

school began. Eight new ones entered at the beginning of the term and two have come in since, so we now have thirty-one, and twenty-eight of them are boarders. The people are beginning to have confidence in the school and to feel that we really are in earnest in the work, and that they need not be in continual fear of the schools breaking up any day it might happen to suit our convenience. If it were simply an education, without the Christianity, that the school offered, there is no doubt but our number would soon be doubled. Already the parents of two different girls in the school have objected to sending their younger daughters, as was their intention at first, because the older ones have become Christians, and they think that will be the inevitable outcome in the case of the younger ones also, if put in. The girl I spoke of before, whose mother wanted to put her in the school as soon as possible because she was such a "badly behaved child," entered in May, and had been here only a little over a week when she got homesick and ran away. I sent a letter and messenger to her home and she was made to return and apologize the same night. That was the first hard lesson she had to learn, and there have been several since. She is naturally selfish, and has been petted and allowed to have her own way in everything at home. I have been much pleased, however, the last week with the interest she has taken in the Bible lessons and with the bright, thoughtful answers she has given several times.

There has been more trouble in the discipline of the school since Christmas than during the whole previous year and a half. The students are greater in number, of course; and then, nearly half of them are just at that age when their faults are most obvious to others and least so to themselves. How I do pray for wisdom at such times, that no mistake in judgment may be made, for it is hard sometimes,