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next summer. They are glad to find that his health is in a measure recruited, and that he is prepaid to return with his family by the open water, & they trust that an increased blessing may be vouchsafed to his labours.

4. The Bishop mentioned his intention of sending Mr Thos Cook who has been for two years at St Johns to occupy the Station at the Nepowewin, while Mr Peter Erasmus now in charge of the same, should come in for further instruction.

The meeting was as usual, concluded with prayer.

(Sgd) David Rupertsland.

Mr. Charles Pratt to Rev A Cowley.

Rec'd Oct 26/53

Rev and dear Sir, Qu'appell Lakes Feb 21/53.

I am now about to write you by this opportunity to let you know how we are at present We have been very unhealthy ever since we came here, the Qu'appell Lakes. My wife fell sick at the latter end of October, but through the mercy of God she recovered from her sickness, and on the 1st Jany she again fell sick very severe, and presently all my children fell sick. In about two weeks time, all the children recovered, except my wife. I cannot tell you what kind of disease it was, but it came on them with severe cold and the head ache, and also their tongues were all breaking out, so that they were unable to eat, for a good while. Thanks be to God, he has brought them to their former health. my wife kept her bed till the 18th inst: the Lord having mercy on her, she is now in perfect health. It pleased the Lord to recover her of her sickness, and has visited my youngest child. she fell sick just as her mother got well. This is now six days since she got sick she refuses to eat anything at all. It is the Lord he doeth as seemeth him good, blessed be his holy name - We have been very unfortunate since we arrived here: the Buffalo has kept off from us all the winter. they were within three days travel from the Qu'appell Lakes. We have made three trips to the plains & our horses are failing We have had a most remarkable fine weather - we had no snow till Christmas day, and on this day I was out amongst the trees (at) a place called The Burned Shell

across the plains where I met with four camps of Crees and Soties: the first camp a headman called Takwach, a Sotie. the second camp a headman called Kakwe-tah-pas-kee-swat, and the third camp a chief called the Fox and his father yostans guide. and the fourth camp, a headman called ekenak, these are the four camps I read the word of God to them day & night. I was with them four days. I can say that the free Indians are very attentive to the Word of God, and he will surely visit them for he sees & knows them best how they give heed to his holy word. O. would God give me more of his grace to love and serve him. that I may continue in his work & service unto my life's end. come what may But in the Lord Jehovah is my everlasting strength.

Dear Sir. I suppose you have heard that the Company's trading post has removed to the Squaniel mountain. You will understand that there are no Indians at present here, but it is certain that the Qu'appelle Lake is a by-stand to the plain Indians. if ever he will be brought in to a knowledge of the truth. I hoped to make the second trip to the plain, but it is so very cold since the cold weather set in. that a wolf is scarcely fit to travel. I never saw or knew (it) to be so sharp as it is now I hope we shall soon have milder weather for travelling for I shall not have rest until I see all the Crees within the wood hills to proclaim Christ crucified to all around. Oh may the Lord Jesus hasten his happy day when he shall take the heathen for his inheritance. & the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. and when all shall know him from the least to the greatest.

Dear Sir, we all unite in giving our kind regards to Mr. & Mrs. Cowley and family. We wish you a happy new year. O. may it be the happiest of years that has been, the Saviours name spread far & wide is the sincere wish of your unworthy Servant

(Sgd) Charles Pratt

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