

Though the school had prospered during those years, and Mr. and Mrs. Tate had done all in their power to make it comfortable and home-like, both for teachers and children, still we were glad, very glad, to get into our new home.

During the last three months of our stay in the mission house, the place was very much crowded, and when, for the first time, we saw our children tucked away in their nice beds in the airy dormitories, you may be sure we heaved a sigh of relief. The day of bunks and crowding had passed, and we were all thankful, probably none more so than the children themselves.

The quilts and other bedding sent by kind friends are doing good service, though the stock is almost exhausted. There are a great many pretty quilts, and the variety of colors in the dormitories is very pleasing. Visitors never fail to notice and admire them, and to us in the school, they are a continual reminder of the loving service of many hearts and hands.

Pupil number fifty-two arrived a few days ago, making eighteen received during the month. Nine new ones came the day we removed; the others have come by ones and twos, and there are more to follow. So many coming, while we were in the midst of getting things into order, has made it very busy for everybody, still we were very glad to see them all, even though at times the question of apparel proved a problem difficult of solution. However, we have, up to the present, been able to provide. A large proportion of the new boys are pretty well grown, still it is surprising to see how quickly they fall into the ways of the school. They are willing to work and anxious to learn. The boys number twenty-nine and the girls twenty-three.

The public opening of the institute has been appointed for March 21st, but may have to be postponed until a week later, in order that the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province may be present.

The work of the institute is beginning under most favorable auspices, and the prospect before us is bright with hope. We are encouraged to work on, believing that the Lord is well pleased with this undertaking of our missionary societies.