

Were it to be otherwise it would be impossible to maintain the School at its present state of efficiency, for \$60 a year in this expensive country does not go very far in feeding, clothing, warming, nursing, doctoring, housing and teaching, even a young child. Especially as we have had for years in the School some children for whom, from their circumstances, we are unable to claim any portion of the grant.

After many years of wear and tear of the School buildings, floors were found to be giving way and were necessarily repaired. More accommodation and greater conveniences for carrying on the work of such a large family were imperatively demanded.

Funds were at a very low ebb when the New England Company came to our aid with a welcome gift of three hundred and fifty pounds, just at the time when it was most needed.

Very carefully and with much anxious planning was that money expended, and, being eked out by various small sums earned or contributed at different times, it in the end accomplished many things.

First a "wash-house," and a laundry stove and boiler were added to the Indian "playroom," or "living-room."

Next year a balcony was built over a long passage way. This gave light and air, and also served to render the passage water-tight, while the increased comfort and greater ventilation has reduced our "sick list" almost to nil.

Last, but certainly not least, came the erection of the most complete and convenient little "new wing" of the Indian School, which, though only 17 feet wide, yet contains in its two storeys eight tiny, but delightful rooms, and joins the main building of the Indian School to the Chapel.

The Chapel, originally a stable, has been repaired and enlarged until it will just accommodate our present family of nearly ninety persons, who meet together morning and evening for worship there.

On great festivals when the Chapel orchestra assists in the musical portion of the services, a few of the family have to be seated in the passage-way, as the seats are overfull at present.

Part of an old laundry was fitted up this winter as an additional dormitory for the Indian School, so that our numbers have by degrees increased from twenty-five children, for which number the School was originally intended, to thirty-five at present in the house, with places promised to three more.

Already the School numbers several "grandchildren" among its pupils—children of some of the first girls who came to the Sisters, and we hear whispers of several more who are only waiting till they are old enough to claim a place in their mothers' old school.