

elder brother, when he got him to the interior, forced him to go the whole way; for he has been absent six months and there is not yet any word of his return. Fancy the strain on the faith and character of a young Christian alone with none but God to help him amid such influences as one of those journeys exert. Most of the slaves brought to this immediate district are girls and women, showing clearly that villages were plundered to secure them. Some time ago I sent to their homes nineteen boys who had been seized in the Ngaranganzi country, and who were returned to me by Mr. Campbell. Yet the relatives of these same boys were mostly away again after slaves. When will this cease?

Extracts from Mrs. Read's Letters to Mrs. Moodie.

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As to things for the kindergarten, balls would not be worth the expense, unless possibly in limited quantity, and then home made, with string ready to be stuffed with cotton here. Blocks would be very welcome. From the third gift up. But in quantity, rather than by the tiny boxes, they are more expensive that way. Cards with very simple designs would be good. A cup, jug, hat, the most elementary; for sewing, some reels of marking cotton or such cotton as is sold for that special purpose. No 4 needles would always be acceptable. Wooden beads, old or new, so long as they are wooden and unbreakable. Also long corset laces to string them on. Mats for weaving would be good as an introduction to using native material in the same way.

A word or two to our kindergarten. It is now really not a kindergarten at all, for the little ones are swamped as it were by boys and girls from 10 to 14, who come in good numbers, drawn chiefly by sewing. We sing kindergarten songs, first all together then Dr. Rose Bower takes the older ones to read and sew, and I take the little ones. In all we have usually from 30 to 50. The attendance of the village girls is very promising. But how wild and noisy they are! At times it seems a veritable Bedlam, but we must be patient as well as judiciously firm. They cannot change that all at once. We would rather have the noise and confusion than rows of benches, in perfect order, but empty.

I have been going to tell for some time of our mats, our floor covering. They vary much in size. The average is about 4 x 6 ft. or thereabouts. They are made by soaking and splitting long reeds and weaving them together by means of a bark string about an inch wide. The reeds are a light straw color and the bark string dark brown, or almost black, so the combination