "It's a test of faith; all things will work together for good." "No! No! brother, you saw the wrong bird. God was showing you the raven, for it is 'More blessed to given than to receive'."

A long interview with Bro. Trindle convinces us that the opportunity for good work is not to seek but to seize. The Half-Way work is proving all we expected. Bro. Stevenson has opened his home for the church of Christ to do its best work there, and Bro. Trindle proposes to visit there every other week. Whenever they are provided with horse and buggy, the visiting workers will be doubled in numbers. Mrs. Trindle is highly esteemed on the Reserve for her work and worth, and if she could accompany Bro. Trindle, her influence and work will be worth much in establishing the truth in the South End of the Reserve.

Our Treasurer, Bro. A. M. Beamish, 1002 Banning St., gratefully acknowledges from C.M.R. moneys mentioned in Feb. issue.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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On Dec. 19, 1928, Brother Trindle wrote to Sister J. O. Martin thanking her very much for the bales of clothing he received from her congregation, Tintern. He says, "You make the poor Indians happy when they receive these clothes. They are very much happy because they feel and know that you love them, and they are very much interested, and are willing to hear the gospel and attend the meetings." Since getting back home he finds much to do. One meeting in his home, and another 14 miles away means a walk of 28 miles. And he says he is tired when he gets home at 2 A.M. in the morning. He is not grumbling but is glad of the privilege to work for his Master who suffered so much for him. The Pentecostals are leaving their work at Half Way, thus leaving the way open for Brother Trindle. That will mean 3 places for him to visit. He has interesting meetings with as many as 45 in his Bible classes. He is very thankful for the help received. He says it helps him to lift up Jesus to the glory of God.

On Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> he wrote the church here at Meaford, to say that he was "still in the firing line combating the enemy. But, thank God we are in the victory side through Jesus Christ our Lord." He was very thankful to receive over 2 barrels of clothing from the brethren here. He says it is a great help to the Indians "these cold days now at present time 40 to 50 below." Clothing sent any time will be a help to them. In this letter he also refers to the 3 meeting places, which he must visit on foot, and he is bothered with rheumatism. He said they had a fine time during Christmas, when he gathered together the old, poor, blind, and crippled, and served about 300 meals.

While on his trip through Ontario some brethren discovered he would like to have a pony and buggy, or cutter for the winter. In these two letters he refers to that promise and says they would be very useful. We know they would be, and would greatly increase his usefulness.

Brother W. F. Cox, of Beamsville, Ont., is raising funds for this purpose. Let us give Brother Trindle his extra equipment. Send your offering to Brother Cox, or to the C.M.R. and it will be forwarded. Below is a statement from Brother Cox.

Let me appeal to you once more concerning Bro. Trindle's means of conveyance in aiding him to carry on more efficiently the wonderful work in which he is engaged among his own people.

At present I have on hand for this purpose only \$41, with the promise of \$10 from Bro. Collins, Meaford, making in all \$51.

Bros. Chas. Petch and W. Eatough, both of Winnipeg, have kindly assisted getting prices on horse, etc.

A few of the brethren at Beamsville have shipped to Bro. Trindle a set of single harness. This has been done free of charge. I am informed that Bro. Trindle could purchase a horse from his neighbor for less than \$50. A new buggy, purchased from T. Eaton Co., Winnipeg, would cost \$95; a jumper complete would cost \$42.25. This jumper is for winter driving. As the winter will be quite well over before we could make these purchases I expect Bro. Trindle could manage without the jumper this season. By next winter we might be able to supply it.

I believe, brethren, a means of conveyance for Bro. Trindle is a necessity. How many of us would be willing to walk 20 or 28 miles in one day to preach the gospel? This is what Bro Trindle is doing as often as he is able. It seems difficult for some of us to drive that far in a closed car to worship in a comfortable meeting house.

This work is worthy of our serious consideration. Let us co-operate in raising the desired amount at once.

W. F. Cox.

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Chas. W. Petch, 455 Victor St., Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 14: "Bro. Trindle was at meeting last night. Meetings are keeping up fairly well. Sickness kept some away."

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Chas. W. Petch, Jan. 21: "Bro. Trindle was with us awhile last Tuesday. There are four Indian women here in Winnipeg that he had baptized. Two were at meeting in the morning yesterday, and five in all at night."

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For Trindle, "A Friend," 50 cents; Church, Ice Lake, Ont., per Thos. Robertson, \$10; Church, Meaford, Ont., per E. E. Ellis, \$10.

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#### **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

When Bro. Albert Prince visited Winnipeg a few days ago, we had an opportunity of learning what is being done at the South End of the Peguis Reserve, and also the prospects for the future.

With the departure of the Pentecostals from this district, a wide open door of opportunity has presented itself. We are thoroughly satisfied that Bro. Prince can maintain the work done there, and he has a very intelligent understanding of the New Testament Scriptures. Several adults are intensely interested in their teaching concerning the church of Christ.

Bro. Trindle will be able to help them build a congregation which will be an influence through a large circle, and he is devoting much time to this end, altho' he was left stranded Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. A friend promised to ride him over to the South End and failed him at the last minute; he had not time to walk over, and a good crowd which gathered was disappointed.

Bro. Petch could help very much, if sent North again. His influence with the Indians is becoming a factor and we hope before long to report much good done by him in these quarters.

Bro. Trindle gratefully acknowledges gifts sent him. A set of harness from Beamsville, Ont.; bundles of used clothes from Toronto, Beamsville, and St. Catharines, Ont. He writes, "This kindness humbles me, and makes me feel more determined to work hard, and to be worthy of this great confidence in me."

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Eatough,

529 Toronto St.,

Winnipeg, Man.

P.S. "A letter just received says Bro. Trindle lost a grand-daughter, aged 17 years, who passed away 10 A.M., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Our sympathy is with them. We remember their sorrow not long ago, losing Rachel, another girl about the same age. May God comfort their hearts. Parcels from Brethren Tallman, McPhee, and A. E. Firth cheer them very much. We are trying to get the horse and buggy working before this appears in print."

--W.E.

Fund for Bro. Trindle's Pony and Buggy – Forwarded to me by Bro. Collin, Meaford, Ont., since last report,

"A Friend," 50 cents; Church, Ice Lake, Ont., per Thos. Robertson, \$10; Church, Selkirk, Ont., per Omar Kindy, \$5. Received from Sister Wm. Merritt, Beamsville, \$2, making, up-to-date, \$58.50. There is a balance of \$41.50 to make up the amount for which we asked (\$100).

Now, brethren, let us put forth an effort to raise, in a few days, what is needed to make the desired amount.

W. F. Cox.

Beamsville, Ont., Mar. 7, 1929

P.S.—I have sent \$51.50 to Bro. Eatough who has kindly offered to look after the business concerning pony and buggy for Bro. Trindle. Will send the balance soon.

--W.F.C.

Since receiving the above report I received \$5 from "A Friend," Meaford, and \$2 from Sister Leonard Latimer, Eugenia, Ont., for Bro. Trindle's pony and buggy. A few more offerings and we shall have the total amount.—E.G.C.

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For Trindle, church, Selkirk, Ont., per Omar Kindy, \$5; Mrs. Leonard Latimer, \$2; "A Friend," \$5, (these for pony and buggy); church, Meaford, Ont., per E. E. Ellis, \$10.) regular support).

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#### **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

The buggy and the Indian Pony are now busy travelling along our Indian road; thus doubling the usefulness of our workers on the Reserve. It seemed almost an impossibility when first mentioned, but the interest is keen, and the desire to help Bro. Trindle make good is real.

Bro. Petch is arranging to hold a meeting at an early date. Bro. Trindle has undertaken to give an invitation to every available Indian, also to ask the Fisher River Reserve folks to attend at Dallas, or better still to endeavour to get them [to] invite Bro. Petch to go over and speak to them.

Bro. Prince said, "Brethren we are praying for you; pray for us".

Our Treasurer, Bro. Beamish, 1002 Banning St., Winnipeg, gratefully acknowledges Bro. Cox towards Horse and buggy, \$51.50; Church at Calgary, Per Bro. Campbell, \$2.00; Miss Shield's Class, Meaford, \$5.00; A helpful letter with the gift; Mrs. Bell, Wiwa Hill Sask., \$5.00.

Walter Eatough

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Fund for Bro. Trindle's Pony and Buggy since last report I have received \$5, per Bro. A. E. Firth, Toronto; Mrs. J. Culley, Thedford, \$1, per Bro. Collins, Meaford, \$23. Total \$29, making up to date \$87.50.

--W.F. Cox

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Bro. Cox lacks \$12.50 of having the desired amount. Kindly forward to him, or through C. M. R. Whatever above that amount is contributed, can be used by Bro. Trindle to buy axle grease, and to shoe the horse, or to help feed it.

--E. G. C.

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For Missions—For Trindle, H. M. & Sis. Evans, \$1; Jas. Mackie, \$5; Church Thessalon, Ont., per Robt. Bailey, \$5; "Two Friends", \$5, (these for pony and buggy) church, Meaford, Ont., per E. E. Ellis, \$10, (regular support).

Vol. 14, No. 6, June 1929, p. 8 MISSIONS:

Sister L. C. Wismer, Foxey, Ont., says, "I am especially interested in *Our Indian Road*, and always look for news of it first when I get the C. M. R. I think the C. M. R. is fine and hope it continues the good work."

## From the Christian Monthly Review

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#### **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

A recent visitor from the Indian Reserve said, "We pray at our meetings for your work, and desire God's richest blessings within yourselves as you give out the Gospel invitation". This is the right spirit, to have an equal concern for the success of another congregation as for your own. The support and furtherance of the Gospel is entirely dependent upon the development of that quality of heart and mind.

All interested in the Indian Road will be delighted to know that Carman brethren have supplied a buggy made according to the requirements of Bro. Trindle; so now much more work for the Master will be done.

Brother Petch seems to be gaining in strength, and his arrangements are made to go to the Reserve May 14<sup>th</sup>, and we are all expecting that real lasting good will be done. The opportunity seems unique and Bro. Petch will, in God's hand, build and strengthen the work already done at so much prayer and sacrifice. We must do what we can, God's blessing never failed sincere and faithful effort to spread abroad the Mighty Gospel.

Our treasurer, Bro. Beamish, 1002 Banning St., Winnipeg, gratefully acknowledges, \$36 from Bro. Cox towards horse and buggy fund; and \$20 from church at Meaford, Ont.

Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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For Missions.—For Trindle, church, Stouffville, Ont., per D. H. Rusnell, \$35; Hugh Whitfield, \$5; church, Meaford, Ont., per E. E. Ellis, \$10. For Trindle's pony and buggy, Mrs. L. C. Wismer, \$2; John Cooper, \$10.

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## **MISSIONS**

In the late winter the Meaford brethren sent Bro. H. C. Trindle nearly 100 pounds of clothing and children's shoes, hats, etc. On May 1, he wrote acknowledging receipt of same, saying, "We are very thankful to get these things in these hard and trying times out here. The poor Indians are having a hard time to make their living." It seems their only source of revenue is trapping muskrats. One man may get as much as 2 rats a week at \$1.25 each, with three or four depending upon him. So he is glad we are helping him to help them. He says he now has his horse and buggy and is "driving around like a king." He asks that we pray for him to be faithful to the end, and closes his letter by saying, "May God bless you all abundantly is my prayer. Write to H. C. Trindle, Dallas, Man.

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The last word from Bro. Petch about the meetings on the Indian Reserve, said the meetings were held 9 miles south of Bro. Trindle's place. They were hoping for responses as several were convinced. Bro. Petch then planned to go to Carman, Man., for their June meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Then he was going to Montana (U.S.A.), for six weeks of meetings. He had been feeling better the last month.

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Bro. W. F. Cox, Beamsville, Ont., reports received for Bro. Trindle's horse and buggy—from Mrs. Kerr, Selkirk, \$5; Mrs. L. E. Huntsman, Beamsville, \$1; E. G. Collins (for Mrs. Wismer, Foxey, Ont.) \$2.

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#### **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

The following letters received from our brethren on the Reserve.

"We are delighted to have Bro. and Sister Petch visit us. They arrived 15<sup>th</sup> May and held meetings every night to 1<sup>st</sup> June. The people sure were glad to have them, and they visited in the homes at the south End. Bro. and Sister Stevenson were received into the church and many left convinced in their souls, and some day we hope to see them also join us in our work. We also visited Fisher River Reserve on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, and had quite an experience making the trip both ways.

We sure have missed them since they left, and Bro. Petch left us good teachings from the New Testament, also Sister Petch, showing the Sisters a good example. May God bless them in all their travelling for the Master."

#### Yours, A. E. Prince

Greetings: Just to say we are all well, and our little work at Dallas continuing. I walked over to the South End for evening service July 21st. My horse died whilest I was way at the June Meeting at Carman. I can't help it; it happened. I can be patient. Job lost everything, cattle and children and still served God.

Thank God I can walk yet and do a little for my Master, His cause. I am glad I got the paint you sent for the boat. I am getting it ready for my trip. If all is well I will leave immediately after July 10<sup>th</sup>, Treaty day here."

## Yours, A. C. Trindle.

Bro. Trindle told me in conversation that he is hopeful of visiting a much more Northerly Reserve. Six or seven brethren living there on Saskatchewan Reserve, were immersed by me in Winnipeg several years ago. They are building their own meeting house, and conducting a service much like we would want them to do, and are very anxious that Bro. Trindle visit them and help them serve God in the right way.

We have shipped a good parcel of groceries for the boat trip. Let us pray that this real rough road breaking may be to the glory of God.

W. Eatough 520 Toronto St., Winnipeg

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## NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE

H. C. Trindle, (Peguis Indian Reserve) Dallas, Man., June 20: "Dear Bro. in Jesus; Greetings. Just a word this morning to say that the wheels are still going on. We had the privilege of having Bro. Petch for 2 weeks and he did much good, I believe, which will last. Those who heard him did learn something, in fact all of us. We are glad to know that the church of Christ is getting strong and gaining its way and reaches every nation. Thank God. We feel more encourage of this truth every day. I am repairing my boat for a missionary trip around the lake Winnipeg , with this Gospel. The Lord willing, I will leave home first part of July.

I suppose you had a good time in June meeting. I wish I had been there. Of course we had one the same time in Carman. We had a good time refreshing of spiritual things; thank God for the privilege. But one thing I want to tell you which will not sound very good; that is, while we had a good time in Carman in our June meeting, when I came home I learned that my horse was dead. I had her in a pasture. I don't know what was wrong with her. Of course it happened. All I got to say, is praise the Lord. I don't

blame nobody. Job said the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. So brother, pray for me. Dear ones there is a big work ahead of me. In closing, I must tell you that 3 have been added with our numbers since I came home from Ontario, thank God, and we are wishing for some more. Hope I will hear from you before I go away. May God's rich blessings rest upon you all the household of God, is my prayer. Yours in the one faith the church of Christ."

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## "OUR INDIAN ROAD"

We are waiting for particulars from Bro. Trindle concerning his trip along the Lake Winnipeg; the only news to come through is that whilest going out to the Lake, and at the mouth of the Fisher River he was preaching there, and had the joy of one baptism among them.

The work at the South End continues; a crowd out to the preaching each Lord's Day Evening, and Bro. A. E. Prince holding the Sunday School and this preaching service going regularly.

Our Treasurer gladly acknowledges—Meaford Church \$10.00 each month; A Sister, Selkirk, Ont., \$1.00; Bro. Evans, Selkirk, \$1.00 towards pony.

W. Eatough, 519 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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## HOME FIELDS OUR INDIAN ROAD.

The following letter dated 20/9/29, reads:

Dear Brethren:

Just a line to say that I am quite well. I left home early in August. On my way out I had the joy of baptizing one dear Sister at the old Fisher Reserve. I was hoping to baptise more, as it looked like it, from what they said. From there I sailed to a place called Snake Island. I stayed there two days speaking to a few about their soul's salvation. From thence I managed to get as far North as Berens River Reserve. There is a white preacher here. He does not know the Indian language. He encouraged me to speak freely to my people. I have had a meeting every night and met Indians from different places. Three tribes come to this place from as far as 200 miles East. It is a Hudson Bay Outpost. The cost of living here is very high. I also met folks from Poplar River Reserve, Grand Rapids and Norway House. Most of them have been very attentive. They would like me to stay all winter. It is too late in the season to stay much longer. We have had one big snowfall already. I must return home to fix a few things to keep Jack Frost out of my little place.

Oh brethren, my work is big, doors are open for the Gospel. My people are tired of formalism, it does not satisfy the soul. Pray for me, that God will help me do a little more for His Holy name. I expect to get home middle of October.

Yours in Jesus, H. C. Trindle.

I scaled out on the map that Bro. Trindle has to travel 150 miles in the boat to get back home. That's what I call enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

W. Eatough.

## ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

Another appeal which met with the whole-hearted approval of the officers of the churches in the Toronto District came from the brethren super-visiting [sic] the work of Bro. Trindle among the Indians in Manitoba.

A building in which to conduct a Lord's Day School and hold evangelistic meetings is necessary for the success of the work. The people in the vicinity of the suitable site for such an erection are very anxious to see one put up. They are all willing to give their labour. The Indians will get the logs, and it only remains to subscribe a sum of not less than \$300 to purchase doors, sashes, shingles, etc. to have this accommodation for the good work being done. How much will you put into this church-house?

Send along your contributions to the editor of "Missions."

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We gratefully acknowledge from Meaford Church \$10.00 per month regularly. From Toronto District of Churches \$75.00. Sis. Huntsman class of boys, Beamsville, \$5.00. We are encouraged by such help, and feel sure that our Sister and her class set a good example to all who would recognize their debt to others, and keep fit for bigger things in the Gospel work.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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## HOME FIELDS OUR INDIAN ROAD

Bro. Stewart, of Carman, has visited the Indian Reserve and his report is most encouraging. He arrived unannounced and saw things just as they are at their normal. He was deeply impressed with the good work being done in the South End, and heard reliable testimony to the altered lives of those attending the meetings there. The improved characters of many is a matter of comment all over the Reserve. And the visitor is convinced that it would be well worth while to accept the generous offer of Bro. Prince to have a meeting-house erected on his own lot. The men offered to go into the bush this Winter and get the lumber, so there is no need for further delay in sending along the modest sum of \$300.00 to complete the building.

Bro. Stewart preached each night during his stay, and the folks listening were not content with anything less than a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hour sermon. He confirms all the good reports already heard about the fine prospects for a really useful and important work being done if facilities are provided the missioners. As Bro. Trindle had not returned from his Summer boat trip to other reserves, Bro. Stewart did not see him. But he was please to hear of his faithful preaching and teaching. No doubt Bro. Trindle will have much interesting information to impart when he gets in touch with his brethren in Winnipeg.

We are indebted to Bro. Eatough for the financial statement in connection with the Manitoba Mission, which statement was duly audited along with the accounts of the Winnipeg church. It is a fine testimony to the wide and deep practical interest the churches are taking in "Our Indian Road." When reading the balances please note that these make no mention of some \$90.00 due Bro. Trindle at the time when the report was made up. His being away from home accounts for the money not being paid over then.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT From Oct. 1st, 1928, to Sept. 30th, 1929 GENERAL FUND Receipts

Fro	m	n Toronto District Churches		\$150.00	
"		Ontario District, for Bro. Trindle's visit.			
"		Meaford Church		86.35	
"		Calgary Church		7.00	
" Carmen Church			31.00		
" Other Sources			77.76		
				\$493.26	
		Disburse	ments		
Ta			ments		
10	Br	Bro. Trindle, remuneration		\$187.00	
"	Br "	*		\$187.00 16.60	
		groceries		4-0	
"	"	groceries		16.60	
"	"	" groceries		16.60 68.65	
"	"	groceries  Ontario expenses  Railway fares  miscellaneous		16.60 68.65 20.00	

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	"	"	" miscellaneous
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124.60	"		Balance in hand
124.60			
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\$493.26			

## HORSE AND BUGGY FUND Receipts

From Bro. Cox, Beamsville  " other expenses	\$87.50 35.00
Total Income	\$122.50
Disbursements To Bro. Trindle for horse	\$40.00
" Balance in hand	82.00
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\$122.50 Signed: A. H. Beamish,

Treasurer.

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## NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**Bro. Daniel Stewart** after his visit to Ontario arrived home in Carman, Man., Sept. 13. He spent five days on the Indian Reserve north of Winnipeg, making his home at Bro. Prince's. They had four meetings all well attended with real good interest. Bro. Prince is doing a good work on the south end of Pegus [sic] Reserve.

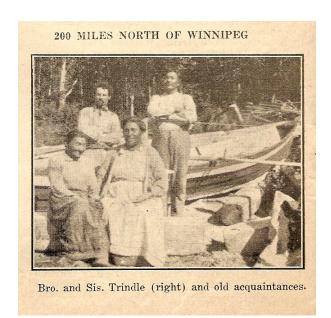
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Bro. Prince writes that on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> they were all set and ready to turn into the bush to get the lumber for their new meeting place. Bro. Roy McCartney, Milton, Ont., opened the building fund with a donation of \$2.00.

Bro. Trindle writes that he has restarted the Sunday School and Preaching Service with an attendance of fifty.

	Carefully acknowledged
From Carman Church	\$50.00
From Meaford Church	10.00
From Jordan Sunday School	25.00

WALTER EATOUGH, 529 Toronto St. Winnipeg



#### A FINE REPORT

Dallas, Man., 21 10 20

As I have already reported, I left for the southern part of Winnipeg Lake in August, going as far north as the Berens River Reserve. On the way out I was wind bound three days, and another time for four days. I arrived on a Sunday, and was invited to preach at the 3 o'clock Church Service. That night I was invited to preach in a private house, and every night for three weeks I held meetings and had the pleasure of meeting with folks of three different tribes, and men and women from long distances inland; these will go back and spread the message. I promised that I would (D.V.) visit them next summer.

On my way home I called at a place called Beaver River Reserve, here I met and talked with Indians on their way out trapping for the winter. I was out of food on account of having been wind bound. One good woman gave us the hind quarter of a moose, so we were refreshed. These were very poor people, destitute of clothing; this woman had only a very thin print dress, and it was very cold, so Mrs. Trindle gave her some of her own clothing.

We called at Blood Vein River Reserve, there again we preached and two more took their stand for Jesus, that makes six in all this trip.

When my ancestors were scalp hunters they were satisfied to get one scalp per year. I tell you, brother, I am glad to win six precious souls for the glory of God. I gave away all my Bibles and Sunday School supplies this trip, kindly send me 24 cheap Testaments out of my allowance.

I am glad to be back on my own Reserve.

Your brother in Jesus, H. C. Trindle.

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#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

October 1st, 1929 to January 31st, 1930, four months inclusive

Indian Road Fund—		
Income from Churches	\$174.30	
" " Individuals	43.85	
	Total	\$218.15
Expenditure		
Bro. Trindle	\$188.00	
Bro Prince	55.00	

	Total	\$243.00
Horse and Buggy Fund Bro. Cox's Collection Building Fund	\$20.00	
Income	\$59.00	
Expenditure	. 25.00	
Balance in hand, Jan. 31st, 1930		
Indian Road Funds	\$101.54	
Horse and Buggy Funs	102.50	)
Building Funds		)
	Total	\$238.04

Hurray with your gift for that Building, \$241 still needed. (Mission Ed.)

## **OUR INDIAN ROAD**

Peguis Indian Reserve, Man.

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Dear Brethren:

Greetings in Jesus. Just to say we received the good things sent to us, both groceries, clothes and toys. We had a real good time on Christmas day. My house was overflowed from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and our table filled all the time; while some were eating, others were singing, at 4 o'clock we had a good prayer meeting in a neighbour's house. Visitors from a long distance, and from Fisher River Reserve were present too. If ever we had a good time on this Reserve it was Christmas day 1929. All had enough, all were satisfied, all were happy. The gift of clothes, and the gift of toys; they could not express their thankfulness. We sent gifts of food to the sick, one especially, cried for very joy and thankfulness to Mrs. Trindle.

We have to thank very many people this time: In Ontario, Manitoba and B.C.; i-e St. Catharines, Beamsville, Tintern, Meaford, Windsor, Toronto (4 churches), Vancouver, Forest, Selkirk, and some gifts came without a name. May God bless with a double portion all who remembered the Indian Road work.

Yours in His Service

P.S.—I have received many Testaments from Ontario

The Half Way, Man.

Hy. Chas. Trindle

Dear Brethren:

Glad to receive your letters and the good things we have enjoyed this year end. Things from Winnipeg, Carman, and the East, both for our work and for Sister Prince. Sister thanks all through the Lord and Saviour Christ. We had all our scholars present and as many older folks. We served supper, distributed the toys to all, sent gifts to the sick, and all around us enjoyed these good gifts and it gave me another chance of talking to them about the Way of the Lord, created for the hearts of children to follow; I am sure our meeting was for good. We are having it hard just now, we had a heavy storm lasting over a week, and the roads were well blocked. There is quite a change in the attitude of the people toward us. I used them good when giving away the used clothing, making no difference between those for us and those who have been against us, and they were not slow to tell us that was not the way churches usually did with those who had opposed. I feel very glad.

Yours in Service, Albert E. Prince.

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## HOME FIELDS OUR INDIAN ROAD

"Some brethren came over from Fisher River Reserve, and we had a nice meeting. Glad to say we have at least two ready for baptism as soon as the water opens. An Evangelist to help us will be welcome winter or summer. We need your prayers.

H. C. Trindle

The horse and jumper will be ready for Bro. Trindle in a day or two. Thanks very much. We are in the worse way possible because of heavy snowfall. I have been out here long years, but never saw the roads so impassable. In means hardship for more than a few families here. We are holding forth with encouraging attendance.

#### A. E. Prince

And so it fares along our Indian Road, sometimes difficult and discouraging, sometimes full of hope and promise, and always calling. Come over and help us.

The Treasurer, Bro. A. H. Beamish gladly acknowledges from Church Meaford 20.00; Carman 10.00

We have purchased horse and jumper for Bro. Trindle and we send their allowance regularly. Balance in hand, Indian Road Funds, \$88.04; Building Fund, \$34.00.

Yours in service,

Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg

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## "OUR INDIAN ROAD"

Sailing out of the Reserve by the Fisher River and journeying along Lake Winnipeg Blood Vein Reserve, found an opportunity for Bro. Trindle to preach where preaching is seldom heard. Mrs. Trindle made the journey too, and they rejoice to report three adult conversions. Bro. and Sister Prince have been guests of mine several days and I find that the work is being doggedly persevered with; much opposition is around as those who are prepared to oppose New Testament practise see the new building rising slowly and steadily.

I am shipping out \$65.00 worth of doors, windows, shingles, etc., and find we will require \$32.00 more to finish it sufficiently for use and to keep out winter weather. Winter comes early and severely out there—lets help them finish in fairly decent weather. Bros. Prince and Trindle are travelling to Berens River together, preaching in these northerly parts and are hoping to gather together an assembly of God's children to continue the work.

--W. Eatough

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# HOME FIELDS "OUR INDIAN ROADS"

Dallas, Man., 12 Sept., '30

Dear Brethren:

"Just home once more from the far North. Br. Prince and myself held meetings every night. We preached also at various points going and returning.

The worldly spirit dominates even there, Sunday football and dances, still we had a number very glad to hear us, and they bid us come back soon. When we were at Blood Vein River, two men came 250 miles, from the East, begging for someone to go there and preach to them. A brother in our small congregation at Dallas accepted the invitation and is going with his family."

Yours in the Work,

H. C. Trindle

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This brother came to Winnipeg for a permit to leave the Reserve, to go to one in Ontario, and wanted some Bibles in the Soto Indian language. I was disappointed to find that the Bible Society had none in stock, and as the schools are teaching English to the scholars, it is not likely that another edition will be issued. In this out of the way district flour sells at \$10.00 per 100 lbs. and other food stuffs correspondingly high, so this family of five Church Members make a great sacrifice, with no other object than to hold forth the Word of Life.

Here is a chance of a Living Link for any Ontario church! Who will help them make known the Saving Name; who will fellowship them with words of encouragement and a little financial assistance?

We have spent every penny in our treasury. The new building has stirred bitter and relentless opposition. They need the house more than ever, and Bro. Prince says he needs a large hanging lamp for the centre of the room. These men and women need our prayers more and more.

We gratefully acknowledge East End Church, Hamilton, \$5.00; Stouffville, General Funds, \$35; Building Fund, \$10.00; Thessalon, \$15.00

Yours awaiting replenishments, Walter Eatough

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#### "OUR INDIAN ROAD"

All preachers know that the harder you strive to make your work successful, the surer will opposition attack you. This has been the lot of the South End work for several months. I counselled them to hold the fort and persevere, the storm would pass, and true enough the sterling character of Mr. Prince is winning out. The bitterest opposition spends itself, and I now think that the work and workers will soon have an enlarged opportunity.

I have received from another source, strong confirmation that the persistent visiting of the sick, and preaching at every opportunity by Bro. Trindle is telling throughout his own Reserve. The constant calls for service from other Reserves testify that his services there are helpful.

It is a delight to be able to write to assure all helpers of this work that a real and lasting work for the Master is being done in the distant North.

May I suggest that when making gifts this year end that the wives of the preachers be remembered again. The wives of all preachers make an unappreciated sacrifice all the time, and these Sisters have an unusual call on their hospitality during this season.

Our Treasurer, gratefully acknowledges, Church at Carman, \$20.00; "Unknown", Vancouver, \$5.00; Two members Beamsville, \$3.00; Mrs. Jordan, \$2.00; Sis Lacourse, \$1.00; Wychwood Church of Christ, \$30.00. The kindly words accompanying gifts are most encouraging. Mr. Trindle acknowledges receiving directly from Church at Selkirk \$5.00 monthly. 2 bales of clothings from Church at Jordan and Church at St. Catharines, and one from Bathurst St. Church.

Yours in Service,

Walter Eatough

Vol. 16, No. 5, May 1931, p. 8

## "OUR INDIAN ROAD"

The glad news of surrender of hearts to the Master, features the reports from the Reserve.

Reaping is a time of joy to all earnest workers; we share that joy gladly.

The harbingers of warmer weather are around; and therefore larger opportunities are around. May we all have grace sufficient for these responsibilities.

Sorry to have to report that we had to short ration our Indian brethren last supply day. Funds ran out and when we had sent all we had, it was less than what was needful!

We most gladly send what you give us. May we appeal to those who have once and again given liberally to forget not. Let us not fall down with the work on our own Canadian Indian Road.

The treasurer gratefully acknowledges, A Sister for Bro. Pakoo \$5.00; Church at Thessalon for Bro. Pakoo \$10.00.

W. Eatough

529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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## MISSIONS

#### Our Indian Road

Calls louder than ever before for the means to evangelize the great Northwest. The Winnipeg brethren need immediate financial help to keep things going. There are new and greater opportunities presented and the Master looks to His followers to enter the doors He opens for them. Remember there is another worker in the field, and although Bro. Pakoo will not require much money to keep him going, he cannot live without some.

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#### Our Indian Road

Brother Trindle reports opening another preaching point ten miles away and going out to it every Thursday evening. Preaching three times per week at Dallas, every other week at the Half Way means a very busy life in the Lord's work.

We gratefully acknowledge \$2.00 from a sister in Meaford. You will realize we need much more. W. Eatough

529 Toronto Street, Winnipeg

Vol. 16, No. 8, August 1931, p. 5

#### MISSIONS

Our Indian Road

Brother Trindle was working around the lake during the month of June, preaching at places where it is a rare opportunity for either Indian or white man to hear the Word of Life. His letter reads:

6<sup>th</sup> July, 1931

"We just got home from our trip North. We arrived at Blood Vein Reserve on Saturday. Had meetings on the Lord's Day. Had a good time during the week; I was fishing some. Had meetings Wednesdays and Fridays, and on the second Lord's Day three were baptized. Oh, what a good sight to see these children of darkness come into the marvellous light of Jesus Christ and His saving power through His precious blood. Others promised to be baptized next time I go. The Chief said to me: 'Come any time, and we will all attend your meetings. We do not understand the priest. You talk in our own tongue. So come soon and often.' Mrs. Trindle is helping me much. On our way home we called at a place called Moose Creek. We had run out of provisions. We caught nothing when fishing here. Towards evening we saw a gasoline motor boat making towards us. They wanted the loan of a kettle and some other utensils and then shared food with us. They gave Mrs. Trindle one pound of tea, ten pounds of sugar and bread, so we thanked God for His kindness. Two days later we shot a moose, so we and others had sufficient. I must tell you that I felt ashamed for not trusting God, as I ought.

"I am hoping to return for the month of August."

Our treasurer gratefully acknowledges Jordon [sic] S.S. \$25.00; A Sister, Meaford, \$2.00; Church at Vancouver, \$5.00; "Sister" for Brother Pakoo, \$5.00. Brother Pakoo is very grateful to giver.

529 Toronto Street, Winnipeg

W. Eatough

Vol. 16, No. 9, September 1931, p. 15

#### Our Indian Road

A conference of Indian agents and Church workers was held in Winnipeg recently concerning conditions in the north-east of Manitoba. It was decided that for the present, social work be abandoned, as the inhabitants had to leave this district because of the prairie fires.

This is confirmation of the fact that this district is a closed door to Bro. Pakoo for the immediate future. I remember the enthusiasm with which he left here for these parts. It must be very disappointing.

The Carman Church continue their monthly giving.

W. E. Eatough,

520 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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#### "OUR INDIAN ROAD"

Still journeying around the lake and visiting points untouched by preachers, taking the Word of Life to those whose opportunities to hear it are few and far between. Bro. and Sis. Trindle are very busy during the month of September.

Bro. Prince expects to house his own work in his own place this month. It is bare, and needs much to finish it properly.

The work at Dallas and South End is being steadily maintained, much interest is shown in the teaching.

We gratefully acknowledge the gifts from C. M. R. readers, The Church at Carman, "A Sister", Meaford, \$2.00.

W. Eatough 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg

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"Our Indian Road"

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#### MISSIONS

## Our Indian Road

Our Indian Road has been a much used road recently. For over two months Bro. Trindle has been on the long lane, carrying the message of God's saving grace. Blood Vein Reserve, Loan Creek Settlement, Rice River Settlement, Hall River Reserve, Black River Reserve, Fort Alexander Reserve, and Pine Fall Settlement. The map shows these wide apart places, to be not less than 300 miles, and with a boat along Lake Winnipeg both a task and a joy to accomplish. Everywhere there was a readiness to hear, hungering and thirsting for the Water of Life describes the spiritual conditions encountered.

Bro. Trindle is anxious to enlarge his home to better accommodate his preaching services and the Sunday School.

Bro. Prince is busy with his enlarged opportunity and faithful preaching is being maintained among our Indian brethren.

Soon it will be the season of giving. Please remember our native brethren. Could old givers who have had to discontinue, kindly for once remember this work?

Walter Eatough

529 Toronto Street, Winnipeg, Man.

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#### MISSIONS

"Our Indian Road"

Winnipeg, Man.

The reports from the Reserves have been good reading this month. The enlarged meeting houses are crowded each service and the Sunday Schools are being well attended.

Four preaching points are served weekly, good attendance and faithful preaching and several additions.

Bro. Trindle is most anxious that I go there and see these things for myself. Others have been there, but at present I cannot go. But two facts remain. (1) An enlarging opportunity, and (2) a decreasing income to meet the expenses.

We gratefully acknowledge from Carman \$20.00, Wychwood, Toronto, \$40.00, and the amounts acknowledged through Missions in C.M.R.

## Walter Eatough

## Financial Statement, Indian Road Fund January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1931 Receipts

	Receipts
Balance December 31st, 1930	\$ 8.15
Church at Wychwood	117.07
Church at Thessalon	10.00
Church at Vancouver	15.00
Church at Carman	110.00
Church at Jordan	25.00
Church at Tintern	3.00
Church at Winnipeg	10.00
Church at Bathurst St. Toronto	35.00
Toronto, per Bro. McK.	64.36
Private	14.15
Private, for Building	10.50
Bathurst St., Toronto	20.00
For Bro. Pakoo	10.00
Interest on Savings	.47

	\$470.70
	Expenses
Remuneration:	
Bro. Trindle	\$236.00
Bro. Prince	153.00
Bro. Pakoo	5.00
Building Material	17.00
Miscellaneous	3.00
Exchange charged on cheques remitted	1.45
	<del>\$415.45</del>
Balance, 31st December, 1931	55.25
	\$470.70 A. H. Beamish, Treasurer

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#### Our Indian Road

The winter months on the Reserve present a real opportunity for good work. Indians come in from long distances for various reasons, maybe mostly to deal with the Government Agent. Brethren Trindle and Prince take advantage of these opportunities, and both with faithful preaching and personal conversation present the claims of Christ and the necessity for a Church of Christ is pressed upon their consideration.

These men need our prayers to be equal to these responsibilities. Crowded meetings reported from all points.

Bro. Trindle wishes me to thank all Ontario brethren who helped so finely this year end. We gratefully acknowledge all moneys received through C.M.R., Fern Ave., Toronto \$7.50, C. B. Hotchkiss, Qu'Appelle, Sask., 35 cents.

--Walter Eatough

Vol. 17, No. 4, April 1932, p. 5

## HOME FIELDS OUR INDIAN ROAD

How often we have concluded that we must remain faithful to the truth, continue in well doing, and leave the results to God.

Our work is not mechanical. So much effort, so much time, so many sermons, so many converts, is not our experience. It may be so with a machine. We may compute with a fair degree of accuracy its output; but not so our labors in the Lord. Other factors obtain that make it so that we must leave results with God.

We do not see all that results from faithful trying. "After many days" is the promise of God. It is a cause of real thankfulness our Indian brethren are faithful to the truth, and continue steadfast, always abounding; the harvest will not fail, and no danger of over-production.

Our Treasurer gratefully acknowledges receiving all moneys acknowledged is C.M.R. Fern Avenue, Toronto, \$7.50. Sister Meaford, \$3.00.

Walter Eatough

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## HOME FIELDS OUR INDIAN ROADS

Visiting and conversations about the affairs of the Kingdom of God seems to be the dominant note in the reports from the Reserve.

Brothers Trindle and Prince maintain the interest of the crowd and their meeting places are crowded to capacity. We are expecting that Bro. Perkins will be able to go there and hold meetings for

them this coming summer or fall, and we pray that the sowing and reaping joys will be their rich experiences.

The treasurer gratefully acknowledges: Church at Vancouver \$5.00, Church at Carman \$10.00 monthly.

W. Eatough

Vol. 17, No. 7, October 1932, p. 9

## "OUR INDIAN ROAD"

Treaty Day is always a busy time. July 6<sup>th</sup> was no exception at Peguis Reserve.

Bro. Trindle was back from the long trip up the Lake, where opportunities for teaching and preaching were eagerly grasped.

Bro. Stewart, Carman, and Bro. Stebbing, Winnipeg, visited the Reserve two weeks ago, and had another opportunity of seeing this work. About thirty-five adults were gathered without effort to listen to the Word, and our brethren are sure they are doing a good work.

We sent every dollar we had in hand last time we remitted their allowance. We are thankful that we have not yet failed these faithful workers, and I am sure friends of this work do not want us to do so.

We gratefully acknowledge Wychwood, Toronto \$10.00. Bathurst St., Toronto \$30.00. Sis. Greenwood \$5.00, and all moneys acknowledged through C.M.R. W. E. Eatough 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg

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## **HOME FIELDS**

"Our Indian Road."

Our Brother Trindle has been visiting Indian Reserves around Lake Ure, during parts of August, September and October, finding a glad welcome and a good opportunity awaiting him everywhere.

He came to the Reserve nearest Winnipeg, which gave us the privilege of travelling out thirty-six miles to see him at work. Sixteen of us, joining fifty Indians filled Ure tent to capacity, October 16<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed the singing and listening to our Brother Trindle.

I have often been amazed at the ease and eloquence of our brother, but with his own people for an audience and in his native tongue, all his persuasiveness, charm, and persistence are there with increased power. The Living God, The Sufficiency of Calvary, The Living Word, The Need of Obedience, these were his theme [sic]. And as he usually quotes his Scripture in Cree and English, I was able to make out that much.

Three of us also had the privilege of speaking to these earnest listeners.

This work is surely of God. We are thankful to the churches at Carman for \$20 and Vancouver for \$10. But, Brethren, our funds are depleted, and less than just allowance is being given these workers. The gifts acknowledged by the Editor are all received.

W. Eatough.

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## NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Carman, Manitoba

Dear Brethren and Friends.

Bro. Stebbings and I went to have a short visit to the Pegus [sic] Indian Reserve. The people were anxious to have a meeting and they started out to let as many as possible know of our arrival, as we had only one night to be with them. About thirty-five gathered at Brother Prince's new house and had a meeting that lasted about two-and-a-half hours, with the very best of attention and interest. The Indians are anxious to hear the Gospel, and when visitors are there, the services are never too long for them. Bro. Prince seemed greatly pleased and encouraged. He said he thought he would be better not to go to bed that night as he wanted so much to talk about the work. However, we retired about two in the morning and came home the next day. We did not see Bro. Trindle, as he was away preaching at another Reserve.

Your brother in Christ,

**Daniel Stewart** 

Vol. 18, No. 1, January/February 1933, p. 13

HOME FIELDS

Many thanks to the friends of this work, we are able to finish 1932 with all monthly allowances paid, though no money carried forward into 1933. That is fine work under the present circumstances.

The work itself continues with every good sign of encouragement. The meeting houses are crowded, and the Bible Schools and Preaching Services are crowded too.

They have been encouraged recently by several additions, which is always pleasing. Brother Moses McKay is arranging to travel North with the Living Message.

Our grateful thanks to: A Sister, Meaford, \$3.00, Jordan Station, \$25.00; Beamsville, \$11.00; Tintern, \$5.00; Thessalon, \$5.00; C.M.R. as already reported.

Walter Eatough

Vol. 18, No. 2, March/April 1933, p. 10

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If we rejoice with them who rejoice, our joy and thankfulness increases with the news from the Reserve. All the meetings are well attended, peace and harmony reigns among the members, and the Lord is adding to them again and again those who have given themselves to the Saviour.

Among the later additions are Bro. and Sis. Tabbson. This brother has been fairly well trained for the work of the Ministry, and was at the time a Missionary in the far north in connection with the Pentecostal Assemblies. He had been long convinced of the evil of division and parties, satisfied with the Word of God as a sufficient guide for life and worship. When he observed the simplicity of worship in the breaking of bread, and hearing the gospel preached in sincerity and truth, his heart leaped out towards it, as a thing he had lost hope of ever seeing or realizing. The Church in Dallas listened to his statement and unanimously welcomed him to their fellowship.

He is a Ukrainian (Canadian born), 27 years of age, and has decided to remain preaching, in English, to the Indians and in his native tongue at the settlement of Ukrainians five miles north of Bro. Trindle's place. Trusting in God for guidance and support.

Brethren, you have plans for a meeting, maybe plans for a brother to help in the Ministry of the Word for a little longer time, why not give Bro. A. L. Tabbson, care of Bro. B. Trindle, Dallas, P.O., Man., an opportunity of service, and of gaining experience of the Churches of Christ, their faith and practice.

Thanking God for such encouragement. We also gratefully acknowledge from Meaford \$5.00, Thessalon \$5.00, Bathurst St. \$30.00, and C.M.R. amounts.

529 Toronto St.

Walter Eatough Winnipeg

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#### "OUR INDIAN ROAD"

We have had the pleasure of a visit by Bro. A. L. Tabbson from the Ukrainian Settlement north of the Peguis Reserve.

We found Bro. Tabbson a devoted, self-sacrificing worker, who is very anxious to give to his own race the pure Gospel of the Grace of God. It will be a very uphill fight for him, and he is aware both of the difficulties and the Power over difficulties which is available.

Our brother visits the Reserve very often, and will be a valuable helper and adviser with them.

Bro. Trindle has gone North again in the boat, along the East side of the lake. He has large responsibilities in these places, several have accepted the Saviour on his previous visits, and the call to feed my lambs, shepherd my sheep, comes very urgent to him.

We gratefully acknowledge the gifts through the C.M.R., and Meaford and Thessalon have sent once and again to our necessities.

529 Toronto St.,

Walter Eatough

Winnipeg.

# Indian Work Excerpts from the *Gospel Herald*

Vol. 1, No. 1, March 1936, p. 17 Our Indian Road by W. Eatough

A while ago, we ventured to call our work on the Indian Reserves, "Our Indian Road". Several reasons suggested this and maybe the chief one was that an open door for us to spread teachings was given us, when Bro. Trindle asked us to support him, whilst he carried the Word of Life to his brethren in the flesh.

An Indian himself, able to speak to the various tribes around in their own tongues, willing to travel long distances that his brethren may hear words whereby they might be saved, and now proven wise and capable for the work.

Each Lord's Day finds him away to one of two preaching points, each alternative Sunday one of these places served.

Mrs. Trindle starts and continues Sunday school in the home in the late afternoon, to which Bro. Trindle returns to help. Each Sunday evening a preaching service at Dallas his home village.

At another place (The Half Way village) Bro. A. E. Prince holds a Sunday school and preaching service. These are the regular services.

When the Lake opens Bro. Trindle travels long and far. Some of the places have Services only when our Brother visits.

Our road to the Indians is hard and difficult, but with many a delightful incident to encourage. For over 20 years W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg has been remitting to these workers such financial help he has been able to collect for them.

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Our Indian Road, by W. Eatough

Brethren Trindle and Prince report with great thankfulness improvement in weather conditions. 50 below zero is even too cold for the Native Canadians, our Indian Brethren.

Bro. Trindle writes: "Drove to Fisher River Reserve yesterday was back for Bible School and preaching service; fairly good attendance at both places. I am hoping to visit Ontario soon. I can explain myself better there".

Bro. Prince writes: "The meetings are very good; the house is really not big enough, we need more room. I want a lean against 22'X12. If you send me the money, the material can be gotten here. Brother, see what you can do for me".

Gratefully acknowledging \$5.00 monthly from Hamilton.

-- 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg

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Our Indian Road, W. Eatough

Brethren Trindle and Prince both write of flooded state of Fisher River, and short halt in their wider movements.

The Sisters at Sherbrook St. Winnipeg sent two large sacks and one large box of used and new made garments chiefly for children, to the Sisters at Fairford, Manitoba. These people remain faithful and plodding and it was a real pleasure to help them.

Gratefully acknowledging:

Bro. Horwood, Edmonton \$1.00

Church at Sarnia, Ont. \$4.25 for fund to send Bro. Trindle East. Remember these workers

Vol. 1, No. 4, June 1936, p. 20

Our Indian Road, W. Eatough

Another milestone has been passed on Our Indian Road. Some times we seem to be going over moor and fen, the uninteresting and uninviting, then if not crag and torrent, at least trees, flowers, and things more beautiful.

With the well wishes of the Government agent for Indian Affairs, with a letter also from the chief of the Peguis Indians, telling of our brother Trindle's faithful living, his untiring effort for the sick and poor,

his constancy in preaching the Word, and his wise words and helpful counsel, to keep the big family of Indians contented and strong to help make their confinement on a reserve a real home.

Bro. Trindle is off May 30<sup>th</sup> to the East for 45 days, and is also likely to cross the border for a meeting in the States.

May God's blessing make all these things work together for the furtherance of the Gospel <u>among</u> the Original Canadians.

Gratefully acknowledging: Sarnia \$4.25, Sister Hamilton \$5.00, Bathurst St., \$20.00, St. Catharines \$20.00; Tintern \$5.00, Hamilton \$10.00, Glencoe \$5.00. Disbursement: Railway fare, outfit, expenses traveling, and the balance to Mrs. Trindle for living expenses.

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Our Indian Road

Our fine leader along the Indian Road, is blazing a trail of interest and help, for his difficult work in the far North.

He is filled with gratitude for the kindness shown him, in the fruit growing, and busy centers in Ontario.

Churches are inviting Bro. Trindle to preach for them, and also to tell of his work on the Reserves around the lakes.

He will go back to continue in well doing, and helping where it is his peculiar privilege to do so, with joy.

Bro. Prince is at Nelley Creek, with an enlarged opportunity for preaching, which he is taking advantage of, to the full capacity of the meeting places.

Gratefully acknowledging: East Danforth \$5.00, Meaford \$5.00, Sister Hamilton \$5.00—W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St.

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Our Indian Road, W. Eatough

Bro. Trindle did not find the weather too hot to keep busy in the work. He reports 9 baptisms, real gains in the work in those parts. Visitors from Fairford urge him to visit them at Lake Manitoba, so after the two months in the North on Lake Winnipeg he proposes to help them.

He reports his need for lumber, shingles, window and roffing material. These things checked over proves that not less than \$100.00 will be needed. They have to hold the meetings in their home, they are on a Government Reserve, and restrictions are ample.

Gratefully acknowledging receiving during July: Smithfield \$5.00. Collection June meeting Beamsville \$8.25. Church Tintern \$5.00. Sister at Hamilton \$5.00. Wychwood Church \$13.00.—529 Toronto St.

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Our Indian Road

Those who follow this work with prayer and interest, will regret to learn that Bro. Trindle had to return from his trip North after making 100 miles with the boat. Mrs. Trindle was too sick to go further. Latest message is that she is now much better. The newspaper reported that the Blood Vein Reserve had sent S.O.S. to fire fighters and last report was they were suffering from food shortage. We have several fine Christians on that reserve and Bro. Trindle failed to make it. Had several responses to the gospel call at the Fisher Reserve before leaving. He is now making small repairs to house and then will D.V. leave by rail to Fairford, Sandy Bay and St. Martin reserves.

Gratefully acknowledging: Sister Hamilton \$6.00.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St.

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Our Indian Road

We sing, and surely not open enough, "Jesus the very thought of thee, With sweetness fills the breast"; When we know the sweetness of forgiveness, when we know the sweetness of fellowship and service; these words move us mightily,

"To tell to all poor sinner around, What a dear Saviour we have found,

And point to the redeeming blood,

And say, Behold the Way of God".

and so when Bro. Trindle writes, saying, "I'm busy here and there, telling the sweet story of Jesus", we know that behind that description, that he is supplying a deep-rooted need, with a supply sufficient, as the preacher is sincere and busy. "Just busy preaching" then is his report.

Gratefully acknowledging: Sisters at Hamilton, \$5.00; Sisters Manton and Greenwood, \$5.00. W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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Our Indian Road

Bro. Prince has found it necessary to leave the reserve for the time being.

Bro. Trindle is trying to maintain the preaching services at Half Way by going over every alternate Sunday. This means a heavy strain, one week west of his home to Fisher River, and the next east to Half Way and his own home work to serve.

The folks are looking forward to year-end Indian festivities and it is a big opportunity for preaching and all day services.

I shall be glad to receive financial help for our brother as you will note the support is not good. Gratefully acknowledging \$5.00 from Sisters in Hamilton, Ont.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

Vol. 1, No. 11, January 1937, p. 9

Our Indian Road

Many good gifts from the eastern Brethren made it possible for the three Sunday schools to have a happy time together in late December, Fisher River, Halfway, and Dallas situated between these two places with them twenty-five miles apart, must have kept Bro. and Sis. Trindle very busy.

Over 200 people visited at Dallas which must have been a big strain on the hospitality of our preacher.

A brother from Fairford Reserve was called home by the Lord recently. I immersed him about twenty years ago and it is a joy and gladness to know that he remained true to his confession and the teaching of the Church of Christ was held fast although many a sectarian preacher tried to get him to link up with their works.

Gratefully acknowledging: Bathurst St. \$35.00, Hamilton sisters \$6.00, Sister Manton \$6.00, Jordan Station \$8.00, Sherbrook St. \$5.00.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg

Vol. 2, No. 1, March 1937, p. 9

Our Indian Road

A letter from Bro. Trindle tells us that the flue epidemic is around, and that both Doctor and Agent have requested that, until they get control of this trouble, there be not much passing to and fro.

This we can all understand, but are also sure that in his own district, Bro. Trindle will be busy teaching and visiting.

We gratefully acknowledge for the month of Feb. \$6.00 from the sisters at Hamilton, Ont.

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Our Indian Road

Last word about this work told of restrictions because of the flu. Twelve old folks and a number of children passed away.

A useful box of used clothing was received from Bro. Tucker, via Chicago, U.S., and has been distributed amongst thankful receivers.

Gratefully acknowledging \$5.00 from Hamilton, Ont.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

NOTE: This article arrived just too late for the April issue. Each issue is published at the first of the month.

Our Indian Road

Bro. Trindle spent Lord's Day morning April 11<sup>th</sup> with the church at Winnipeg. The earnestness and sincerity, seem so plainly twenty years ago, was still manifested.

Our brother has an invitation to go to Fairford, which is about 220 miles by rail from Dallas. I have read the correspondence and the call is urgent.

They are waiting for the ice to break so that a goodly number can be immersed.

Other preachers have tried to get this congregation to work along their lines, and the call is to straighten out some matters and to strengthen their hands for the future. Whether Bro. Trindle goes or not will entirely depend on some one paying railway expenses. Who will help him go during May?

Are you supporting the preaching of the Gospel to another race, of another tongue? This is an opportunity. The support he gets is neither sufficient, nor from many, yet we gratefully acknowledge \$5.00, Omagh, Ont., and \$6.00, Hamilton, Ont.

Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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Our Indian Road

Bro. Trindle's visit to the N.W. Manitoba was full of interest and success. Two reserves adjoining at Lake St. Martin gave him a good audience and patient listening.

A public baptismal service of ten adults interested the entire folks in the neighborhood.

The wives of each chief at these two reserves were among those immersed. Bro. Trindle found other 28 persons whom he had formerly immersed ready with those just immersed to form and continue as a Church of Christ.

Thirty eight including both chiefs of each reserve solemnly and yet very joyfully decided that every person around the Lake should hear and know the teaching of the Church of Christ.

Gratefully acknowledging from Sarnia, \$6.50, Meaford, \$5.00, Jordan Station, \$10.00, and monthly from Hamilton \$6.00, Sherbrook St., Winnipeg, \$15.00

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg

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Our Indian Road

This report tells that the Road is around the North end of Lake Winnipeg 250 miles in a small boat to visit converts of previous visits and to take the Word of Life to some who have this one chance to hear. Preaching the whole year, our brother is not so young and strong as in former times, yet he finds the appeal irresistible.

To all who can help others carry the message to our Canadian Indians, here is an opportunity. The work is being done. Gratefully acknowledging \$5.00, Hamilton, and \$5.00 Omagh, Ont.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

Vol. 2, No. 8, October 1937, p. 14

Our Indian Road

Bro. Trindle is back from his trip on the lake.

The immediate business to attend to is a visit from the brethren at Fairford.

Whenever new work is started, new opposition seems to arise. So the brethren from the Western Reserve are visiting at Peguis Reserve to talk over the affairs of the Kingdom.

Sometimes opinions are held and stressed by some with the same emphasis as revealed truth.

All workers will appreciate the task of our brethren, and if the Spirit of Christ pervades, it is well. Bro. Trindle pleads for the prayers and counsel of his white brethren.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg.

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Our Indian Road

Bro. E. Sinclair, Indian Brother at Fairford, visiting here, helped me to get an insight in the work our Bro. Trindle had done at the two reserves on Lake Manitoba. They have several real difficulties to overcome, and certainly need the encouragement and wisdom gained by experience to help them make good.

Bro. Trindle is holding the fort on his own reserve and no doubt he is being urged to help them again as the brethren have made it possible for him to do each year-end.

Gratefully acknowledging help, received and I will make a year's full statement next report.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg

Vol. 2, No. 12, February 1938, p. 15 Our Indian Road

Monies received during 1937: Hamilton, 63.00; Jordan Station, 20.00; Sherbrook St., Winnipeg, 15.00; Sarnia, 6.50; Milton, 5.00; Meaford, 5.00; Omega, 5.00; personal, 11.30; Total \$145.80

Disbursement. The monies as received. Several bundles of used clothes and toys as well as groceries sent from time to time. Bro Trindle reports all services maintained although weather and roads are difficult. The Fairford Brethren, too, are holding forth the Word of Life.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

Vol. 3, No. 1, March 1938, p. 15 Our Indian Road

From my childhood I knew that I was lacking in something. Although I had been brought up in a so-called church, there was no satisfaction in my soul. I knew that something was wrong. The more I read my Bible the more I saw my need to be right with God. In those days I was a preacher as far as I knew how. I saw and read about the Church of Christ in my Bible, but never read anything about the Church of England or other churches. Now at this time I had a burning desire to preach the gospel, but never met a Church of Christ preacher. I lived about 100 miles north of Winnipeg.

When in Winnipeg I was going to worship with the people I had been worshipping with; but as I was walking I took a street that I had never taken before. I came to a building with the words on the door, "Church of Christ". For the first time I saw a material building with that name. Then I remembered reading about that church in the Bible. I didn't feel like passing the building. This was about 9:30, so I waited there for the people to come. At last one man came and spoke to me and said, "Coming in?" I said, "Yes." He showed me a seat and said, "Make yourself at home." Brethren started to come. Everyone seemed to be interested in me; and I felt at home. They all seemed to be happy and loving each other. When the time came for opening the service I was looking for a preacher wearing a long split-coat with a high collar or a long white robe with big sleeves. But I didn't see anyone dressed like that. A brother went to the pulpit with plain clothes on, and started to preach. After service, for the first time in my life I had many friends to shake hands with. Half a dozen or more wanted to take me to their home. I went home with one and he told me more perfectly about God. Then I was brought into the Church of Christ. Thank God my spiritual eyes were opened and I drank the water of life freely. I knew that what I found in the Acts of the Apostles through the guide and leader was God's way of salvation. I had the authority to preach the full gospel as it was preached at Pentecost. Thank God the gospel is so simple to understand that no man need make a mistake there.

The North American Indian is a happy Indian now. We, whose eyes and ears are opened to see, hear and obey God's way of salvation, now have five Indian Reservations with this teaching, and are doing what we can. We are like orphans; but we thank God we are not orphans, but sons of our heavenly Father, who is able to feed and clothe us according to his promise. We are very poor financially; we live on our every day earnings. What the Indian kills for his living is sometimes his last meal, not through laziness but for the lack of opportunity. Chiefly we live on wild game, fish, fur, etc.

Pray for us. We would like our children to be taught in the Christian teaching, and I am getting old, and hope to see the work of God going ahead through the young generation. I hope to see young Timothy to go on with the work in future.

Brethren, we beg you urgently to pray for the poor ignorant Indian, that many more be saved through Jesus Christ our Lord. The Gospel wheels are still moving forward among the Indians. Thank God that his gospel is free for every nation. I would like to get letters. With Christian greetings to all the Churches.

H. C. Trindle, Dallas, Man., Canada

Vol. 3, No. 2, April 1938, p. 14 Our Indian Road Brother Trindle reports himself much improved after his recent sickness. A lot of snow hampers going far afield. The presence of one or two brethren from Fairford gives him ample opportunity for consolidation of his work, a very necessary part of the work.

Many thanks to the Sisters at Hamilton for regularity of support.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

The following just received. March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Brother Eatough,

Just a word to let you know I am very sick and worse every day.

The doctor told me to be very quiet. I have a serious sickness, a heart trouble, of the worst kind.

I tried last Sunday to hold a service but had to sit down all the time preaching. I was out of wind, even that is now to stop.

The Lord is with me and I need the prayers of my brethren.

A good gift of used clothes from Bro. A. M. Stewart has proved a big help, also the spectacles you sent.

Yours in Jesus, H. C. Trindle

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Our Indian Road

To the readers of the Gospel Herald, Greetings. It is a privilege for me to write a few words again, being a North American Indian, and ignorant, with no wisdom of this world, and no college education. Father was too poor to give me a college education, that I might be a preacher of the gospel, but thank God, my education cannot be bought with money. It is the outcome of the precious blood of Jesus, shed on Calvary's cross.

We are now a happy people of God since we have met the spiritual eye-opener, who is Jesus, the Son of the Living God, the Saviour of the whole world. This is a wonderful experience to a poor soul who has been born in a heathen land under a heathen tent; kept in spiritual darkness for years and raised without the Christian education; but with man made creeds, and an empty form of religion with no life in it, and no spiritual food.

We had no preacher to tell us of God's way of salvation; but thanks be to God for the Church of Christ with the teaching of the apostles as at Pentecost. Thank God that we have this teaching now on these dark Indian Reservations. We are happy to know what it is to be born of water and of the Spirit, and to be born into the Kingdom of God, the Church, the Body of Christ, and to be in Christ.

I have made my choice forever

I will walk with Christ, my Guide.

Naught from him my soul can sever

While I'm trusting in his word.

I the lonely way have taken,

Rough and toilsome though it be, Jesus,

And although despised, forsaken.

Jesus, I'll go through with thee.

Brethren, pray for the Indians. Love and Christian Greetings to all the Christians in Canada.

Yours in Royal Service, H. C. Trindle, Evangelist

It is with deep regret that we report the continued sickness of Brother Trindle.

On the evening of April 1<sup>st</sup> he was seized with a stroke which no doubt will limit his activities. He was planning another trip around the lake, preaching, and strengthening former converts. He is finding the rough fare he has always been used to not appealing, nor refreshing, and it will increase his cost of living in several aspects now.

Probably Bro. Trindle will not be able to acknowledge any gift sent to him directly and Mrs. Trindle cannot do this either.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Our Indian Road

A letter dated May 26<sup>th</sup> from Brother Trindle says that he is beginning to feel a little better. Thanks to the generosity of many churches, we have been able to care for his necessities, and able to add a few dainties, as he said that the food he was accustomed to had lost its attractiveness. Will make a full statement next month of the half-year's income.

He also sent me a letter he had received from Fairford calling him again to preach to them. There are some waiting to be baptized, and they write longingly for our brother's services.

Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Canada

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Our Indian Road

The question with many is, Is Brother Trindle much improved or is it a case? The spirit willing, the flesh weak.

A very urgent request for Brother Trindle has just come, so I have written to Brother Trindle requesting him to see the doctor and tell him this and get his opinion. Is he physically fit to travel?

We gladly submit the six-month's income and of course the disbursement is the same.

Monthly: Sisters at Hamilton, \$5.00, Thessalon (2) \$15.00, Vancouver (2) \$8.00, Bathurst St., Toronto, \$30.00, Omagh, \$10.00, St. Catharines, \$20.00, Port Colborne, \$3.00, Perryville, \$5.00, Ice Lake, \$10.00, Brantford, \$15.00. Brother Trindle and family are very grateful.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Our Indian Road

Bro. Trindle reports that "Treaty day" was a wet day, but they were able to hold an open air meeting each night at 7 o'clock for one week; also he says he has seen the doctor as I advised him to do before attempting a long trip and the doctor advised against it and told him to stay around home for a while yet; he feels glad he can hold the fort at Dallas. He adds that his appetite is not good, and does not sleep well at nights.

Acknowledging gratefully: Sisters at Hamilton, \$4.00, Sister Jones, Toronto, \$2.00, Jordan Station, \$10.00. W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Our Indian Road

I have taken up with Bro. Trindle the very delicate question, as to whom would continue the work he has been doing so long.

A full and frank reply with considerable details has been received.

Giving the whole matter very serious consideration, in conference with other brethren, it seems that the following arrangements can be made.

Bro. John Cochrane (Bro. Trindle's first convert to primitive Christianity) living between Fisher River and Dallas, will be able to continue the two Sunday Schools and a preaching service each Lord's Day. He has proved himself a faithful and worthy helper all the time.

Bro. Albert E. Prince is back at the Half Way and is preparing to re-state Sunday School and preaching service when he gets the house in shape for meetings. If arrangements are made with Bro. Prince to give Bro. Cochrane occasional help, it seems that the work would receive that impetus necessary.

Bro. and Sis. Trindle will need financial assistance continuing.

Reports from several sources indicate very poor physical conditions but he is alert to help the services in his own home.

Friends of the Indian Work will be delighted to know that these things are so, and that arrangements are possible even to increasing the necessity of financial help for them.

Bro. Prince says he will answer the urgent call from Fairford if it can be arranged.

Sincerely, Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Manitoba

To the readers of the Gospel Herald greetings.

We are very poor, brethren, but not very poor in food. Most of the Indians have good gardens, potatoes, corn and other vegetables for the winter. We don't want carloads of vegetables to be sent to us like those in Alberta and Saskatchewan. We are very glad to hear of the help they are getting from kindhearted people from Ontario.

But we need help in old used clothing. We need them anytime. Nothing will be too bad for the Indian sisters can make things from old clothes. They can make children's clothes and quilts from them. Now brethren, kindly remember us in this way. It will soon get cold again and we can't start to think of these things too soon. I am getting calls for help on this line from my Indian people far and near and I am

unable to help them sometimes. Thank God, in the Church of Christ we find Dorcas doing her duty for the ministry of him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto these least, ye have done it unto me." If you have anything to send in this line, the address is, H. C. Trindle, Evangelist, Hadgson Station, C. N. R. Manitoba, Canada.

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Our Indian Road

The friends of this work will be glad to know that Bro. Trindle is sufficiently recovered to be able to conduct two services each Lord's Day and to keep busy with talks with the people who call to see him. Maybe eventually this will be for the good of the work to make at least one centre of influence for good.

Gratefully acknowledging: Brantford, Ont. \$10.00. Sisters at Hamilton, \$5.00 every month.

The year-end with its extra activities will soon be here. Anyone sending a parcel direct, if they will drop me a note about it, will help us not to duplicate giving; there are three places where services are held.

Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg

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Our Indian Road

We were grateful to see Bro. Trindle recently, although it was in a hospital.

We got both Doctor and Nurses' report on him which is always helpful, even if we are told unpleasant news.

Bro. Trindle was in a very dangerous and critical condition when brought in and gave alarm to all connected to his case.

He has responded to the treatment given him for a bad heart trouble. He has not only responded, but his recuperative powers fill one with hope and confidence that he will soon be back at his work in health and strength.

This has given several an opportunity for long conversations and it is very plain that he had set his house in order, yet longing for further opportunity to tell his people the old, old story. It seems the future of this work is assured.

Nov. 18/38. Henry Charles Trindle, approximately 74 years of age, fell asleep in Jesus Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> after three weeks treatment at St. Bonniface Hospital.

Members of both congregations in Winnipeg gathered to pay respects to his memory. Bro. Walter Eatough assisted by Evangelist J. C. Bailey conducted the service.

Bro. Trindle had faithfully worked amongst his own people for over 20 years. He had five preaching points, and was kept very busy when in health. As his work has been reported from time to time, further reference will not now be made to it.

He was like Paul, conscious that the time of his departure was at hand, and he gave much thought and care concerning its continuance.

The work on the Peguis Reservation in the meantime will be attended to by Bro. John Cochrane. Bro. Albert Prince is reviving his work at Half Way and is willing to go further afield. Two brethren upon whom chiefly rests the work at Fairford are coming to the city for a conference. These are Bro. Trindle's arrangements in conference with me, and they seem to be the best for the present, at least for a steady tryout, and as always, time will tell. All decisions for this work to continue are asked to help as theretofore.

W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg

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Our Indian Road

Friends of the Indian work will be glad to know that good parcels were sent to all four preaching points of our late Bro. Trindle in December.

All the services are being maintained by the local brethren, and the good work is going ahead. Although no one is yet in sight with ability as Evangelist for these parts, we are keeping in close touch with all of them.

It was not pleasant to learn that the list of helpers writing direct to Bro. Trindle was being used, with a plea of poverty. Sister Trindle cannot read nor write English. As a Ward of the Government is on a

Reserve, there will not be actual want. Sister Trindle is a very unselfish generous woman and if a pitiable story is told her, she will give her clothing away.

Around her are plenty who live one day at a time, with no foresight. Do not feel that any plea of poverty is through neglect of the friends of this work.

We gratefully acknowledge for the year 1938: Hamilton, 60.00; Bathurst St., Toronto, 30.00; Brantford, 25.00; Jordan Station, 25.00; Vancouver, 20.50; Omagh, 20.00; St. Catharines, 20.00; Ice Lake, 10.00; Thessalon, 15.00; Port Colborne, 8.00; Perryville, 6.00; Personal, Toronto, 2.00. Total: 241.50. Disbursement, the entire amount as received.

A little financial help is still needing, as also the prayers and sympathy for Our Indian Road. Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Man.

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Our Indian Road

We are keeping in touch with all the preaching points on the Reserves and are pleased to report that all the meetings are being maintained.

We had the pleasure of a personal interview with Bro. Summer of the St. Martin's Reserve, Fairford and Gypsumville. He told me he and three other brethren shared in conducting the services, and that a real interest is being maintained.

Sister Trindle continues the Sunday School in her home and enjoys taking counsel with the brethren who are conducting the preaching services.

It has been suggested that two or three brethren visit the Reserves and interview and observe the work; that is being arranged and the latter part of May the probable date.

Gratefully acknowledging: \$5.00 monthly from Hamilton, and Vancouver \$4.50.—Walter Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Our Indian Road

The news from the Reserves is very encouraging, as concerns the work. Over two hundred at the service Lord's day, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Lake St. Martin's Reserve. Also Sister Trindle is maintaining the Sunday School work and keeping open house for the brethren to conduct other services in.

Concerning workers, Bro. Summers had to be rushed to the hospital, being in a very serious condition. This brother, along with two other brethren, conduct the service at St. Martin. He has ability and preaches fluently in the Indian language, and is also fairly good in English. And what may be of more value than all that, a self-sacrificing, cheerful and willing giver with loyalty and constancy.

Many thanks to the sisters at Hamilton for regular help, and also cheerful giving from Vancouver.

--W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St. Winnipeg, Man.

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Our Indian Road

Reports from the various preaching points are interesting.

Lake St. Martin's I.R. says the attendance and interest is being well maintained.

Fisher River I.R. writes that quite a number of neighbours come to the Services.

Bro. Prince, Peguis Indian Reserve, says all the meetings are being maintained with a fine interest shown.

Mrs. Trindle wrote that the Sunday School carried so long in her home continues, and the children seem to come whatever the weather conditions are. By the way Mrs. Trindle was re-married Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, to Mr. John S. Sinclair. As the Sinclairs at Dallas are a numerous clan, I have not yet identified him; will do so soon.

What fine fellowship this work has received recently! Hamilton \$5.00 monthly; Vancouver \$4.50; Brantford, \$10.00; Jordan Station \$10.00; Omagh \$10.00; Carman \$10.00 for B. Prince.

How sweet to know,

As we forward go,

The Way of the Cross,

And its road to the Indian

Has the prayer and help of so many.

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The friends of this work will be glad to know that Brother Brownridge will visit the Peguis Reserve, leaving here Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

It has been our constant care to select from the Indian brethren one to follow the steps of Brother Trindle, going from place to place with the Gospel story. So with this visit, as one more act of carefulness in selection, we are hoping that Brother Albert E. Prince will be able to do the work of an Evangelist.

For July and August we thankfully acknowledge \$5.00 monthly from Hamilton. From Stouffville, Ont., per Brother McKerlie, \$23.00 Vancouver, \$4.50.—W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg

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Brother Brownridge visited the Peguis Reserve and the Fisher River Reserve as was arranged. He was well satisfied with the results of his visit. He did the wise thing in arranging to re-visit the Reserve from time to time. There is a good gravelled road all the way.

He recommends that Bro. Albert E. Prince be assisted financially, as he has undertaken to assist and guide him with counsel, how to conduct the services with a view to making them self-supporting, and with proper teaching of the right kind.

He thinks that, for the present, Bro. Prince should concentrate and consolidate the work at his own place. All friends will be glad to know that Bro. Prince appreciates all this, and promises his full cooperation.

There is a small group of earnest Christians away at Fisher River Reserve.

Mrs. Sinclair, nee Mrs. Trindle, was away on the lake, so a visit to the work at Dallas was not possible.—W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg.

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Letters recently received indicate activities at all the preaching points of our late Brother Trindle. Pegius Reserve is reported by Brother Albert E. Prince as holding two services and Sunday School each Lord's day. Sister Sinclair and Brother and Sister Cochrane are holding Sunday School and a service near Dallas. Brother Sumner and workers have a well-attended service at Lake St. Martin's Reserve and Brother Jas. Thompson says that the meetings at Fairford and Little, Sask. Reserve have a full house all the time. These two reserves are adjoining, and the meetings are held at Mrs. Cook's place on the shore of the lake, between the two reserves, so they gather from both Reserves and have good and encouraging meetings three times each Lord's day.

Gratefully acknowledging for 1939 up to and including December 13<sup>th</sup>, the following: Sisters at Hamilton, 59.00; Vancouver, 16.50; Jordan Station, 25.00. Stouffville, per Brother McKerlie, 23.00; Omagh, 20.00; Carman, 10.00; Brantford, 10.00; total, 173.50.

Disbursement of funds continuous all the year. Good and useful bundles and parcels are being sent for the year end.—W. Eatough, 529 Toronto St., Winnipeg

Vol. 7, No. 11, January 1942, p. 14 Our Indian Road

We are still journeying on the road of service for our Indian brethren in the north of Manitoba. Several useful contributions have been received and one regular monthly gift helpfully and thankfully received.

The work is in good shape on four different reserves, on three of these, brethren in the Church of Chiefs. This is a very great help to effectiveness. The things which hindered and hampered us are removed on all four reserves and the fifth is holding forth the Word of life although few in number. Will we be able to send very useful help this year end?—Walter Eatough, 955 Dominion St., Winnipeg.

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Sept. 1. 1943

Those who have helped, and all those who have followed with interest, the work on the Indian Reserves north of Winnipeg, will regret to learn that some of the preachers for the "Church of Christ Mission," their own designation, have given up their work with us, and joined themselves to the Zion Pentecostal church of this city.

Our work had been opposed by the Pentecostals from the beginning of the work by our late Bro. Trindle. Many remain faithful to the teaching received from Bro. Trindle, chiefly sisters. The death of several old servants of Christ lessened the restraining influence and now those who did the bulk of the work have left, Demas has forsaken us, the care of the widow of Bro. Trindle, and what we can do should be done; our care for others may be another open door of opportunity.

Walter Eatough

Vol. 10, No. 5, April 15, 1944, p. 14

## Our Indian Road Walter Eatough

The journey along our Indian Road dates back to the fall of 1918. The invitation to this rough and thorny path came from a pure blood Indian, Bro. Hy. C. Trindle of the Peguis Reserve, 100 miles north of Winnipeg.

In his own words, "I was passing along Sherbrook Street one Sunday morning, when I noticed a sign, 'Church of Christ meets here.' I knew I had read about that church in my New Testament, so was anxious to meet it. For the first time in my life I met men and women who did not regard race or color as a barrier; they called me brother; they greeted me sincerely, I had the choice of half a dozen homes in which to eat dinner, I accepted Bro. Hudson's offer, and he opened mine eyes to the glories of the New Testament, the reality of the Church of Christ, and I drank deeply of the Water of Life that day." Bro. Hudson, until he left for Vancouver, kept in close touch with him.

By then the Indian work was established in our interests, and evangelists working with Carman and us went to the Reserves and held meetings. Other brethren also visited the Reserves, and all reported good work done, and great opportunities. Bro. Petch in the summer of 1928 arranged a visit to Ontario for Bro. Trindle and this meant a better understanding, and financial help followed forthwith from many churches and brethren. After that Bro. Trindle arranged long and extended trips to the far north, and for several summers preached at places no other preacher visited.

Calls for a meeting house, for a horse and buggy and for a boat were met most generously, Bro. Daniel Stewart giving these things real oversight.

Bro. Trindle's health gave way, and in the fall of 1938 he passed to his reward, having given twenty years' hard work for the Church of Christ.

This work was unfortunate in that no young man was attracted to desire training for the public ministry to his race, although an offer was made several times to pay all expenses incurred in attendance at one of the Bible schools in the South.

This work had the usual difficulties met with, workers forsaking us, etc., but the Chiefs at Lake St. Martins, Fairford and Little Sask. Indian Reserves assure us that they and many of their people are remaining faithful, and ask for our prayers and Interest. The widow of Bro. Trindle is still our care in her need and loneliness.

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Brother Gallagher and I Visit Lake St. Martin Reserve

Many of our readers will remember the active interest that churches of Christ took in work on the Indian reservations in Northern Manitoba some years ago. The chief preacher was Brother Chas. Trindle. He passed to his reward some years ago. Since that time it would seem that the work has retrogressed. Certain sects had worked in and there were conflicting reports reaching the Sherbrook Street church as to the exact status of the work among the Indians.

The brethren were anxious to know how things really were so the visit of Brother Gallagher and myself was arranged. There were a number of things that combined to hinder our work. A permit to preach on the reserve was not received so we had to confine our work to questioning. That was our chief purpose. We arrived in Gypsumville last Saturday night. We awoke in the morning to see the ground covered with snow and more coming down. There was approximately a foot fell. We did not go prepared

for travelling under such circumstances. We tried to hire a jeep to make our way to the reserve but no one would try it. Then we hired a team and sleigh.

While on the reserve we never saw an Indian smoking. There are a number of readers that should read that line over again. I have known Indians more or less all my life. New Testament Christianity has had a very profound effect on the lives of many on several reserves, thanks to the godly influence of Brother Trindle. While the Indians draw some distinctive lines they do not draw the line where it should be drawn on some subjects. They need more teaching. While I regret the lack of a strict adherence to the New Testament pattern in worship, I rejoice in the changed lives these men live. We must not abandon our work in Northern Manitoba. We must redouble our efforts. We must contact younger men. Those that have been in contact somewhat with the church through Sherbrook Street are elderly men. It is imperative that we make some younger contacts. Plans should be made for holding several meetings this coming year. It will be needful to start now to make arrangements.

Brethren, we dare not retreat. The forces of truth must be strengthened among our Indian brethren.

Vol. 19, No. 4, May 1953, p. 10 REPORT FROM SHERBROOK ST. CHURCH

We have our sewing meetings every Tuesday, usually in the afternoon. We have our devotional part first; ...

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Then we knit quite a lot of very pretty baby sweaters, bonnets, and booties etc. Also some sew baby layettes and children's dresses to send in the parcels to Germany. We used to send them to England, and we have sent some to Japan too. Then we collect used clothing, books and toys, etc. to send to the Indians who live on the Manitoba Reserves.

... E. Stebbings