

room, where the supplies are kept. The girls of the pounding band measure out five large baskets of unhusked rice, which they take and pound during the day, and bring back the white rice to be measured the next morning. The girls of the cooking band come and take the right amount of white rice for the evening meal, also some dark-colored grain, which must be ground for the noon meal. This makes a sticky, brown porridge, and they do not have any sugar and cream to eat with it! They also take curry-powder, onions, coconut-oil, salt, etc., for the curry for the evening meal. Each morning as the rice is measured out, one tenth of it is taken and put in a separate box; that is the collection rice, the sale of which provides each girl with collection money for Sunday. So you see they learn early that one-tenth at least should be given to the Lord.

After all the supplies have been given out, the store-room is locked up again, and the missionary makes a tour of inspection of all the rooms, to see that the sweeping was well done, and also to see any girls who are sick, and prescribe simple remedies for them. By that time, the morning meal is nearly ready. This just consists of rice water from the night before, and a little rice cooked in it. At seven the bell rings and the girls sit down in a row in front of their rooms; and, after singing the blessing, they eat their breakfast. Each girl has a dish, and a cup or mug, but they do not need knives, forks or spoons as they always eat with their hands.

At 7.30 the school bell rings and all gather in their places in the central room for half an hour's devotional exercise, when the Sunday School lesson is studied, and the daily Bible readings read. At eight o'clock, the regular classes begin. There are eight standards including the Infant Standard. There are six teachers besides the missionary who devotes her time to teaching the Bible. Each class has a lesson in Bible every day. They study arithmetic, reading, spelling, geography, history, etc., just as the children in this country do. They all have a class in sewing every day. The morning session is over at eleven, when the cooking band must light the fires in the big open fireplace, and cook the noon

meal. There are no stoves for them to cook on. At two, school begins again, and lasts until four. Soon after four cooking preparations are again begun, and about six the evening meal of curry and rice is enjoyed by all, as it is the best meal of the day. At seven the bell rings again, and the older girls assemble in the school for study hour. Then after evening worship they have a little quiet time, for already the younger ones have retired, and before ten all is quiet, and the gate is locked for the night. This is so, except on Friday nights, when it is moonlight, they stay up later and play. Such jolly games as they play! You can imagine how much fun one hundred girls playing in one yard can have. They all seem very happy together, and although they do not have many luxuries, they are glad of the opportunity of getting a good education. Sometimes when the school is full, the missionary will have to send many away, and tell them they will have to wait until there is an opening. So all the girls and boys here in Canada, who are supporting a girl in our school, feel that they are helping to brighten one life, and are making it useful. Most of the girls become Christians while they are in the school, and when they have finished the school course, many become teachers and Bible-women, and so the influence is being spread among the heathen, who have never heard of Christ.

If you could see the contrast between these girls, and girls of the same caste or class in their villages, you would realize to some extent what a Christian education means to the girls of India.

It is our hope during the next year to add four rooms to our dormitories, and so enable us to accommodate forty more girls. As soon as the rooms are built the girls will be ready to come and fill them. Will the support for these girls be ready? We hope the members of the Mission Bands will answer, 'Yes, no girl will be kept out of the school for lack of funds.'

Hoping to receive from you all glowing reports of steady progress, I am,

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