

to supply material. Coats, trousers, skirts, socks, stockings, blouses, and tea cosies were made to do good service. One pair of stockings or socks makes a lovely little vest for a baby. You would be surprised to see how every little scrap can be utilized. Tea cosies went into caps. Some of them had crowns of crazy patchwork, of which a few bits had come out in a mission-box. A green and yellow table mat, also from the mission-box, was unravelled to adorn the garments. These warm things were for two large families of children, who have been shivering in cotton rags all this cold weather. When the box came we were delighted to find some nice warm flannel.

On Christmas morning nearly all the Christians—men, women, and children—came out to say salaam to us. They all gathered in the drawing-room, where we sang some Christmas hymns, and there each one received some little present. After breakfast Mr. Russell and Miss O'Hara came into the city with me to distribute the gifts in my schools. What a happy lot of children they were when it was all done. Each little girl who had come regularly received a doll, and those who had studied well got a pencil-case and little bag also. There were some disappointed little faces too. Some of them were naughty little girls, who wanted to play instead of coming to school; but there were several who really want to come, and study well when they do come occasionally, but that is only when they can run away from their parents. I feel very sorry for these. As the day was so full Mr. Russell did not distribute gifts in his school. At four o'clock the Christians again came to the bungalow, where we had a prayer-meeting on the verandah. After that came our Christmas dinner, consisting of only one course, rice and curry. We sat on the floor and ate it with our fingers. Dinner over we sang hymns till dark, and ended up the day with a magic lantern exhibition. I do not think anyone had a happier day than Sonibai. It was her first Christmas, and she had been getting her presents ready for weeks beforehand. They consisted mostly of cholis for the Christian women, for which we had given the cloth. But she had a little present ready for each one of us also.

The things you sent this year were very suitable, only I must remember to put some pieces of cloth in next year's list. The large advertisement pictures have made the school rooms bright. Someone sent me a number of large, stiff advertisement cards, with nothing printed on the back. These make splendid alphabet cards for the children to take in their hands. I wish some one had sent me a bottle of Indian ink to print them with.