

this year. I will give Mrs. Robertson your message when I next write to her. I have not been able to write you a cheering letter this mail. I hope that if spared to write again I will have brighter news to send.

Help for Miss McLaren.

INDIAN SCHOOL, BIRTLE, MAN., *Jan. 12, 1892.*

MRS. LECKIE.—It is now three weeks since I received your kind letter. It reached Birtle the same night as I did, so your kind words of welcome met me on the very threshold of my new work, and for them I thank you very much. It has been a great comfort the thought that so many are praying for me. I need all your prayers very much indeed, that I may be made meet for the Master's work among the Indians. Often this question comes to me during the day's work : What would be the best thing to do under this circumstance ? and I do want to do always what is right at the right time, I mean with the children.

I shall begin now and tell you from the first day I came to the Indian school. I landed on a Saturday night. Miss McLaren met me at the station, with four of her Indian boys. The station is only a short distance from school, so we walked. The girls saw us coming and were all in the hall when we entered. Miss McLaren introduced them all ; this is Bessie, Mary, Lizzie, Rose, Jean, and so on until she had gone over seventeen or eighteen English names. Not one had an Indian name. I was quite taken with them all, but Miss McLaren thinks there never were such children, and she cares for each one with a mother's care. It would do anyone good to see how good she and Mr. McLaren are to these children.

My work is to look after the meals and kitchen work. I did not get along very well at first, but I like it better every day.

Birtle is a very pretty little place, the school is up on the hill, over-looking the village. It must be beautiful in the summer time.

Miss McLaren is looking very much better than when I saw her last summer, but is not anything like well yet. She had far too much to do. She is very busy with the clothing just now. She thinks that the new material is so much more satisfactory than the second-hand.