

ment to all. We found the children very helpful and ready to be pleased. By the kindness of friends who sent the various boxes and packages during the year, we were able to have a very pretty Christmas tree. We are also glad to say that we believe the true spirit of the Christ-child was in our midst, bringing sunshine and happiness.

Altogether, we are enjoying a season of prosperity in the school, though very naturally feeling somewhat disappointed at not being established in permanen' quarters with a larger number of pupils.

The severity of the winter has been such as to prevent anything being done toward the new building, save drawing lumber for the outhouses, which the contractor intends putting up first, to serve as workshops.

We have taken as our motto for the year, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." The children pray daily for the Lord's blessing upon the new Home. Let us hope that many are joining them in petitioning the Almighty Father for the success of the large undertaking proposed. We have faith that the project, by the blessing of God, will result in much good to the race we seek to benefit.

LATER.—The storm still continues, though the cold is very much less, and people are beginning to dig their way into the outer world once again. If the kind friends could see how snug and warm our children have been able to sleep, tucked away in the nice warm blankets and quilts furnished by their liberality, I am sure they would be very glad. There has been a band of thankful little hearts in our Home this frigid weather, and those same blankets and quilts, not to mention the stockings, socks, mittens, and caps, as well as coats, scarfs, and jackets, have gone a long way towards making them so.

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