

MISS LONG'S LETTER.

Owing to lack of space last Nanakwa, the following portion of Miss Long's letter was omitted:-

The children are allowed to speak only English during meals and sewing lesson. I heartily enjoy teaching them sewing, but find it difficult to teach them to speak English, because they are very shy about speaking it themselves; although most of them understand what I say. Each girl says a sentence of her own composition during sewing lesson, and sometimes they are funny. They like to say they are happy about something. I will give you a few of the little girls' sentences;—

"I am very happy when I play with the little girls in the New Home."

"The girls make the beds in the upstairs is a very nice."

"I am very happy because the small-fish nearly come."

Every Sunday Mr. Raley gives the big girls a Bible subject to study, the following Sunday they tell in English all they know about it. I read to them during the week so as to help them with their subject explaining as I go along, they understand well and listen attentively, enjoying the Bible stories very much.

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Now I must tell you something about closing exercises. We had a very busy week. Monday was school examination. Tuesday we had a reunion of the old girls and boys, they had a nice tea in the school house after which we all played games, but Wednesday was the great day. The girls were busy in the morning cooking finishing up their work for examination, and tying up their clothes. They all did their work very nicely, each of the big girls made a garment on the machine, which with their knitting and crochet made a good show. The little girls completed the quilts I mentioned in my last letter, they each darned two holes on a piece of stocking. For their fancy work they had picture cards worked in red and green wool, and their knitting. I must tell you about Mary and Lizzie, because I have never seen such little girls work so nicely, Mary is naturally a good sewer and has no trouble to do fine

work, but Lizzie has to try and try again she had a lot of trouble to learn the outline stitch to put on her quilt but at last she succeeded, hers was one of the best.

The girls who had been the best cooks during the year baked bread, buns, cake, and pies, for examination. We had the work on a large table, and the baking on a small one, when all was arranged there was quite an exhibition, the mothers and friends came at four o'clock in the afternoon to see the things, they seemed to be pleased with everything. Nancy the best sewer of the little girls made a dress on the machine, I put it in the centre of the table, when the mothers looked at it they would say Nancy, and nod their heads approvingly. After they had looked at the work, the cooks passed them tea, and some of the prize baking. After that we had tea at the Home for the school children, then came the entertainment which started at seven o'clock. At about a quarter to seven the watchman came up to tell us to hurry it was very late the people were going to bed, we sent him to ring the first bell. Everybody came to the entertainment, and enjoyed it. The children did finely.

It was the best entertainment we have given, it is amazing how well they do they have never seen other children perform publicly.

At the end of the programme the prizes were given. Then the little girls went to their homes, but the big girls said they would prefer to stay till next day as there was a lot of cleaning up to do at the Home. After we got home we had a nice time together, three of the girls led in prayer in English. I was just leaving them, when they called me and said;—"We love you Miss Long, and do not want to go away," (some of them knew they would not come back) I said, if I had helped them I should be glad I came to Kitamaat, there was quite a chorus half in English and half in Kitamaat "Yexsu have helped nu-gwa." (You have helped me.) I felt quite encouraged and repaid for anything I had done for them. The next day they worked very hard washing, cleaning floors, and packing up dishes, and hanging up bedding. In the afternoon we had a picnic. Then they went home and the holidays began. On Monday June 20th: two of our were married.