

the Guelph Society has no doubt been passed on, but I must say I am more than thankful that we have fallen into such good hands. "Practical people"—that is what is wanted in every department of our Indian work. From the time you begin to collect the clothing that is to make these poor little Indians happy, to the time I strip them of their rags and give them their first bath, there is very little poetry; it is sternest reality at every stage.

But we must to business. "Why a little wheel?" Well, firstly, and I may emphasize this because by no amount of coaxing or bribery could you get an Indian woman to stand to spin; it is too hard work; and again, because it is much better to teach the girls here on the same kind of wheel which will be got later on for their homes, and the larger kind takes too much room. Their houses and the teepees they inhabit in summer would not accommodate such a large piece of furniture. I am glad to be able to tell you that I feel encouraged by the reception this new industry has met with. Two of the larger girls can already use the hand cards quite skilfully, and I hope by next summer to have half a dozen at least ready to use both wheel and cards. Thank you very much for the large wheel. For my own part I would rather use it as it is the kind I was always accustomed to, but for the present, at least, we will try the small one.

"How many do I pile in a bed?" One night last winter after an unexpected influx of children, I spent two hours trying to solve the problem of how to stow thirty-three children into ten beds and have only three in a bed. Finally I hit on the plan of shoving one bed against the wall and putting five little fellows crosswise on it.

From last winter I only have comfortable bedding for two beds. This leaves ten still unprovided for. Some of the ticks used last winter may do another year. I fill both ticks and pillows with straw. It answers perfectly well for the ticks. A few soft pillows will be very acceptable. I have often longed for such when the children had measles. In time we may perhaps get all soft, but do not burden yourselves this year. These things must come by degrees, as all luxuries do, into a house. Make up most of the bedding. Some persons, I am told, prefer colored sheeting, but by all means send me white. Bolsters or pillows do equally well.

Now for foot wear. This and pants for the boys are our

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