

me very much at first, but now they do not laugh at all. Truly by prayer we can get strength from God. Every morning I used to read Matt. xxiv. 14. He told them to preach the Gospel to all nations. I believe my duty to God is to tell the Gospel to my friends and neighbors. I am sorry that I did not my duty well. Please pray for me."

*From another letter:*

"My happiest time in the day is the time when I pray to God. I found that the home life is very much harder than the school life. But I am praying earnestly to God to guide me in true way. I am trying to show my faith while I am busy."

From Miss Beavis.

PORT SIMPSON, February 4th, 1896.

DEAR MRS. STRACHAN,—

Our Christmas entertainment for the children of the Homes was much enjoyed by them and their friends who were with us. We had quite a programme, consisting of singing, recitations, etc. Their motion songs and club swinging to music furnished by the girls pleased the parents very much. It was remarked by some that the improvement each year was very noticeable. Our chairman called upon some of the friends to speak to the children. Victoria, an old chieftess, said she wished she could be born over again, so that she might have the many advantages which these girls enjoyed.

The children have had good health until recently, when we were visited by a mild form of la grippe, from which all recovered quickly, except one of the larger girls, Fanny Ryan. But we are hoping that under Dr. Bolton's careful treatment she will soon be quite well again.

One of our girls, Minnie Offett, who left the Home some time ago, on account of ill health, after spending the summer in the hospital returned to her parents, and shortly before Christmas left, as she expressed it, before dying, "to go to Heaven to be with Jesus."

Our numbers are not very large, but those who are here are having a more thorough training, so that when others come they will be a help to them in a great many ways, and we trust those who leave us from time to time may be made a blessing to others who have not had the advantages they have. We are expecting two more children soon.