

## INDIAN WORK.

From Mrs. Rednor.

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In some respects the last quarter has been the most trying period of my stay here. The constant watchfulness necessary to properly guard these children leaves but little rest for the body and none for the mind, except time spent in sleep. We have had more sickness among the children this spring than in the three years previous. La grippe has been prevalent all along the Coast, and has affected the children very seriously. Many have been taken away. Fanny Ryan, of whom I have spoken before (as failing with consumption) was laid to rest one week ago. Fannie was one of our most promising girls, but has been slowly failing since last September. For some time it was only a tired feeling and a weary look, but soon after Christmas she began to cough at night—very little during the day. She was more ambitious than most of the girls, and was bright and cheerful until about three weeks before her death. Two weeks previous to her death she walked down home with her mother; was very tired when she reached there and laid down on her little bed on the floor, from which she never rose again. Owing to the change from a good comfortable bedroom, with the best care we could possibly give her both night and day, the very reverse of these, she took a most severe cold. It may have been la grippe, such as the others were having, but she sank very rapidly, suffering very much. We continued doing all we could to make her comfortable, as the poor mother was unable to care for her in the least. It was a relief to know that she had gone where pain and suffering are no more. She gave clear evidence of her acceptance with Christ. And although she has not lived for a long life of usefulness, we realize that time and means spent in her behalf have not been in vain, for she has been saved from a life of sin and shame, and has her place among the redeemed.

Little Mary Maxwell, eight years of age, left us yesterday to go to her own home. Mary was not a very strong child, and is failing very fast. It is only two weeks since she was first attacked with la grippe, and now to all appearances she is near the end of her journey.

Martha Bradley, who has had a severe attack of pleurisy, the result of la grippe, is recovering, and we hope in a day or two will be out of danger.

Nellie Tenas, who has a diseased hip, has been confined to her bed for five weeks, having had la grippe in the meantime. Dr. Bolton intends operating to-morrow to remove the diseased part. Nellie was in the hospital for treatment two years ago, and was discharged apparently cured. It is only recently that it has troubled her again. We are praying that God may bless the means used for her restoration, and that she may be spared for a long life of usefulness.

The remainder of the twenty-four girls have nearly all been sick with la grippe, but not seriously. The doctor has done all that was possible to be done for them. Too much cannot be said in regard to his faithful care and interest in them. For five weeks he has visited them every day, and for some time twice and three times a day.

We might have felt somewhat discouraged at times had it not been for Him who was and is our Counsellor and Friend, always a present help in time of need. We also try to bear in mind that the work is the Lord's. And we are His. He will do what is best for both.

Apart from sickness, the girls have been doing very well. We have much to be thankful for, even though there have been a few hard places in our path.

We are now trying to prepare for the friends who are coming to District Meeting. This has always been a bright spot in the year; we trust it will not be less so this year, and that we may be profited by meeting together for a short time.

We are also looking forward very anxiously to a visit from Dr. Carman and Rev. Mr. Woodsworth, of Manitoba, and hope to be cheered and blessed by their visit. We have been wishing that some of the ladies of W. M. S. could accompany Dr. Carman, but we hear he is coming alone.