

and try and get the room warm for breakfast, but that was impossible.

While I was having my breakfast Maria made fires in basins under the pipes along the tubs and sink, for they were frozen tight and bursting under our very eyes, and when I was finished Maria went to her breakfast and I looked after the fires. Maria got the tips of her fingers frozen while she was thawing the pipes.

After that the pipes froze nearly everywhere, and we had hard work thawing them out. Some we could not thaw, and when the warm weather came they burst, and someone was always telling us there was a flood, and to come quick and clear it up.

Near the end of the holidays Sister told us some startling news. she said that Mr. Greene was coming the next day to inspect the school.

We were all very excited, because here was Mr. Greene coming, and Miss Harris was down in Vancouver, spending her holidays with some of her friends.

We had done no lessons in the holidays, so we got together our sewing, and showed the blouses, or dresses, or other things we had made. Some of the girls had some little baskets, and one or two had made some lace.

Mr. Greene did not ask us to read, but the little ones sang some songs Miss Harmer and Miss Poore had taught them in the holidays.

After that we played "Pigeons" and sang another song.

Then Mr. Greene looked at our things, but he did not poke his fingers into every little hole.

After he went we were none the worse for it, at least we gained a picnic. We are all waiting for April, when we can have Mr. Greene's promised holiday.

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