

program was apparently enjoyed by the audience. The welcome address in English was given by G. Sarah of the 7th Standard. No. 4 was the hymn, "Who come down from heaven to earth? Jesus Christ, our Saviour." It was sung by twenty girls of the highest classes. The flag drill was by girls of 3rd and 4th Standards. If we had had music, it would have been nearly perfect, but it had to be counted off, and so did not seem quite as nice as drills with music. That is one of the things in the future—a little organ for the school. This drill was too large for the verandah, so was held out under the trees at the side, and it did look pretty to see the Union Jack waving with such a pretty back-ground. The action song was by the infants, and they did it so sweetly that everyone was delighted. The marching was by 24 girls of the highest standards, and was splendidly done. They supplied their own music, singing to keep themselves in step. The next was a kindergarten game of the little ones, as also No. 11. They entered into it heartily. The recitation in English was by K. Jehoshabai of the 7th Standard. It was entitled "The Children of Japan." She was dressed in kimona, and wooden shoes, and carried a Japanese umbrella, much to the amusement of everyone. No. 10 was the hymn, "Jesus Wants me for a Sunbeam." No. 12 is a drill to which they keep time with sticks and singing. Some of the movements are very difficult, but they did it beautifully. Some of the exercises are like the Maypole, when different colored strings are wound up into different patterns. No. 13 was a story played by a great number of girls, and it caused much merriment. Then the "Farewell song" and "God save the King" was sung by all in English. This closing was really a great success, and was attended by a number of high-caste ladies and gentlemen. One Indian lady said,

"Just think that you can take these girls from the very rubbish-heap (out-castes) and train them to do what we have seen to-day." The school is becoming more and more popular. The report made on the work at the last inspection was most gratifying."

Who is glad to have done something to help this great work? What a number of hands are up! And what a noise I hear from a chorus of voices answering, "I am glad," and "I" and "I!"

II.—Now let us cull a few sentences from Miss Corning's letter, written December 23rd. "It never seems much like Christmas in India. The hot sunshine never fits, and then to the great mass of people among whom we live, Christmas is an empty word. We closed the Akidu school yesterday, and sent the 104 boarders home this morning. We had a 'tree' for them last night, and a very happy time. They had never, any of them, ever heard of a Christmas tree before, and were wild with delight. We gave the little girls little bags made of bright-colored cotton, and the boys three buttons each. Each pupil received a card—old ones they were—and a dollar's worth of candy for 150 children made them perfectly happy."

III.—Miss Edith Craig had been asked to write a letter to the "Link," and she decided also to write for our young people's page because her work, too, is among children in India. She is teaching the kindergarten in the Timpany Memorial School, which is for European children who speak English. Many of the European children in Cocanada attend the convent, but in our school there were fifty children at the beginning of this term. Others often come in later, particularly the kindergarten children, who come just as soon as they are five years old. Miss Craig writes: "Before the Christmas holidays, there were nineteen in my room, and sometimes a little visitor, who could not