

Chang, has promised to instruct the Governor of Honan to "sternly protect" the missionaries. The consul at Tientsin states that, "the general situation in China is now such as ought not to cause further alarm."

Mrs. Smith, in writing of the difficulty, says:—"The ladies of our band feel this outbreak very much, not only because of the danger and persecution to which it has exposed our husbands, but also because it will probably render it impossible for us to move into Honan this fall, as we had so earnestly hoped to do. However, we have had our faith strengthened, by the providential and almost miraculous escape of our two brothers, from a merciless crowd of perhaps as many hundred. "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Industry of the Little Girls at Okanase.

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MISS M. S. CAMERON.—It is a long time since I have written you anything from our little corner. The summer was such a busy one that I found little time for writing, and often new books and papers lie unopened for weeks, though reading is one of my chief delights.

I moved into the new house on the first of April, before it was lathed, plastered, or painted. These troublesome operations were at length performed, with long intervals between, so that it is not long since I could begin to put things in their places to stay there; and what a relief it seemed! The house looks very neat and pretty, and nestles cosily in a sheltered nook by the hillside.

There has been much illness among the children this year. They had "la grippe," chicken-pox, and I don't know what else. One of our little boys, Grant Flett, died in April, after a few days' illness. Willie Boyer has been ailing since last winter. Little Madeline has been moving about with her parents, and is never at school. I still have little Laura. A number of new little ones began school this year—all boys, the dearest, funniest little brown folks you could think of. I am often amused by their odd little pranks. Sometimes, when one comes to show his writing, I give him an approving pat, upon which—if the