

makes, nor does she realize, how she, by her comfort and cheer, infuses us with fresh courage, for it is not that she has nothing to trouble her that she is always cheerful, for there are many things to try her, anyone who has kept house knows how hard it is to do so without plenty of water and how trying it is when in a hurry to wait ten minutes for some; it need not take quite so long, but an Indian girl is never in a hurry, and may be while out she meets a friend and has to talk for a little, and as you know she has had to climb a slippery hill, you do not care to find fault, but it is rather a slow way to get all the water you want to use for every thing. I often wonder if some of our friends at home who have not only every convenience but luxuries could see how some of our missionaries have to do, if it would not inspire them to do more for their comfort in that way, and give them more time for other work. Most of my time out of school hours is spent visiting the sick. Every evening except Saturday night, there is a meeting of some kind, which I generally attend, unless I stay with the girls to allow Miss Long to go, so my time is fully occupied. Though we meet with difficulties and discouragements there is a joy in being able to help those who are trying to improve.

CROSBY GIRLS' HOME EXAMINATION DAY.

During the month of December I had the pleasure of visiting Port Simpson at the time of the Girls' Home semi-annual school examination. From all standpoints it was highly satisfactory, and reflected great credit on the teacher Miss Paul.

The children are bright and the answers were prompt and accurate. Between thirty and forty children are in the school; divided into seven classes.

The subjects taught are:—

Reading, Spelling, Dictation, Grammar, English, Writing, Geography, History, Arithmetic, Hygiene, Music, Bible Study Catechism.

Result of Examination.

For general proficiency:—

Third Class.

- 1st, Maggie Pattyson.
- 2nd, Sarah Bryant.
- 3rd, { Hannah Taylor.
Lily Jones.

Second Class.

The whole class excelled.

Second Class. Part 1.

In reading and spelling.

- { Maria Poole.
- { Lizzie Swanson.

Arithmetic.

- { Jane Poole.
- { Alice Walsh.

Writing.

- { Solina Wesley.
- { Eliza Watson.

First Class.

Reading, spelling, writing.

- { Mary Harris.
- { Martha Henry.
- { Lucy Green.

The staff are unmistakably well fitted for the work assigned them, and thoroughly interested in the moral, intellectual and physical wellbeing of the children.

The following incident related to me by Miss Paul will show the strong religious feeling prevailing amongst the children.

"When the home was quarantined a few weeks ago and the children were unable to go out on account of the measles, Miss Clarke the matron held services with the children regularly. These meetings were deeply interesting. Upon one occasion, a Sunday evening, when Matilda McKay lay dying, Miss Clarke spoke about Dives and Lazarus and the future world. Then she asked:—How many would like, and will try to meet Matilda in Heaven? all the girls rose to their feet by way of promise; and they have been doing very well since."

A large girl said to Dolly on one occasion—"Dolly if you dont do your work well, you are sinning against God."

Dolly replied—"I dont think so."

"Yes you are," said the other girl, "for Matilda told me so."