

clothing, which was abundant and suitable, we received a good supply of cloth in the web and the wherewithal to manufacture it into clothing. This gave Mrs. McLean an opportunity to teach them sewing. Many of the men, as well as the women, can now make their own pants, shirts, vests, etc. in good style. The unmade clothing was in greater demand this year than last. The women, however, as yet prefer their own unshapely dresses, which are shaped like a bag and open at both sides, with a belt around the waist. A few of them were induced to make their dresses like white women's, and next year, no doubt, many of them will overcome their prejudices. We were much pleased to receive so many quilt patches. We got the school girls interested in making quilts for themselves. Six have already been made, and more to follow. Some of them say that in future they will utilize their old garments in making quilts, instead of throwing them away or burning them, as heretofore. Moreover, we got a plentiful supply of yarn of many colours, the flashy colours, blue and red, being particularly appreciated. This was manufactured into socks, mitts and comforters. They were skilfully taught this art by Mrs Scott*, the wife of my predecessor. The dolls were very much appreciated by the little girls; in fact, they were delighted with them. The scrap books are general favourites. The children are never weary looking at them, and frequently they give vent to expressions of wonder at the marvels of civilization. Doubtless they will have a tendency to produce a fondness for books. The generous supply of beautiful cards will be of great help to us in encouraging diligence.

But it is not all gold that glitters. Indiscriminate giving is certainly hurtful in its tendency. I fully concur with Rev. Mr. Laird with regard to the distribution of the clothing. I see no reason why an Indian who is able to work for his living should not be obliged to do so. Work will strengthen his body, his intellect, and his moral faculties, while gratuitously supplying his immediate wants will degenerate, demoralize and degrade him. From my observation and experience with them for two years, I have discovered this lamentable fact, that the strong, able-bodied young men and women are much lazier and more useless than their parents. To my mind this proves that there is something wrong. We hope next year to have a boarding school established, which will enable us to follow out Mr. Laird's suggestions (if the W.F.M.S. concur). Hitherto we could not do so without being censurable for selfishness. But, in case a board-

NOTE.—The mother of our missionary now in India.