

flat baskets, perhaps four or five feet across, and placed in the sun to dry. This meal is used for mush, cooked by the girls or women in pots made by themselves out of clay of a dark grey color. The mush forms their chief food, but they always have a relish of beans, meat, greens, or some such dish. The husbands of the married girls all have built houses of two rooms each, nicely whitened, and, in some cases, with fancy borders around them. These houses and kitchens are built of mud, resembling much the plaster houses in Canada. The roofs are thatched with long grass, which keeps out the rain very well. Several of these girls (as we call them, but they are really married women), have such dear children. Ngulu has a dear little boy, Kolo, named after Mr. Currie. To-day, in prayer-meeting, he was so much amused at the singing he laughed heartily, and it was very difficult not to do so also. He is about a year old. Then another has Minnehaha named after Miss Clark. She is a dear, plump girl of six months, and does not believe in school in being tied on her mother's back, but crows so loudly that her mother has to take her off. Jessie is a little girl of four nearly. She is a great favorite, and when we ask her what "epito" is, she says door. She has learned several English words, of which her mother and father are very proud. Yose and Willie are two boys, cousins of Minnehaha. They are not as attractive as the others, but are nice children.

The unmarried girls live in houses back of ours in the compound. They have their own fields and provide their own food, but are provided with houses and bedding, consisting of *mats on which to sleep and blankets or quilts*. Two of them are soon to be married, and will go to live at the other side of the stream. Another is to follow as soon as her father returns from the interior. All of these three girls are church members, and have shown by their lives that they are followers of the Lord Jesus. There are seven girls church members, and next Sunday another. Jessie's mother, along with two of the boys, are to be received. She is a girl of strong character. She seems to understand well the work of Christ in His death, and will be a good leader among the girls of the station.

One of the little girls, Vihemba, about nine years old, has had a sad time. Her mother was sold into the interior as a witch, as she was charged with the death of some one. Vihemba was here at the time, and as the children belong to the mother and are supposed to be sold with the mother, Vihemba should have been taken also. but she would not go, and they dare not take her from the Mission Station. For a long time she dare not go to the village, nor leave the station, for they were watching for her, and would have sold her also. Since then her father has