

so I hope, dear sir, that you and the dear children will make her a special object of your prayers.

I told Iona Ruth that I was writing to you, and asked her if she had any message. She said, "tell them, with my salaams, that I am waiting for baptism, and that my constant prayer now is, create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Tell them that I pray for them, and I hope that they also pray for me."

We have three others who have asked for baptism. One is a very interesting girl, and understands English very well. She, I think, will be the first to receive the rite. The other two are not so advanced in Scriptural knowledge, and will have to wait a little longer. One of them is Esther Munno. Mr. Herdman has examined them all, and will continue to do so from time to time.

Accept my thanks for sending me the "Juvenile Presbyterian" for April. I am so sorry that I made a mistake about the little collar. In my hurry I find that I did send a *knitted* one, instead of one done in *crochet*; I now send one of the latter, and hope I shall be pardoned when I say that I was alone at the time, and much harassed, having the whole work on my hands.

I hope the dear children will not lose their interest in the "Canadian School." It has been such a disappointment to me not to be able to open it at once, but it is best to wait, for if we remove further into the country I should not be able to visit it so frequently as I could wish, whereas a few months hence we can open the school close to the Orphanage.

Ten days ago I lost, by death, from one of my day schools, a sweet girl eleven years of age. She had got up to the first class, and could read the New Testament. She was always ready with her answers, and whenever I spoke or explained her lessons she looked so earnest. Dear child, her name was Sukkic. She was attacked with fever, and soon lost her reason. She called for me, but of course her parents gave no heed, being heathens. May we not hope that such little ones are safe, and that the last day will disclose what we are not permitted to behold in this life, even their salvation? I feel a very warm interest in these little heathen day schools, and will be so delighted when the "Canadian School" can be opened.

Dear Sir, continue your prayers on our behalf. The chil-